

# INDIA

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**Australia's Leading Specialist Touring Operator**

Fully Inclusive Touring | Group, Solo & Private Touring | Authentic Experiences

# WELCOME TO INDIA!



Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through this magical region on one of our experience-packed tours. As every traveller is different, we've developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel your way. Discover the best option for you here:

## CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of an expert guide so that you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our Classic Tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the fullest. The tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring program including authentic cultural experiences.

## GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. With smaller group sizes and greater flexibility, you will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. Our Go Beyond tours may take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with experiences of a lifetime.

## SOLO DEPARTURES

We have reserved selected departures on some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a ready-made group of like-minded solo travellers. We provide a room of your own with no single supplement to pay, while our expert guides take care of you throughout the tour. Please check opposite for tours with exclusive solo departures and see page 6 for more details.

## PRIVATE

A Private Tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families that want greater flexibility when they travel and the option to choose the style of accommodation. Most of our group tours can operate on a private basis.

## SPECIAL GROUPS

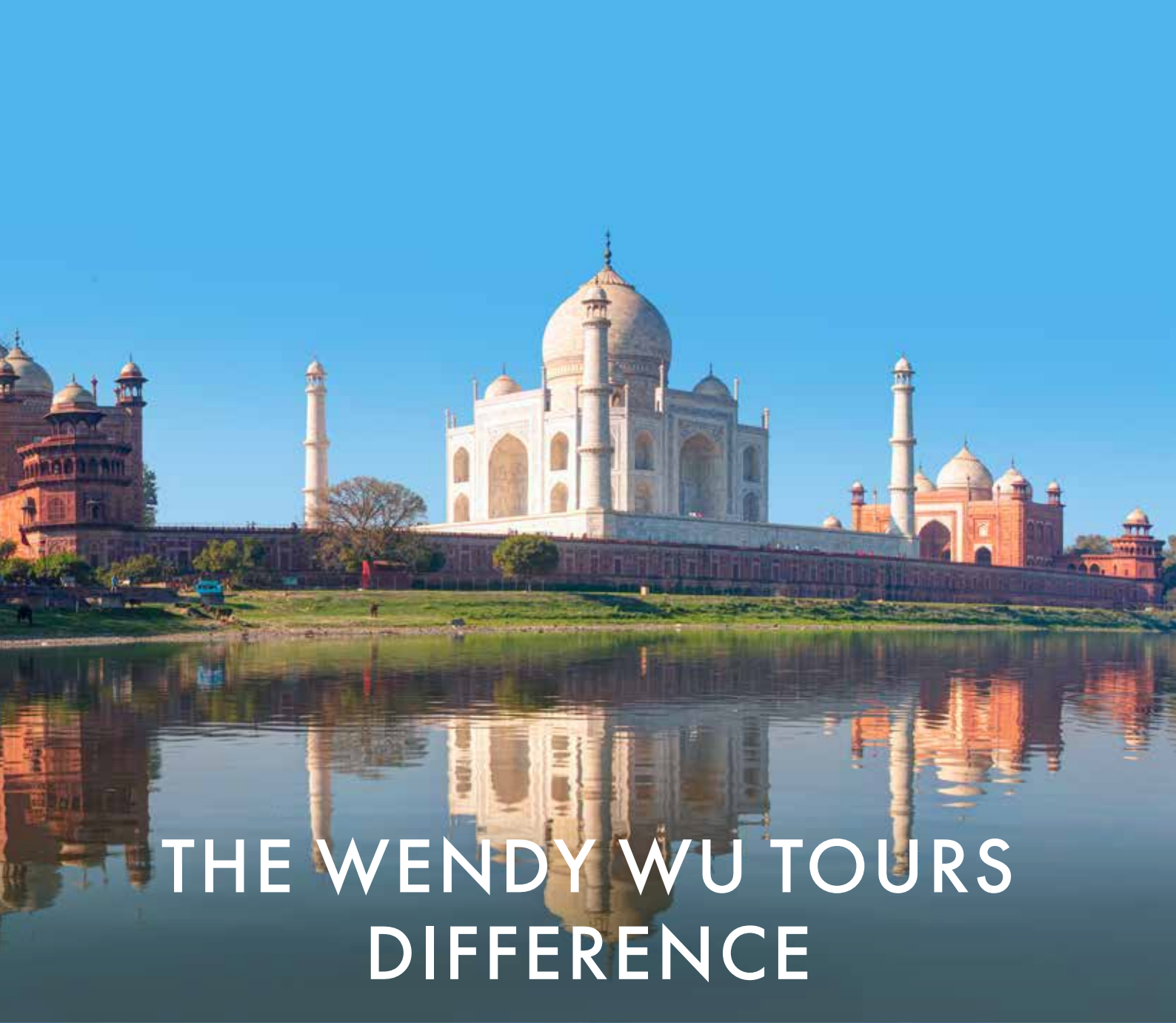
If you're travelling with 10 or more passengers, we can arrange your very own independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself.

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**S** Exclusive solo departures available





# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

## REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

Wendy Wu Tours was established in 1998 and we have been operating tours to Asia and Beyond ever since. Our success and longevity speaks for itself.

We are passionate about delivering exceptional experiences to our customers that encompass a range of 'must sees' and 'off the beaten track' adventures. We have pioneered access to untapped regions of our world and showcased the amazing spirit in each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout these regions and their knowledge is evident in every detail of your holiday.

We are proud of our awards and achievements but there is still so much to discover and develop!

We are forever inspired by our customers and the life-changing experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that we continue to welcome back customers.

## EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can enjoy every moment! Value for money has been our ethos from the very beginning; your flights, your accommodation, all or most meals, touring, visas, transport, and expert guides are all included and deliver exceptional value.

## EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia and Beyond for over a quarter of a century, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs and authentic experiences, packed with local flavours.

Welcome to the latest edition of our India brochure. We are delighted to present you with this selection of carefully crafted tours, each designed to make your adventure with us truly life enhancing and unforgettable in every way. No matter which tour you choose, you are sure to return home with a wealth of wonderful memories.

With the joys of travel well and truly part of our lives once again, we're beyond excited to be able to build on and expand our already rich and comprehensive India and Sri Lanka collection – offering you even more inspirational and exciting experiences.

For our 2024-25 programme, I am thrilled to introduce you to some wonderful new group tours featuring in this brochure for the first time. Our Wildlife of India tour is a thrilling 14-day adventure in search of tigers, leopards, wild boar and much more, and for those who want to soak up the beauty of India's diverse landscapes as you travel, our brand new India by Rail tour is perfect for you.

As always, an experienced National Escort will guide you on our tours. Born and raised in the country you are touring, they will share their in-depth and intimate knowledge of their homeland, providing a unique insight only a local could offer. They'll take care of you every step of the way, so all you need to do is relax and enjoy the journey.

For first-timers to India, our Inspiring India tour is the perfect showcase for this spectacular country's main highlights, from the bustling streets of Delhi to the wildlife of Ranthambore National Park.

I am also incredibly excited to tell you about our new collection of Private Tours taking in some of the best sights in India, Sri Lanka and beyond. These tours are designed for those who want to enjoy the perks of an expertly organised escorted tour but on a private basis for just you and your chosen travel party with your very own chauffeur guide. Find our Private Tours on pages 44 to 55, featuring wonderful itineraries such as Sri Lanka Escape, Treasures of Sri Lanka and Jewels of India, just to name a few.

We look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon!



A stylized handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Wendy Wu".

Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

## OUTSTANDING GUIDES

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge, passion, story and dedication to our customers have won us one of the best reputations in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary. You will fall in love with them just as much as their homeland.

## SAFE AND SECURE

We are ATAS accredited members of the Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), as well as foundation members of the Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO). We have a wide network of travel agents working with us nationally, so you benefit from local knowledge combined with Australian understanding and support.

## VISAS

One of our differentiating qualities is that each of our group tours include the cost of the visa for Australian passport holders for each destination (where required), creating a hassle-free process throughout. Our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing, and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

## TIPPING MADE EASY

We have perfected our tipping process to make it as simple as possible! Leave any concerns behind as we advise you how much and when to tip, and our National Escort will take care of the rest. Easy!





# YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

We want everyone who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary day of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we've made it easy for you to choose your perfect holiday. You can select based on Tour Style (which you'll find inside the front cover) or by Physical Rating (see opposite page) and if you're travelling solo why not join one of our departures reserved exclusively for Solo Travellers?

## ACCOMMODATION STYLES

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you'll visit. Our Classic Tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3-4 star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Go Beyond Tours you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit.

## TOUR PACE

Many of our tours are busy, but that's because we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of special experiences means some early starts and long days, but you can be sure that you'll return home with many incredible memories! Read our Tour Dossiers and check the Physical Ratings to see if the pace and activity levels are right for you.

## SOLO DEPARTURES

Solo travellers are more than welcome on any of our holidays, but we've reserved a few departures on our most popular tours exclusively for customers travelling on their own. These special departures feature smaller group sizes, free transfers to and from the airport, ^ free airport lounges (where available) and complimentary cocktail on arrival! See tours: See tours: Golden Triangle (p.16), Inspiring India (p.18), and Highlights of Sri Lanka (p.34), in this brochure or check our website at [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au) for more information. ^Refer to our terms and conditions for details on airport transfers.

## CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

If you'd like to explore your destination further, or arrange a stopover on your flight, all you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 56) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.



## PHYSICAL RATING



### LEVEL 1

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches, trains or boats, walking around the sights, often including steps, plus occasional longer walks.

### LEVEL 2

Involves a little more time on your feet than a Level 1 tour and may involve more steps and/or walking.



### LEVEL 3

A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances. Other activities such as cycling will be at a gentle pace and will involve straightforward terrain.

### LEVEL 4

Similar physical activities to Level 3 but they may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



### LEVEL 5

You'll need to be fit and adventurous to participate in these tours as on some days you will be active for most of the day. The terrain may be more challenging and the activities more physically demanding.

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every one of our tours require the ability to walk around sights unaided, whilst more active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating. For more information on why each tour has been rated the way it has, have a look at the 'Detailed Tour Dossier' available to download on the tour page of our website.

# You're in safe hands

Our guides are the stars of the show; it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that will transform your tour experience from good to truly extraordinary!



"Our guide was brilliant! He knows so much and was able to give loads of information about loads of different places by memory. He went above and beyond to book tickets to see a cricket match for us (this wasn't on the itinerary, but he found a way of including it for us) he listened to us, asked us questions, answered our questions and the entire group were really impressed."

*Fern Daish*

## AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

On all of our group tours you will be accompanied by a dedicated guide, known as your 'National Escort'. Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

You will be able to put your utmost trust in your guide who will navigate you through the eccentricities of the local way of life.

## ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- ✔ Have at least five years guiding experience
- ✔ Are fluent in English
- ✔ Were born and raised in the region they are exploring with you
- ✔ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- ✔ Are at your service 24 hours a day





# Our Expertise

We are very proud of the awards and the accomplishments we have received over the last quarter of a century that we have been in operation. The recognition from our customers, our industry peers and partners is rewarding, but our most meaningful rewards are when we continually hear the extraordinary tales of adventure from our customers.

Our passion and determination in delivering exceptional experiences to our customers is unwavering, and something we will continue to nurture and deliver. We want you to experience each region with the truest approach, delighting in the amazing spirit of each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout our destinations, with their knowledge and experiences shaping every detail of your holiday.

# Recommended by you

Awards are important, but what matters most are the experiences and feedback we receive from our customers. We're proud of our customer satisfaction ratings and the fact that so many of our customers would happily recommend us, this vote of confidence is all the accolade we need.



We continue to welcome back customers!



# Book with Confidence

Our Book With Confidence guarantee has been introduced to provide you with peace of mind when booking with us so that you can enjoy every moment of your holiday. Our Book with Confidence guarantee applies to group tours.

## 1. LOW DEPOSIT OF \$300pp

Secure your spot with a deposit of \$300pp on every tour. A progress payment may be required with some tour departures. Our reservations team will advise at the time of enquiry.

## 2. YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

Our dedicated 24/7 emergency assistance line is available to all guests travelling with us. Connect with a Wendy Wu Tours expert at any time of day or night, no matter where you are in the world.

## 3. WE'VE GOT YOU

Our commitment is that we are here for you, always. Any disruption to your travel plans will be handled swiftly by our team of professional travel experts who will find the most appropriate solutions for you. Full details can be found in our terms and conditions.

## 4. AUSTRALIAN OWNED & ACCREDITED

We are an Australian owned business with offices in Sydney, London, Auckland and Xian. We are fully accredited members of ATAS (Australian Travel Accreditation Scheme), ATIA (Australian Travel Industry Association), CATO (Council of Australian Tour Operators) and IATA (International Air Transport Association).

# Cultural Encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Experiences You'll Love' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...

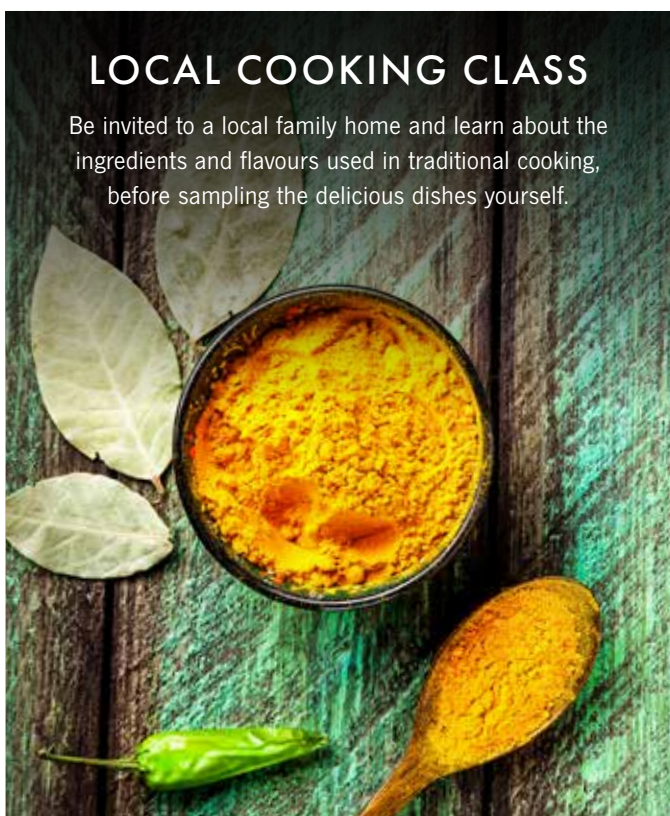
## SHIMLA TOY TRAIN

Take a trip on India's famous Toy Train along one of the most scenic routes, winding its way slowly through forests and mountains, offering spectacular panoramic views over the surrounding area.



## LOCAL COOKING CLASS

Be invited to a local family home and learn about the ingredients and flavours used in traditional cooking, before sampling the delicious dishes yourself.



## KATHAKALI DANCE PERFORMANCE

Be mesmerised by elaborate Kathakali dancers, who perform in colourful dresses and masks to tell ancient Hindu stories.



## AARTI CEREMONY

Get swept up in ringing bells, candlelight and chanting as you witness the puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti, a nightly ritual dedicated to the River Ganges, celebrated on Varanasi's famous ghats.

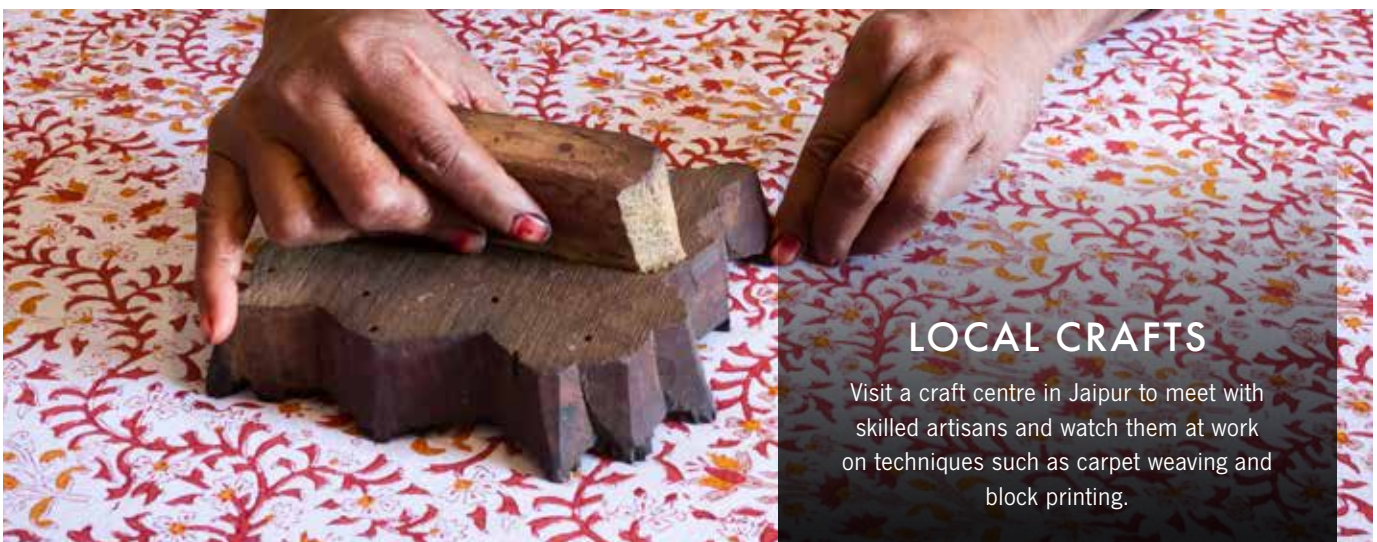


## CINNAMON CULTIVATION

Discover the art of cinnamon cultivation, Sri Lanka's most famous export, and learn about both the culinary uses and Ayurvedic properties of this versatile spice.

## KALARIPAYATTU MARTIAL ARTS

Native to the southern state of Kerala, Kalaripayattu, at 6,000 years old, is one of the world's oldest traditions. Watch a demonstration of this fascinating martial art, practised by warriors from across castes and religions.



## LOCAL CRAFTS

Visit a craft centre in Jaipur to meet with skilled artisans and watch them at work on techniques such as carpet weaving and block printing.



# Discover India and beyond with Wendy Wu Tours

Reaching from the cloud piercing peaks of the Himalayas to the jewel bright blue of the Indian Ocean, the Indian Subcontinent encompasses a myriad of landscapes, cultures and nature. Here are some of our favourite destinations...

## WENDY'S TOP 8 INDIA SIGHTS

### 1 RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Whether it's staking out watering holes or combing the tropical jungle of Ranthambore, looking for tigers is an exhilarating experience. That's why a safari is included on so many of our India tours!



### 2 TAJ MAHAL

There have been many words used to describe it, yet few do it justice. We suggest you go and see the Taj Mahal for yourself, that's why it is featured on most of our India tours.



### 3 SIGIRIYA ROCK, SRI LANKA

Explore the ruins of the ancient Sri Lankan fortress atop Sigiriya, or 'Lion Rock', including its fascinating fresco paintings. Then climb further for breathtaking views – discover it on our Highlights of Sri Lanka tour (page 34).



### 4 KERALA'S BACKWATERS

A network of lagoons, canals and rivers encased in verdant greenery, Kerala's backwaters are best explored by boat – do this on our tours that include Southern India (pages 24 & 30).



### 5 GHATS OF VARANASI

A sacred city and one of the world's oldest, Varanasi's ghats, lapped by the River Ganges, showcase humanity laid bare. See them on two tours (pages 26 & 30).



### 6 GOLDEN TEMPLE

Amritsar's spectacular Golden Temple casting a glimmering reflection in the surrounding sacred waters is a sight to behold – see for yourself on our Northern India Discovery tour (page 22).



### 7 TIGER'S NEST HIKE

Perched above Bhutan's Paro Valley, hike with pilgrims through tranquil woodlands to reach this spectacular monastery. See it on our Himalayan Kingdoms tour (page 42).



### 8 JAISALMER FORT

Jain Temples within the Jaisalmer Fort complex are elaborately carved from yellow sandstone. This fort is one of very few remaining "living forts" where residents still reside within the fort. See our Rajasthan Panorama Tour (page 28).





# CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully escorted, all-inclusive group journey

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International economy  
airfares & taxes



3 – 4 star  
accommodation



All  
meals



Flights, guides,  
transportation  
& sightseeing



Visa for Australian  
passport holders

Meticulously designed journeys perfect for those who want to see iconic sights and magnificent treasures on a fully-inclusive tour that is also fantastic value! With all your arrangements taken care of you can travel with the utmost ease and confidence, accompanied throughout by one of our industry-leading National Escorts.

### EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With a Classic Tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases if required, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring in a group of maximum 28 travellers (or maximum 18 passengers for Solo departures).

### ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you'll be dining in local establishments. We include a few 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a whole delicious range of your destination's best dishes.

### NATIONAL ESCORTS

You can be safe in the knowledge that throughout your tour you'll be in the company of one of our award-winning National Escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are what can push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.

### AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, we can make sure you get to see those rarely visited places that will give you a more authentic experience of the culture of the region and the chance to meet the friendly local people. Keep an eye out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on every tour page, for a taste of cultural encounters that you will enjoy.

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,680



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM  
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,  
ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Witness sunrise at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Marvel at Delhi's Jama Masjid
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ See the grandeur of Fatehpur Sikri
- ✓ Wander Jaipur, the 'Pink City'
- ✓ Explore magnificent Amber Fort



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Tour the spice markets

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take an exciting rickshaw ride through Asia's largest spice market, in Old Delhi, absorbing the heady scents and colourful sights of some of the world's most exotic powders, leaves, roots and seeds.
- ▶ Venture into the old alleyways of Jaipur to try your hand at block printing, the practice of hand printing textiles with a carved wooden block, a traditional art of the city.
- ▶ Learn astronomy the ancient way at Jaipur's fascinating Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century observatory full of old instruments used to measure the distance and positions of celestial objects.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to India's capital, Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. Meet the group tonight for dinner and start getting to know your fellow travellers.

### DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

Today, explore this vivacious city! Starting in Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride through the atmospheric streets. You'll dive straight into the narrow, fragrant lanes of Khari Baoli Spice Market to marvel at the array of colourful herbs and spices. Next, stop to visit the immense Jama Masjid, a Mughal masterpiece of a mosque. Cross over into New Delhi to admire the colonial grandeur of India Gate before seeing the UNESCO-listed Qutab Minar, a 73-metre, 12th-century minaret.

### DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Journey to Agra by road and start your explorations at Itmad-ud-Daulah, also known as the 'Baby Taj', an exquisite Mughal mausoleum considered a Taj Mahal prototype. Next, tour the magnificent Agra Fort. This mass of red sandstone sits on the bank of the Yamuna River, and from its ramparts catch a first glimpse of the magical Taj Mahal, just two kilometres downstream.

### DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to share an unforgettable experience, sunrise at the Taj Mahal. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun, the building looks magical. Then travel to Ranthambore National Park, home of the majestic Bengal tigers, stopping en route at UNESCO World Heritage Site Fatehpur Sikri, the long abandoned 17th-century capital of the Mughal Empire.



See the colonial grandeur of India Gate





**CLASSIC**  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
Enjoy a concise, classic introduction to this beautiful country. Architectural wonders await as you soak up the vibrant sights, sounds and experiences of northern India.



**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
04 Feb - 13 Feb	\$5,880	13 Oct - 22 Oct	\$5,680
03 Mar - 12 Mar	\$5,880	03 Nov - 12 Nov	\$5,680
24 Mar - 02 Apr	\$5,880	10 Nov - 19 Nov	\$6,480
07 Apr - 16 Apr	\$5,680	17 Nov - 26 Nov	\$5,880
06 Oct - 15 Oct	\$6,480	01 Dec - 10 Dec	\$5,880
2025 DATES			
02 Feb - 11 Feb	\$5,980	05 Oct - 14 Oct	\$6,680
16 Feb - 25 Feb	\$5,980	12 Oct - 21 Oct	\$5,880
02 Mar - 11 Mar	\$5,980	19 Oct - 28 Oct	\$5,880
09 Mar - 18 Mar	\$5,980	26 Oct - 04 Nov	\$5,880
16 Mar - 25 Mar	\$5,980	02 Nov - 11 Nov	\$5,880
23 Mar - 01 Apr	\$5,980	09 Nov - 18 Nov	\$6,630
30 Mar - 08 Apr	\$5,980	16 Nov - 25 Nov	\$5,980
06 Apr - 15 Apr	\$5,980	23 Nov - 02 Dec	\$5,980
28 Sep - 07 Oct	\$5,980	30 Nov - 09 Dec	\$5,980

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi - Delhi) 9 days from \$4,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$900

**Dedicated solos departure**

**Important note**  
Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

**Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$60pp (AU\$89pp) is paid locally in India.**

**DAY 5: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE**  
Explore Ranthambore National Park in search of tigers, taking early morning and afternoon safaris. There are around 50 tigers living amongst the park's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and over 300 species of bird.

**DAY 6: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR**  
Departing Ranthambore, travel by road to Jaipur, the 'Pink City'. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend at leisure.

