

INDIA & CENTRAL ASIA

BHUTAN | SRI LANKA | ARMENIA | AZERBAIJAN | GEORGIA | KAZAKHSTAN
KYRGYZSTAN | MONGOLIA | NEPAL | TAJIKISTAN | TURKMENISTAN | UZBEKISTAN

2025 - 2026



Australia's Leading Specialist Touring Operator

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

WELCOME TO INDIA AND CENTRAL ASIA!



Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through these enchanting regions 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 sites 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 full. These tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme 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 the experiences of a lifetime.

SOLO DEPARTURES

We have reserved selected departures of some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a readymade 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. Look out for the **S** symbol on the opposite page for tours with exclusive solo departures and see page 6 for more details.

CRUISE & TOUR

Combining an ocean cruise with a tour packed with top sights and unforgettable experiences, our 'Cruise & Tour' options offer the best of both worlds. Including flights, cruise, stopovers and full Wendy Wu Tour with expert guide, all meals and visas (where applicable), prepare for the adventure of a lifetime.

PRIVATE

A private tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families wanting greater flexibility on travel dates and accommodation style.

TAILORMADE

For the ultimate in bespoke touring, one of our expert consultants will help you in designing a tour to meet your exact requirements. Select your choice of destinations, accommodation, touring and experiences to create the perfect holiday for you.

SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling in a group of ten or more, we can arrange your 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, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself. Please see page 79 for more details.

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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 2025-2026 edition of our India & Central Asia brochure! As usual it is packed with an excellent selection of carefully crafted tours, featuring India, Sri Lanka or Central Asia, each designed to take you on a wonderful adventure through these most enchanting destinations.

All three destinations are packed with everything that you could possibly wish for on a far-flung holiday – India with its tigers, majestic architecture and rich, age-old culture, Sri Lanka with its wonderful wildlife, glorious beaches and cultural sights, and Central Asia with its awe-inspiring landscapes, ties to the Silk Road and nomadic heritage. So, as is only right in lands this full of wonders, every tour is bursting with activities and experiences that will help you get in touch with the many authentic and diverse strands of culture. Our tours feature things like local cooking classes, atmospheric aarti ceremonies, dance performances and traditional crafts. It's these sorts of highlights that mean you can feel safe in the knowledge that whichever holiday you choose, you are sure to return home with a wealth of wonderful memories.

Among the pages of this brochure, you'll find some new tours. Southern India by Rail (page 28) and Christmas in Kerala (page 38) both explore India's beautiful and serene south, one utilising the renowned train network, the other offering a Christmas experience with a difference. There is also a tour that is part of a whole new Wendy Wu Tours concept, 'Cruise & Tour', which allows you to combine a fully inclusive, wonder-packed India land tour with an epic ocean cruise. Everything – flights, cruise, and touring – is organised by us, so all you have to do is pick the right one for you.

We hope you enjoy discovering your perfect adventure in the pages of this brochure and look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon!



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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), 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 three-star plus to four-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.

GETTING AROUND

The majority of your daily travels will be by air conditioned coach on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. You'll also enjoy relaxing river cruises and fun local curios like cyclos and rickshaws.

For longer journeys you may find yourself flying or enjoying a relaxing rail journey. Tours that feature a significant amount of rail travel or an iconic train journey are highlighted with an **R** on the contents page.

Lastly why not combine your tour with an extended cruise on our Cruise & Tour Holidays?

A seamless blend of our award-winning tours and carefully selected ocean journeys, this is a wonderful way to explore your chosen country from every perspective.

SOLO DEPARTURES

Solo travellers are more than welcome on any of our holidays, but we've reserved a few departures of 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 and complimentary cocktails on arrival! See tours: Golden Triangle (p.18); Inspiring India (p.20); Highlights of Sri Lanka (p.40) in this brochure or check our website at wendywutours.com.au for more information.

[^]refer to our terms & 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 80) 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

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every tour requires the ability to walk around sights unaided, while tours with higher physical ratings may involve longer walks, cycling, or other physical activities. Tours that traverse rough terrain, visit remote areas, or go to high altitudes will also have higher physical ratings. For more information on why each tour has been rated the way it has, please refer to the Tour Dossier (or 'Detailed Itinerary') available for download on the tour pages of our website.



LEVEL 1

A reasonable level of fitness is required. Expect to be on your feet for most of the day walking around sights, often including steps and getting on and off coaches, trains, or boats. Occasional longer walks may be included.



LEVEL 2

A moderate level of fitness is required. You will be on your feet for most of the day, with longer walks that include ascents and descents on steps or uneven paths. Travelling conditions may be more challenging in some areas.



LEVEL 3

A good level of fitness is required. You need to be comfortable walking long distances and for extended durations. The tour may also include activities such as cycling and hiking and visit some remote areas with basic infrastructure.



LEVEL 4

A high level of fitness and a strong spirit of adventure are required. These tours are full of activity and often visit remote areas with basic infrastructure. Expect to be on your feet and active for much of the day, with some long travelling days.

As the physical demands of each tour are different, we recommend you check your Tour Dossier (or 'Detailed Itinerary') carefully before booking and contact us or your agent if you're unsure.

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."

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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.

OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS

- ✔ Are experienced and qualified in guiding tours
- ✔ Are fluent in English
- ✔ Have expert knowledge of the country you are touring
- ✔ Benefit from rigorous training programmes
- ✔ Are on hand to look after you every step of the way



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.



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.



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.



EAGLE HUNTING

The deep bond between berkutchi hunters and their magnificent golden eagles is awe-inspiring to witness. See this ancient practice in action on Central Asia's wild steppe.



WINE TASTING

Enjoy a wine tasting experience in the picturesque setting of Khareba Winery, surrounded by the Caucasus Mountains. This winery is renowned for its ancient winemaking techniques, a tradition that dates back over 8000 years.





JAMMU & KASHMIR

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● DHARAMSALA
● AMRITSAR
● SHIMLA

NEPAL

DELHI ●

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● AGRA

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RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

KATHMANDU ●

MT EVEREST

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PUNAKHA ●
BUMTHANG ●
THIMPU ●

BHUTAN

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● JAISALMER ● JAIPUR ●

● JODHPUR

● UDAIPUR

● AHMEDABAD

CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

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● VARANASI

● KHAJURAHO

KOLKATA ●

INDIA

● AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

● MUMBAI

● HYDERABAD

● GOA

● BANGALORE

● CHENNAI

● PONDICHERRY

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● KOCHI

● ALLEPPEY

● KOVALAM

JAFFNA ●

SRI LANKA

● SIGIRIYA

● KANDY

● NUWARA ELIYA

● UDAWALAWE NATIONAL PARK

COLOMBO ●

● GALLE

● YALA NATIONAL PARK

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 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 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 40).



4 KERALA'S BACKWATERS

A network of lagoons, canals and rivers enveloped in verdant greenery, Kerala's backwaters are best explored by boat – do this on our Kerala & The Southern Highlights tour (page 26).



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 30 & 34).



6 GOLDEN TEMPLE

Amritsar's spectacular Golden Temple is a sight to behold – see for yourself on our India by Rail tour on (page 22) or our Northern India Discovery tour (page 24).



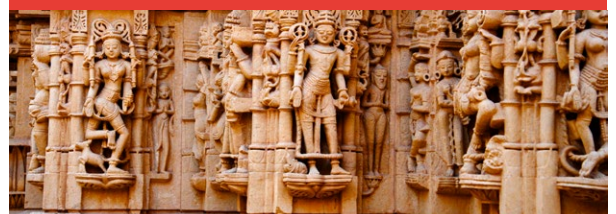
7 TIGER'S NEST HIKE

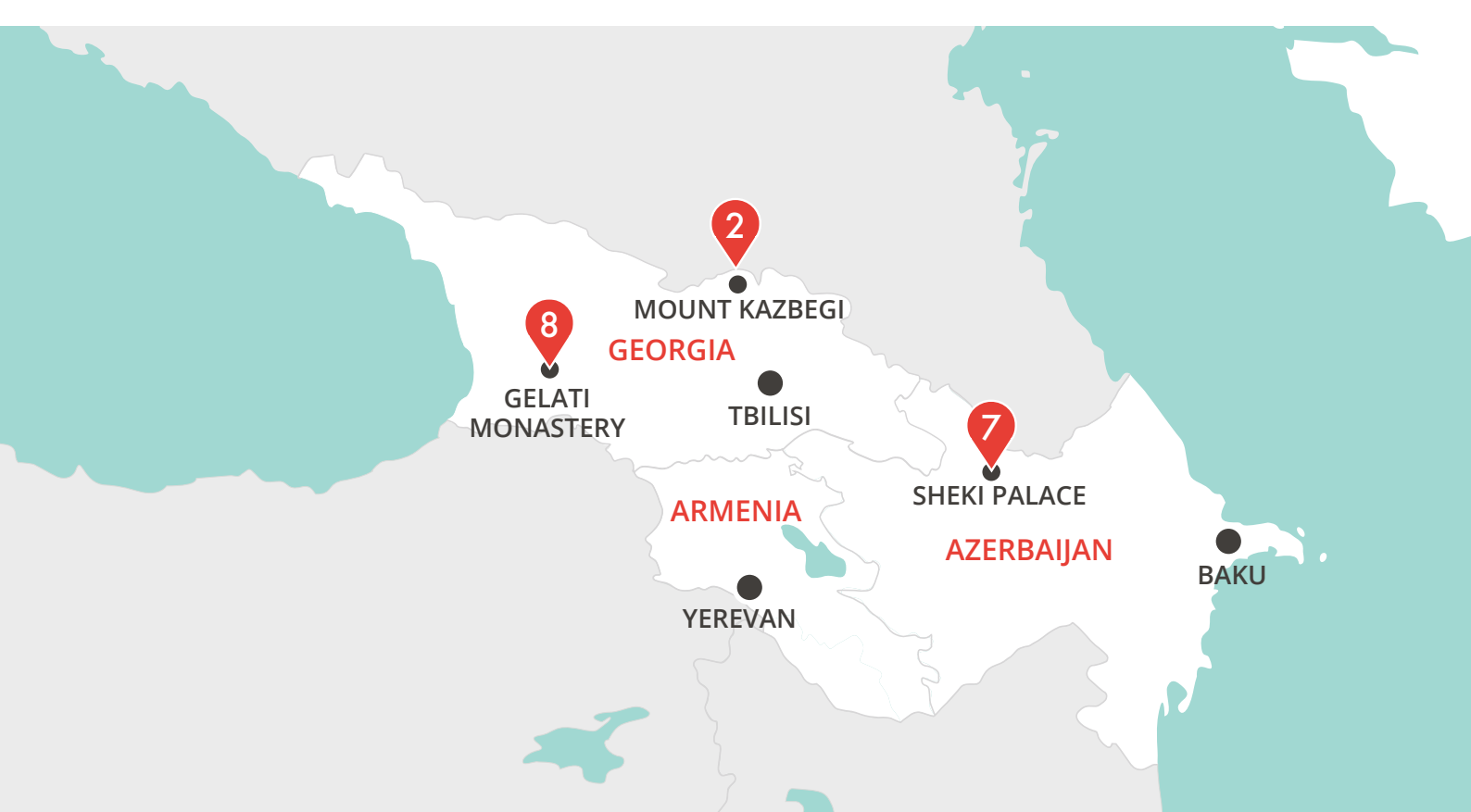
Perched above Bhutan's Paro Valley, hike with pilgrims through tranquil woodlands to reach this spectacular monastery. See it on our Himalayan Kingdoms tour (page 50).



8 JAISALMER FORT

Wander the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, where residents still live within the 12th century walls, and admire the elaborately carved yellow sandstone of its Jain temples. Included on our Rajasthan Panorama Tour (page 32).





Discover Central Asia with Wendy Wu Tours

Long a conduit of goods, ideas, technology and people between Asia and Europe, the ancient Silk Road weaves wonderful stories through the culture, communities and architecture of Central Asia. Explore breathtaking landscapes and age-old legends in this magnificent region.

WENDY'S TOP 8 CENTRAL ASIA SIGHTS

1 THE REGISTAN, SAMARKAND

The beautifully ornate heart of ancient Samarkand, explore the Registan, this legendary city's central square. See this majestic gem on our Ultimate Uzbekistan and Road to Samarkand tours (pages 44 and 54).



2 MOUNT KAZBEGI

This striking mountain looms dramatically on the horizon of the vast Georgian landscapes. Discover more of the spectacular Caucasus scenery on our Georgia, Armenia & Azerbaijan tour (page 52).



3 GREAT WHITE LAKE

This mesmerizing gem nestled within the heart of Mongolia's Khangai Mountains, shimmers with crystalline clarity, as its surface reflects the towering peaks that embrace it. Walk along its shores, on our Mongolia & Naadam Festival Tour (page 58).



4 DARVAZA GAS CRATER

A magical sight, this natural gas crater is known as the 'Gates of Hell' and has been burning for over 40 years. View its spectacular glow on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 56).



5 CHARYN CANYON

At 90 kilometres in length, these colourful rock formations on Kazakhstan's Charyn River offer dramatic sights. See the canyon for yourself on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 56).



6 CITY OF MERV, MARY

One of the oldest and best-preserved cities along the old Silk Road, this ancient, oasis-like UNESCO World Heritage Site is visited on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 56).



7 SHEKI PALACE

This lavish palace is the most exquisite architectural monument built in the late 18th century and was the summer residence for the Shaki Khans. Marvel at its intricate decor on our Georgia, Armenia & Azerbaijan tour (page 52).



8 GELATI MONASTERY

Home to fascinating murals and imagery dating back to the 12th century, this medieval monastery was one of Georgia's very first. Visit it on our Georgia, Armenia & Azerbaijan (Page 52).





CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully escorted, fully-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.

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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 \$5,880

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

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 Khari Baoli 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 old way at Jaipur's fascinating Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century observatory full of instruments used to measure the distance and positions of celestial objects.



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to India's capital, Delhi. On arrival at the airport you will be met by a member of the Wendy Wu Tours team and transferred to the hotel. Meet the group tonight for dinner and start getting to know your fellow travellers.

DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

Today we explore this vivacious city! Starting in atmospheric Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride through the bustling 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 banks of the Yamuna River; from its ramparts you may 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, watch this magical building tinge pink as it emerges from the early morning mists. Then travel to Ranthambore National Park, home to 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.



Spot tigers at Ranthambore National Park



Discover the Maharaja's city palace

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

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
2026 DATES			
18 Jan - 27 Jan	\$5,980	04 Oct - 13 Oct	\$5,980
25 Jan - 03 Feb	\$5,980	11 Oct - 20 Oct	\$5,980
08 Feb - 17 Feb	\$5,980	18 Oct - 27 Oct	\$5,980
22 Feb - 03 Mar	\$5,980	25 Oct - 03 Nov	\$5,980
08 Mar - 17 Mar	\$6,680	01 Nov - 10 Nov	\$5,980
22 Mar - 31 Mar	\$5,980	08 Nov - 17 Nov	\$6,630
05 Apr - 14 Apr	\$5,980	15 Nov - 24 Nov	\$5,980
19 Apr - 28 Apr	\$5,980	22 Nov - 01 Dec	\$5,980
27 Sep - 06 Oct	\$5,980	29 Nov - 08 Dec	\$5,980

DAY 5: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

Venture deep into 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, enjoy a turban tying experience before spending the rest of your day at leisure.

DAY 7: EXPLORE JAIPUR

The day begins with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal, the magnificent 'Palace of the Winds'. Next, travel out of the city and board a jeep to reach the extraordinary Amber Fort, the colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort that sits 11 kilometres outside 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, 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 your adventures.

DAYS 9-10: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



- VARANASI SHORT STAY**
4 days from \$1,240pp twin share
 - SHIMLA SHORT STAY**
4 days from \$1,010pp twin share
 - AMRITSAR SHORT STAY**
3 days from \$850pp twin share
- Visit page 80 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



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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 \$4,580 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$990

Dedicated solos departure

Important note
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Call for our 2027 pricing and departures



Discover Jama Masjid in Delhi

INSPIRING INDIA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,380

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



Admire Udaipur's City Palace

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



Carpet weaving with locals

▶ 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.

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 Qutab 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 explore the majestic Maharaja's City Palace and the fascinating Jantar Mantar Observatory.

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 try your hand at block printing and carpet weaving with help from local artisans.

DAYS 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 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 - soak up the extravagance of Rajasthan, search for tigers in Ranthambore and see the Taj Mahal at sunrise on one extraordinary itinerary.



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

Embark on 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

Travel to Agra, stopping en route at the 'Ghost City', Fatehpur Sikri. Here, among the splendid examples of red sandstone Mughal architecture, visit the Tomb of Chisti and the exquisite Panchal Mahal Palace. Later, in Agra, relax with a glass of champagne at sunset, gazing over the city to the Taj Mahal.

DAY 12: AGRA

This morning, gaze on the ethereal beauty of the Taj Mahal, admiring it from all angles as you stroll its lush gardens. Move on to the Itmad-ud-Daulah, the Baby Taj, and the majestic Agra Fort. Return to Delhi.

DAYS 13-14: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



AMRITSAR SHORT STAY

3 days from \$850pp twin share

SHIMLA SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,010pp twin share

GOA BEACH SHORT STAY

5 days from \$880pp twin share

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PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

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

2026 DATES

24 Jan - 06 Feb	\$6,880	11 Apr - 24 Apr	\$6,580
31 Jan - 13 Feb	\$6,880	26 Sep - 09 Oct	\$6,580
07 Feb - 20 Feb	\$6,580	03 Oct - 16 Oct	\$6,580
14 Feb - 27 Feb	\$6,580	10 Oct - 23 Oct	\$6,580
21 Feb - 06 Mar	\$6,580	17 Oct - 30 Oct	\$7,580
28 Feb - 13 Mar	\$6,580	24 Oct - 06 Nov	\$6,880
07 Mar - 20 Mar	\$6,580	31 Oct - 13 Nov	\$6,880
14 Mar - 27 Mar	\$7,580	07 Nov - 20 Nov	\$6,880
21 Mar - 03 Apr	\$6,580	14 Nov - 27 Nov	\$6,880
28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$6,580	21 Nov - 04 Dec	\$6,880
04 Apr - 17 Apr	\$6,580	28 Nov - 11 Dec	\$6,880

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 \$1,300

Dedicated solos departure

Important note

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INDIA BY RAIL

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$9,580

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
- ✓ Cruise the waters 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



Visit the Ashoka Pillar

▶ 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 charming toy train journey from Shimla to Kandaghat, taking in the breathtaking views of the mountains and valleys of the Himalayan foothills as you trundle slowly through.
- ▶ 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 today.

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 one-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

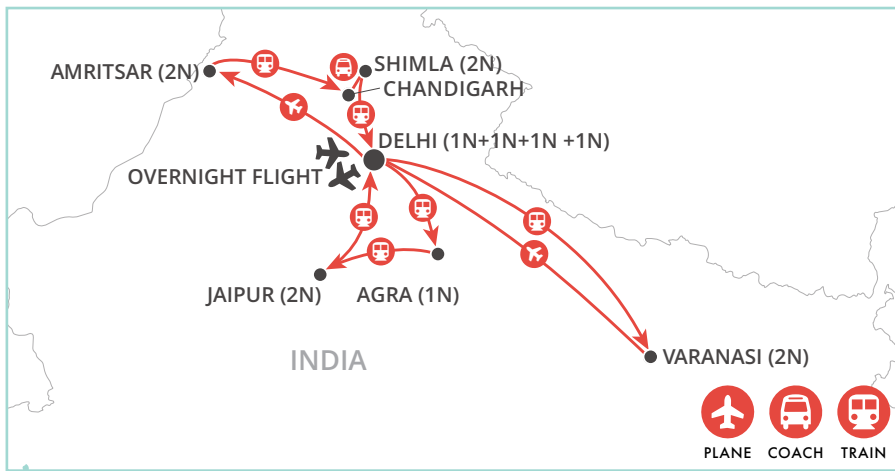
After your memorable time in Shimla, it's time to transfer to Chandigarh station for your onward journey. Bid farewell to the charming hill station as you board your train bound for Delhi. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the changing landscapes. The afternoon is at leisure for you to explore.

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 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 and stop at the iconic India Gate, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

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.

