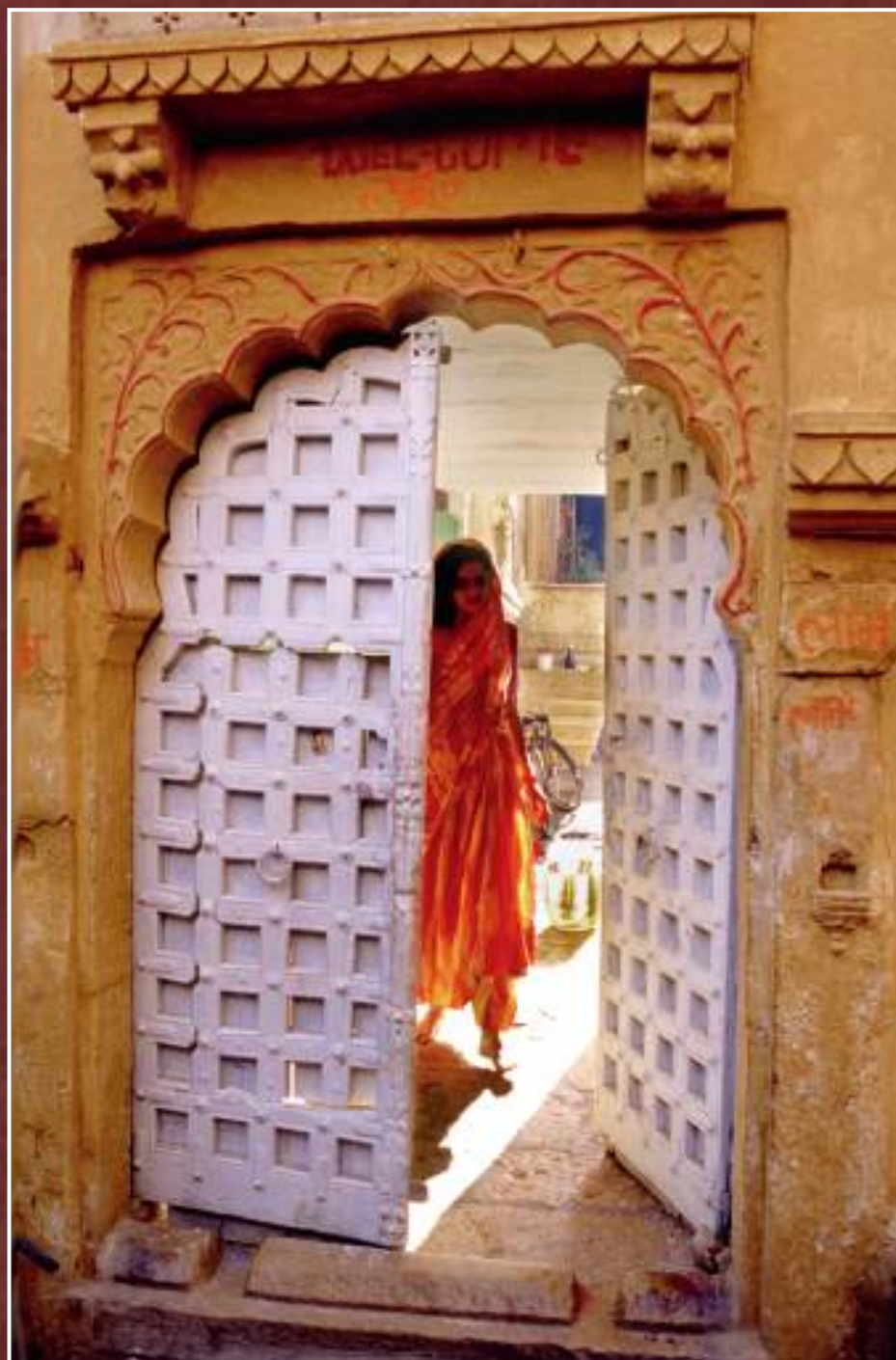


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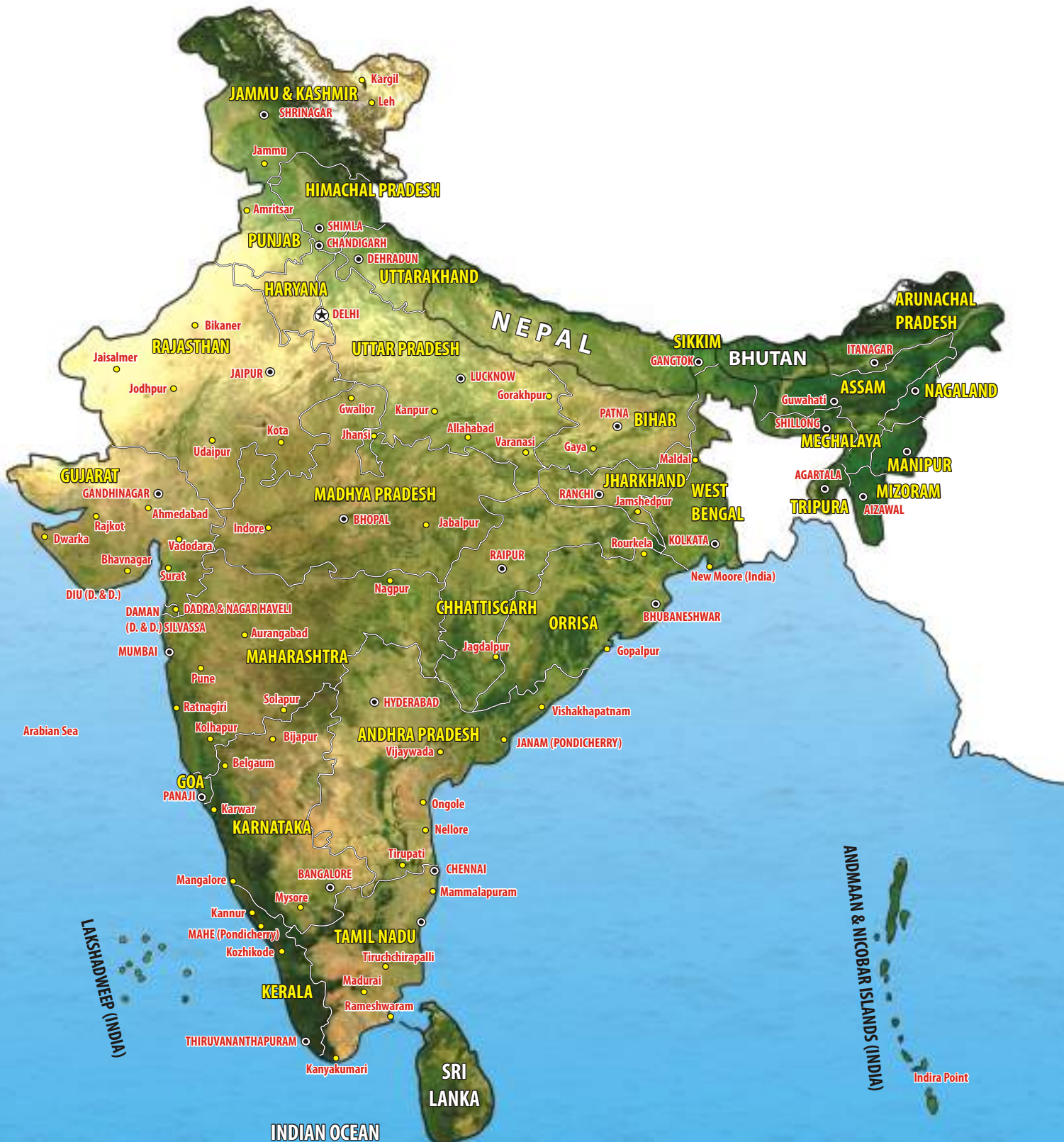


State Express



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INDIA MAP



Introduction

State Express, established in 1980, has since become one of the leading inbound tour operator in Indian subcontinent specialising in incoming tourism to India, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

State Express is duly accredited by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and approved by Dept. of Tourism, Govt. of India. We are also member of all important associations such as Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) & Travel Agents Federation of India (TAFI).

Our reputation is built not only on experience and expertise but also on flair and imagination, flexibility and innovation, high quality service standards, solid working partnership with our partners and our zeal to exceed expectations. Our main goal, of course is value for money. With this precept in mind, we negotiate with our suppliers in order to obtain the lowest possible rates to remain competitive at all times.

We are fully aware that prompt reply is key to our success. With us, no request is left unattended and we ensure a comprehensive reply within 24 hours. We also know that excellence in service is possible if we have dedicated and motivated workforce. Therefore, we take utmost care in choosing our team members who have to be qualified, knowledgeable and competent. With our specialised and multi-lingual staff, we ensure smooth handling of all our clients whether they be individuals or large groups.

Besides the tours in this brochure, we shall be glad to customise itineraries for guests with specific holiday requirement.

*"Have State Express as your travel partner
in India and feel the difference."*



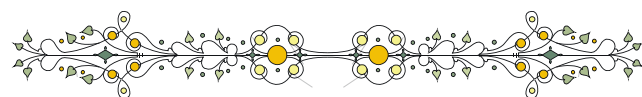


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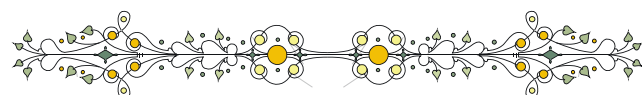
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General Information

ENTRY PROCEDURE

All travellers to India must possess a valid passport. All foreign nationals (except nationals of Nepal & Bhutan) must obtain a valid visa in advance as visas are not issued on arrival.

Double / multiple Entry Visa will be required for those intending to visit the neighbouring countries and who need to enter India more than once.

SPECIAL PERMITS

In addition to entry visa, special permits are required to visit certain areas of India. These include certain part of Assam, North Eastern Frontier States (Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh) border areas of Jammu & Kashmir, Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands.

CUSTOM REGULATIONS

Tourists who do not have any dutiable goods or unaccompanied baggage can pass through the green channel for custom clearance. Others have to pass through red channel.

The import of certain articles such as dangerous drugs, live plants, gold coins, gold and silver bullion and silver coins not in current use, is either totally prohibited or restricted. The law provides heavy penalties for infringement of this restriction. Enquire at the Indian Mission for further details.

LANGUAGE

The official language is Hindi in Devanagiri script. The States are free to decide their own regional language for internal administration and education. So there are 18 official languages spoken throughout the country. English is widely spoken.

TIPPING

It is customary to tip waiters, porters, guides and drivers. Tips are usually not included in the bill.

ELECTRICITY

Voltage in most places is 220 volt AC, 50 cycles, although some areas also have DC supplies. Visitors are advised to check the voltage before using any electrical appliances. Socket sizes vary, so it is advisable to take a set of plug adaptors, available from most electrical stores.

COMMUNICATION

The international direct dialing code for India is + 91. Internet Cafes are available in most cities and towns.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

There are many festivals and special events in India, but only the following are National holidays.

- 26 January - Republic Day
- 15 August - Independence Day
- 02 October - Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday

MONEY

Rupee = 100 Paise. Coins are in denominations of 50 paise, 1, 2 & 5 rupees.

Notes are in denomination of rupees 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000.

It is advisable to change money with authorized money changers and to obtain a receipt so that unspent rupees can be reconverted on departure from India.

CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS

No Indian currency may be brought into or taken out of the country. There is no restriction on the amount of foreign currency that may be brought into India. However, if you are carrying more than (US\$ 5000 in cash or US\$ 10,000 or above in cash & Traveller's Cheques) the same must be declared on arrival in the Currency Declaration Form.

HEALTH

No vaccinations are required for foreign tourists entering India except Yellow Fever vaccination for tourists coming from African or South American countries.

FOOD & DRINK

Drink bottled water from respectable outlets to guard against stomach upsets. Indian Cuisine is part of the Indian culture and as such, it should be sampled. But watch out for the especially spicy dishes.

About us

WHAT WE DO

Our main activity has been concentrated on incoming tourism to all over India, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka. India is such a different country that one feels one has moved not only across geographical boundaries but dimensions as well and there are no corners of this mystic level which are unknown to us. This is why thousands of tourists have availed themselves of our knowledge and experience.



HOW WE DO

HOTELS

We can offer a wide choice of hotels depending on client's interest and budget. We can offer our clients luxurious accommodation in Old Palaces where they feel no less than kings or provide them clean and comfortable hotels which offer very good value for money. We inspect all these hotels regularly to ensure quality and comfort. We also put emphasis on using family run heritage hotels for more intimate experience.



TRANSPORT

In India road travelling is very important to have a glimpse of real India. To ensure that our clients travel from place to place comfortably and safely, we have our own fleet of modern, deluxe air-conditioned cars and coaches with chauffeurs who are not only reliable but also well familiar with all the places around.





DOMESTIC AIR TRAVEL

Our sister concern State Express Tours (P) Ltd. is IATA approved as well as authorized agent for all domestic airlines including Indian Airlines, Jet Airways, Kingfisher, Spice Jet, etc. We have online reservation system with all the airlines which help us in having up to date information on any changes made in their schedule. Our good relation with airlines helps us in having confirmation of waitlisted reservations on priority.

WHY USE STATE EXPRESS

The years of experience, the professionalism and dynamic approach are our strong points. We always work hard to give professional service with personal touch to our clients so that they go back home with happy memories of India. We have multi lingual executives which help a lot in giving more confidence to our clients and ensure that they don't have any language problem. Our own fleet of luxury cars, coaches and very special rates with hotels enable us to offer you very competitive rates to give you an edge over your competitor and a very good value for money to your clients.



PRIVATE TOURS

All tours in this brochure are private tours. We do not have guaranteed departures on these tours. We initiate the reservation process only after we have received request. As soon as we receive status from hotels, airlines, etc., it is intimated to you immediately. Since, these are private tours, it is possible to make changes in these tour program if you so wish. We can organise a special tailor made tour to suit your specific holiday requirement.

FIT'S & GROUPS

All tours can be organised both for individuals or groups. We normally have prices starting from two persons to a group of thirty persons. But, we have no problem even in organising tours for single person or large group of more than thirty persons. The tour cost for single person or large groups will be given on request.

FLIGHTS & VISA

International flights and Visa service is not provided by us. However, we can take care of all domestic flights and flights to Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka etc.

ACCOMMODATION

Major Indian cities offer a diverse range in deluxe, first class and standard hotel category. India has also a number of luxury hotels rated among best in the world Raj Vilas in Jaipur, Amar Vilas in Agra, Udai Vilas & Lake Palace in Udaipur are few to name. These are not part of our standard list of hotels except luxury Maharaja tour. We may however, book these luxury hotels on request at extra cost for other tours as well.



Our tour cost includes standard category of rooms in all hotels unless otherwise specified in following categories :-

- **Deluxe** – Five star hotels or best available
- **First Class** – Four star superior or best available
- **Standard** – Three star or best available

We also include certain heritage and palace hotels in Rajasthan, House Boat in Kerala and forest lodges in National parks to give you unique experience at these places. In small towns, only small standard or moderate class of hotels are available. Thus, we can offer only these hotels even under deluxe or first class even though they do not fully confirm to the category.

Check in and check out time at hotels is usually 1200 hrs. Though certain hotels have check in later than 1200 hrs. and check out at 1000 hrs. So, if you arrive early morning, then either you have to wait for couple of hours to get rooms (although we try our best to get you rooms as early as possible after 8 am but this is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed). If you must have room immediately on arrival, then you have to pay for one extra night in case of arrival early morning arrival from your country or even while travelling by domestic flights or overnight trains which arrive early morning since accommodation is booked with 1200 hrs. check in time.

In India, single room supplement is very high since all hotels have only double room accommodation. There is very little difference between prices of single and double room. There are also no real triple room category in Indian hotels. Triple occupancy room normally means a double room with a folding extra bed which may not be very comfortable.



MEALS

Buffet Breakfast is provided in most of the hotels which is normally at coffee shops. The breakfast usually starts at 7 AM. Lunches and dinners are usually buffet in case of large groups and on fixed menu basis in case of individuals or small groups.

Almost all hotels in India have restaurants and they provide meals there to anyone even if one has booked accommodation without meals. In that case, meal cost can be paid directly to hotels.

GUIDES & MONUMENT FEES

On all major sightseeing and excursions, guests will be accompanied by private local guides unless otherwise agreed. This means that you can organise sight-seeing tours at own pace and as per your convenience. If we have been asked for accompanying guide, then he/she will be there as per program even after sight seeing tours and will provide you all assistance in hotel as well. We can also provide German, French, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and other language speaking guides on request subject to availability. Monument entrance fees are included in our tariff (unless otherwise stated) for a single visit to all monuments as listed in program.

CLOSURE OF MONUMENTS

Most of the museums are closed on Monday in India. Certain monuments and tourist attractions are closed on certain days of the week and few monuments and especially temples are closed during certain hours of the day.

Besides the normal closure days, the monuments may also be closed on certain important events. So, it is better to ensure at the time of organising tour to take note of it. Sometimes, these monuments especially Taj Mahal in Agra may be closed without much prior notice during VIP visit. We may have to reschedule your monument sightseeing accordingly.

LIST OF DAYS OF CLOSURE OF IMPORTANT MONUMENTS

MONUMENT	WEEKLY CLOSURE DAY
TAJ MAHAL	FRIDAY
DELHI RED FORT	MONDAY
AJANTA CAVES	MONDAY
ELLORA CAVES	TUESDAY
ELEPHANTA CAVES - MUMBAI	MONDAY
DUTCH PALACE - KOCHI	FRIDAY

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend you to buy comprehensive insurance policy from your country as this is not included in our tour cost.



OUR ASSISTANCE

We shall be there whenever you need us. You may reach us 24 hours on emergency telephone numbers which will be given along with all vouchers. Our representative will be there at airport on arrival even at odd hours and he will assist to transfer to hotel in a chauffeur driven private car, van or coach as the case may be and help with check in at hotel. We have our own or associate offices in all major places of tourist interest to provide you support in case of any need.

INTERCITY TRANSPORT

ROAD TRAVEL

Road travel is a must to catch a glimpse of the real India. Our large in-house fleet of modern, luxury air-conditioned cars and coaches ensure that guests travel from place to place in comfort and style, without compromising safety. Our chauffeurs are reliable and well familiar with all places of tourist and general interest.

We normally use following vehicles :-

Car for 2–3 persons

- **Standard car**
Indigo / Ambassador or similar
- **Executive car (with extra cost)**
Honda City / Chevrolet Optra / Ford Fiesta
- **Luxury car (with extra cost)**
Toyota Camry / Audi A-6



MUV for 4 persons

- **Standard MUV**
Chevrolet Tavera / Toyota Innova
- **Luxury MUV (with extra cost)**
Nissan X-Train 4 x 4 / Volkswagen Multivan



Micro van for 5–8 persons

- Tempo traveller

Mini coach for 9–15 persons

- 18 Seater mini coach

Large Coach for 16–30 persons

- 35 Seater coach

Coach for large groups 31–36 persons

- Volvo coach

For Ladakh and many other hilly regions, Chevrolet Tavera or Innova will be provided at standard cost even if there are 2–3 persons with a maximum four persons accommodated in one vehicle in case of groups.



