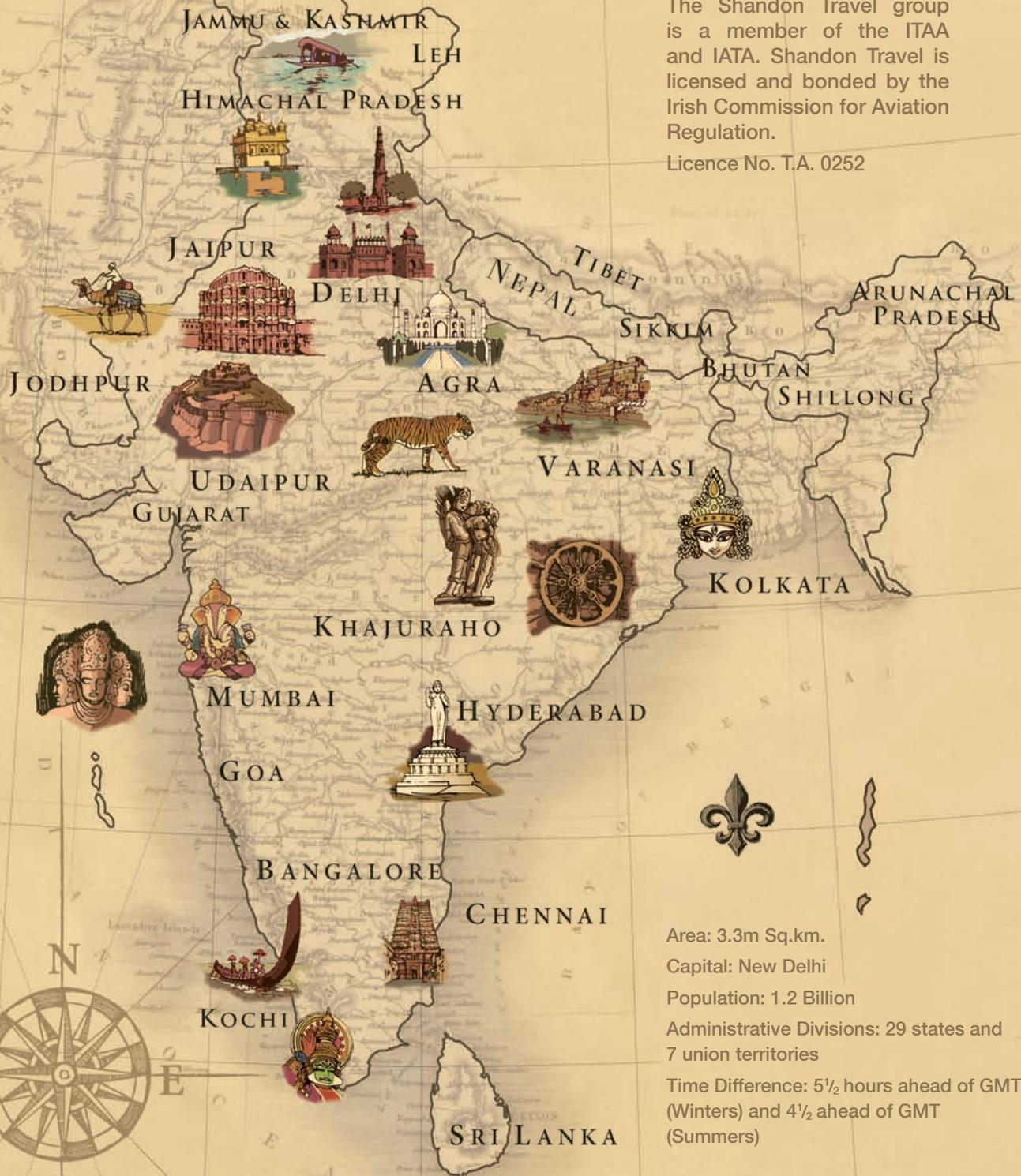


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Capital: New Delhi
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Time Difference: 5½ hours ahead of GMT (Winters) and 4½ ahead of GMT (Summers)

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Upon arrival into India, and at each new destination on your journey, you will be met at the airport (unless in transit) or station by an English speaking Incredible India representative. Our representatives will accompany you to your hotel, assist with check in and confirm the itinerary for your stay. You will also be given the contact numbers of all the relevant local representatives, so assistance is only a phone call away.

TRANSPORT

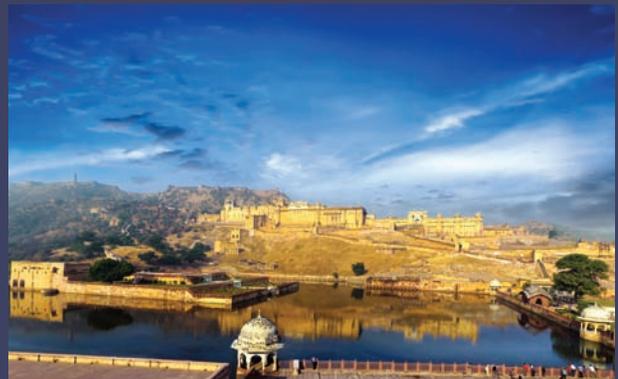
For all road journeys you will have your own car and driver. This allows you to travel in comfort and also to stop along the way if you want to see something of interest, take a photo or for a break. All cars are air-conditioned and strictly adhere to international safety requirements. For rail journeys all seats are pre-booked in air-conditioned class and assistance is given boarding and disembarking the train.

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All your sightseeing excursions are accompanied by your own private English speaking local guide. This means you get first-hand knowledge and history of all the sights you visit.

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Because you travel on private tours we can adapt the accommodation standard to suit both your budget and requirements. We offer a range of accommodation from budget up to 5* deluxe hotels, boutique and heritage properties. All the hotels we use are recommended to us either by our experienced local agents or we have personally stayed there.





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Meals included in the tour programme are indicated in the itineraries at the end of each day with codes:

B – Breakfast

L – Lunch

D – Dinner

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:

CURRENCY

Indian Rupee. This is a closed currency and can only be obtained upon arrival into India. We recommend that you change any money back into Euro before leaving India.

VISA

A visa is required for India. To apply for a visa log onto <http://www.indianembassy.ie/eoi.php?id=Visa> to complete the visa application online. You will receive an application number which needs to be sent to the Indian Embassy in Dublin along with your passport, visa fee, 2 passport photos and a self-addressed registered envelope. Visa applications can take between 2 – 3 weeks depending on the time of year.

VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations are required for India. We recommend that you contact your local GP.

BEST TIME TO VISIT INDIA:

HIGH SEASON

November to March / 23 – 35 Celsius

LOW SEASON

April to September / 33-42 Celsius. April to November is the best time to visit the Himalayas.

WEATHER

India has three major seasons – winter, summer and the monsoon. Winter months are November to March and are bright and pleasant with snowfall in the northern hills. Summertime is April to June and is hot in most parts of India, the numerous hill resorts provide cool retreats. During the monsoon rainfall is heavy along the west coast between June and September, and along the east coast between mid-October and December.





7 Days / 6 Nights

CLASSICAL INDIA *GROUP TOUR*

Delhi, Agra, Jaipur

Experience a taste of India on this outstanding introductory group tour of the country's most famous sights. Explore the 'Golden Triangle' visiting Delhi, the Taj Mahal in Agra and the 'Pink City' of Jaipur.

Day 1 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival into Delhi our local representative will transfer you to your hotel for a two night stay.

Day 2 In Delhi

Enjoy a combined full day guided sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. Morning tour of Old Delhi includes a drive past the Red Fort and a visit to the Jama Masjid – the largest mosque in Asia, and the Raj Ghat – the simple but moving memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Afternoon tour of New Delhi includes a visit to the Qutab Minar – the astonishing victory tower built in the early 13th century, the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun and a drive past the imposing India Gate (War Memorial Arch), the Parliament buildings and the Rashtrapathi Bhawan (the President's residence). **(B)**

Day 3 To Agra (200 kms / 4 Hrs)

After breakfast you will drive to the Mughal, Capital of Agra. Upon arrival you will check into your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. **(B)**

Day 4 In Agra

Enjoy a guided tour of Agra which includes a visit to the Itmad-ud-Daula, the beautiful tomb of Mirza Ghiyas Beg built in pure marble with its walls etched with translucent stones. Explore the massive red sandstone Agra Fort, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture and the seat

and stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. Continue to the Taj Mahal (closed on Friday), built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century as a mausoleum for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, a masterpiece in marble and one of the world's most famous landmarks. **(B)**

Day 5 To Jaipur (237 kms / 6 Hrs)

After breakfast you will depart for the Pink City of Jaipur. Enroute you will visit Fatehpur Sikri – the beautiful deserted capital of Emperor Akbar. Explore the environs of this historic monument that was built by Akbar to commemorate the birth of his son, only to be abandoned after 14 years due to a lack of water. Upon arrival into Jaipur check into your hotel for a two night stay. **(B)**

Day 6 In Jaipur

In the morning, proceed for a guided tour of the fabulous Amber Fort, enroute taking a photo-stop at Hawa Mahal, a five-storied wonder with a spectacular pyramidal façade and overhanging windows with latticed screens, domes and spires. At the top of the Amber Fort soak in the spectacular views of the old town below. In the afternoon explore the City Palace Museum full of Rajasthani costumes and armoury of The Mughals. Proceed to the awe-inspiring Jantar Mantar Observatory, a stone astrological and astronomical observatory built by Maharaja Ja Singh in the 18th century. **(B)**

Day 7 To Delhi (260 Kms / 5 Hrs)

Depart from Jaipur to Delhi. On arrival into Delhi you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

Selected departure dates



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13 Days / 12 Nights
CLASSICAL INDIA & GOA
Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Goa

Combine the splendour of the North with the paradise known as 'Pearl of the Orient' – Goa in the South. Besides the natural beauty, the fabulous beaches and sunshine, travellers to Goa love the laid-back, peaceful, warm and friendly nature of the Goan people. More than anywhere else on Earth, this is a place where people really know how to relax!