**DAY 7: EXPLORE JAIPUR**  
The day begins with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds'. Next, travel out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort, the colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort just 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Back in the city, explore the lavish Maharaja's City Palace and the fascinating instruments of Jantar Mantar. Heading deep into the backstreets of the old town, try your hand at traditional artistry at a block printing and carpet weaving workshop.

**DAY 8: TRAVEL TO DELHI**  
Leaving the Pink City, we return by road to Delhi. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. This evening, the group will sit down together for the last time at a farewell dinner - the perfect time to reflect on recent adventures.

**DAYS 9-10: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA**  
Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY...**

**VARANASI SHORT STAY**  
4 days from \$1,210pp twin share

**SHIMLA SHORT STAY**  
4 days from \$980pp twin share

**GOA BEACH STAY**  
5 days from \$850pp twin share

*Visit page 56 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.*



Call for our 2026 pricing and departures

# INSPIRING INDIA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,280

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Tour the spice markets of Delhi
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Explore holy Pushkar
- ✓ See the palaces of Udaipur
- ✓ Discover the 'Pink City' Jaipur

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



See traditional handicrafts

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Immerse yourself in local life with a walking tour through Pushkar's bustling market, admiring the enormous range of fresh produce, colourful textiles and interesting souvenirs!
- ▶ Visit a workshop hidden in the bustling backstreets of old Jaipur to catch a glimpse of the age-old art of carpet-weaving, a fascinating artistry still practised the traditional way.
- ▶ Admire the magical city of Udaipur, full of glorious, romantic architecture, from the perfect vantage point - a boat cruising the waters of Lake Pichola.



Amber Fort, an awe-inspiring citadel in Jaipur

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE DELHI

Arrive in Delhi where you will be met and transferred to your hotel, for a two night stay. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: DELHI

After breakfast, get ready for a full-day of sightseeing in both Old and New Delhi. Explore the captivating streets of Old Delhi on foot before visiting Khari Baoli Spice Market, and taking a rickshaw ride through the streets. Visit Jama Masjid, Lakshmi Marayan Hindu Temple, with a quick photo at India Gate, before ending the day visiting Humayun's Tomb and the impressive Quatab Minar.

### DAY 3: DELHI TO JAIPUR

Embark on a scenic drive to Jaipur, with a delicious lunch en route at a local restaurant. On arrival take some time to relax and unwind before dinner.

### DAY 4: JAIPUR

After breakfast, stop for a quick view of Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) from the outside, before visiting the magnificent Amber Fort, set atop a hill on the outskirts of Jaipur. Afterwards explore the majestic Maharaja's City Palace, and the fascinating Jantar Mantar Observatory, and try your hand at block printing and carpet weaving with help from the locals.

### DAY 5: JAIPUR TO PUSHKAR

Start your day with a journey to Pushkar, where you'll have the opportunity to explore the bustling local markets and marvel at the sacred Brahma Temple, a unique place of worship dedicated to the deity believed by many Hindus to be the creator of the universe.

### DAY 6: PUSHKAR TO UDAIPUR

Today you depart for Udaipur, known as the "City of Lakes". Enjoy a delightful lunch stop in Nathdwara

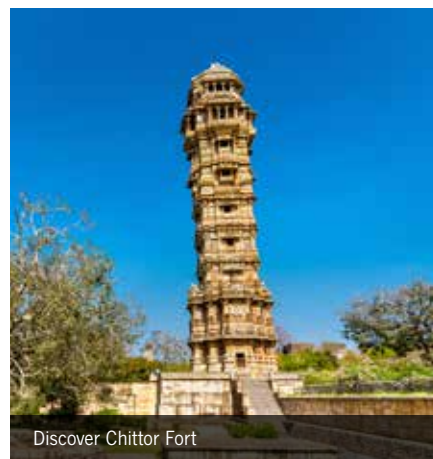
along the way. The rest of the day is free for you to explore at your own pace.

### DAY 7: UDAIPUR

Embark on an exploration of Udaipur, beginning with a scenic drive around Fateh Sagar Lake. Immerse yourself in the rich culture at the Folk Museum and Mewar Art Gallery, followed by a visit to the magnificent City Palace. The day ends with a delightful cruise on the serene waters of Lake Pichola, taking in the picturesque views that Udaipur has to offer.

### DAY 8: UDAIPUR TO BUNDI

On your journey to Bundi, take a detour to visit the magnificent Chittor Fort and the awe-inspiring Vijay Stambh. Chittor Fort, one of the largest forts in India, proudly stands atop a hill, providing a breathtaking view of the town of Chittorgarh. Marvel at the grandeur and historical significance of this magnificent fortress before continuing your travels to Bundi.



Discover Chittor Fort



**CLASSIC**  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
Perfect for your first visit to India – see the Taj Mahal at sunrise, search for tigers in Ranthambore and soak up the extravagance of Rajasthan on one extraordinary itinerary.



**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
27 Jan - 09 Feb	\$6,480	12 Oct - 25 Oct	\$6,280
24 Feb - 08 Mar	\$6,480	19 Oct - 01 Nov	\$7,380
23 Mar - 05 Apr	\$6,280	26 Oct - 08 Nov	\$6,480
30 Mar - 12 Apr	\$6,280	02 Nov - 15 Nov	\$6,480
06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$6,280	23 Nov - 06 Dec	\$6,480
13 Apr - 26 Apr	\$6,280	30 Nov - 13 Dec	\$7,380
05 Oct - 18 Oct	\$6,280		
2025 DATES			
25 Jan - 07 Feb	\$6,580	12 Apr - 25 Apr	\$6,380
01 Feb - 14 Feb	\$6,580	27 Sep - 10 Oct	\$6,380
08 Feb - 21 Feb	\$6,380	04 Oct - 17 Oct	\$6,380
15 Feb - 28 Feb	\$6,380	11 Oct - 24 Oct	\$6,380
22 Feb - 07 Mar	\$6,380	18 Oct - 31 Oct	\$7,580
01 Mar - 14 Mar	\$6,380	25 Oct - 07 Nov	\$6,580
08 Mar - 21 Mar	\$6,380	01 Nov - 14 Nov	\$6,580
15 Mar - 28 Mar	\$6,380	08 Nov - 21 Nov	\$6,580
22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$6,380	15 Nov - 28 Nov	\$7,580
29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$6,380	22 Nov - 05 Dec	\$6,580
05 Apr - 18 Apr	\$6,380	29 Nov - 12 Dec	\$6,580

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi - Delhi) 13 days from \$5,080 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,250

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**DAY 9: BUNDI TO RANTHAMBORE**

Begin your day with a satisfying breakfast and immerse yourself in the charm of the town. Explore its intriguing step wells and uncover the historical wonders of Taragarh Fort. Later, embark on a scenic drive to Ranthambore, where you will check into your hotel and prepare for your wildlife adventure.

**DAY 10: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK**

Indulge in morning and afternoon canter safaris within the national park, offering thrilling opportunities to spot the local wildlife. As you venture into the wilderness keep your eyes peeled for glimpses of the magnificent wildlife like leopards, sloth bears, and various bird species.

**DAY 11: RANTHAMBORE TO AGRA**

Today you journey to Agra, with a captivating stop en route at Fatehpur Sikri, renowned for its splendid Mughal architecture in red sandstone. Explore the Tomb of Chisti and the exquisite Panchal Mahal Palace.



**DAY 12: AGRA**

Wake with much excitement, as you head to the Taj Mahal, regarded as one of the most beautiful buildings in the world and surrounded by lush green gardens. Visit the Itmad-ud-Daulah, nicknamed the Baby Taj, before continuing to the impressive Agra Fort. Today's journey leads you back to Delhi.

**DAYS 13-14: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY...**

**AMRITSAR SHORT STAY**  
3 days from \$830pp twin share

**KOVALAM BEACH STAY**  
5 days from \$420pp twin share

**GOA BEACH STAY**  
5 days from \$850pp twin share

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NEW

# INDIA BY RAIL

15 DAYS FROM

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FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM  
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,  
ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Ride the toy train in Shimla
- ✓ Watch the flag lowering ceremony at the Wagah border
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Experience a Pooja ceremony in Varanasi
- ✓ Cruise the banks of the River Ganges



Ride Shimla's toy train

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Try your hand at traditional block printing

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the Buddhist sites in Sarnath, where Gautama Buddha first taught the Dharma after attaining enlightenment. Visit the Ashoka Pillar, an iconic symbol of Sarnath's heritage.
- ▶ Embark on a slow-paced charming toy train journey from Shimla to Kandaghat, experiencing breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys as you travel through the captivating region of Shimla.
- ▶ Participate in block printing, a traditional form of textile printing that involves the use of hand-carved wooden blocks to create intricate patterns on fabric. This art form has a long history and is still practiced throughout India.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Upon your arrival at Delhi International Airport, you will be greeted by your National Escort from Wendy Wu Tours and transferred to your hotel. Settle into your accommodation for a two-night stay.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

Begin your day with a drive alongside the magnificent Red Fort, taking in the awe-inspiring beauty of its red sandstone structure. Next, embark on a delightful rickshaw ride through the lively streets of Old Delhi, before proceeding to the renowned Jama Masjid. After lunch, fly to Amritsar, eagerly anticipating the adventure that lies ahead.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER AMRITSAR

Today starts with a morning visit to the historically significant Jallianwala Bagh, a poignant public garden in Amritsar. Continue your exploration by visiting the remarkable Durgiana Temple, and in the afternoon, embark on a scenic drive to the Wagah border, to witness the ceremonial flag lowering ceremony.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA

Catch your morning train and enjoy the picturesque journey as you head towards Chandigarh. Continue by road to the hill station of Shimla, where you will take a walking tour to Mall Road. Explore The Ridge, a spacious open space offering panoramic views of the surrounding hills, and marvel at the architectural beauty of Christ Church, a landmark of Shimla's colonial heritage.

### DAY 5: SHIMLA

Today begins with an enchanting toy train experience from Shimla to Kandaghat. Return to Shimla by car to enjoy a city tour visiting the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies. Explore the grandeur of this architectural gem and learn about its historical significance. Continue your exploration by visiting the

Himachal State Museum. Immerse yourself in the rich heritage and vibrant artistry of the region as you discover the museum's fascinating exhibits.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO DELHI

After your memorable time in Shimla, it's time to transfer to Chandigarh station for your onward journey. Bid farewell to the charming hill station as you board your train bound for Delhi. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the changing landscapes. The afternoon is at leisure for you to explore.

### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO AGRA

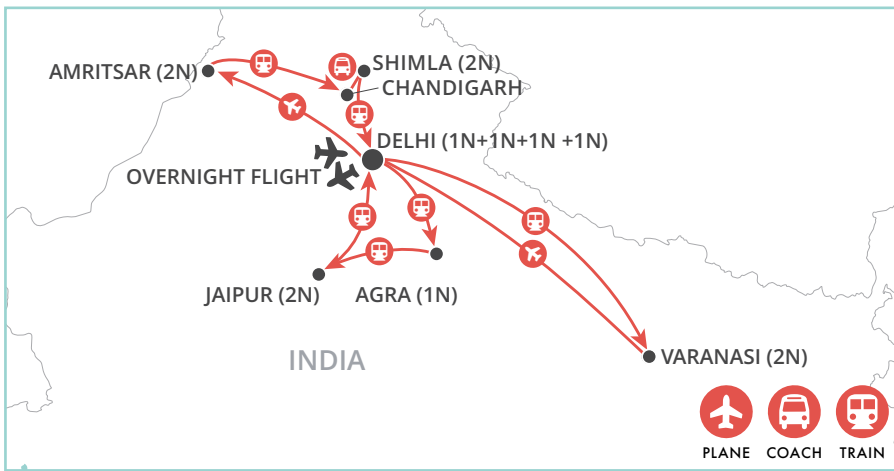
This morning's train journey is to Agra, a city steeped in history and architectural marvels. On arrival explore Fatehpur Sikri. This UNESCO World Heritage Site showcases the grandeur of Mughal architecture. Proceed to Agra Fort, another iconic landmark with imposing red sandstone walls, encompassing palaces, gardens and many halls.

### DAY 8: TAJ MAHAL

Early morning start with a sunrise visit to the world-renowned Taj Mahal in Agra. As the first rays of sunlight illuminate the iconic white marble monument, witness its ethereal beauty and experience the tranquil atmosphere surrounding this masterpiece, as you learn about the captivating love story behind its creation. Visit a nearby marble workshop to witness the skilled artisans crafting intricate marble designs before your next train journey takes you to Jaipur, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Explore Jaipur's iconic attractions, including a photo stop at Hawa Mahal. Visit the magnificent Amber Fort and immerse yourself in its regal ambiance. Discover the Maharaja's City Palace while delving into the city's royal heritage before experiencing the scientific wonders of the Jantar Mantar Observatory. Witness



**CLASSIC**  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

Embark on an incredible train journey across India, travelling from west to east. Experience the diverse landscapes, cultures and traditions as you traverse the country. From the bustling metropolises to the serene countryside, this journey promises a tapestry of experiences.



traditional crafts like block printing and carpet weaving at a local craft centre and end the day with a delicious dinner and captivating cultural performance.

**DAY 10: DISCOVER DELHI**

Bid farewell to Jaipur as this train journey takes you to Delhi. Upon arrival you will enjoy a tour that begins at the magnificent Qutab Minar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that stands as a testament to Delhi's rich history and architectural grandeur. Continue to explore New Delhi, starting with the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the official residence of the President of India. Stop at the iconic India Gate, a war memorial honouring the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives.

**DAY 11: TRAVEL TO VARANASI**

Board a morning train from Delhi to the sacred city of Varanasi. Upon arrival, prepare for an enchanting evening rickshaw ride to the banks of the Ganges River. As dusk sets in, witness the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti, a traditional prayer ceremony dedicated to the river, capturing the rhythmic chants, flickering oil lamps, and the divine atmosphere that surrounds you.

**DAY 12: VARANASI**

Enjoy a serene cruise along the Ganges river, soaking in the spiritual atmosphere. Explore landmarks like Bharat Mata Mandir and Durga Temple. Visit Banaras Hindu University and the revered Vishwanath Temple. Venture to Sarnath to explore ancient Buddhist sites, including the Dhamek Stupa and Mulagandha Kuti Vihar, and become immersed in the rich spirituality and cultural heritage of Varanasi and Sarnath.

**DAY 13: RETURN TO DELHI**

Enjoy a free morning to relax or explore at your leisure. In the afternoon, fly from Varanasi to Delhi, returning to this bustling capital city. Enjoy a farewell dinner celebrating a remarkable journey.

**DAYS 14-15: DEPART DELHI**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

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22 Mar - 05 Apr	\$9,480	11 Oct - 25 Oct	\$9,480
05 Apr - 19 Apr	\$9,480	25 Oct - 08 Nov	\$9,480
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13 Sep - 27 Sep	\$8,890	22 Nov - 06 Dec	\$9,480
27 Sep - 11 Oct	\$8,890	06 Dec - 20 Dec	\$9,480
2025 DATES			
10 Jan - 24 Jan	\$9,780	03 Oct - 17 Oct	\$9,580
24 Jan - 07 Feb	\$9,780	17 Oct - 31 Oct	\$9,780
07 Feb - 21 Feb	\$9,780	31 Oct - 20 Jan	\$9,780
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14 Mar - 28 Mar	\$9,780	28 Nov - 12 Dec	\$9,780
28 Mar - 11 Apr	\$9,780	05 Dec - 19 Dec	\$9,780
04 Apr - 18 Apr	\$9,580		

**Flight and supplement information**

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- Land only (Delhi - Delhi) 14 days from \$7,690 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,600

**Important note**

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# NORTHERN INDIA DISCOVERY

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,280

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover the delights of Delhi
- ✓ See the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- ✓ Tour the 'Pink City' of Jaipur
- ✓ Ride the famous Toy Train
- ✓ Explore Amritsar's Golden Temple
- ✓ Embrace Tibetan Culture in Dharamsala



See India's most iconic sight: the Taj Mahal

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Take part in a yoga session

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ In the birthplace of yoga, start the day with an invigorating morning practice and meditation session with a master, in the spectacular surroundings of the Himalayan foothills.
- ▶ Travel to the border of India and Pakistan to witness the border closing ceremony, a display of fantastically over-the-top showmanship that involves speed marching, high kicks and stomps, all cheered on by the crowd of locals and tourists alike.
- ▶ Return to the Golden Temple in the evening when, beautifully illuminated, you can witness the Palki Sahib ceremony with its chanting and careful 'putting to bed' of the Guru Granth Sahib, the religious scripture.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

Take a full day to explore India's vibrant capital. Starting in Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride to the Khari Baoli spice market where you'll learn about local herbs and spices, and visit Jama Masjid. Cross into New Delhi to view the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate, finishing the day at Humayun's Tomb.

### DAY 3: TRAIN TO AMRITSAR

Transfer to Delhi station and hop on a train travelling north to Amritsar. Head to the nearby India-Pakistan border to watch the elaborate border closing ceremony with its fantastically over-the-top showmanship.

### DAY 4: EXPLORE AMRITSAR

Enjoy a heritage walk through the city, taking in local temples including Jallianwala Bagh. Visit the Golden Temple, Harmandir Sahib – the spiritual heart of the Sikh faith. Built in the 16th-century, its dome is richly gilded in shimmering gold. Enjoy the peace and tranquility walking around the sacred waters of Amrit Sarovar. Return to the temple this evening to experience Palki Sahib, an atmospheric ceremony accompanied by drums and hymns.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO DHARAMSALA

Ascend into the Himalayas to Dharamsala, a former British hill station that has become the home of the Tibetan Government in exile. This afternoon, visit the Tibetan Library and the Tibetan Medical Institute.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE DHARAMSALA

Start the day at Bhagsunag, a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva before exploring McLeod Ganj, a town with a distinctly Tibetan feel. Explore the town, visiting

Buddhist temples and local markets, as well as the Dalai Lama Temple and the Tibetan Museum.

### DAY 7: YOGA EXPERIENCE

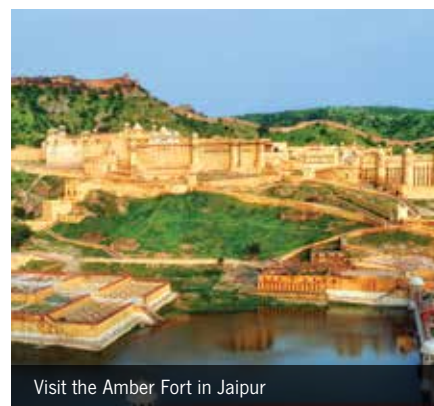
Start the day with a yoga and meditation session. Continue your explorations at the Kangra State Museum and St John's Church. Enjoy a demonstration of how to cook local dishes before spending some time at the Norbulingka Institute. A major centre for Buddhist learning, it also works to preserve Tibet's cultural heritage.

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA

Drive to Shimla. On arrival enjoy the rest of the day being at leisure.

### DAY 9: TOY TRAIN

All aboard the famous Toy Train, a World Heritage railway built in 1903. This is one of India's most scenic train journeys, where you can admire spectacular views as you wind your way down from the mountains. Return to Shimla by car. This afternoon visit Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the



Visit the Amber Fort in Jaipur

**CLASSIC**  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

This adventure takes you through the northern hill stations of the Himalayas, visiting Amritsar, before travelling south to India's iconic Golden Triangle – Agra, Jaipur, and Delhi. Prepare to be immersed in North Indian culture!



highest point of the city, offering amazing views. Continue to the Himachal State Museum and enjoy a walking tour of Mall Road, Shimla's main street constructed during British colonial rule.

**DAY 10: SHIMLA TO DELHI**

Visit the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies. Transfer to Kalka to board the train to Delhi where your afternoon and evening will be at leisure.

**DAY 11: AGRA FORT**

Travel to Agra by road. On arrival, admire the colossal Agra Fort, built by the Mughals in the mid-1500s. The evening is at leisure in Agra.

**DAY 12: TAJ MAHAL**

Wake early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical sight. Depart Agra for Jaipur, stopping en route to admire the symmetrical beauty of the Chand Baori stepwell. Arrive in the 'Pink City' and visit the City Palace and the fascinating Jantar Mantar observatory.

**DAY 13: EXPLORE JAIPUR**

Start with a photo stop this morning at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) before visiting the spectacular Amber Fort. Stop at a craft centre to watch artisans at work, block printing and carpet weaving. Before dinner you will have a cooking demonstration.

**DAY 14: RETURN TO DELHI**

Return to Delhi by road. This evening sit down to a final group dinner and a Kathak Dance performance.

**DAYS 15-16: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY...**



**VARANASI SHORT STAY**

4 days from \$1,210pp twin share

**AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES**

3 days from \$660pp twin share

**KOVALAM BEACH STAY**

5 days from \$420pp twin share

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**PRICES & DEPARTURES**

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
24 Mar - 08 Apr	\$7,280	13 Oct - 28 Oct	\$7,580
22 Sep - 07 Oct	\$7,580		
2025 DATES			
23 Mar - 07 Apr	\$7,680	12 Oct - 27 Oct	\$7,680
21 Sep - 06 Oct	\$7,680		

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# KERALA & THE SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **\$7,680**

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover vibrant Chennai
- ✓ Ride Ooty's toy train
- ✓ Experience Mysore
- ✓ Cool off in the tea plantations
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's backwaters
- ✓ Relax in Kovalam

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Experience a martial arts demonstration

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Marvel at the strength and agility of Kalaripayattu artists at a performance of Kerala's traditional art form. This old martial art combines defensive steps and stances with weaponry such as daggers, spears, maces and bows and arrows.
- ▶ Hosted by a local family in their home, take part in a cooking demonstration of tasty, traditional treats, learning the skills and techniques needed to prepare delicious Kerala dishes.
- ▶ Glimpse the traditional lifestyle of Kerala's fisher-folk with a visit to Kumbalangi, where you can see the villagers going about their day to day activities and discover traditional handicrafts.



Enjoy the easy pace of life on Kerala's beautiful backwaters

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO CHENNAI

Fly to the city of Chennai and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 2: DISCOVER MAMALLAPURAM

After breakfast and a tour introduction, you will travel to Mamallapuram. On arrival you will explore this coastal temple town, seeing the fascinating 7th and 8th-century rock carvings including the magnificent Shore Temple and the impressive Varaha Cave.

### DAY 3: CHENNAI CITY

Return to Chennai, formerly known as Madras. This city was developed as a British trading post and is home to a number of colonial sights. A city tour begins at the 13-kilometre Marina Beach before a stop at Fort St. George and the British-built St. Mary's Church. The final stop is the colourful Shiva Kapaleeswarar Temple.

### DAY 4: TRAIN TO BANGALORE

Rise early to catch the Shatabdi Express to the garden city of Bangalore, where you will enjoy an afternoon city tour to see the Bull Temple, Tipu Sultan's Palace and Vidhana Soudha.

### DAY 5: MYSORE

Head to Mysore, stopping at Srirangapatna Fort en route. Visit the magnificent Maharaja's Palace and drive to Chamundi Hill to admire the 12th-century Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and Nandi Bull. Tonight, enjoy a traditional cooking demonstration hosted by a local family.

### DAY 6: DRIVE TO OOTY

Today you will journey to the hill station of Ooty, one of three Nilgiri stations, that sits high above

the southern plains. Visit the Botanical gardens, taking an uphill walk to visit a small village, gaining insight into the lives of the local people.

### DAY 7: TOY TRAIN TO COONOR

All aboard the miniature, popular 'Toy Train' to Coonoor, where you will be surrounded with spectacular mountain views. Spend time walking around and appreciating the beauty of this quieter, less famous hill station before returning to Ooty.

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO COIMBATORE

Drive to Coimbatore. On arrival, explore the sights of the city, taking in Sri Svetambra Vimalanther Jain Temple, St Michael's Cathedral and the Athar Jamid Mosque.

### DAY 9: MUNNAR

Travel to Munnar, a hill station enveloped by lush tea plantations. In the afternoon visit a tea plantation and the Tata Tea Museum.

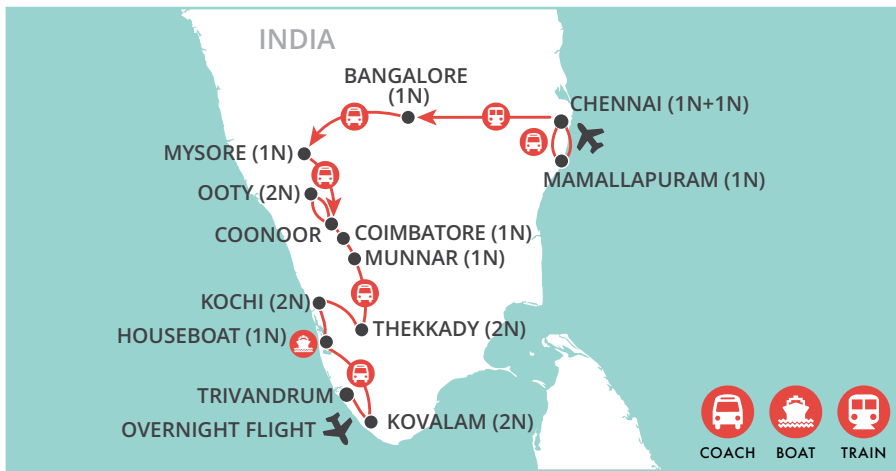
### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY

Today, explore Eravikulam National Park and have the opportunity to spot the local wildlife (closed Feb-Apr, when an alternative light trek will be available). Continue your journey to Thekkady, home of Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary.



See Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple





## CLASSIC

INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Southern India offers an intensely tropical and laidback experience compared to the north. Travel from the stunning hill stations to the tranquil backwaters on this in-depth journey.



See the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram



Enjoy the 'Toy Train' ride to Coonoor

## DAY 11: PERIYAR WILDLIFE RESERVE

Though designated as a Tiger Reserve in 1978, the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is best known for its elephants. Take a walk through the reserve, keeping an eye out for its resident elephant population, as well as wild dogs, barking deer, mouse deer and the elusive Bengal tiger. Visit a spice village before enjoying a traditional kalaripayattu (martial art) show this evening.

## DAY 12: DRIVE TO KOCHI

Travel to the coastal town of Kochi. This evening enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.

## DAY 13: EXPLORE KOCHI

Take a full day tour of Kochi. Start at St. Francis Church, the first European church built in India, before a visit to Santa Cruz Basilica, where you will have excellent views of Chinese fishing nets. Finish the day by admiring the synagogue in the heart of the Jewish Quarter.

## DAY 14: BACKWATERS CRUISING

Travel to Kumarakom, stopping en route at Kumbalangi, a village created to highlight the lifestyle of fisher-folk in the area. Later board a houseboat, a converted rice barge known as a kettuvallam. Sit back and watch life on the water and the surrounding, untouched wilderness while cruising unhurriedly along the canals. A delicious dinner of traditional cuisine will be served on board and spend a comfortable night on the water.

## DAY 15: DISCOVER TRIVANDRUM

Have breakfast onboard before disembarking and heading for the beach town of Kovalam. Stop on the way in Kerala's capital Trivandrum to see the Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Observatory and Sri Chitra Art Gallery.

## DAY 16: RELAX IN KOVALAM

This morning, take a walking tour of the town and visit the lighthouse. The rest of the day is yours to relax or head to the beach, before a farewell dinner this evening.

## DAYS 17-18: FLY TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to Trivandrum and fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



## SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 days from \$500pp twin share

## GOA BEACH STAY

5 days from \$850pp twin share

## KOVALAM BEACH STAY

5 days from \$420pp twin share

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## PRICES &amp; DEPARTURES

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## 2024 DATES

15 Feb - 03 Mar	\$7,680	31 Oct - 17 Nov	\$7,680
07 Mar - 24 Mar	\$7,680		

## 2025 DATES

13 Feb - 02 Mar	\$7,880	23 Oct - 09 Nov	\$7,880
06 Mar - 23 Mar	\$7,880	30 Oct - 16 Nov	\$7,880

## Flight and supplement information

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- Land only (Chennai - Trivandrum) 17 days from \$6,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,750

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Relax on Kovalam beach

# HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,280



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Enjoy the buzz of vibrant Delhi
- ✓ Discover Udaipur's palaces
- ✓ Search for tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Explore ancient Varanasi
- ✓ Admire the Amber Fort

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



See colourful produce at local markets

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Soak up the sights and smells of one of Jodhpur's bustling local markets, where the stalls will be piled high with locally grown fruit and vegetables, and you will learn about the essential herbs and spices needed for Indian cuisine.
- ▶ Experience the electric atmosphere created by the flickering candles and tinkling bells of a puja held on the banks of the River Ganges, a ceremony dedicated to the river goddess.
- ▶ Venture into the old alleyways of Jaipur to try your hand at block printing, the practice of hand printing textiles with a carved wooden block, a traditional art of the city.



Explore the majestic Amber Fort

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi, India's rambunctious capital city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

Experience Delhi; drive past the Red Fort, visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, and hop on a rickshaw to explore Asia's largest spice market. After lunch view India Gate before visiting Gandhi Smriti and Qutub Minar, the 12th-century, 73-metre-tall iron pillar.

### DAY 3: TAJ MAHAL

Depart for Agra. On arrival, visit the colossal red sandstone Agra Fort, set on the banks of the Yamuna River. The fort was established in the 16th century but has had much added to it over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles. Then you'll stand before India's most iconic building, the Taj Mahal, admiring the play of the light and exquisite detail of the luminous white marble.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO KHAJURAHO

Take a train to Jhansi, with a change at Orchha en route. Continue to Khajuraho, home of the famous temples and enjoy a cultural dance performance this evening.

### DAY 5: DISCOVER KHAJURAHO

Today, tour the eastern and western groups of Khajuraho's impressive temples. Fly to Varanasi and take a rickshaw to the atmospheric ghats on the River Ganges, where you'll witness a 'Ganga Aarti', a puja ceremony to the river goddess.

### DAY 6: RIVER GANGES

Rise early for a dawn boat ride along the River Ganges, followed by a brief city tour of Varanasi. This afternoon visit the Buddhist sites at Sarnath.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Fly to Jaipur where you have the rest of the day to explore the city on your own, before experiencing a traditional dance performance.

### DAY 8: AMBER FORT

Start the day with a stop at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) before visiting the majestic Amber Fort, a magnificent 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort. Visit the stunning City Palace, still home of the city's royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of 18th-century astrological instruments designed to measure the heavens. Head into the backstreets of the old town to visit a workshop where you'll learn about traditional artisities like block printing and carpet weaving.

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur. Enjoy some leisure time before taking a walking tour to explore the huge variety of local produce at a bustling vegetable and spice market.



Observe leopards on a safari tour

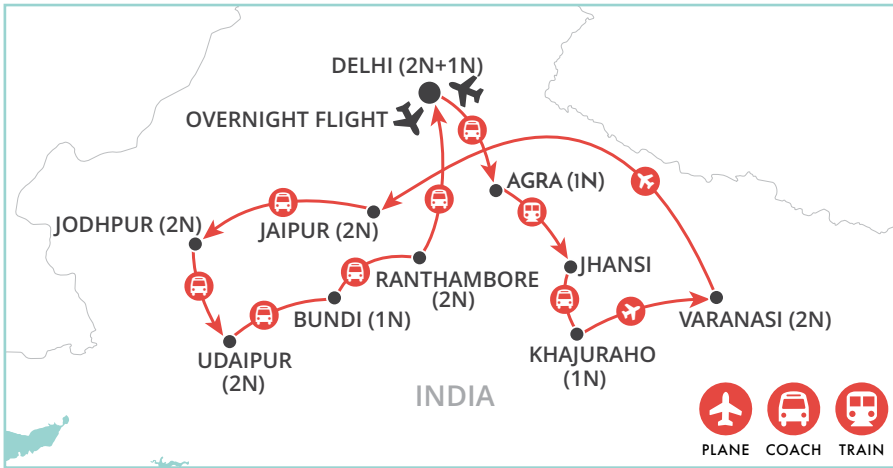
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INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

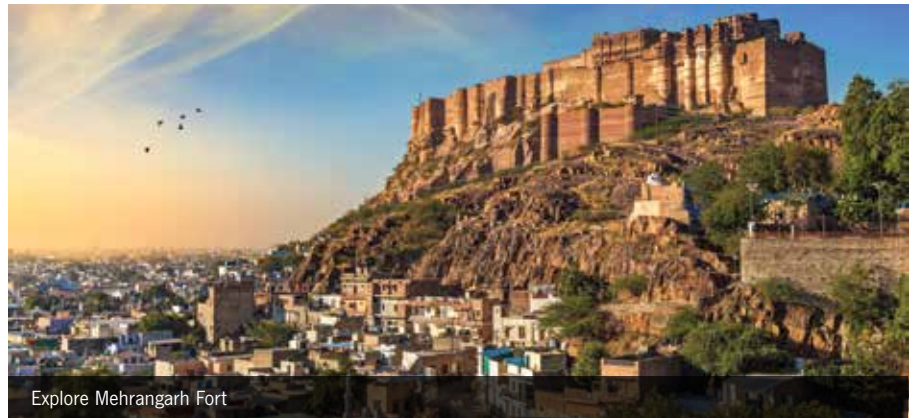


**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

From the desert forts of Rajasthan through Ranthambore, home of the majestic Bengal tiger, past the Taj Mahal and on to the holy city of Varanasi – this tour covers many of India’s most magnificent sights.



Visit the Umaid Bhawan Palace



Explore Mehrangarh Fort

**DAY 10: EXPLORE JODHPUR**

This morning, visit the mighty Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada and the museum located in the extravagant Umaid Bhawan Palace. Ride an auto rickshaw to a local restaurant for lunch before enjoying the afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 11: LAKE PICHOLA**

Drive to Udaipur, a city of lakes, palaces and temples. Relax on a cruise along Lake Pichola, admiring the city’s grand architecture from the water.

**DAY 12: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR**

Today, explore the city, starting with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake. Stop at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens. Later, visit the flamboyant City Palace and admire its delightful infusion of Rajasthani and Mughal styles.

**DAY 13: BUNDI’S STEPWELLS**

Drive to Bundi and take a stroll through the town, discovering its unique and beautiful stepwells, stopping en route at Chittor Fort. One of the largest forts in India, Chittor sprawls across a hilltop overlooking the town of Chittorgarh.



Discover beautiful stepwells

**DAY 14: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK**

Today, travel to Ranthambore National Park. On arrival, enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 15: RANTHAMBORE SAFARIS**

Take both early morning and afternoon safaris in Ranthambore National Park for opportunities to spot the magnificent wildlife, including leopards and Bengal tigers.

**DAY 16: RETURN TO DELHI**

Morning train to Delhi where the rest of the day will be at leisure.

**DAYS 17-18: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY...**



**NEPAL SHORT STAY**

6 days from \$1,020pp twin share

**GOA BEACH STAY**

5 days from \$850pp twin share

**SHIMLA SHORT STAY**

4 days from \$980pp twin share

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**PRICES & DEPARTURES**

Prices are per person, twin share

**2024 DATES**

17 Feb - 05 Mar	<b>\$8,280</b>	19 Oct - 05 Nov	<b>\$8,280</b>
23 Mar - 09 Apr	<b>\$8,280</b>	26 Oct - 12 Nov	<b>\$8,280</b>
05 Oct - 22 Oct	<b>\$8,280</b>		

**2025 DATES**

15 Feb - 04 Mar	<b>\$8,580</b>	04 Oct - 21 Oct	<b>\$8,580</b>
08 Mar - 25 Mar	<b>\$8,580</b>	18 Oct - 04 Nov	<b>\$8,580</b>
22 Mar - 08 Apr	<b>\$8,580</b>	25 Oct - 11 Nov	<b>\$8,580</b>

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi - Delhi) 17 days from \$7,080 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,500

**Important note**

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# RAJASTHAN PANORAMA

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,680

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore magnificent hill forts
- ✓ Take a desert safari
- ✓ Wander the 'Blue City' of Jodhpur
- ✓ Discover romantic Udaipur
- ✓ See sacred Pushkar
- ✓ Safari through Ranthambore



Visit magnificent Jaisalmer Fort

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Bikaner

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Ride on a rickshaw through the hustle and bustle of Bikaner's bazaar, taking in the sights, sounds and smells of this atmospheric market place and watching the locals go about their day to day life.
- ▶ Embark on an exhilarating jeep safari through the stark landscapes of the Thar Desert venturing out to Bishnoi for a village visit, where you'll see local life and the practice of traditional handicrafts.
- ▶ Enjoy a cruise on Lake Pichola, passing the magnificent Lake Palace and admiring the majestic architecture that lines the lake's shores.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi and transfer to Gurgaon for an overnight stay. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: ALSISAR HERITAGE TOWN

Cross into Rajasthan and travel to the town of Alsisar. This small town is full of traditional frescoes, mansions and cenotaphs and even has a castle. Stay overnight in a beautifully restored haveli.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE BIKANER

Travel to the vibrant town of Bikaner, dominated by its magnificent fort. Take a rickshaw ride through the streets to the old city bazaar. Continue to Gajner. Now a wildlife sanctuary, the area was once the hunting ground of the Maharajas of Bikaner.

### DAYS 4-5: DISCOVER JAISALMER

Rising from the sandy plains of the Thar Desert, Jaisalmer is known as the 'Golden City', nicknamed for its honey-coloured walls. Browse the local markets and visit Sunset Point. Spend the next morning amongst the magnificence of Jaisalmer's 12th-century fort, full of palaces, temples and mansions. Later, travel to the Sam Sand Dunes where you view the sunset.

### DAY 6: THAR DESERT SAFARI

Venture on through the Thar Desert to Manvar. Here, enjoy a jeep safari to the local Bishnoi villages and meet the local people. Spend the night in a tented desert camp (mid-Oct to mid-Apr) or the Manvar Resort.

### DAYS 7-8: JODHPUR

Today, drive to Jodhpur. Much of the old town is a vivid blue, earning it the moniker 'Blue City'. Over the next two days, take a city tour visiting Jaswant Thada, the royal cremation grounds, explore the

magnificence of the hilltop Mehrangarh Fort and head to the small museum housed in the imposing Umaid Bhawan Palace.

### DAYS 9-10: EXPLORE UDAIPUR

Travel to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur and Surya Temple. India's most romantic city, Udaipur is located on Lake Pichola and surrounded by wooded hills; a maze of palaces, temples and colourful alleyways. The next day drive around Fateh Sagar Lake as well as Sahelion Ki Bari Garden and the ornate City Palace. Later take a cruise on Lake Pichola passing the magical Lake Palace.

### DAY 11: RAJASTHAN COUNTRYSIDE

Drive to Deogarh, stopping en route to visit the Eklinji and Nathdwara temples. This evening wander through the bustling streets and enjoy dinner with live folk music and dances.

### DAY 12: EXPLORE PUSHKAR

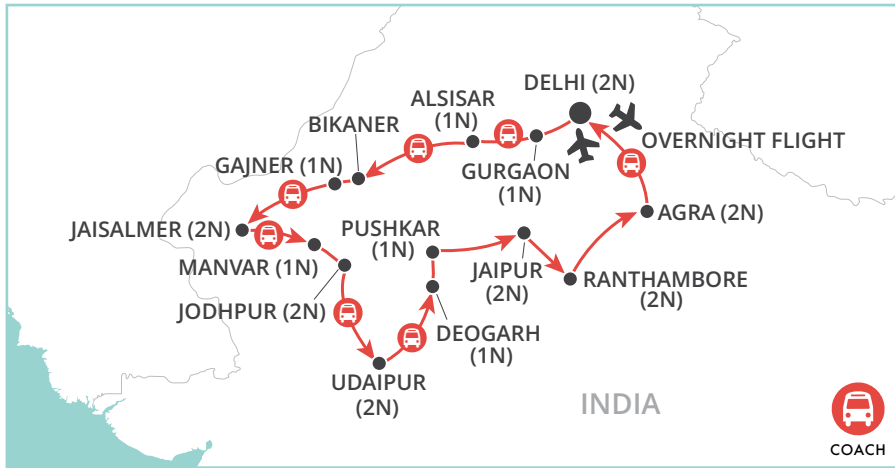
This morning, board a 1930s-era train for a ride through the hills to Phulad, then continue by road to Pushkar. Set on the banks of one of India's most sacred lakes, this holy city has 52 ghats used for worship by Hindu pilgrims. Take a walking tour and admire the Brahma Temple.

### DAY 13: JAIPUR

Travel to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' and Rajasthan's capital. On arrival, visit the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful astrological instruments.

### DAY 14: HAWA MAHAL & AMBER FORT

Begin the day at Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort. Back in Jaipur, try block



**CLASSIC**  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
This journey through Rajasthan, the land of extravagant forts and palaces, allows wildlife and architecture lovers alike to experience safaris, deserts and colourful cities. Includes an overnight stay in a traditional desert camp.



painting and carpet weaving before enjoying a traditional dinner and dance performance.

**DAYS 15-16: RANTHAMBORE**

Travel to Ranthambore National Park, home to many animals such as leopards, hyena, bears and tigers. The next day, you will have both morning and afternoon safaris, with more opportunities to spot the magnificent wildlife.

**DAY 17: TRAVEL TO AGRA**

Today travel to Agra, stopping en route at Bharatpur for lunch and visit Fateh Sikri, tomb of Salim Chistic, and Panch Mahal Palace.

**DAY 18: THE TAJ MAHAL**

Wake early to see the sun rise over one of the world's most perfect buildings. At dawn the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. This afternoon visit the colossal Agra Fort.

**DAY 19: DELHI**

Travel by road back to Delhi and visit Qutub Minar, Iron Pillar and the Lotus Temple.



**DAY 20: VIBRANT DELHI**

A city of equal chaos and charm, Delhi grabs you and doesn't let go. Pass the imposing Red Fort and visit India Gate and the Parliament House.

**DAYS 21-22: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY...**



**KOVALAM BEACH STAY**  
5 days from \$420pp twin share

**SHIMLA SHORT STAY**  
4 days from \$980pp twin share

**VARANASI SHORT STAY**  
4 days from \$1,210pp twin share

Visit page 56 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
22 Feb - 14 Mar	\$7,680	03 Oct - 24 Oct	\$7,680
07 Mar - 28 Mar	\$7,680	17 Oct - 07 Nov	\$7,680
21 Mar - 11 Apr	\$7,680	07 Nov - 28 Nov	\$7,680

2025 DATES			
20 Feb - 13 Mar	\$7,980	02 Oct - 23 Oct	\$7,980
06 Mar - 27 Mar	\$7,980	16 Oct - 06 Nov	\$7,980
20 Mar - 10 Apr	\$7,980	06 Nov - 27 Nov	\$7,980
18 Sep - 09 Oct	\$7,980		

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi – Delhi) 21 days from \$6,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,700

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# GRAND TOUR OF INDIA

29 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **\$13,880**

 FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

 ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Feel the buzz of Delhi
- ✓ Explore ancient Varanasi
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ See Rajasthan's hill forts
- ✓ Tour cosmopolitan Mumbai
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's backwaters



Experience the exquisite temples of Khajuraho

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 27 breakfasts, 26 lunches, 27 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 - 4 star accommodation, plus houseboat
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



See a Kathakali dance performance

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Witness an exuberant performance of the traditional dance-drama that is Kathakali. Kerala's best-known performing art, it is an extravagant retelling of Hindu epics complete with colourful costumes and elaborate make up.
- ▶ Surprisingly little known outside of India, discover the magnificent artistic treasures of the Ajanta and Ellora caves, a series of caverns full of intricate frescoes and carvings created by Buddhist, Hindu and Jain monks.
- ▶ Embark on a camel cart ride out into the starkly beautiful landscapes of the Thar Desert - though it may appear barren, you'll find the desert is surprisingly full of things to see.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

Explore Old Delhi; see the Red Fort and walk to Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. After lunch, view India Gate and Parliament House before exploring Gandhi Smriti and Qutub Minar.

### DAYS 3-4: DISCOVER VARANASI

Fly to the ancient city of Varanasi. Head just out of town to the fascinating Buddhist site of Sarnath, where Buddha is said to have delivered his first sermon. The next day, rise early to cruise on the Ganges and explore the city. Later take a rickshaw to the ghats and witness a puja ceremony.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE KHAJURAHOS TEMPLES

Transfer to the airport to fly to Khajuraho to see the exquisite temples and their intricately carved, erotic imagery. Enjoy a cultural dance display.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Travel to the 16th-century city of Orchha and then on to Jhansi station where you'll board the Shatabdi Express train to Agra.

### DAY 7: TAJ MAHAL

Watch the sun rise over the Taj Mahal which is often swathed in mist and tinged pink - a magical experience. This afternoon visit the colossal 16th-century Agra Fort.

### DAYS 8-9: RANTHAMBORE

Visit the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri on the way to Ranthambore National Park, home to many animals such as leopards, hyena, bears and tigers. The next day enjoy both an early morning and afternoon safari.

### DAYS 10-11: JAIPUR

Journey to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur for a two-night stay. Make a brief stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds' before admiring the majestic Amber Fort, the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Mantar, the largest stone and marble-crafted observatory in the world.

### DAYS 12-13: PUSHKAR AND KHIMSAR

Travel to Pushkar, a sacred pilgrimage destination for Hindus. This afternoon visit its sacred lake, ghats and the Brahma Temple before a camel cart ride in the desert. The next day visit Khimsar, perched on the edge of the great Thar Desert.

### DAYS 14-15: DISCOVER JAISALMER

Rising from the sandy plains of the Thar Desert, Jaisalmer is known as the 'Golden City'. Head to Sunset Point to enjoy the views. The next day head to the magnificent Jaisalmer fort, and ride a camel through the Sam Sand Dunes.

### DAYS 16-17: JODHPUR & AROUND

Travel to Jodhpur and tour the city, exploring the magnificence of Mehrangarh Fort, visiting the museum of Umaid Bhawan Palace and the spice market. The next day drive through the desert by jeep to Bishnoi village.

### DAYS 18-19: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

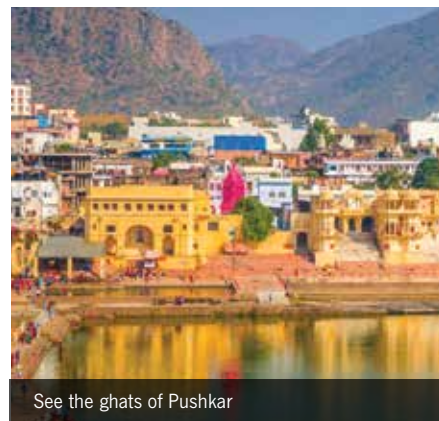
Drive to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur and Surya Temple as well as other Jain Temples. The next day explore the city, driving around Fateh Sagar Lake with stops at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Garden. Later visit the ornate City Palace and take a cruise on the shimmering Lake Pichola.



**CLASSIC**  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
An all-encompassing epic trip through the best that India has to offer. This itinerary showcases the rich history, culture, and natural wonders throughout this fantastically varied country.



**DAY 20: AURANGABAD**

Morning at leisure before boarding a flight to Aurangabad.

**DAYS 21-22: AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES**

Visit the incredible UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ajanta and Ellora Caves and discover the beautiful murals and exquisite carvings of Buddhist, Hindu and Jain imagery. Fly to Mumbai.

**DAY 23: DISCOVER MUMBAI**

Tour cosmopolitan Mumbai, India's economic powerhouse. View the Gateway to India, dawdle along Marine Drive and visit Chowpatty Beach, Mani Bhavan, Dhobi Ghat, Crawford Market and Flora Fountain. Fly to the relaxed Kerala city of Kochi.

**DAY 24: EXPLORE KOCHI**

Fascinating Kochi is strung across the islands and peninsulas of the Malabar coast. Visit the Dutch Palace and Fort Kochi before seeing the famous Chinese fishing nets and strolling through colourful markets. This evening enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.

**DAY 25: KERALA'S BACKWATERS**

Visit Kochi's synagogue, before heading out of the city to Nedumudy to board your houseboat. On this converted rice barge or 'kettuvallam' you will drift along the peaceful backwaters. Lunch and dinner are served onboard and you will stay overnight here too.



**DAY 26: TRAVEL TO KOVALAM**

Enjoy breakfast as you cruise into Alleppey, then travel to the beach resort of Kovalam.

**DAY 27: VISIT TRIVANDRUM**

Explore Kerala's capital Trivandrum, with visits to Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Zoological Gardens, Sri Chitra Art Gallery, the Observatory and Kanakakunnu Palace. Return to Kovalam for your final night stay.

**DAYS 28-29: FLY TRIVANDRUM TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY...**

**SHIMLA SHORT STAY**  
4 days from \$980pp twin share

**AMRITSAR SHORT STAY**  
3 days from \$830pp twin share

**SINGAPORE SHORT STAY**  
3 days from \$500pp twin share

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**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
22 Feb - 21 Mar	\$13,880	31 Oct - 28 Nov	\$13,880
17 Oct - 14 Nov	\$13,880		
2025 DATES			
20 Feb - 20 Mar	\$13,980	16 Oct - 13 Nov	\$13,980
02 Oct - 30 Oct	\$13,980	30 Oct - 27 Nov	\$13,980

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi - Trivandrum) 28 days from \$12,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,450

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NEW

# CHRISTMAS IN INDIA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,380

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Immerse yourself in Delhi
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Experience a religious ceremony on the Ghats
- ✓ Visit a vintage car museum
- ✓ Discover the step wells of Bundi



Be captivated by the Taj Mahal on Christmas Day

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Try the art of turban tying

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Immerse yourself in the art of turban tying, delving into the intricacies of this practice, learning to drape and style a turban, an iconic symbol of Indian heritage and pride.
- ▶ Sip champagne from a rooftop offering unparalleled views of the majestic Taj Mahal. As the sun's golden hues paint the sky and cast a warm glow over this iconic monument, you'll find yourself in a place where the present and the past blend seamlessly.
- ▶ With its enchanting storytelling and artistic presentations, "Mohabbat the Taj" offers an immersive experience that beautifully commemorates the love story that gave rise to one of the world's most iconic monuments. It's a journey through time that captures the essence of love of love and devotion.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE DELHI

Arrive in Delhi for a two-night stay. Upon your arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: DELHI

After breakfast, start your day of sightseeing around Old and New Delhi. Travel to Khari Baoli Spice Market and enjoy a rickshaw ride before visiting Jama Masjid. Continue to Lakshmi Marayan Hindu Temple, followed by a brief photo stop at India Gate. End your day with a visit to Humayun's Tomb and the Quatab Minar.