DISTANCE AND DURATION

We have included distance and time taken by road in all our tour itineraries. The distance shown is approximate total km covered for intercity travel on that day. The duration is only to give you a fair idea as it depends on road and traffic condition. The duration during road travel is only traveling time and it does not include time spent on visit of monuments. The duration by train and flight is as per their present schedule and it is subject to change without notice.



TRAIN TRAVEL

The Indian Railways System is the world's fourth largest with a route length of over 60,000 Kms. Everyday, more than 70000 trains carry more than 11 million passengers and connect more than 7000 stations.

Classes in Indian Trains :-

- ❖ Executive Chair Car
- ❖ AC 1st Class Sleeper
- ❖ AC III-Tier Sleeper
- ❖ AC Chair Car
- ❖ AC II-Tier Sleeper
- ❖ Sleeper class
- Reservation is possible only ninety days in advance.
- Very few seats are available in Executive Chair Car and AC 1st Class Sleeper that too in select trains.
- Bedding is provided in AC sleeper class in night trains.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

India is a land of often bewildering diversity. It is a jigsaw puzzle of people - of every faith and religion, living together to create a unique and colourful mosaic!

Fairs & Festivals in India are colourful commemorations of religious or historical events or celebrations of the change of seasons. They reflect the vigour and life-style of its people. Vibrant colors, music and festivities make the country come alive throughout the year. There is celebration for every religious occasion, change of seasons and for every harvest.

Below is the list of Indian festivals according to the month of the year:

Note: Since in most of the cases the days of the festivals are decided by the phase of the moon, the month of some of these festivals may vary from a month earlier to a month later.

January		April		September	
Pongal	Tamil Nadu & Andhra Pradesh	Gangaur	Rajasthan	Onam	Kerala
Camel Festival	Bikaner, Rajasthan	Baisakhi	Punjab	Ganesh Chaturthi	Maharashtra & Gujarat
Republic Day (26 Jan)	Delhi & All State Capitals	Mewar Festival	Udaipur, Rajasthan		
International Kite Festival	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Bihu	Assam	October	
Lohri	Punjab & North India			Durga Puja	West Bengal
February		May		Dussehra	All Over India
Nagaur Fair	Nagaur, Rajasthan	Summer Festival	Mount Abu, Rajasthan	Marwar Festival	Jodhpur, Rajasthan
Desert Festival	Jaisalmer, Rajasthan	Pooram	Thrissur, Kerala	Gandhi Jayanti	All Over India
Guruvayur Festival	Kerala			Rajgir Mahotsav	Rajgir, Bihar
Surajkund Craft Mela	Faridabad, Near Delhi	June		Diwali	All Over India
Goa Carnival	Goa	Sindhu Darshan	Ladakh		
International Yoga Week	Rishikesh, Uttaranchal	Hemis Festival	Ladakh	November	
March		July		Sonepur Mela	Sonepur, Bihar
Khajuraho Dance Festival	Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh	Rath Yatra	Puri, Orissa	Pushkar Fair	Pushkar, Rajasthan
Elephant Festival	Jaipur, Rajasthan	International Mango Festival	Delhi	Hampi Festival	Hampi, Karnataka
Holi	All Over India			Lucknow Festival	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Hoysala Mahotsav	Belur Helebid, Karnataka	August		December	
Shivratri	All Over India	Janmashtami	All Over India	Vishnupur Festival	Vishnupur, West Bengal
		Teej	Rajasthan	Konark Dance Festival	Konark, Orissa
		Independence Day (15 Aug)	All Over India	Christmas	All Over India
		Raksha Bandhan	North India		
		Amarnath Yatra	Jammu & Kashmir		
		Nehru Trophy Boat Race	Aleppay, Kerala		



AIR TRAVEL

Most of the important places have been connected by flights and due to economic growth, air travel has also become affordable and there are various airlines operating on lot of domestic routes in India. Some of the most well known airlines are Jet Air, Kingfisher, Jetlite, Indian Airlines, Spice Jet, Indigo & Go Air.

As in other countries, Airlines in India also offer special lower fares which are subject to availability. Exact special low fares are known only at the time of reservation. These special fares levy heavy cancellation charges in case of any change or cancellation for any reason.

CLIMATE

India has three major seasons: Winter, Summer and the Monsoon. The winter months (November - March) are pleasant throughout India with bright sunny days. In the northern plains, the minimum temperature may vary between 4 to 10 Celsius and there is snowfall in the hills. In the west, south and the east, however, December and January are pleasantly cool, never really cold. The summer months (April - June) are hot in most parts of India. The monsoon usually breaks out in beginning of June.

WEATHER CHART

- 1 Maximum temperature in degrees centigrade
- 2 Minimum temperature in degrees centigrade
- 3 Average rainfall in millimetres



CITY	ELEVATION		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AGRA	169 m	1	23.0	25.0	32.0	38.0	42.0	40.0	35.0	33.0	34.0	34.0	29.0	24.0
		2	6.0	8.0	13.0	19.0	25.0	28.0	27.0	26.0	24.0	16.0	9.0	6.0
		3	13.0	12.5	8.0	5.0	10.0	62.0	217.0	206.0	116.0	18.0	4.0	8.0
BANGALORE	921 m	1	27.0	30.0	32.0	34.0	33.0	29.0	27.0	27.0	28.0	28.0	26.0	26.0
		2	14.0	16.0	18.0	21.0	20.5	19.0	19.0	19.0	18.5	18.0	16.5	15.5
		3	6.0	7.0	10.0	41.0	106.0	73.0	100.4	126.5	169.0	149.0	68.0	11.0
CHENNAI	26 m	1	30.0	31.0	33.0	35.0	38.5	38.0	36.0	35.0	34.0	32.0	30.0	39.0
		2	19.5	20.0	22.0	26.0	28.0	27.0	26.0	36.0	25.0	24.0	22.0	20.5
		3	36.0	10.0	7.0	15.0	26.0	47.0	91.0	116.0	119.0	306.0	355.0	138
GOA	1,022 m	1	31.5	31.8	31.8	32.8	32.8	30.5	28.9	29.1	29.4	31.1	32.8	32.7
		2	19.4	16.7	23.1	25.2	26.8	24.5	23.9	24.0	23.6	23.4	22.3	21.0
		3	11.0	9.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	80.0	233.3	248.0	228.0	11.0	4.0	8.7
JAIPUR	431 m	1	23.0	25.0	31.0	37.0	41.0	30.5	35.0	33.0	34.0	34.5	30.0	20.0
		2	8.0	10.0	13.0	20.0	25.0	27.0	26.0	24.0	23.0	18.0	13.0	9.0
		3	11.0	8.0	9.0	4.0	14.5	57.0	197.0	205.0	82.0	12.0	4.0	8.0
JAISALMER	225 m	1	23.6	28.2	32.6	37.8	41.6	41.4	37.7	35.9	36.3	36.1	31.1	26.0
		2	7.9	10.6	16.9	21.4	25.8	27.3	26.5	25.5	24.5	20.1	13.0	8.9
		3	2.1	1.2	2.6	1.5	5.2	6.8	89.5	85.8	13.9	1.3	4.9	2.2
JODHPUR	221 m	1	25.0	27.0	32.0	37.0	41.0	40.0	36.0	33.0	35.0	35.0	31.0	26.0
		2	9.0	11.0	16.0	22.0	26.0	28.0	27.0	25.0	24.0	19.0	13.0	10.0
		3	4.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	10.0	36.0	101.0	123.0	61.0	8.0	3.0	3.0
KOCHI	SEA-LEVEL	1	30.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	29.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	29.0	30.0	30.0
		2	23.0	24.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	23.0
		3	23.0	20.0	51.0	125.5	297.0	723.0	592.0	353.0	195.0	340.0	178.0	41.0
KOLKATA	64 m	1	26.0	29.0	34.0	36.0	35.0	34.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	29.0	26.0
		2	13.0	15.0	20.0	24.0	25.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	26.0	23.0	18.0	13.0
		3	9.0	30.0	35.5	44.5	139.5	271.5	125.0	328.0	253.0	114.0	21.0	5.0
LEH	3,170 m	1	-2.8	0.8	6.4	12.4	17.1	21.1	24.7	24.4	20.9	14.2	7.9	1.6
		2	-14.0	-11.8	-6.3	-1.2	2.8	6.7	10.2	9.6	5.4	-0.9	-6.6	-11.1
		3	11.8	8.6	11.9	6.5	6.5	4.3	15.7	19.5	12.2	7.1	2.9	8.0
MUMBAI	11 m	1	28.0	28.0	30.0	32.0	33.0	31.0	30.0	29.0	30.0	32.0	32.0	30.0
		2	19.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	26.0	26.0	25.0	24.5	24.0	24.0	22.5	22.0
		3	4.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	16.5	484.0	165.5	340.0	264.0	64.5	13.5	2.0
NEW DELHI	239 m	1	21.0	24.0	29.0	36.0	40.0	29.0	35.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	28.0	23.0
		2	6.0	10.0	14.0	20.0	26.0	28.0	27.0	26.0	23.0	18.0	14.0	7.0
		3	25.0	21.0	13.0	8.0	13.0	77.0	179.0	184.0	123.0	10.0	2.5	11.0
SHIMLA	2,205 m	1	20.0	9.0	14.0	19.0	23.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	20.0	18.0	15.0	10.0
		2	2.0	2.0	6.0	10.0	14.0	16.0	15.0	15.0	13.0	12.0	7.0	4.0
		3	66.0	74.0	60.0	46.0	64.0	153.0	414.0	428.0	424.0	30.0	13.0	33.5
SRINAGAR	1,768 m	1	5.0	7.0	14.0	19.0	25.0	30.0	31.3	30.0	29.0	23.0	17.0	9.0
		2	4.0	1.0	3.0	7.0	10.5	14.0	18.9	17.0	12.0	5.0	1.0	2.9
		3	74.0	72.0	92.0	93.0	16.5	36.0	59.3	61.5	39.5	30.0	11.0	33.5
TRIVANDRUM	61 m	1	30.0	31.0	31.5	31.0	31.0	29.4	28.4	92.0	28.0	28.0	92.0	30.0
		2	23.0	24.0	25.0	26.0	26.0	25.0	24.0	24.0	25.0	24.0	24.0	24.0
		3	20.0	19.0	39.0	116.0	224.0	334.0	197.0	120.6	114.5	272.5	177.0	63.5
UDAIPUR	577 m	1	24.0	26.0	32.0	36.5	39.0	37.0	32.0	30.0	31.0	33.0	30.0	26.0
		2	9.0	10.0	16.0	22.0	26.0	26.0	24.0	23.0	22.0	18.0	12.0	9.0
		3	5.0	4.0	2.5	3.0	18.0	77.0	217.0	178.0	98.0	14.5	3.0	3.0
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Golden Triangle

6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS
DELHI - AGRA - FATEHPUR SIKRI -
JAIPUR - MANDAWA



DAY 01 : DELHI

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DAY 02 : DELHI

Morning tour of New Delhi which is in complete contrast with Old Delhi with wide tree lined avenues, parks and fountains surrounding the imposing Government and State Buildings. Drive past the imposing India Gate, the Parliament Buildings and President House. Then visit Qutab Minar, built in 1193 A.D. It is a striking medieval tower of victory of Persian architecture style. Next stop is Humayun's Tomb. Afternoon, drive to Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Then visit Old Delhi that includes visit to Red Fort. Enjoy a rickshaw ride along the alleys of ancient bazaar of Chandni Chowk with stop at Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in Asia. Return to hotel. Overnight stay.



DAY 03 : DELHI – AGRA (🚗 200 KM, 4 HOURS)

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DAY 04 : AGRA - FATEHPUR SIKRI - JAIPUR (🚗 235 KM, 6 HOURS)

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DAY 06 : JAIPUR – MANDAWA (🚗 170 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning leave for Mandawa. After arrival check in at hotel. Afternoon visit Havelis which were built by great merchant families. The havelis are famous for beautiful frescos on the walls. Overnight stay.

DAY 07 : MANDAWA – DELHI (🚗 260 KM, 6 HOURS)

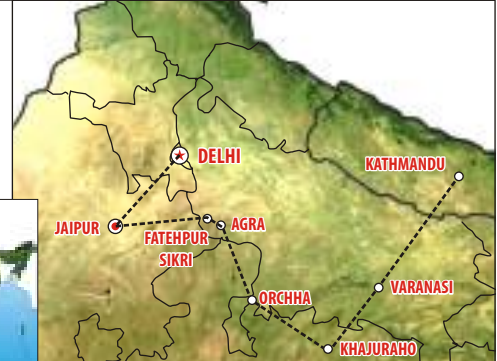
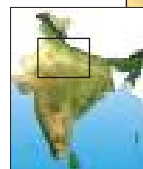
In the morning depart for Delhi by road. Arrive Delhi and rest of the day is free for last minute shopping or other activities. Evening transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.



Classical India Nepal Tour

12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS

**DELHI - JAIPUR - FATEHPUR SIKRI -
AGRA - ORCCHA - KHAJURAHO -
VARANASI - KATHMANDU**



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DAY 04 : JAIPUR

Morning excursion to Amer Fort. Ascend by painted elephant up to fort with its huge gateways and pillared pavilions. The fort is one of the finest example of Rajput architecture. Visit the chambers and hallways of the Palace which are famous for their design and decoration. Afternoon free for shopping. Overnight stay.



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DAY 07 : AGRA – ORCCHA – KHAJURAHO

(🚆 2½ HOURS + 🚌 180 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning transfer to Railway Station to catch train for Jhansi. On arrival drive to Orchha, a rich legacy of Bundela rulers, who built the beautiful temple and palaces here in 16th century. Visit Rai Praveen Mahal and Raja Temple. Then proceed to Khajuraho. After arrival check in at hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 08 : KHAJURAHO – VARANASI (→ 40 MINUTES)

Morning visit the temples which are exemplary for their architecture and bold artistic statement. The construction of the temples is said to have started in the mid- 9th century and continued until the early 12th century. The temples are famous for erotic sculptures. Later transfer to Airport to catch flight for Varanasi. Arrival at Varanasi and transfer to hotel. Varanasi is most important place of pilgrimage for Hindus and the sight of devout praying standing water deep in Ganges. Overnight stay.

DAY 09 : VARANASI

Early morning boat cruise on the river Ganges to visit Bathing Ghats. See Varanasi come alive along the banks of the river and people bathing in the holy water and worshipping the rising sun. Witness the conclusion of life at the riverbank holy cremation grounds. Return to hotel for breakfast. Later, city tour of Varanasi visiting various temples. Afternoon excursion to Sarnath. It was here that the Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon and set in motion the wheel of law of buddhist faith. Overnight stay.

DAY 10 : VARANASI – KATHMANDU (→ 1 HOUR)

Transfer to airport to catch flight for Kathmandu. Arrival and transfer to hotel. Kathmandu city founded by King Gunakamadeva in 8th century is the political and cultural heart of the Kingdom. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 11 : KATHMANDU

Morning city tour of Kathmandu visiting Durbar Square, site of the Hanuman Dhoka Palace Complex, which was the royal Nepalese residence until the 19th century. Then visit one of the most curious attractions in Nepal, the Kumari Chowk, the temple of living Goddess, considered to be incarnation of the Hindu mother Goddess. Continue city tour to visit Swayambhunath. Afternoon visit Pashupatinath and Boudhnath, the largest stupa in Nepal. Overnight stay at hotel.

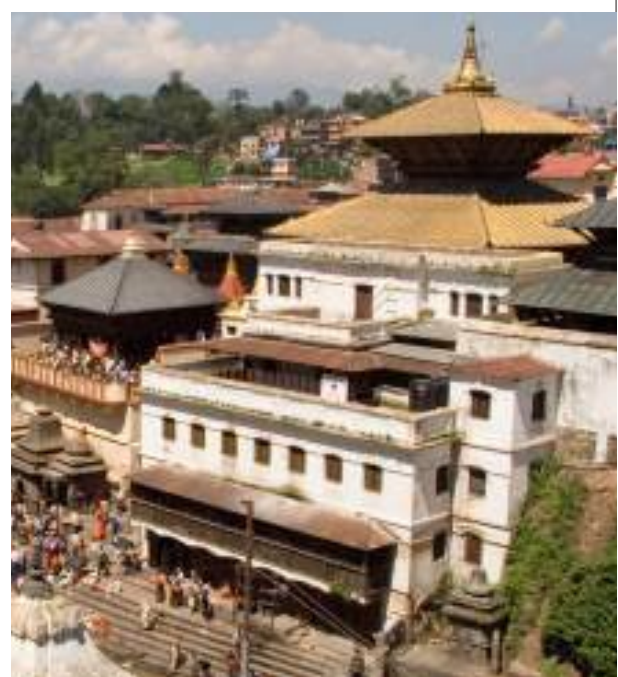
DAY 12 : KATHMANDU

Morning visit Bhadgaon, also known as Bhaktapur which means the city of devotees. The Durbar Square, main centre of Bhadgaon city, is a conglomeration of pagoda and shikhara style temples. The square is one of the most charming architectural showpieces of the Valley as it highlights the ancient arts of Nepal. Afternoon visit ancient city of Patan, also known as Lalitpur. Within the city also lies the Tibetan refugee center, home to most of the valley's Tibetan population. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : KATHMANDU

Transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.

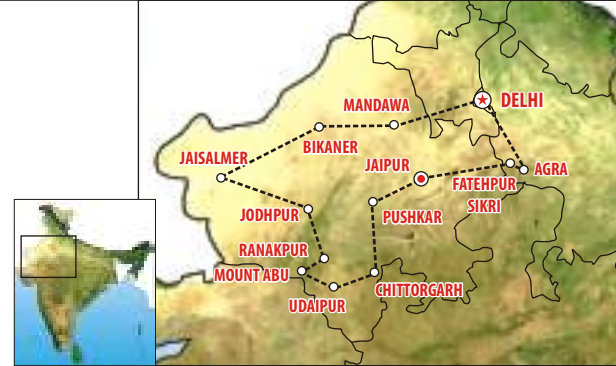
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Rajwada Rajasthan

13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS

**DELHI - MANDAWA - BIKANER - JAISALMER -
JODHPUR - RANAKPUR - MOUNT ABU -
UDAIPUR - CHITTORGARH - PUSHKAR -
JAIPUR - FATEHPUR SIKRI - AGRA**



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at airport and transfer to hotel. Afternoon, start tour of Old Delhi with drive to Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Then visit Red Fort. Enjoy a rickshaw ride along the alleys of ancient bazaar of Chandni Chowk with stop at Jama masjid, the largest mosque in Asia. Return to hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 02 : DELHI – MANDAWA (🚗 270 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning drive past the imposing India Gate, Parliament Buildings and President House. Then visit Humayun's Tomb which is superbly maintained and the best example of the early Mughal style of tomb in Delhi. Also visit Qutab Minar which is 239 ft. high medieval tower of victory. Later, leave for Mandawa. After arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 03 : MANDAWA – BIKANER (🚗 200 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning visit Havelis which were built by great merchant families. The havelis are famous for beautiful frescos on the walls. Afternoon, leave for Bikaner which is a desert city on the ancient carvan routes that originated from Africa and West Asia. Arrival and check in at the hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 04 : BIKANER – JAISALMER (🚗 330 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning city tour of Bikaner visiting impressive Junagarh fort and optional visit to . Karni Mata Temple at Deshnok. Later leave for Jaisalmer which is an architectural dream in the lonely yellow silence of the desert. On arrival check in at hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 05 : JAISALMER

Morning city tour of Jaisalmer visiting fort known as Sonar Quila, rising from the sand, the mega structure merges with the golden hues of the desert ambience and the sun sets in its most colourful shades, gives it a fairy tale look. Also visit Patwaon Ki Haveli and Nathmal Ki Haveli which are famous for wonderful carving. Afternoon excursion to sand dunes located at a distance of 42 km from Jaisalmer. Take an unforgettable experience of camel ride and the sun set view. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 06 : JAISALMER – JODHPUR (🚗 310 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning drive to Jodhpur. On arrival check in at hotel. Afternoon tour of Jodhpur visiting Mehrangarh Fort, built in 1457 situated at an altitude of about 125 mts is spread over an area of 5 sq. km and has seven gates. It was the toughest fort to conquer in whole Rajasthan. Then visit Jaswant Thada which is a white marble memorial built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant II in 1899. Overnight stay.