Day 1 – 6

As per Classical India tour. (Selected departure dates)

Day 7 To Goa

Fly from Jaipur to Mumbai (approx. 1.35 hrs) and connect with your onward flight to Goa (approx. 1 hr). On arrival our local representative will meet and transfer you to your resort. Upon arrival check into your hotel for your six night stay. (B)

Day 13 Depart Goa

Depart from Goa to Mumbai. On arrival in Mumbai connect with your international flight back home. (B)

Selected departure dates





13 Days / 12 Nights

CLASSICAL INDIA & KERALA

Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Cochin, Munnar, Periyar, Kumarakom

Our most popular combination tour! Kerala is one of the ten 'Paradises Found' by the National Geographic Traveller. It is a land much acclaimed for the soothing, rejuvenating paradise that it is. Kerala with its long shoreline, serene beaches, tranquil stretches of emerald backwaters, exotic wildlife, sprawling plantations, paddy fields, Ayurveda health holidays, enchanting art forms and magical festivals offer you a truly unique experience that no other destination offers.

Day 1 – 6

As per Classical India tour. (Selected departure dates)

Day 7 To Cochin

Fly from Jaipur to Mumbai (approx. 1.35 Hrs) and connect to your onward flight to Kerala (approx. 1 Hr). On arrival in Cochin you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel for a two – night's stay. **(B)**

Day 8 In Cochin

Morning city tour of Cochin. Highlights include the Dutch Palace, Matan Cherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica and Chinese fishing nets. In the evening proceed for a cruise around Cochin's harbour. **(B)**

Day 9 To Munnar (140 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Drive to Munnar. Munnar has the world's highest tea gardens that spread out like a green carpet! Explore and stroll through a valley of rhododendrons and cardamom plantations. **(B)**

Day 10 To Periyar (110 Kms / 3 Hrs)

Early morning drive to Periyar through the scenic valley of the Cardamom Hills of the Western Ghats. Enjoy a visit to a Spice Plantation. Later that evening relax by the hotel poolside. **(B)**

Day 11 To Kumarakom (130 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Morning transfer to Periyar National Park to view the wildlife by boat. Set in the heart of the Cardamom Hills, the Periyar National Park and Tiger Reserve offers a rare opportunity to enjoy South India's wildlife and beauty. The park has a picturesque lake at the heart of the sanctuary. Herds of elephant and sambar, gaur and wild pigs wander down to the lakeside and can be observed from the launches that cruise the lake. Return back to the hotel for buffet breakfast. Later you will be driven to Kumarakom. After check in rest of day is at your leisure. **(B)**

Day 12 In Kumarakom

After breakfast at the hotel you will be taken for a city tour. In the afternoon you will be transferred to the jetty to embark on a leisurely exploration of the Kerala backwaters from the comforts of your houseboat. Return back to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 13 To Cochin (90 Kms / 3 Hrs)

After breakfast you will depart Kumarakom to Cochin airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

Selected departure dates



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20 Days / 19 Nights

CLASSICAL INDIA, GOA & KERALA

Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Goa, Cochin, Alleppey, Kovalam

Day 1 – 6

As per Classical India tour

Day 7 To Goa

Fly from Jaipur via Mumbai to Goa where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. (B)

Day 8 – 13 In Goa

Days at leisure (B)

Day 14 To Cochin

Late in the evening you will be transferred to the train station for an overnight journey to Cochin. There is also an option of a flight. (B)

Day 15 In Cochin

Upon arrival into Cochin you will be met and transferred to your hotel. (B)

Day 16 In Cochin

Morning city tour of Cochin. Highlights include the Dutch Palace, Matan Cherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica & Chinese Fishing Nets. In the evening embark on a cruise around the harbour. (B)

Day 17 To Alleppey (65 Kms / 1 Hr)

After breakfast you will be driven to Alleppey to board your personal houseboat where you will enjoy an evening of relaxation and fine cuisine prepared by your own private chef as you cruise the idyllic backwaters (B, L, D)

Day 18 To Kovalam (160 Kms / 4 Hrs)

After breakfast you will be driven to Kovalam to enjoy the rest of the day at leisure (B)

Day 19 In Kovalam

Day at leisure (B)

Day 20 Depart Trivandrum (16 Kms / 0.5 Hrs)

After breakfast you will depart from Kovalam to Trivandrum airport for your onward flight (B)

Selected departure dates





15 Days / 14 Nights

GOA

Besides the natural beauty, the fabulous beaches and sunshine, travellers to Goa love the laid back, peaceful, warm and friendly nature of the Goan people. More than anywhere else on Earth, this is a place where people really know how to relax!

Day 1 Arrive Goa

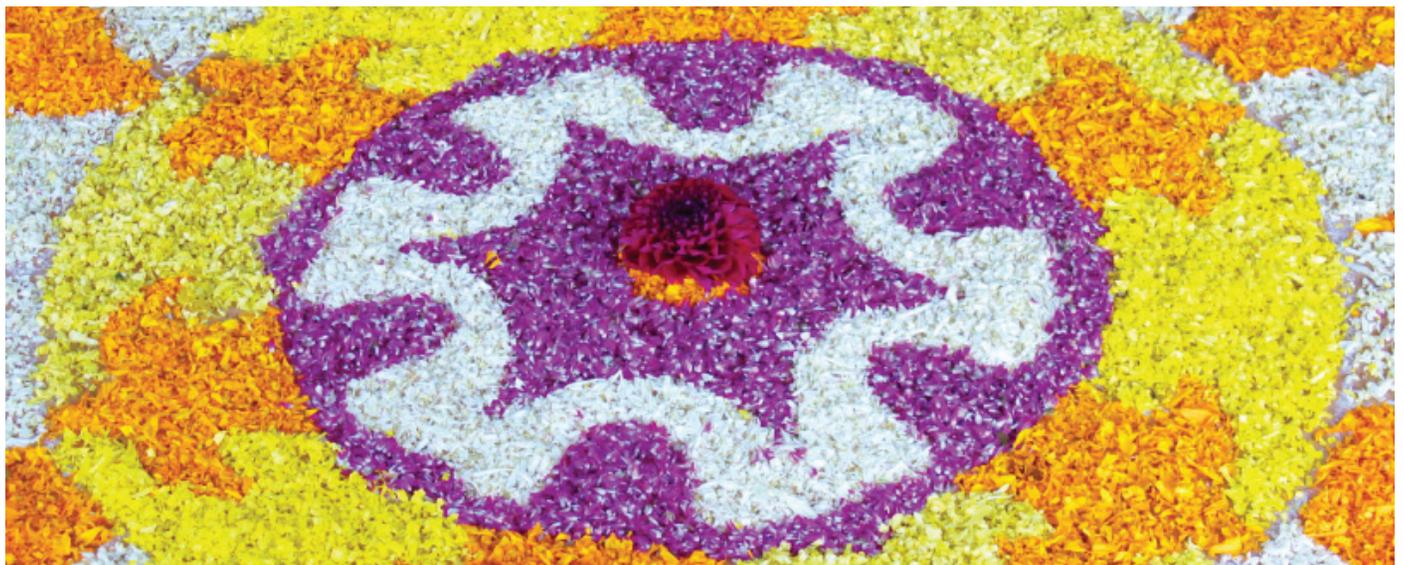
Upon arrival into Goa, via Mumbai, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for your 14 night stay.

Day 2 – 14 In Goa

Enjoy full days at leisure to soak in the sun, sea, nightlife and relaxation which Goa has to offer. **(B)**

Day 15 Depart Goa

Today you will be transferred from your hotel to Goa airport to embark on your return flight via Mumbai. **(B)**





9 Days / 8 Nights

CLASSICAL INDIA & VARANASI

Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Varanasi

Day 1 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival into Delhi our local representative will transfer you to your hotel for a two night stay.

Day 2 In Delhi

Enjoy a combined full day guided sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. **(B)**

Day 3 To Agra (200 kms / 4 Hrs)

After breakfast you will drive to the Mughal Capital of Agra. Rest of the day at leisure. **(B)**

Day 4 In Agra

Enjoy a guided tour of Agra which includes a visit to the Itmad-ud-Daula, the beautiful tomb of Mirza Ghiyas Beg built in pure marble. Explore the massive red sandstone Agra Fort, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture and the seat and stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. Continue to the Taj Mahal (closed on Friday), built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century as a mausoleum for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, a masterpiece in marble and one of the world's most famous landmarks. **(B)**

Day 5 To Jaipur (237 kms / 6 Hrs)

After breakfast you will depart for the Pink City of Jaipur for a two night stay. Enroute you will visit Fatehpur Sikri – the beautiful deserted capital of Emperor Akbar. **(B)**

Day 6 In Jaipur

In the morning, proceed for a guided tour of the fabulous Amber Fort, enroute taking a photo-stop at Hawa Mahal, a five-storied wonder with a spectacular pyramidal façade and overhanging windows with latticed screens, domes and spires. At the top of the Amber Fort soak in the spectacular views of the old town below. In the afternoon explore the City Palace Museum full of Rajasthani costumes and armoury of the Mughals. Proceed to the awe-inspiring Jantar Mantar Observatory, a stone astrological and astronomical observatory built by Maharaja Ja Singh in the 18th century. **(B)**

Day 7 To Varanasi

Fly from Jaipur via Delhi to Varanasi. Upon arrival in Varanasi you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a two night stay. In the evening witness the Aarti ceremony on the bank of the river Ganges. **(B)**

Day 8 In Varanasi

Early morning you will take a boat ride on the River Ganges. Return back to the hotel for breakfast. In the afternoon depart for an excursion to Sarnath to visit Dhamekha Stupa, Deer Park & Museum. **(B)**