CLASSIC

INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Set off on an extraordinary rail adventure through northern India, passing from bustling metropolises to serene countryside, embracing the myriad scenic landscapes, cultures, and traditions that are unfolding through your window.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

24 Jan - 07 Feb	\$9,780	03 Oct - 17 Oct	\$9,580
07 Feb - 21 Feb	\$9,780	07 Nov - 21 Nov	\$9,780
21 Feb - 07 Mar	\$9,780	21 Nov - 05 Dec	\$9,780
07 Mar - 21 Mar*	\$9,780	05 Dec - 19 Dec	\$9,780
14 Mar - 28 Mar	\$9,780		

2026 DATES

09 Jan - 23 Jan	\$9,780	02 Oct - 16 Oct	\$9,580
06 Feb - 20 Feb	\$9,780	16 Oct - 30 Oct	\$9,780
06 Mar - 20 Mar	\$9,780	30 Oct - 20 Jan	\$9,780
13 Mar - 27 Mar	\$9,780	20 Nov - 04 Dec	\$9,780
03 Apr - 17 Apr	\$9,780	27 Nov - 11 Dec	\$9,780

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 \$8,280 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,600

Important note

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NORTHERN INDIA DISCOVERY

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,680



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 incredible 'Pink City'
- ✓ Ride the famous Toy Train
- ✓ Explore the Golden Temple
- ✓ Learn about Tibetan culture



Admire the Golden Temple in Amritsar

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 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 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, surrounded by the spectacular 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.
- ▶ Visit 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 tranquillity 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

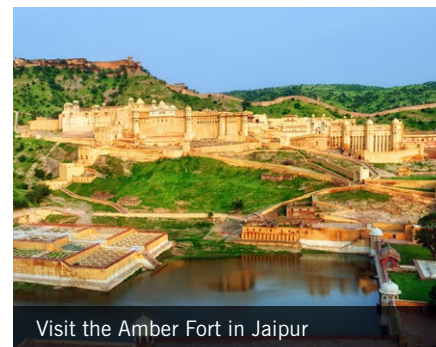
Start the day at Bhagsunag, a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva before exploring McLeod Ganj, a town with a distinctly Tibetan feel. Explore the town, visiting Buddhist temples and local markets, as well as the Dalai Lama Temple and the Tibetan Museum.

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, the rest of the day will be at leisure.



Visit the Amber Fort in Jaipur

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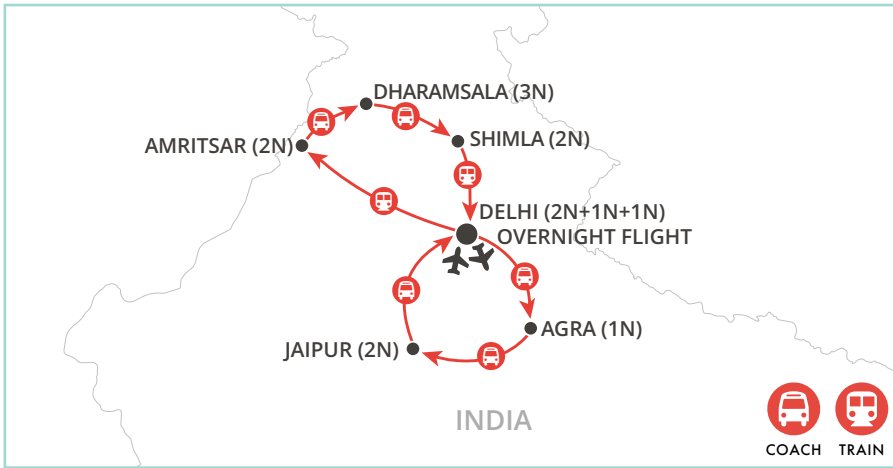
INDIA

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!



See the Taj Mahal



Travel on the iconic Toy Train in Shimla

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 highest point of the city, offering amazing views. 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 and the Himachal State Museum. Transfer to Kalka to board the train to Delhi.

DAY 11: AGRA FORT

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

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, the Palace of the Winds, before heading out of the city to admire the spectacular Amber Fort.

Later, in the backstreets of Jaipur's old town, visit a craft centre to watch artisans at work, practicing traditional crafts like block printing and carpet weaving. Before dinner you will have a cooking demonstration of delicious local dishes.

DAY 14: RETURN TO DELHI

Return to Delhi, where this evening you will sit down to a farewell dinner.

DAYS 15-16: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Visit page 64 to learn more about our private tours.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



VARANASI SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,240pp twin share

GOA BEACH STAY

5 days from \$880pp twin share

KOVALAM BEACH SHORT STAY

5 days from \$420pp twin share

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

23 Mar - 07 Apr	\$7,680	12 Oct - 27 Oct*	\$7,680
13 Apr - 28 Apr	\$7,680	19 Oct - 03 Nov	\$7,680
21 Sep - 06 Oct	\$7,680		

2026 DATES

22 Mar - 06 Apr	\$7,980	11 Oct - 26 Oct	\$7,980
12 Apr - 27 Apr	\$7,980	18 Oct - 02 Nov	\$7,980
20 Sep - 05 Oct	\$7,980		

Flight and supplement information

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- Single supplement from 1,650

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KERALA & THE SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,880

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



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

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 16 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



Enjoy a martial arts demonstration

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Marvel at the strength and agility of Kalaripayattu practitioners 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.

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 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, enigmatically called 'Descent of the Ganges'.

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

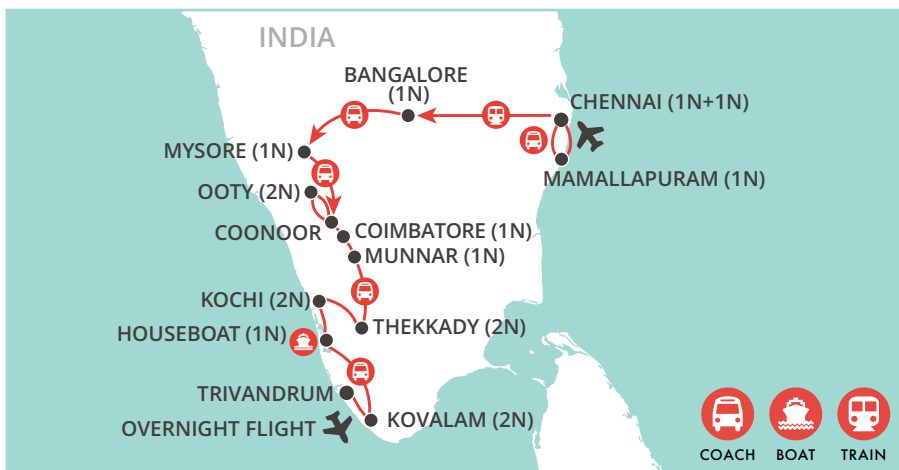
Travel to Munnar, a hill station enveloped by lush tea plantations. In the afternoon visit a tea plantation and the Tata Tea Museum.

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY

Today explore Eravikulam National Park where you will 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.

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,



See the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram



Enjoy the 'Toy Train' ride to Ooty

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

Set off on 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. Nearby, see the Chinese fishing nets - the fishermen will demonstrate how they work while your guide explains the mechanics. Finish the day in the Jewish Quarter admiring the synagogue and a stroll through local markets.

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 your houseboat, a converted rice barge known as a kettuvallam. Sit back and watch life on the water and the surrounding, untouched wilderness as you cruise unhurriedly along the canals. A delicious dinner of traditional cuisine will be served on board before spending a comfortable night on the water.



See Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple

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 explore. Visit Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Observatory and Sri Chitra Art Gallery to name a few.

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 \$510pp twin share

GOA BEACH STAY

5 days from \$880pp twin share

KOVALAM BEACH SHORT STAY

5 days from \$420pp twin share

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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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

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2026 DATES

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17 Sep - 04 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 (Chennai – Trivandrum) 17 days from \$6,580 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1800

Important note

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SOUTHERN INDIA BY RAIL

15 DAYS FROM

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 ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Mahabalipuram's temples
- ✓ Witness an Aarti ceremony
- ✓ Soak up Trivandrum's sights
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's backwaters
- ✓ Discover vibrant Kochi



Ride the Nilgiri Mountain Railway

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 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



Watch Kerala's Kathakali performance

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Witness an exuberant performance of the traditional dance-drama that is Kathakali. As Kerala's best-known performing art, it is an extravagant retelling of Hindu epics complete with colourful costumes and elaborate make up.
- ▶ Ride a section of the historic, UNESCO-listed Nilgiri Mountain Railway, also known as the toy train, passing through the breathtaking beauty of the tea plantations, valleys and small villages of the Nilgiri Hills.
- ▶ Embark on a food tour through the old streets of Madurai. Try local delights like palkova (milk sweet), thatte idli (rice cakes) and murukku sandwiches, and discover the passion behind the food and why the recipes are such closely guarded secrets. What better way to get a taste for this ancient city?

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO CHENNAI

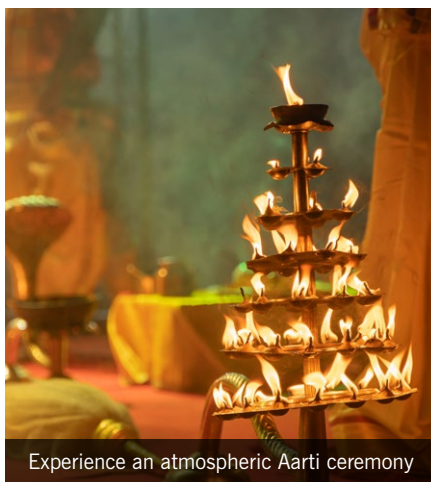
Fly to Chennai and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: CITY OF A THOUSAND TEMPLES

Visit Kanchipuram, the 'City of a Thousand Temples', a long important pilgrimage centre known for its many temples, towers and halls. Continue to the coastal town of Mamallapuram to explore its UNESCO-listed, intricately carved 7th and 8th-century Hindu temples.

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO TANJORE

Transfer to Chennai's train station to board the Tejas Express to Trichy. Sit back and relax as you head south, enjoying the picturesque views out of the window. On arrival, transfer by coach to Tanjore.



Experience an atmospheric Aarti ceremony

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO MADURAI

Drive to Madurai, detouring through Chettinad to visit the market, learn about tile-making and take a cooking class, savouring the tasty, local flavours of the food you created for lunch. Arrive in Madurai where, this evening, you'll experience an atmospheric Aarti ceremony at Minakshi Temple.

DAY 5: EXPLORE MADURAI

Start with a sightseeing tour which includes a visit to Thirumalai Nayaka Palace, a historical gem full of the splendour of a bygone era. Then embark on a fun food tour and relish the diverse and delicious flavours and culinary delights that Madurai is known for.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO TRIVANDRUM

Board the PJ TVC Express to Trivandrum first thing. On arrival, you'll be immediately immersed in the spiritual ambiance of the city with a visit to the iconic Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple.

DAY 7: DAY IN KANYAKUMARI

Take a day trip to Kanyakumari, set on the southernmost tip of the Indian subcontinent, where you can stand and look out over the waters of the Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal converging. Visits include Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the Thiruvalluvar Statue.

DAY 8: KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Drive to Alleppey, board a traditional kettuvallam, or houseboat, and set sail into the waterways of the captivating backwaters region against a backdrop of lush greenery and swaying palms. Relax the day away and stay onboard overnight.



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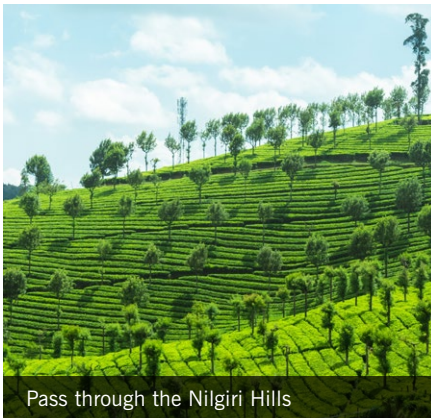
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on a journey across Southern India by train, stopping in its most historic, culturally significant, and spectacular destinations. Explore temples, cruise the backwaters, and ride the toy train on this adventure of road and rail.



Pass through the Nilgiri Hills



Cruise Kerala's backwaters

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO KOCHI

Bid farewell to your kettuvallam and head for vibrant Kochi. Take a tour to see the best of the city's landmarks, historical sites, and lively local markets. This evening, experience Kathakali, an ancient dance form that merges facial expressions, graceful movements, and extravagant outfits.

DAY 10: ASCEND TO OOTY

Hop on the SBC Intercity Express to Coimbatore. On arrival, transfer by road up into the Nilgiri Hills to Ooty, the 'queen of hill stations'.

DAY 11: RIDE THE TOY TRAIN

This morning, take a spectacular ride on the Nilgiri Mountain Railway, or toy train, from Ooty to Coonoor, passing through the picturesque tea valleys of the Nilgiri Hills. Wander through Coonoor's beautiful Botanical Gardens before returning to Ooty.

DAY 12: TRAVEL TO BANGALORE

Return to Coimbatore and catch the SBC Intercity Express to Bangalore.

DAY 13: EXPLORE BANGALORE

Venture out on a tour of Bangalore to get a taste of its rich heritage, at landmarks like the Bull Temple and Tipu Sultan's Palace, and see the fascinating juxtaposition of modern and traditional that characterises this lively city.

DAYS 14-15: FLY BANGALORE TO AUSTRALIA

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

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



GOA BEACH STAY

5 days from \$880pp twin share

KOVALAM SHORT STAY

5 days from \$420pp twin share

GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 days from \$780pp twin share

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2026 DATES

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26 Mar - 09 Apr	\$8,880	03 Dec - 17 Dec	\$8,880

Flight and supplement information

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- Single supplement from \$1,650

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HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,580

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



Explore Mehrangarh 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. 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.

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; ride a rickshaw through the fragrant lanes of Khari Baoli Spice Market and visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Cross over into New Delhi to admire the grandeur of the colonial buildings of the Rajpath, Gandhi Smriti and UNESCO-listed Qutub Minar.

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 an informative 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. Head into the backstreets of the old town to visit a workshop where you'll learn about traditional artstries 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.

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.

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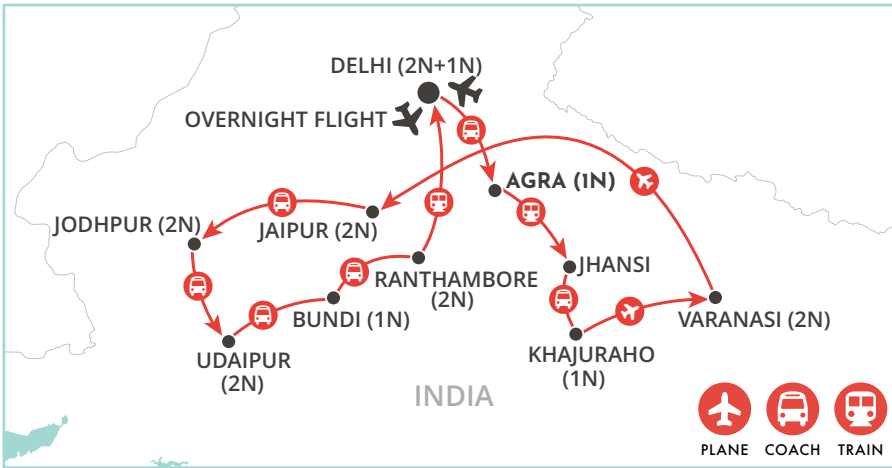
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Visit the Umaid Bhawan Palace



Explore Varanasi

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, stopping en route at Chittor Fort. Once of the largest forts in India, Chittor sprawls across a hilltop overlooking the town of Chittorgarh. In Bundi, set out on a walking tour which will include its unique and beautiful stepwells.

DAY 14: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 15: RANTHAMBORE SAFARIS

Enjoy both early morning and afternoon safaris, heading out on the trail of Ranthambore's most famous resident, the majestic Bengal tiger. Keep an eye out for a wealth of other wildlife too, like leopards, elephants and sloth bears.

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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2025 DATES

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08 Mar - 25 Mar*	\$8,580	18 Oct - 04 Nov	\$8,580
22 Mar - 08 Apr	\$8,580	25 Oct - 11 Nov	\$8,580

2026 DATES

24 Jan - 10 Feb	\$8,880	26 Sep - 13 Oct	\$8,880
14 Feb - 03 Mar	\$8,880	03 Oct - 20 Oct	\$8,880
07 Mar - 24 Mar	\$8,880	17 Oct - 03 Nov	\$8,880
21 Mar - 07 Apr	\$8,880	24 Oct - 10 Nov	\$8,880

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GOA BEACH STAY

5 days from \$800pp twin share

SHIMLA SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,010pp twin share

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RAJASTHAN PANORAMA

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,980

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Admire Taj Lake Palace on Lake Pichola, Udaipur

PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
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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. Surrounded by the Thar Desert, Bikaner is dominated by its magnificent fort, a complex of ornate buildings and halls, which you'll explore. Then, take a rickshaw ride through the buzzing streets of the old city bazaar. Continue to Gajner.

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 and enjoy a ride on a camel.

DAY 6: THAR DESERT SAFARI

Venture on through the Thar Desert to Manvar. Here, enjoy a jeep safari to the local Bishnoi villages and get to know the locals. 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 where you'll spend the next two days exploring. Much of Jodhpur's old town is a vivid blue, earning in the moniker the 'Blue City'. While here you'll 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 impressive Umaid Bhawan Palace.

DAYS 9-10: EXPLORE UDAIPUR

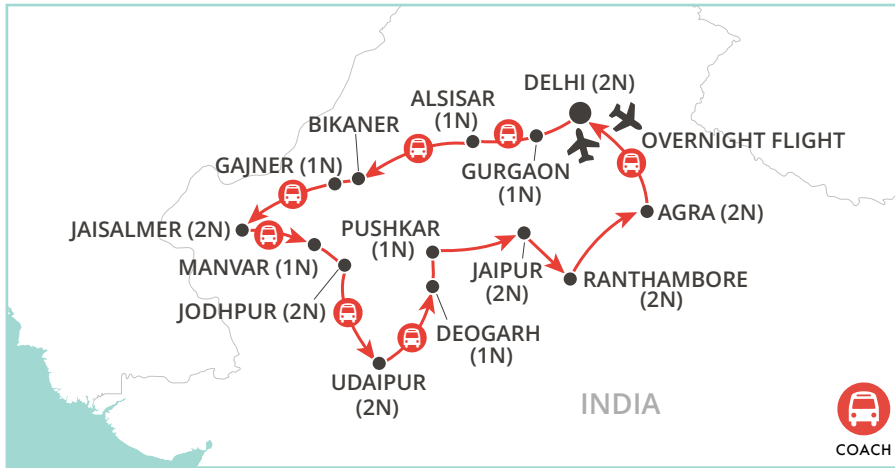
Travel to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur and Surya Temple. India's most romantic city, Udaipur is located on Lake Pichola and surrounded by wooded hills; a maze of palaces, temples and colourful alleyways. The next day drive around Fateh Sagar Lake as well as the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery, 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 a lavish 'royal experience' - a special dinner attended by members of the Deogarh royal family.

DAY 12: EXPLORE PUSHKAR

This morning, board a 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.



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 (with a night in a traditional desert camp) and colourful cities.



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

DAYS 15-16: RANTHAMBORE

Travel to Ranthambore National Park, home to around 50 majestic Bengal tigers and a wealth of other wildlife. The next day, you will have both morning and afternoon safaris, the perfect opportunity to spot many magnificent creatures.

DAY 17: TRAVEL TO AGRA

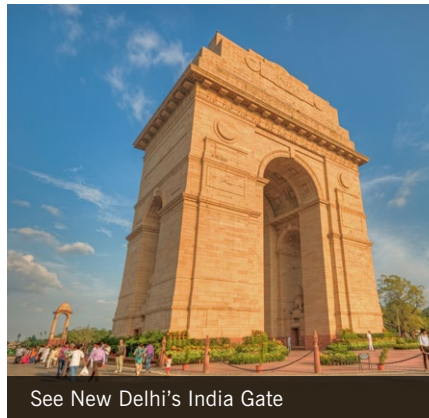
Today travel to Agra, stopping en route at Bharatpur for lunch and visit Fatehpur Sikri, tomb of Salim Chistic, and Panch Mahal Palace.