DAY 07 : JODHPUR – RANAKPUR – MOUNT ABU (≈ 340 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning leave for Mount Abu. Visit Ranakpur on the way where there are 15th century Jain Temples known for outstanding sculptures. The Temple has very fine ornamentation in wonderful setting with peacocks, langurs and numerous birds. Then proceed to Mount Abu. After arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 08 : MOUNT ABU – UDAIPUR (≈ 180 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning visit famous Dilwara temples built of pure white marble and renowned for their delicate and rich ornamentation. Then drive to Udaipur. Arrival and check in at hotel. Afternoon free to take a walking tour on your own through the narrow lanes and back streets of Udaipur up to lake Pichola. Overnight stay.

DAY 09 : UDAIPUR

Morning city tour of Udaipur visiting City Palace which has gorgeous rooms with mirrored walls and ivory doors, inlaid marble balconies and the peacock courtyard. Also visit Jagdish temple and lovely Saheliyon Ki Bari gardens. Afternoon excursion to Eklingi and Nagada which is famous for 9th century temple. Overnight stay.

DAY 10 : UDAIPUR – CHITTORGARH – PUSHKAR (≈ 300 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning leave for Pushkar. Stop en-route and visit Chittorgarh which is known as the city of bravery and romance. The 7th century Chittorgarh Fort has witnessed many wars fought over to protect dignity and respect of Rajputs. Then proceed to Pushkar where world famous camel festival is held around November every year. Overnight stay.

DAY 11 : PUSHKAR – JAIPUR (≈ 150 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning visit Pushkar which lies on the edge of a small and beautiful lake in Eastern Rajasthan, a city of 500 temples and 52 bathing ghats. Then leave for Jaipur. Jaipur city was founded by Maharaja Jai Singh in 1727. It is a magnificent planned city built of rose-pink coloured stones that is why it is also called as "Pink City". Rest of the day is at leisure to explore the pink city market. Overnight stay.

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DAY 14 : AGRA – DELHI (≈ 200 KM, 4 HOURS)

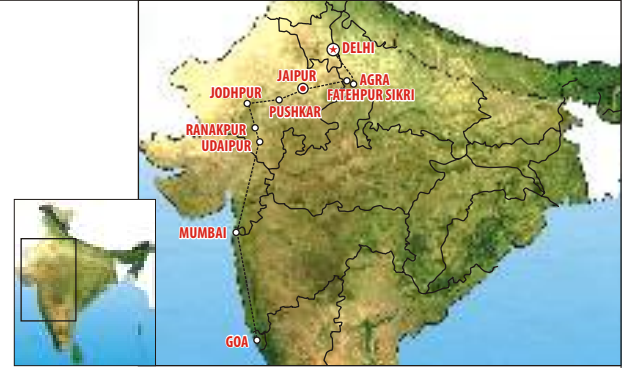
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Heritage & Beach Tour

13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS

DELHI - AGRA - FATEHPUR SIKRI - JAIPUR -
PUSHKAR - JODHPUR - RANAKPUR -
UDAIPUR - MUMBAI - GOA



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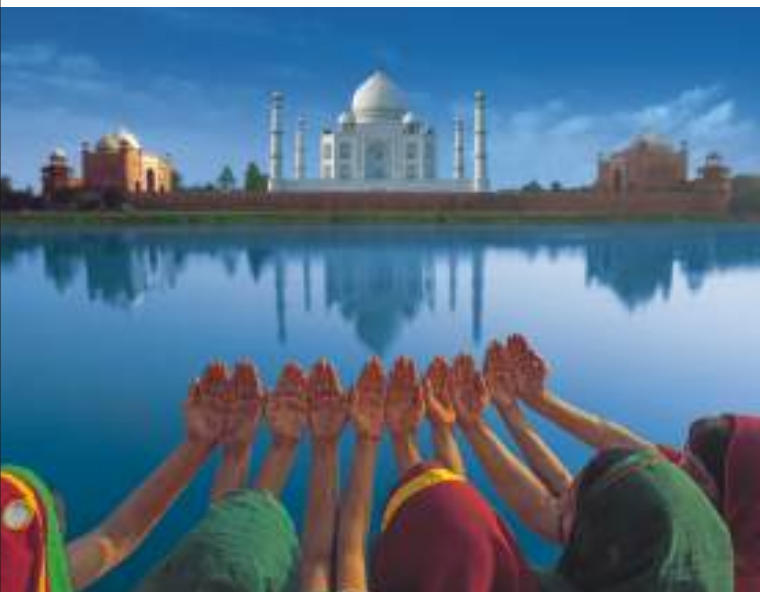
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DAY 06 : JAIPUR – PUSHKAR

(≈ 150 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning leave for Pushkar. Stop en-route at Ajmer and visit "Dargah", a world famous sacred place for Muslims. Then proceed to Pushkar where world famous camel festival is held around November every year. Overnight stay.



DAY 07 : PUSHKAR – JODHPUR

(≈ 220 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning visit Pushkar which lies on the edge of a small and beautiful lake in Eastern Rajasthan, a city of 500 temples and 52 bathing ghats. Then drive to Jodhpur - Gateway to the Thar desert. On arrival check in at hotel. Afternoon is free to visit local bazaar of Jodhpur for bargain hunting. Overnight stay.

DAY 08 : JODHPUR – RANAKPUR –

UDAIPUR (≈ 280 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning tour of Jodhpur visiting Meharangarh Fort, built in 1457 situated at an altitude of about 125 mts is spread over an area of 5 sq. km and has seven gates. It was the toughest fort to conquer in whole Rajasthan. Then visit Jaswant Thada and afterwards leave for Udaipur. Stop en route and visit Ranakpur. Here are 15th century Jain Temples known for outstanding sculptures. It has 1444 pillars and none of them is alike. Finally arrive at Udaipur, which is also called city of lakes. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay.

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Morning city tour of Udaipur visiting City Palace which has gorgeous rooms with mirrored walls and ivory doors, inlaid marble balconies and the peacock courtyard. Also visit Jagdish temple and lovely Saheliyon Ki Bari gardens. Afternoon excursion to Eklingi and Nagda which is famous for 9th century temple. Overnight stay.



DAY 10 : UDAIPUR – MUMBAI – GOA

(→ 3 HOURS)

Transfer to airport to catch flight for Mumbai and then connecting flight to Goa (there is no direct flight from Udaipur to Goa). Arrival at Goa airport and transfer to resort. Rest of the day is free to relax on beach. Overnight stay.

DAY 11 : GOA

Morning city tour of Old Goa visiting famous churches. They are living testimonies of the rich historical past of Goa. During the early days of the Portuguese rule in India, church building was the primary concern and occupation in Goa. Return to resort. Afternoon is free to enjoy Goa on your own. Overnight stay.

DAY 12 : GOA

Full day is at leisure to relax on beach. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : GOA – MUMBAI (→ 1 HOUR)

Transfer to airport to catch flight for Mumbai. Arrive at Mumbai airport and transfer to hotel. Later start your city tour visiting Gateway of India, Hanging Gardens and Prince of Wales Museum. Evening is free for shopping or other independent activities. Overnight stay.

DAY 14 : MUMBAI

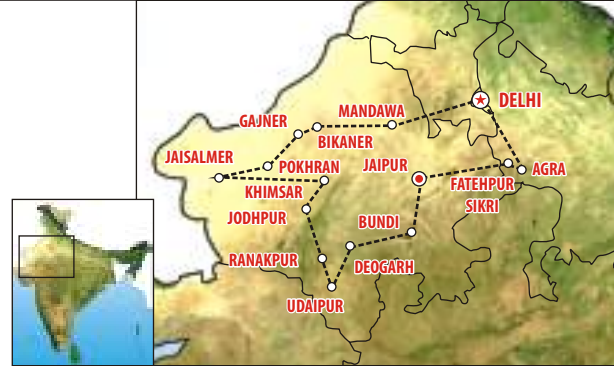
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Royal Rajasthan

14 NIGHTS / 15 DAYS

DELHI - MANDAWA - BIKANER - GAJNER - POKHRAN - JAISALMER - KHIMSAR - JODHPUR - RANAKPUR - UDAIPUR - DEOGARH - BUNDI - JAIPUR - FATEHPUR SIKRI - AGRA



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at airport and transfer to hotel. Later start your exploration of India with a city tour of Old Delhi that includes visit to Jama Masjid, built in 1650 A.D. and the amazing Red Fort which was the seat of Mughal Empire for more than 250 years. Then drive past the imposing India Gate, the Parliament Buildings and President House. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 02 : DELHI – MANDAWA (₹ 270 KM, 6 HOURS)

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DAY 03 : MANDAWA – BIKANER – GAJNER (₹ 230 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning leave for Bikaner which is a desert city on the ancient caravan routes that originated from Africa and West Asia, upon arrival in Bikaner, visit the impressive Junagarh fort. Then proceed to Gajner for check in at Gajner Palace which was used as a hunting resort by the former Maharajas and visiting British dignitaries during the days of the Raj. Afternoon visit Bird Sanctuary and overnight stay.

DAY 04 : GAJNER – POKHRAN – JAISALMER (₹ 300 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning leave for Jaisalmer which is an architectural dream in the lonely yellow silence of the desert. Stop en route and visit Pokhran, It has very interesting mythological legends related to it. Visit the fort and Museum. Then proceed to Jaisalmer. Upon arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.



DAY 05 : JAISALMER

Morning city tour of Jaisalmer visiting fort, Patwaon Ki Haveli and Nathmal Ki Haveli which are famous for wonderful carving. Afternoon excursion to sand dunes located at a distance of 42 kms from Jaisalmer, which is the closest point to witness the total sandy desert. Return to Jaisalmer for overnight stay.

DAY 06 : JAISALMER – KHIMSAR (₹ 295 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning leave for Khimsar which was founded in the early 16th century. On arrival check in at Khimsar Fort, a part of which is still occupied by Royal Family. Afternoon enjoy sight seeing tour of the fort and also visit a handicraft institute. Later Jeep Safari to visit local villages and the camel safari to the sand dunes for a splendid sunset view. Return to Fort for overnight stay.

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DAY 10 : UDAIPUR – DEOGARH (≈ 135 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning leave for Deogarh. You drive up through a small dusty bazaar, filled with funny little shops, temples, painted houses and a huge statue of the elephant god Ganesh, until you come across a stony road which leads into the courtyard of a 17th-century castle overlooking the town. On arrival check in at Deogarh Mahal, built around 1670 between Udaipur and Jodhpur, is one of the least known, most remote and most charming of the heritage hotels in Rajasthan. Afternoon jeep safari to nearby villages. Overnight stay at the Deogarh Mahal.

DAY 11 : DEOGARH – BUNDI (≈ 200 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning leave for Bundi. Stop en-route and visit Chittorgarh. Visit Victory Tower, Kirti Stambh and ruins of Temples and Palaces. Then leave for Bundi. The town has an immense wealth of historical monuments including impressive forts, palaces and temples with beautiful stone idols and cenotaphs with carved pillars. Bundi is also known for its high quality wall paintings and intricate carvings. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 12 : BUNDI – JAIPUR (≈ 210 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning leave for Jaipur. On arrival check in at the hotel. Jaipur city was founded by Maharaja Jai Singh in 1727. It is a magnificent planned city built of rose-pink coloured stones that is why it is also called as "Pink City". Rest of the day is at leisure to explore the pink city bazaar. Overnight stay.

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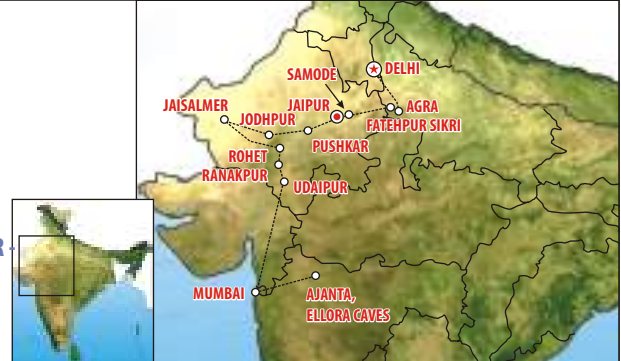
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Majestic India

13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS

DELHI - AGRA - FATEHPUR SIKRI - SAMODE - JAIPUR -
PUSHKAR - JODHPUR - JAISALMER - ROHET - RANAKPUR -
UDAIPUR - MUMBAI - AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at airport and transfer to hotel. Later start your exploration of India with a city tour of Old Delhi that includes visit to Jama Masjid, built in 1650 A.D. and the amazing Red Fort which was the seat of Mughal Empire for more than 250 years. Also enjoy rickshaw ride along the alleys of the ancient bazaar of Chandni Chowk. Then drive past the imposing India Gate, Parliament Buildings and President House. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 02 : DELHI – AGRA (🚗 200 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning drive to Agra which was once the capital of Mughal India and centre of great power and glory. Visit world famous "Taj Mahal", the monument of love immortalized in marble. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his Queen Mumtaz. Also visit Agra Fort and Sikandara, where lies the Tomb of the Emperor "Akbar the Great". Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 03 : AGRA – FATEHPUR SIKRI – SAMODE (🚗 270 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning leave for Jaipur. Stop en-route and visit Fatehpur Sikri, undoubtedly the best preserved Mughal Palace city of all. Built by Great Akbar around 1570, he used the highest quality craftsman to construct the city only to abandon it some fourteen years later when it is said that the water system failed. Proceed to Samode and upon arrival check in at Samode Palace which is about four hundred years old and is now a heritage hotel. The Palace is famous for the interiors which are harmonized with warm colored walls, delicate marble work, colorful patterns and traditional art objects. It has one of the most stunning halls showcasing mirror work and enamel work of "Minakari". Overnight stay at Samode Palace.

DAY 04 : SAMODE – JAIPUR (🚗 45 KM, 1 HOUR)

Morning drive to Amer Fort. Ascend by painted elephant up to fort with its huge gateways and pillared pavilions. After visiting fort, continue drive to Jaipur city and check in at hotel. Afternoon city tour of Jaipur. Visit City Palace and Museum. Nearby is the ornate Hawa Mahal (Palace of winds) which is five stories high and is decorated with delicate screens carved from stone. Also visit Jantar Mantar, an observatory which is still equipped with immense brick and mortar instrument including a very accurate 90 feet sundial. Overnight stay.

DAY 05 : JAIPUR – PUSHKAR (🚗 150 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning leave for Pushkar. Stop en route at Ajmer and visit "Dargah", a world famous sacred place for Muslims. Then proceed to Pushkar where world famous camel festival is held around November every year. Overnight stay.



DAY 06 : PUSHKAR – JODHPUR (🚗 220 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning visit Pushkar which lies on the edge of a small and beautiful lake in Eastern Rajasthan, a city of 500 temples and 52 bathing ghats. Then drive to Jodhpur - Gateway to the Thar desert. On arrival check in at hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 07 : JODHPUR – JAISALMER (🚗 310 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning city tour of Jodhpur visiting Mehrangarh Fort built in 1457 situated at an altitude of about 125 metres is spread over an area of 5 sq. km and has seven gates. Then visit Jaswant Thada - which is a white marble memorial built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant II in 1899. Also visit Umaid Bhawan which is a majestic building that presently functions as a hotel and museum. Afternoon leave for Jaisalmer. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 08 : JAISALMER

Morning city tour of Jaisalmer visiting fort, Patwaon Ki Haveli and Nathmal Ki Haveli which are famous for wonderful carving. Afternoon excursion to sand dunes located at a distance of 42 km from Jaisalmer. It is the closest point to witness the total sandy desert. Take an unforgettable experience of camel ride and the sun set view. Enjoy the evening with classical dance and dinner as an option and drive back to hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 09 : JAISALMER – ROHET (345 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning drive to Rohet. On arrival check in at the Castle Rohetgarh which is the fortified desert home of the descendants of the 16th century Rathore of the Champawat clan. Generations of valiant noble-men have built this heritage home where notwithstanding the inroads of modernity, aristocratic values are respected. Afternoon jeep safari to Bishnoi villages. The Bishnoi's are a eco friendly sect of Hindu religion, it is a unique community of Rajasthan who are famous for their rich cultural Rajasthani life and their true love for nature and animals. Return to Rohet Garh for overnight stay.

DAY 10 : ROHET – RANAKPUR – UDAIPUR (230 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning departure for Udaipur. Stop en route and visit Ranakpur. Here are 15th century Jain Temples known for outstanding sculptures. The Temple has 1444 pillars and none of them is alike. Then proceed to Udaipur, which is also called city of lakes. On arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 11 : UDAIPUR

Morning city tour of Udaipur visiting City Palace which has gorgeous rooms with mirrored walls and ivory doors, inlaid marble balconies and the peacock courtyard. Also visit Jagdish temple and lovely Saheliyon Ki Bari gardens. Afternoon excursion to Eklingi and Nagda which is famous for 9th century temple. Overnight stay.