Day 9 Depart Varanasi

After breakfast you will fly from Varanasi to Delhi where you will connect with your onward flight home. **(B)**

Selected departure dates



12 Days / 11 Nights

SPLENDOURS OF THE NORTH

Delhi, Varanasi, Khajuraho, Agra, Jaipur, Udaipur

Day 1 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival into Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a two night stay. (B)

Day 2 In Delhi

Enjoy a combined full day guided sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. Morning tour of Old Delhi includes a drive past the Red Fort and a visit to the Jama Masjid – the largest mosque in Asia. Afternoon tour of New Delhi includes the Qutab Minar – the astonishing victory tower built in the early 13th century, the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun and a drive past the imposing India Gate (War Memorial Arch), the Parliament buildings and the Rashtrapathi Bhawan (the President's residence). (B)

Day 3 To Varanasi

Morning flight to Varanasi, the ultimate pilgrimage spot for Hindus, for a one night stay. Later that afternoon visit the Buddhist site at Sarnath. That evening explore the bustling markets and observe the rituals on the ghats of the holy river Ganges. (B)

Day 4 To Khajuraho

Take an early morning boat ride along the Ghats watching the first rays of the rising sun. Later you will be driven to the airport for your flight to Khajuraho (1 Hr) for a two night stay. (B)

Day 5 In Khajuraho

After breakfast explore the Eastern and Western group of Temples, reflecting the exotic architectural splendour of the Chandela Kings. Afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 6 To Agra (178 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Enjoy a morning drive to the fabled town of Orcha. On arrival witness the marvellous palaces & temples built by the Mughals. Continue to Jhansi (18 Kms) to board your express train to Agra (2 Hrs) for a two night stay. (B)

Day 7 In Agra

Following breakfast visit Itmad-ud-Daulah- the beautiful tomb of Mirza Ghiyath Beg, built with pure marble and its walls etched with translucent stones. Continue to the Agra Fort built of red sandstone – a hilltop citadel with fabulous courtyards, fountains and gates. Later visit the magnificent Taj Mahal (closed on Friday's), built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century as a mausoleum for his wife Mumtaz Mahal. (B)

Day 8 To Jaipur (237 Kms / 6 Hrs)

Morning drive to Jaipur visiting Akbar's abandoned capital. Fatehpur Sikri, enroute. Upon arrival into Jaipur check into the hotel for a two night stay. (B)

Day 9 In Jaipur

After breakfast enjoy a brief photo stop at the intriguing red sandstone Hawa Mahal then continue your visit to the ancient capital of the Kachwaha Rajputs, Amber. In the afternoon embark on a tour of the City Palace Museum. Continue to the Jantar Mantar Observatory with its 90 ft. sundial and explore the bustling and colourful markets of the old city. (B)

Day 10 To Udaipur

Early morning transfer to the airport for your flight to the 'City of Lakes' Udaipur (1 Hr) for a two night stay. In the afternoon visit the City Palace once the stronghold of the Maharanas of Mewar and the Saheliyon Ki Bardi. (B)

Day 11 In Udaipur

Today visit the famous Jain Temples at Ranakpur which are nestled in the lush green Aravali Hills. The most remarkable feature of the temple is the wonderful play of shadow and light on the nearly 1,500 pillars. As the sun shifts through the day the pillars colour change from gold to pale blue. (B)

Day 12 Depart Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Delhi (1 Hr). (B)



13 Days / 12 Nights

CLASSICAL RAJASTHAN *GROUP TOUR*

Delhi, Mandawa, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Jaipur, Agra

Day 1 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival into Delhi our local representative will transfer you to your hotel for a two night stay.

Day 2 In Delhi

Enjoy a combined full day guided sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. (B)

Day 3 To Mandawa (260 Kms / 5 Hrs)

After breakfast depart Delhi to drive to the fabulous Shekhawati region, the open air Art Gallery of Rajasthan. In the afternoon explore the magnificent 'havelis' of the rich merchants. (B)

Day 4 To Bikaner (195 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Today you will travel to Bikaner for one night. In the afternoon proceed for a sightseeing tour of Junagarh Fort. The Junagarh Fort is one of the most interesting forts in Rajasthan. Built in 1588 by Raja Rai Singh it was one of the few major forts of Rajasthan that was not built on a hilltop. Instead it was built on the desert plains: its rugged sandstone bastions and graceful pavilions and balconies are silhouetted against the sky. (B)

Day 5 To Jaisalmer (330 Kms / 6 Hrs)

This morning drive to the desert city of Jaisalmer for one night. (B)

Day 6 In Jaisalmer

In the morning explore one of the largest forts of the world – the Jaisalmer Fort. Built in 1156 the fort stands proudly amidst the golden stretches of the great Thar Desert. The majestic fort's yellow sandstone walls are a tawny lion colour during the day and turn to a magical honey-gold during the sunset against the picturesque yellow desert. In the afternoon take a camel ride into the sandy terrain to view the sunset. (B)

Day 7 To Jodhpur (310 Kms / 6 Hrs)

Today you will travel to Jodhpur for one night. In the afternoon enjoy a guided tour of Jodhpur including a visit to the Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada. The 5 km long majestic Mehrangarh Fort is set on a 125 metre high hill and is one of the most impressive and formidable structures. Continue to Jaswant Thada, a white marble memorial to Maharaja Sjaswant Singh II. (B)

Day 8 to Udaipur (255 Kms / 5 Hrs)

In the morning you will be driven to Udaipur enroute visiting the beautiful Jain Temples at Ranakpur. The Ranakpur Temple is dedicated to Adinatha and one of the five most important pilgrimage sites of Jainism. The Ranakpur Temple is called a treasure house of pillars, each have been arranged in a manner which does not obstruct the view of the Lord's image from any corner of the temple. (B)

Day 9 In Udaipur

Enjoy a full day sightseeing of Udaipur. Visit the Nagda and Eklingji Temples and the City Palace. The City Palace was built in 1567 on the banks of Lake Pichola. (B)

Day 10 To Jaipur (420 Kms / 7 Hrs)

In the morning drive to Jaipur enroute visiting the Bramha Temple in Pushkar, one of the most holy places in the country for Hindus. (B)

Day 11 In Jaipur

In the morning, proceed for a guided tour of the fabulous Amber Fort. At the top of the Amber Fort soak in the spectacular views of the old town below. In the afternoon explore the City Palace Museum full of Rajasthani costumes and armoury of the Mughals. Proceed to the awe-inspiring Jantar Mantar Observatory, a stone astrological and astronomical observatory built by Maharaja Ja Singh in the 18th century. (B)

Day 12 To Agra (235 Kms / 5 Hrs)

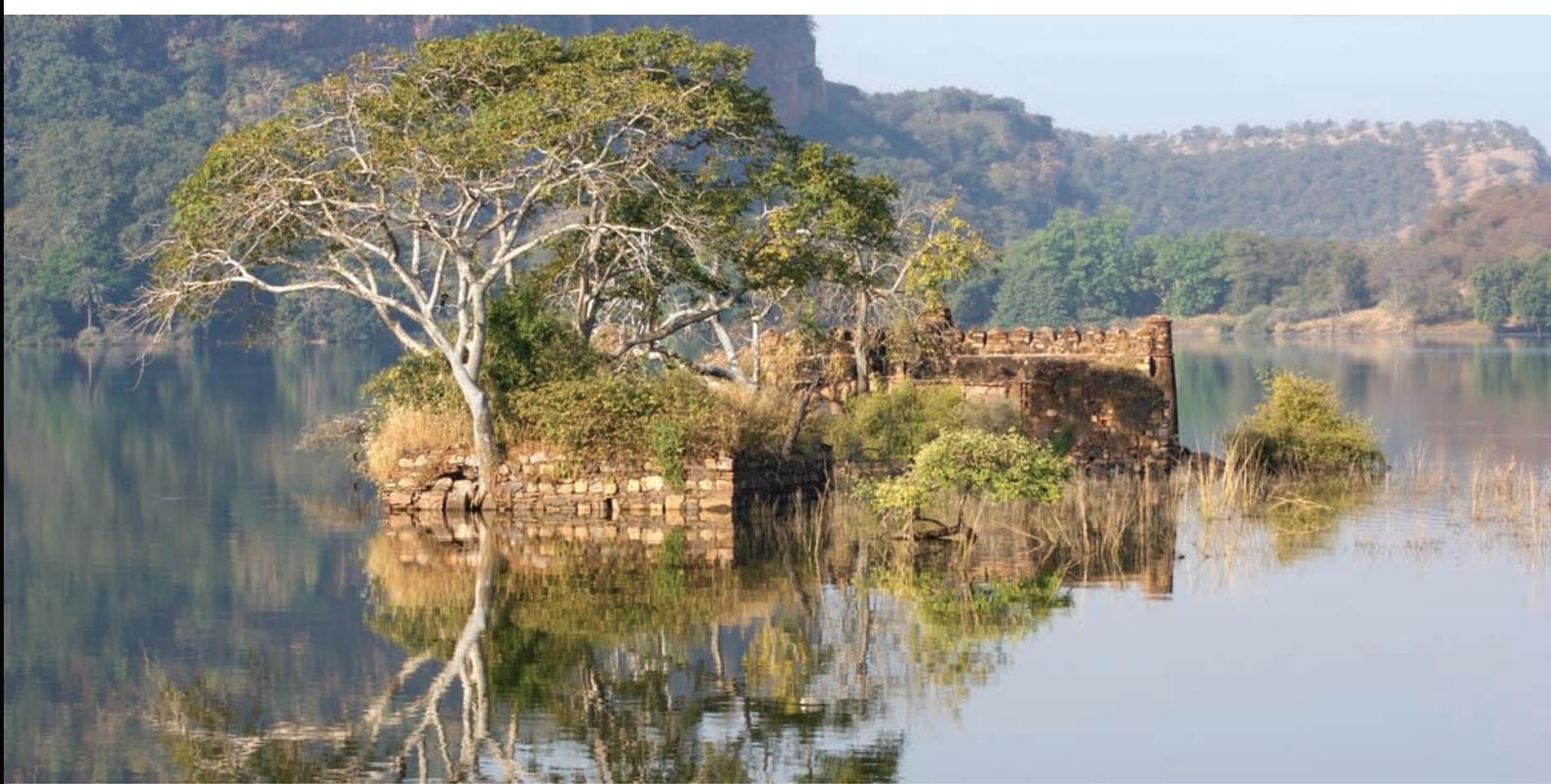
Depart Jaipur for Agra enroute visiting the Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted capital of Emperor Akbar. After check in at your hotel visit the enchanting Taj Mahal (closed on Friday's), built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century as a mausoleum for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, a masterpiece in marble and one of the world's most famous landmarks. (B)