### DAY 3: DELHI TO JAIPUR

Upon arrival in Jaipur, enjoy an enlightening visit to the Turban Museum, where you will participate in an interactive demonstration on the art of Turban Tying and the various styles of wearing them. As a cherished keepsake, you get to take these turbans with you. After lunch, you have the afternoon at leisure to unwind before indulging in a delightful dinner.

### DAY 4: JAIPUR

Embark on a journey through Jaipur's treasures: the delicate Hawa Mahal (photo stop outside), the imposing Amber Fort, and the resplendent Hall of Victory. Immerse yourself in living traditions as you engage in block painting and witness the intricate art of carpet weaving.

### DAY 5: JAIPUR TO PUSHKAR

Begin your day by journeying to Pushkar, where you have time to wander through the vibrant local markets and marvel at the architectural beauty of the Brahma Temple. Later engage in a private religious ceremony on the Ghats of Pushkar sarovar (lake), one of the ten holiest sites in the world.

### DAY 6: PUSHKAR TO UDAIPUR

After breakfast, drive to Udaipur and check in at your hotel. Later this afternoon, you will visit the Vintage and Classic Car Museum, with its collections of some of the rarest classic and vintage cars. This museum is owned by the Royal Family of Udaipur and is located in the premises of the Garden Hotel, outside the City Palace complex. In these gardens, you will sit down to a delightful High Tea before returning to your hotel.

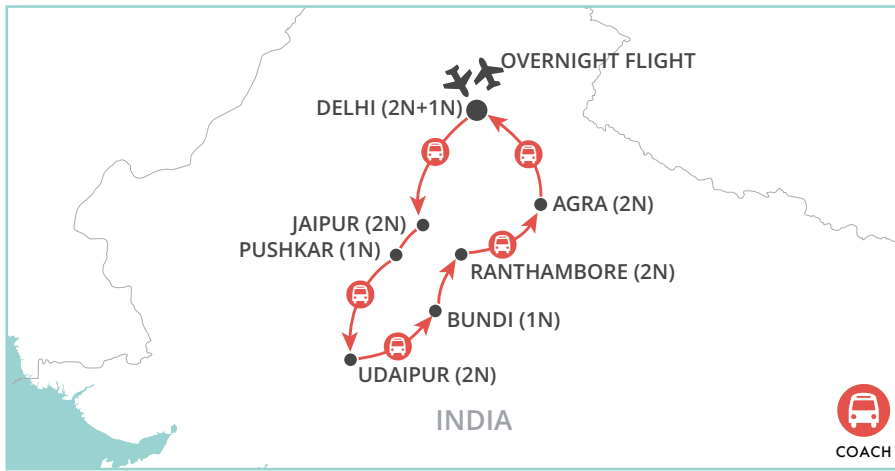
### DAY 7: UDAIPUR

Today's adventure is a journey into the heart of Udaipur's culture. Drive around the tranquil expanse of Fateh Sagar Lake and discover the Folk Museum's indigenous heritage treasure trove. The Mewar Art Gallery offers history and modern expression captured on canvas. The highlight will be a visit to City Palace, a regal testament to the city's majestic past.



Ghats of Pushkar sarovar (lake)





**CLASSIC**  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

Embark on a festive season like no other, from the classic sites of India's Golden Triangle to discovering magical Udaipur and participating in Christmas Eve and Christmas Day festivities, this itinerary is packed with unforgettable moments.



Admire Udaipur City Palace



Spot tigers in Ranthambore National Park

**DAY 8: UDAIPUR TO BUNDI**

After breakfast, you will travel to Bundi, where, along the way, you visit the awe-inspiring Chittor Fort and the majestic Vijay Stambh. The grandeur of Chittor Fort, one of India's largest, stands proudly atop a hill, commanding a panoramic view over the town of Chittorgarh.

**DAY 9: BUNDI TO RANTHAMBORE**

Enjoy discovering this town with its hidden treasures, from the amazing stepwells to Taragarh Fort. There are 50 stepwells dotted throughout the town, and although most are dried up, the stunning remnants of the past are still present. Taragarh Fort is known for its size and architecture and was constructed in the 8th century atop a steep hillside offering panoramic views of the city below. Arrive in Ranthambore, where you will overnight.

**DAY 10: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK**

Immerse yourself in the wilderness of the park with both morning and afternoon canter safaris, offering you the exciting opportunity to encounter the local wildlife. Each safari, spanning two to three hours, will take you through rugged, unpaved tracks, providing you with opportunities to witness the animals in their natural habitat.

**DAY 11: CHRISTMAS EVE IN AGRA**

Travel to Agra, with a captivating stop en route at Fatehpur Sikri. Explore its wonders, including the Tomb of Chisti and the Panchal Mahal Palace. Feel the spirit of Christmas Eve come alive within the festive ambiance of your hotel. A special option awaits as you have the opportunity to partake in the magical Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Mary's Church. This promises to be the pinnacle of your Christmas celebrations, adding even more joy to your experience.

**DAY 12: CHRISTMAS DAY IN AGRA**

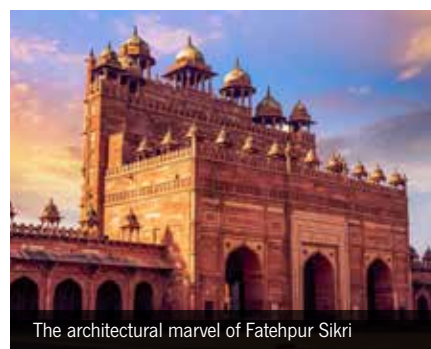
Wake on Christmas Day and head straight to the spellbinding Taj Mahal – what a wonderful way to start such a special day. Enjoy some time to explore this magnificent monument at your leisure. Visit the Itmad-ud-Daulah, nicknamed the Baby Taj, before continuing to the impressive Agra Fort. After enjoying a Christmas lunch feast filled with lots of entertainment and celebrations, you will be taken to a rooftop restaurant to sip on champagne while watching the sunset over the Taj Mahal. To conclude this magical Christmas Day, enjoy a live musical drama – Mohabbat the Taj - a show depicting the romantic love story of Emperor Shahjahan and his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. This is a true Bollywood experience.

**DAY 13: DRIVE TO DELHI**

Drive to Delhi, where you will check in to your hotel. You have the day at leisure to explore or pick up some last-minute shopping before your farewell dinner tonight.

**DAYS 14-15: DEPART DELHI**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or the following day.



The architectural marvel of Fatehpur Sikri

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

2023 DATES	
14 Dec - 28 Dec	<b>\$6,380</b>
2024 DATES	
14 Dec - 28 Dec	<b>\$6,980</b>
2025 DATES	
14 Dec - 28 Dec	<b>\$7,580</b>

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi - Delhi) 14 days from \$5,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,300

**Important note**

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,880

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Explore ancient Sinhalese ruins
- ✓ Discover the delights of Colombo
- ✓ Visit Kandy's sacred temple
- ✓ Spot elephants while on safari
- ✓ See Galle's historic fort



Admire the magnificent 'Lion Rock'

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Discover Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Tour the wonderful conservation project at Kosgoda, where a specialist turtle hatchery works tirelessly to protect Sri Lanka's native sea turtle species, and meet its residents.
- ▶ In the island's cultural capital, Kandy, enjoy a fun and fascinating cultural performance of traditional Sri Lankan music and dance.
- ▶ In the cooler climates of Sri Lanka's Central Highlands, tour a tea factory and plantation to learn all about the cultivation and production of the refreshing tea grown in the area.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO COLOMBO

Fly to Colombo. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel in the coastal town of Negombo, a short drive from Colombo.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA

This morning, travel to Sigiriya, home to the 5th-century UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rock Fortress, 'Lion Rock'. Built by King Kassapa as the centre of his short-lived kingdom, pass between a pair of colossal lion's paws and climb to the top for panoramic views. Explore the surrounding gardens as well as admiring the world-renowned Heavenly Maidens frescoes.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

Visit the ancient kingdom of Polonnaruwa, another UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. The capital of Sri Lanka from the 11th to the 12th-century, it is a well-preserved city of stupas, frescoes and statues. This afternoon, embark on an adventurous jeep safari on Minneriya National Park. Look out for large herds of elephants, sloth bear, leopards and much more wonderful wildlife.

### DAY 4: ANURADHAPURA

Drive to celebrated Anuradhapura. The city's greatest treasures are its dagobas; domes enshrining sacred relics. The most notable is the Ruwanwelisaya Dagoba, dating back to the 2nd-century BC, which you will visit today along with the Thuparamaya, said to contain the collarbone of Buddha. Discover the city's most renowned relic, the 2,250-year-old sacred Bo Tree. Emperor Asoka's daughter brought to Anuradhapura a branch of this tree, under which Buddha is said to have gained enlightenment.

### DAY 5: DAMBULLA ROCK TEMPLE

After breakfast, travel to visit Dambulla Rock Temple. Dating back to the 1st-century BC, the temple is made up of five cave sanctuaries where you'll find some of Sri Lanka's most important Buddha images. Visit a spice garden in Matale where you can see cinnamon, cardamom, pepper creepers and other spice trees growing and watch a cooking demonstration. Continue through majestic hill country to the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka's cultural hub.

### DAY 6: CULTURAL KANDY

This morning, visit the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens. Later, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of the most revered Buddhist sites in the world. Stolen at Buddha's funeral, the tooth was smuggled into Sri Lanka hidden in the hair of a princess who fled from India. Explore the remains of the Royal Palace, now a museum. This evening, you will watch a colourful cultural dance performance.

### DAY 7: NUWARA ELIYA

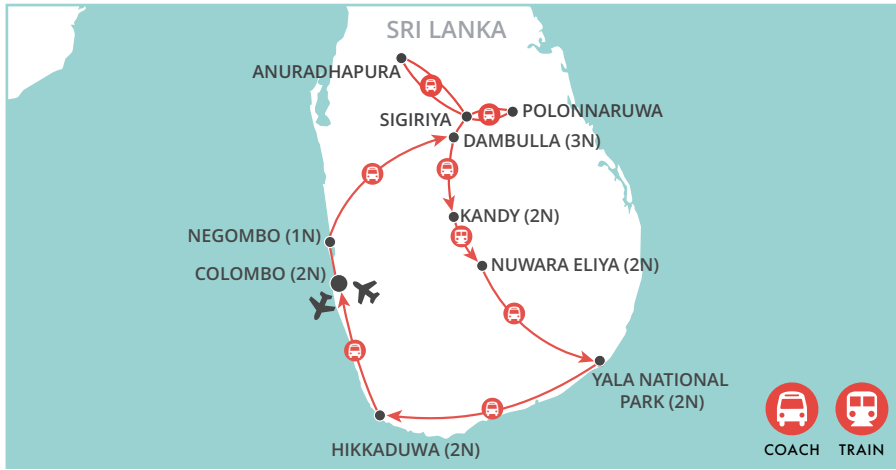
Board a train that will take you through the tea plantation-covered hills to Nuwara Eliya on one of the world's most picturesque rail journeys. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 8: TEA PLANTATION

This morning you visit a tea plantation learning how tea is graded. Later this afternoon enjoy a city tour taking in the race course, Hill Club Hotel, Gregory Lake and Sita Amman Kovil.

### DAY 9: UDAWALAWE

Travel to the Elephant Transit Home located near Udawalawe National Park, where abandoned baby elephants are cared for before they are released into the park. Continue to Yala, Sri Lanka's premiere national park.



**CLASSIC**  
SRI LANKA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
An introduction to the beautiful country of Sri Lanka, travel from the rich heritage of the Cultural Triangle through the wilds of Yala National Park to the colonial seaside beauty of Galle.



Search for leopards in Yala National Park



Discover Galle Fort

**DAY 10: YALA NATIONAL PARK**

Enjoy morning and afternoon jeep safaris around the park. It is home to elephants, deer and many other mammal species, but most famous for its leopards, whose population density here is among the highest in the world.

**DAY 11: DRIVE TO HIKKADUWA**

Drive to the Hummanaya Blow Hole, the second largest of its kind in the world. After lunch, continue to Dikwella Wewurukannala Temple, dominated by an image of a seated Buddha that is over 48 metres high. Stop along the way at Weligama where you may see the unique stilt fishermen, an old tradition practised by around 500 fishing families in the region.

**DAY 12: OLD GALLE**

Explore the enchanting city of Galle, Sri Lanka's finest colonial treasure. See the lighthouse, the old town and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dutch Fort, before wandering charming streets lined with colonial villas, museums, cafes and antique shops.



Visit the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy

**DAY 13: KOSGODA TURTLE HATCHERY**

Travel to Colombo, stopping at Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery. The hatchery is home to Sri Lanka's pioneering sea turtle conservation project, established in 1981 to protect the local turtle population.

**DAY 14: EXPLORE COLOMBO**

Embark on a city tour of Colombo this morning. Explore the Fort district, the historic centre of the city. Wander through Pettah Market. Visit the Dutch Church of Wolvendaal, dating back to 1749, Kelaniya Buddhist Temple, a major pilgrimage site for Buddhist devotees, and Colombo's finest museums. The rest of the day is at leisure. Late evening transfer to the airport for your flight.

**DAY 15: FLY COLOMBO TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly back to Australia, arriving home the same day.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY...**



**BENTOTA EXTENSION**

4 days from \$660pp

**GARDENS BY THE BAY - SINGAPORE**

4 days from \$730pp

**MALDIVES**

5 days from \$2,200pp

Visit page 56 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
03 Feb - 16 Feb	Fully booked	26 Oct - 09 Nov	<b>\$7,980</b>
02 Mar - 15 Mar*	<b>\$7,880</b>	09 Nov - 23 Nov	<b>\$7,980</b>
16 Mar - 29 Mar*	<b>\$7,880</b>	23 Nov - 07 Dec	<b>\$9,380</b>
2025 DATES			
01 Feb - 15 Feb	<b>\$8,180</b>	25 Oct - 08 Nov	<b>\$8,280</b>
01 Mar - 15 Mar	<b>\$8,280</b>	08 Nov - 22 Nov	<b>\$8,280</b>
15 Mar - 29 Mar	<b>\$8,280</b>	22 Nov - 06 Dec	<b>\$9,580</b>
12 Apr - 26 Apr	<b>\$8,280</b>		

*\*Please note the departures on 2 Mar 24 and 16 Mar 24 have a 14 day itinerary. Contact us for more details.*

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Colombo - Colombo) 14 days from \$6,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,700

**Dedicated solos departure**

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**Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$110pp (AU\$164pp) is paid locally in Sri Lanka.**

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NEW

# CHRISTMAS IN SRI LANKA

16 DAYS FROM

PER  
PERSON \$7,880

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM  
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,  
ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Explore Medieval Polonnaruwa
- ✓ Discover Udawattakele Rainforest
- ✓ Take a street food tour
- ✓ Try your hand at curd making
- ✓ Enjoy a canoe ride



Admire the beautiful tea plantations of the central highlands

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4-star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Discover Sri Lankan cuisine

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Experience daily life in a Sri Lankan village. Begin with a serene catamaran ride across the lake, followed by a tuk-tuk ride to a village household to engage with the family members and discover the art of cooking an authentic Sri Lankan meal.
- ▶ An Udawattakele trek leads you through a lush rainforest teeming with biodiversity. Within its embrace thrives a diverse avian population, making it a haven for bird enthusiasts to see Layard's parakeet, gold-fronted and blue-winged leafbirds.
- ▶ Buffalo curd is famous throughout the island, and learning about its fascinating production process, from udder to table, leaves you with an understanding of the intricacies of dairy farming.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE COLOMBO

On arrival, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel, where you have the rest of the day at leisure to settle in, relax and enjoy your surroundings.

### DAY 2: SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS

After breakfast, you will travel to Dambulla, visiting Sigiriya rock fortress late this afternoon. This impressive rock, the landmark of Sri Lanka, is regarded as the world's eighth wonder amongst the locals. Enjoy magnificent views, rock decorated in colourful frescos and beautiful gardens when you summit.

### DAY 3: POLONNARUWA

Today you visit Hiriwaduna for a local village experience, enjoying a catamaran ride on the lake, a tuk-tuk trip to a local home and learning to prepare an authentic dish. Next is Polonnaruwa, an ancient city whose impressive stone culture recalls an inspired past.

### DAY 4: ANURADHAPURA

Set off for Anuradhapura, exploring this magnificent ancient city on foot. Visit the massive Buddhist shrines, splendid palaces, parks and pavilions of this sacred city, dating back to the 5th century BC.

### DAY 5: DAMBULLA TO KANDY

This morning you will be taken to visit the most popular religious cultural site, Dambulla Cave Temple. En-route to Kandy stop at the spice garden in Matale, boasting incredible views of the Aluvihare Mountains. Visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic followed by an amazing cultural dance show in the evening.

### DAY 6: KANDY

After breakfast take a boat ride on Kandy Lake, giving you breathtaking views of the picturesque city, and from where you can observe a variety of bird species such as the Indian cormorants, wood storks and pelicans. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at your hotel before heading out this evening for a walk in Udawattakele rainforest.

### DAY 7: CHRISTMAS EVE – NUWARA ELIYA

Today after breakfast, you will be taken to Nuwara Eliya by train, travelling on what is known as one of the most picturesque rail journeys in the world. Travel through tea plantations and lush forests as you ascend into the mist of the hillside. Relax in the afternoon before the Christmas Eve festivities begin with a special dinner.

### DAY 8: CHRISTMAS DAY – NUWARA ELIYA

Merry Christmas! Start the day with a visit to a tea plantation, dressed in handmade, traditional silk sarees as you mingle with the locals. Return to the hotel for the Christmas celebrations with a scrumptious Christmas lunch and lots of



Discover crocodiles in Yala National Park



**CLASSIC**  
SRI LANKA

**PHYSICAL RATING**

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
Spend Christmas in Sri Lanka's gorgeous tea country, Nuwara Eliya, as you pluck tea leaves in traditional dress, enjoy High Tea in beautiful surroundings and participate in the celebrations and festivities of the day.



Explore Sigiriya Rock Fortress



Travel to Nuwara Eliya by train

celebrations, followed later by High Tea in the beautiful gardens of the Grand Hotel – the perfect way to conclude this magical Christmas Day.

**DAY 9: UDAWALAWE**

After breakfast, proceed to Yala, with a stop at Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, before participating in the process of curd making. Though buffalo curd is a quintessential favourite in the Sri Lankan pantry, its arduous journey, from teat to table, is often unheeded. Enjoy a fresh sip of milk after trying your hand milking a buffalo, and end this experience with a fresh pot of curd sweetened with treacle.

**DAY 10: YALA NATIONAL PARK**

Early morning and later this afternoon, you will head off on a jeep safari at Yala National Park. As you embark on a wilderness adventure through Yala's picturesque landscapes, you'll have the chance to encounter not only leopards but also elephants, sloth bears, crocodiles, and a rich variety of bird species.

**DAY 11: HIKKADUWA**

Heading towards Hikkaduwa, you visit a cinnamon plantation. Learn all there is to know about the uses and benefits of cinnamon before enjoying the breathtaking views and the chance to try your hand with the tools of the trade in an Ambalama, once used as a resting place for travellers.

**DAY 12: GALLE FORT**

After breakfast, you will be visiting Galle Fort, set on the peninsula within the walled remains of a fortress. Walk to the lighthouse on its perimeter and visit the Old Dutch Church with its tombstone-covered floor before a stroll along the rampart.

**DAY 13: KOSGODA TURTLE SANCTUARY**

A visit to the Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery is a must. Witness the exceptional sight of the eggs hatching or the turtles being returned to the sea, moving towards the water as they flap their tiny flippers.

**DAY 14: TRAVEL TO COLOMBO**

After breakfast, return to Colombo for a tour of this amazing city. Enjoy New Year's Eve celebrations with a dinner at the hotel.

**DAY 15: COLOMBO**

Today you can explore the vibrant city of Colombo further at your leisure. Later, transfer to the airport to board your flight home, arriving in Australia the next day.

**DAY 16: FLY TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same day.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY...**

**MALDIVES**

5 days from \$2,200pp

**BENTOTA EXTENSION**

4 days from \$660pp

**SINGAPORE SHORT STAY**

3 days from \$500pp

Visit page 56 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

2023 DATES	
18 Dec - 02 Jan	\$7,880
2024 DATES	
18 Dec - 02 Jan	\$8,580
2025 DATES	
18 Dec - 02 Jan	\$8,880

**Flight and supplement information**

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- Single supplement from \$2,180

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Visit Galle Fort



# GO BEYOND TOURS

For those who want to venture off the beaten track

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Most  
meals



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& sightseeing



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Your National Escort and local guides, all born and bred in your destination, are an endless source of information about the local history, heritage and culture. Of course, they are more than willing to share that wealth of knowledge about their homeland with you. Who better to help you get to grips with a magical sight, city or region than someone who knows it like the back of their hand?

NEW

# WILDLIFE OF INDIA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,880



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Ride in a rickshaw to the market
- ✓ Enjoy walking safaris with Naturalists
- ✓ Spot the majestic Bengal tiger
- ✓ Explore Panna National Park
- ✓ Visit the Temples of Khajuraho
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal



Search for Leopards in Bandhavgarh National Park

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 12 Dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Take a thrilling boat ride on Ken River

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Enjoy the boat ride on Ken River where you meander across tranquil waters while listening to the chirping birds. Lush green foliage adorns the riverbanks, providing a sanctuary for the myriad of wildlife you are eagerly trying to spot.
- ▶ Embark on a jeep safari traversing the dense jungles of Bandhavgarh National Park, hoping to catch a glimpse of the park's majestic residents. The symphony of nature echoes all around, while the calls of birds and the rustling of leaves add to the thrill of this safari.
- ▶ Step into Agra's hidden gem—a marble inlay workshop, where skilled artisans create intricate designs, embedding gemstones into pristine marble reflecting India's rich heritage.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi, where upon arrival you will be greeted by your National Escort from Wendy Wu Tours. Transfer to your hotel, and once settled you have the rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

Delhi's charm unfolds as you drive past the iconic Red Fort, explore the vibrant Khari Baoli Spice Market on a rickshaw, and visit historical landmarks like Jama Masjid and India Gate. Serenity awaits at Lakshmi Marayan Hindu Temple, while Gandhi Smriti pays homage to the nation's father. Witness the grandeur of Rashtrapati Bhavan and Parliament House, before delving into ancient history at Qutub Minar and the Iron Pillar.

### DAY 3: DRIVE TO KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Begin today's journey into the heart of India's wilderness with a flight to Nagpur, a city bustling with energy and warmth. On arrival, continue to Kanha National Park, driving through picturesque landscapes as you prepare for a series of thrilling safaris and the chance to observe an array of wildlife in their natural habitat.

### DAY 4: KANHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, enjoy a walking safari in the serene Buffer Zone of the National Park, accompanied by an expert Lodge Naturalist. Walk amidst the untouched beauty of the forest as you learn about your surroundings. Later in the day, hop aboard a safari vehicle and venture deep into the wilderness, keeping your eyes peeled for the only surviving population of Barasingha (Swamp Deer) as you explore the landscape.

### DAY 5: KANHA NATIONAL PARK

A day of adventure with both morning and afternoon safaris. The early morning safari allows for the best opportunity to spot various species of wildlife, while in

the afternoon the animals become more active, allowing you to witness their natural behaviour. Be on the lookout for Indian wild dog or the Indian gaur (Bison) which are common to this park.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO BANDHAVGARH

This morning you will travel to Bandhavgarh National Park. On arrival you will join the afternoon safari, allowing the expert guides to lead you through the park's diverse terrains, from dense forests to open grasslands. As the sun dips behind the horizon, the golden hour offers the chance to spot a variety of wildlife, including the elusive Bengal tigers, wild boars, Barking deer and a myriad of bird species.

### DAY 7: BANDHAVGARH

Today you have a morning and afternoon safari. The park's diverse landscapes create an unforgettable wildlife experience, with each safari presenting the possibility of encountering new surprises, such as the Indian leopard or perhaps a sloth bear.



Spot Indian Gaur in Kanha





**GO BEYOND**  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

This itinerary presents a comprehensive exploration into India's rich wildlife, encompassing visits to three distinguished National Parks, renowned for their distinct wildlife species, namely Panna, Bandhavgarh and Kanha National Park.



Spot open billed stork on Ken River



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

**DAY 8: TRAVEL TO KHAJURAHO**

Embark on an immersive morning walking safari in Bandhavgarh's Panpatha Wildlife Sanctuary, accompanied by knowledgeable guides. Explore the untamed beauty of its rich biodiversity, from the smallest insects to the larger mammals – an extraordinary glimpse into the delicate balance of nature. Afterwards drive to Khajuraho, where you will spend the night.