DAY 12 : UDAIPUR – MUMBAI (1¼ HOURS)

Transfer to airport to catch flight for Mumbai. Arrival at Mumbai airport and transfer to hotel. Then start city tour of Mumbai visiting the Gateway of India, Hanging Gardens and Prince of Wales Museum. Evening is free for shopping or other independent activities. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : MUMBAI – AURANGABAD (45 MINUTES + 220 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning transfer to airport to catch flight for Aurangabad. Arrival and transfer to hotel. Full day excursion to Ajanta caves at a distance of 105 km from Aurangabad. Here Buddhist art attained the peak of its development, in frescoes and wall paintings revealing a fascinating lifestyle. Carved out of a rocky gorge, these 30 caves date back to the 3rd Century. The ornate facades and interior chambers at Ajanta are illuminated by a flood of natural light which pours into the caves at all times of the day. Return to Aurangabad for overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 14 : AURANGABAD – MUMBAI (45 MINUTES)

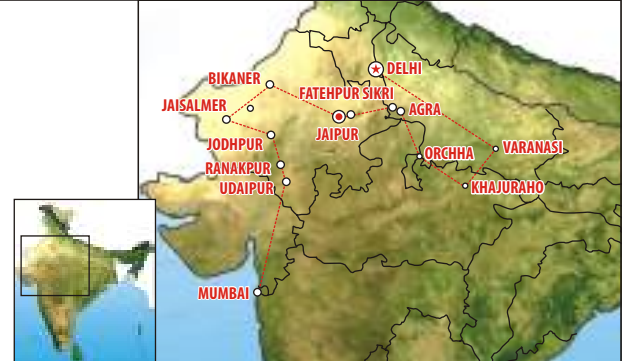
Morning visit Ellora caves. These are believed to have been built by the rulers of the Rashtrakuta Dynasty and serve as the epitome of rock-cut architecture in India. The total number of caves at Ellora is 34 and they represent the three different religions of the world - Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism. Late afternoon transfer to airport to catch flight to Mumbai. Arrival at Mumbai Domestic airport and transfer to International airport to catch flight for onward destination.



Best of North India

14 NIGHTS / 15 DAYS

MUMBAI - UDAIPUR - RANAKPUR - JODHPUR - JAISALMER - BIKANER - JAIPUR - FATEHPUR SIKRI - AGRA - ORCCHA - KHAJURAHO - VARANASI - DELHI



DAY 01 : MUMBAI

Arrival at Mumbai airport (most of the flights arrive either late night or early morning). You will be greeted by our representative there and transferred to hotel in chauffeur driven vehicle. Check in at the hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 02 : MUMBAI – UDAIPUR (→ 1¼ HOURS)

Morning city tour of Mumbai visiting the Gateway of India, Hanging Gardens and Prince of Wales Museum. Afternoon transfer to airport to catch flight for Udaipur which is also known as city of lakes. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Evening is free to take a walking tour on your own through the narrow lanes and back streets of Udaipur up to Lake Pichola. Overnight stay.

DAY 03 : UDAIPUR

Morning city tour of Udaipur visiting City Palace which has gorgeous rooms with mirrored walls and ivory doors, inlaid marble balconies and the peacock courtyard. Also visit Jagdish temple and lovely Saheliyon Ki Bari gardens. Afternoon excursion to Eklingi and Nagda which is famous for 9th century temple. Overnight stay.

DAY 04 : UDAIPUR – RANAKPUR – JODHPUR (⇄ 280 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning departure for Jodhpur. Stop en route and visit Ranakpur. Here are 15th century Jain Temples known for outstanding sculptures. The Temple has 1444 pillars and none of them is alike. Then continue drive to Jodhpur. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 05 : JODHPUR – JAISALMER (⇄ 310 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning tour of Jodhpur visiting Mehrangarh Fort, built in 1457. It was the toughest fort to conquer in whole Rajasthan. It also boasts of one of the rarest collection of cannons in the country. Also visit Jaswant Thada which is an example of architectural brilliance in India. It is a white marble memorial, built out of intricately carved sheets of marble. Afternoon leave for Jaisalmer. Upon arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 06 : JAISALMER

Morning city tour of Jaisalmer visiting fort known as Sonar Quila, rising from the sand, the mega structure merges with the golden hues of the desert ambience and the sun sets in its most colourful shades, gives it a fairy tale look. Also visit Patwaon Ki Haveli and Nathmal Ki Haveli which are famous for wonderful carving. Afternoon excursion to sand dunes located at a distance of 42 km from Jaisalmer. Take an unforgettable experience of camel rides and the sun set view. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 07 : JAISALMER – BIKANER (⇄ 330 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning leave for Bikaner which is a desert city on the ancient caravan routes that originated from Africa and West Asia. Arrival and check in at the hotel. Afternoon city tour of Bikaner visiting impressive Junagarh fort. One of the most unique features of the Junagarh Fort is that it has been built on a desert plain, a stark contrast to the high elevation forts we normally find in Rajasthan. Blending the best of Oriental and European forms of architecture, the Junagarh Fort spells grandeur all the way. Overnight stay.



DAY 08 : BIKANER – JAIPUR

( 320 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning leave for Jaipur. After arrival, check in at the hotel. Jaipur city was founded by Maharaja Jai Singh in 1727. It is a magnificent planned city built of rose-pink coloured stones that is why it is also called as "Pink City". Rest of the day is at leisure or for shopping at local market in Jaipur which is famous for semi precious and precious stones, paintings, etc. Overnight stay.

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Morning excursion to Amer Fort. Ascend by painted elephant up to fort with its huge gateways and pillared pavilions. It has a marble Palace, Temple of Victory and Sheesh Mahal (Hall of Mirrors). Afternoon city tour of Jaipur. Visit City Palace and Museum. Nearby is the ornate Hawa Mahal (Palace of winds) which is five stories high and is decorated with delicate screens carved from stone. Also visit Jantar Mantar, a well known observatory which is still equipped with immense brick and mortar instrument. Overnight stay.

DAY 10 : JAIPUR – FATEHPUR SIKRI – AGRA (235 KM, 6 HOURS)

Early morning leave for Agra. Stop en-route and visit Fatehpur Sikri, undoubtedly the best preserved Mughal Palace city of all. Built by Great Akbar around 1570. He used the highest quality craftsman to construct the city only to abandon it some fourteen years later when it is said that the water system failed. Proceed to Agra which was once the capital of Mughal India and centre of great power and glory. Visit world famous "Taj Mahal", the monument of love immortalized in marble. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his Queen Mumtaz. Overnight stay.

DAY 11 : AGRA – ORCHHA – KHAJURAHO (3 HOURS + 180 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning transfer to Railway Station to catch train for Jhansi. On arrival short drive to Orchha. It's grandeur has been captured in stone, frozen in time, a rich legacy to the ages. In this medieval city, the hand of time has rested lightly and the palaces and temples built by its Bundela rulers in the 16th and 17th centuries retain much of their pristine perfection. Then continue drive to Khajuraho. Upon arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 12 : KHAJURAHO – VARANASI (→ 40 MINUTES)

Morning visit the temples which are exemplary for their architecture and bold artistic statement. The temples are also famous for erotic sculptures. Later transfer to airport to catch flight for Varanasi. Arrival at Varanasi and transfer to hotel. Varanasi is most important place of pilgrimage for Hindus and the sight of devout praying standing water deep in Ganges. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : VARANASI

Early morning boat tour on River Ganges to visit Bathing Ghats, Return to hotel for breakfast. City tour of Varanasi visiting various temples. Afternoon excursion to Sarnath. It was here that Lord Budha delivered his first sermon and set in motion the wheel of law of Buddhism. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 14 : VARANASI – DELHI

(→ 1¼ HOURS)

Morning transfer to airport to catch flight for Delhi. Upon arrival at Delhi airport, transfer to hotel. Rest of day is for panoramic tour of New Delhi visiting India Gate, Presidents House, and Government buildings. Overnight stay.

DAY 15 : DELHI

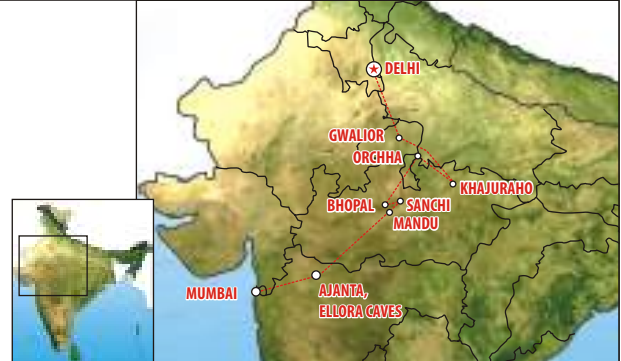
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Central India

12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS

**DELHI - GWALIOR - KHAJURAHO - ORCCHA - BHOPAL -
SANCHI - MANDU - AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES - MUMBAI**



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at the airport and transfer to hotel. Later start your exploration of India with a city tour of Old Delhi that includes visit to Jama Masjid, built in 1650 A.D. and the amazing Red Fort which was the seat of Mughal Empire for more than 250 years. Also enjoy rickshaw ride along the alleys of the ancient bazaar of Chandni Chowk. Then drive past the imposing India Gate, the Parliament Buildings and President House. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 02 : DELHI – GWALIOR (🚆 4 HOURS)

Early morning transfer to Railway Station to catch train for Gwalior. Arrival at Gwalior station and transfer to hotel. Afternoon visit Gwalior Fort which dominates the city and is its most magnificent monument. Within the fort are some marvels of medieval architecture which include Man Mandir, Gujari Mahal (today an archaeological museum), Temples of Sas-Bahu, Teli Ka Mandir, Jai Vilas Palace, Tomb of Gaus Mohammad and the Mausoleum of Tansen. Evening, enjoy sound and light show at Man Mandir Palace. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 03 : GWALIOR – KHAJURAHO (🚗 300 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning leave for Khajuraho. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Khajuraho was capital of Chandela Kings. It is famous for the temples of Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu and Jain Tirthankars built in 950 to 1050 AD which represent some of the most exquisite specimens in medieval India, that has made Khajuraho one of the most beautiful religious centers of that time. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay.

DAY 04 : KHAJURAHO – ORCCHA

(🚗 180 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning visit the temples which are exemplary for their architecture and bold artistic statement. The temples are also famous for erotic sculptures. Afternoon leave for Orchha. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 05 : ORCCHA – JHANSI – BHOPAL

(🚗 15 KM, ½ HOUR + 🚆 4 HOURS)

Morning visit Orchha – a rich legacy of Bundela rulers, who built the beautiful temple and palaces here in 16th century. Visit Rai praveen Mahal and Raja Temple. Then transfer to Jhansi to catch train for Bhopal. The capital of Madhya Pradesh presents a multi-faceted profile; the old city with its teeming market places and fine old mosques and palaces still bear the aristocratic imprint of its former rulers; among them the succession of powerful Begums who ruled Bhopal from 1819 to 1926. Equally impressive is the new city with its verdant, exquisitely laid out parks and gardens, broad avenues and streamlined modern edifices. Arrive at Bhopal station and transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 06 : BHOPAL – BHIMBETKA – SANCHI – BHOPAL (🚗 190 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning visit Bhimbetka Caves, situated 46 km south of Bhopal - has one of the oldest prehistoric paintings of the world. The paintings inside these rock shelters are similar to the aboriginal rock paintings in the outback of Australia. Continue drive to Sanchi & Udaigiri caves, witness the masterpieces of Buddhist Art which speaks of the story of Emperor Ashoka's becoming follower of Buddhism. Finally return to Bhopal. Overnight stay.





DAY 07 : BHOPAL – MAHESHWAR – MANDU (₹ 340 KM, 8 HOURS)

Morning leave for Mandu. En-route shortly before reaching Mandu, visit Maheshwar. It was a glorious city at the dawn of Indian civilization when it was Mahishmati, capital of king Kartivirjun. Continue drive to Mandu and upon arrival check in at the hotel. Mandu is a celebration in stone, of life and joy of the love of the poet-prince Baz Bahadur for his beautiful consort, Rani Roopmati. Overnight stay.

DAY 08 : MANDU

Morning city tour of Mandu visiting Jahaz Mahal which was built in 15th century. This structure is the monument which was built on the two lakes and the architecture is in the shape of a ship and that connects two lakes named Kapur Talao and Munj Talao. Also visit Hindola Mahal, Jami Masjid and Roopmati's Pavilion. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 09 : MANDU – OMKARESHWAR – JALGAON (₹ 300 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning leave for Jalgaon en-route visiting Omkareshwar, the sacred island, shaped like the holiest of all Hindu symbols, 'Om'. It has drawn hundreds of generations of pilgrims. Here, at the confluence of the rivers Narmada and Kaveri, the devout gather to kneel before the Jyotirlinga (one of the twelve throughout India) at the temple of Shri Omkar Mandhata. Visit the temple of Shree Omkar Mandhata and Siddharth Nath temple, fine example of early medieval Brahminic architecture. Then proceed to Jalgaon. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 10 : JALGAON – AJANTA – AURANGABAD (₹ 165 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning leave for Aurangabad. Stop en-route to visit Ajanta. The caves are illuminated by a flood of natural light which pours into the caves at all times of the day. These 2000 year old colossal rock-carved temples boast a myriad of finely-detailed sculptures. Then drive to Aurangabad. On arrival check in at hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 11 : AURANGABAD

Morning visit Ellora Caves which are at distance of 30 km from Aurangabad. Here Buddhist art attained the peak of its development, in frescoes and wall paintings revealing a fascinating lifestyle. Carved out of a rocky gorge, these 30 caves date back to the 3rd Century. Return to Aurangabad for overnight stay at hotel.



DAY 12 : AURANGABAD – MUMBAI (→ 45 MINUTES)

Transfer to airport to catch flight for Mumbai. Arrival at Mumbai airport and transfer to hotel. Afternoon city tour of Mumbai visiting Gateway of India, Hanging Gardens and Prince of Wales Museum. Evening is free for shopping or other independent activities. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport to catch flight for onward destination.

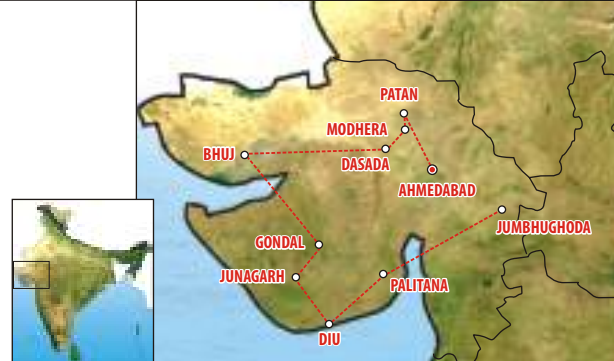
*** At few places like Mandu & Jalgaon, there are only simple hotels offering basic facilities.**



Gujarat Tour

12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS

**AHMEDABAD - PATAN - MODHERA -
DASADA - BHUJ - GONDAL - JUNAGARH -
DIU - PALITANA - JUMBHUGHODA**



DAY 01 : AHMEDABAD

Arrival at Ahmedabad airport and transfer to hotel. Afternoon city tour of Ahmedabad. Visit Adalaj Step well, Calico Museum of Textile and Gandhi Ashram. The energy of the movement can still be felt at this Satyagraha Ashram which Gandhi established on the banks of the Sabarmati in 1917. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 02 : AHMEDABAD – PATAN – MODHERA – DASADA (≈ 260 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning leave for Dasada. Stop en route and visit Patan to visit Patola weaving centre and one of the largest step well of 11th Century. Also visit Sun temple of Modhera, the excellent specimen of Hindu architecture. Late evening reach in Camp of Dasada. Dasada is located near the edge of Little Rann of Kutch, the only sanctuary for Asiatic wild Ass in India. Overnight stay.

DAY 03 : DASADA

Morning and afternoon Jeep safari into Little Rann of Kutch which is also a paradise for birdwatchers, mainly because of mix of contrasting habitats: desert plains, scrub grasslands and wetlands. It is also home to other endangered wildlife like the wolf, Indian and desert foxes, Indian gazelle, McQueen's bustard, etc. Overnight stay.

DAY 04 : DASADA – BHUJ (≈ 300 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning leave for Bhuj. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Then proceed to Govt. office to obtain permit to visit restricted areas of Kutch which is famous for its exclusive embroideries and many other varieties of handicraft. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 05 : BHUJ

Full day excursion to Banni villages with packed lunch to experience colorful life style of accultured tribe of this region, to see the costumes and colorful dresses and the culture of the people. Overnight stay.



DAY 06 : BHUJ – GONDAL (≈ 315 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning departure for Gondal. Stop en route to visit craft villages to see the woolen varieties, wooden block printing materials with vegetable dyes and natural colors. Also visit Morbi known for its beautiful ruined architectures of palaces, bazaar, city gate, etc. Continue drive to Gondal and upon arrival check in at the hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 07 : GONDAL – JUNAGARH (≈ 100 KM, 2 HOURS)

Morning visit of Navlakha Palace, herbal medicine factory, Centre for cotton spinning and weaving, private collection of vintage classic cars by the maharaja of Gondal. Afternoon leave for Junagarh where the great Ashoka ruled in 150 BC. On arrival check in at hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 08 : JUNAGARH – DIU (≈ 260 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning visit the Maquabaras, Darbar Hall museum, Upper fort, and Ashoka Rock Edict. Afternoon leave for Diu en route visiting Somnath, one of the most sacred Lord Shiva temple. Arrival at Diu and check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 09 : DIU – BHAVNAGAR (≈ 200 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning visit local fish market and Fort of Diu. You also have time to relax on beach. Then departure for Bhavnagar. On arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon visit local bazaar of Bhavnagar. Overnight stay.

DAY 10 : BHAVNAGAR – PALITANA – BHAVNAGAR (≈ 120 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning visit Palitana which is world famous for Jain temples built on top of Shetrunjay hills. There are 900 temples, big and small on two summits. The sculptures that adorn the marble temples present a feast to the eyes. Afternoon return to hotel in Bhavnagar for overnight stay.

DAY 11 : BHAVNAGAR – JAMBUGHODA (≈ 260 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning leave for Jambughoda en route visiting Champaner fort, one of the World heritage sites of monuments. Continue drive to Jambughoda. On arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon excursion to the tribal villages around the area to experience the primitive life style along with PITHORA wall paintings in their houses. Overnight stay.

DAY 12 : JAMBUGHODA – AHMEDABAD (≈ 200 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning visit of mobile market called haat in nearby village and then drive to Ahmedabad en-route visiting Khambhat which is known for Agatebead which is used in stone jewellery. Here, you can also bargain for exotic stone jewellery. Finally proceed to Ahmedabad. On arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay.

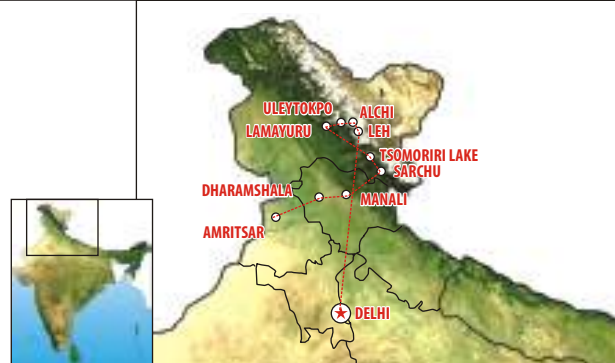
DAY 13 : DEPARTURE

Transfer to the airport to catch flight for onward destination.