Day 13 To Delhi (210 Kms / 4 Hrs)

After breakfast enjoy a tour of the Agra Fort, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture and the seat and stronghold of the Mughal Empire under successive generations. Later you will be driven to Delhi airport for your onward flight. (B)

Selected departure dates





8 Days / 7 Nights

TEMPLES & TIGERS

Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur

India has a large variety of protected wildlife. Its climatic and geographic diversity makes it the home of over 350 mammals and 1200 bird species, many of which are unique to the sub-continent. The country's protected wilderness consists of 75 national parks and 421 sanctuaries, of which 19 fall under the protection of Project Tiger.

Day 1 Arrive Delhi

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Day 2 In Delhi

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Day 3 To Agra (200 kms / 4 Hrs)

Morning drive to Agra. Enroute you will visit Akbar's mausoleum at Sikandra. That afternoon enjoy a visit to the Agra Fort. Continue to the Taj Mahal (closed on Friday's), built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century as a mausoleum for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, and now one of the world's most famous landmarks. (B)

Day 4 To Ranthambore National Park

(82 Kms / 3 Hrs)

Equipped with a packed lunch and accompanied by a naturalist we depart for Keoladeo Ghana Bird Sanctuary by way of a rickshaw ride for a morning of bird watching. Bharatpur is one

of the world's most important wetland sanctuaries with more than 415 species of birds recorded at the sanctuary, 117 of which migrate from as far away as Siberia & China. Later that day we transfer to the railway station for a journey to Sawai Madhopur. Upon arrival into Sawai Madhopur you will be transferred to your accommodation in Ranthambore. Check into your hotel for a two night stay. (B)

Day 5 In Ranthambore National Park

Early morning visit to the wildlife sanctuary for game viewing accompanied by a naturalist. Over 25 species of animal can be seen including tigers and leopards. That afternoon you have the option of another afternoon visit to the wildlife sanctuary. (B, L, D)

Day 6 To Jaipur (184 Kms / 4 Hrs)

After breakfast you will be driven to Jaipur to check into your hotel for a two night stay. Rest of day at leisure. (B)

Day 7 In Jaipur

In the morning, proceed for a guided tour of the fabulous Amber Fort, en route taking a photo-stop at Hawa Mahal, a five-storied wonder with a spectacular pyramidal façade and overhanging windows with latticed screens, domes and spires. At the top of the Amber Fort soak in the spectacular views of the old town below. In the afternoon explore the City Palace Museum full of Rajasthani costumes and armoury of the Mughals. Proceed to the awe-inspiring Jantar Mantar Observatory, a stone astrological and astronomical observatory built by Maharaja Ja Singh in the 18th century. End the tour with a rickshaw ride in the colourful bazaar of the old city. (B)

Day 8 To Delhi (260 Kms / 5.5 Hrs)

Depart from Jaipur to Delhi airport for your onward flight. (B)

****Tiger reserve closed from 1st July until 30th September****



14 Days / 13 Nights
**TEMPLES,
 TIGERS & KERALA**

Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur,
 Kumarakom, Cochin, Munnar

Day 1 – 7

As per Temples & Tigers tour.

Day 8 To Cochin

Fly from Jaipur via Mumbai to Cochin where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. (B)

Day 9 In Cochin

Morning city tour of Cochin. Highlights include the Dutch Palace, Matan Cherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica & Chinese Fishing nets. In the evening embark on a cruise around the harbour. (B)

Day 10 To Munnar (140 Kms / 3.5 Hrs)

Morning drive to Munnar. Munnar has the world's highest tea gardens that spread out like a green carpet! Explore and stroll through a valley of rhododendrons and cardamom plantations. (B)

Day 11 To Periyar (110 Kms / 3 Hrs)

Early morning drive to Periyar through the scenic valley of the Cardamom Hills of the Western Ghats. Enjoy a visit to a spice Plantation. (B)

Day 12 To Kumarakom (130 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Enjoy an early morning boat ride on the lake and view Kumarakom Wildlife Sanctuary famous for its Bison, Antelope, Sambars, Wild bears, monkeys and a wide variety of birds and elephants. (B)

Day 13 In Kumarakom

Day at leisure. (B)

Day 14 To Cochin (90 Kms / 3 Hrs)

Depart for Cochin airport for your onward flight. (B)

****Tiger reserve closed from 1st July until 30th Sept****

12 Days / 11 Nights
**TEMPLES,
 TIGERS & GOA**

Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore,
 Jaipur, Goa

Day 1 – 7

As per the Temples & Tigers tour

Day 8 To Goa

Fly from Jaipur via Mumbai to Goa. Upon arrival into Goa you will be met and transferred to your hotel. (B)

Day 9 – 11 In Goa

Days at leisure (B)

Day 12 Depart Goa

Depart from Goa to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

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18 Days / 17 Nights

TRACKING THE TIGER

Delhi, Khajuraho, Panna, Bandhavgarh,
Kanha, Pench, Mumbai

Day 1 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a two night stay.

Day 2 In Delhi

Enjoy a combined full day guided sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. (B)

Day 3 In Khajuraho (180 Kms / 4.5 Hrs)

Early morning transfer to the station to board your express train to Jhansi. Transfer to Orcha where you will visit the Orcha palace and temple. Continue to Khajuraho and check into your hotel for a two night stay. (B)

Day 4 To Panna (45 Kms / 1.5 Hrs)

In the morning explore the Eastern and Western group of Temples, reflecting the exotic architectural splendour of the Chandela Kings. Later drive to Panna and check into your resort for a two night stay. That evening enjoy an orientation at the on-going Tiger conservation project in the Park. (B, D)

Day 5 In Panna

Spend the day at the Panna National Park home to some of the best wildlife species. (B, L, D)

Day 6 To Bandhavgarh (225 Kms / 6 Hrs)

A morning drive will take you to Bandhavgarh for a three night stay. This wildlife retreat where history and nature meets is a small National Park with an interesting landscape and the highest known density of tiger population in India. (B, L, D)

Day 7 In Bandhavgarh

Early morning and afternoon game drives. (B, L, D)

Day 8 In Bandhavgarh

Early morning and afternoon game drives. (B, L, D)

Day 9 To Kanha (250 Kms / 6.5 Hrs)

Today you will drive to Kanha the home of the India Bison. Upon arrival check into your hotel for a three night stay. The pictur-

esque Kanha National Park is best known as the habitat of the tiger. (B, L, D)

Day 10 In Kanha

Early morning and afternoon game drives. (B, L, D)

Day 11 In Kanha

Early morning and afternoon game drives. (B, L, D)

Day 12 To Pench (210 Kms / 6 Hrs)

Today you drive to the Pench Tiger Reserve and check into your hotel for a four night stay. Nestling in the lower Southern reaches of the Satpuda hills it is named after the Pench River which meanders through the park. (B, L, D)

Day 13 In Pench

Early morning and afternoon game drives. (B, L, D)

Day 14 In Pench

Early morning and afternoon game drives. (B, L, D)

Day 15 In Pench

Early morning and afternoon game drives. (B, L, D)

Day 16 To Mumbai

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Mumbai. Transfer to your hotel for a two night stay. (B)

Day 17 In Mumbai

Enjoy a half day excursion to the Elephanta Caves on Elephanta Island (closed on Monday and during the Monsoon). The caves are only accessible by ferry and the island has a unique rock-cut temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. In the afternoon visit the Gateway of India, Prince of Wales Museum, Dhobi Ghat and a drive past the Hanging Gardens and Marine Drive. (B)

Day 18 Depart Mumbai

You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

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7 Days / 6 Nights

KERALA KALEIDOSCOPE *GROUP TOUR*

Cochin, Thekkady, Backwaters

Day 1 Arrive Cochin

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a two-night stay.