**DAY 9: PANNA**

Drive to Panna and get ready for a morning boat ride on the enchanting Ken River, which gracefully flows through the Panna Tiger Reserve. This serene boat ride offers a unique perspective of the reserve's diverse flora and fauna as you keep an eye out for crocodiles that frequent the riverbanks. An afternoon game drive allows you to try to spot chital, chinkara, nilgai or even sambar deer.

**DAY 10: TRAVEL TO AGRA**

This morning you will explore the Eastern and Western groups of temples, which stand as examples of ancient Indian craftsmanship and artistry. Marvel at the intricate

carvings and sculptures that adorn these temples, each narrating stories of gods, goddesses, and daily life from centuries past. Afterwards, travel by train to Agra, with a stop enroute in Orchha.

**DAY 11: AGRA**

Discover Agra's treasures in a day. Visit the Taj Mahal, the epitome of love, followed by Agra Fort's historical grandeur. Participate in the artistry of a marble inlay workshop, where you witness the meticulous craftsmanship of transforming raw materials into works of art, and the traditional techniques used.

**DAY 12: RETURN TO DELHI**

Today you return to Delhi, where you have the afternoon to relax or explore the city at your leisure. This evening, enjoy a memorable farewell dinner, savouring delicious cuisine.

**DAYS 13-14: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
11 Mar - 24 Mar	\$8,880	25 Nov - 8 Dec	\$8,880
8 Apr - 21 Apr	\$8,880	9 Dec - 22 Dec	\$8,880
14 Oct - 27 Oct	\$8,880		
2025 DATES			
27 Jan - 09 Feb	\$9,380	06 Oct - 19 Oct	\$9,380
17 Feb - 02 Mar	\$9,380	20 Oct - 02 Nov	\$9,380
17 Mar - 30 Mar	\$9,380	10 Nov - 23 Nov	\$9,380
07 Apr - 20 Apr	\$9,380	01 Dec - 14 Dec	\$9,380

**Flight and supplement information**

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- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi - Delhi) 13 days from \$7,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,400

**Important note**

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**Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$100pp (AUS\$149pp) is paid locally in India.**



Discover Qutab Minar

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# HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS

24 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$14,880

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM  
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,  
ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover Kolkata's culture
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Kanchenjunga
- ✓ Spot rhinos and elephants
- ✓ Soak up Bhutan's culture
- ✓ Hike through paddy fields
- ✓ Explore tea plantations



Discover Tiger's Nest monastery

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 22 breakfasts, 21 lunches, 22 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Admire Black-Necked Cranes in Phobjikha Valley

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Pay a visit to the fascinating Black-Necked Crane Information Centre in the spectacular Phobjikha Valley, where you can learn about these sacred birds and their environment.
- ▶ Follow a well-trodden trail, festooned with colourful prayer flags and the occasional prayer wheel, to reach one of Bhutan's most magnificent sights, Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched 900 metres up the steep side of the spectacular Paro Valley.
- ▶ Explore Kolkata's traditional potters' quarter, Komortuli, where you'll see the skilled artisans sculpting idols of gods and goddesses for festivals.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO KOLKATA

Fly to Kolkata. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE KOLKATA

Enjoy a relaxed morning before venturing out for an afternoon tour with visits to the magnificent Victoria Memorial and Kalighat Temple – you'll also see Fort William.

### DAY 3: TRAIN TO NEW JALPAIGURI

Rise early to visit a fragrant flower market and view the cantilever Howrah Bridge. Stop by Kumortuli, the potters' quarter, and see a Jain temple. Later board a train to New Jalpaiguri before driving to Siliguri to spend the night.

### DAY 4: DRIVE TO DARJEELING

Head out of Siliguri through endless tea plantations to the famous hill station of Darjeeling, which is located at a cool 2,134 metres.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE DARJEELING

Wake before dawn to catch the sun rising over Mount Kanchenjunga from Tiger Hill, which you'll reach by jeep. On the way back to Darjeeling visit Yiga Choling Monastery. Later, all aboard the famous 'Toy Train' which winds its way through the lush green hills and plantations before exploring the Himalaya Mountaineering Institute.

### DAY 6: INTO SIKKIM

Drive north to Pelling, crossing into the state of Sikkim. Visit Pemayangtse Monastery, one of Sikkim's oldest, where you can find tranquillity along with amazing views.

### DAY 7: KHECHEOPALRI LAKE

Visit the spectacular Khecheopalri Lake, considered sacred by both Buddhists and Hindus, and the magnificent Kanchenjunga Falls.

### DAYS 8-9: DISCOVER GANGTOK

Drive through more spectacular scenery to Sikkim's vibrant capital Gangtok, stopping at 18th-century Tashiding Monastery en route. There is nowhere better than Gangtok to enjoy exotic flowers and mountain panoramas. The next day visit the Enchey Monastery and the Sikkim Research Institute of Technology.

### DAY 10: RUMTEK MONASTERY

Begin the day at Dharma Chakra Centre and old Rumtek Monastery, before continuing to the bustling bazaar town of Kalimpong.

### DAY 11: KALIMPONG AT LEISURE

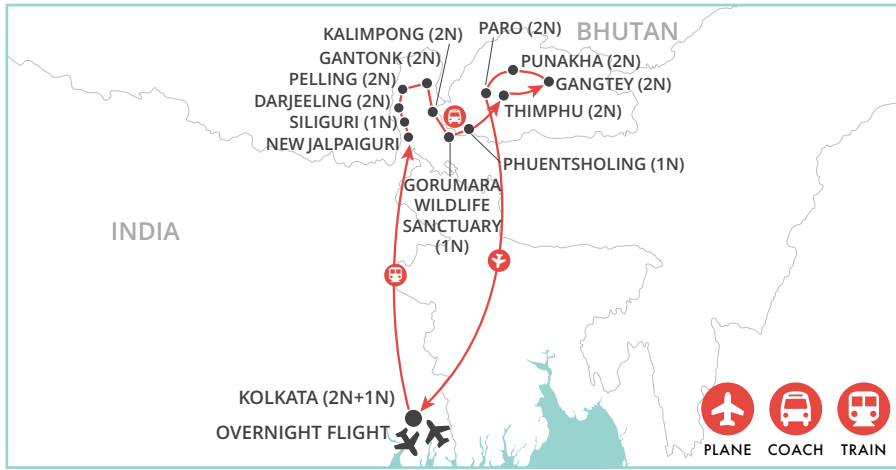
Take a day to catch your breath and enjoy some leisurely explorations of Kalimpong – there are plenty of spots to enjoy Himalayan panoramas and also flower nurseries full of local orchids.

### DAY 12: GORUMARA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Take a jeep safari into the depths of Gorumara Wildlife Sanctuary, where you might be lucky enough to spot one-horned rhinos, elephants, leopards and bison.

### DAY 13: INTO BHUTAN

Cross into Bhutan and continue to Phuentsholing. Later visit the Zangtho Pelri Lhakhang Temple in the centre of the town.



**GO BEYOND**  
INDIA & BHUTAN

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**  
This adventurous overland journey takes you through Darjeeling into Bhutan where you'll hike to Tiger's Nest monastery. Accommodation and facilities can be basic in remote areas but it's worth it for the incredible experience.



Visit Buddhist monasteries in Thimphu



Explore glorious Punakha Dzong

**DAYS 14-15: DISCOVER THIMPHU**

Follow the national highway to Bhutan's capital Thimphu, stopping en route at Kharbandi Gompa, a Tibetan Buddhist monastery. The next day, explore the city with time at the National Library, Institute for Zorig Chusum, the Handicrafts Emporium and Folk Heritage Museum, Textile Museum and Trashi Chhoe Dzong.

**DAY 16: TRAVEL TO GANGTEY**

Drive over the dramatic Dochu La mountain pass admiring the views as you travel to the Phobjikha Valley. Visit Gangtey Gompa, the only Nyingmapa monastery in the region and explore Gangtey village and the surrounding valley.

**DAY 17: WALKING IN GANGTEY**

Enjoy a day of leisure with the option of a hike through the valley for exceptional views across the stunning landscape.

**DAY 18: RURAL BHUTAN**

Leave Gangtey for Punakha visiting the Black Necked Crane Information Centre en route. On arrival visit Punakha Dzong before hiking through the paddy fields and local villages to Chimi Lhakhang, a temple of fertility.

**DAY 19: DISCOVER PUNAKHA**

This morning, visit the magnificent temple complex at Sangchen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang. Later appreciate the incredible views from Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten which is said to have been built to promote peace, stability and harmony in the changing world.

**DAY 20: TRAVEL TO PARO**

Drive to Paro, stopping en route at the Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress in the kingdom. Paro is surrounded by some of Bhutan's oldest temples and monasteries, visit Ta Dzong and Rinpung Dzong.

**DAY 21: TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY**

Taksang (Tiger's Nest) is Bhutan's most famous monastery, perched on the side of a cliff 900 metres above the Paro Valley. It can only be reached by a moderately challenging hike along a woodland trail – the views along the way are the perfect distraction! Returning to Paro, visit Kyichu Lhakhang.

**DAY 22: FLY TO KOLKATA**

Rise early to fly back to Kolkata, where you'll have the afternoon at leisure.

**DAYS 23-24: FLY KOLKATA TO AUSTRALIA**

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY...**

**NEPAL SHORT STAY**  
6 days from \$1,020pp twin share

Visit page 56 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

**PRICES & DEPARTURES**  
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
06 Apr - 29 Apr	<b>\$14,880</b>	09 Nov - 02 Dec	<b>\$14,880</b>
2025 DATES			
05 Apr - 28 Apr	<b>\$15,680</b>	08 Nov - 01 Dec	<b>\$15,680</b>

**Flight and supplement information**

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Kolkata - Kolkata) 23 days from \$13,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,980

**Important note**  
Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

**Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$160pp (AU\$239pp) is paid locally in India.**

**Call for our 2026 pricing and departures**

Discover the delights of Gangtey



# PRIVATE TOURS

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## Independent travel made easy

Our Private tours are ideal for those who enjoy a degree of independence and flexibility. Our collection of Private tours has been designed to offer a personal touch with the added comfort of stylish hotels and opportunities to explore the local cuisine.

## IS PRIVATE TOURING FOR ME?

Private tours are the perfect choice for those who prefer to travel independently, with groups of friends, for travellers with specific requirements. Our expertly crafted itineraries are tailored for parties as small as two.

### TRAVEL WHEN YOU WANT

Our Private tours are designed so that you can travel when it suits you best. We've included some example departures to help you choose your dates, but you can travel on any day you wish!

### BENEFITS OF A PRIVATE TOUR

Besides flexibility with your preferred date of travel, our Private tours are crafted especially to suit smaller travelling parties. As well as benefitting from the undivided attention of your knowledgeable private guides, you'll also stay in centrally located hotels, meaning you can explore right from your doorstep and enjoy a more intimate and independent travel experience.

### HOW DO THESE TOURS DIFFER FROM CLASSIC GROUP TOURS?

The group size on our Classic Tours is on average 21. On a private tour, as long as you have a minimum of two people, the group size is entirely up to you.

Private tours include selected meals only, so that you can enjoy the freedom of choosing where you want to dine each evening. Your local guides will help you with dining suggestions in each place you stay.

### SPECIAL GROUPS

#### PRIVATE & BESPOKE TOURS FOR GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE

Wendy Wu Tours are the experts at arranging bespoke group travel for 10 or more people with a dedicated Special Groups department. We can create fully inclusive and customised touring options to our range of remarkable destinations to suit your group's interests.

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# CLASSIC INDIA

## PRIVATE TOUR

7 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **\$3,750**

 LAND ONLY

 MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Glimpse India's historic Qutab Minar
- ✓ Wander India's oldest spice market
- ✓ Marvel at the iconic Taj Mahal
- ✓ See magnificent Fatehpur Sikri
- ✓ Explore the Maharaja's City Palace



Immerse yourself in the grandeur of Agra Fort

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fee



Visit Jantar Mantar Observatory

### ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Discover the ancient art of astronomy at Jaipur's fascinating Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century observatory adorned with a variety of instruments designed to calculate distances and chart the positions of celestial bodies.
- ▶ Exploring the Taj Mahal is a journey into architectural magnificence and romantic history. This iconic marble mausoleum captivates with its intricate detailing, shimmering white facade and serene surroundings. Walk through the symmetrical gardens leading your gaze to the mesmerising central structure, a testament to the eternal love that inspired its creation.
- ▶ Indulge in an exhilarating rickshaw ride through the Khari Baoli spice market in Old Delhi. Immerse yourself in the intoxicating aromas and vibrant colours of an array of exotic powders, leaves and roots.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE DELHI

Upon your arrival in Delhi, the vibrant capital of India, the rest of the day is yours to explore at your own pace. Immerse yourself in the local culture and soak up the dynamic atmosphere of the city.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

A city buzzing with character invites you to uncover the treasures of both Old and New Delhi today. Stroll by the awe-inspiring Red Fort, embrace the splendour of Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, and embark on a rickshaw journey to discover the vastness of Asia's largest spice market. Shifting to New Delhi, capture a moment at the revered India Gate, before venturing further to embrace the magnificence of Humayun's Tomb and the remarkable Qutub Minar. (B)

### DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Set out on a journey by road to Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal. Upon arrival, initiate your exploration with a visit

to Itmad-ud-Daulah, affectionately known as the Baby Taj. This exquisite marble tomb predates the Taj Mahal and is thought to have left an imprint on its architectural inspiration. Subsequently, immerse yourself in the grandeur of the Agra Fort, a colossal red sandstone edifice poised along the Yamuna River. While its origins trace back to the 16th century, the fort's history has woven together diverse architectural elements from various periods, forming an intriguing tapestry of styles. (B)

### DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

Commence your day at the first light of dawn, setting out to the Taj Mahal. At this serene hour, when crowds are scarce, the Taj Mahal unveils its splendour amidst a mist-kissed ambiance, illuminated by the gentle blush of the morning sun. After your visit, depart from Agra and embark on a journey to the enigmatic ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri – an evocative collection of abandoned Mughal palaces and temples that exude an



Wander the rows of India's oldest spice market



**PRIVATE**  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

Enjoy a concise, classic introduction to this beautiful country. Architectural wonders await as you soak up the vibrant sights, sounds and experiences of northern India on this private tour.



Marvel at the iconic Taj Majal

**SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES**  
Prices are per person, based on twin share

2024 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
13 Jan - 19 Jan	\$4,180	05 Jul - 11 Jul	\$3,750
20 Jan - 26 Jan	\$4,180	19 Jul - 25 Jul	\$3,750
03 Feb - 09 Feb	\$4,180	09 Aug - 15 Aug	\$3,750
10 Feb - 16 Feb	\$4,180	16 Aug - 22 Aug	\$3,750
17 Feb - 23 Feb	\$4,180	14 Sep - 20 Sep	\$3,750
03 Mar - 09 Mar	\$4,180	21 Sep - 27 Sep	\$3,750
10 Mar - 16 Mar	\$4,180	03 Oct - 09 Oct	\$4,180
17 Mar - 23 Mar	\$4,180	10 Oct - 16 Oct	\$4,180
24 Mar - 30 Mar	\$4,180	17 Oct - 23 Oct	\$4,180
08 Apr - 14 Apr	\$3,750	24 Oct - 30 Oct	\$4,180
15 Apr - 21 Apr	\$3,750	04 Nov - 10 Nov	\$4,180
10 May - 16 May	\$3,750	11 Nov - 17 Nov	\$4,180
24 May - 30 May	\$3,750	18 Nov - 24 Nov	\$4,180
04 Jun - 10 Jun	\$3,750	03 Dec - 09 Dec	\$4,180
18 Jun - 24 Jun	\$3,750	08 Dec - 14 Dec	\$4,180

otherworldly charm. From there, your road expedition leads you to the captivating city of Jaipur. (B)

**DAY 5: JAIPUR**

Start your day with a brief visit to Hawa Mahal, known as the iconic 'Palace of the Winds,' for a quick photo moment. Venture beyond the city's boundaries to admire the majestic Amber Fort, a sprawling sandstone stronghold from the 16th century. Afterward, proceed to the Maharaja's City Palace, which still hosts the royal family, and explore the intriguing Jantar Mantar Observatory. Conclude your day at a craft centre, where you can delve into the realm of traditional arts such as block printing and carpet weaving. (B)

**DAY 6: RETURN TO DELHI**

Return to Delhi, where you have time for last minute exploring or shopping. (B)

**DAYS 7: DEPART DELHI**

Today you depart for the airport for your onward flight. (B)

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY...**



**GOA BEACH STAY**

5 days from \$850pp

**KOVALAM BEACH STAY**

5 days from \$420pp

**AMRITSAR EXTENSION**

3 days from \$830pp

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2025 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
13 Jan - 19 Jan	\$4,580	05 Jul - 11 Jul	\$3,850
20 Jan - 26 Jan	\$4,580	19 Jul - 25 Jul	\$3,850
03 Feb - 09 Feb	\$4,580	09 Aug - 15 Aug	\$3,850
10 Feb - 16 Feb	\$4,580	16 Aug - 22 Aug	\$3,850
17 Feb - 23 Feb	\$4,580	14 Sep - 20 Sep	\$3,850
03 Mar - 09 Mar	\$4,580	21 Sep - 27 Sep	\$3,850
10 Mar - 16 Mar	\$4,580	03 Oct - 09 Oct	\$4,580
17 Mar - 23 Mar	\$4,580	10 Oct - 16 Oct	\$4,580
24 Mar - 30 Mar	\$4,580	17 Oct - 23 Oct	\$4,580
08 Apr - 14 Apr	\$3,850	24 Oct - 30 Oct	\$4,580
15 Apr - 21 Apr	\$3,850	04 Nov - 10 Nov	\$4,580
10 May - 16 May	\$3,850	11 Nov - 17 Nov	\$4,580
24 May - 30 May	\$3,850	18 Nov - 24 Nov	\$4,580
04 Jun - 10 Jun	\$3,850	03 Dec - 09 Dec	\$4,580
18 Jun - 24 Jun	\$3,850	08 Dec - 14 Dec	\$4,580

**Land only supplement information**

- Solo price from \$5,850
- Single supplement from \$690
- Tipping paid locally

Private tours can depart on any day. Please call our reservations team to book your chosen departure date.



Explore the 'Pink City' of Jaipur

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# JEWELS OF INDIA

## PRIVATE TOUR

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,300

LAND ONLY

MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Experience a rickshaw ride
- ✓ Discover the iconic Taj Mahal
- ✓ Visit Ranthambore National Park
- ✓ Admire the architecture of Bundi
- ✓ Marvel at the Chittor Fort



Visit Jaipur's fabulous Palace of the Winds

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Sail on Pichola Lake

### ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Cruise on Lake Pichola enjoying a serene experience as you sail past the iconic landmarks – Lake Palace and City Palace. Soak up the views and capture beautiful photos of the palaces' reflections in the water. It's a romantic and peaceful way to see Udaipur's architecture from a unique perspective.
- ▶ A Ranthambore safari is an exhilarating adventure guided by experts as you explore diverse landscapes, from dense forests to tranquil lakes, in search of the elusive Bengal tigers and other wildlife. An immersive experience that offers you a chance to connect with nature.
- ▶ Carpet weaving in India is a centuries-old tradition that showcases the country's rich craftsmanship and artistic heritage. Renowned for its intricate designs, vibrant colours, and high-quality materials.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE DELHI

Arrive in Delhi, India's bustling capital, and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, the remainder of the day is at your leisure, allowing you to begin immersing yourself in the local culture.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

Delhi, a city that balances chaos and charm. Today you delve into the sights of both Old and New Delhi: wander past the impressive Red Fort, experience the grandeur of India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and take a rickshaw ride to explore Asia's largest spice market. Transitioning to New Delhi, take a brief pause at the iconic India Gate, then continue to explore Humayun's Tomb and the striking Qutub Minar. (B)

### DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Embark on a drive to Agra, the iconic home of the Taj Mahal. Upon arrival, begin your exploration with a visit to Itmad-ud-Daulah, lovingly called the Baby Taj. This elegant marble tomb predates the Taj Mahal and is believed to have influenced its design. Next, delve into the impressive Agra Fort, a massive red sandstone structure situated along the Yamuna River. While established in the 16th century, the fort has undergone various additions, resulting in a fascinating amalgamation of architectural styles. (B)

### DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

Begin your day at the break of dawn, as you visit the Taj Mahal. When the crowds are minimal, the Taj Mahal emerges from the mist and is bathed in a delicate pink hue from the rising sun – an enchanting spectacle. After your visit, leave Agra and journey to the enigmatic ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a mesmerising, abandoned

ensemble of Mughal palaces and temples. Your road journey then leads you to Ranthambore National Park. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK SAFARIS

Experience the thrill of both morning and afternoon canter safaris within the national park, maintaining a vigilant watch for the majestic tigers that inhabit the area. Approximately 50 Bengal tigers roam amidst Ranthambore's diverse terrain, alongside leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyenas and over 300 bird species. (B,L,D)

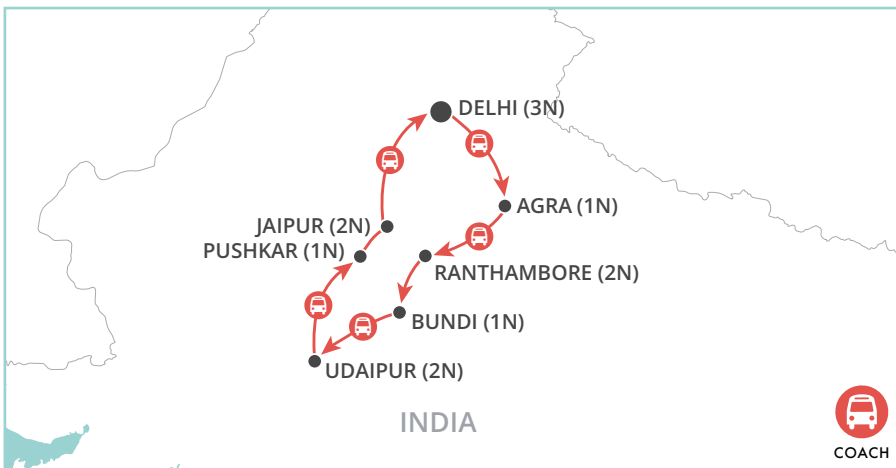
### DAY 6: BUNDI

Journey to Bundi, a captivating town in Rajasthan that remains a hidden gem, defined by its imposing Taragarh Fort. Enclosed within the fortress walls lies



Spot sloth bears in Ranthambore





Watch Hindu pilgrims partake in sacred baths in Pushkar

the exquisite Badal Mahal palace, renowned for its intricate painted murals. While exploring the town, uncover its distinctive step wells, once crucial sources of water and now awe-inspiring architectural wonders. (B,L,D)

**DAY 7: CHITTOR FORT**

Leave Bundi behind as you travel to Udaipur, making a stop at the fascinating Chittor Fort along the way. This expansive fortress, one of India's largest, graces a hilltop and surveys the town of Chittorgarh. Inside its walls lie magnificent palaces, gates, temples and towers that have inspired wanderers and artists for generations. Continue to Udaipur where you have the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

**DAY 8: CRUISE LAKE PICHOLA**

Your day will be dedicated to exploring the city. Begin with a leisurely drive around Fateh Sagar Lake, followed by visits to the Folk Museum and Mewar Art Gallery. Later, immerse yourself in the intricate beauty of the City Palace before cruising along Lake Pichola. As you glide across the water, you'll admire the city's palaces, including the remarkable Lake Palace, from a unique vantage point. (B)

**DAYS 9: DISCOVER PUSHKAR**

Your road journey today takes you to Pushkar. Nestled alongside one of India's holiest lakes, Pushkar boasts 52 ghats lining the water's edge, where Hindu pilgrims partake in sacred baths. These ghats are accompanied by a myriad of blue-hued temples. Engage in a walking exploration of the lively market and behold the grandeur of the Brahma Temple, a pivotal shrine within the city. It stands as one of the rare temples worldwide dedicated to Brahma, a deity

revered by many Hindus as the creator of the universe. (B)

**DAY 10: DRIVE TO JAIPUR**

Journey to Jaipur, the vibrant 'Pink City' and capital of Rajasthan. Upon reaching Jaipur, explore two of the city's prime attractions: the Maharaja's City Palace, which continues to serve as the residence of the royal family, and the Jantar Mantar Observatory, an intriguing assembly of remarkable instruments crafted to observe celestial phenomena. (B)

**DAY 11: JAIPUR**

Commence your day with a quick stop at Hawa Mahal, the famed 'Palace of the Winds', for a photo opportunity. Afterwards, journey beyond the city limits to marvel at the grandeur of Amber Fort, an expansive 16th-century sandstone fortress in striking hues of yellow and pink, located a mere 11kilometres from Jaipur. Returning to the city, proceed to a craft centre where you can delve into the world of traditional arts like block printing and carpet weaving. (B)

**DAY 12: RETURN TO DELHI**

After breakfast return to Delhi, where the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 13: DEPART DELHI**

Today you depart for the airport for your onward flight. (B)

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner.

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INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

Perfect for your first visit to India – see the Taj Mahal at sunrise, search for tigers in Ranthambore and soak up the extravagance of Rajasthan on this extraordinary private tour.

**SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES**

Prices are per person, based on twin share

2024 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
15 Jan - 27 Jan	\$5,670	01 Jul - 13 Jul	\$5,300
22 Jan - 03 Feb	\$5,670	08 Jul - 20 Jul	\$5,300
05 Feb - 17 Feb	\$5,670	05 Aug - 17 Aug	\$5,300
12 Feb - 24 Feb	\$5,670	12 Aug - 24 Aug	\$5,300
19 Feb - 02 Mar	\$5,670	16 Sep - 28 Sep	\$5,300
04 Mar - 16 Mar	\$5,670	23 Sep - 05 Oct	\$5,300
11 Mar - 23 Mar	\$5,670	07 Oct - 19 Oct	\$5,670
18 Mar - 30 Mar	\$5,670	14 Oct - 26 Oct	\$5,670
25 Mar - 06 Apr	\$5,670	21 Oct - 02 Nov	\$5,670
01 Apr - 13 Apr	\$5,300	28 Oct - 09 Nov	\$5,670
08 Apr - 20 Apr	\$5,300	04 Nov - 16 Nov	\$5,670
06 May - 18 May	\$5,300	11 Nov - 23 Nov	\$5,670
13 May - 25 May	\$5,300	18 Nov - 30 Nov	\$5,670
03 Jun - 15 Jun	\$5,300	02 Dec - 14 Dec	\$5,670
17 Jun - 29 Jun	\$5,300	09 Dec - 21 Dec	\$5,670

2025 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
15 Jan - 27 Jan	\$5,950	01 Jul - 13 Jul	\$5,550
22 Jan - 03 Feb	\$5,950	08 Jul - 20 Jul	\$5,550
05 Feb - 17 Feb	\$5,950	05 Aug - 17 Aug	\$5,550
12 Feb - 24 Feb	\$5,950	12 Aug - 24 Aug	\$5,550
19 Feb - 03 Mar	\$5,950	16 Sep - 28 Sep	\$5,550
04 Mar - 16 Mar	\$5,950	23 Sep - 05 Oct	\$5,550
11 Mar - 23 Mar	\$5,950	07 Oct - 19 Oct	\$5,950
18 Mar - 30 Mar	\$5,950	14 Oct - 26 Oct	\$5,950
25 Mar - 06 Apr	\$5,950	21 Oct - 02 Nov	\$5,950
01 Apr - 13 Apr	\$5,550	28 Oct - 09 Nov	\$5,950
08 Apr - 20 Apr	\$5,550	04 Nov - 16 Nov	\$5,950
06 May - 18 May	\$5,550	11 Nov - 23 Nov	\$5,950
13 May - 25 May	\$5,550	18 Nov - 30 Nov	\$5,950
03 Jun - 15 Jun	\$5,550	02 Dec - 14 Dec	\$5,950
17 Jun - 29 Jun	\$5,550	09 Dec - 21 Dec	\$5,950

**Land only supplement information**

- Solo price from \$9,600
- Single supplement from \$1,500
- Tipping paid locally

Private tours can depart on any day. Please call our reservations team to book your chosen departure date. However please note that Ranthambore National Park is closed on Wednesdays, therefore you should avoid starting the tour on a Saturday.

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# SRI LANKA ESCAPE

PRIVATE TOUR

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$4,280

LAND ONLY

MEALS AS STATED

## PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Safari in Minneriya National Park
- ✓ Visit Hiriwadunna Village
- ✓ Traverse epic landscapes by train
- ✓ Explore Sri Lanka's highest plateau



Take in the magnificent views from Sigiriya Rock Fortress

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with chauffeur guide and entrance fees



Enjoy traditional Sri Lankan dishes

## ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Experience the authentic charm of Hiriwadunna Village as you begin your adventure with a serene catamaran ride on the lake. Delight in learning the art of preparing an authentic Sri Lankan lunch, gaining insights into the rich culinary heritage of the region.
- ▶ Enjoy a display of traditional dance forms like the dynamic Kandyan dance, accompanied by rhythmic drumming and graceful fire dancing. These performances tell stories from Sri Lankan history and folklore, all showcased through elaborate costumes and intricate jewellery.
- ▶ Visit Minneriya National Park and participate in an exhilarating jeep safari. Admire the local wildlife, especially the large herds of Asian elephants, which are the highlights of this park.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE COLOMBO

Upon your arrival at Colombo Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. After check-in you have the rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 2: TRAVEL TO DAMBULLA

Enjoy your breakfast, and after check-out travel to Dambulla, which will take approximately 3 hours. Check-in to your hotel and relax for the rest of the day enjoying hotel facilities. (B)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA & MINNERIYA

Visit the iconic Sigiriya Rock Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its breath-taking views and historical significance. Afterward, relax at the hotel before heading to Minneriya National Park, known for its elephant population and diverse wildlife. Explore the park's 8,889 hectares, home to numerous bird and animal species, including rare bamboo trees. (B)

### DAY 4: HIRIWADUNA AND POLONNARUWA

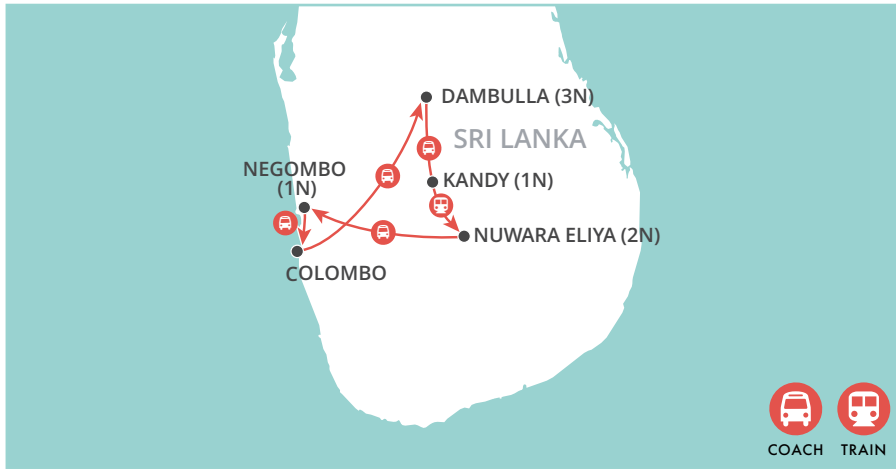
Head to Hiriwadunna village for an authentic local experience, gaining insight into the daily activities of the villagers, and enjoying a catamaran ride on the lake. Take a tuk-tuk ride to a village house where you will interact with a local family and learn the art of preparing an authentic Sri Lankan lunch. Continue to Polonnaruwa for some cultural immersion as you explore the vibrant village life and uncover its historical wonders. (B,L)

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO KANDY

Before proceeding to Kandy, you will begin the day with a visit to Dambulla Cave Temple. This World Heritage Site houses captivating religious paintings and sculptures. In Kandy, visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic - although you can't view the actual tooth relic, you can view its casket. End the day with a mesmerising Cultural Dance show. (B)



Discover the highest plateau in Sri Lanka



**PRIVATE**  
SRI LANKA

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

This journey is ideal for those short of time, who want to experience the highlights of Sri Lanka. Perfect fusion of exploring ancient cities, lush tea plantations and vibrant wildlife.



**SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES**  
Prices are per person, based on twin share

2024 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
12 Jan - 20 Jan	\$4,890	05 Jul - 13 Jul	\$4,680
26 Jan - 03 Feb	\$4,890	19 Jul - 27 Jul	\$4,680
02 Feb - 10 Feb	\$4,890	02 Aug - 10 Aug	\$4,680
09 Feb - 17 Feb	\$4,890	16 Aug - 24 Aug	\$4,280
16 Feb - 24 Feb	\$4,890	13 Sep - 21 Sep	\$4,280
23 Feb - 02 Mar	\$4,890	27 Sep - 05 Oct	\$4,280
01 Mar - 09 Mar	\$4,890	04 Oct - 12 Oct	\$4,890
15 Mar - 23 Mar	\$4,890	11 Oct - 19 Oct	\$4,890
22 Mar - 30 Mar	\$4,890	18 Oct - 26 Oct	\$4,890
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24 May - 01 Jun	\$4,280	15 Nov - 23 Nov	\$4,890
07 Jun - 15 Jun	\$4,280	02 Dec - 10 Dec	\$4,890
14 Jun - 22 Jun	\$4,680	07 Dec - 15 Dec	\$4,890

**DAY 6: SCENIC TRAIN TO NUWARA ELIYA**

You have an exciting day ahead with a journey aboard the famous train to Nuwara Eliya, passing by forests and charming villages. Visit a tea estate and tea factory, and learn about the production of tea. Spend the rest of the day relaxing. (B)

**DAY 7: HORTON PLAINS**

Today you depart for Horton Plains, the highest plateau in Sri Lanka. Enjoy the iconic World's End viewpoint where the land dramatically drops off into a sheer precipice offering amazing views. Rest of the day at leisure. (B)

**DAY 8: NEGOMBO**

Transfer to Negombo where you have the day to explore as you wish. (B)

**DAY 9: DEPART NEGOMBO**

Transfer to the airport, where your arrangements end. (B)

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, AI=All Inclusive.

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**MALDIVES**

5 days from \$2,200pp

**BENTOTA**

4 days from \$660pp

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11 Jan - 19 Jan	\$5,250	06 Jul - 14 Jul	\$4,650
25 Jan - 02 Feb	\$5,250	20 Jul - 28 Jul	\$4,650
03 Feb - 11 Feb	\$5,250	03 Aug - 11 Aug	\$4,890
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08 Jun - 16 Jun	\$4,890	03 Dec - 11 Dec	\$5,250
15 Jun - 23 Jun	\$4,890	08 Dec - 16 Dec	\$5,250

**Land only supplement information**

- Solo price from \$7,110
- Single supplement from \$1,320
- Tipping paid locally

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# TREASURES OF SRI LANKA

## PRIVATE TOUR

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,880

LAND ONLY

MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Visit the locals at Vedda Village
- ✓ Enjoy breakfast at Sorabora Lake
- ✓ Witness a cultural dance show
- ✓ Take a tuk-tuk to Nine Arch Bridge
- ✓ Experience a jeep safari at Yala National Park



Enjoy a cultural dance show in Kandy

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Sample Colombo's rich flavours

### ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Embark on a food tour through the vibrant streets of Pettah. Indulge in this culinary adventure as you sample over 10 types of local food varieties that are synonymous with Colombo's gastronomic scene, immersing you in the rich flavours and aromas as you explore the vibrant markets and street food stalls.
- ▶ Take one of the most beautiful train journeys in the world, renowned for its incredible scenery. The train winds its way through picturesque landscapes, rolling tea plantations, mist-covered mountains and charming villages as you make your way to Ella.
- ▶ Enjoy a wildlife jeep safari at Yala National Park, the largest in Sri Lanka! Yala is renowned for its diverse wildlife and breathtaking landscapes. Look out for the rare and majestic leopards, spot herds of wild elephants, observe bears, wild boars, buffalo, deer, crocodiles and a variety of bird species.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE COLOMBO

Upon your arrival at Colombo International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. After check-in you have the rest of the day at leisure

### DAY 2: EXPLORE COLOMBO

After breakfast, embark on a captivating Colombo city tour, taking you through the district of Cinnamon Gardens, visits to the iconic Lotus Tower, the historic Fort area, the vibrant Sea Street, a Hindu Temple adorned with intricate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal. Afterwards, delight in a food walk offering a chance to savour over 10 types of local food varieties. (B)

### DAY 3: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

Proceed to Dambulla and check in. Later, head to Polonnaruwa, stopping for lunch at Priyamali Gedara on the way. Polonnaruwa, founded in the 11th Century AD and since governed by many kings, experienced its Golden Age under King Parakrambahu I during the 12th Century AD when trade and agriculture flourished. Return to your hotel. (B)

### DAY 4: VISIT SIGIRIYA

Today you visit the well-known Sigiriya Rock Fortress, built by King Kashyapa in the 5th century to safeguard himself from rivals. Afterwards, you will visit Hiriwaduna Village for an authentic Sri Lankan lunch and cultural experience. Enjoy a catamaran ride on the lake before heading to explore Wasgamuwa National Park. (B)

### DAY 5: MAHIYANGANAYA

Head to Mahiyanganaya, with a stop at the remarkable Dambulla Cave Temple along the way. Also known as the 'Golden Temple', it is situated within a large rock, stands over 160 meters tall and spans more than 1.5 kilometres around its base. Continue to Mahiyanganaya. Later visit Vedda Village where the indigenous tribe has an interesting history. (B,L)

### DAY 6: MADURU OYA

Start your day with breakfast at Sorabora Lake, enjoying a stunning view before a scenic boat ride at Sorabora Wewa, an ancient water reservoir built in the 2nd-century BC. Relax in the afternoon until your visit to Maduru Oya National Park, known for its diverse wildlife, including elephants, leopards, sloth bears, and various bird species. (B,L)

### DAY 7: KANDY

Travel onwards to Kandy with the rest of the day at leisure until the evening, when you'll head to the Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic. This World Heritage Site, locally known as 'Dalada Maligawa', is a sacred place that houses palm-leaf transcripts. Enjoy a cultural dance show before returning to your hotel. (B)

### DAY 8: KANDY TO ELLA

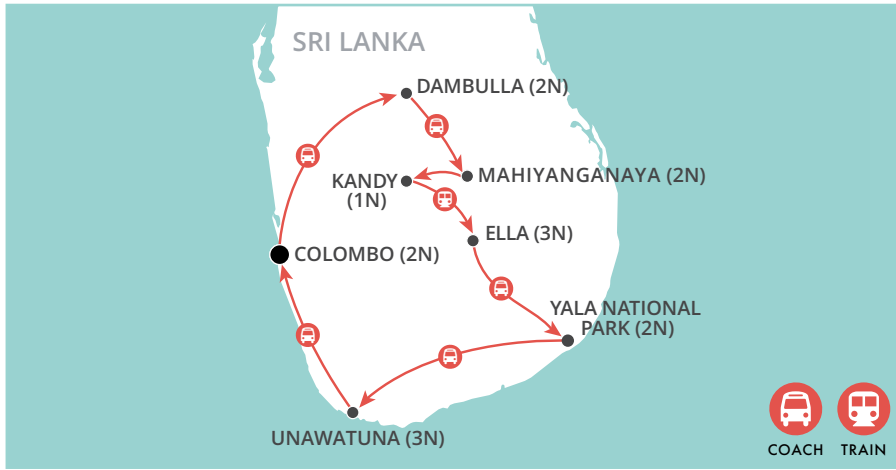
Today, after an early breakfast, you will embark on a charming train journey from Kandy to Ella, a route reminiscent of colonial times, when the British travelled in similar style in the late 1800s. Enjoy a picturesque ride through lush forests, quaint villages, cascading waterfalls and scenic tea estates. This journey promises breath-taking views and an authentic experience through one of Sri Lanka's most beautiful landscapes. (B)

### DAY 9: EXPLORE ELLA

Head off to climb Little Adam's Peak, also known as 'Punchi Sri Pada'. The peak is surrounded by lush green landscapes and tea plantations with a breathtaking view of Ella Rock, Ella Gap & Ruwana Falls when you summit. Return for breakfast and a relaxing day. (B)

### DAY 10: NINE ARCH BRIDGE

After breakfast, you will embark on a tuk-tuk ride to visit the Nine Arch Bridge. Also known as the 'Bridge in the Sky,' this structure was ingeniously constructed by connecting two bog mountains during the building of



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PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

This tour is a journey through the cultural heritage, ancient cities and natural beauty of Sri Lanka, combined with the natural wildlife, colonial architecture and vibrant markets that showcase the best Sri Lanka has to offer.



Enjoy views of Sorabora Lake



Explore Veddha Village

the Badulla – Colombo railway. It stands as a remarkable example of colonial-era railway construction in the country, offering a fascinating glimpse into Sri Lanka’s engineering heritage. (B)

**DAY 11: ELLA TO YALA**

After breakfast, you will proceed to Yala, where you will have the afternoon to relax before heading out for a wildlife jeep safari. Yala is renowned for its rare and impressive leopards, and is home to herds of wild elephants, bears, wild boars, buffalo, deer, crocodiles and a wide variety of bird species. The vegetation ranges from open parkland to dense jungle, and the park offers an abundant water supply for the animals and birds who call it home. (B)

**DAY 12: UNAWATUNA**

Today you continue to Unawatuna, where you’ll have the opportunity to visit the famous stilt fishermen, as they go about their daily routines. In chest-deep water,

just a few metres off-shore, they are perched on a crossbar off a single pole planted into the seabed. This traditional method of fishing has been practiced for generations. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

**DAY 13: KARUNA’S COOKERY CLASS**

After breakfast, you’ll have the opportunity to enjoy a market visit and shop for the freshest ingredients required for your cooking session. You will then learn how to prepare 5-6 authentic Sri Lankan dishes before you go off and discover Galle Fort. This imposing 16th-century Dutch fort has you wandering through the living museum, exploring the old District Judge’s house, and culminates at the iconic lighthouse on the ramparts. (B)

**DAY 14: DEPART FROM COLOMBO**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner.

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**Land only supplement information**

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Relax on Unawatuna Beach

NEW

# SRI LANKAN SPLENDOR

## PRIVATE TOUR

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$14,380

LAND ONLY

MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Safari in Wilpattu National Park
- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Visit Dambulla Cave Temple
- ✓ Explore the jungle on a night walk
- ✓ Picnic in the National Park
- ✓ Study multiple species of birdlife



Relax at leisure on enchanting Tangalle Beach

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Domestic transportation
- 5 star accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Walk the Loris Night Trail

### ▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Head off on a nocturnal adventure as you set out to find the elusive grey slender loris. With its distinctive protruding eyes and agile limbs, it forages for insects and berries in the moonlit treetops.
- ▶ Embark on a journey like no other at Nachchaduwa Lake as you encounter a myriad of fascinating wildlife, from graceful birds to majestic buffalo. Observe magnificent elephants leisurely strolling amidst the idyllic scenery.
- ▶ Experience the charm of Kandy on a delightful food walk, beginning at the iconic Royal Bar where you can savour the local arrack and appetisers. Get ready to feast on a variety of delectable treats, including egg rotis, fresh hoppers, and Sri Lanka's finest kothu.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE COLOMBO

Upon your arrival in Colombo, you will be met and transferred to Kotugoda where you will spend the night. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: TRAVEL TO ANURADHAPURA

Travel to Anuradhapura the ancient capital and first kingdom of Sri Lanka. Delve into the UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, where amongst its greatest treasures you'll find a breathtaking 13-meter-tall statue of Lord Buddha, skilfully carved from solid granite. (B)

### DAY 3: DISCOVER WILPATTU & NACHCHANDUWA

Today you explore Wilpattu, with its diverse ecosystem, a haven for a wide array of wildlife and bird species. Among some of the many fascinating creatures are spotted deer, sambhur, wild buffalo, sloth bear, mongoose, crocodile, and the splendid peacocks. However, the true stars of the park are the elusive leopards and magnificent wild elephants. In the evening experience sunset at Nachchaduwa Lake. (B)

### DAY 4: MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK

Head to Sigiriya where you will have time to relax until your afternoon visit to Minneriya National Park. While the elephants are the highlight of the park, you may also encounter some of the numerous species of birds, amphibians, reptile & fish as well as plenty of beautiful butterflies. The park is also home to rare bamboo trees, unique to Minneriya. (B)

### DAY 5: SIGIRIYA & POLONNARUWA

An early start as you visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress, standing tall as a UNESCO World Heritage site and worthy of its moniker 'Fortress in the Sky'. Spend the day relaxing before you embark on your evening

adventure – the Loris Night Trail. This thrilling guided walk takes you on a nocturnal quest in search of the elusive grey slender loris, a captivating primate hidden amidst the scrublands. (B)

### DAY 6: DAMBULLA & KANDY

Enroute to Kandy you visit Dambulla Cave Temple, part of Sri Lanka's Golden Triangle. The cave temples are home to numerous religious and cultural paintings and sculptures. Your afternoon is spent visiting the Temple of The Tooth Relic where you'll find the palm-leaf transcripts. Conclude the day with an amazing cultural dance show. (B)

### DAY 7: EXPLORE KANDY

Start your day with a visit to Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, a beautiful 147-acre oasis. Afterward, return to the hotel and relax until the evening's Kandy Night Food Walk. Experience the city's culinary delights, starting at the iconic Royal Bar. Savour local arrack before enjoying egg rotis, fresh hoppers, and some of the best kothu in Sri Lanka. (B)

### DAY 8: KANDY TO GAL OYA

After a scenic drive from Kandy to Gal Oya, enjoy some leisure time before your exciting Jungle Night Walk. Join your knowledgeable resident naturalists for a captivating walk through the forest as darkness descends. You may be lucky enough to encounter some of the fascinating nocturnal creatures that emerge from their daytime hideouts. (B)

### DAY 9: GAL OYA NATIONAL PARK

Embark on a jungle drive and walk through the forgotten Nilgala section of the park, once cherished by ancient royalty for its abundant medicinal plants and unique endemic birdlife. The area is home to a diverse array of animals, including herds of elephants,

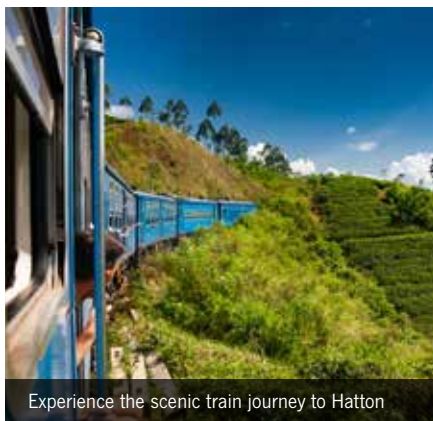


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PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

This tour takes you on a captivating journey from the untamed wilderness of national parks, to the historical marvels of ancient fortresses and the allure of serene landscapes. Enjoy the multifaceted exploration of history, nature and adventure while learning about this beautiful island nation.



Experience the scenic train journey to Hatton



See Udawalawe Elephants

four species of deer, and numerous bird species. Enjoy a delightful picnic in your picturesque surroundings. (B)

**DAY 10: TRAIN TO HATTON**

Proceed to Nuwara Eliya for your train journey to Hatton. Experience one of the most scenic journeys in Sri Lanka as you take in breathtaking views of forests, quaint villages, picturesque waterfalls and lush tea estates. Embrace the nostalgia and beauty of this classic train journey, relishing every moment. (B,L,D)

**DAY 11: HATTON**

After breakfast enjoy a tour of the tea factory, an establishment that produces an impressive 16,000 kgs of tea daily. Learn about the intricate tea production process and later have lunch at a waterfall. The journey takes you through picturesque tea estates at Fairlawn Falls, where on arrival, you'll enjoy a pleasant walk alongside the cascading waterfall. (B,L,D)

**DAY 12: BIRDWATCHING IN HATTON**

This morning you will have a birdwatching experience at Camellia Hills. The lush garden is a haven for birdlife, with over 20 different species making it their home. Among the unique endemic birds you may spot, are the yellow fronted barbet, Ceylon scimitar babbler, and Sri Lankan hanging parakeet. Venture further onto the trails which are hotspots for resident, endemic and migratory birds. (B,L,D)

**DAY 13: YALA VIA UDAWALAWE**

Your journey continues as you head to Yala, with a special stop at the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home along the way. This facility plays a vital role in caring for injured elephants from various regions in Sri Lanka, serving as a halfway house for orphaned elephants, providing them with care and rehabilitation. (B)

**DAY 14: YALA NATIONAL PARK**

Early morning wildlife jeep safari in Yala National Park, known for its rare leopards, but also home to elephants, bears, wild boars and various bird species. Its diverse vegetation and abundant water sources attract a plethora of wildlife. Enjoy an enchanting evening safari to end an exciting day.

**DAY 15: YALA TO TANGALLE**

Today you continue to Tangalle where after check-in you have the rest of the day to relax or explore your surroundings. (B)

**DAY 16: MIRISSA**

Today's early morning start is worthwhile as you embark on an exciting whale watching excursion aboard a luxury catamaran. Your naturalist guide will provide fascinating insights into local marine life, as you look out for blue whales, sperm whales and orca (killer whales). Later, visit the UNESCO-listed Galle Fort, a living museum dating back to 1588. (B)

**DAY 17: TANGALLE**

A day at leisure to explore as you wish or relax at your hotel. (B)

**DAY 18: DEPART TANGALLE**

Today your journey comes to an end, as you are transferred to Colombo for your onward flight. (B)

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22 Feb - 10 Mar	\$17,650	12 Sep - 29 Sep	\$14,380
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07 Mar - 24 Mar	\$16,850	26 Sep - 13 Oct	\$14,380
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13 Jun - 30 Jun	\$14,380	21 Nov - 08 Dec	\$17,650
20 Jun - 07 Jul	\$14,380	05 Dec - 22 Dec	\$17,650
04 Jul - 21 Jul	\$17,650	07 Dec - 24 Dec	\$17,650

**2025 PRIVATE TOUR DATES**

12 Jan - 29 Jan	\$20,650	26 Jul - 12 Aug	\$20,300
19 Jan - 05 Feb	\$20,650	09 Aug - 26 Aug	\$20,300
09 Feb - 26 Feb	\$20,650	23 Aug - 09 Sep	\$20,300
23 Feb - 12 Mar	\$20,650	13 Sep - 30 Sep	\$16,300
01 Mar - 18 Mar	\$20,650	20 Sep - 07 Oct	\$16,300
08 Mar - 25 Mar	\$19,650	26 Sep - 13 Oct	\$16,300
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- Solo price from \$22,800
- Single supplement from \$6,900
- Tipping paid locally

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# EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way to not only to break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

Most of the extensions and stopovers that you'll find in the following pages are available to be added onto any of our tours. Just ask your Reservations Consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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# AMRITSAR

## 3 DAYS

Travel on the Shatabdi Express train to Amritsar to visit the sacred Golden Temple and experience the extravagant closing ceremony of the border between India and Pakistan.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	<b>\$830</b>	<b>\$1,540</b>
Superior	<b>\$840</b>	<b>\$1,560</b>
Deluxe	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>

### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Amritsar)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



See the Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib) in Amritsar

### DAY 1: DELHI TO AMRITSAR

Transfer from your hotel to Delhi's railway station to board the Shatabdi Express for Amritsar. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a two-night stay. In the evening, enjoy a visit to the Golden Temple for the nightly 'Palki Ceremony'.