Himachal Ladakh Tour

13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS

**DELHI - LEH - ALCHI - ULETOKPO -
LAMAYURU - TSOMORIRI LAKE -
SARCHU - MANALI -
DHARAMSHALA - AMRITSAR**



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at airport and transfer to hotel. Later start your exploration of India with a city tour of Old Delhi that includes visit to Jama Masjid, built in 1650 A.D. and the amazing Red Fort which was the seat of Mughal Empire for more than 250 years. Also enjoy rickshaw ride along the alleys of the ancient bazaar of Chandni Chowk. Then drive past imposing India Gate, Parliament Buildings and President House. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 02 : DELHI – LEH (→ 1¼ HOURS)

Early morning transfer to airport to catch flight for Leh. Arrival at Leh airport and transfer to Hotel. Full day is free to relax for acclimatization because of high altitude as Leh is situated 3500 meter above sea level. Evening short walk around Leh bazaar. Overnight stay at Hotel.

DAY 03 : LEH

Full day excursion to visit Thiksey and Hemis monasteries. It is quite interesting to visit Thiksey monastery early in the morning to witness praying ceremony. Also visit one of the biggest monasteries of Leh "Hemis". On the way back visit Shey Palace. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 04 : LEH – SPITUK – ALCHI – ULETOKPO (→ 80 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning after breakfast leave for Uletokpo camping which is one of the most beautiful camping in the Ladakh region. En-route visit Spituk Monastery. Continue drive to visit Alchi monastery. It is the only monastery in the Ladakh on flat ground. By the lunch time, you will reach Uletokpo. Evening, enjoy to sit on the bank of river coming down from the Ridzong side. Overnight stay in camp.

DAY 05 : ULETOKPO – LAMAYURU – LEH (→ 180 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning leave for Lamayuru via Khaltsi. The oldest and spectacularly set Lamayuru monastery was founded in the 10th Century. Visit the monastery. Afternoon drive back to Leh for overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 06 : LEH - CHUMATHANG - TSOMORIRI (→ 240 KM, 7 HOURS)

Leave in the morning and drive to Tsomoriri. Stop at Upshi for passport check. En-route visit Chumathang which is famous for medical hot spring. Also visit Sumdah village on the way and continue drive to Tsomoriri lake which is breeding grounds for numerous species of birds. The Lake is 8 km wide and 28 km long. Dinner and overnight in camp.

DAY 07 : TSOMORIRI

Morning visit Korzok village with its houses and its gumpa appearing like a mirage. The few barley fields at Korzok must be among the highest cultivation in the world. In the afternoon visit around the lake. Dinner and overnight in camp.

DAY 08 : TSOMORIRI – SARCHU (→ 135 KM, 8 HOURS)

Full day drive to Sarchu via Upshi and you have to cross second highest motorable pass in the world (Tanglangla Pass - 5350

meter). Enjoy the nature beauty of the mountains. Continue drive and on the way, there are chances to see tiny colonies of Marmots, Yaks & Herbs. At Pang, stop for lunch and then continue drive to La Chungla pass - 5065 meter, rugged in the middle of the mountains. Arrive Sarchu and stay at camp which is at 4200 meter and it will be the coldest night during the whole tour. Overnight stay in camp.

DAY 09 : SARCHU – MANALI (→ 250 KM, 10 HOURS)

Morning drive to Manali via Keylong, the head district in this area and stop here to visit around the local bazaar and then continue drive towards Manali. Reach Khoksar where you stop for passport checking and lunch. Continue ascending towards Rohtang pass - 3978 meter and then dip into Manali region. Another 51 km drive will take you to Manali. Arrival and check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 10 : MANALI

Morning visit 400 years old Pagoda Temple of Hadimba Devi and old Manali to see the Manu temple. Afternoon visit Vashisht hot sulphur spring bath. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 11 : MANALI – DHARAMSHALA (→ 240 KM, 9 HOURS)

Morning leave for Dharamshala situated on a spur of the Dhauladhar Range. This hill station is closest to the Perennial snowline and now the seat of Dalai Lama. On arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 12 : DHARAMSHALA – AMRITSAR (→ 200 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning explore this town known as "Little Lhasa". Here, the spinning prayer wheels and fluttering prayer flags spread the message of peace and universal harmony. Visit the temple of Dalai Lama and Tibetan refugee camp. Afternoon leave for Amritsar. Arrival and check in at hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : AMRITSAR – DELHI (→ 6 HOURS)

Morning visit Golden Temple which is known by different names viz. Harmandir Sahib, Darbar Sahib etc. This is the place of devotion and peace with continuous hymn singing and music. Also visit Akal Takht, the immortal throne which was established by sixth Guru, Guru Hargobind Singh Ji in 17th Century. Later, transfer to railway station to catch train for Delhi. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 14 : DELHI

Transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.



13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS

**DELHI - LEH - LIKIR - ALCHI - TINGMOSGAM -
LAMAYURU - NUBRA VALLEY - TSOMORIRI LAKE**



DAY 01 : DELHI

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DAY 02 : DELHI – LEH (→ 1¼ HOURS)

Very early morning transfer to airport to catch flight for Leh. Arrival at Leh and transfer to Hotel. Complete day for acclimatization as Leh is situated 3500 meter above sea level. In the evening short walk around Leh bazaar. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 03 : LEH (MONASTERY TOUR)

Day excursion to the famous monasteries, it is interesting to visit Thiksey monastery early in the morning to witness the praying ceremony there. Continue drive to Hemis monastery which is one of the most famous monasteries of the Ladakh region. On the way back, visit Shey and Stok Palace. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 04 : LEH – LIKIR – ALCHI – TINGMOSGAM (⇄ 100 KM, 4 HOURS)

After breakfast drive to Tingmosgamo and on the way visit Likir monastery also known as Klu-Kkjil (water spirits) founded in 14th century. The site of the monastery was encircled by the bodies of two great spirits. Then also visit Alchi which is 69 km west of Leh. Alchi monastery founded in 11th century is largest and most famous of all temples built by great translator Ringchem Zangpo. Continue drive to Tingmosgam which was Capital of Ladakh in the 15th century. The king Drag Pa Bum built the palace and fortress wall which encircles the places. Overnight stay at hotel.



DAY 05 : TINGMOSGAM – LAMAYURU – TINGMOSGAM (⇄ 50 KM, 2 HOURS)

After breakfast drive to Lamayuru which is one of the oldest monasteries of Ladakh region. The monastery was founded in the 10th century. Later, Rinchen Zangpo translator came here and built many temples and stupas. In the afternoon visit Tingmosgam Gompa and the village. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 06 : TINGMOSGAM – RIDZONG – PHYANG – LEH (⇄ 100KM, 5 HOURS)

After breakfast drive to Leh. En-route visit Ridzong and Phyang monastery. Ridzong is also known as Yuma Changchubling, founded about 138 years ago by the great Lama Tsultim Nima Gompa belonging to Gelukpa order. Arrival at Leh and check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 07 : LEH – NUBRA (DISKIT & HUNDER) (⇄ 130 KMS, 5 HOURS)

After early breakfast at the hotel departure to Nubra Valley with box lunch. Stop en route and visit Diskit and Hunder monastery. Upon arrival check in at Camp. The valley is on the trade route from Leh to Khangar via Samsar and Karakoram passes. Apart from unparalleled trekking opportunities, the valley has several Buddhist Gompas. Visit Diskit Gompa which is 350 years old and is situated on the highest point near the village. Overnight stay in Camp.



DAY 08 : NUBRA VALLEY

After breakfast visit Panamik village. It is an incredibly beautiful place blessed by sheer beauty, rugged mountains and hot springs. The incredible thing about the village is the superb irrigation system built over decades, the system though rudimentary provides an effective means to channel precious water during summer to the homes as well as the fields. Return to the camp for hot lunch. Afternoon visit Samtaling monastery in Sumur village. This monastery belongs to Gelukpa sect of Buddhism, the Dalai Lama's branch. In the evening come back to camp for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 09 : NUBRA – LEH (🚗 130 KM, 5 HOURS)

After breakfast at the camp, departure to Leh with lunch box. En route stop at Khardung la Pass (5359 meter), world's highest motorable pass. Khardung La is historically important as it lies on the major caravan route from Leh to Kashgar in Chinese Central Asia. About 10,000 horses and camels used to take the route annually. Continue drive to Leh. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Rest of the day is free for shopping and independent activities. Dinner and overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 10 : LEH – CHUMATHANG – TSOMORIRI (🚗 240 KMS, 7 HOURS)

Leave in the morning and drive to Tsomoriri. Stop at Upshi for passport check. En-route visit Chumathang which is famous for medical hot spring. Visit Sumdah village on the way and continue drive to Tsomoriri. The Lake is breeding ground for numerous species of birds. The lake is 8 km wide and 28 km long. Dinner and overnight in camp.

DAY 11 : TSOMORIRI

Morning visit Korzok village with its houses and its gompa appearing like a mirage. The few barley fields at Korzok must be among the highest cultivation in the world. In the afternoon visit around the lake. Dinner and overnight in camp.

DAY 12 : TSOMORIRI – TSOKAR – TANGLANG LA – LEH (🚗 250 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning drive to Mahe village. The village is an unforgettable scene of shooting fountain and white clouds hanging upon. Continue drive to Tsokar via Polo Kongka pass (4920 meter) and Tanglang La pass (5350 meter) which is the second highest motorable pass in the world. Arrive at Leh in the evening and check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 13 : LEH – DELHI (✈️ 1¼ HOURS)

Early morning transfer to Leh airport to catch flight for Delhi. Arrival at Delhi airport and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day is free to visit Delhi on your own or for shopping. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 14 : DELHI

Transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.

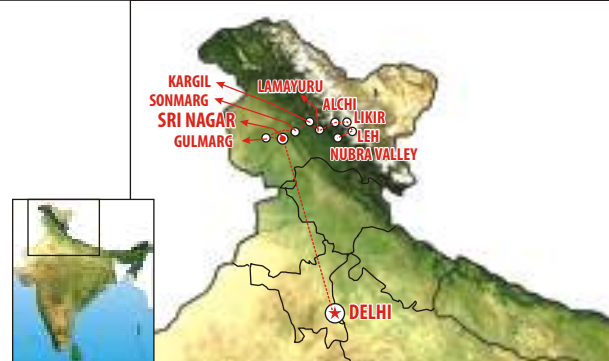
*** This tour is recommended from May to September.**



Kashmir Ladakh Tour

12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS

DELHI - SRINAGAR - GULMARG -
SONMARG - KARGIL - LAMAYURU -
ALCHI - LIKIR - LEH - NUBRA VALLEY



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at the airport and transfer to hotel. Afternoon visit Old Delhi. Start with drive to Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Then visit Red Fort and enjoy a rickshaw ride along the alleys of ancient bazaar of Chandni Chowk with stop at Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in Asia. Return to hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 2 : DELHI – SRINAGAR (→ 1½ HOURS)

Transfer to airport to catch flight for Srinagar. Arrival at Srinagar and transfer to Houseboat. Srinagar is acclaimed to be one of the loveliest places in India, in terms of natural splendor. Set in the picturesque Kashmir valley at an altitude of 1730 meters, it is a tourist's paradise. Afternoon enjoy Shikara (boat) ride at Dal Lake which has, within its periphery, four enormous water bodies, Lokut Dal, Bod Dal, Gagribal and Nagin. The lake is not a flat, continuous mass of water, but an intricate labyrinth of waterways, that constitute a spectacular sight and an amazing locale to explore. Overnight stay in houseboat.



DAY 3 : SRINAGAR

Half day tour of world famous Mughal Gardens, as the name suggests, built in the Mughal period is a marvel located in Srinagar. These gardens are the nice example of the Mughal style of constructing attractive places. These gardens are beautifully decorated with bright flowerbeds, terraced lawns and well maintained cascading fountains. Visit Nishat Bagh (The garden of pleasure) and Shalimar Bagh (Abode of love). Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in houseboat.

DAY 4 : SRINAGAR – GULMARG – SRINAGAR (⇄ 110 KMS, 5 HOURS)

Full day tour of Gulmarg which is one of the most beautiful summer resorts in the valley. It is also popular for its golf course in summer season, the highest in the world and Skiing during winter. Enjoy the splendour of nature and the snowy mountains. You can have Gondola ride (cable car) from Gulmarg to Khalinmarg. In the evening return to Srinagar. Overnight in houseboat.

DAY 5 : SRINAGAR – SONMARG – KARGIL (⇄ 225 KMS, 8 HOURS)

Morning drive to Kargil. The road passes through panoramic village, Sonmarg (2740 meter). Then drive through Zojila pass (3527 meter) which is also called Gateway of Ladakh. Continue drive towards Drass (The second coldest inhabited place in the world) and stop here for tea and passport check. Another two and half hours drive will take you to Kargil (2710 meter). After arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 6 : KARGIL – LAMAYURU – ALCHI (⇄ 175 KMS, 6 HOURS)

Morning departure for Alchi. Today, you have to ascend three passes, so the day will be tiresome but panoramic too. First Buddhist village will be Mulbek. You have to cross the highest pass on Srinagar–Leh route. At lunch time you will be at Lamayuru, the oldest Monastery in the region. Finally arrive Alchi which is the only monastery in Ladakh on flat ground. This is also the largest and most famous of all of the temples built by the great translator Ringchem Zangpo. Overnight stay at Alchi.

DAY 07 : ALCHI – LIKIR – PHYANG – SPITUK – LEH (⇄ 80 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning departure for Leh and on the way visit Likir monastery which was founded in 14th century by Lama Dhawang Chosje, a great champion of meditation. Also visit Spituk and Phyang. Continue drive to Leh and after arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.

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DAY 12 : LEH – DELHI (→ 1¼ HOURS)

Morning transfer to airport to catch flight for Delhi. Arrival at Delhi airport and transfer to hotel. Then start tour of New Delhi which is in complete contrast with Old Delhi with wide tree lined avenues, parks and fountains surrounding the imposing Government and State Buildings. Drive past imposing India Gate, Parliament Buildings and President House. Visit Qutab Minar, built in 1193 A.D. It is a striking medieval tower of victory of Persian architecture style. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 13 : DELHI

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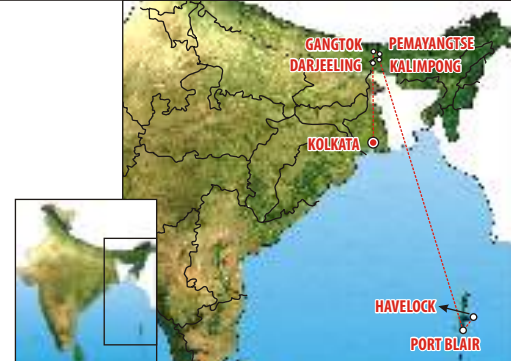
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North East & Andaman

14 NIGHTS / 15 DAYS

KOLKATA - DARJEELING - PEMAYANGTSE -
GANGTOK - KALIMPONG - PORT BLAIR -
HAVELOCK ISLAND



DAY 01 : KOLKATA

Arrival at Kolkata. Welcome at the airport and transfer to hotel. Afternoon city tour of Kolkata visiting Victoria Memorial, Indian Museum and Mother Teresa's home. Overnight stay.

DAY 02 : KOLKATA – BAGDOGRA – DARJEELING

(→ 1½ HOURS + 95 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning transfer to airport to catch flight for Bagdogra. After arrival transfer to hotel in Darjeeling. It is popularly known as the "Queen of the Hills" and produces the famous Darjeeling Tea, one of the world's finest teas. It is also home to the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a World Heritage Site. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay.

DAY 03 : DARJEELING

Very early morning excursion to Tiger Hill by jeep to have a spectacular view of sunrise on Himalayas. Afternoon city tour of Darjeeling visiting mountaineering institute, Lebong race course and tea gardens. Overnight stay.

DAY 04 : DARJEELING – PEMAYANGTSE – PELLING (125 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning leave for Pelling. Situated at an altitude of 6,800 ft. It offers a good view of the entire mountain ranges. Pelling is supposed to be the nearest motorable point to Mt. Kanchenjunga. Arrive at Pelling and check in at hotel. Afternoon visit Pemayangtse Monastery - located on a hilltop, at an altitude of 6,840 ft. commands a magnificent panoramic view of the Himalayan ranges

and the surrounding hills and countryside. Also visit Rabdentse Ruins - This was the second capital of the erstwhile Kingdom of Sikkim. Today the ruins lie hidden from the main road at a walking distance from the Pemayangtse Monastery. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 05 : PELLING – GANGTOK

(130 KM, 4 HOURS)

After breakfast, departure to Gangtok. Arrival and check in at hotel. Afternoon sight seeing tour of Gangtok visiting Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms, Enchey Monastery - This Monastery is 200 years old monastery, which stands 3 km away from the city center. Overnight stay.

DAY 06 : GANGTOK

Morning city tour of Gangtok which lies at a height of 1520 meter. It's architectural beauty radiates with Pagoda like houses, painted roofs and bazaars. Also visit 300 years old Rumtek Monastery which is 24 km from Gangtok. Overnight stay.

DAY 07 : GANGTOK – KALIMPONG

(75 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning leave for Kalimpong and after arrival check in at the hotel. Kalimpong is an ideal holiday resort. It is also well known for its colourful people inheriting a lifestyle that has blending of social and cultural influences of Tibet, Sikkim, Nepal and Bhutan. Drive to old Bhutanese ruins and go shopping for interesting souvenirs. Overnight stay.



DAY 08 : KALIPONG – BAGDOGRA – KOLKATA

(🚗 65 KM, 2 HOURS + ➔ 1½ HOURS)

Morning transfer to Bagdogra airport to catch flight for Kolkata. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Kolkata city is known more for its culture, as a commercial hub of the eastern India and a great learning centre. Overnight stay.

DAY 09 : KOLKATA – PORT BLAIR (➔ 2 HOURS)

Early morning transfer to airport to catch flight for Port Blair. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Then proceed for a panoramic tour of the Port Blair City which covers the Cellular Jail, Chatnam Saw Mill, Forest Museum, Samdudrika (Naval Marine Museum), Fisheries museum and water sports complex. In the evening enjoy Light & Sound show at Cellular Jail (The one hour show narrates in a detailed fashion the history of the National Memorial Cellular Jail). Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 10 : PORT BLAIR

Morning tour of Ross Island, the erstwhile capital of Port Blair during the British regime. A small museum displays photographs and other antiques of the Britishers, relevant to these islands. From Ross Island, proceed for a joyful trip to Northway Island (Coral Island) offering exotic coral, colourful fishes and underwater marine life. Then proceed for a cruise of harbour including a trip to Viper Island. Return to Port Blair for overnight stay.

DAY 11 : PORT BLAIR – HAVELOCK ISLAND (🚢 FERRY BOAT)

Transfer by Ferry boat to Havelock Island which takes about 3 hours by boat. Upon arrival at Havelock, transfer to resort. The island is India's best-kept secret. Stunning beaches, aquamarine coral lagoons, lush green rainforests, active volcanoes, swimming elephants and giant fish are some of the attractions. Conde Nast Traveler USA in September 2007 stated that the beach is one of the 30 best beaches in the world. Overnight stay at the resort.

DAY 12 : HAVELOCK ISLAND

Full day is at leisure to relax on beach. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : HAVELOCK ISLAND

Full day is at leisure to relax on beach. Overnight stay.