Day 2 In Cochin

Morning half day sightseeing tour of Cochin city including a visit to Mattancherry, which was built in 1555 with its coronation hall and murals at Ramayana are noteworthy features. You will visit the oldest Jewish Synagogue in India [closed on Friday and Saturday] built by a thriving Jewish community in 1568 A.D. Now the community has dwindled in numbers, however the synagogue is beautifully preserved. Continue with a visit to the Chinese fishing nets. The cantilevered fishing nets line the entrance to the harbour mouth. The long rows of Chinese nets silhouetted against the sunset present a spectacular sight of Cochin's waterfront. These are large nets, which hang from bamboo or teak posts, still used by the local fishermen of Fort Cochin. Also, visit St. Francis Church, originally named after Santo Antonio and dedicated to him as the Patron Saint of Portugal. Five Portuguese priests who arrived with Albuquerque built St. Francis church in 1510. (B)

Day 3 To Thekkady (110 kms / 2 hrs)

Today your journey continues from the land of tea plantations to the spice lands of Thekkady - the heart of God's own country! On arrival check into your hotel for a two-night stay. (B)

Day 4 In Thekkady

After breakfast tour the spice plantations in Thekkady. Wander around these captivating farms and discover crops such as cardamom, nutmeg, pepper, coffee and tamarind in their native environment. In the afternoon enjoy a Green walk around the Periyar forests, one of the finest wildlife reserves in India. (B)

Day 5 To Backwaters (140 Kms / 3.5 Hrs)

After breakfast proceed to the Backwater region which is renowned for its variety of species of both flora and fauna. Upon arrival check into your hotel for a two night stay. (B)

Day 6 In Backwater region

Enjoy a morning at leisure. In the afternoon enjoy a cruise on the backwaters. (B)

Day 7 Depart Cochin (50 Kms / 1.5 Hrs)

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

Selected departure dates



16 Days / 15 Nights

KERALA & GOA – PARADISE LOST

Cochin, Periyar, Kumarakom, Alleppey, Goa

Day 1 Arrive Cochin

Upon arrival into Cochin you will be transferred to your hotel. In the evening you will embark on a cruise around the harbour. (B)

Day 2 In Cochin

Morning city tour of Cochin. Highlights include the Dutch Palace, Matan Cherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica & Chinese Fishing nets. In the evening embark on a cruise around the harbour. (B)

Day 3 To Periyar (195 Kms / 4 Hrs)

After breakfast drive to Periyar, one of the most fascinating wildlife sanctuaries in India, noted for its elephants and scenic beauty. (B)

Day 4 In Periyar

After breakfast enjoy a leisurely visit to the Spice Plantations. (B)

Day 5 To Kumarakom (120 Kms / 3.5 Hrs)

After breakfast drive to Kumarakom. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the beauty of Kumarakom or perhaps take part in some fishing or boating. Kumarakom is undoubtedly the most invigorating, fascinating paradise in Kerala. Nestled on the shores of the serene Vembanad is the little picturesque town Kumarakom. The town consists of a cluster of little islands, and is part of the Kuttanad region. (B)

Day 6 In Kumarakom

Day at leisure (B)

Day 7 Backwaters Cruise

After breakfast board your houseboat to start your cruise through the backwater beauty of Kerala. During your journey view and enjoy the lush paddy fields, coconut farms, small churches and temples. On board your personal crew will serve you the finest cuisine. After a hearty meal retire to bed and drift off to the night sounds of this tranquil land. (B, L, D)

Day 8 to Goa (overnight Train)

After breakfast disembark the houseboat where you will be driven to Cochin for your overnight train to Goa. Flying is also an option. (B)

Day 9 In Goa

Upon arrival into Goa you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Rest of day at leisure. (B)

Day 10 – 15 In Goa

Days at leisure. (B)

Day 16 Depart Goa

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



13 Days / 12 Nights

ESSENCE OF SOUTH INDIA

Chennai, Mamallapuram, Pondicherry, Tanjore, Madurai, Thekkady, Kumarakom, Cochin

Day 1 Arrive Chennai

Upon arrival into Chennai you will be transferred to your hotel for a one night stay. (B)

Day 2 To Mamallapuram (58 Kms / 2 Hrs)

After a morning at leisure enjoy a city tour of Chennai, founded by the British in the 17th Century and still retaining much of its colonial elegance. Continue to Kanchipuram known as the 'Golden City of a Thousand Temples', famous for both its well preserved temples and hand woven silks. Continue to Mamallapuram for one night. (B)

Day 3 To Pondicherry (140 Kms / 3.5 Hrs)

Morning tour of the rock-cut temples of Mamallapuram, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the afternoon drive to the former French colony of Pondicherry for your hotel check in. Later enjoy a tour of Pondicherry. (B)

Day 4 To Tanjore (178 Kms / 4.5 Hrs)

Enjoy an early morning drive through the lush countryside passing rice fields to Tanjore. Enroute visit the temple town of Swamimalai, one of the six abodes dedicated to Lord Subramanya. Continue the drive to Tanjore for a two night stay. (B)

Day 5 In Tanjore

Morning visit to the Sri Brihadeshwara Temples: the grandest architectural achievement of the Chola era you will continue with a tour of the Tanjore Palace, the Royal Museum and the Sarawati Library. Evening Aarti at the Meenakshi Temple. (B)

Day 6 To Madurai (198 Kms / 5 Hrs)

Drive to Madurai via Chettinad, homeland of the Nattukottai Chettiars, where fascinating houses and grand mansion are embellished with marble and Burma teak. Highlights include a visit to the Chettinadu Mansion and Palace and the Antique Street. Continue your trip to Madurai for a two night stay. (B)

Day 7 In Madurai

Madurai is one of the great pilgrimages centres of the South. Visit the cast meenakshi Temple where the whole complex is teeming with pilgrims and its bazaars abound with species and temple offerings. In the evening participate in the rituals at the Temple including the evening Arti at the Meenakshi Temple. (B)

Day 8 To Thekkady (150 Kms / 3.5 Hrs)

Today your journey continues through a succession of market towns to the spice land of Thekkady. After check-in at the hotel enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 9 To Kumarakom (130 Kms / 3 Hrs)

After a tour of the plantations you will be driven to the backwaters of Kumarakom. Enter a tranquil world of sheer magic set amidst marvellous mangrove forests, coconut canopies and swaying palms surrounded by tranquil waterways. Check into your hotel for a two night stay. Evening sunset cruise on Lake Vembanad. (B)

Day 10 In Kumarakom

Day at leisure. (B)

Day 11 To Cochin (90 kms / 3 Hrs)

Morning drive to Cochin where you will be transferred to your hotel for a two night stay. In the evening embark on a cruise around the harbour. (B)

Day 12 In Cochin

Morning city tour of Cochin including the Dutch Palace, Matan Cherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica & Chinese Fishing nets. In the evening embark on a cruise around the harbour. (B)

Day 13 Depart Cochin

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



10 Days / 9 Nights

SPICE LANDS OF KERALA

Cochin, Munnar, Thekkady, Kumarakom, Backwaters, Kovalam

Day 1 Arrive Cochin

Upon arrival into Cochin you will be transferred to your hotel. In the evening you will embark on a cruise around the harbour. (B)

Day 2 In Cochin

Morning city tour of Cochin. Highlights include the Dutch Palace, Matan Cherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica & Chinese Fishing nets. In the evening embark on a cruise around the harbour. (B)

Day 3 To Munnar (130 Kms / 3 Hrs)

Drive through the picturesque countryside to Munnar. A popular retreat during the Raj, Munnar is situated at the confluence of three mountain streams and boasts of exotic flora and fauna. Later enjoy a city tour visiting the Christ Church, Mattupetty Lake and Tata tea Museum. (B)

Day 4 To Thekkady (125 Kms / 3 Hrs)

Today continue to the spice lands of Thekkady, the heart of God's own country for your two night stay. (B)

Day 5 To Kumarakom (127 Kms / 3.5 Hrs)

After a tour of the plantations you will be driven to the backwaters of Kumarakom. Enter a tranquil world of sheer magic set amidst marvellous mangrove forests, coconut canopies and swaying palms surrounded by tranquil waterways. Check into your hotel for a 2 night stay. Evening sunset cruise on Lake Vembanad. (B)

Day 6 In Kumarakom

Day at leisure. (B)

Day 7 Backwaters Cruise

After breakfast board your houseboat to start your cruise through the backwater beauty of Kerala. During your journey view and enjoy the lush paddy fields, coconut farms, small churches and temples. On board your personal crew will serve you the finest cuisine. After a hearty meal retire to bed and drift off to the night sounds of this tranquil land. (B, L, D)

Day 8 To Kovalam (160 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Following breakfast disembark the houseboat where you will be transferred to Kovalam for a two night stay. (B)

Day 9 In Kovalam

Day at leisure. (B)

Day 10 Depart Kovalam

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





12 Days / 11 Nights

SOUTHERN EXPLORER

Bangalore, Coorg, Mysore, Wayanad, Cochin

Day 1 Arrive Bangalore

Upon arrival into Bangalore you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel for a one night stay.

Day 2 To Coorg (260 Kms / 6 Hrs)

After breakfast enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Bangalore City. Visit the botanical gardens of Lalbagh, Tipu Sultans Palace and the Bull Temple. Drive past the Government Secretariat, Vidhan Soudha and Cubbon Park. Later you will be driven to Coorg, the smallest district in Karnataka. (B)

Day 3 In Coorg

After breakfast indulge in trekking or cycling. (B)

Day 4 In Coorg

In the morning drive to Dubare Forest and indulge in Elephant bathing for an hour. In the afternoon simply relax or continue to explore the area by a trek or cycle. (B)

Day 5 To Mysore (130 Kms / 3 Hrs)

After breakfast you will be driven to Mysore which was once the political capital of the Wodeyar dynasty which ruled the state of Karnataka. Upon arrival you will enjoy a guided tour of the city. The tour includes a visit to Mysore Palace, the former residence of the Wodeyar rulers. (B)

Day 6 To Wayanad (130 Kms / 3 Hrs)

In the morning you will depart for Wayanad, the 'green paradise' of Kerala. Nestled among the mountains of the Western Ghats, sharing the border with Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Wayanad offers a seamless blend of wildlife and nature, where you find a variety of large wild animals such as Indian Bison, elephant, deer and tiger. (B)

Day 7 In Wayanad

After breakfast proceed to the Tea Plantation followed by tea tasting. Indulge in trekking to the nearby mountains. (B)

Day 8 In Wayanad

Today is at your leisure to explore the beauty of Wayanad. (B)

Day 9 To Calicut (85 Kms / 2.5 Hrs)

After breakfast proceed to Calicut for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 10 To Cochin (180 Kms / 4 Hrs)

In the morning you will be transferred to the train station to Cochin. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a two night stay. (B)

Day 11 In Cochin

Morning city tour of Cochin. Highlights include the Dutch Palace, Matan Cherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica and Chinese fishing nets. In the evening proceed for a cruise around Cochin's harbour. (B)

Day 12 Depart Cochin

You will be transferred from your hotel to Cochin airport for your onward flight. (B)



12 Days / 11 Nights

JEWELS OF KARNATAKA

Bangalore, Mysore, Nagarhole, Dubare Elephant Camp, Siddapur, Hassan

Day 1 Arrive Bangalore

Upon arrival into Bangalore you will be transferred to your hotel for a two night stay.