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! Explore a vast spice market and admire Jama Masjid, India Gate and Parliament House.

DAYS 21-22: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...

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

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4 days from \$1,010pp twin share

VARANASI SHORT STAY
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GRAND TOUR OF INDIA

29 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$13,980

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.
- ▶ Not well 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; board a rickshaw to explore the fragrant lanes of a spice market and stop to admire 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 KHAJURAHO'S TEMPLES

Fly to Khajuraho to see the exquisite groups of 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, tinging the structure's white marble myriad shades of pink and red as it ascends – a magical experience. This afternoon visit the colossal 16th-century Agra Fort.

DAYS 8: RANTHAMBORE

Travel to Ranthambore via the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri. A national park, Ranthambore is home to about 50 majestic Bengal tigers and a wealth of other wildlife. The next day you'll enjoy morning and afternoon safaris to spot them.

DAYS 9-10: JAIPUR

Journey to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur for a two-night stay. While here your explorations will include the Hawa Mahal, the majestic Amber Fort, the Maharaja's City Palace, and Jantar Mantar, the largest stone and marble-crafted observatory in the world.

DAYS 11-12: 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 13-14: 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 explore the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, and ride a camel through the Sam Sand Dunes.

DAYS 15-16: 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.



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.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

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
2026 DATES	
19 Feb - 19 Mar	\$14,580
15 Oct - 12 Nov	\$14,580
12 Mar - 09 Apr	\$14,580
29 Oct - 26 Nov	\$14,580
01 Oct - 29 Oct	\$14,580

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 – Trivandrum) 28 days from \$12,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,600

Important note
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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$180pp (AU\$269pp) is paid locally in India.

DAYS 17-18: 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.

DAY 19: AURANGABAD

Morning at leisure before boarding a flight to Aurangabad.

DAYS 20-21: 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 22: 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 23: EXPLORE KOCHI

Fascinating Kochi is strung across the islands and peninsulas of the Malabar coast. Visit the Dutch Palace and Fort Kochi. This evening enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.

DAY 24: 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 onboard overnight.

DAY 25: TRAVEL TO KOVALAM

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

DAY 26: VISIT TRIVANDRUM

Explore Kerala's capital Trivandrum, with visits to Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Sri Chitra Art Gallery, the Observatory and Kanakakunnu Palace. Return to Kovalam and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

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 \$1,010pp twin share

AMRITSAR SHORT STAY
3 days from \$850pp twin share

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY
3 days from \$510pp twin share

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CHRISTMAS IN INDIA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,580

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

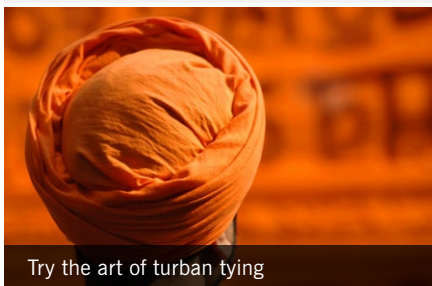
- ✓ Immerse yourself in Delhi
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Experience a religious ceremony on the Ghats
- ✓ Visit a vintage car museum
- ✓ Discover the step wells of Bundi



Admire Udaipur's City Palace

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 and devotion.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to 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 Qutab 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 High Tea before returning to your hotel.

DAY 7: UDAIPUR

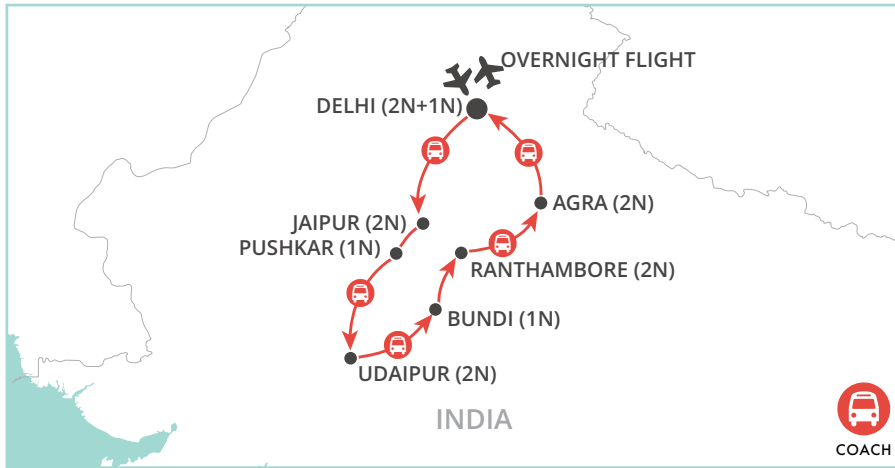
Today's adventure is a journey into the heart of Udaipur's culture. Drive around the tranquil expanse of Fateh Sagar Lake and discover the Folk Museum's indigenous heritage treasure trove. The Mewar Art Gallery offers history and modern expression captured on canvas. The highlight will be a visit to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

DAY 8: UDAIPUR TO BUNDI

After breakfast you will set off for Bundi, with sightseeing stops en route. First, visit the awe-inspiring Chittor Fort, one of India's largest, which stands proudly on a hill top, commanding a panoramic view over the town of Chittorgarh. Then, explore the majestic Vijay Stambh, before arriving in Bundi.

DAY 9: BUNDI TO RANTHAMBORE

Enjoy discovering this town with its hidden treasures, from the amazing stepwells to Taragarh Fort.



CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Enjoy 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.



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.

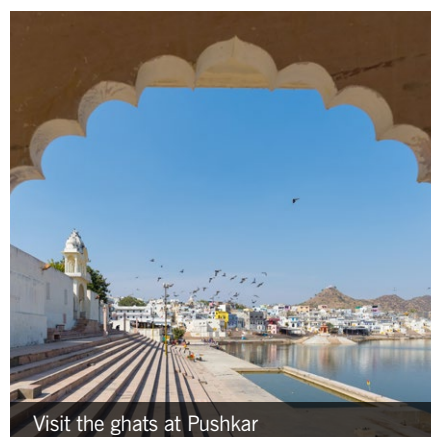
DAY 11: CHRISTMAS EVE IN AGRA
Travel to Agra, with a captivating stop en route at Fatehpur Sikri. Explore its wonders, including the Tomb of Chisti and the Panchal Mahal Palace. Arrive at your hotel, where the festive ambiance will get you in the Christmas Eve spirit! There is a special option available this evening – a 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 restaurants to sip on a glass of chilled champagne as you watch the pinks, yellows and reds of the sun set shift across the marbled surface of 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.



PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES	
14 Dec - 28 Dec	\$7,580
2026 DATES	
14 Dec - 28 Dec	\$7,880

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 \$5,980 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,400

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Marvel at Fatehpur Sikri

NEW

CHRISTMAS IN KERALA

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$8,780



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



ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Ride a rickshaw through Pondicherry
- ✓ Witness an Aarti ceremony
- ✓ Enjoy a Kalaripayattu performance
- ✓ Taste tea blends in Munnar
- ✓ Attend Christmas mass in traditional attire
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's serene backwaters



Kathakali dance performance

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Dress to impress for Christmas mass

▶ CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Add a vibrant touch to the festive spirit by dressing in traditional, local attire – brightly hued mundus for men and Kerala sarees for women – to attend Christmas mass at St Francis Church in Kochi.
- ▶ Visit the skilled artisans of a tile factory in Madurai, watching the transformation from raw materials into beautifully painted and glazed tiles of all different shapes and sizes, each with a unique character.
- ▶ Set sail on the beautiful Kerala backwaters on Boxing Day, cruising the picturesque network of rivers, lakes and canals aboard a traditional houseboat called a 'kettuvallam'. Spending a night on board, there is plenty of time to savour the sight of lush greenery, swaying palms and quaint villages on the shore.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO CHENNAI

Fly to Chennai, where on arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the days is yours to start soaking up the local culture, with dinner at the hotel this evening.

DAY 2: EXPLORE CHENNAI

Your festive adventure begins with the delights of Chennai, the city where many of southern India's artistic, cultural and culinary traditions are kept alive. Start with the sand between your toes at Marina Beach then explore Fort St George and St Mary's Church. Go on to visit the strikingly intricate Kapaleeswarar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva.

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO PONDICHERRY

Depart Chennai for Pondicherry with a stop en route at the breathtaking Mahabalipuram rock carvings. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, these wonderfully preserved 7th and 8th-century rock cut sculptures show intricate depictions of Hindu mythology. Arrive in Pondicherry.

DAY 4: RICKSHAW RIDE

A fascinating mix of Indian and French influences with a bohemian vibe, Pondicherry is a place for the spiritually minded. Visit the Sri Aurobindo Ashram and learn more about the city's history at the Pondicherry Museum. Then, board a rickshaw to explore the quaint charms of the colourful French Quarter.

DAY 5: DRIVE TO VELANKANNI

Head south to the town of Velankanni, home of the revered Roman Catholic shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health, which you'll visit this afternoon.

A major pilgrimage site, it is believed to be a place of miraculous healing; soak up the joyous atmosphere as plenty of devotees visit to mark the Christmas season.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO MADURAI

Travel to Madurai via Chettinad, pausing to discover the rich cultural heritage of the area with a visit to a tile-making factory, a traditional house and a local market.

DAY 7: EXPLORE MADURAI

One of the oldest cities in India, Madurai is the soul of Tamil Nadu state and full of cultural treasures. Explore the colourful and deity covered Meenakshi Amman Temple followed by the regal Thirumalai Nayakkar Palace before returning to Meenakshi to experience an atmospheric evening aarti ceremony. Surrounded by believers, burning lamps and whispered devotions, the divine energy will be palpable.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO PERIYAR

Travel to Periyar, taking a scenic route that will allow you to explore a spice village and market. This evening, on arrival, watch a Kalaripayattu martial arts show. Originating in Kerala, this dynamic, ancient martial art is characterised by fluid movements, precise technique and a deep connection to its cultural heritage.

DAY 9: CRUISE LAKE PERIYAR

Venture onto the serene waters of Lake Periyar, surrounded by the wildlife-filled landscapes of Periyar National Park. You may spot elephants, deer and various bird species visiting the lake to drink. Travel to the colonial hill station of Munnar.



CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING **2**

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Kerala offers a laidback, tropical-tinged Christmas adventure full of warm sunshine, bright colours, and rich heritage. Explore this cultural melting pot of a state and embrace the seasonal traditions that the locals have made their own.



Admire Meenakshi Amman Temple



Cruise the Kerala backwaters on Boxing Day

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES	
14 Dec - 28 Dec	\$8,780
2026 DATES	
14 Dec - 28 Dec	\$8,980

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 (Chennai – Kochi) 15 days from \$7,280 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,990

Important note
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DAY 10: TEA TASTING

Begin the day with lungfuls of fresh mountain air on a light hike through Eravikulam National Park. Then it's time for tea! Surrounded by picturesque tea estates, learn all about the tea-making process, from bush to brew, at a local tea plantation and the Tata Tea Museum, tasting a variety of blends throughout the day.

DAY 11: KOCHI

It's Christmas Eve! Travel to the wonderful Kochi, a city on the Malabar Coast with an intriguingly diverse heritage thanks to its history as a trading port. This evening is all about getting into the Christmas spirit with your travel companions as you indulge in a festive feast full of Kerala flavours. Later, delve into the unique Christmas traditions of Kerala at a midnight mass at an Oriental Orthodox Church.

DAY 12: CHRISTMAS DAY

Merry Christmas! Dress to impress in traditional Kerala attire to attend Christmas mass at St Francis Church. Then, savouring some festive sunshine, explore the city and its mix of influences with visits to Santa Cruz Basilica, the Jewish synagogue, the Chinese fishing nets, and local markets. Tuck into Christmas brunch and enjoy the festivities at your hotel in the afternoon. Later, spend some time backstage of Kathakali dance auditorium observing the preparation and make-up being done by artists, followed by the dance performance and delicious dinner.

DAY 13: KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Enjoy a Boxing Day with a difference, boarding a traditional houseboat in Alleppey to cruise the scenic Kerala backwaters. You'll stop to explore as you go – small villages, churches, and ancient temples to get better idea of the area's rich tapestry. When you moor up for a night on the water, spend the evening enchanted by folk music and dancing.

DAY 14: RETURN TO KOCHI

Disembark your houseboat and return by road to Kochi. This afternoon, visit the local markets, including a fragrant spice market. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight.

DAYS 15-16: FLY KOCHI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving the same or following day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...

GOA BEACH STAY
5 days from \$880pp twin share

KOVALAM SHORT STAY
5 days from \$420pp twin share

SHIMLA SHORT STAY
4 days from \$1,010pp twin share

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Visit a local tea plantation in Kerala



Take a rickshaw ride in Pondicherry

HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,180

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

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



Visit 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 climes 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. The rest of the day is yours to explore.

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 and admire the world-renowned Heavenly Maidens frescoes.

DAY 3: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

Explore the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, the capital of a kingdom that ruled the island between the 11th and 13th centuries, with its well-preserved stupas, frescoes and statues. This afternoon, embark on an adventurous jeep safari on Minneriya National Park. Look out for large herds of elephants, sloth bears, 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. You'll also see the sacred Bo Tree, the city's most renowned relic. Bought here 2,250 years ago by the Emperor Asoka's daughter, it is believed to

have grown from a branch of the tree under which Buddha gained enlightenment.

DAY 5: DAMBULLA ROCK TEMPLE

After breakfast, travel to Dambulla where you will tour the 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

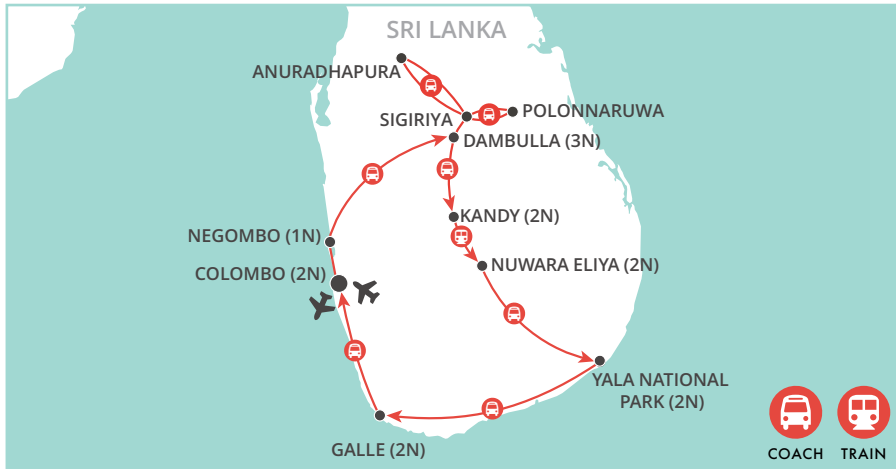
This morning, visit the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens. Later, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of the most revered Buddhist sites in the world. Stolen at Buddha's funeral, the tooth was smuggled into Sri Lanka hidden in the hair of a princess who fled from India. Explore the remains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

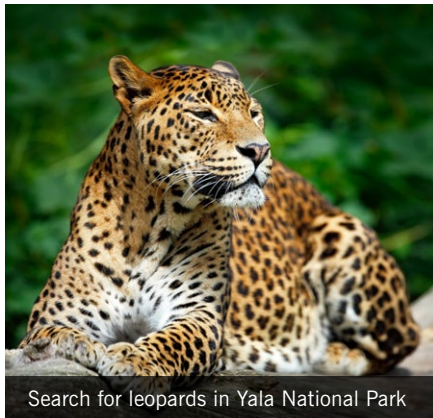
This morning you visit a tea plantation learning how tea is graded. Later this afternoon enjoy a city tour taking in the race course, Hill Club Hotel, Gregory Lake and Sita Amman Kovil.



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

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES			
01 Feb - 15 Feb	\$8,180	25 Oct - 08 Nov	\$8,280
01 Mar - 15 Mar	\$8,280	08 Nov - 22 Nov	\$8,280
15 Mar - 29 Mar	\$8,280	22 Nov - 06 Dec	\$9,980
12 Apr - 26 Apr	\$8,280		
2026 DATES			
24 Jan - 07 Feb	\$8,880	17 Oct - 31 Oct	\$8,880
14 Feb - 28 Feb	\$8,880	24 Oct - 07 Nov	\$8,880
21 Feb - 07 Mar	\$8,880	07 Nov - 21 Nov	\$8,880
14 Mar - 28 Mar	\$8,880	21 Nov - 05 Dec	\$10,680
11 Apr - 25 Apr	\$8,880		

Flight and supplement information

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- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Colombo – Colombo) 15 days from \$6,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,700

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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.

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 GALLE

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.

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.

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CHRISTMAS IN SRI LANKA

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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

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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: FLY TO 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 landmark is regarded as the world's eighth wonder amongst the locals. Enjoy magnificent views, colourful frescos and beautiful gardens when you reach the top.

DAY 3: POLONNARUWA

Today you visit Hiriwaduna for a local village experience, enjoying a boat trip on the lake, a tuk-tuk trip to a local home and learning to prepare an authentic dish. Next is Polonnaruwa, an ancient capital and UNESCO World Heritage site, full of well-preserved stupas, statues and frescoes.

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

This morning visit the fascinating Dambulla Cave Temple, the country's largest and best preserved cave temple. Visit the fragrant spice garden in Matale and arrive in Kandy to view the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic followed by an amazing cultural dance show.

DAY 6: KANDY

Embark on a boat ride around the lake offering you breathtaking views of a picturesque city. Later, trek through a long-protected tract of rainforest teeming with a variety of species, including beautiful birds like Layard's parakeet and the oriental dwarf kingfisher.

DAY 7: CHRISTMAS EVE – NUWARA ELIYA

Board a train to Nuwara Eliya, travelling on what is considered one of the most picturesque rail journeys in the world, passing through a landscape of lush tea plantations and quaint towns. This afternoon, relax and prepare for the Christmas Eve festivities that include 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 a scrumptious Christmas lunch and plenty more celebrations, including a high tea served in the beautiful gardens of the Grand Hotel.



Spot 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

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES	
18 Dec - 02 Jan	\$9,580
2026 DATES	
18 Dec - 02 Jan	\$9,980

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DAY 9: UDAWALAWE

After breakfast, proceed to Yala, with a stop at Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, before a lesson in how to make curd. An essential item in every Sri Lankan pantry, the process of making buffalo curd is a challenging, but fun task. Attempt to milk a buffalo, taste the fresh milk then beginning the curdling process. You'll end up with a fresh pot of curd sweetened with treacle.

DAY 10: YALA NATIONAL PARK

In the early morning and late afternoon, you will head off on a jeep safari through 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, 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 ambulama, 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

Spend the start of your New Year wandering through Colombo's markets, strolling along the promenade, or simply relaxing in a café. Enjoy the day at your own pace, taking in the sights and sounds of the city. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 16: FLY TO AUSTRALIA

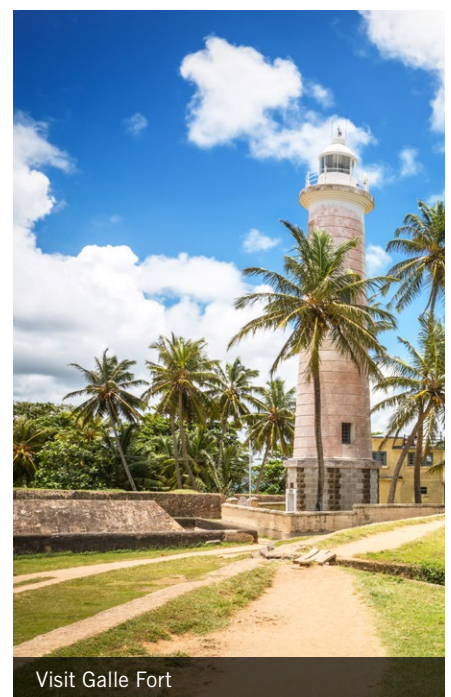
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Visit Galle Fort

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit Toprak Kala Fortress
- ✓ Explore Bukhara's monuments
- ✓ Discover Registan Square
- ✓ Shop at Chorsu bazaar
- ✓ Be mesmerised by Gur Emir's tilework
- ✓ Stroll through Ichan Kala

PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit a family-run ceramics workshop

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit the workshop of a famous family known for their ceramics – Akbar and Alisher Rakhimov. You will learn about the history of ceramics and get to see the unique collection of their exclusive works. Enjoy a tea ceremony with local pastries baked especially for you.
- ▶ Enjoy lunch at the house of a local, who just happens to be an expert suzani (tapestry) maker! You'll dine on 'plov', the national Uzbek dish, which you'll also help to prepare - made with mutton and rice, it includes a large quantity of spices.
- ▶ Experience a wine tasting at Khovrenko Winery in Samarkand. You will be taken on a tour of the wine museum, familiarising yourselves with the history of winemaking in the region. This winery also produces vodka and brandy.