### DAY 2: AMRITSAR

The day begins with a city tour, where you return to the Golden Temple to soak up the atmosphere, followed by a visit to the infamous Jallianwala Bagh. In the afternoon, travel out to Wagah, a border post between India and Pakistan, and

enjoy a flag ceremony performed by the border security force from both sides. (B)

### DAY 3: AMRITSAR TO DELHI

Transfer to the railway station and board your return train for Delhi. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to either the airport or hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

# SHIMLA

## 4 DAYS

Travel on the famous Toy Train into the Himalayan foothills to Shimla, the summer capital of the British Raj and the 'Queen of Hill Stations', to explore its spectacular views and colonial gems.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	<b>\$830</b>	<b>\$1,540</b>
Superior	<b>\$840</b>	<b>\$1,560</b>
Deluxe	<b>\$900</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>

### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Shimla, 1 night Delhi)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Take a ride on the famous Shimla Toy Train

### DAY 1: TRAIN TO SHIMLA

Rise early to meet your guide at your Delhi hotel to transfer to the station. Take the express train to Kalka where you will switch to the famous Toy Train, travelling on this narrow-gauge mountain railway to Shimla. Nicknamed the 'Queen of Hill Stations', Shimla sits in a stunning location sprawling across a ridge deep in the Himalayan foothills.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE SHIMLA

Start the day with a walk to Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the highest point of the city, offering incredible views. Later, discover Shimla's most important sights including the old Christ Church and Scandal Point. Visit the Himalayan

Aviary this afternoon, home to many species, including the Himalayan Monal. (B,L)

### DAY 3: SHIMLA TO DELHI

This morning, admire the renaissance grandeur of the Vice Regal Lodge located on Observatory Hill, before driving back to Kalka. Take the train to Delhi enjoying dinner on board. On arrival this evening, transfer to your hotel. (B,D)

### DAY 4: DEPART DELHI

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

## KERALA BACKWATERS

### 3 DAYS

Cruise the waterways on a “kettuvalam”, converted from a traditional rice barge. Over the next two days you will cruise through the 900km network of waterways that fringe the coast from Alleppey to Nedumudy.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	<b>\$510</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Superior	<b>\$670</b>	<b>\$1,320</b>
Deluxe	<b>\$760</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights on AC Houseboat)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated

**Please note: this excursion is not recommended June to August due to monsoon season.**



Cruise on a 'kettuvalam'

#### DAY 1: KOCHI - ALLEPPEY

Meet your driver at your Kochi hotel in the morning and transfer to Alleppey, where you will board your houseboat and cruise the backwaters of Kerala. Enjoying authentic Keralan food whilst drifting through the quiet canals, relax and witness the life of the people living around the backwater area of Kerala (L,D)

#### DAY 2: BACKWATER CRUISING

Continue cruising through Kerala's backwaters today. You will see small villages, temples, schools and witness the lifestyle of people living on the riverbanks.

An unhurried backwater cruise on a traditional houseboat is the best way to discover Kerala's exceptional scenic beauty. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3: ALLEPPEY - KOCHI

Disembark your houseboat this morning in Alleppey and transfer approximately two-hours to your hotel in Kochi, where your arrangements will end. (B)

## VARANASI

### 4 DAYS

Journey to the holy city of Varanasi for a spiritual experience including a cruise along the River Ganges and the chance to witness a sacred puja ceremony to Ganga Aarti.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	<b>\$1,210</b>	<b>\$1,740</b>
Superior	<b>\$1,255</b>	<b>\$1,860</b>
Deluxe	<b>\$1,495</b>	<b>\$2,240</b>

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Varanasi / 1 night Delhi)
- Economy class seat with local carrier Delhi - Varanasi - Delhi
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- English speaking local guides



Visit the ghats of Varanasi

#### DAY 1: DELHI TO VARANASI

This morning you will be met and transferred to Delhi airport for your flight to Varanasi, followed by transfer to your hotel. This evening take a rickshaw down to the atmospheric ghats on the River Ganges to witness a puja ceremony.

#### DAY 2: VARANASI

Early this morning, take a boat ride along the River Ganges to see the morning activity on the ghats. Return to your hotel for breakfast and afterwards, embark on a brief city tour of Varanasi. This afternoon, head to Sarnath, an important Buddhist pilgrimage site, where it is believed that Buddha delivered his first sermon. (B,L)

#### DAY 3: VARANASI TO DELHI

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Varanasi airport for your flight back to Delhi. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. (B)

#### DAY 4: DEPART DELHI

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward flight. (B)

## AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

**3** DAYS

These magnificent caves, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites are famous for their beautiful Buddhist, Hindu and Jain paintings and intricately carved sculptures. Enjoy the three days exploring their wonders.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	<b>\$660</b>	<b>\$1,180</b>
Superior	<b>\$680</b>	<b>\$1,190</b>
Deluxe	<b>\$740</b>	<b>\$1,280</b>

### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Aurangabad)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Discover the Kailasa temple in the caves of Ellora

### DAY 1: ARRIVE AURANGABAD

Upon arrival at Aurangabad airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE AJANTA

Enjoy a tour to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Buddhist caves of Ajanta. The Ajanta site includes 30 rock-cut caves where you will find paintings and sculptures, considered to be a masterpiece of Buddhist religious art. (B,L)

### DAY 3: DISCOVER ELLORA

This morning, visit the exquisite caves of Ellora, which consists of 34 rock-cut shrines representing Buddhist, Hindu and Jain art. Later this afternoon, you will be transferred to Aurangabad airport where your arrangements end. (B,L)

## MUMBAI SHORT STAY

**3** DAYS

Explore the culture, history and architectural treasures of Mumbai, India's most colourful, dynamic and frenetic city, also home of the world's biggest cinema industry, Bollywood!

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	<b>\$665</b>	<b>\$1,230</b>
Superior	<b>\$690</b>	<b>\$1,260</b>
Deluxe	<b>\$820</b>	<b>\$1,440</b>

### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Mumbai)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Discover the Gateway to India

### DAY 1: ARRIVE MUMBAI

Arrive into Mumbai's airport, where you will be met and transferred to your city hotel. The rest of the day will be at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE MUMBAI

Embark on a day tour of this bustling city and its surroundings. Visit the famous Gateway to India on the waterfront at Apollo Bunder, the fascinating temples at Elephant Caves (closed on Mondays) and Mani Bhavan, once the Mumbai headquarters of Mahatma Gandhi.

Continue on to Dhobi Ghat, a fascinating open-air laundry where clothes are scrubbed, dyed and dried, finishing the day at the bustling Crawford Market and Flora Fountain. (B,L)

### DAY 3: DEPART MUMBAI

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

## GOA BEACH STAY

5 DAYS

A little slice of paradise on the Arabian Sea, Goa has gorgeous beaches and a rich Portuguese heritage. Discover it all on this five-day extension, the perfect way to round off your India adventure.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	<b>\$850</b>	<b>\$1,540</b>
Superior	<b>\$890</b>	<b>\$1,630</b>
Deluxe	<b>\$1,180</b>	<b>\$2,270</b>

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Goa)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- 1 day tour of Goa with lunch
- English speaking local guide



Enjoy the gorgeous Goa Beach Resort

### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN GOA

On arrival at Goa Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of your day is free to enjoy at your leisure.

### DAY 2: GOA CITY TOUR

Enjoy a full day city tour of Goa, starting with a visit to Altinho Hill and its breathtaking view of Panjim and the river Mandovi. Continue to Dona Paula for a view of Marmgoa, India's largest natural harbor. Later visit Old Goa, well known for its churches. Visit the Professed House and Basilica of Bom Jesus, built in the 16th Century, it contains the tomb of St. Francis Xavier. You then visit Se. Cathedral, the biggest church in the east, St. Cajetan built like St. Peters in Rome, the Church

of Lady Rosary and St. Monica. Conclude the day with some shopping at the local market in Panjim city. (B,L)

### DAYS 3-4: GOA BEACH AT LEISURE

Spend the next two days at leisure, either relaxing on the beach, participating in the resort activities or sightseeing further, the choice is yours. (B)

### DAY 5: DEPART GOA

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

## KOVALAM BEACH STAY

5 DAYS

Kovalam is home to three spectacular crescent beaches. Kerala's idyllic coastal surroundings are the ideal place to relax and unwind, especially thanks to the area's abundance of Ayurveda spas.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	<b>\$420</b>	<b>\$770</b>
Superior	<b>\$570</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>
Deluxe	<b>\$970</b>	<b>\$1,870</b>

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Kovalam)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- English speaking local guide



Visit Kovalam's Lighthouse Beach

### DAY 1: ARRIVE KOVALAM

On arrival at Trivandrum Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Kovalam, where you have the day to explore your surroundings.

### DAY 2: TRIVANDRUM

Leave for Trivandrum this morning and visit the Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Zoological Gardens and Museums, the Napier Museum and the Sri Chitra Art Gallery. Later, visit the Kanakakunnu Palace, the observatory and see Moolamthirunal Shastri Purthi Memorial. Return to Kovalam. (B)

### DAY 3: KOVALAM

Spend the day relaxing on the beach, at the pool or take time to explore the local area. Why not enjoy a Ayurvedic massage, a cultural extravaganza or splurge a little on a shopping spree. (B)

### DAY 4: KOVALAM

Another day to relax and soak up your surroundings or to explore as you feel fit. There are various options to fill your time so why not visit the rural countryside, take a boat ride on a freshwater lake, visit the aquarium or walk along Lighthouse Beach. (B)

### DAY 5: DEPART KOVALAM

Transfer to Trivandrum Airport for your onward flight. (B)

# BHUTAN SHORT STAY

**5** DAYS

Feel the warm embrace of the Bhutanese people in this nation that values happiness over wealth.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	<b>\$3,060</b>	<b>\$3,800</b>
Superior	<b>\$3,650</b>	<b>\$4,760</b>
Deluxe	<b>\$4,340</b>	<b>\$6,030</b>

Price includes

- 4 nights accommodation (2 nights Thimphu, 2 nights Paro)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- Bhutan visa fee
- English speaking local guide



Hike to Taktang Monastery, known as the 'Tiger's Nest'

## DAY 1: PARO TO THIMPU

Upon arrival at Paro Airport, you will be transferred to your Thimphu Hotel. (L,D)

## DAY 2: THIMPHU

Tour Thimphu, including a visit to the National Library, the institute for Zorig Chusum (painting school), the National Memorial Chorten, the Folk Heritage and National Textile museums and explore the Trashi Chhoe Dzong. (B,L,D)

## DAY 3: THIMPHU TO PARO

Head back to Paro and visit Simtokha Dzong en route. Upon arrival, explore Ta Dzong an ancient watch tower and walk down a hillside trail to Rinpung Dzong, home of the Paro Festival (27-31 Mar). (B,L,D)

## DAY 4: PARO

Hike to the Taktang Monastery, known as 'Tiger's Nest'. The moderate hike will take you past a cafeteria, which is located approximately halfway up the trail. Here you will enjoy lunch and the wonderful views. Visit the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong and Kyichu Lhakhang on your return to Paro (B,L,D).

## DAY 5: DEPART PARO

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# NEPAL

**6** DAYS

Discover the wonders of the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal with this whistle-stop tour through the Kathmandu Valley, a highlight of this intriguing nation.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	<b>\$1,020</b>	<b>\$1,620</b>
Superior	<b>\$1,110</b>	<b>\$1,860</b>
Deluxe	<b>\$1,400</b>	<b>\$2,330</b>

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Kathmandu, 2 nights Nagarkot)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- English speaking local guide



See the Boudhanath in Kathmandu

## DAY 1: KATHMANDU TO NAGARKOT

You will be met at your Kathmandu hotel and transferred to Nagarkot, a mountainous resort village with spectacular views over the Himalayas. (L)

## DAY 2: NAGARKOT

Depending on weather conditions, you may wish to rise early to view the sun rise over the magnificent Himalayas. Later, wander down to the villages of Bastola with a local guide and spend some time exploring the village. Meet a local family and take part in a cooking class, dining on the results for lunch. Later this afternoon, enjoy some time at leisure to relax or hike in the surrounding area. (B,L)

## DAY 3: KATHMANDU

Travel back to Kathmandu, visiting the 9th-century former city-state of Bhaktapur en route. (B,L)

## DAY 4: KATHMANDU TO PATAN

Tour Patan, including the former Royal Palace and Patan's Durbar Square. Return to Kathmandu and visit two of the city's most significant sights, the Boudhanath and Swayambhunath stupas. (B,L)

## DAY 5: KATHMANDU

Enjoy the day at your leisure to explore Kathmandu. (B,L)

## DAY 6: DEPART KATHMANDU

After check-out you will be transferred to Kathmandu airport where your arrangements end. (B)

## BENTOTA

**4 DAYS**

Bentota is a picturesque coastal town nestled on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka, renowned for its stunning beaches and tranquil waters. This tropical paradise is a haven for sun-seekers, offering a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$660	\$1,220
Deluxe	\$790	\$1,480

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Bentota)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- Madu Ganga Boat Ride
- English speaking local guide



Enjoy the beach, palms and turquoise water of Bentota

### DAY 1: ARRIVE BENTOTA

Transfer from Colombo to Bentota and check-in at your hotel for a two night stay.

### DAY 2: BENTOTA

Enjoy a boat ride through Madu Ganga, Sri Lanka's second largest wetland. The rest of the day is at leisure. Your hotel offers palm-fringed shores, clear blue waters, and a range of water sports activities for you to choose from. (B)

### DAY 3: BENTOTA

Boasting a rich cultural heritage, with nearby attractions like the Brief Garden and the Galapatha Raja Maha Vihara temple, you have the option to explore the cultural treasures of Bentota or simply relax on the beach. (B)

### DAY 4: DEPART BENTOTA

After breakfast transfer back to Colombo, where your arrangements end. (B)

## MALDIVES

**5 DAYS**

Relax in the Maldives, renowned for its pristine white sandy beaches, crystal-clear waters and vibrant marine life. Participate in a variety of activities offered by the resort.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Deluxe Room	\$2,200	\$3,015
Grand Beach Villa with Pool	\$3,080	\$4,755
Grand Water Villa	\$3,160	\$4,920

Price includes

- Accommodation in chosen room category
- Return shared speedboat transfers
- Meals as stated
- Non-motorised water sports



### DAY 1: ARRIVE MALE

On arrival to Male airport, you will be met and transferred by a speedboat directly to your resort. (D)

### DAYS 2-4: SUN SIYAM OLUVELI

The Maldives is a tropical paradise renowned for its pristine white sandy beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and vibrant marine life.

Sun Siyam Olhuvveli is a luxurious island resort situated in the South Malé Atoll. With stunning overwater villas and beachfront suites, you will experience the

ultimate tropical escape. Indulge in delectable dining options, relax at the Sun Spa, and enjoy a range of non-motorised water sports. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: DEPART MALDIVES

An early transfer by shared speedboat back to Malé International Airport for your onward flight. (B)

# SINGAPORE STOPOVERS

Singapore is a city just waiting for you to discover its magnificent mix of tastes, sights and sounds. As one of Asia's most iconic and vibrant cities it offers experiences such as exploring Sentosa Island, Gardens by the Bay, cultural neighbourhoods and, of course, an ever growing selection of food!



Visit Singapore's iconic Merlion

## SINGAPORE HOTELS



### IBIS SINGAPORE ON BENCOOLEN ★★★

Located in the heart of Singapore's cultural and shopping district of Bugis, you will find the ibis Singapore on Bencoolen. The hotel is a perfect choice for shoppers, foodies and sightseers. Bugis Street Shopping District, Haji Lane, Little India, Chinatown and Orchard Road are all within walking distance from the hotel. Chinatown and Orchard Road are easily accessible by MRT which is conveniently located within 5-8 mins walk from the hotel.



### ORCHID HOTEL SINGAPORE ★★★★★

The Orchid Hotel Singapore, located in the financial district, is a peaceful retreat with modern comforts following a recent redesign overhaul. Guests can enjoy the 50meter long outdoor swimming pool and dine at Ya Ge, the hotel's Modern Chinese restaurant. Less than a 2 -minute walk to Tanjong Pagar MRT Station makes it easy access to Singapore's well-known attractions including Marina Bay Sands, Gardens By The Bay, Chinatown and Orchard Road.



### PARADOX SINGAPORE MERCHANT COURT AT CLARKE QUAY ★★★★★

Located in Singapore river district you find the Paradox Singapore Merchant Court at Clarke Quay. Offering both the experience of a cosmopolitan city and a resort style oasis, the hotel is conveniently located a stone's throw from the bustling entertainment and dining district of Clarke Quay and Boat Quay. Clarke Quay MRT station is right next to the hotel or take a stroll along Singapore River Walk to many popular attractions of Singapore.



### OASIA HOTEL DOWNTOWN ★★★★★

Refresh, refuel and recharge at the Oasia Hotel Downtown, Singapore. Situated in Singapore's Central Business District, the hotel's stands out due to its unique lush green vertical garden façade. Tanjong Pagar MRT Station, conveniently located at the hotel's doorstep, provides easy access to Singapore attractions and dining precincts. Or simply relax by one of the hotels' 2 rooftop pools.



### GRAND PARK CITY HALL ★★★★★

The Grand Park City Hall is located conveniently in Singapore's Civic District only a stone's throw from major shopping malls, dining hubs and entertainment. It is less than a ten minutes' drive to Marina Bay Sands. Iconic sites such as the Singapore Flyer and Chinatown are only minutes away.



### PULLMAN SINGAPORE ORCHARD ★★★★★

Located right in the heart of Singapore's most famous shopping and entertainment district, Orchard Road, you will find Singapore's new 5-star hotel Pullman Singapore Orchard. Premier retail malls, Paragon, ION Orchard and Ngee Ann City are all worth visiting. A 5-minute walk to Orchard and Somerset MRT Stations giving easy access to top attractions such as Singapore Botanic Gardens, Singapore Zoo, Chinatown, Gardens By The Bay, Universal Studios Singapore.



# SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

**3 DAYS**

See the waterfront Merlion Park, see 'old' Singapore at Thian Hock Keng and visit the National Orchid Garden.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$890</b>
Orchid Hotel Singapore	<b>\$570</b>	<b>\$1,040</b>
Grand Park City Hall	<b>\$670</b>	<b>\$1,225</b>

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



Delight in the famous Singapore cityscape

## DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel by coach. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

## DAY 2: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Kampong Glam, drive round the civic centre, stop at Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, and walk through the National Orchid Garden. (B)

## DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# GARDENS BY THE BAY

**4 DAYS**

See Singapore's many sights, stroll the cool Cloud Forest and Flower Dome and marvel at the Supertrees.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen	<b>\$730</b>	<b>\$1,280</b>
Orchid Hotel Singapore	<b>\$840</b>	<b>\$1,510</b>
Grand Park City Hall	<b>\$985</b>	<b>\$1,785</b>

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

## DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel by coach. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

## DAY 2: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Kampong Glam, drive round the civic centre, stop at Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, and walk through the National Orchid Garden. (B)

## DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY

Transfer independently to Gardens by the Bay. It spans 101 hectares and houses more than 500,000 plants. Wander through the two clouded conservatories – Flower Dome and Cloud Forest - at your leisure. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

## DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

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Enjoy a stopover in the bustling city of Singapore. Refer to pages 64 & 65 for a selection of our preferred hotels and recommended services.



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## AIR TRAVEL NOTES

- Please be advised that Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades can only be secured on the initial international flights in/out of Australia. They cannot be guaranteed on any other sector due to very limited availability and the types of aircraft used. Please contact our Reservation Consultants to discuss upgrade options.
- At the time of booking, every effort will be made to secure the best flight schedule or connection possible; however, at times the airline schedule may vary from what is in the brochure due to availability and time of travel.

## JOINING YOUR TOUR

Airline schedules vary from city to city, meaning travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for additional accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at your own expense.

Our Reservation Consultants can assist with arranging any of these additional services. The accrual of frequent flyer points and pre-seat allocation may not be possible on group fares and is at the discretion of each airline.

# Hotels

Your accommodation is chosen for the convenience of its location, levels of comfort or quirky character, so it can range from a smart business hotel here to a family-run guesthouse there. Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

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## EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN INDIA

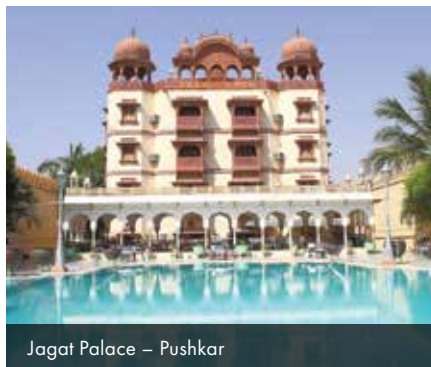
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The Ambassador – Mumbai



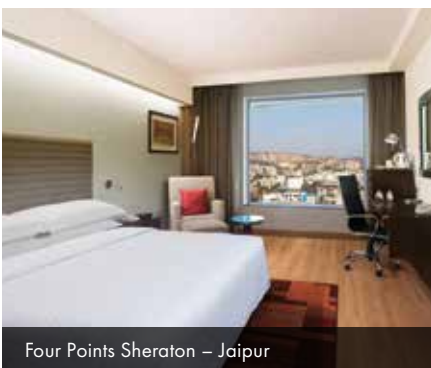
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Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the Australia and India. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

# India & beyond for all seasons

Our tours cover the length and breadth of the Indian Subcontinent. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the region.

DELHI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	7	18	23
Feb	11	23	18
Mar	15	28	13
Apr	22	36	8
May	26	39	13
Jun	27	37	74
Jul	27	34	180
Aug	26	33	173
Sep	24	33	117
Oct	19	31	10
Nov	13	27	3
Dec	8	21	10

JAIPUR			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	7	22	6
Feb	10	25	10
Mar	15	31	5
Apr	21	37	4
May	25	40	18
Jun	27	39	51
Jul	25	34	213
Aug	24	32	227
Sep	23	33	80
Oct	19	34	12
Nov	13	29	8
Dec	8	24	3

## Delhi

Delhi's location allows a clash of climate types, meaning that it has distinct summer and winter seasons. May is the peak of the summer where temperatures reach the high 30s until the break of the monsoon at the end of June.

## Jaipur

In the desert state of Rajasthan, Jaipur has mild pleasant winters from November to February, whilst summer (April to June) temperatures hover at around 30 degrees. The monsoon hits from June to September.

KOCHI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	32	20
Feb	24	31	20
Mar	25	32	40
Apr	26	33	110
May	25	32	180
Jun	22	29	690
Jul	23	29	460
Aug	22	28	330
Sep	22	29	340
Oct	23	30	280
Nov	23	30	140
Dec	23	31	30

MUMBAI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	18	30	10
Feb	18	31	10
Mar	21	32	10
Apr	24	33	10
May	27	33	10
Jun	26	32	560
Jul	25	30	640
Aug	25	30	520
Sep	25	31	320
Oct	24	33	90
Nov	22	33	20
Dec	19	32	10

## Kochi

Down in the very south of India in the state of Kerala, Kochi enjoys a tropical monsoon climate. Due to being close to the equator and on the coast, there is little variation in temperature throughout the year.

## Mumbai

Although the monsoon sweeps through Mumbai between June and late September, generally the city has fairly stable weather, located as it is on the coast and close to the equator. The coolest month in Mumbai is January.

KOLKATA			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	13	27	10
Feb	15	29	31
Mar	21	34	36
Apr	24	36	43
May	25	36	140
Jun	26	33	297
Jul	26	32	325
Aug	26	32	328
Sep	26	32	252
Oct	24	32	114
Nov	18	29	20
Dec	13	26	5

DARJEELING			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	3	10	17
Feb	5	12	15
Mar	8	16	41
Apr	11	19	86
May	13	19	166
Jun	15	20	468
Jul	16	20	710
Aug	16	20	529
Sep	15	20	375
Oct	12	13	121
Nov	8	16	15
Dec	5	12	4

## Kolkata

On the Bay of Bengal, Kolkata has a tropical wet and dry climate. The summers here are hot and humid; the temperatures in May and June can exceed 40 degrees! Monsoon arrives in the city from June to September.