Day 2 In Bangalore

Early morning walking tour of the 'Garden City'. Enjoy a fascinating horticultural odyssey while exploring the Laal Bagh Botanical Gardens. Then continue with a visit to the Tipu Sultan Palace and the Bull Temple. (B)

Day 3 To Mysore (150 Kms / 3 Hrs)

Drive to the sandalwood city of Mysore, via Srirangapatnam, once the capital of Haider Ali and Tipu Sultan. After you have checked into your hotel visit the 2000-year-old temple on Chamundi Hill and the flower and sandalwood market. (B)

Day 4 In Mysore

In the morning a guided tour of the former capital of the princely state of the Wodeyars is organised. Visit the Maharaja's Palace and Camarajendra Art Gallery. In the afternoon enjoy an excursion to Somnathpur known for the Keshava Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. (B)

Day 5 To Nagarhole (95 Kms / 2 Hrs)

Drive to Nagarhole National Park, once a hunting reserve for royalty. It is now home to several endangered species including the tiger. It is also one of the few remaining habitats of the Asian elephant in the world. On arrival transfer to your lodge for a two night stay. Late in the afternoon a jeep safari will take you tracking tigers. (B, L, D)

Day 6 In Nagarhole.

Embark on a morning and afternoon game drive. (B, L, D)

Day 7 To Dubare Elephant Camp

(80 Kms / 2 Hrs)

Journey into the heart of the Coorg region. Enroute visit Bylekuppe, the second largest Tibetan settlement outside Tibet. (B, L, D)

Day 8 To Siddapur (25 Kms / 30 Mins)

Spend the morning witnessing the elephants being bathed and fed. A trained Naturalist is at hand to explain the various aspects of Elephants history, ecology and biology. Later drive to Siddapur for a two night stay. (B)

Day 9 In Siddapur

Day at leisure (B)

Day 10 To Hassan (200 Kms / 5 Hrs)

Drive to the cultural heartland of Hassan for a two night stay. (B)

Day 11 In Hassan

Enjoy an excursion to the intricately carved Hoysala temples at Belur and Halebid. (B)

Day 12 Depart Bangalore (200 Kms / 5 Hrs)

On the way back to Bangalore airport you will stop enroute to one of the most important Jain pilgrimage centres – Sravanabelagola. This centre dates back to the 3rd century BC. (B)



JOURNEY TO **13 Days / 14 Nights** **THE HIMALAYAN KINGDOM**

Calcutta, Darjeeling, Pelling, Gangtok, Kalimpong, Pheuntsholing, Thimphu, Punakha, Paro

Day 1 Arrive Calcutta

You will be met and transferred to your hotel for a two night stay.

Day 2 In Calcutta

After breakfast visit the bustling flower and vegetable market followed by a boat ride down the River Hoogly. In the afternoon proceed for a city tour. (B)

Day 3 To Darjeeling

Fly to Bagdogra and drive to Darjeeling, one of India's most celebrated tea growing districts. (B, D)

Day 4 In Darjeeling

Pre-dawn visit to Tiger Hill to witness the sunrise over the Himalayas, followed by a visit to Ghoom Monastery. In the afternoon visit a tea plantation. (B, L, D)

Day 5 In Darjeeling

Morning at leisure. In the afternoon enjoy a guided walking tour of Darjeeling. (B, L, D)

Day 6 To Pelling (118 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Drive to Pelling and check into your hotel for an overnight stay. Later visit the famous 18th century Pemayangtse Monastery. (B, L, D)

Day 7 To Gangtok (124 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Drive to Gangtok for a two night stay. Enroute visit the Rumtek Monastery with its unique artefacts, ancient manuscripts and icons. (B, L, D)

Day 8 In Gangtok

The day is spent visiting Phodong Monastery, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology and the Do-Drul Chorten. (B, L, D)

Day 9 To Kalimpong (85 Kms / 5 Hrs)

Drive to the remote hill station of Kalimpong, set amongst beautiful mountain scenery once a key trade point between

India, Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet. In the afternoon tour the gompas and the local market. (B, L, D)

Day 10 To Phuentsholing (185 Kms / 5 Hrs)

Drive to the border town of Phuentsholing. (B, L, D)

Day 11 To Thimphu (176 Kms / 5 Hrs)

Early morning drive to the picturesque Bhutanese capital of Thimphu for a two night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 12 In Thimphu

Tour the city visiting the Memorial Chorten which was built in the memory of the third king of Bhutan, handicrafts Emporium, Tashichdo Dzong and the National Library where ancient manuscripts are preserved. (B, L, D)

Day 13 To Punakha (77 Kms / 2 Hrs)

Early morning drive via the Dolchu Pass to the ancient capital of Punakha, where on a clear day you can see the highest peaks in Bhutan. After check in visit the Punakha Dzong built in 1637 and the valley of Wangdu Phodrang situated between Punakha Chu and Tang Chu Rivers. (B, L, D)

Day 14 To Paro (140 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Morning drive to Paro. Visit the National Museum and stroll through the market along the Paro River. (B, L, D)

Day 15 In Paro

Morning trek to Taktsang the cliff side monastery perched on a rocky ledge with a sheer drop of over 800 metres. Afternoon visit to Rinpung Dzong, the administrative seat of the district of Paro containing a state monastic community of about 200 monks. (B, L, D)

Day 16 Depart Calcutta

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

****A permit is required for visiting Sikkim and a visa is required for Bhutan****



13 Days / 12 Nights

BHUTAN – LAND OF THE DRAGON

Delhi, Paro, Thimphu, Trongsa, Bumthang, Punakha

Day 1 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival into Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel for your two night stay. (B)

Day 2 In Delhi

Enjoy a combined full day guided sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. Morning tour of Old Delhi includes a drive past the Red Fort and a visit to the Jama Masjid – the largest mosque in Asia, and the Raj Ghat – the simple but moving memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Afternoon tour of New Delhi includes the Qutab Minar – the astonishing victory tower built in the early 13th century, the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun and a drive past the imposing India Gate (War Memorial Arch), the Parliament buildings and the Rashtrapathi Bhawan (the President's residence). (B)

Day 3 To Paro

Morning flight to Paro where you will check into your hotel for a one night stay. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B, D)

Day 4 To Thimphu (65 Kms / 1 Hr)

Morning visit to Ta Dzong National Museum. Later stroll through the colourful market and enjoy a walk along the Paro River. Drive to the Bhutanese capital of Thimphu for a two night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 5 In Thimphu

Enjoy a city highlights tour including the Memorial Chorten (a huge Stupa) built in memory of the third King of Bhutan, the Handicrafts Emporium where Bhutanese textiles are displayed, Tashichdo Dzong – the main secretariat building and the National Library. (B, L, D)

Day 6 To Trongsa (200 Kms / 5 Hrs)

Proceed on a picturesque drive to Trongsa via Wangdi-

phodrang Dzong, a monastery at the confluence of two rivers, then over the Pele-la pass (3,300 m). (B, L, D)

Day 7 To Bumthang (64 Kms / 2 Hrs)

Depart for Bumthang, one of the most spectacular valleys in Bhutan. Upon arrival you will check into your hotel for a two night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 8 In Bumthang

Spend the day visiting several of the regions ancient monasteries. Also visit the historical Jakar Dzong, one of the largest Dzongs in Bhutan. (B, L, D)

Day 9 To Punakha (212 Kms / 5 Hrs)

Early morning visit the Bumthang market, following which you drive to Punakha for a two night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 10 In Punakha

Full day tour of Punakha including a visit to the 17th century fortress Punakha Dzong which lies between Phochu and Mochu River. (B, L, D)

Day 11 To Paro (140 Kms / 4 Hrs)

Drive to Paro for a two night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 12 In Paro

Morning trek to Taktsang the cliff side monastery perched on a rocky ledge with a sheer drop of over 800 metres. The hike takes about four hours. Afternoon visit to Rinpung Dzong the administrative seat of the district of Paro containing a state monastic community of 200 monks. (B, L, D)

Day 13 Depart Delhi.

Transfer back to the airport for your flight to Delhi and your onward arrangements. (B)



11 Days / 10 Nights

JOURNEY TO THE GOLDEN TEMPLE

Delhi, Amritsar, Dharamshala, Taragarh, Shimla

Day 1 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival into Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel for your overnight stay.