Explore majestic Samarkand

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TASHKENT

Fly overnight to Tashkent. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel, and you have the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 3: DISCOVER TASHKENT

Today you will explore the capital city visiting the old town, Barak Khana Seminary, Tila Shaikh Mosque and Chorsu Bazaar. Enjoy a ceramic workshop ending with a delightful tea ceremony. Later visit Amir Temur square and the famous Tashkent Metro.

DAY 4: NUKUS AND KHIVA

This morning you will fly to Nukus where the highlight is the Igor Savitsky Museum. In the afternoon you will continue to Khiva, visiting ancient fortresses en route. These include Chilpik Kala, also known as the Tower of Silence, Kizil Kala Fortress and Toprak Kala Fortress – an excavated town considered to be one of the most important monuments on Khorezm. You can also explore Ayaz Kala, one of the biggest complexes in Karakalpakstan, comprising three fortresses.

DAY 5: KHIVA

Set out on foot, taking in all the major sights of the Itchan Kala, Khiva's evocative and wonderfully preserved old city. Visit the citadel, Kalta Minor Minaret, Kunya Ark, Madrassah Rakhimkhon and the Mausoleum of Pakhlavan Makhmud. Keep exploring this afternoon, at the Friday Mosque and Tashauli Palace, including its harem.

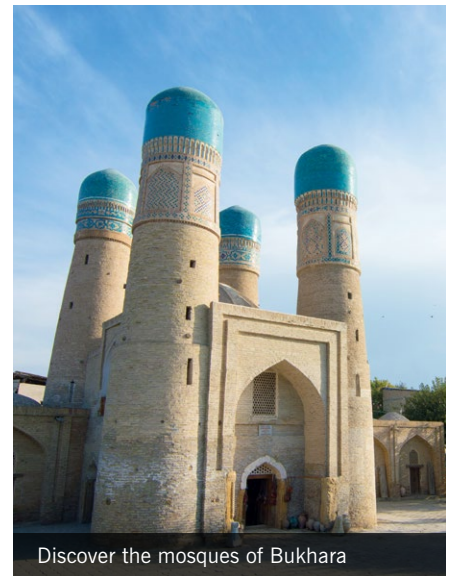
DAY 6: KHIVA TO BUKHARA

Set out for Bukhara, taking a long drive across the famous Kyzyl Kum Desert.

The Great Silk Road once ran a similar route to the one you will travel today. There will be several photo opportunities along the way as well as a stop along the banks of the Amudarya River.

DAY 7: BUKHARA

Begin your full day of touring this incredible city, home to hundreds of registered monuments. The main highlights will include Lab-i-khauz, Madrassah Nadirkhon Devanbegi, Khanaga and Mogaki Attari Mosque. After lunch, visit Ark Fortress, Bolo Hauz Mosque and see the locals doing block printing, metal chasing and suzani embroidery as well as carving.



Discover the mosques of Bukhara

CLASSIC
UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy an in-depth exploration of the Central Asian nation of Uzbekistan, a heartland of ancient culture, timeless cities and associations with the myths and legends of the Silk Road. Explore among spectacular scenery, discovering architectural wonders and epic history.



See the ruins of ancient Mizdahkan



Marvel at the tilework of Itchan Kala, Khiva

DAY 8: BY TRAIN TO SAMARKAND

Visit Sitora-i-Mokhikhosa, the summer residence of the emir of Bukhara, and then visit Bahauddin Naqshbandi – the memorial complex of famous Sufi, the spiritual leaders of this region. In the afternoon you'll make your way to the train station for your journey to Samarkand.

DAY 9: SAMARKAND

Today you will explore one of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world and the oldest in Central Asia. Visit the breathtakingly beautiful Registan Square which was the heart of Samarkand, and the beautiful madrassahs of Ulug-Bek built in the 15th century, Tillya-Kori, built in the 17th century and Gur Emir, the mausoleum of great conqueror Tamerlane. Later, enjoy a wander through the Silk Road bazaar.

DAY 10: SHAKHRISABZ

Travel two hours to Shakhrisabz, a small traditional city lying 80 kilometres south of Samarkand. Here, the birthplace of Tamerlane, you will explore Ak-Sarai Palace, Dorus Tilavat cemetery and Kok-Gumbas Mosque, before returning to Samarkand.

DAY 11: SAMARKAND TO TASHKENT

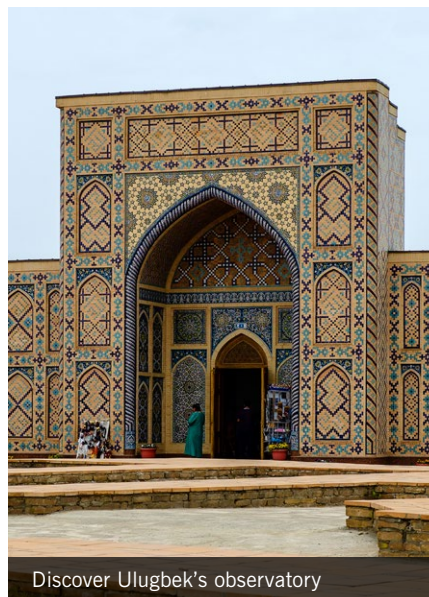
Exploring today begins with a visit to Ulugbek's observatory followed by a visit to the ancient settlement of Afrosiab situated in the hills. You will have some leisure time in Samarkand before transferring to the train station, heading back to Tashkent.

DAYS 12-13: FLY TASHKENT TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.



Admire traditional suzani embroidery



Discover Ulugbek's observatory

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

18 Apr - 30 Apr	\$9,990	12 Sep - 24 Sep	\$9,990
16 May - 28 May	\$9,990	10 Oct - 22 Oct	\$9,990

2026 DATES

17 Apr - 29 Apr	\$10,390	11 Sep - 23 Sep	\$10,390
15 May - 27 May	\$10,390	09 Oct - 21 Oct	\$10,390

Flight and supplement information

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- Single supplement from \$1,040

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

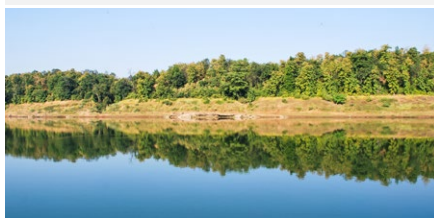
- ✓ Ride in a rickshaw to the market
- ✓ Enjoy walking safaris with naturalists
- ✓ Spot the majestic Bengal tiger
- ✓ Explore Panna National Park
- ✓ Visit the Temples of Khajuraho
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal



Search for tigers 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 scenic 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 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.



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 storks on the Ken River



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

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.

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 in Khajuraho, 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 en route 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 the following day.



Glimpse the impressive barasingha

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

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
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06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$9,580	30 Nov - 13 Dec	\$9,580

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

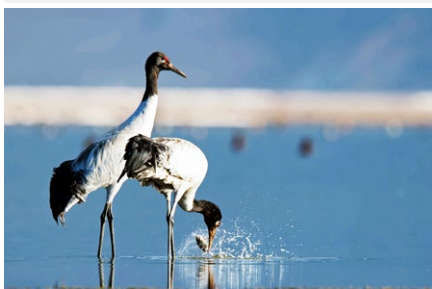
- ✓ Discover Kolkata's culture
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Kanchenjunga
- ✓ Spot rhinos and elephants
- ✓ Soak up Bhutan's culture
- ✓ Hike through paddy fields
- ✓ Explore tea plantations



Discover Tiger's Nest Monastery

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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, Kumortuli, 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

Get up early to visit a fragrant flower market. 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 stands at an impressive elevation of 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 and a tea plantation.

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: 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.



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, National Institute of Traditional Medicine, the Handicrafts Emporium and Folk Heritage Museum, Textile Museum and Trashi Chhoe Dzong.

DAY 16: TRAVEL TO GANGTEY

Drive through 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

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Gangtey to take in exceptional views of the surrounding landscapes. The rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish.

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. Discover Paro's picturesque surroundings and explore 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.

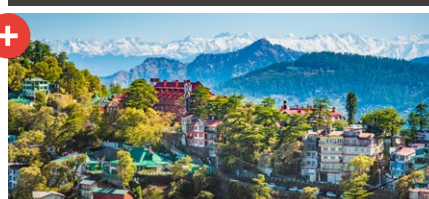
DAY 22: FLY TO KOLKATA

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.

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PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

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05 Apr - 28 Apr	\$15,680
08 Nov - 01 Dec	\$15,680
2026 DATES	
04 Apr - 27 Apr	\$15,980
07 Nov - 30 Nov	\$15,980

Flight and supplement information

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- Single supplement from \$2,980

Important note
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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Sample Georgian cuisine
- ✓ Discover ancient caravanserais
- ✓ Learn about the 1st Christian nation
- ✓ Marvel at Mount Kazbegi
- ✓ Taste popular local wines
- ✓ Explore an abandoned cave town



Visit the remote village of Ushguli

PRICE INCLUDES

- 21 breakfasts, 20 lunches, 21 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Taste delicious freshly made yoghurt

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Experience the art of yoghurt-making as you discover the secrets of this ancient culinary technique and savour the delicious results – this is a hands-on opportunity to immerse yourself in Shamakhi's culinary heritage.
- ▶ Explore the Khareba Winery as you venture into a mountain-carved tunnel to discover the atmospheric environment where the wines mature. Learn about the winemaking process while tasting a diverse range of Georgian wines.
- ▶ Participate in a delightful Kubdari masterclass within a local home, learning to prepare the savoury filling, fold the dough, and create these delectable meat-filled pastries. Enjoy the culinary traditions of the region and the warm hospitality of a local family.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BAKU

Fly overnight to Baku. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day relaxing or exploring before your dinner in Baku Old Town.

DAY 3: BAKU CITY TOUR

Today you will enjoy a walking tour through the historic Old City, known as 'Icheri Sheher'. Landmarks such as the majestic Shirvanshahs' Palace, the emblematic Maiden Tower, and various caravanserais and mosques come to life, brimming with history. Lunch at a local restaurant is followed by some leisure time before dinner.

DAY 4: VISIT GOBUSTAN & YANARDAG

Travel to the Absheron region, famous for its preserved rock paintings, before visiting Azerbaijan's distinctive mud volcanoes – an example of its unique landscapes. Next, Yanardag, the 'burning mountain', comes into view as your journey continues to Ateshgah, the Fire Worshipers' Temple.

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO GABALA

Depart today for Gabala, visiting the Juma Mosque in Shamakhi en route. Here you will learn all about yoghurt making. Enjoy lunch before a visit to Meysari winery for a wine tasting. Continue on to Gabala.

DAY 6: EXPLORE NIDJ VILLAGE & SHEKI

After breakfast, you will be exploring Nidj village, home to the world's largest Udi population. Move on to Sheki, a renowned point along the Great Silk Road. Discover its treasures, starting with the Summer Palace of the Sheki Khans, before visiting a local family.

DAY 7: GOODBYE AZERBAIJAN, HELLO GEORGIA

Upon crossing from Azerbaijan to Georgia en route to Telavi, the first stop is a visit to a local family house for a delicious homemade meal. Following that, the Khareba Winery beckons—indulge in a diverse array of Georgian wines while learning about winemaking techniques and the storied history of Georgian viticulture.

DAY 8: VISIT SIGHNAGHI

Discover the enchanting town of Signaghi with its winding streets and impressive architecture. A visit to a local family winery unveils the secrets of traditional Qvevri wine, followed by lunch. Explore the town, including historical landmarks like the Signaghi Wall and the Bodbe Monastery. Arrive in Tbilisi for dinner.

DAY 9: CONTINUE TO ARMENIA

Set out for Sadakhlo to cross the Georgia-Armenia border, where your first stop is the remarkable 10th-century Haghpatev Monastery. Proceed to Vanadzor, known as the Green City, and engage in a captivating khachqar carving masterclass.

DAY 10: TATEV MONASTERY

Today's visits include Sevanavank Monastery, passing through Selim Caravanserai, a relic of the Silk Road, while heading to Halidzor for the record-breaking 'Wings of Tatev' aerial cableway, leading to the 9th-century Tatev Monastery perched on Votan River's gorge.

DAY 11: NORAVANK MONASTERY

After breakfast you head to Karahunj, Armenia's "Stonehenge", believed to be 3500 years older than its namesake. Continue to Areni-1 cave, home to the world's oldest known winery.

GO BEYOND

GEORGIA, ARMENIA & AZERBAIJAN

PHYSICAL RATING

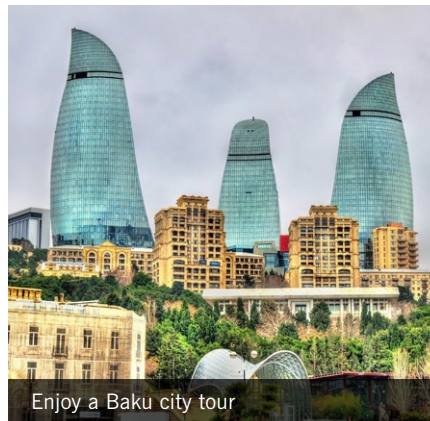


IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An adventure through the Caucasus, this tour highlights a real contrast of cultures. See beautiful mountain scenery, enjoy delicious food and wine, and marvel at ancient fortresses, cathedrals, mosques and temples.



See 7th-century Zvartnots Temple



Enjoy a Baku city tour

After lunch visit Noravank Monastery nestled amongst dramatic rock formations. Finish at the repeatedly rebuilt Khor Virap Monastery.

DAY 12: YEREVAN CITY TOUR

Today, explore Yerevan, starting at the magnificent Republic Square where you'll discover thousands of years of hidden history. Ascend the Cascade Monument for breathtaking views and then travel to Ejmiatsin where you will experience a 'tolma' masterclass before the day ends with a visit to Zvartnots Cathedral.

DAY 13: GEGHARD MONASTERY

After breakfast, explore the Matenadaran, home to Armenia's impressive collection of ancient manuscripts. Visit Geghard Monastery, Garni Pagan Temple and after a lavash-baking class, return to Yerevan, visiting Symphony of Stones en route.

DAY 14: TRAVEL TO GYUMRI

Before leaving Yerevan you will visit the Genocide memorial complex, officially known as Tsitsernakaberd (meaning 'Swallow's Fortress'). Head to Saghmsoavank Monastery, spectacularly placed on a gorge, continuing to Gyumri, Armenia's second-largest city with a 3000-year history and plenty of culture. Following lunch, enjoy a city tour, exploring Gyumri's Old Town.

DAY 15: BACK INTO GEORGIA

After breakfast, cross the Armenia-Georgia border at Bavra, heading to explore Vardzia. The next stop is Rabati Castle, a 13th-century fortress transformed through various rulers' influences. Today, it stands restored as a cultural centre with museums and galleries showcasing the region's history.

DAY 16: KUTAISI CITY TOUR

Today you will travel to Borjomi and on to Kutaisi for a city tour that includes the White Bridge, Colchis Fountain, Bagrati Cathedral and Gelati Monastery, where the architecture reflects Georgia's Golden Age.

DAY 17: MESTIA

After breakfast, head to Mestia, pausing at Enguri Dam. Mestia's preserved landscape features medieval villages with iconic tower houses built by the Svan people; this entire region is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 18: USHGULI

Today you visit Ushguli, a collection of five villages. Its medieval charm is preserved due to its inaccessibility, and is surrounded by the majestic Caucasus peaks. Here you explore the Svaneti Museum before preparing lunch at a Kubdari masterclass in a local family's home.

DAY 19: SISA TURA & ZUGDIDI

Journey back to Kutaisi, stopping along the way at Sisa Tura Ethno Village to prepare local dishes such as elarji, gebjalia and khachapuri. Continue to Zugdidi and explore the Dadiani Palace Museum, home to impressive art and historical treasures, including Napoleon Bonaparte's death mask.

DAY 20: KUTAISI TO GORI

After breakfast, continue to Gori, visiting the Joseph Stalin Museum and exploring the ancient cave city of Uplistsikhe. En route to Gudauri, enjoy breathtaking panoramic views across the region's landscapes.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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30 Aug - 22 Sep	\$12,980	27 Sep - 20 Oct	\$12,980
06 Sep - 29 Sep	\$12,980		

2026 DATES

16 May - 08 Jun	\$13,580	19 Sep - 12 Oct	\$13,580
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05 Sep - 28 Sep	\$13,580		

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DAY 21: KAZBEGI

Journey to Kazbegi where the highlight of your visit is the Gergeti Trinity Church, a magnificent 14th-century Orthodox church set on a hill, overlooking the craggy peaks of the Caucasus Mountains. Enjoy lunch at a local guesthouse and experience a khinkali master class before returning to Gudauri.

DAY 22: MTSKHETA AND TBILISI

Start the day visiting Mtskheta's Svetitskhoveli Cathedral before continuing on to explore Tbilisi's Old Town. A lift takes you to the Narikala fortress, and afterwards visit Anchiskhati and Sioni churches, Meidan Square, and Metekhi Cliff. The day ends with a lively folk show, offering a sample of local culture.

DAYS 23-24: FLY TBILISI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

ROAD TO SAMARKAND

23 DAYS FROM

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INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

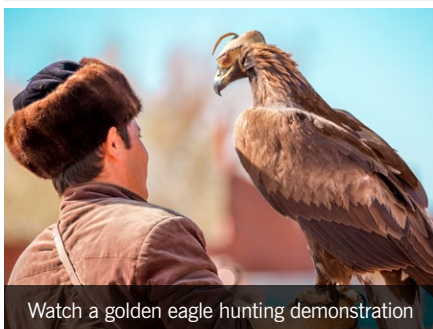
ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Uncover the beauty of Samarkand
- ✓ Learn about silk production
- ✓ Discover holy Bukhara
- ✓ Meet nomads in Kyrgyzstan
- ✓ Lose yourself in vibrant bazaars
- ✓ Watch traditional eagle hunting

PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation, plus guesthouse
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Watch a golden eagle hunting demonstration

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ One of Central Asia's most iconic experiences, witness the skill and majesty of golden eagle hunting – an age-old Kyrgyz practice – in the spectacular setting of Kyrgyzstan's highlands.
- ▶ Take to the tranquil, vivid-blue waters of Issyk Kul, the world's second largest alpine lake, enjoying a relaxing cruise as you admire the spectacular views of the rugged Ala-Too Mountains.
- ▶ In Kochkor, visit a wonderful local cooperative where women are trained in traditional Kyrgyz handicrafts and given space to show and sell their work, allowing them to earn a wage and keep old traditions alive.



Explore Khiva and Kalta Minor, its beautiful unfinished minaret

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BISHKEK

Fly overnight to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital and cultural hub. Once you have checked in, the rest of the day is for you to relax before dinner.

DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast embark on a city tour to see Ala-Too Square, the White House and Oak Park. Continue to Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through its picturesque scenery of rugged peaks and dramatic gorges. Rest of day at leisure in Bishkek.

DAY 4: LAKE ISSYK KUL

Visit the magnificent 12th-century Burana Tower before departing for Cholpon-Ata. Set on the shores of Lake Issyk Kul, visit the astonishing collection of 8th-century petroglyphs etched into glacial stone nearby. Later, take a cruise on the beautiful lake itself, admiring its spectacular alpine-esque surroundings.

DAY 5: DRIVE TO KARAKOL

Drive to Karakol, stopping at Semenov Gorge for a gentle hike, and Kyrchyn Jailoo ethnic village en route. This afternoon visit the Przhivalsky Museum, dedicated to the Russian explorer, and visit the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and the Chinese Mosque.