## Darjeeling

A former hillstation, Darjeeling has a temperate climate, with wet summers caused by the monsoon, whilst the spring (March and April) and autumn (September to November) offer cool and clear weather.

COLOMBO			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	31	62
Feb	23	31	69
Mar	24	32	130
Apr	25	32	253
May	26	31	382
Jun	26	30	186
Jul	25	30	125
Aug	25	30	114
Sep	25	30	236
Oct	24	30	369
Nov	23	30	310
Dec	23	30	168

KATHMANDU			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	2	17	13
Feb	4	19	14
Mar	8	24	10
Apr	12	28	29
May	15	29	70
Jun	17	29	129
Jul	18	27	325
Aug	18	27	239
Sep	17	27	175
Oct	14	25	67
Nov	9	22	7
Dec	4	18	8

## Colombo

Sri Lanka's capital tends to be temperate all year round with temperatures hovering between 26 and 30 degrees. The monsoon brings rain to the city between May and August and also between October and January.

## Kathmandu

Located in the Kathmandu Valley, Kathmandu's climate is somewhat complex, changing slightly here and there due to elevation. In general, though, the summers are hot with temperatures of 28-30 degrees, whilst winter is cool, with temperatures around 10 degrees.

# Your India questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



Indian sweets in Delhi

### Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?

**A.** Once we have received your deposit we will send your confirmation documents.

### Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?

**A.** It is essential that you read the relevant Tour Dossier before booking, which you can find on [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au) or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook as well as a suggested packing list with your final documents.

### Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?

**A.** Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

### Q. How do I get my visa?

**A.** The cost of your visa is nearly always included in the price of your tour (Australian passport). We expertly handle the entire visa application process on your behalf and will provide with step-by-step requirements approximately 75 days prior to your intended date of departure. We process e-Visa's for all tours where this service is available and do not require your passport. Passports or visa application forms received six weeks or less before departure will automatically incur an express visa fee. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Personal collection or courier services are available on request. Please note that visa regulations can change at any time, therefore please refer to our website for up-to-date information.

### Q. Do I need travel insurance?

**A.** We strongly recommend that you are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of your travel arrangements. We recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit.

### Q. What vaccinations do I need?

**A.** Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up-to-date information please seek your doctor's advice. You may also need to comply with local requirements to undertake COVID-19 tests or be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

### Q. What size are your tour groups?

**A.** The group size on our Classic Tours is on average around 21 passengers, with a maximum group size 28. On our Go Beyond Tours and exclusive Solo Departures the average group size is around 14 and the maximum is 18. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. On our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in greater comfort.

### Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

**A.** Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

### Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?

**A.** We offer two ways to avoid paying a single supplement. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travellers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (along with other features like free airport transfers, free access to an airport lounge in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne and a drinks reception on arrival). The second is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option, which may enable you to share a twin room with another solo customers of the same gender who also requests 'Happy to Share', thus avoiding the need to pay single room supplements. Note that 'Happy to Share' requests can be received when you make your booking with us but will not be confirmed until after your final payment due date. Our Customer Services Team will make contact around 60 days before departure to let you know if a share partner has been found thus refunding the single room supplement. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking and refunded. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain and is payable with your final balance in line with our normal booking conditions. Alternatively a private room of your own is available on any of our tours at an extra cost. Please check the tour pages or our website for details.

### Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

**A.** Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 15kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights.

### Q. What currency should I take?

**A.** We recommend you take US dollars as well as the local currency and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras.



Taj Mahal, Agra

**Q. When is the best time to visit the India Subcontinent?**

**A.** India, Sri Lanka and Nepal are year-round destinations. While October – March are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists. See page 69 for more detailed information about the weather.

**Q. When are Indian and Sri Lankan public holidays?**

**A.** There are too many public holidays in India and Sri Lanka to list and most are only observed on a regional basis. Major holidays include the Holi Festival (25 March 2024 and 15 March 2025) and Independence Day (15 August). If your tour coincides with a major holiday some businesses and attractions may be closed, you may encounter crowds, and the availability of certain food and drink may be restricted.

**Q. How fit do I need to be?**

**A.** Our Group tours are graded on each page to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice Our range of Private Tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

**Q. What does escorted touring mean?**

**A.** Every Group tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from when you land at the airport to when you depart. On multi-country tours different National Escorts are used in each country. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a

National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable Local Guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private Tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable Local Guides in each location.

**Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?**

**Air:** Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

**Road:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our Group Tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our Private Tours we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

**Water:** Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.

**Rail:** Trains are used on some tours and our groups will travel in air conditioned standard carriages. The trains are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards.

**Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?**

**A.** Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

**Q. Are meals included?**

**A.** All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas, meals may be basic or repetitive. Meals included in Go Beyond Tours are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore

local restaurants. If all meals are included they will start with dinner on the day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

**Q. Are there any optional excursions?**

**A.** From time to time your National Escort or Local Guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually per person. This is paid in cash (local currency) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion - just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences.

**Q. Is tap water safe to drink?**

**A.** We strongly recommend that you drink bottled water only.

**Q. Can special requests be arranged?**

**A.** If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

**Q. What is the flying time to India, Nepal and Sri Lanka?**

**A.** Approx. 13 hours (if flying direct to India) or 14 hours to Sri Lanka or Nepal.



Tea Plantation, Munnar

**Q. Do you allow children on your tours?**

**A.** We allow children 12 years and over on our Group Tours. We recommend families with children of any age to consider our Private Tours offering greater flexibility whilst on tour and suitable for any age group.

**Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?**

**A.** Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of Australian, British and New Zealand clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English-speaking passengers from other countries.

**Q. What is the average age on your group tours?**

**A.** The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

**Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?**

**A.** They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures.

**Q. How do standards abroad compare with Australia?**

**A.** We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble-free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in Australia. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or local guide.

**Q. Is porterage included?**

**A.** Porterage is not included on our group tours to India or Sri Lanka.

**Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?**

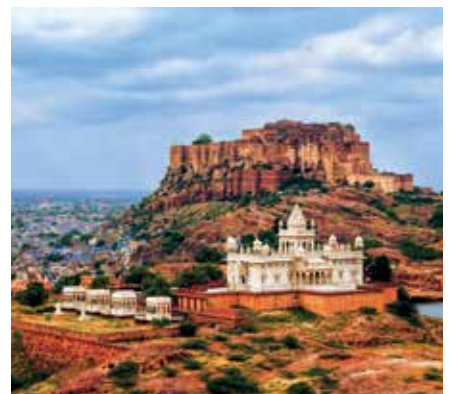
**A.** Tipping is expected in India and Sri Lanka. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our group tours, which your National Escort will collect at the start of the tour. With this, they will take care of all tipping for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each group tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents). Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private tours and extensions, we will advise recommended amounts.

**The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.**

## WeCare – Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits.

In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.





# Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1-2-3.

## 1. Choose your tour

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

## 2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

## 3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay your deposit and secure your booking. On occasions, a progress payment will be required to secure your flights which will be explained to you at the time of booking. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure and you will be issued with your documentation approximately two to three weeks before travel. You will also be able to manage aspects of your booking via My Wendy Wu, your personal online booking portal.



# Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

### LOYALTY DISCOUNT\*

After completing your tour, we hope you will return to travel with us again. As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic and Go Beyond group tours, as well as dedicated Solo departures, but are not applicable for Private Tours or Special Groups.

### REFER A FRIEND

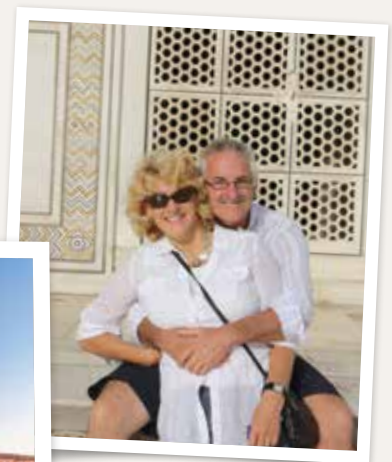
If you refer a new friend to Wendy Wu Tours, and they book a group tour with us (and quote your details), you will receive a delicious hamper delivered to your door. Please visit our website for further details.

### JOIN THE FAMILY

Keep up to date with the latest news, receive inspiring stories and be one of the first to hear about our exclusive offers. To subscribe, visit [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au)

### KEEP IN TOUCH

Keep in touch with all of the latest news and offers by 'liking' our Facebook page and by following us on Instagram or check out our blog at [wendywutours.com.au/blog](http://wendywutours.com.au/blog)



\*Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions ('Booking Conditions') form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd, of Level 8, 92 Pitt Street, Sydney, Australia. ATAS: A10517. ABN: 87 082 688 202. Please read them carefully before making a booking request as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By making a booking request, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the Booking Conditions as well as the specific day to day demands of your chosen tour and agree to be bound by them.

These Booking Conditions set out the terms on which you contract with us for the arrangement and delivery of travel arrangements for your trip and which we agree to make, provide, or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. In these booking conditions, "you", "your", "customer" or "passenger" means each person named on a booking request (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd. By making a booking with us, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. Please note that we reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you placing a booking request. The latest version of our Booking Conditions is published at [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au). It is your obligation to review the latest version of our Booking Conditions prior to making a booking request.

**YOUR HOLIDAY CONTRACT** The first named person on a booking request ("Lead Traveller") promises that s/he is authorised to request a booking subject to these Booking Conditions by all persons named in the booking request and by the parents or guardians for any party member who is under 18 when the booking request is made. The Lead Traveller is responsible for making all payments due under a booking by all party members. The Lead Traveller must be at least 18 when the booking is requested. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see "Payments" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'Lead Traveller' or the travel agent through whom the booking was requested. We reserve the right to decline any booking at our discretion.

**OUR SERVICES** The services we provide to you are limited to (a) the arrangement and coordination of your travel arrangements; and (b) the delivery of travel arrangements which we directly control (if any). This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements.

**YOUR DETAILS** Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking. A copy of your passport is required at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing. If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees.

**YOUR OBLIGATION TO CHECK DETAILS** Please check your confirmation invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation invoice or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits, but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later, you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See "Amendments by You" & "Cancellations by You" below).

**PRICES** General: Prices and services are subject to availability of tour, airline, and specific economy airfare. Prices may differ once a preferred booking class is sold out. Prices stated are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and are current at the time of publication. The most up to date pricing is available on our website. The price includes international flights (where tour specifies it is flight inclusive), accommodation, transportation and other inclusions as per the published itinerary. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to release specials which are applicable to new bookings only. We also reserve the right to correct any obvious errors in rates quoted or calculated, or any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing. Costs associated with passports, vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities, and all items of a personal nature are not included.

**Itinerary Deviations:** All fully inclusive Classic Tour or Go Beyond Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost.

**Airline Fuel Charges:** In addition to the cost of any airfares, airlines also charge an additional levy to cover the ever-increasing cost of aviation fuel. As fuel prices have fluctuated, so too has the amount airlines charge for this levy. At the time of pricing, some airline fuel surcharges are included in the cost of the fare; however, this amount is subject to change until your airline ticket is issued.

**PAYMENTS** Deposit: You are required to pay a deposit of \$300 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of commencement of your travel arrangements) to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent within three days of you making your booking request. Please note that we may not hold any services for you until we receive payment of your deposit, meaning that services may become unavailable or prices may increase, in which case you will be responsible for paying the increased price, and we will not be responsible if services become unavailable. In some cases the amount of the deposit may

be higher where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flight tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. This will be advised at the time of quotation.

**Balance Payment:** The final balance of the travel arrangements is due no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour commencement date. Air tickets are issued upon receiving final payment only. If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you have cancelled your booking, and cancellation fees will apply (See "Cancellations by You" below). Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure to cover the cost of earlier ticketing should it be requested by the airlines, or tickets issued by our overseas operators due to airline ticketing time limits.

**Card Processing Fees:** Please note that any payments made by credit or debit card are subject to a 1.2% processing fee, which represents the cost charged to us to process the payment.

**Tailor-Made Quotations:** For Tailor-made itineraries, the first two quotes are complimentary. After this, we reserve the right to request a non-refundable commitment fee of \$100.00 per person. This will be deducted from your required deposit amount at the time of confirmation.

**AMENDMENTS BY YOU** We will endeavour to accommodate amendments and additional requests. You acknowledge that these may not be possible to fulfil, and for group departures a transfer of a booking to a different departure is deemed a cancellation. An amendment fee of \$50 per change will be levied to cover communication and administration costs for any changes to bookings. You will also be required to pay any additional costs charged by suppliers. Please note that airfares are subject to strict airline policies and booking fare rules. Special airfares that require early ticketing may be non-refundable and non-changeable. Once a booking is confirmed, any name change, or passenger change will incur additional charges and/or may be deemed a cancellation of the airfare.

**AMENDMENTS BY US** Prior to travel: Occasionally, we may need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary and its inclusions and you acknowledge our right to do this. If we become aware of a significant change to your itinerary or its inclusions prior to the commencement of your trip (where the trip can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time.

**During travel:** You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the trip's inclusions may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including road conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, and/or vehicle breakdowns. You agree that we have the right to pass on any costs we incur for alternative arrangements we put in place for your benefit in these circumstances.

**General:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary or the inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond our control happening after we have accepted your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications. If you are entitled to any compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

**CANCELLATION BY YOU** Group Tours: Cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and are subject to the following cancellation charges (Cancellations are also dependent upon other additional charges imposed for air/rail/cruise tickets as referred to below) from the date the written cancellation is received:

- More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit
- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
- Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
- 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost
- Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost

**Airfare, Cruise & Rail Tickets:** If airline, cruise and rail tickets have been issued, the rules of the fare will determine cancellation and/or amendment charges. It is often the case that air, cruise and rail tickets are non-refundable.

Following the commencement of your tour, no refunds will be made for any services which you choose not to use or which you cannot use for any reason other than a reason within our control. If you are not fully and validly vaccinated against Covid-19 in the destination(s) where services are to be provided, and particular suppliers refuse to provide you with travel arrangements, then you agree you will not be entitled to any refund for those arrangements. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses you incur (including loss of enjoyment or the costs of alternative arrangements) if you are denied services in these circumstances.

Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. Please note that employees of any overseas or domestic company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in

respect of refunds or any other matters. Please note Special Groups, Short Stays, Extensions & Tailormade tours may have differing cancellation fees, these will be communicated in writing at time of booking.

**ILLNESS OR VACCINATION STATUS PREVENTING TRAVEL** If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a PCR or rapid antigen test in relation to Covid-19 or vaccination requirements):

- an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage;
- a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; or
- we or our suppliers (acting reasonably) exclude you from the trip and you are consequently prevented from commencing or continuing your trip, then:
- if you have already commenced your trip, we will provide you with reasonable assistance to arrange alternative travel arrangements or to continue the trip. This will be at your cost.
- if you have not commenced your trip then we regret we will not be in a position to provide such assistance.

We will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) because we would have already paid (or committed to pay) suppliers and we would have already performed significant work preparing for the delivery of your trip and servicing your booking. We will not be responsible for any loss or other costs you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

### **Covid-19 credit redemptions**

If: (a) we issued you with a credit due to your original travel arrangements being disrupted by Covid-19 and associated restrictions; and (b) you have redeemed that credit for new travel arrangements; then (c) you agree that we will not be obliged to refund you the value of the credit if you cancel your new travel arrangements.

If you cancel travel arrangements that have a value which exceeds the value of your credit (Excess Payment), then we will refund you the Excess Payment, less cancellation fees in accordance with the table below, calculated from the date which we receive written notice of cancellation:

- More than 75 days prior to departure - refund of Excess Payment
- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of Excess Payment
- Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of Excess Payment
- 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of Excess Payment
- Any 'no show': 100% of Excess Payment

**CANCELLATIONS OR RESCHEDULING BY US** In these Booking Conditions, the term Force Majeure means an event or events beyond our control and which we could not have reasonably prevented, and includes but is not limited to: (a) natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide, volcanic eruption), adverse weather conditions (including hurricane or cyclone), high or low water levels; (b) war, armed conflict, industrial dispute, civil strife, terrorist activity or the threat of such acts; (c) epidemic, pandemic; (d) any new or change in law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including travel advisories and restrictions).

**Force Majeure - Prior to travel**

If in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers, or agents) consider that your travel arrangements cannot safely or lawfully proceed due to a Force Majeure Event then we at our discretion may elect to:

- reschedule your travel arrangements (in whole or in part); and/or
- cancel your travel arrangements (in whole or in part), in which case our contract with you will terminate (in whole or in part).

If we cancel any of your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other for the cancelled arrangements. However, we will refund payments attributable to the cancelled travel arrangements less: (a) unrecoverable third-party costs and other expenses incurred by us for the cancelled travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of the cancelled travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

**Force Majeure - During travel**

If due to Force Majeure we cancel travel arrangements after your trip has commenced, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs for cancelled travel arrangements only.

**Force Majeure - General**

If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled or rescheduled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance.

You acknowledge that the terms in this section are reasonably necessary to protect our legitimate business interests. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance that adequately responds to cancellation and rescheduling risks associated with Force Majeure events.

**Other cancellations**

**Minimum Numbers:** Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. We will advise you no less than 60 days prior to your tour commencement if minimum numbers have not been achieved.

If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure, you will be offered (at your election) a refund

of all funds paid, or the offer of a trip of substantially equal quality if appropriate. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled whether or not due to Force Majeure.

If we cancel your travel arrangements, neither party will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third-party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund.

**CANCELLATION DUE TO GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY** If you are ordered into a period of quarantine by a government or public health authority as a mandatory directive for any reason and this requires you to cancel or amend your travel arrangements with us within 75 days of your departure date, Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any third-party costs, cancellation fees or prepaid arrangements such as (but not limited to) airfares and cruise ship bookings.

We will not be responsible for any additional cost incurred to you while on tour if you are instructed by a government or public health authority to enter into a period of quarantine or to return home early, this includes any extra accommodation costs or amendments to your onward travel arrangements.

Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to recover as much of your funds as we can on your behalf, or negotiate a credit for future use, should a disruption to your tour arrangements occur due to a government or public health authority directive.

Wendy Wu Tours highly recommends you investigate and secure travel insurance options that best suit your individual circumstances, including any applicable to pre-existing medical conditions and world events.

**JOINING YOUR TOUR** Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en-route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation (including but not limited to airport transfers) or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services. If you have booked a land only option, please email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas.

**REFUSAL OF CARRIAGE** Wendy Wu Tours retains the right to remove customers from our group tours for reasons that impact on the enjoyment or safety of other tour members, such as, but not limited to, the physical, medical or mental inability of customers to undertake the arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused services and you will be responsible for any additional costs you incur.

**HOTELS** Hotel descriptions featured on our website are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers. Any facilities described are subject to change at any time. Maps and photographs are included for general information only and may not necessarily reflect actual routings, location or services. Wendy Wu Tours has made reasonable enquiries to verify that the descriptions and details are accurate but does not warrant that they are. We reserve the right to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a comparable or higher standard.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** It is strongly encouraged that you are adequately insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health and vaccination requirements specific to the countries being visited. Any pre-existing dietary requirement/food allergy; disability; medical, health, physical, psychological, or behavioural condition ('health conditions') must be discussed with your doctor who can confirm your suitability to travel on your chosen tour.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice. If you suffer from a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, or which may affect the normal conduct of the trip, then you must advise us at the time you make your booking request.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you will require special assistance from personnel which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition at the time you made your booking request, we will provide you with a full refund of payments made. If you fail to notify us at that time or if you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time of our request, then this will be considered a cancellation by you.

We reserve the right to cancel your booking if any changed or non-disclosed medical conditions mean that you will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide. We strongly suggest that your travel insurance policy includes comprehensive cancellation coverage.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING** A passport with a minimum of six months validity and at least 2 blank pages upon return to Australia is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in all fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not

be able to assist with processing the visas for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure (90 days for multi-country, Myanmar and Central Asia), you will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee, which we will advise at the time. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned to you with final documentation approximately two to three weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity, purchase of additional required passport photos, the cost for sending passports to Wendy Wu Tours and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability. Relevant authorities may require additional documentation to approve your visa application. The cost of additional documentation or application forms are at the travellers expense. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

**Late Bookings:** If a booking is made within 75 days prior to departure it is considered a late booking. Late bookings may incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

**SINGLE TRAVELLERS** When booking more than 80 days prior to departure, single travellers on fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours may avoid paying the Single Supplements by opting to travel on a 'Happy to Share' basis. Note that 'Happy to Share' requests can be received when you make your booking with us but will not be confirmed until your final payment due date. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain and is payable with your final balance in line with our normal booking conditions. Either way, our Customer Services Team will contact you around 75 days before departure to let you know whether a share partner has been found or not. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to change or withdraw this arrangement at any time. If the booking originated as a twin share booking and one traveller cancels, the remaining traveller will be charged the applicable single supplement.

If the cancellation occurs more than 75 days prior to the tour departure date, the option to select 'Happy to Share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour. Our dedicated solo departures are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'Happy to Share' option.

**SEATBELTS** Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in all destinations featured in this brochure and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim whatsoever arising from injury or damage in respect of, arising from or contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Wendy Wu Tours from all such claims.

**INDEPENDENT SERVICES** We are not responsible for any additional activities or excursions which are not included in the booked itinerary or which we sell as agent for the principal operator. Any advice or recommendation made by a guide or local representative does not make us responsible.

**SOLO DEPARTURE AIRPORT TRANSFERS** Private transfers are eligible from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Cairns, based on executive sedan or similar. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am-6:00am. Available within a radius of 50 driven kilometres from the nearest international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometres can be booked at a supplement. Based on a maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline luggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

**SHOPPING & OTHER SERVICES** Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion. Leisure activities and services undertaken during free time is at the customer's own discretion.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RISK** You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers. You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your itinerary. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for these risks.

**RESPONSIBILITY** Services supplied by independent suppliers: Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (Independent Supplier) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable steps to select a reputable Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those

travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport companies (i.e., vehicles not operated by us) and common carriers. We act as an intermediary only and you will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Independent Supplier. Any disputes between you and the Independent Supplier are to be resolved between you and them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier.

Services we directly supply: To the extent only that we are the principal supplier to you of travel arrangements or other services which we control, then we will provide those travel arrangements and services with reasonable skill and care. We will only be responsible for our employees in the course of their employment, and for our agents and suppliers (where we are not the supplier's agent or an intermediary for an Independent Supplier) if they were carrying out the work we had asked them to do. We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, claim or expense caused by the acts or omissions of yourself, of any other third party not connected with the provision of the travel arrangements or services, or due to an event of Force Majeure. While we endeavour to meet scheduled arrival and departure times, we cannot guarantee this. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/services attributable to delays.

General liability limitation: You acknowledge that travel arrangements or services which comply with local laws and regulations will be deemed to have been properly performed, even if this would not be considered the case in Australia. Australian Consumer Law and corresponding legislation in State jurisdictions in certain circumstances imply mandatory conditions and warranties into consumer contracts ("Consumer Warranties"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Warranties. Other than the Consumer Warranties, we disclaim all warranties. To the fullest extent permitted by law, our maximum liability to you under these Booking Conditions, in tort (including negligence) or at law is limited to arranging for the travel arrangements to be resupplied or payment of the cost of having the travel arrangements resupplied.

#### PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS

At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the National Escort or Local Guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge a complaint or claim this must be done in writing to Wendy Wu Tours in Sydney (or by email to [customerrelations@wendywutours.com.au](mailto:customerrelations@wendywutours.com.au)) within 30 days of the date of the completion of your Wendy Wu Tours arrangements. Relevant receipts and substantiating evidence must be attached to the letter of claim. Our complaints handling policy is available upon request.

**AIRLINES** Airlines featured in this brochure do not by virtue of their endorsement represent themselves either as contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from Wendy Wu Tours, or as having any legal relationship with such a purchaser. Frequent flyer miles may not be accrued on some packaged fares. Pre-flight seat allocation may not be available. If seat allocation, additional baggage, airport assist services or medical clearance is required and is permitted by the airline, this is to be booked by the traveller directly with the airline and additional fees incurred at the time of arranging these services is payable by the traveller. For details, contact our office. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airline's policy and are outside Wendy Wu Tours control.

**PRIVACY** We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information that may be of interest to you. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. Any personal information you provide will be managed in accordance with Wendy Wu Tours' privacy policy, which can be viewed at [wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advice/privacy-policy](http://wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advice/privacy-policy).

**BROCHURE VALIDITY** Tour itineraries and prices in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and prices are based on exchange rates as at 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond its control.

**AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES** It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Wendy Wu Tours are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other provisions of these Booking Conditions. It is also the agent's responsibility to provide copies of valid passports at time of deposit. If the agent fails to satisfy these obligations, you must make any claims against the agent and you hereby release Wendy Wu from all such claims.

**LAW OF CONTRACT** This contract is governed by the laws of the state of New South Wales and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.

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