DAY 14 : HAVELOCK ISLAND – PORT BLAIR

(🚢 FERRY BOAT)

Morning transfer by Ferry boat to Port Blair. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Rest of the day is free for independent activities. Overnight stay.

DAY 15 : DEPARTURE

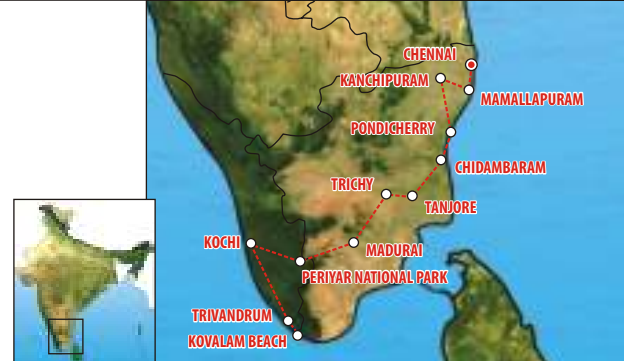
Transfer to Port Blair airport to catch flight for onward destination.

*** The best time to visit Andaman is from October to March.**



12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS

**CHENNAI - MAMALLAPURAM - KANCHIPURAM -
PONDICHERRY - CHIDAMBARAM - TANJORE - TRICHY -
MADURAI - PERIYAR NATIONAL PARK - KOCHI -
BACK WATER CRUISE - TRIVANDRUM - KOVALAM BEACH**



DAY 01 : CHENNAI – MAMALLAPURAM

(≈ 55 KM, 1 HOUR)

Arrival at Chennai airport. Welcome at the airport and transfer to city for a short tour. After visiting Fort St. George, Anna Samadhi and Museum, drive to Mamallapuram. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 02 : MAMALLAPURAM – KANCHIPURAM – MAMALLAPURAM

(≈ 160 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning depart for Kanchipuram. It was the historical capital of the Pallavas during the 7th - 9th centuries. Kanchipuram is one of the seven sacred cities of India. It is also famous for hand-woven silk fabrics and saris. Return to Mamallapuram. Visit the Shore Temple which includes many bas reliefs including one 100 ft. long and 45 ft. high carved out of granite. It was built in early 8th century. Overnight stay.

DAY 03 : MAMALLAPURAM – PONDICHERRY

(≈ 155 KMS, 3 HOURS)

After breakfast drive to Pondicherry. Upon arrival check in at hotel. In this city, many battles were fought between British and French. Pondicherry is synonymous with French Heritage in India and understandably so as it served as the capital of the French Colonies in India. Afternoon visit Sri Aurobindo's Ashram. The Ashram was set up in the year 1926 by Sri Aurobindo Ghose. His philosophy is derived in a combination of yoga and modern science. After visiting Ashram, return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 04 : PONDICHERRY – CHIDAMBARAM – TANJORE

(≈ 170 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning leave for Chidambaram. Visit Nataraja temple in Chidambaram. The magnificent Temple was built in 7th century. Its beautiful polygonal dome enshrines Lord Vishnu and Shiva. Continue drive to Tanjore and upon arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon visit Brihadeshwara Temple which was built in the 10th century. This is the crowning glory of Chola temple architecture. The dome on top of the apex of the 63 meter high temple, is a single piece of granite weighing an estimated 81 tons which was put in place by hauling it along an earthwork ramp six km long in a similar manner to which the Egyptian pyramids were said to be built. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 05 : TANJORE – TRICHY – TANJORE

(≈ 120 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning excursion to Trichy. The city is a fine blend of tradition and modernity built around the Rock Fort. Visit The most famous land mark of this bustling town, Rockfort Temple, a spectacular monument perched on a massive rocky out crop



which rises abruptly from the plain to tower over the old city. Also visit Srirangam Temple which consists of 7 concentric walls and 21 towers or gopurams. Drive back to Tanjore for overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 06 : TANJORE – MADURAI

(≈ 130 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning drive to Madurai. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon city tour of Madurai covering the famous Meenakshi Temple and Tirumala Naik Palace. The temple is famous for its gigantic gateway which is 49 meter high. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 07 : MADURAI – PERIYAR

(≈ 140 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning leave for Periyar. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon enjoy Boat cruise which is the best option to experience the wilds of Periyar Sanctuary. Enjoy wild life and watch the wild elephants in their natural habitat. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 08 : PERIYAR - KOCHI

(≈ 190 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning leave for Kochi. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Kochi has one of the best natural harbours in the country. Afternoon city tour covering Dutch Palace Museum, Jewish Synagogue, Francis Church and Chinese Fishing Net. Evening enjoy one of the classical dances of South India, known as Kathakali. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 09 : KOCHI – ALLEPPEY

(≈ 65 KM, 1½ HOURS)

OVERNIGHT BACKWATER CRUISE IN HOUSEBOAT

After early breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Alleppey which is 65 km from Kochi. Upon arrival embark the house boat. Enjoy a memorable houseboat ride on enchanting backwaters to explore its breathtakingly beautiful surroundings and the fascinating Kerala countryside. Travelling along on a houseboat through palm-fringed narrow canals winding through the vast expanse of lush paddy fields and the unique tiny hamlets lined up all along on the edges of the waterways are sights one can never forget. All meals will be served on-board. Overnight on-board at House boat.

DAY 10 : ALLEPPEY – KOVALAM

(≈ 170 KM, 4 HOURS)

Disembark the house boat and then drive to Kovalam. Upon arrival check in at the resort. The boundless blue waters of the Arabian Sea and miles of white sands washed away by the surf at the feet of the stalwart palms and the rocky promontories, makes Kovalam a beach paradise. Rest of the day is free to relax on beach. Overnight stay.

DAY 11 : KOVALAM – TRIVANDRUM – KOVALAM

Morning city tour of Trivandrum visiting Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Puthenmalika Palace, The Napier Museum and Sri Chitra Art Gallery. Return to Kovalam for spending rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay.

DAY 12 : KOVALAM

Full day is at leisure to relax on beach or you can explore the ayurvedic facilities at the resort. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : DEPARTURE

Morning transfer to Trivandrum airport to catch flight for onward destination.

Enchanting South & Lakshadweep

12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS

CHENNAI - MAMALLAPURAM -
KANCHIPURAM - MADURAI -
PERIYAR - KUMARAKOM -
BACK WATER CRUISE -
KOCHI - LAKSHADWEEP



DAY 01 : CHENNAI – MAMALLAPURAM

(🚗 55 KM, 1 HOUR)

Arrival at Chennai airport. Welcome at the airport and transfer to city for a short tour. After visiting Fort St. George, Anna Samadhi and Museum, drive to Mamallapuram. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 02 : MAMALLAPURAM – KANCHIPURAM – CHENNAI (🚗 145 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning visit Shore Temple which includes many bas reliefs including one 100 ft. long and 45 ft. high carved out of granite. It was built in the early 8th century. Later depart for Kanchipuram. It was the historical capital of the Pallavas during the 7th - 9th centuries. Kanchipuram is one of the seven sacred cities of India. It is also famous for hand-woven silk fabrics and saris. Continue drive to Chennai city. Upon arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 03 : CHENNAI – MADURAI (➔ 1 HOUR)

Morning transfer to Chennai airport for flight to Madurai. Upon arrival at Madurai airport, transfer to hotel. Afternoon city tour of Madurai covering the famous Meenakshi Temple and Tirumala Naik Palace. The temple is famous for its gigantic gateway which is 49 meter high. Overnight stay.

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DAY 05 : PERIYAR – KUMARAKOM

(🚗 190 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning leave for Kumarakom, the backwater region of Kerala. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon is free to relax on the lake side or if interested you can visit the bird sanctuary in Kumarakom and the local villages. You may also experience Ayurveda Massage. Overnight stay at resort.

DAY 06 : KUMARAKOM – ALLEPPEY

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After breakfast board the houseboat. Enjoy a memorable day on enchanting backwaters in a houseboat to explore its breathtakingly beautiful surroundings and the fascinating Kerala countryside. Travelling along on a houseboat through palm-fringed narrow canals winding through the vast expanse of lush paddy fields and the unique tiny hamlets lined up all along on the edges of the waterways are the sights one can never forget. All meals will be served on-board. Overnight on-board the House boat.

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DAY 08 : KOCHI – LAKSHADWEEP

(➔ 1½ HOURS + 🚤 BOAT / HELICOPTER)

Transfer to Kochi airport to catch flight for Agatti. Upon arrival at Agatti airport, transfer to Bangaram Island Resort by boat or helicopter (boats do not operate from June to September). Bangaram is 8 km from Agatti and it takes 1½ hours by boat. Overnight stay at Bagaram Island Resort. Bangaram presents a breathtaking spectacle of sparkling coral reefs, turquoise blue lagoons, silvery beaches and lush green coconut palms. Overnight stay.

DAY 09 : LAKSHADWEEP

Day is at leisure to relax on beach or you can explore the various activities. Apart from diving, you can try your hand at a host of activities, ranging from the interesting to the exhilarating. Night fishing on the deep sea can be the experience of a lifetime. You can also go kayaking, windboarding, surfing and more. Overnight stay at resort.

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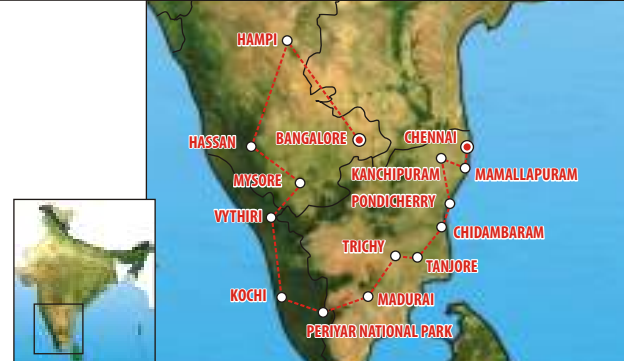
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Grand South India

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DAY 05 : TANJORE – TRICHY – TANJORE (≈ 120 KM, 4 HOURS)

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DAY 06 : TANJORE – MADURAI (≈ 130 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning drive to Madurai. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon city tour of Madurai covering the famous Meenakshi Temple and Tirumala Naik Palace. The temple is famous for its gigantic gateway which is 49 meter high. Overnight stay at hotel.



DAY 07 : MADURAI – PERIYAR

(₹ 140 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning leave for Periyar. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon enjoy Boat cruise which is the best option to experience the wilds of Periyar Sanctuary. Enjoy wild life and watch the wild elephants in their natural habitat. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 08 : PERIYAR – ALLEPPEY

(₹ 130 KM, 4 HOURS)

OVERNIGHT BACKWATER CRUISE IN HOUSEBOAT

After early breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Alleppey. Upon arrival embark the house boat. Enjoy a memorable houseboat ride on enchanting backwaters of Alappuzha to explore its breathtakingly beautiful surroundings and the fascinating Kerala countryside. Travelling along on a houseboat through palm-fringed narrow canals winding through the vast expanse of lush paddy fields and the unique tiny hamlets lined up all along on the edges of the waterways are sights, one can never forget. All meals will be served on board. Overnight on-board the house boat.

DAY 09 : ALLEPPEY – KOCHI

(₹ 65 KM, 1½ HOURS)

Morning leave for Kochi. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Kochi has one of the best natural harbours in the country. Afternoon city tour of Kochi covering Dutch Palace Museum, Jewish Synagogue, Francis Church and Chinese Fishing Net. In the evening enjoy one of the classical dances of South India, known as Kathakali. Overnight stay.

DAY 10 : KOCHI – CALICUT – VYTHIRI

(₹ 4 HOURS + ₹ 90 KM, 2 HOURS)

Breakfast at the hotel and then transfer to Ernakulam station to catch train for Calicut. Upon arrival transfer to Vythiri which is a picturesque place located in the northern high ranges of Kerala in Wayandu district. Enjoy refreshing, pollution free and inspiring acres and acres of lush green land interspersed with perennial streams and rolling hills at Vythiri. Afternoon visit Chembra Peak, Bhramagiri hills and Tea & Coffee Plantations. Overnight stay.



DAY 11 : VYTHIRI – MYSORE

(₹ 275 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning departure for Mysore. Arrival and check in at the hotel. Afternoon city tour of Mysore visiting City Palace, beautiful Vrindavan Gardens and Chamundi Temple. Overnight stay.

DAY 12 : MYSORE – HASSAN

(₹ 150 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning departure for Hassan. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel. Afternoon visit Cheenakeshawa temple at Belur which dates back to 13th century and then the Hoysaleswara temple at Halebidu which is known for its carvings. Overnight stay at Hassan.

DAY 13 : HASSAN – HOSPET

(₹ 360 KM, 7 HOURS)

After breakfast, check out and drive to Hospet. Hospet was a satellite town built during the reign of Krishnadevaraja. This is a typical town of Karnataka situated 13 km from Hampi. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 14 : HOSPET – HAMPI – HOSPET

After breakfast drive to Hampi. It is located on the banks of the Tungabhadra River with a backdrop of majestic rock boulders and was the capital of the Vijayanagara Kingdom. The 15th century Chandramauleshwar Temple is centrally located in Hampi and is one of the site's most prominent architectural buildings. Vithala Temple is noted for its extraordinary pillars with the animated carvings on it. A set of pillars, known as 'musical pillars' resonates when tapped. Also visit Virupaksha Temple, Lotus Mahal, Sule Bazaar, Achutaraya Temple, Queen's bath and Elephant Stables. Return to Hospet for overnight stay.

DAY 15 : HOSPET – BANGALORE

(₹ 340 KM, 7 HOURS)

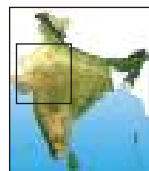
Morning depart for Bangalore. Upon arrival visit Lalbagh Gardens, Cubban Park & Museum. Evening transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.



Maharaja Tour

10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS

DELHI - AGRA - FATEHPUR SIKRI -
RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK -
JAIPUR - UDAIPUR - MUMBAI



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at the airport and transfer to hotel. Afternoon, start tour of Old Delhi visiting Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Then visit Red Fort. Enjoy a rickshaw ride along the alleys of ancient bazaar of Chandni Chowk with stop at Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in Asia. Return to hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel Imperial which is reckoned amongst Asia's finest hotels. The Imperial is a legend that offers a unique experience embracing facets of India's history.

DAY 02 : DELHI

Morning drive past imposing India Gate, Parliament Buildings and President House. Then visit Humayun's Tomb which is superbly maintained and the best example of the early Mughal style of tomb in Delhi. Also visit Qutab Minar which is 239 ft. high medieval tower of victory. Afternoon is free for shopping or other independent activities. Chauffeur driven vehicle will be at your disposal for full day. Overnight stay at Hotel Imperial.

DAY 03 : DELHI – AGRA

(🚗 200 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning drive to Agra which was once the capital of Mughal India and centre of great power and glory. Visit world famous "Taj Mahal", the monument of love immortalized in marble. It was built by Emperor Shah

Jahan in the memory of his Queen "Mumtaz". Also visit Agra Fort and Sikandara, where lies the Tomb of the Emperor "Akbar the Great". Overnight stay at hotel Amar Vilas. The sheer luxury of enjoying the beauty of the Taj Mahal without visiting hours, enriched by the royal service makes an interlude at The Oberoi Amarvilas exclusive and unforgettable.

DAY 04 : AGRA – FATEHPUR SIKRI – RANTHAMBORE (🚗 305 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning leave for Ranthambore. Stop en-route and visit Fatehpur Sikri, undoubtedly the best preserved Mughal palace city built by great Akbar around 1570. Then proceed to Ranthambore and after arrival check in at Vanya Vilas. Nestling in the natural beauty of the wilds, The Oberoi Vanyavilas is India's leading luxury jungle resort on the edge of the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve.

DAY 05 : RANTHAMBORE

Covering an area of 410 sq. Km., Ranthambore used to be the private hunting ground of the Royal family of Jaipur. In 1972, it was declared a Sanctuary and brought under Project Tiger Conservation platform. Dry deciduous forest covers open valleys with lush vegetation around the lakes in this park. This varied flora supports a large number of animals including a variety of deer, the sloth bear, the shy caracal, leopards and of-course, the tiger. Enjoy wild life safaris into the park in morning and evening by open jeep with naturalist. Overnight stay at Vanya Vilas.





DAY 06 : RANTHAMBORE – JAIPUR (🚆 170 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning leave for Jaipur. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Jaipur city was founded by Maharaja Jai Singh in 1727. It is a magnificent planned city built of rose-pink coloured stones that is why it is also known as "Pink City". Rest of the day is at leisure to explore local bazaar. Overnight stay at Hotel Raj Vilas, recreating the magnificence of princely Rajasthan, in a beautiful fort setting, with Jaipur as its backdrop. A luxury resort with its own distinctive character, it revives the gracious lifestyles of India's legendary Rajput princes.

DAY 07 : JAIPUR

Morning excursion to Amer Fort. Ascend by painted elephant up to fort with its huge gateways and pillared pavilions. The fort was originally built by Raja Mansingh and it is one of the finest examples of Rajput architecture. Afternoon city tour of Jaipur visiting City Palace and its museums. Nearby is the ornate Hawa Mahal (Palace of winds) which is five stories high and is decorated with delicate screens carved from stone which allowed royal ladies to view the city and bazaar from there. Also visit Jantar Mantar, magnificent stone observatory built in 1728. This is still equipped with immense brick and mortar instrument including a very accurate 90 feet sundial. Overnight stay at Raj Vilas.

DAY 08 : JAIPUR – UDAIPUR (→ 1 HOUR)

Morning transfer to airport to catch flight for Udaipur. Upon arrival at Udaipur airport and transfer to hotel. Evening Enjoy cruise on the placid waters of Lake Pichola. Also visit the Jag Mandir Palace - the other island palace in the middle of the lake. Overnight stay at Hotel Lake Palace. The Taj Lake Palace, located in the middle of Lake Pichola is a dream of white marble and mosaic glistening in the moonlight, very reminiscent of the most beautiful tourist cliché in the world.

DAY 09 : UDAIPUR

Morning city tour of Udaipur visiting City Palace which has gorgeous rooms with mirrored walls and ivory doors, inlaid marble balconies and the peacock courtyard. Also visit Jagdish temple and lovely Saheliyon Ki Bari gardens. Afternoon excursion to Eklingi and Nagda which is famous for 9th century temple. Overnight stay at Lake Palace.