DAY 6: JETI-ORGUZ GORGE

Rise early to immerse yourself in the hustle and bustle of Karakol's Sunday morning animal market. In the afternoon, travel to the Jetti-Oguz Gorge for a walk through the canyon of red sandstone. This evening enjoy a home-cooked dinner with a local Dungan family in Karakol.

DAY 7: EAGLE HUNTING

Depart Karakol early and travel to the village of Bokonbaevo to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition practised with majestic golden eagles. Continue to Naryn, where you will stay the night.

DAY 8: JOURNEY TO TASH RABAT

Pass through dramatic mountain and valley landscapes to reach Tash Rabat, a small stone caravanserai that was of great significance at the height of the Silk Road. Enjoy the peaceful valley said to contain some of the finest landscapes in Kyrgyzstan before returning to Naryn.

DAY 9: KOCHKOR

Transfer to Kochkor, the centre of Kyrgyz felt handicrafts. Visit a traditional 'shyrdak' (wool carpet) workshop and a co-op that provides training for local women in traditional handicrafts. In the evening you will travel to a guesthouse near Chong-Kemin National Park.

DAY 10: CHONG KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

Travel from Kochkor to Chong Kemin, a quiet valley with small villages surrounded by magnificent mountains. Enjoy a walk in the foothills before travelling to Bishkek airport for your flight to Tashkent.

DAY 11: TASHKENT

Explore Tashkent's sights, including the Barak Khana Seminary, Kukeldash Madrassahs, Tila Shaikh Mosque and their archives. Browse the wares of Chorsu bazaar before experiencing a ceramic workshop.



DAY 12: GOLDEN CITY OF SAMARKAND

Travel to the legendary city of Samarkand where you will enjoy a tour of Registan Square, the Ulug-Bek and Tillya-Kori madrasah. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring at your leisure.

DAY 13: SAMARKAND

Explore Gur Emir, the magnificent mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane, the chief Friday Mosque Bibi-Khanum and the Siab Bazaar and Shahi Zinda Necropolis. Later in the afternoon see Mausoleum of the Prophet Daniel.

DAY 14: KONIGIL VILLAGE

Visit Ulugbek's observatory, constructed by Ulugbek (grandson of the great Tamerlane) in 1428-1429. Later see the ancient settlement of Afrosiab. Continue to Konigil Village to visit a papermaking workshop. In the afternoon return to Samarkand and remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY 15: SHAKHRISABZ

Travel to Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of the Tamerlane. Explore the city, visiting sites such as the remnants of Ak-Sarai Palace, Dorus Tilavat cemetery and Kok-Gumbas Mosque. Return to Samarkand this afternoon.

DAY 16: BUKHARA

Journey to Bukhara. En route, visit Gijduvan, a centre of famous handmade ceramics. Here you will see the fascinating process of making these ceramics. Arrive in the holy city of Bukhara, a treasure trove of history and magnificent architecture. Take this afternoon to begin your explorations and soak up the atmosphere.



DAY 17: BUKHARA

This morning's sightseeing includes: the Lyab-i-Hauz ensemble, Nadir Devanbegi Madrassah, Khanaga and Magoki Attari Mosques, Poi Kalon Minaret and Mosque, plus the Madrassahs of Aziz Khan and Ulugbek. After lunch you will discover the Ark of Bukhara, Bolo Hauz Mosque and the Mausoleums of Ismail Samanid and Chashma Ayub.

DAY 18: BUKHARA

This morning visit Sitora-i Mohi Khosa, the Emir's summer palace, a 20th-century confection of a building. Continue to the Bahauddin Naqshbandi Mausoleum of a famous Sufi spiritual leader of the region. The afternoon is at leisure. Return to Bukhara and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 19: KHIVA

This morning you will set out for Khiva, a journey that will take you across Kyzyl Kum Desert and a stop at Amudarya River. The route runs 480 kilometres through the stark beauty of the desert, the scenery changing from sparse saksaul trees to the lush riverbanks of the Amudarya.

GO BEYOND
KYRGYZSTAN & UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING 3

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Follow the famous Silk Road through Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan! This tour will take you off-the-beaten-track to mingle with nomads in traditional yurt camps, to stroll through vibrant bazaars and discover timeless, ornately-decorated cities.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

13 May - 04 Jun	\$16,280	16 Sep - 08 Oct	\$16,280
27 May - 18 Jun	\$16,280	23 Sep - 15 Oct	\$16,280
02 Sep - 24 Sep	\$16,280	30 Sep - 22 Oct	\$16,280
09 Sep - 01 Oct	\$16,280		

2026 DATES

12 May - 03 Jun	\$16,580	15 Sep - 07 Oct	\$16,580
26 May - 17 Jun	\$16,580	22 Sep - 14 Oct	\$16,580
01 Sep - 23 Sep	\$16,580	29 Sep - 21 Oct	\$16,580
08 Sep - 30 Sep	\$16,580		

Flight and supplement information

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- Single supplement from \$1,890

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DAY 20: WALLED CITY OF ITCHAN KALA

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kunya Ark and the turquoise tiled Islom-Khodja. Wander through the fascinating Madrassah Rakhimkhon, a beacon of religious, astronomic, geographic and mathematical studies, and see the 19th-century Tash Hauli Palace, decorated in blue fine china tiles.

DAY 21: FLY TO TASHKENT

Transfer to Urgench to fly to Tashkent. Upon arrival visit the Museum of Applied Arts as well as the Mustakilik Square and the famous Tashkent Metro. With its marble and granite decorations the Metro feels like an underground palace.

DAYS 22-23: FLY TASHKENT TO AUSTRALIA
Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

JOURNEY THROUGH CENTRAL ASIA

28 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Uncover historic Silk Road
- ✓ Experience Karakol's market
- ✓ Browse colourful bazaars
- ✓ Visit fascinating Kazakhstan
- ✓ Explore exotic Khiva
- ✓ Discover ancient Samarkand

PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation, plus yurts
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Learn about the Akhal Teke horses

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a stud farm to learn about the famous Akhal Tekes, a native horse breed with a distinctive metallic sheen. These majestic animals have played an essential role in Turkmenistan's history and are the emblem of the country.
- ▶ Stroll through Bukhara's Lyab-i Hauz district at twilight, admiring the spectacular architecture that surrounds one of the city's last remaining ponds (hauz), before sitting down to a delicious local dinner.
- ▶ Get a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads at a shepherd's camp, where you'll spend the night sleeping in a traditional yurt.



Admire the red cliffs of Charyn Canyon in Kazakhstan

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BISHKEK

Fly overnight to the city of Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan. The rest of the day is free to relax or explore your surroundings.

DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, visit Ala Archa National Park where you will take a leisurely hike through this alpine area, offering spectacular views of glaciers, waterfalls and high summits. Go on to enjoy a sightseeing tour of Bishkek and visit Manas Monument, Old Square and Parliament House plus much more.

DAY 4: CHONG KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Chong Kemin National Park, where you will have the chance to walk through the foothills as well as experience local village life.

DAY 5: KOCHKOR VILLAGE

Journey to Kochkor Village, a local centre of felt handicrafts, before making your way to the village of Bokonbayevo, where you will spend the night with local shepherds in their camp. Sleep in a traditional yurt, for a true taste of the life of the Kyrgyz nomads.

DAY 6: EAGLE HUNTING

Today you will meet with a berkutchi, a golden eagle hunter, to watch an eagle hunting demonstration, a millennia-old Kyrgyz tradition. Afterwards, travel to Karakol, stopping at Barskoon Gorge on the way to see the 'Tears of the Leopard' waterfall.

DAY 7: KARAKOL

Visit the Przhevalsky Museum and see the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.

In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of the Flowers and Jety-Orguz where you can enjoy a light hike through the magnificent canyon of red sandstone, all before joining a local Dungan or Uygur family for dinner.

DAY 8: SUNDAY MARKET

Rise early for Karakol's bustling Sunday market. In the afternoon, drive through breathtaking scenery to visit magnificent Charyn Canyon and its Valley of the Castles, before crossing the border into Kazakhstan, finishing the day in the country's largest city, Almaty.

DAY 9: ALMATY

Enjoy an orientation walk that takes in the Park of 28 Panfilov Guardsmen, the Central State Museum, Republic Square and the Ili Alatau mountains.

DAY 10: FLY TO DUSHANBE

Today is at leisure until your late afternoon flight to Dushanbe, Tajikistan's capital.

DAY 11: DUSHANBE

Today visit the famous Museum of National Antiquities. Walk through the botanical gardens, Rudaki Park and stop at the Ismoil Somoni monument. After lunch visit the historical Fortress of Hissor, the Medrassah Kuhna and the Museum of Tajik Way of life.

DAY 12: LAKE ISKANDERKUL

Today you will travel to mountain lake of Iskanderkul, before continuing on to Khujand.

DAY 13: KHUJAND

Stroll through the vibrant Panchshanbe Bazaar, admire the 10th-century citadel and relax at Pushkin Square. Cross the border into Uzbekistan, arriving in the city of Tashkent.



GO BEYOND
CENTRAL ASIA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Retrace legendary journeys on this unforgettable Central Asian adventure through the 'Five Stans' visiting Silk Road gems, charming villages and remote landscapes while soaking up the mystical old-world atmosphere.



Admire Bukhara's architecture



Dinner at Darvaza Crater

PRICES & DEPARTURES
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DAY 14: TASHKENT

Take a step back in time in the old town and explore the Tila Shaikh Mosque, home to rare copies of the Koran. Stop at Chorsu Bazaar and admire the opulently decorated Tashkent Metro. Visit the ceramic workshop of Akbar and Alisher Rakhimov, and explore the history of ceramics.

DAY 15: ARRIVE IN SAMARKAND

Arrive in legendary Samarkand. Wander into the heart of the city for a first glimpse of some of the magnificent sights in the spectacular Registan Square.

DAY 16: SAMARKAND

This morning, see Gur Emir, the mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane. Then, wander through a bustling local market and pause to visit Shah-I-Zinda and Bibi-Khanum Friday Mosque. Visit the Ulugh Beg, an observatory founded in the 15th century and considered one of finest in the Islamic world.

DAY 17: SHAKHRISABZ

Visit Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of Tamerlane, and visit the Ak-Sarai Palace, the Dorus Tilayat Cemetery and Kok-Gumbas Mosque. Journey on to the holy city of Bukhara.

DAY 18: BUKHARA

Spend the day exploring one of the most famous and spectacular Silk Road cities, with visits to Madrassah Nadirkhon Devanbegi, Poi Kalon Minaret and Mosque and the Ark of Bukhara.

DAY 19: BUKHARA

Head out of Bukhara to Sitara-i-Mokhikhosa, the summer residence of the former Emir of Bukhara.

Visit Bahauddin Naqshband Mausoleum, a famous Sufi spiritual leader of this region in the 14th century. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 20: JOURNEY TO KHIVA

Journey across the Kyzyl Kum Desert to Khiva, a magical Silk Road city still hidden behind its 10th-century walls. En route you'll make a stop on the picturesque banks of the Amudarya River.

DAY 21: WALLED CITY OF KHIVA

Explore ancient Khiva, discovering the sights of the UNESCO World Heritage inner-walled city of Itchan Kala including the mighty Kuhna Ark and the turquoise-tiled Islam-Khodja.

DAY 22: EXPLORE KONYE-URGENCH

Cross into Turkmenistan and drive to Konye-Urgench, capital of the Khorezm Empire in the 12th-13th centuries. Explore its magnificent mausoleums, the Kutlug Timur minaret and the fabled Mamun's Academy of Sciences. Fly to Ashgabat this evening, the nation's capital.

DAY 23: EXPLORE ASHGABAT

This morning is free to relax before a visit to a local stud farm to learn about beautiful Akhal Tekes horses. Visit the Kipchak complex, the largest mosque in Turkmenistan, then learn about the country's unique history at the National Museum of History and Ethnography.

DAY 24: ANCIENT CITY OF MERV

Rise early and fly to the city of Mary to tour the UNESCO-listed oasis-city of Merv, a major archaeological site of Central Asia.

DAY 25: DARVAZA GAS CRATER

Fly back to Ashgabat to explore both ancient and modern sides of the city. Visit the Monument and Park of Independence and see the Ertoghrl Ghazi mosque. In the afternoon drive to the Darvaza to witness its famous Flaming Crater and walk around the perimeter as dusk approaches. Enjoy a nomad-inspired dinner under the stars. Following dinner, you will return to Ashgabat.

DAY 26: ASHGABAT

Visit the UNESCO-listed Old Nisa Fortress, a stronghold of the ancient Parthian Empire. After lunch continue to the colourful Russian Bazaar and the National Carpet Museum that exhibits an interesting collection of hand-made Turkmen carpets and various carpet objects.

DAYS 27-28: FLY ASHGABAT TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore the Gobi Desert
- ✓ Discover Bayanzag's flaming cliffs
- ✓ Venture to the Singing Sand Dunes
- ✓ Visit Turtle Rock
- ✓ Wander through Ulaanbaatar
- ✓ Admire the steppe grasslands

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
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Watch traditional Mongolian dancing

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- ▶ Amongst the dramatic landscapes of Mongolia's steppe, receive a warm welcome from a local family as they show you around their ger camp home and introduce you to their nomadic life as livestock herders.



See the traditional 'Three Manly Skills' at the Naadam Festival

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 3: ULAANBAATAR CITY

Start your explorations with a visit to Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. Later, explore the Museum of Mongolian History for insight into the culture of Mongolia. You will then visit the Museum of Fine Arts.

DAY 4: GENGHIS KHAN STATUE COMPLEX

This morning, travel to Terelj National Park stopping en route to visit the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue Complex. Spend the afternoon exploring the area, enjoying the alpine scenery and seeing Turtle Rock.

DAY 5: GOBI DESERT

This morning, fly to Dalanzadgad where you will visit the local market and dinosaur-themed garden before transferring by 4WD to the ger camp near Gurvansaikhan (Three Beauty) National Park. You will then spend the day exploring Vulture Valley and the famed Eagle's Gorge, before driving back to the camp for a visit to a Mongolian family to learn about their lifestyle.

DAY 6: KHONGORYN ELS

After an early start you will be travelling by 4WD to Khongoryn Els to explore the remarkable desert landscapes and beautiful sand dunes.

DAY 7: BAYANZAG – FLAMING CLIFFS

This morning is at leisure for you to explore. After lunch, continue to Bayanzag – more commonly known as the 'Flaming Cliffs'.

This afternoon there will be a visit to the so-called dinosaur graveyard, an area in the desert littered with prehistoric bones and fossils.

DAY 8: ONGIIN KHIID

Today, journey to the banks of the Ongii River, travelling across vast plains. On arrival, visit the ruins of two famed monasteries, the Barlim Khiid to the north and the Khutagt Khiid to the south. Combined they form the complex known as Ongiin Khiid Monastery.

DAY 9: MOUNT KHOGNO KHAN

Depart for Mount Khogno Khan to explore the remains of the 17th-century monastery, the Uvgun Khiids, located at the foot of the mountain. The monastery offers views of the spectacular scenery so enjoy some time to explore the monastery and its surroundings.

DAY 10: KHARKHORIN

Drive to Kharkhorin, a town on the Orkhon River. Explore the ancient sites within Kharkhorin and the memorable Erdene Zuu Monastery.

DAY 11: TSENKHER

Enjoy the morning at leisure before continuing to Tsenkher Jiguur. On arrival you'll have more free time to relax in the hot springs and soak up the spectacular surroundings.

DAY 12: KHORGON TERKH

Today, you'll travel to the serene Great White Lake (Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur) to a ger camp that sits on its shores, overlooked by Khorgo Volcano. Take a walk up to the volcano's crater for wonderful views or wander the lake shores to spot birds and wildlife. There is also a visit to Zayain Huree Monastery in Tsetserleg Town.

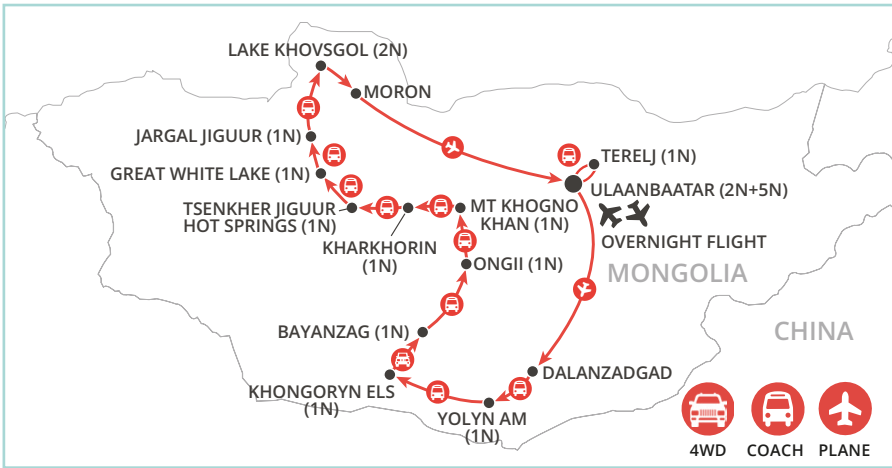
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MONGOLIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey through the less-discovered land of Genghis Khan, traversing vast, rolling plains and seeing sights of immeasurable beauty. Including three exciting days at the Naadam Festival, expect many long, but scenic drives.



Stay in a Mongolian ger



Discover the spectacular Flaming Cliffs

DAY 13: JARGAL JIGUUR

Enjoy a walk around the shores of the lake and soak up the breathtaking scenery before heading on to Jargal Jiguur, also known as the 'home of the yaks', due to the many local families who herd these docile, hairy creatures.

DAYS 14-15: LAKE KHOVSGOL

Today is a long drive through Mōron to Lake Khovsgol watching plains and glacial peaks pass by. Your ger camp is situated on the eastern shore of the lake. In the afternoon, take a walk to the forest and visit a reindeer breeding family, where you will get introduced to their way of life. You have the next day at leisure to explore freely.

DAY 16: ULAANBAATAR CITY

This morning, you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Ulaanbaatar. Upon arrival you will transfer to your hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 17: NAADAM EVE

This morning, visit the Mongol Nomadic Show and Khustai National Park to learn about the nomads and their way of life. After lunch, return to Ulaanbaatar city for the Naadam Eve, visiting Central Square where you can view the Naadam Mongol costumes on display.

DAY 18: NAADAM FESTIVAL

Today starts the highlight of your journey as you interact with locals and nomads, witnessing the Opening Ceremony of the Naadam Festival. The featured events you will see are wrestling, horseracing and archery. View the procession of the athletes, officials and monks as the first round of competitions in the wrestling tournament begin.

DAY 19: HORSE RACE

Travel outside the city to enjoy the second day of the Naadam Festival. An exciting day unfolds as you view the cross-country horseracing, also known as 'tumnii ekh' (leader of ten thousand). Cheer along with the locals as the athletes compete in a carnival-like atmosphere. This evening you will enjoy a traditional Mongolian performance followed by dinner.

DAY 20: ULAANBAATAR CITY

You have the day in Ulaanbaatar to explore as you wish.

DAYS 21-22: DEPART ULAANBAATAR

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

24 Jun - 15 Jul	SOLD OUT
07 Jul - 27 Jul	\$15,580 Itinerary in reverse 21 days

2026 DATES

24 Jun - 15 Jul	\$15,980
06 Jul - 26 Jul	\$15,980 Itinerary in reverse 21 days

Note: This itinerary varies slightly each year. Visit our website for the latest details including the itinerary in reverse 21 Day Tour

Flight and supplement information

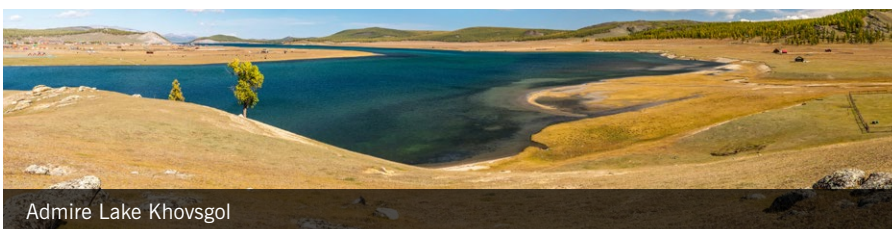
- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Ulaanbaatar – Ulaanbaatar) 20 days from \$13,380 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$2,180

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2024, 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\$120 per person (AU\$179) is paid locally in Mongolia.