Day 2 To Amritsar

After breakfast you will transfer to the railway station to board the train for Amritsar. Upon arrival into Amritsar you will be transferred to your hotel for a two night stay. Amritsar is located in north-west India and is the centre of the Sikh religion, and a major city of the Punjab state. **(B)**

Day 3 In Amritsar

After breakfast embark on a tour of the city. Highlights include the Golden Temple and the Hari Mandir market, in the evening visit Wagah where at sunset the border guards of India and Pakistan assemble for the closing ceremony of the border. The ritual ends as the sun goes down, the flag of each country is lowered and the gates are closed. **(B)**

Day 4 To Mcleodganj (220 Kms / 7 Hrs)

Today you will drive to Mcleodganj, home of the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government exile. A large proportion of the population is Tibetan rather than Indian and the whole town feels totally different to anywhere else in India. Behind the town to the north runs a ridge of mountains, part of the foothills of the Himalayas. In the afternoon tour of Mcleodganj and the monastery. The main city centre is a charming Tibetan settlement with bustling bazaars that sells carpets, handicrafts and delicious Tibetan food. **(B)**

Day 5 To Taragarh (60 Kms / 2.5 Hrs)

Depart to Taragarh enroute visit Norbulingka Institute which is full of traditional Tibetan arts of woodcraft, thangka painting, gold smith and embroidery amidst a Japanese influenced garden. Taragarh is a small village set amidst tea gardens and a camphor forest surrounded by a ring of foothills and the distant snow-capped peaks of the Dhauladhar Himalaya, **(B, D)**

Day 6 In Taragarh

Day at leisure to explore this fascinating town. **(B)**

Day 7 To Shimla (220 Kms / 7.5 Hrs)

Today you will be driven to Shimla. A century ago the British selected Shimla as their summer capital, seeing it as a retreat from the blistering heat of the plains. Called the 'adobe of the high and mighty' it is spectacularly set at 2,154 metres with the snow-capped Himalaya as a backdrop and with beautiful promenades, graceful colonial buildings, wooden ravines and evergreen forests. **(B)**

Day 8 In Shimla

Day at leisure to explore this beautiful town. **(B)**

Day 9 To Delhi

After breakfast you will transfer to the train station to board the toy train to then connect with the express train to Delhi. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel for a two night stay. **(B)**

Day 10 In Delhi

Enjoy a combined full day guided sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. Morning tour of Old Delhi includes a drive past the Red Fort and a visit to the Jama Masjid – the largest mosque in Asia, and the Raj Ghat – the simple but moving memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Afternoon tour of New Delhi includes the Qutab Minar – the astonishing victory tower built in the early 13th century, the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun and a drive past the imposing India Gate (War Memorial Arch), the Parliament buildings and the Rashtrapathi Bhawan (the President's residence). **(B)**

Day 11 Depart Delhi

You will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. **(B)**



4, 5, 6 Days / 3, 4, 5 Nights

CHAMBA CAMP – LADAKH

The Ultimate Travelling Camp

Day 1 Arrive Leh

Upon your arrival into Leh you will be met and transferred to your luxury camp for a 3, 4 or 5 night stay. Rest of day at leisure to acclimatize. Note: Leh is situated at an altitude of about 3505 metres above sea level. The first two days will be at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude difference. We advise you not to indulge in any sort of physical activity as the high altitude and rarefied air could result in severe headaches, nausea, coughing and breathlessness. **(L, D)**

Day 2 In Thiksey

After a morning at leisure you will embark on a city tour of Leh visiting popular landmarks including the magnificent Leh Palace. In the evening watch the sun setting whilst sipping a traditional Ladakhi tea at the Shanti Stupa. **(B, L, D)**

Day 3 In Thiksey

Early morning visit the Thiksey monastery which houses two statues of the Maitreya Buddha providing a spectacular view of the valley. Return back to the camp for breakfast where you can enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure. In the afternoon proceed to explore the jewel in the crown of the Drukpa lineage, the Hemis Monastery. In the evening enjoy a drink as the sun dips under the horizon, casting exquisitely coloured shadows on the snow-capped peaks surrounding the camp. **(B, L, D)**

Day 4 In Thiksey (Or depart)

Today you can end your tour and be transferred back to Leh airport for your onward flight. If you are continuing your stay you can choose to partake in a variety of options. Either enjoy a day at leisure, walk in the footsteps of Buddha or visit the Enchanted Lake. **(B, L, D)**

Day 5 In Thiksey (Or depart)

Today you can end your tour and be transferred back to Leh airport for your onward flight. If you are continuing your stay you can choose partake in any of the options from the previous day. **(B, L, D)**





8 Days / 7 Nights

PALACE ON WHEELS

Delhi, Jaipur, Ranthambore, Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bharatpur, Agra

The palace on wheels offers an opportunity to explore northwest India's most spectacular sights in the style of Maharajas. Made up of sixteen period carriages, the train features lounges, two restaurant carriages and ensuite cabins furnished in classic Rajput style. The train departs from Delhi on Wednesday's from September to April.

Day 1 In Delhi

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to the train station to embark on the Palace on Wheels. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (D)

Day 2 In Jaipur

Your tour will begin at the Palace of the Winds followed by the amazing Jantar Mantar Astronomical observatory. Jaipur also offers a great shopping experience and is the country's capital for unique handicrafts. After a morning of sightseeing enjoy lunch at the Amber Fort. That evening enjoy a dinner in one of the best hotels in Jaipur before returning to the Palace on Wheels. (B, L, D)

Day 3 In Ranthambore

Visit the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve – a unique mixture of natural and historical richness in eastern Rajasthan. You will have the opportunity to see 24 different species of mammals including spotted deer, Sambhar, Wild Boar, Indian Gazelle, Jungle Cat, Panthers Jackal, Hyenas, Sloth bears and almost three hundred different kinds of birds. Enjoy the afternoon on the train as it travels the lush green countryside. (B, L, D)

Day 4 In Udaipur

Enjoy the day exploring the wonderful city of Udaipur, known as the 'City on the Lakes'. (B, L, D)

Day 5 In Jaisalmer

Today you will explore the golden city of Rajasthan, Jaisalmer, home to the Sonar Quila Fort which is made of yellow sandstone. (B, L, D)

Day 6 In Jodhpur

Explore the Blue City of Jodhpur followed by lunch at the Umaid Bhawan Palace, the world's finest and largest Palace. A unique feature of the palace is a 110 feet high central dome. (B, L, D)

Day 7 In Bharatpur & Agra

Bharatpur is a royal kingdom where the jats ruled. The Fort Lohagarh is the only state to have bastions of mud, these proved meritorious because they simply swallowed up the cannon shells not allowing them to impact. The Keoladeo Ghana National Park is one of the finest bird sanctuaries in the world and has over three hundred species of birds, many which migrate from Siberia and China. Visit the world famous Taj Mahal, a marble mausoleum of love. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Depart Delhi

Arrive into Delhi where you will disembark the Palace on Wheels. (B)

Selected departure dates

8 Days / 7 Nights

INDIAN SOJOURN

Mumbai, Vadodara, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur, Delhi

Day 01 Arrive Mumbai

Arrive into Mumbai where you will be met and transferred to the train station to embark on your train journey (D)

Day 02 In Vadodara

Arrive into the 'Royal City of the Gaekwads' of Vadodara. Visit the famous world heritage site of Champaner, the Jami Masjid and the Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum. Witness a folk dance performance whilst you savour local delicacies from the Royal Kitchen at the Lazmi Vilas Palace. (B, L, D)

Day 03 In Udaipur

Arrive into the 'City of the Lakes' of Udaipur. Visit the famous City Palace which houses the spectacular Crystal Gallery followed by a walk through the quaint streets. Complete the tour with a boat cruise on Lake Pichola. (B, L, D)

Day 04 In Jodhpur

Embark on a walking tour of the Old Market and the Meherangarh Fort famous for its fabulous views over the Blue City. Later enjoy a barbeque in the Fort. (B, L, D)

Day 05 In Agra

Today the train arrives at the Mughal citadel of Agra. Visit the iconic Taj Mahal, and other architectural gems of the Mughal Empire; the Itmad-ud-Daullah and the impressive Agra Fort. (B, L, D)

Day 06 In Ranthambore

Arrive at Ranthambore and spend a day in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, once the private hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur. Enjoy adventurous morning and afternoon safaris at the Reserve, looking for the elusive big cats. (B, L, D)

Day 07 Jaipur

Arrive at the historic capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur, often called the Pink City. Explore the forts and palaces with a walk through the colorful bazaars of this beautiful city. Enjoy a special dinner in the evening. (B,L,D)

Day 08 Disembark train in Delhi

Arrive back into Delhi and disembark the train. (B)

Selected departure dates



Deccan Odyssey



8 Days / 7 Nights

HIDDEN TREASURES OF GUJARAT

Mumbai, Vadodara, Bhavnagar, Sasan Gir, Little Rann of Kutch, Modhera, Nashik, Mumbai

Day 1 Arrive Mumbai

Arrive into Mumbai where you will be met and transferred to the train station to embark on your train journey (D)

Day 02 In Vadodara

Arrive into the 'Royal City of the Gaekwads' of Vadodara. Visit the famous world heritage site of Champaner, the Jami Masjid and the Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum. Enjoy high tea at the magnificent Laxmi Vilas Palace – the residence of the Royal family. (B, L, D)

Day 03 In Bhavnagar.

Arrive into Bhavnagar where you will embark on an excursion to Palitana, famed for its spectacular cluster of Jain temples exquisitely carved in marble. (B, L, D)

Day 04 In Sasan Gir

Explore the national park which is home to the only surviving 'Lions of Asia' and a myriad variety of birds and other creatures. In the evening visit to the famous Somnath Temple. (B, L, D)

Day 05 In Little Rann of Kutch

Enjoy a cross-desert safari looking for wild ass and water birds. Visit the settlements and villages, renowned for their traditional embroideries and weaving. (B, L, D)

Day 06 In Modhera

Visit the 11th century Sun Temple and the Rani-ka-Vav well. (B, L, D)

Day 07 In Nashik

Relax and enjoy a Champagne tour followed by lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Arrive Mumbai

Arrive back into Mumbai and disembark the train. (B)

Selected departure dates



8 Days / 7 Nights
MAHARASHTRA SPLENDOUR
Mumbai, Nashik, Aurangabad, Ajanta, Kolhapur, Goa, Ratnagiri, Mumbai

Day 01 Arrive Mumbai

Arrive into Mumbai where you will be met and transferred to the train station to embark on your train journey. (D)

Day 02 In Nashik

Relax and enjoy a Champagne tour followed by lunch. (B, L, D)

Day 03 In Aurangabad

Today visit the Ellora Caves, a world heritage site. This unique artistic creation illustrates the spirit of tolerance which was a characteristic of ancient India. (B, L, D)

