

Though Agra is more famous world over as the city of Taj, Agra Fort is another dimension to the city that attracts tourists in hordes. The magnificent towers, bastions and ramparts and majestic Akbar, king at 14, began consolidating his empire and, as an assertion of his power built the fort in Agra between 1565 and 1571, coeval with the construction of Humayun's tomb in Delhi. Built by Akbar in Red Sandstone when he was through with the consolidation of his power after accession to power in 1554, Agra Fort worked both as a military strategic point as well as the royal residence. Built by Akbar in Red Sandstone when he was through with the consolidation of his power after accession to power in 1554, Agra Fort worked both as a military strategic point as well as the royal residence.