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- ✓ See the sights of the Golden Triangle
- ✓ Search for tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Discover modern Singapore



Tigers at Ranthambore National Park

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- ▶ All drinks including alcohol
- ▶ Outside or balcony cabins as standard
- ▶ All Meals onboard

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi, India's dynamic capital. On arrival at the airport, you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to the hotel. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

Explore India's capital, beginning in Old Delhi with a stroll through Chandni Chowk, savouring the ambience of this bustling bazaar. Continue to India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, for a brief photo stop and pass the President's Palace and India Gate. Then visit Humayun's Tomb, the 12th-century Qutab Minar and bustling Connaught Market, where you'll sample delicious local street foods.

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Journey to Agra by road. Tour the magnificent Agra Fort, a mass of red sandstone sitting on the banks of the Yamuna River; from its ramparts you may catch a first glimpse of the magical Taj Mahal, just two kilometres downstream.

DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL SUNRISE

Rise early to share an unforgettable experience, sunrise at the Taj Mahal. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, watch this magical building tinge pink as it emerges from the early morning mists. Transfer to Ranthambore National Park, a former royal hunting ground that now provides a sanctuary for majestic Bengal tigers.

DAY 5: EXPLORE RANTHAMBORE

Explore Ranthambore National Park in search of tigers, taking early morning and afternoon safaris with a naturalist guide.

There are around 70 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

After breakfast, travel by road to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur, one of Rajasthan's most enthralling cities.

DAY 7: EXPLORE JAIPUR

The day begins with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal, then a visit to the extraordinary Amber Fort. Explore the lavish Maharaja's City Palace and the fascinating instruments of Jantar Mantar, then wander deep into the backstreets of the old town stopping to browse the wares sold by the villagers who live around the city in the bustling market.

DAY 8: RETURN TO DELHI

Travel back to Delhi by road. The rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 9: FLY TO SINGAPORE

Transfer to the airport and board your flight to Singapore, a magical, melting pot of a city-state!

DAY 10: EXPLORE SINGAPORE

Embark on a full day tour of Singapore. Begin in the historic neighbourhoods of Chinatown and Kampong Glam, then pass Parliament House on the way to Merlion Park where you'll get excellent views over Marina Bay. Arrive at the Fullerton Hotel via a hidden walkway for a delicious afternoon tea. Cruise the Singapore River as the sun sets then, post dinner, explore the magnificent Gardens by the Bay.

DAY 11: BOARD THE CELEBRITY SOLSTICE

After breakfast you will be met by an



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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on an adventure that crosses from the west of Asia to the east, discovering India's Golden Triangle by land before hopping over to Singapore to cruise across Southeast Asia, finishing with a bang among the soaring skyscrapers of Hong Kong.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES	Outside	Balcony
12 Dec - 06 Jan	14,980	\$15,580
2026 DATES	Balcony	
05 Jan - 30 Jan	\$14,980	
20 Feb - 17 Mar	\$14,980	

Flight and supplement information

- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Land only (Delhi - Hong Kong) 25 days from \$13,780 per person twin share (outside cabin)
- Single supplement from \$6,580 (outside cabin)
- Tipping paid locally SGD15 + US\$70 + 100HKD
- Gratuities on cruise £165

English-speaking guide and transferred to Singapore's cruise terminal to board your cruise. The rest of the day is free to explore the ship's facilities and settle in. Throughout your cruise, when your ship comes into port, there will be a range of excursions available to help you explore each destination. These excursions are at your own expense and are bookable on your cruise reservation.

DAY 12: CRUISE – AT SEA

Spend the day exploring the plentiful facilities and activities that are on offer on your cruise ship as you follow Malaysia's coastline up into Thailand.

DAY 13: CRUISE – EXPLORE KO SAMUI

Discover this tropical paradise island with its waving palms, white sands, and azure waters.

DAY 14: CRUISE – EXPLORE BANGKOK

Arrive at Bangkok, Thailand's vibrant and heritage-filled capital city.

DAY 15: CRUISE – BANGKOK

Spend today at port in Bangkok.

DAY 16: CRUISE – AT SEA

Relax by the pool or go on a culinary exploration – there are many things to keep you entertained as you sail across the Gulf of Thailand.

DAY 17: CRUISE – EXPLORE SAIGON

Arrive in Saigon, Vietnam's vibrant powerhouse, where there is so much fascinating history and culture to discover.

DAY 18: CRUISE – EXPLORE NHA TRANG

Vietnam's high-energy beach resort, Nha Trang is gloriously set between green hills and a turquoise bay.

DAY 19: CRUISE – EXPLORE HUE

Port at Chan May to explore the imperial history of Hue or the relaxed vibes of Danang.

DAY 20: CRUISE – EXPLORE HANOI

Port in Halong Bay for Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. Halong Bay itself is a spectacular UNESCO-listed seascape of limestone karst towers and cliffs, while Hanoi is a metropolis where you can discover layer upon layer of history on grand, bustling streets.

DAY 21: CRUISE – HANOI

Spend today at port in Halong Bay.

DAY 22: CRUISE – AT SEA

Your final day on board is the perfect time to revisit all your favourite eating and drinking spots, to see a show, get a pampering in the spa, or relax by the pool.

DAY 23: ARRIVE IN HONG KONG

Disembark Celebrity Solstice at Hong Kong's cruise port, where you will be met by a guide and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 24: EXPLORE HONG KONG

Spend the day exploring under the iconic skyline of Hong Kong. Ride the tram up Victoria Peak for breathtaking views and a fascinating walking tour. Return to Central and ride the Central Escalator of Tai Kwun, the city's new artistic hub. Continue to Hollywood Road and Man Mo Temple. Enjoy a dim sum making demonstration, before eating it for lunch, then head for the West Kowloon Cultural District. Later, admire the illuminations of the Victoria Harbour light show.

DAYS 25-26: FLY HONG KONG TO AUSTRALIA

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



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▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Veranda stateroom, Celebrity Solstice® Rise early to stand before the fabled Taj Mahal as the sun rises. Watch this ethereal icon emerge from the dawn mists, the sun's rays dancing across its marbled surface, shifting through a spectrum of colours in the most magical way.
- ▶ Discover Singapore's secret GPO Tunnel, once used for running mail to ships waiting at the pier. From Merlion Park follow it under Fullerton Road and into the five-star, heritage Fullerton Hotel, where a delicious afternoon tea will be waiting.
- ▶ A Hong Kong institution, enjoy a dim sum demonstration, learning all about the different varieties, which are steamed, fried or baked, and how they are handcrafted and served. You'll dine on the delicious results for lunch.



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



Explore the 'Pink City' of Jaipur

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▶ 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. Cross into New Delhi, pausing to admire the magnificent India Gate, before visiting the serene Humayun's Tomb and UNESCO-listed Qutab Minar. (B)

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Travel by road to Agra, best known as the home of the Taj Mahal. On arrival, your explorations will begin at the Itmad-ud-Daulah, affectionately nicknamed the Baby Taj. This elegant marble tomb pre-dates the Taj Mahal by a quarter of a century - as you admire the exquisite detail of the structure you'll see why it is considered the inspiration behind its revered namesake. Continue to Agra Fort, a colossal 16th-century red sandstone edifice sat on the bank of the Yamuna River. As you stroll along its grand ramparts, you may catch your first glimpse of the Taj Mahal, just two kilometres downstream. (B)



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.



Immerse yourself in the grandeur of Agra Fort

DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

Rise with the dawn to make your way through the quiet streets to gaze on the Taj Mahal. At this serene hour, when crowds are scarce, the Taj Mahal unveils its splendour amidst a mist-kissed ambience, 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. Then, continue on to the captivating Jaipur, the ‘Pink City’. (B)

DAY 5: JAIPUR

Start your day with a brief visit to Hawa Mahal, known as the ‘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. Afterwards, proceed to the Maharaja’s City Palace, still home to Jaipur’s royal family, and explore the intriguing Jantar Mantar Observatory. End the day at a craft centre learning the techniques behind traditional Rajasthani arts like block painting and carpet weaving. (B)

DAY 6: RETURN TO DELHI

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

DAY 7: DEPART DELHI

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

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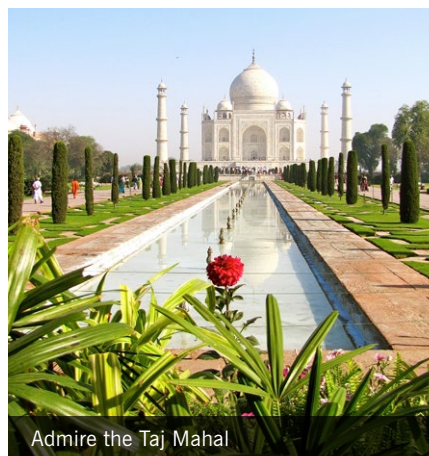
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SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

Prices are per person, based on twin share

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

2026 PRIVATE TOUR DATES

13 Jan - 19 Jan	\$4,580	05 Jul - 11 Jul	\$3,850
21 Jan - 27 Jan	\$4,580	19 Jul - 25 Jul	\$3,850
04 Feb - 10 Feb	\$4,580	09 Aug - 15 Aug	\$3,850
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18 Jun - 24 Jun	\$3,850	08 Dec - 14 Dec	\$4,580

Land only supplement information

- Solo pricing on request
- Single supplement from \$660
- Tipping paid locally

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JEWELS OF INDIA

PRIVATE TOUR

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,550

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

- 12 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 3 dinners
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Sail on Lake Pichola

▶ 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, after an overnight flight. 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 is a city that perfectly balances chaos and charm – today you'll dive straight in, visiting 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 pre-dates 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)

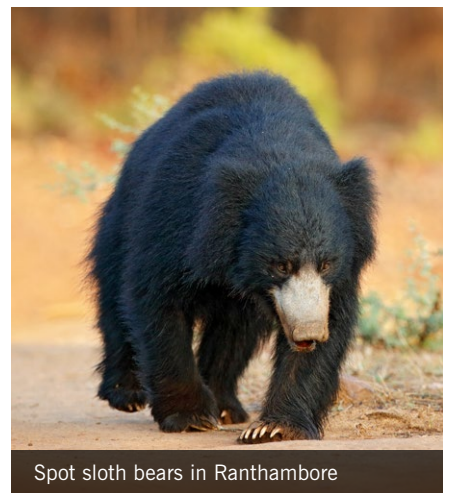
DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

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.

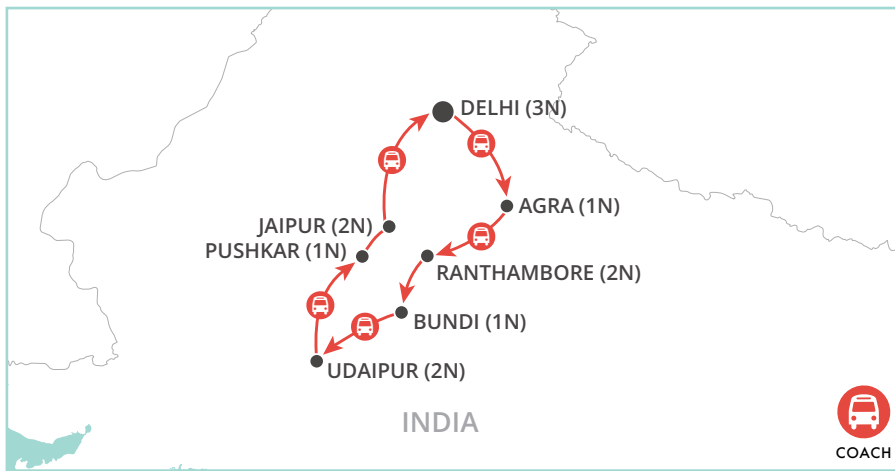
After your visit, leave Agra and journey to the enigmatic ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a mesmerising, abandoned ensemble of Mughal palaces and temples. Your road journey then leads you to Ranthambore National Park. (B,L,D)

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)



Spot sloth bears in Ranthambore



Watch Hindu pilgrims partake in sacred baths in Pushkar

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 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 11 kilometres 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)

PRIVATE 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

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
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03 Jun - 15 Jun	\$5,550	02 Dec - 14 Dec	\$5,950
17 Jun - 29 Jun	\$5,550	09 Dec - 21 Dec	\$5,950

2026 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
16 Jan - 28 Jan	\$5,950	02 Jul - 14 Jul	\$5,550
23 Jan - 04 Feb	\$5,950	09 Jul - 21 Jul	\$5,550
05 Feb - 17 Feb	\$5,950	06 Aug - 18 Aug	\$5,550
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18 Jun - 30 Jun	\$5,550	10 Dec - 22 Dec	\$5,950

Land only supplement information

- Solo pricing on request
- 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.

SRI LANKA ESCAPE

PRIVATE TOUR

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$4,090

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

- 8 breakfast, 1 lunch
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- 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 boat trip 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 breathtaking 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

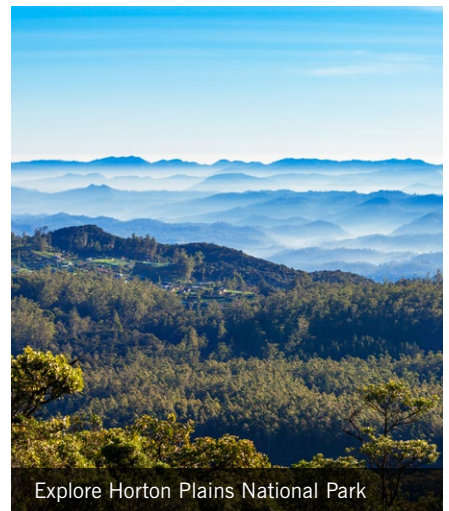
Head to Hiriwadunna village for an authentic local experience, gaining insight into the daily activities of the villagers, and enjoying a boat trip on the lake. Take a tuk-tuk ride to a village house where you will interact with a local family and learn the art of preparing an authentic Sri Lankan lunch. 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)

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)



Explore Horton Plains National Park

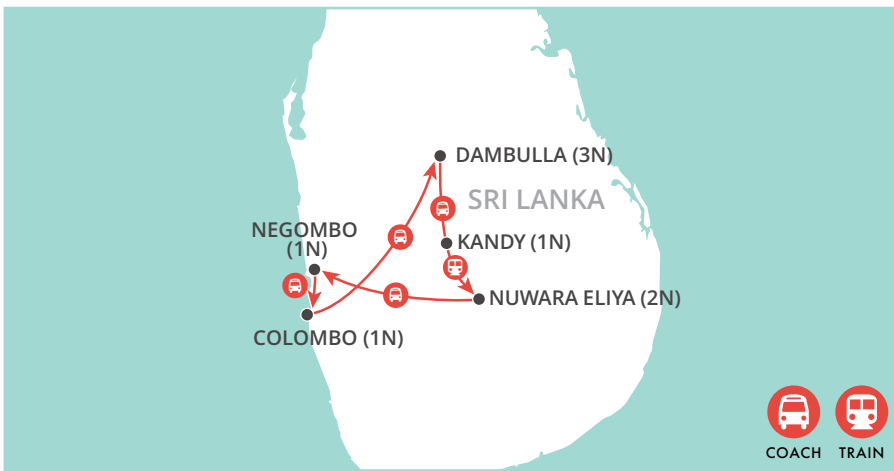
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SRI LANKA

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.



Ride the scenic train to Nuwara Eliya

SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

Prices are per person, based on twin share

2025 PRIVATE TOUR DATES

11 Jan - 19 Jan	\$4,250	06 Jul - 14 Jul	\$4,350
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16 Mar - 24 Mar	\$4,250	12 Oct - 20 Oct	\$4,090
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06 Apr - 14 Apr	\$4,250	26 Oct - 03 Nov	\$4,090
13 Apr - 21 Apr	\$4,250	02 Nov - 10 Nov	\$4,450
11 May - 19 May	\$4,090	08 Nov - 16 Nov	\$4,450
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08 Jun - 16 Jun	\$4,090	03 Dec - 11 Dec	\$4,450
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2026 PRIVATE TOUR DATES

12 Jan - 20 Jan	\$4,650	07 Jul - 15 Jul	\$4,550
26 Jan - 03 Feb	\$4,650	21 Jul - 29 Jul	\$4,550
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26 May - 03 Jun	\$4,290	17 Nov - 25 Nov	\$4,750
09 Jun - 17 Jun	\$4,290	04 Dec - 12 Dec	\$4,750
16 Jun - 24 Jun	\$4,290	09 Dec - 17 Dec	\$4,750

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 plateau ends in a sheer cliff, offering amazing views of the lowlands beyond. 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

After breakfast transfer to the airport, where your arrangements end. (B)

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



MALDIVES
5 days from \$2,860pp twin share

BENTOTA SHORT STAY
4 days from \$940pp twin share

Visit page 80 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



Visit the Dambulla Cave Temple

Land only supplement information

- Solo pricing on request
- Single supplement from \$780
- Tipping paid locally

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TREASURES OF SRI LANKA

PRIVATE TOUR

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **\$7,280**

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

- 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- 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 greeted and transferred to your hotel, where the rest of the day is 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, and since governed by many kings, experienced its Golden Age under King Parakramabahu I during the 12th century, 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,L)

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 carved into a large rock that stands over 160 metres 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

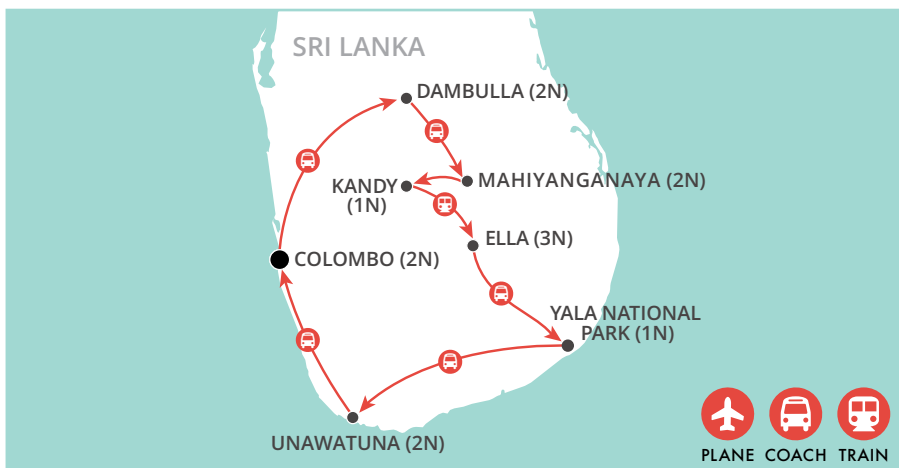
Start your day with breakfast at Sorabora Lake, enjoying a stunning view before a scenic boat ride at Sorabora Wewa, an ancient water reservoir built in the 2nd century BC. Relax in the afternoon until your visit to Maduru Oya National Park, known for its diverse wildlife, including elephants, leopards, 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 breathtaking views and an authentic experience through one of Sri Lanka's most beautiful landscapes. (B)



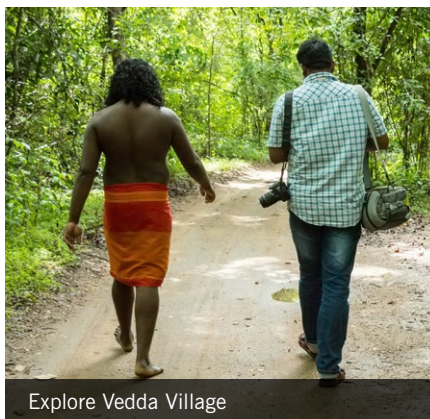
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SRI LANKA

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 Vedda Village

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 and 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 mountains during the building of 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

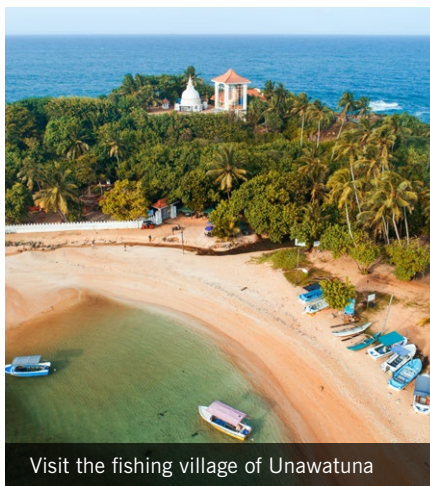
of fishing has been practiced for generations. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

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, L)

DAY 14: DEPART FROM COLOMBO

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



Visit the fishing village of Unawatuna

SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES
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2025 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
17 Jan - 30 Jan	\$7,880	03 Jul - 16 Jul	\$7,880
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2026 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
11 Jan - 24 Jan	\$7,980	17 May - 30 May	\$7,480
19 Jan - 01 Feb	\$7,980	07 Jun - 20 Jun	\$7,480
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26 Apr - 09 May	\$7,980	29 Nov - 12 Dec	\$7,980

Land only supplement information

- Solo pricing on request
- Single supplement from \$2,750

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SRI LANKAN SPLENDOR

PRIVATE TOUR

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$16,300

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

- 17 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Domestic transportation
- 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore Nachchaduwa Lake

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.