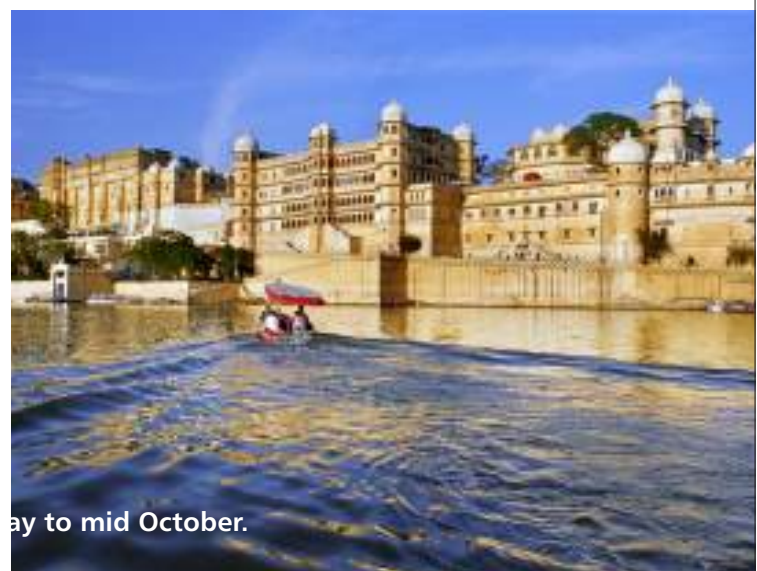
DAY 10 : UDAIPUR – MUMBAI (→ 1¼ HOURS)

Transfer to airport to catch flight for Mumbai. Arrival at Mumbai airport and transfer to hotel. Then go for city tour of Mumbai visiting Gateway of India, Hanging Gardens and Prince of Wales Museum. Evening is free for shopping or other independent activities. Overnight stay at Hotel Taj Mahal. Since it opened in 1903, The Taj Mahal Palace & Tower, Mumbai has created its own unique history.

DAY 11 : DEPARTURE

Early morning transfer to the airport to catch flight for onward destination.

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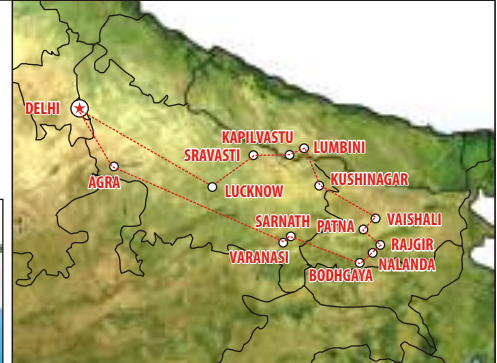


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On Footsteps of Buddha

11 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS

**DELHI - SRAVASTI - KAPILVASTU -
LUMBINI - KUSHINAGAR -
VAISHALI - PATNA - RAJGIR -
NALANDA - BODHGAYA -
SARNATH - VARANASI - AGRA**



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at the airport and transfer to hotel. Later start your exploration of India with a city tour of Old Delhi that includes visit to Jama Masjid, built in 1650 A.D. and amazing Red Fort which was the seat of Mughal Empire for more than 250 years. Then drive past imposing India Gate, Parliament Buildings and President House. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 02 : DELHI – LUCKNOW – SRAVASTI

(🚆 6½ HOURS + 🚗 200 KM, 5 HOURS)

Early morning transfer to Railway Station to board train to Lucknow. Arrival at Lucknow station and immediately leave for Sravasti where Buddha delivered many important sermons. The two 21 meters high pillars erected by Emperor Ashoka mark these sites. When the famed Chinese traveler Hiuen Tsang visited this site, he found several damaged Stupas and ruins of monasteries at this place. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 03 : SRAVASTI – KAPILVASTU – LUMBINI

(🚗 240 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning visit Saheth which is one of the most visited clusters of shrines in the area. The place rose to prominence when excavation works revealed that Saheth was the original site of once magnanimous Jetavana monastery. Then drive to Kapilvastu - it was in Kapilavastu's opulent environs, that the holy soul of prince Siddharth (Gautam Buddha) spent his childhood. Here he saw sorrow and pain, disease and death. Then, finally when he saw a radiant happy Sadhu who had conquered all these, he decided to renounce all worldly riches and pleasures to seek truth and embark on the path of salvation. Finally, proceed to Lumbini. On arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 04 : LUMBINI – KUSHINAGAR

(🚗 170 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning visit Lumibini, Birth place of Lord Buddha, Later leave for Kushinagar where Buddha finally attained Mahaparmirvana. Amongst the ruins are the Mukutbandhan Stupa and a beautiful statue of the reclining Buddha. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel. Afternoon visit Nirvana Temple, Ramabhar Stupa and cremation site of Lord Buddha. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 05 : KUSHINAGAR – VAISHALI – PATNA

(🚗 270 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning leave for Patna, en-route visiting Vaishali. The place is credited with being India's first and the world's finest republic to have a duly elected assembly of representatives and an efficient administration in those ancient days. Buddha had visited Vaishali and announced his approaching 'Mahaparinirvana' (death). Continue drive to Patna. Arrival and check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 06 : PATNA – RAJGIR – NALANDA – BODHGAYA (≈ 230 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning, leave for Bodhgaya. En route visit Rajgir and Nalanda. Rajgir is situated in a beautiful valley surrounded by rocky hills. The "Peace Pagoda" stupa built by the Japanese can be reached by an aerial ropeway. On one of the hills is the cave of Saptaparni where the first Buddhist Council was held. Once a great city, Rajgir is just a village today but vestiges of a legendary and historical past remain here. Also visit Nalanda which has an association with Lord Mahavira and Lord Buddha who had frequently visited it in the 6th century BC. The University of Nalanda was founded in the 5th century BC by the Gupta Emperors and recorded as the world's ancient university. Continue drive to Bodhgaya. Arrival and check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 07 : BODHGAYA

Morning visit Bodhgaya which is the spiritual home of Buddhists. Bodhgaya situated near the river Niranjana, is one of the holiest Buddhist pilgrimage centres since it was here that Buddha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree. Visit magnificent Maha Bodhi temple which is an architectural amalgamation of many cultures. The temple bears the stamp of the architecture of the Gupta dynasty and subsequent ages. On the walls of the temple, one sees Buddha carved in different aspects. The temple carries inscriptions recording the visits of pilgrims from Sri Lanka, China and Myanmar in the 7th and 10th Centuries A.D. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 08 : BODHGAYA – VARANASI (≈ 300 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning leave for Varanasi. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel. Varanasi is most important place of pilgrimage for Hindus and the sight of devout praying standing water deep in Ganges. Evening visit the Aarti ceremony at Holy Ganges. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 09 : VARANASI - AGRA (OVERNIGHT ≈ 12 HOURS)

Early morning boat tour on River Ganges to visit Bathing Ghats, Return to hotel for breakfast. City tour of Varanasi visiting various temples and noted Banaras Hindu University. Afternoon excursion to Sarnath. It was here that Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon and set in motion the wheel of law of Buddhist faith. Evening transfer to station to catch train for Agra. Night on board.

DAY 10 : AGRA

Morning arrival at Agra station and transfer to hotel. Then city tour of Agra which was once the capital of Mughal India and centre of great power and glory. Visit world famous "Taj Mahal", the monument of love immortalized in marble. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his Queen Mumtaz. Also visit Agra Fort and Sikandara, where lies the Tomb of the Emperor "Akbar the Great". Overnight stay.

DAY 11 : AGRA – DELHI (≈ 200 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning leave for Delhi. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Rest of the day is free for shopping or other independent activities. Overnight stay.

DAY 12 : DELHI

Transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.



Jungle Safari

13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS

**DELHI - JAIPUR - RANTHAMBORE -
BHARATPUR - FATEHPUR SIKRI - AGRA -
ORCCHA - KHAJURAHO - BANDHAVGARH PARK -
KANHA NATIONAL PARK - NAGPUR - MUMBAI**



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at the airport and transfer to hotel. Later start your exploration of India with a city tour of Old Delhi that includes visit to Jama Masjid, built in 1650 A.D. and amazing Red Fort which was the seat of Mughal Empire for more than 250 years. Also enjoy rickshaw ride along the alleys of the ancient bazaar of Chandni Chowk. Then drive past India Gate, Parliament Buildings and President House. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

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Morning excursion to Amer Fort. Ascend by painted elephant up to fort with its huge gateways and pillared pavilions. It has a marble Palace, Temple of Victory and Sheesh Mahal (Hall of Mirrors). Afternoon city tour of Jaipur. Visit City Palace and Museum. Nearby is the ornate Hawa Mahal (Palace of winds) which is five stories high and is decorated with delicate screens carved from stone. Also visit Jantar Mantar, an observatory which is still equipped with immense brick and mortar instruments. Overnight stay.

DAY 04 : JAIPUR – RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK (≈ 170 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning leave for Ranthambore. On arrival check in at the hotel. The Fort of Ranthambore has been abandoned to nature in the national park, where the Royal Bengal Tiger rules the jungle. One of the country's finest tiger reserves, its topography of low hills and large lakes provides a tranquil idyll. Overnight stay.

DAY 05 : RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

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DAY 06 : RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK – BHARATPUR (≈ 255 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning leave for Bharatpur. On arrival check in at hotel. Afternoon visit Keoladeo Ghana National park, a rich aquatic plant and animal life in the shallow, freshwater marsh of Bharatpur has been attracting resident and migratory aquatic birds in thousands, since times immemorial. It has a recorded history of 100 years of duck shoots. There are 374 species belonging to 56 families, within the 29 sq km. area of the National Park. Overnight stay at hotel.





DAY 07 : BHARATPUR – FATEHPUR SIKRI – AGRA (🚗 65 KM, 1½ HOURS)

Early morning leave for Agra. Stop en route and visit Fatehpur Sikri, undoubtedly the best preserved Mughal Palace city of all. Built by Great Akbar around 1570, he used the highest quality craftsman to construct the city only to abandon it some fourteen years later when it is said that the water system failed. Proceed to Agra which was once the capital of Mughal India and centre of great power and glory. Visit world famous "Taj Mahal", the monument of love immortalized in marble. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his Queen Mumtaz. Also visit Agra Fort and Sikandara. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 08 : AGRA - ORCCHA - KHAJURAHO (🚗 2½ HOURS + 🚗 180 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning transfer to railway station to catch train for Jhansi. Upon arrival short drive to Orchha, a rich legacy of Bundela rulers, who built the beautiful temple and palaces here in 16th century. Visit Rai Praveen Mahal and Raja Temple. Then proceed to Khajuraho. After arrival check in at hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 09 : KHAJURAHO – BANDHAVGARH PARK (🚗 240 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning visit temples which are famous for erotic sculpture and known for their architecture and bold artistic statement. Then drive to Bandhavgarh which is situated in Shahdol district among the outlying hills of the Vindhya range. The density of the Tiger population at Bandhavgarh is the highest known in India. Upon arrival check in at resort. Overnight stay.

DAY 10 : BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

Early in the morning set out for the adventurous trial on the Jeep Safari to spot the tigers in the national park. You can witness more than 22 species of mammals and 250 species of birds. Common Langurs and Rhesus Macaque represent the primate group. Carnivores include the Asiatic Jackal, Bengal Fox, Sloth Bear, Ratel, Gray Mongoose, Striped Hyena, Jungle Cat, Leopard and Tiger. The artiodactyls frequently sighted are Wild Pigs, Spotted Deer, Sambar, Chasingha, Nilgai, Chinkara and Gaur. Mammals such as Dhole, the small Indian Civet, Palm Squirrel and Lesser Bandicoot Rat are seen occasionally. Take second ride in the afternoon. Overnight stay at resort.

* In India, most of national parks are closed from May to mid October.

DAY 11 : BANDHAVGARH – KANHA NATIONAL PARK (🚗 245 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning drive to Kanha National park. On arrival check in at the resort. Kanha is divided into two sanctuaries, Hallon and Banjar, of 250 and 300 sq km each. Though one of these was subsequently disbanded, the area remained protected until 1947. Depletion of the tiger population in the years that followed led to the area being made an absolute sanctuary in 1952. Overnight stay.

DAY 12 : KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Morning and afternoon jeep safari in the forest. You can see the Cattle Egret, Pond Heron, Black Ibis, Common Peafowl, Crested Serpent, Racket-Tailed Drongo, Hawk Eagle, Woodpecker, Pigeon, Dove, Parakeet, Babbler and Mynah, Indian Roller, White-Breasted Kingfisher and Gray Hornbill apart from the Tiger. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : KANHA NATIONAL PARK - NAGPUR - MUMBAI

(🚗 255 KM, 6 HOURS + ✈️ 1¼ HOURS)

Morning leave for Nagpur to catch flight for Mumbai. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay.

DAY 14 : MUMBAI & DEPARTURE

Morning check out from hotel and start city tour of Mumbai visiting Gateway of India, Hanging Gardens and Prince of Wales Museum. Evening transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.



Markha Trek

12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS
DELHI - LEH -
MARKHA VALLEY - HEMIS



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at the airport and transfer to hotel. Afternoon, drive to Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Then visit Red Fort. Enjoy a rickshaw ride along the alleys of ancient bazaar of Chandni Chowk with stop at Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in Asia. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 02 : DELHI – LEH (→ 1¼ HOURS)

Early morning transfer to airport to catch flight for Leh. Arrival at Leh airport and transfer to Hotel. Complete day relax in the hotel for acclimatization because of high altitude. Leh is situated 3500 meter above sea level. Evening short walk around the Leh bazaar. Overnight stay at Hotel.

DAY 03 : LEH

Full day tour of Alchi and Likir monasteries Alchi Choskor is largest and most famous of all of the temples built by the great translator Ringchem Zangpo. Likir, founded by Lama Dhawang Chosje in 14th century is also known as Klu-Kkhjil (water spirits). Return to Leh for overnight stay.

DAY 04 : LEH – SPITUK – ZINCHEN (3200 m) 4 HOURS TREK

Morning drive to Spituk Gompa which was built about 500 years ago by Gyalpo Bumde, although one temple, dedicated to Mahakala was built about 900 years ago. About 125 yellow-hat sect lamas are considered Spituk Lamas, but at least half of them live and pray at Spituk's dependent monasteries at Sankar, Stok and Sabu. The trek begins from Spituk by crossing a bridge and walking west of the River Indus. We follow the trail for 3 hours until the Indus enters a narrow gorge at its confluence with the Zinchen. From here, it's a gradual ascent through the Zinchen Valley, before we reach the small village of Zingchen. Overnight in tents.

DAY 05 : ZICHEN – YURUTSE (4150 m) 6 HOURS TREK

The trail from Zinchen ascends gradually all the way along the Rumbak Nala until you reach Rumbak, the largest village in the Zingchen Valley. You then follow a trail passing cultivated fields and scattered houses until you reach the village of Yurutse. Overnight in tents.

DAY 06 : YURUTSE – GANDALA – SKIU (3018 m) 8 HOURS TREK

A gradual ascent followed by a steep climb gets you to the Ganda La (4971 m). From the pass you are treated to fine views of snow capped mountains merging into the distant ranges of the Karakoram. The trail descends steadily to Shingo, the head of the Skiu Valley and continues down into Skiu village. You enter the village confronted by towering rock faces. Overnight in tents.

DAY 07 : SKIU – MARKHA (3793 m) 6 HOURS TREK

Today is a pleasant walk along one of the loveliest sections of the Markha valley where you can find great vegetation. En-route you will pass through several monasteries perched high on the hillsides and the path is dotted with Chortens and prayer walls. Cross right bank of river through barren plain and arrive at Chaluk. Thereafter walk along the left bank of river and after another crossing climb towards Markha village. You will reach good camp site beyond the village and near river. Overnight in tents.



DAY 08 : MARKHA - TCHATCHUTSE

(3900 m) 7 HOURS TREK

Start trekking towards the main valley on the right bank and pass the monastery of Humlung. Continue trek along the right bank and arrive in Hankar. There are several houses. The path improves and cross a broad valley on the right side. The valley becomes narrow and higher. Cross bridges on to the left bank and then reach Tchatchuste. Overnight in tents.

DAY 09 : TCHATCHUTSE - NIMALING

(4700 m) 3 HOURS TREK

Start trek through the small lake, then cross pasture to Nimaling. This is one of most beautiful high valleys in Ladakh dominated by the Kang Yaze. Trek ascent towards other side and gradually reach Nimaling. Overnight in tents.

DAY 10 : NIMALING – KNOGMARULA (5150 m) – SHANG (8 HOURS TREK)

Cross the Markha valley and follow long climb along the mountain side, then zig zag road leads towards Kongmarula. Follow steep descent into gorges and then keep walking on the left bank to Chukirmo. After crossing left bank, arrive Shang, a beautiful camp in groves and there is a monastery an hour away from the village. Overnight in tents.

DAY 11 : SHANG – HEMIS (4 HOURS TREK + 🚗 DRIVE TO LEH)

Trek starts from the riverbed, then follow a good path through large blocks. You reach a dusty trail suitable for motor vehicles and then pass a small house and series of Chortens. Leave Martsellang on the right and follow a gently rising trail towards Hemis monastery which is one of the most famous monasteries of the Ladakh region. Also visit Thikse monastery, perched on a hill high above the Indus, has the largest contingent of monks in Ladakh. Then drive to Leh. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 12 : LEH – DELHI (→ 1¼ HOURS)

Morning transfer to airport to catch flight for Delhi. Arrival at Delhi airport and transfer to hotel. Then tour of New Delhi which is in complete contrast with Old Delhi with wide tree lined avenues, parks and fountains surrounding the imposing Government and State Buildings. Drive past imposing India Gate, Parliament Buildings and President House. Then visit Qutab Minar, built in 1193 A.D. It is a striking medieval tower of victory of Persian architecture style. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 13 : DEPARTURE

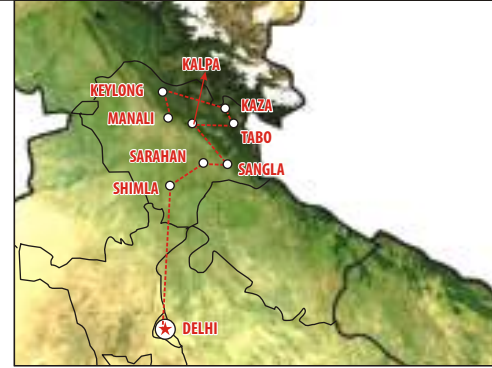
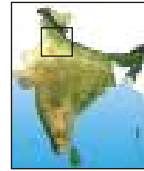
Transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.

*** This tour is recommended from May to September.**



Lahaul Spiti Jeep Safari

12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS
DEHLI - SHIMLA - SARAHAAN -
SANGLA - KALPA - TABO -
KAZA - KEYLONG - MANALI



DAY 01 : DELHI

Arrival at Delhi. Welcome at the airport and transfer to hotel. In the morning city tour of Old Delhi visiting Jama Masjid, Chandhi Chowk, Red Fort and Rajghat. Afternoon tour of New Delhi. Visit President House, Qutab Minar, India Gate and Humayun's Tomb. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 02 : DELHI – SHIMLA (🚗 340 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning drive to Shimla, former summer Capital of British India and now the capital of Himachal Pradesh, set amidst the snow capped Shivalik mountain ranges, offers some stunning views of the mighty Himalayas. Arrival at Shimla and check in at hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay.