Day 04 In Ajanta

Arrive at Jalgaon railway station and drive to Ajanta Caves, a World Heritage site. These magnificent caves have exquisite ancient murals & sculptures that depict the life of Buddha. (B, L, D)

Day 05 In Kolhapur

Arrive at Kolhapur, a multifaceted city with a mythical past. Visit the New Palace, the Mahalaxmi Temple and the Town Hall museum. Witness a traditional martial arts performance known as "Mardani Khel". (B, L, D)

Day 06 In Goa

Arrive in Goa, known for its beaches, churches, and temples. Take a tour of Old Goa, visiting the St. Augustine Church & the Basilica of Bom Jesus. Walk through the old Latin Quarters known as Fontanhas. (B, L, D)

Day 07 In Ratnagiri

Arrive in Ratnagiri and visit the famous temple of Ganapati. (B, L, D)

Day 08 Depart Mumbai

Arrive into Mumbai where you will disembark the train. (B)

Selected departure dates



Deccan Odyssey

RATNAGIRI



8 Days / 7 Nights

INDIAN ODYSSEY

Delhi, Ranthambore, Agra, Jaipur, Udaipur, Vadodara, Aurangabad, Mumbai

Day 1 Arrive Delhi

Arrive into Delhi where you will be met and transferred to the train station to embark on your train journey (D)

Day 2 In Ranthambore

Arrive in Ranthambore and spend a day in the Tiger Reserve, once the private hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur. (B, L, D)

Day 3 In Agra

Arrive in Agra visiting the iconic Taj Mahal and the impressive Agra Fort. (B, L, D)

Day 4 In Jaipur

Arrive into the historic 'Pink City' of Jaipur. Explore the forts and palaces with a walk through the colourful bazaars the beautiful city offers. (B, L, D)

Day 5 In Udaipur

Arrive into the 'City of the Lakes' of Udaipur. Visit the famous City Palace which houses the spectacular Crystal Gallery followed by a walk through the quaint streets. Complete the tour with a boat cruise on Lake Pichola. (B, L, D)

Day 6 In Vadodara

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Day 7 In Aurangabad

Today visit the Ellora Caves, a world heritage site. This unique artistic creation illustrates the spirit of tolerance which was a characteristic of ancient India. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Arrive Mumbai

Arrive back into Mumbai and disembark the train. (B)

Selected departure dates





8 Days / 7 Nights

JEWELS OF THE DECCAN

Mumbai, Hampi, Aihole, Hampi, Hyderabad, Aurangabad, Ajanta, Mumbai

Day 01 Arrive Mumbai

Arrive into Mumbai where you will be met and transferred to the train station to embark on your train journey. **(D)**

Day 02 Hampi

Arrive at the historic capital of the Sultans of the Deccan. Explore the citadel, visiting its beautiful buildings and tombs. **(B, L, D)**

Day 03 Aihole

This morning visit the rock cut caves and sculptured temples in Badami. **(B, L, D)**

Day 04 In Hampi

Visit the iconic City of Victory, Hampi. Explore the sacred royal palaces and impressive temples. **(B, L, D)**

Day 05 In Hyderabad

This morning explore the magnificent ruins of the Golconda Fort. **(B, L, D)**

Day 06 In Aurangabad

Today visit the Ellora Caves, a world heritage site. This unique artistic creation illustrates the spirit of tolerance which was a characteristic of ancient India. **(B, L, D)**

Day 07 In Ajanta

Arrive at Jalgaon railway station and drive to Ajanta Caves, a World Heritage site. These magnificent caves have exquisite ancient murals & sculptures that depict the life of Buddha. **(B, L, D)**

Day 08 Depart Mumbai

Arrive into Mumbai where you will disembark the train. **(B)**

Selected departure dates





13 Days / 12 Nights

SRI LANKA – THE RESPLENDENT ISLE

Colombo, Kandalama, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Yala, Galle

Day 1 Arrive Colombo

Upon arrival into Colombo you will be met and transferred to your hotel for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 2 To Kandalama (170 Kms / 5 Hrs)

After breakfast transfer to Pinnawala to visit the Elephant Orphanage. After the orphanage transfer to Dambulla. Dambulla rock temple was built by King Walagambahu in the 1st Century B.C. and a World Heritage Site. They are the most impressive cave temples. Finally transfer to Kandalama for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 4 In Kandalama

After breakfast transfer to Anuradhapura the first capital and the grandest city of the ancient Ceylon. It is the home of two World Heritage Sites. Afternoon visit to Mihintale where Buddhism originated in Sri Lanka. (B)

Day 4 In Kandalam

After breakfast transfer to Polonnaruwa the second capital city of Sri Lanka built in the 11th and 12th century. View the ruins of Royal Palace, the Gal Viharaya where four splendid statues of the Buddha in 'Upright', 'Sedentary' and 'Recumbent' postures carved out of rock can be seen. Transfer to Sigiriya a rock fortress which is built by King Kashyapa. The 'Lion Rock' is a citadel of unusual beauty rising 200m from the scrub jungle. (B)

Day 5 To Kandy (85 Km / 2 Hrs)

Continue to Kandy via Matale where you will visit a spice garden and witness a cookery demonstration. (B)

Day 6 In Kandy

Today visit Peradeniya botanical garden built by Sinhala King which was expanded by the British. The garden extends 147 acres and houses a variety of trees, plants and flowers. (B)

Day 7 To Nuwara Eliya (76 Kms / 2 Hrs)

Today depart to Nuwara Eliya visiting a tea plantation and a tea factory enroute. (B)

Day 8 To Kandapola (13 Km / 15 Mins)

Drive to Kandapola visiting Hakgala Botanical Gardens enroute. (B)

Day 9 To Yala (205 Km / 5 Hrs)

Drive to Yala. Rest day at leisure (B)

Day 10 In Yala

After breakfast embark on a safari of Yala National Park. Yala is the largest National Park in Sri Lanka and home to wild elephants, wild boars, wild buffaloes, leopards, bears, deer's and crocodiles. (B)

Day 11 To Galle (189 Kms / 2.5 Hrs)

After breakfast drive to Galle, the chief port of Ceylon known for its homemade lace. Rest of day at leisure. (B)

Day 12 In Galle

Day at leisure. (B)

Day 13 Depart Colombo

You will be met and transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



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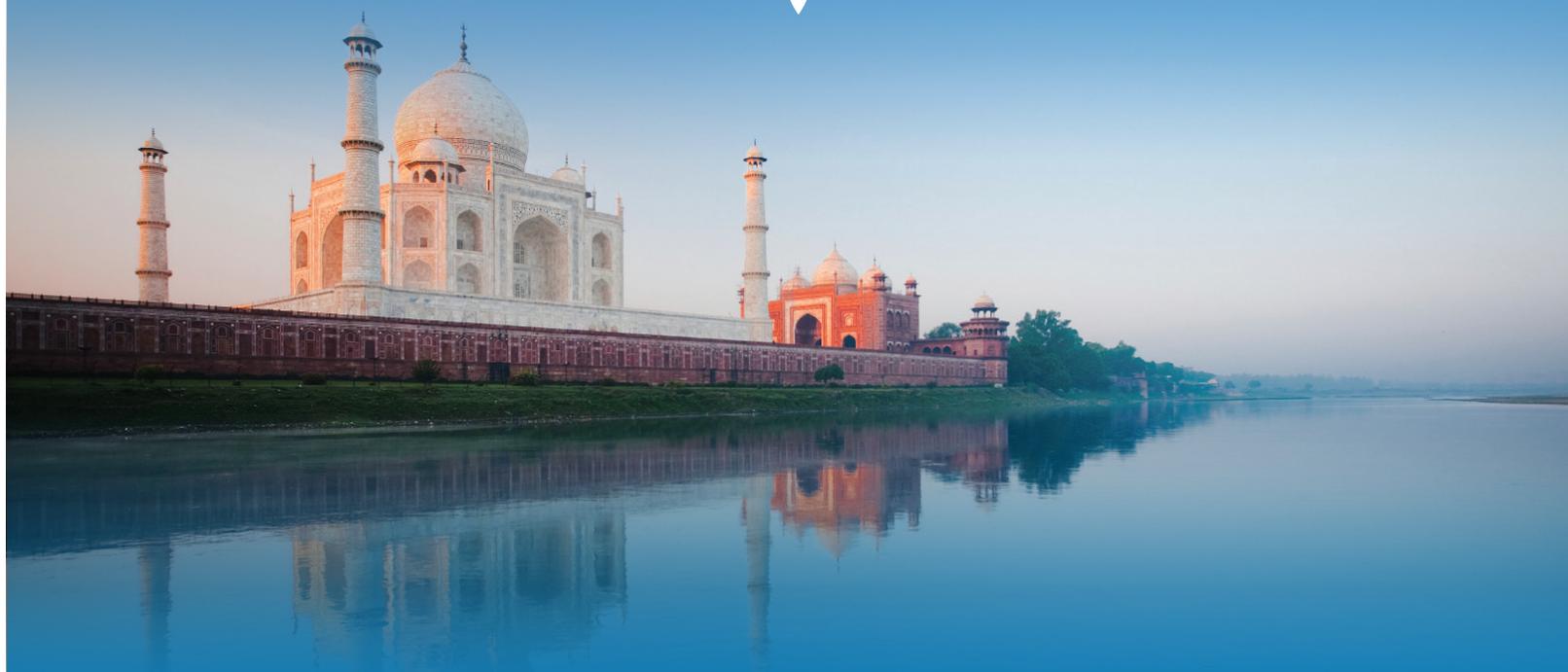
Renewal of Vows

Enjoy a traditional Indian wedding ceremony where both the bride & groom renew their wedding vows with the ceremony performed by a local priest. The ceremony takes place under a canopy decorated with colourful flowers and ribbons. The experience is further enriched by blessings and traditional attire typical to the bride and groom.

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