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DAY 1: ARRIVE COLOMBO

Upon your arrival in Colombo, you will be met and transferred and transferred to Kotugoda where you will spend the night. 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 and 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

En route 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 food walking tour. 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 night walk in the jungle. Join your knowledgeable resident naturalists for a 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



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SRI LANKA

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.

SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES

Prices are per person, based on twin share

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
15 Mar - 01 Apr	\$19,650	04 Oct - 21 Oct	\$16,300
22 Mar - 08 Apr	\$19,650	11 Oct - 28 Oct	\$16,300
12 Apr - 29 Apr	\$19,650	18 Oct - 04 Nov	\$16,300
26 Apr - 13 May	\$19,650	25 Oct - 11 Nov	\$16,300
03 May - 20 May	\$16,300	08 Nov - 25 Nov	\$20,200
18 May - 04 Jun	\$16,300	15 Nov - 02 Dec	\$20,200
14 Jun - 01 Jul	\$16,300	22 Nov - 09 Dec	\$20,200
21 Jun - 08 Jul	\$16,300	06 Dec - 23 Dec	\$20,200
05 Jul - 22 Jul	\$20,300	08 Dec - 25 Dec	\$20,200

2026 PRIVATE TOUR DATES

09 Jan - 26 Jan	\$24,540	01 May - 18 May	\$16,520
16 Jan - 02 Feb	\$22,940	16 May - 02 Jun	\$16,520
25 Jan - 11 Feb	\$22,940	04 Jun - 21 Jun	\$16,520
01 Feb - 18 Feb	\$22,940	11 Jun - 28 Jun	\$16,520
07 Feb - 24 Feb	\$22,940	13 Jul - 30 Jul	\$20,590
14 Feb - 03 Mar	\$22,940	26 Aug - 12 Sep	\$20,590
21 Feb - 10 Mar	\$22,940	16 Sep - 03 Oct	\$16,520
28 Feb - 17 Mar	\$22,940	29 Sep - 16 Oct	\$16,520
06 Mar - 23 Mar	\$21,780	05 Oct - 22 Oct	\$16,520
13 Mar - 30 Mar	\$21,780	12 Oct - 29 Oct	\$16,520
23 Mar - 09 Apr	\$21,780	21 Oct - 07 Nov	\$16,520
30 Mar - 16 Apr	\$21,780	06 Nov - 23 Nov	\$20,500
07 Apr - 24 Apr	\$21,780	16 Nov - 03 Dec	\$20,500
16 Apr - 03 May	\$21,780	29 Nov - 16 Dec	\$20,500
25 Apr - 12 May	\$21,780	03 Dec - 20 Dec	\$20,500

Land only supplement information

- Solo pricing on request
- Single supplement from \$7,900
- Tipping paid locally

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



Walk the Loris Night Trail

medicinal plants and unique endemic birdlife. The area is home to a diverse array of animals, including herds of 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 kg 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 to 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.



See Udawalawe elephants

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. (B)

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)

TAILORMADE INDIA AND BEYOND

The very best of India, exactly the way you want it

WHAT IS A TAILORMADE HOLIDAY?

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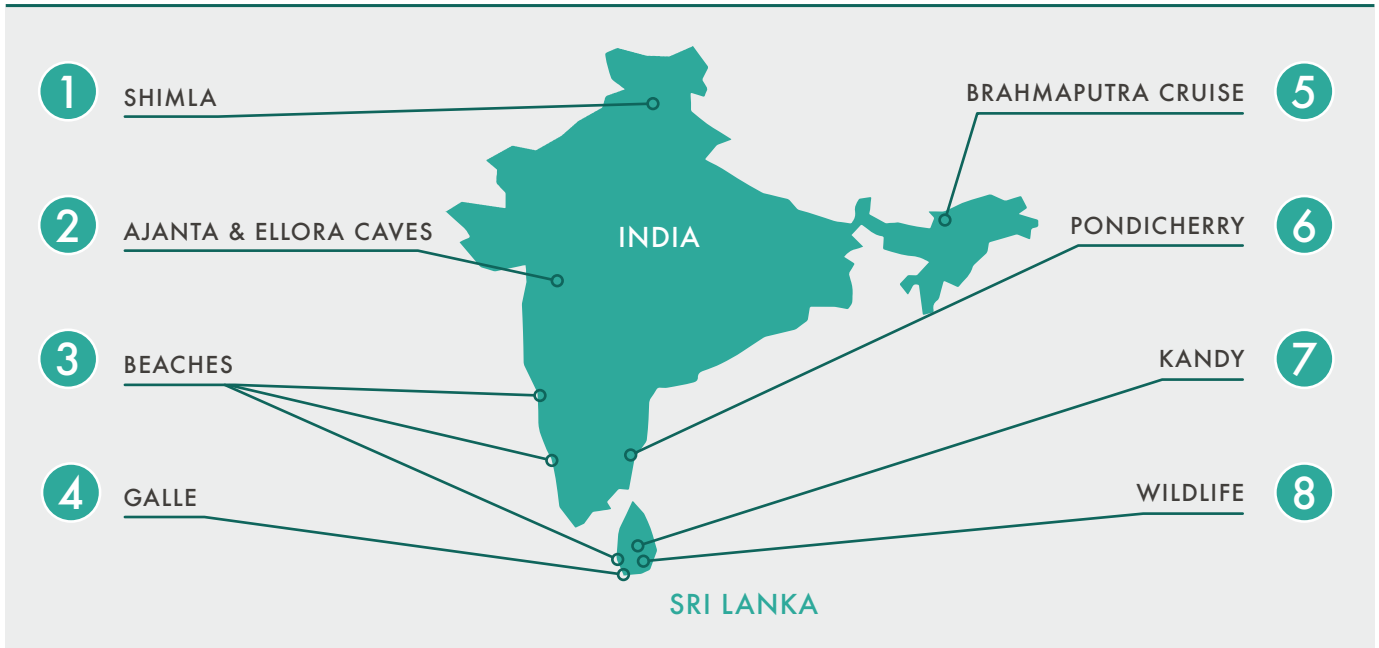
"We are writing to say a very big thank you for giving us a wonderful tailor-made holiday to India. We were so impressed by how well organised the whole trip was, with reps on hand to meet us at each new destination, local guides for every city who were very informative, and a brilliant driver who looked after us so well during the entire tour."

Kevin & Shirley Mears



Tailormade touring

Inspirational ideas for your bespoke holiday in India and Sri Lanka.



1 SHIMLA

Shimla is magnificently placed in the foothills of the Himalaya, perfect for hiking and biking, and there is also the UNESCO-listed Toy Train, for a wonderfully picturesque train ride.



2 AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

Two of India's cultural treasures, these cave complexes are full of ancient and intricate frescoes and carvings by Buddhist, Jain and Hindu monks.



3 BEACHES

Don't miss Goa, Kovalam or Marari in India or Bentota on Sri Lanka's south-west coast if you are after some beach relaxation.

4 GALLE

As well as its UNESCO-listed fort, Galle offers whale watching and bike rides and walks through the patchwork of paddy fields, spice gardens and plantations that surround it.



5 BRAHMAPUTRA CRUISE

The Brahmaputra River flows through national parks and remote communities giving a wonderfully authentic glimpse of India not often seen.



6 PONDICHERRY

This old French city is full of colonial era architecture and a chilled-out vibe that makes it a joy to explore. It's also a hub for yoga, with the Sri Aurobindo Ashram close by.



7 KANDY

Head to Kandy to experience Sri Lanka's classical arts, and to explore the surrounding tea plantations. The Kandy to Ella train, one of the world's most scenic railway journeys, is unmissable.



8 WILDLIFE

Sri Lanka is home to a wealth of wonderful wildlife and glorious national parks – Yala, Udawalawe, Horton Plains, Wilpattu and Sinharaja.



Special groups

Travelling in your own private group?

If you plan to travel in your very own private group of 10 passengers or more, our expert Group Organiser will arrange a Private Group tour just for you. Whether that is a group of friends, family members or even a club or association, we can tailor any of our existing tours, or create a bespoke itinerary, so your group get to see, do and experience exactly what they want.

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Kelly Fountain



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 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.



See the Golden Temple (Sri Harmandir Sahib) in Amritsar

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$850	\$1,585
Superior	\$860	\$1,605
Deluxe	\$920	\$1,680

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Amritsar)
- Return transfers
- Return train tickets
- Meals as stated
- Monument entrances
- English speaking local guides

DAY 1: DELHI TO AMRITSAR

Transfer 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 through 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.



Take a ride on the famous Shimla Toy Train

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,010	\$1,780
Superior	\$1,220	\$2,160
Deluxe	\$1,490	\$2,540

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Shimla / 1 night Delhi)
- Return transfers
- Return train tickets
- Toy Train tickets
- Meals as stated
- English speaking local guides

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

After check-out you will be transferred to Delhi 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 900 kilometre network of waterways that fringe the coast from Alleppey to Nedumudy.



Cruise on a ‘kettuvalam’

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$510	\$1,000
Superior	\$670	\$1,320
Deluxe	\$760	\$1,500

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.

DAY 1: FLY TO KOCHI – ALLEPPEY

On arrival at Kochi airport, you will transfer to Alleppey, to board your houseboat and cruise the backwaters of Kerala. Enjoying authentic Kerala 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 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.



Visit the ghats of Varanasi

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,240	\$1,820
Superior	\$1,275	\$1,905
Deluxe	\$1,545	\$2,330

Price includes

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE VARANASI

Today you will transfer to Delhi Airport for your flight to Varanasi. On arrival, transfer to your hotel before taking a rickshaw down to the atmospheric ghats on the River Ganges to witness a puja ceremony.

DAY 2: VARANASI

Early this morning, enjoy a boat ride along the River Ganges to witness the early morning activity on the ghats. Later you will embark on a brief city tour of Varanasi. This afternoon, head to Sarnath, an important Buddhist pilgrimage site. (B,L)

DAY 3: VARANASI TO DELHI

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Varanasi airport for your flight back to Delhi. Once settled at your hotel you have the day at leisure to explore Delhi. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART DELHI

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in time 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.



Enjoy the gorgeous Goa Beach Resort

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$880	\$1,600
Superior	\$920	\$1,700
Deluxe	\$1,230	\$2,370

Price includes

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE GOA

On arrival in Goa you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: GOA

After breakfast, depart for Goa's distinctive Hindu temples, including Shantadurga Temple and Ramnathi Temple. Continue to a spice plantation, where you'll be welcomed with traditional Aarti and a drink, followed by a Goan buffet lunch. Explore the plantation with a guide and learn about medicinal herbs and spices from an Ayurvedic expert. Next, visit Old Goa to see the Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral, before heading to Panaji to tour the capital and shop in its Portuguese-influenced quarters before returning to the hotel. (B,L)

DAYS 3-4: GOA 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

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.



Visit Kovalam's Lighthouse Beach

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$420	\$770
Superior	\$570	\$1,100
Deluxe	\$970	\$1,870

Price includes

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

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 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

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport 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.



Discover the Kailasa temple in the caves of Ellora

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$670	\$1,210
Superior	\$690	\$1,220
Deluxe	\$760	\$1,310

Price includes

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

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!



Discover the Gateway to India

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$695	\$1,300
Superior	\$745	\$1,390
Deluxe	\$870	\$1,440

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Mumbai)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- Touring
- English speaking local guides

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 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

Check out after breakfast and be transferred to Mumbai airport where your arrangements come to an end. (B)

BRAHMAPUTRA CRUISE

5 DAYS

Cruising from Guwahati to Silghat, sit back and enjoy the breathtaking landscapes that surround the Brahmaputra. Spot wildlife, savour magical sunsets and pause for explorations on the river bank on this perfect balance of adventure and relaxation.



Cruise along the Brahmaputra River

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CABIN TYPE	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Upper Deck Twin:	\$2,820	\$4,710

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights)
- All transfers as mentioned on a shared basis
- Meals as stated
- All excursions and entry fees (single visit)
- English speaking guides and naturalist on-board and during excursions
- Port charges

Please note: Cruise departures are based on specific dates.

DAY 1: BOARD CRUISE

On arrival at Guwahati airport, transfer to Pandu port to embark. Enjoy lunch while cruising downstream to Sualkuchi. Participate in a weaving workshop to learn about silk manufacturing, before sailing upstream, docking near the impressive Saraighat Bridge for the night. (L,D)

DAY 2: NILACHAL HILL

Today you will drive up Nilachal Hill visiting the sacred Kamakhya Temple. Stroll around the temple's exterior and soak up the vibrant atmosphere, before sailing towards Mayong. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: ONBOARD

This morning's visit is a riverside village to explore its lush green vegetable fields. Spend most of the

day cruising upstream, allowing time to catch up on reading, organise photos, or simply observe life along the riverbanks, flanked by jungle-covered hills. Enjoy an Indian cooking demonstration on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

Continue cruising to Silghat, and enjoy a jeep safari at Kaziranga National Park. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is renowned for its Indian one-horned rhinoceros, Indian wild water buffalo and Royal Bengal tigers. It's also a bird lover's paradise with species like the oriental honey buzzard and Himalayan griffin to spot. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: DISEMBARK

After breakfast transfer back to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

4 DAYS

This safari offers an unforgettable adventure into one of the world's richest biodiversity hotspots, providing a unique opportunity to connect with nature and witness majestic wildlife up close.



Spot sloth bears in Kaziranga National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,570	\$2,360
Superior	\$1,690	\$2,400
Deluxe	\$1,770	\$2,710

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights)
- Private transfers
- Meals as stated
- Four shared Jeep safaris
- English-speaking naturalist during safaris

Please note: The park is open 01 November to 30 April.

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

Upon arrival at Guwahati airport, transfer to Kaziranga National Park where your wildlife adventure begins. (L,D)

DAY 2: SAFARI IN THE PARK

Morning and evening safaris offer the chance to see the great Indian one-horned rhinoceros, herds of Asian elephants, wild Asiatic water buffaloes, and eastern swamp deer, among other wildlife. The park is a haven for bird watchers, but also be on the lookout for the endangered Ganges dolphin that have made its rivers their sanctuary. The day ends with stunning sunset views. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: EXPLORE

Another thrilling day filled with opportunities for close encounters with some of India's most iconic wildlife. Keep a lookout for leopard cats, the rare hispid hare or a sloth bear. Kaziranga is home to nine of the sixteen primate species found in India, ensuring an enthralling experience throughout the day. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: DEPART KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

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

BHUTAN

5 DAYS

Discover the dramatic natural beauty and feel the warm embrace of the Bhutanese people in this nation that values happiness over wealth.



Admire Taktang Monastery

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,160	\$2,870
Superior	\$2,730	\$3,860
Deluxe	\$3,530	\$5,470

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Thimphu, 2 nights Paro)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- Bhutan visa fee
- English speaking local guides

DAY 1: PARO TO THIMPHU

Upon arrival at Paro airport you will be met and 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 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 Paro 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.



See the Boudhanath in Kathmandu

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,020	\$1,620
Superior	\$1,110	\$1,860
Deluxe	\$1,400	\$2,330

Price includes

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

DAY 1: KATHMANDU TO NAGARKOT

You will be met at your Kathmandu hotel or the airport, 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 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)

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.



Relax in an idyllic Maldives

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,860	\$3,660
Superior	\$3,780	\$5,485
Deluxe	\$3,860	\$5,660

Price includes

- Accommodation in chosen room category
- Return shared speedboat transfers
- All-inclusive meal plan
- Non-motorised water sports
- Selected excursions

DAY 1: ARRIVE MALE

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

DAY 5: DEPART MALDIVES

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

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)

BENTOTA BEACH STAY

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.



Enjoy stunning beaches, palms and turquoise water in Bentota

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$940	\$1,650
Deluxe	\$1,410	\$2,460

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Bentota)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- Madu River boat ride
- English speaking local guides

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 River, 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)

JAFFNA

4 DAYS

Journey to Jaffna, on the northernmost tip of Sri Lanka, and discover a mixture of colonial history and traditional culture from the 17th-century fort, ornate Hindu temples and captivating museums.



Visit Vallipuram Alvar temple in Jaffna

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$840	\$1,450
Superior	\$950	\$1,760
Deluxe	\$1,090	\$2,110

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Jaffna)
- Return train tickets
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- Jaffna day tour
- English speaking local guides

DAY 1: COLOMBO TO JAFFNA

You will be picked up from your hotel and taken to Colombo's railway station to board the train to Jaffna. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. (B)

DAY 2: JAFFNA

Start the day at the ancient port of Dambakola Patuna before heading to Keeramallai town, the site of the holy bathing ponds, famous for their healing powers. Later visit Casuarina Beach, where the water is so shallow you can walk for miles into the sea and make a photo stop at Point Pedro, Sri Lanka's most northerly point. Back in Jaffna, visit the ancient NallurKandaswamy Kovil Temple for the nightly puja ceremony. (B)

DAY 3: JAFFNA

After breakfast spend a day at leisure exploring some more of this fascinating area. (B)

DAY 4: JAFFNA TO COLOMBO

You will be transferred back to Jaffna railway station to board the train back to Colombo. On arrival, your arrangements end. (B)

FLAVOURS OF COLOMBO

3 DAYS

The "Flavours of Colombo" takes you on a culinary adventure through Colombo's markets and traditional eateries, includes a hands-on cooking experience in a Sri Lankan village, and ends with a rooftop arrack pairing session, offering a rich taste of Sri Lankan food and culture.



Taste the flavours of Colombo at local markets

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,200	\$1,620
Superior	\$1,270	\$1,780
Deluxe	\$1,310	\$1,870

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Colombo)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated
- Touring as per itinerary
- English speaking local guides

DAY 1: COLOMBO

Meet your guide at your Colombo hotel for a culinary walking tour. Explore local markets, taste street food, and visit traditional eateries. Learn about Sri Lankan food heritage and cooking techniques. Later, dine at Gini Outdoor Kitchen, experiencing live fire cooking with local ingredients. (D)

DAY 2: COLOMBO - INGIRIYA - COLOMBO

After an early breakfast, head to a traditional Sri Lankan village for a gastronomic tour. Meet a local family and learn about their cooking and culture. Enjoy a fresh, sustainable lunch prepared by the family.

Return to the hotel in the afternoon and later enjoy an arrack pairing session with canapés at a rooftop bar. (B,L)

DAY 3: DEPART COLOMBO

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. (B)

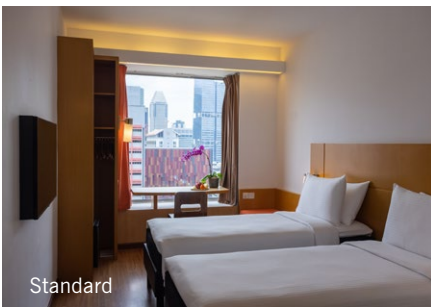
SINGAPORE STOPOVERS

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!



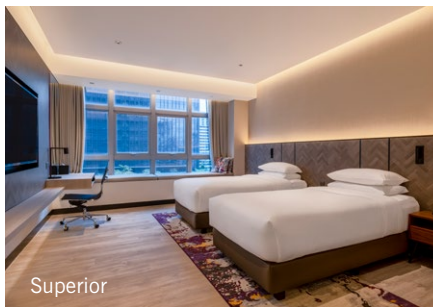
Visit Singapore's iconic Merlion

SINGAPORE HOTELS



Standard

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 or easily accessible by public transport.



Superior

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.



Deluxe

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.

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

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

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)



Delight in the famous Singapore cityscape

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen	\$510	\$900
Orchid Hotel Singapore	\$590	\$1,100
Grand Park City Hall	\$690	\$1,280

Price includes:

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

GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 DAYS

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

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DAY 2: SINGAPORE

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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)



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen	\$780	\$1,350
Orchid Hotel Singapore	\$910	\$1,610
Grand Park City Hall	\$1,040	\$1,900

Price includes:

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

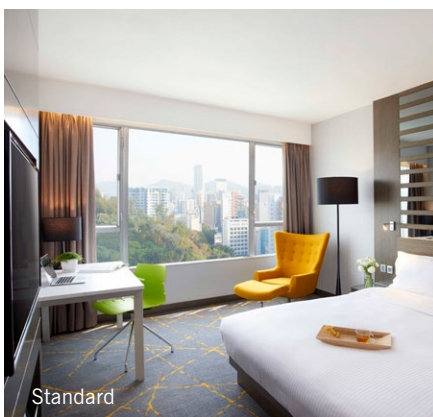


HONG KONG STOPOVERS

Hong Kong boasts award-winning gastronomy, a colourful nightlife and unbeatable city views from panoramic Victoria Peak or from the deck of a sampan on the harbour. A sophisticated and lively metropolis, Hong Kong's mix of colonial influences, futuristic modernity and distinct Chinese traditions make it the ultimate East-meets-West destination.

Explore Hong Kong

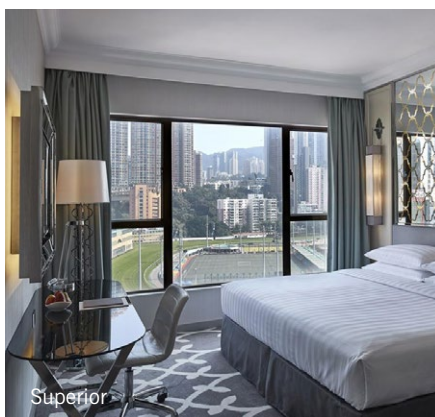
HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS



Standard

THE CITYVIEW ★★★★★

Located in the heart of Yau Ma Tei, The Cityview sits adjacent to bustling Nathan Road. It has a cosy Cantonese restaurant, a casual cafe and an airy Thai eatery. Offering world-class green eco standards and attentive service, The Cityview will make you feel right at home.



Superior

DORSETT, WAN CHAI ★★★★★

Perfectly located next to the Happy Valley Racecourse, the Dorsett offers bright and airy rooms decorated in a series of elegant themes. Just 10 minutes stroll from Causeway Bay MTR station, a free shuttle serves the most popular spots close by.

KOWLOON HOTELS



Deluxe

HARBOUR GRAND KOWLOON ★★★★★

Harbour Grand Kowloon is conveniently located on the Kowloon waterfront, offering unrivalled views of Victoria Harbour. Facilities include five restaurants, a lounge, a spa, and a seasonal outdoor rooftop swimming pool.

HONG KONG GLIMPSES*

3 DAYS

This fleeting visit to Hong Kong features all of the highlights of this vibrant city, including panoramic views from Victoria Peak and a ride on the longest outdoor covered escalator. Take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene.

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

This afternoon embark on a thrilling adventure as you ride the world's longest outdoor escalator, marvelling at the city's vibrant streets. Next, visit Tai Kwun, a cultural haven within historic walls. Indulge in a dim sum feast, where each bite is a culinary

delight, before you hop aboard the latest 6th generation peak tram to Victoria Peak, capturing breath taking panoramic views. Finally, visit Lion's Point View Pavilion, and get ready to immortalize this awe-inspiring scene with your cameras. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)

*Seat in coach touring is subject to availability and may not be available on your chosen dates. Private touring options will be quoted as an alternative.



Admire the view from Victoria Peak

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
The Cityview	\$700	\$1,070
Dorsett Wan Chai	\$740	\$1,230
Harbour Grand Hong Kong Kowloon	\$940	\$1,500

Price includes

- Accommodation 2 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Shared touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

HONG KONG IN FOCUS*

4 DAYS

Designed to show you two aspects of life in the city, tour the best bits of Hong Kong Island before discovering the natural beauty of Lantau, Hong Kong's largest island. See the Grand Buddha and enjoy lunch at Po Lin Monastery, with some time to further explore as you wish.

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DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Spend today discovering Lantau Island. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the monastery, sit down for a delicious vegetarian lunch. Later visit various well-wishing temples, offering you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the distinctive culture of these Chinese traditions. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport. (B)

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See the Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
The Cityview	\$1,290	\$2,170
Dorsett Wan Chai	\$1,350	\$2,410
Harbour Grand Hong Kong Kowloon	\$1,680	\$2,890

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Shared touring with guides and entrance fees

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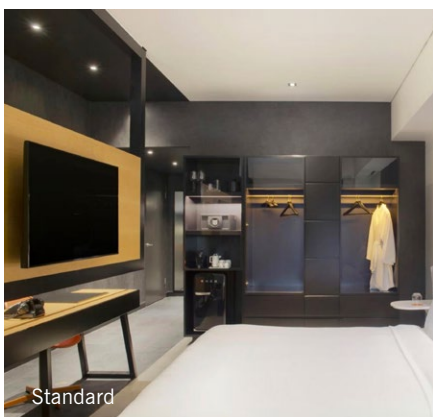
DUBAI STOPOVERS

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination – a city full of cutting-edge architecture, epic shopping malls, the finest of the world’s luxury hotels and a cosmopolitan nightlife, all topped off with excellent beaches. As modern and extravagant as Dubai might be, there is still plenty of rich and traditional culture to be found, particularly amongst the labyrinthine alleys of the old city.



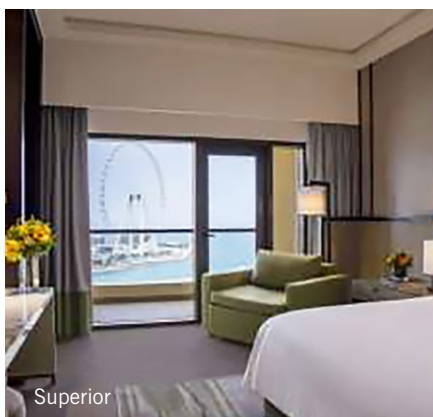
Admire the ultra-modern architecture of downtown Dubai

DUBAI HOTELS



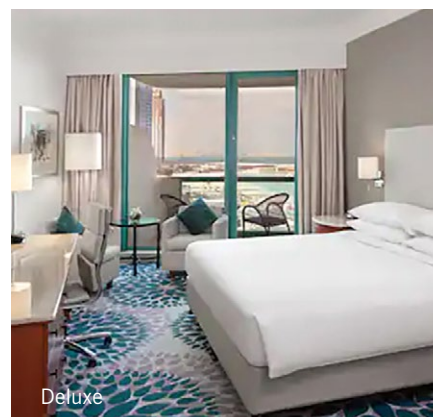
Standard

CANOPY BY HILTON DUBAI AL SEEF ★★★★★
Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef is a contemporary new hotel located beside Dubai Creek, steps away from the boardwalk, which means you are spoilt for choice of shops and restaurants. The view from the rooftop pool is simply superb.



Superior

AMWAJ ROTANA HOTEL ★★★★★
Located on 'The Walk', the Amwaj Rotana is well situated for shopping and entertainment. Walking distance to the Arabian Gulf beaches, the hotel facilities include an outdoor pool, three restaurants and wellness centre.



Deluxe

HILTON DUBAI JUMEIRAH HOTEL ★★★★★
Ideally located on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Hilton Dubai Jumeirah is where contemporary luxury meets the timeless charms of the Arabian Gulf. Facilities include a spa and water sports.

ESSENTIAL DUBAI

3 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai's old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI
Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI
Enjoy a half day shared tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Begin in Bastakiya's historic heart, home to the 225-year-old Fort Al Fahidi. Next, take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by

traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks – where the wares have been the same for centuries – and haggle for a bargain or two! Drive by the iconic Burj Al Arab before a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque, an architectural landmark. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI
Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Cross Dubai Creek in a traditional Abra

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Canopy By Hilton Al Seef	\$320	\$550
Amwaj Rotana Hotel	\$525	\$960
Hilton Dubai Jumeirah Hotel	\$790	\$1,490

- Price includes**
- Accommodation (2 nights Dubai)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Seat- in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees
- Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

DUBAI & THE DESERT

4 DAYS

Discover Dubai's iconic architecture, culture and rich history before an adventure on a desert safari where you will spend the evening enjoying entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars in a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI
Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI
Enjoy a half day tour that begins in Bastakiya's historic heart, home to the 225-year-old Fort Al Fahidi. Take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks before driving by the iconic Burj Al Arab and enjoy a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque, an architectural landmark. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE
The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop at the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet with unlimited drinks of selected beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding or have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI
Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Head deep into the spectacular desert for a magical experience

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Canopy By Hilton Al Seef	\$495	\$790
Amwaj Rotana Hotel	\$800	\$1,410
Hilton Dubai Jumeirah Hotel	\$1,200	\$2,200

- Price includes**
- Accommodation (3 nights Dubai)
 - Meals as stated
 - Transportation as stated
 - Seat- in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

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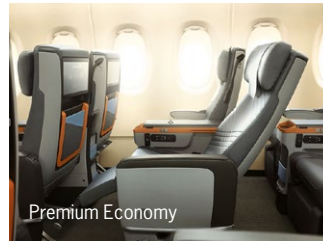
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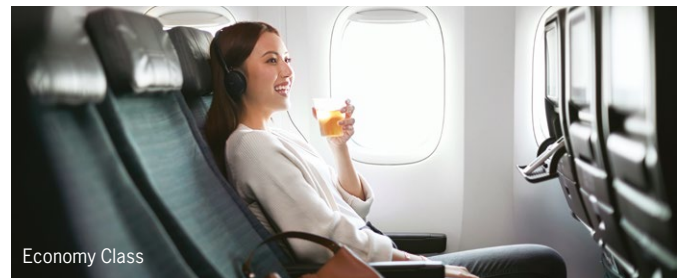
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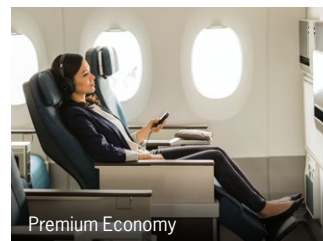
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Enjoy a stopover in the cosmopolitan city of Hong Kong. Refer to pages 92 and 93 for a selection of our preferred hotels and recommended services.



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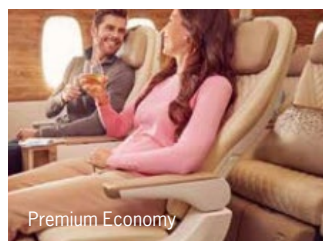
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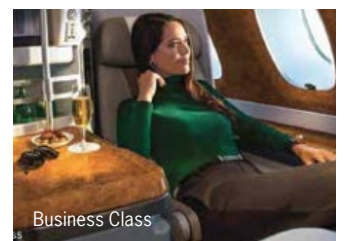
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India & Central Asia for all seasons

Our tours cover the length and breadth of the Indian Subcontinent and Central Asia. 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

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

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.

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			
	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

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

Mumbai

Although the monsoon sweeps through Mumbai between June to late September, the city generally enjoys stable weather due to its location on the coast and within the tropics. The coolest month in Mumbai is January.

Darjeeling

A former hill station, 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

ULAANBAATAR			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-28	-14	3
Feb	-25	-10	5
Mar	-14	-1	10
Apr	-5	8	21
May	1	14	37
Jun	8	21	59
Jul	11	23	72
Aug	9	21	73
Sep	2	15	42
Oct	-6	5	17
Nov	-16	-5	9
Dec	-23	-12	5

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.

Ulaanbaatar

Located at an altitude of 1,350 metres above sea level and far from the ocean, Ulaanbaatar enjoys brief, warm summers with temperatures in the low 20s, followed by long, cold, dry winters - it's actually the coldest national capital in the world!

TBILISI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-5	5	30
Feb	-4	6	35
Mar	1	11	67
Apr	4	15	111
May	9	20	117
Jun	14	25	79
Jul	17	29	50
Aug	18	29	51
Sep	13	24	55
Oct	7	17	70
Nov	1	11	47
Dec	-4	6	33

TASHKENT			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-5	6	63
Feb	-4	8	75
Mar	2	15	92
Apr	7	21	103
May	13	27	76
Jun	17	32	30
Jul	20	35	11
Aug	18	34	5
Sep	13	29	10
Oct	7	21	34
Nov	1	13	58
Dec	-4	7	66

Tbilisi

Surrounded by mountain ranges and close to lots of water, Tbilisi has a mild microclimate with hot, humid summers and cold winters that usually see snow. The city receives rain throughout the year, with no specific wet and dry season.

Tashkent

Tashkent experiences cold, usually snowy winters and long, hot, dry summers, with the highest temperatures in July and August. Most precipitation, rain and snow, falls during winter, with peaks in the early winter months and the spring.

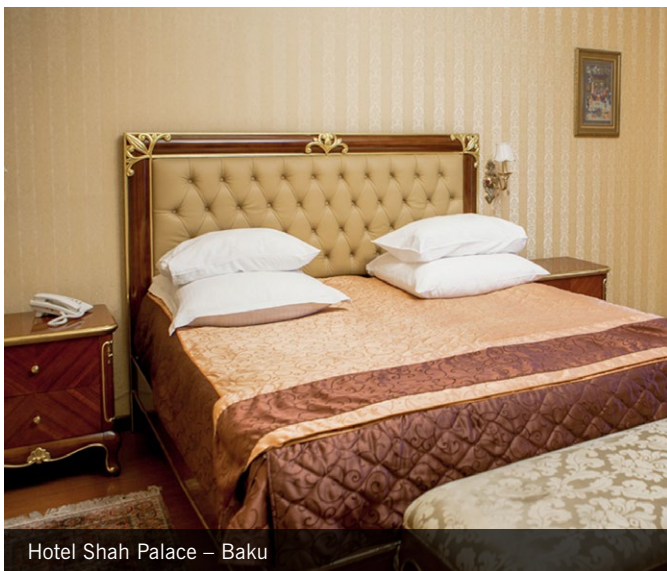
Hotels

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.

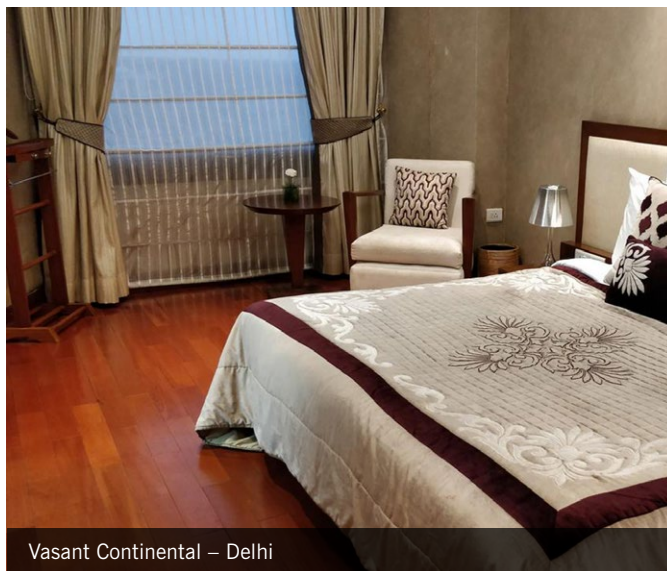
EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN INDIA & CENTRAL ASIA



Jagat Palace – Pushkar



Hotel Shah Palace – Baku



Vasant Continental – Delhi



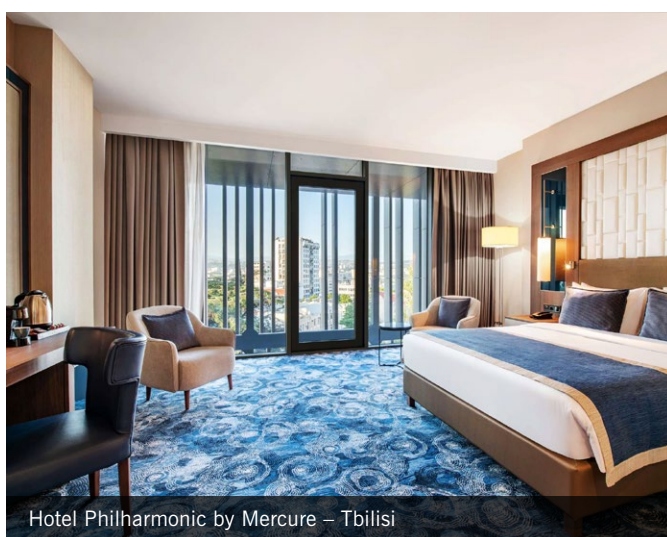
Ani Plaza – Yerevan



Four Points Sheraton – Jaipur



The Sher Garh Resort – Ranthambore



Hotel Philharmonic by Mercure – Tbilisi

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, India and Central Asia. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

Your India and Central Asia questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



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

A. Once we have received your deposit payment, 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, 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. Three weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-to-day itinerary and a travel guide insert as part of 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 around three weeks prior to departure. 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 local 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. When you make your booking, we will advise you on the latest visa requirements for your destination. Our operations team will get in touch with you nearer the time of your departure with full information on how to obtain your visa.

Q. Do I need travel insurance?

A. Travel Insurance and proof of coverage is required for Cruise & Tour. For all other touring it is 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 usually lower, depending on the locations visited on the tour. 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 several options for single travellers joining our tours. 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 (plus free access to an airport lounge if available on your flight itinerary, and a welcome cocktail on arrival) or, if you prefer, you can pay the single room supplement on a regular departure and have a private room reserved for you. Another possibility is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option at time of booking where, if we can find you a share partner of the same gender, your Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure. Please note that 'Happy to Share' requests received at time of booking may not be confirmed until after your final payment due date. Our Customer Services Team will contact you around 60 days prior to departure to let you know if a share partner has been found. 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 on your booking.

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

A. If your tour includes internal flights your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights. If there are no internal flights on your tour then your allowance is the international flight limit.



WHILE ON TOUR

**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. Tipping must be in US dollars.

Q. How fit do I need to be?

A. Our Group tours are graded on each page with a Physical Rating 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 are more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

Q. Is portage included?

A. Portage is not included on our group tours to India, Sri Lanka or Central Asia.

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 arrive to when you depart. On multi-country tours, different National Escorts are used in each country. In the unlikely event that you are in a group of less than 10, local guides will accompany you at each location. 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 local 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.

River: 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 simple and choices limited. Meals included in Private Tours are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants.

If you book a fully inclusive Classic Tour your first meal will be dinner on the day of arrival and will end 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 are the flying times to India, Sri Lanka, Central Asia and Mongolia?

A. Flights to India are approx. 13 hours (if flying direct), or 14 hours to Sri Lanka. Flights to Central Asia (Bishkek and Baku) are approx. 19 hours.



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 or to visit sights at the best time of day.

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

A. Tipping is expected in India and Central Asia. 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 so your National

Escort will look after this aspect of your trip 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 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 can suggest appropriate tipping amounts. The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.



Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. 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, our local partners carry out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions; and works with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in Australia. 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 independent arrangements 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.

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*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. 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 non-refundable 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, cruise cabins, 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. Unless issued earlier as per instances outlined above, air tickets are only issued upon receiving the final payment. 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 (1.8% for Amex), 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 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 Travel Insurance and proof of coverage is required for Cruise & Tour. For all other touring 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, you may 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 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 We offer several options for single travellers joining our tours. 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 (plus free access to an airport lounge if available on your flight itinerary, and a welcome cocktail on arrival) or, if you prefer, you can pay the single room supplement on a regular departure and have a private room reserved for you. Another possibility is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option at time of booking where, if we can find you a share partner of the same gender, your Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure. Please note that 'Happy to Share' requests received at time of booking may not be confirmed until after your final payment due date. Our Customer Services Team will contact you around 60 days prior to departure to let you know if a share partner has been found. 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 on your booking. 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@wendywu.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 airlines 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 wendywu.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 01 June 2024. 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 agent's 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.

TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Outstanding guides
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Extensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
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