DAY 03 : SHIMLA

Morning visit Kufri, a 30 Minutes drive from Shimla, an exotica of nature as a place surrounded by dense forest and snow capped mountains amidst virgin peaks. Later take a walking tour of Shimla and visit Jakhoo hills which offers panoramic view of Shimla town. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 04 : SHIMLA – SARAHAAN (🚗 180 KM, 7 HOURS)

Morning leave for Sarahan, beginning of the adventure, full day drive via Narkanda and Rampur and you reach Sarahan which commands a view of Srikhan Mahadev Peak. Here, you will find a mixture of Hindus and Buddhist architecture. Visit ancient temple of Bhimakali. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 05 : SARAHAAN – SANGLA (🚗 75 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning leave for Sangla in Baspa valley which is the prettiest valley in Himachal Pradesh. Drive via Karchham and reach Sangla, built on a slope with the houses rising one above the other with Gigantic Kinnar Kailash peak dominating the scene. Overnight stay in camp.

DAY 06 : SANGLA – KALPA (🚗 50 KM, 2 HOURS)

Drive from Sangla to Kalpa (2759 meter) which is the district headquarter of Kinnaur, once a favourite haunt of Lord Dalhousie. In front of Kalpa, you can have an impressive view of Raldang Kailash massif across the Sutlej river. Overnight stay in camp.

DAY 07 : KALPA – TABO (🚗 150 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning departure for Tabo (3050 meter). It is the seat of the most famous Buddhist monastery regarded next to the Tholong Gompa in Tibet. The monastery contains large number of scriptures and pieces of art, wall painting and Stucco. It is also known as Ajanta of Himalayas. Overnight in tents.





DAY 08 : TABO – KAZA (🚗 50 KM, 2 HOURS)

Leave Tabo for Kaza and en route visit Dankar Gompa. Continue drive to Kaza (3600 meter) Kaza is situated at the foot of steep ridges and on the left bank of river Spiti. Afternoon visit Ki Monastery which is the oldest and biggest Monastery in Spiti. Hundreds of Lamas receive their religious training in this monastery and it is also famous for its murals and books. Overnight in tents.

DAY 09 : KAZA – KEYLONG (🚗 185 KM, 7 HOURS)

Drive from Kaza to Kunzumla pass (4590 meter), highest pass on Spiti Lahaul road. The lofty Shigri Glacier is seen in front in all its grandeur. The crest of the pass has been marked by a chorten of stones erected ages ago. Then drive to Khokhsar. It is desolate and regarded as the coldest place in Himachal Pradesh. Finally reach Keylong, the capital of Lahaul and Spiti. Visit the town. Overnight stay in tents.

DAY 10 : KEYLONG – MANALI (🚗 115 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning drive to Manali, en-route visiting Rohtang pass (3978 meter). Here, one sees the majesty of the mountains at its height and splendour. Then you dip into Manali region and another 51 Km drive will take you to Manali. Overnight stay at Hotel.

DAY 11 : MANALI

Morning visit Manali which is circled by beautiful glades of deodars and flowering horse chestnuts. Visit Hadimba Temple, a four-story wooden temple which is located in the middle of a forest. Afternoon visit Naggar (1760 meter). It is located on a wooded slope and commands an extensive view. It was the capital of erstwhile Kulu state for about 1400 years. Here, visit Roerich art gallery which houses the paintings of Nicholas Roerich as well as his sculptures. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 12 : MANALI – DELHI (🚗 50 KM, 2 HOURS + ✈️ 1½ HOURS)

Morning transfer to Bhuntar airport to catch flight for Delhi. Arrival at Delhi and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day is free for shopping or other independent activities. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : DELHI

Morning transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.

*** This tour is recommended is from May to September.**

Orissa Tribal Tour

11 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS

**BHUBANESWAR - KONARK -
PURI - CHILKA LAKE -
GOPALPUR-ON-SEA - BATAGUDA -
RAYAGADA - CHATIKONA -
JEYPORE - VISHAKAPATNAM**



DAY 01 : BHUBANESWAR

Arrival at Bhubaneswar airport and transfer to hotel. Then city tour of Bhubaneswar. The city has some stunning temples clustered around the Bindusagar Tank. Of the original 7000 only 500 remain today. Out of these, the most outstanding is the 11th century Lingaraja Temple which represents the peak of Orissa art and the late 10th century and beautifully decorated Muktesvara temple which belongs to the end of the phase of temple building. In the evening visit the great temples of Lord Shiva: The Lingraj Temple and Parusurameshwara Temple. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 02 : BHUBANESWAR – LALITGIRI – RATNAGIRI – UDAIGIRI – BHUBANESWAR (🚗 170 KM, 4 HOURS)

Early morning leave for full day excursion to Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri and Udaygiri. These Buddhist excavation sites are of 7th century AD when Buddhism was a prominent religion practiced in Orissa. You can see ruins of excavated monasteries, Buddhists icons and Stupas on hills near river. Return to hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 03: BHUBANESWAR – KONARK – PURI (🚗 110 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning drive to Puri, en-route visiting Dhauli and Pipli villages, then visit Konark, famous for Sun Temple, built by King Langula Narasimha Deva in the thirteenth century in the golden era of Orissan art. This crowning piece of Orissan architecture and sculpture is sheer poetry in stone. Everyday the Sun rises from the lap of the blue ocean close by and casts its first gentle rays on the sanctum sanctorum and then circles the temple during the course of the day, illuminating the three magnificent images of the morning Sun, the mid-day Sun and the setting Sun. Continue drive to Puri for overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 04 : PURI

Morning visit famous Jagannath temple in Puri (entry inside the temple is not allowed for non- Hindus). The extraordinary form Jagannath takes in this famous temple is said to be the unfinished work of the craftsman God, Vishvakarma. This 12th century temple is known for its Annual Rath Yatra or Car Festival. Afternoon is free to relax on beach. Overnight stay.

DAY 05 : PURI – CHILKA LAKE – GOPALPUR-ON-SEA (🚗 340 KM, 8 HOURS)

Drive to Gopalpur en-route visiting Chilka Lake, famous for bird sanctuary. The drive takes us through scenic countryside and attractive villages. The pear-shaped lake, spread over 1,100 sq km, is Asia's largest inland salt-water lagoon. It is dotted with small islands and has an impressive array of bird life, both native and migrant. Afterwards drive to Gopalpur on Sea, an ancient sea port. Upon arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay.

DAY 06 : GOPALPUR-ON-SEA – BATAGUDA (🚗 200 KM, 5 HOURS)

Drive to Bataguda, the territory of Kondha tribal group. Upon arrival check in to eco cottage. Later soft walk to visit maliah kondha tribal villages. Maliah kondh is a subgroup of kondha tribe who were infamous for human sacrifice. You can see the tattoo faced women having tattoo pattern like the whiskers of tigers. Also visit the sacrifice pillar while visiting their villages. Interact with kondha people in the village, see their totemistic culture with aesthetic houses. Overnight stay.

DAY 07 : BATAGUDA – RAYAGADA

(🚗 150 KM, 4 HOURS)

Early morning drive to the base of belghar hills to visit kutia kondha tribal villages. Later visit kotgarh weekly market on the way to Rayagada. Kuita kondhas are one of the micro section of kondhas who live on Belghar hills. The tribals are docile and believe in shamanism. The women have small tattoos on faces and wear many ornaments specially waist belts. Overnight in hotel at Rayagada (This day has to be Tuesday)

DAY 08 : RAYAGADA – CHATIKONA – JEYPORE

(🚗 240 KM, 8 HOURS)

The morning drive today takes you to chhatikona weekly market. Here you will be taken to the hill path where Dongariya kondhas from their villages trek down with forest produce to sell or barter with non tribal. This is a good photographic opportunity. Dongariya kondhas are independent, stubborn and one of the original ethnic group of Orissa who have retained their culture and tradition till date. After market drive to Jeypore, en-route visit Kuvi kondha villages. Overnight stay at hotel in Jeypore.

DAY 09 : JEYPORE – ONUKUDELLI – JEYPORE

(🚗 180 KM, 5 HOURS)

After breakfast visit the home of the approximately 6000 members of the fierce Bondas (naked people) of Tibetan-Burmese origin. They live in the remote hills and keep themselves isolated. They grow rice by shifting cultivation and keep domesticated cows and goats. They can only be seen when they come to trade at the local weekly market. The Bonda women are noticeable by their bead necklaces, striking brass and silver necklace and their shaved heads decorated with colourful beads. Also visit the colourful Godabas, who speak Gutab a Dravidic language group. The Gadabas are one of the very primitive and colourful tribe. Return to Jeypore hotel for overnight stay. (This day has to be Thursday).

DAY 10 : JEYPORE – KUNDULI – JEYPORE

(🚗 130 KM, 5 HOURS)

Drive to Kunduli which is 65 km from Jeypore, via Sunabeda, to visit the tribal villages of Paroja and Mali. The weekly market is among the biggest and most colourful in the region. The Parojas are one of the well-known major tribes of Orissa. They are broadly divided into two sections, Bada Paroja & Sana Paroja. Men usually wear lion cloths, napkins and women wear coarse and cheap sarees. Overnight stay at hotel in Jeypore. (This day has to be Friday)

DAY 11 : JEYPORE – GUPTESWAR – VISHAKHAPATNAM

(🚗 225 KM, 7 HOURS)

After breakfast drive to Gupteswar to visit Dhuruba tribal village. They are one of the oldest tribes of Orissa and found in Koraput. The income of the family members goes to the headman and it is the head man's duty to fulfill the needs of the family members. Both nuclear and joint families are found among the Dhurubas. Continue drive to Vishakhapatnam and after arrival check in at hotel for overnight stay. (This day has to be Saturday)

DAY 12 : VISHAKHAPATNAM

Morning, visit Simanchalam Temple near Vishakhapatnam which is one of the most important Vaishnavite shrines of South India. It has Sri Varahalakshmi Narasimha Swamy as the presiding deity. Eastern Ganga King Narasimha built the central shrine in 1267 A.D. with more than 252 inscriptions describing the antecedents of the temple. Later transfer to airport to catch flight for onward destination.

*** You have to be careful with departure date as certain tribal markets can be visited only on a particular day of the week as mentioned above in the itinerary.**



Palace on Wheels

Luxury Train

7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS

**JAIPUR - JAISALMER - JODHPUR -
RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK -
CHITTORGARH - UDAIPUR -
BHARATPUR - AGRA**



Ever wondered what luxury in the royal times was all about! Welcome to Palace On Wheels, a luxury train that carries with it an ambience of the Rajputana era and an exciting fairytale journey, which takes the visitor to the imperial cities of Rajasthan - Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and Udaipur. You also visit wild life sanctuary of Ranthambore and one of seven wonders of the world 'TAJ MAHAL'. The "Royal Treat" on-board includes saloons, bar lounges & libraries as well as restaurant and organized shopping facilities.

DAY 01 (WEDNESDAY) : DELHI

Your lifetime journey on the Palace on Wheels starts from the Delhi Cantt. Railway Station at 17.45 hrs, where the guests are accorded with a warm, traditional welcome. Dinner is served onboard at 20.00 hrs and you are on the way to Jaipur. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 02 (THURSDAY) : JAIPUR

Elephants and a Shehnai recitation greet you on your arrival at the pink city of Jaipur. In Jaipur you visit Hawa Mahal, Jantar Mantar (the largest observatory built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh), Nahargarh fort, Amber fort and many more places. You return to Palace on Wheels around 1830 hrs and train leaves for Jaisalmer. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 03 (FRIDAY) : JAISALMER

Jaisalmer is one of the popular tourist destinations of Rajasthan. The city is famous for its golden fort made of yellow sandstones. The Patwon ki haveli and Nathmalji ki haveli are the finest examples of the sculptor's skills. The sand dunes outside Jaisalmer provide you an excellent place for a camel ride. After lunch on-board you can enjoy a camel safari in the sand dunes. Dinner on the sand dunes under the moonlit sky is another highlight of your visit. You can enjoy the cultural programs at a hotel in Jaisalmer and then return to the Palace on Wheels and the train then leaves for Jodhpur at night. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 04 (SATURDAY) : JODHPUR

Next morning the Palace on Wheels reaches Jodhpur, the second largest city of Rajasthan fortified by a high stonewall with seven gates and several fortresses. The famous tourist spots here include Mehrangarh Fort, Moti Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, Phool Mahal, Sileh Khana and Daulat Khana. After visit of Jodhpur, return to the Palace on Wheels. The train leaves for Sawai Madhopur. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 05 (SUNDAY) : SAWAI MADHOPUR & CHITTORGARH

Sawai Madhopur is famous for Ranthambore National Park, one of the most famous national parks of India. Here you can enjoy a safari ride to explore a variety of wildlife including tigers, chital, deer, monkeys and many more. After that you return to Palace on Wheels and leave for Chittorgarh which is known as the city of bravery and romance. The 7th century Chittorgarh Fort, has witnessed many wars

fought over to protect the dignity and respect of the beautiful queen, Padmini. Other attractions here include Vijay Stambh (Tower of Victory) and the Kirti Stambh (Tower of Fame). After visiting Chittorgarh, you return to Palace on Wheels and it leaves for Udaipur. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 06 (MONDAY) : UDAIPUR

You reach Udaipur, the city of lakes and take a tour to the palaces, forts and temples of Udaipur. It was founded by Maharana Udai Singh of Mewar, after the Sisodia dynasty was driven away by the Mughals, in 1559 A.D. Perhaps the two most beautiful sites of Udaipur are the dream-like marble Palaces-the Jag Niwas (Lake Palace) and the Jag Mandir, which appear to rise from the blue waters of Lake Pichola. After visit of Udaipur, return to Palace on Wheels which gets ready to leave for Bharatpur. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 07 (TUESDAY) : BHARATPUR & AGRA

The Palace on Wheels arrives in Bharatpur in the early hours of the day. After breakfast, you are set to visit the world famous Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary also famous as Keoladeo Ghana National Park. You can see here many varieties of birds including the rare migratory birds like Siberian cranes. The same day you arrive at Fatehpur Sikri. Here you can visit a mosque built by the Mughal emperor Akbar, dedicated to Sheikh Salim Chishti, a Muslim Sufi saint. After that you have lunch at a hotel in Agra and visit the wonderful "Taj Mahal", constructed by Shah Jahan, as a symbol of love for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. You have your dinner in the train and get set to return to Delhi. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 08 (WEDNESDAY) : DELHI

The luxury train arrives at Delhi Cantt Railway station in the morning. You have your breakfast on-board the train. And here your unforgettable journey comes to its conclusion.

*** Palace on Wheels does not operate from May to August.**



Golden Chariot

Luxury Train

7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS
BANGALORE - MYSORE - KABINI -
HASSAN - HELEBID - BELUR - HAMPI -
PATTADAKAL - BADAMI - GOA



Embark on a luxurious voyage of discovery of timeless Historical Heritage Sites, Resplendent Palaces, Wildlife and Golden Beaches. It's 7 Nights / 8 Days colorful journey begins every Monday from Bangalore and traverses through Mysore, visiting Srirangapatna, Mysore Palace; the Nagarhole National Park (Kabini) and continuing to the historical sites of Shravanabelagola, Belur-the 11th century cradle of Hoysala architecture and a world heritage site, Halebidu, Hampi and thereafter entering into the triangular heritage site of Badami, Pattadakal, Aihole, and finally the Golden Beaches of Goa before ending in Bangalore.

DAY 1 (MONDAY) : BANGALORE

The regal journey of the Golden Chariot starts from Bangalore, the capital city of Karnataka City. One of the hottest IT hubs and corporate centers of the country, Bangalore is also called Silicon Valley of India. Report and check in the morning for Golden Chariot. After lunch at Blue Ginger, drive for sightseeing trip of Bangalore city. View Vidhan Soudha, Lal Bagh and St Mark's Cathedral. Also shop at the hot shopping destination on MG Road. Warm Welcome formalities at 7:30 pm at Yeshwantpur Station. Bar opens. Have a sumptuous dinner on-board. The Golden Chariot departs for Mysore. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 2 (TUESDAY) : MYSORE

After breakfast, drive to Srirangapatnam for sightseeing. Have lunch at Regalis. Visit Chamundi Hills, great Brindavan Gardens, Lalitha Mahal Palace, Maharaja's Palace, Ranganathittu bird sanctuary, Saint Philomena's Church, Varahaswamy Temple, and many other important attractions at Mysore city. In the evening, visit Mysore Palace and Rangayana Kala Mandir. Get back to the Golden Chariot for having dinner and staying overnight on-board. The train heads towards Kabini. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 3 (WEDNESDAY) : KABINI

A fabulous wildlife getaway awaits at Kabini. After lunch watch a wildlife movie. Thereafter, see exotic wildlife with Jungle jeep safari. Return to the train. On-board, have dinner and spend the night. The Golden Chariot winds its way towards Hassan. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 4 (THURSDAY) : HASSAN

After reaching peaceful town of Hassan, drive down to Halebid and Belur to visit the renowned temples showcasing unique south Indian architecture. At lunch time, get back to train for having lunch on-

board and then proceed towards world heritage site Shravanbelagola. See exquisite 58-ft high monolithic statue of lord Gomateswara. Again return to the train for dinner and stay there overnight.

DAY 5 (FRIDAY) : HOSPET

A hectic yet fun-filled day starts as the train reaches Hospet. Visit Tungabhadra Dam. Drive up a hill to have your breakfast. Thereafter Golden Chariot takes you to Hampi. Which was once the seat of Vijayanagar rulers. The ruins at Hampi are an important tourist site today. Visit Anegudi village to experience the rural culture. Return to train for dinner. The train heads for the next important destination - Gadag. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 6 (SATURDAY) : GADAG, PATTADAKAL & BADAMI

At Gadag, visit Aihole, Pattadakal and Badami. Aihole and Pattadakal are famous for their ancient temples, while Badami is known for intricately carved sculptures. After a day full of activities, return to the train which heads for Goa. Stay overnight on-board.

DAY 7 (SUNDAY) : GOA

The Golden Chariot reaches at the shores of western coasts the beach capital of India, Goa. You have an entire day to explore the beauty and grandeur of Goa. After lunch, visit the sun-kissed Calangute beach. The gala time continues until evening. Get back to Golden Chariot to stay overnight on-board. The train starts its journey to return to Bangalore.

DAY 8 (MONDAY) : BANGALORE

Today at 11 am, The Golden Chariot returns to Bangalore. The beautiful journey comes to an end.

*** Golden Chariot does not operate during summer months.**



Nepal Tour

8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS
KATHMANDU -
CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK -
POKHRA



DAY 01 : KATHMANDU

Arrival at Kathmandu airport and transfer to hotel. Kathmandu is capital of Nepal and the Valley is the political and cultural heart of the Kingdom. It was founded in the 8th century by King Gunakamadeva at the confluence of the Bagmati and Bishnumati rivers. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 02 : KATHMANDU

Morning city tour of Kathmandu visiting Durbar Square, site of the Hanuman Dhoka Palace Complex, which was the royal Nepalese residence until the 19th century. Then visit one of the most curious attractions in Nepal, the Kumari Chowk, the temple of living Goddess, considered to be incarnation of the Hindu mother Goddess. Continue city tour to visit Swayambhunath, the golden spire of the 5th-century. Swayambhu stupa is adorned with a colorful fluttering of prayer flags; it crowns a hill overlooking the Kathmandu Valley and offers fantastic views over the city of Kathmandu. It is one of the most recognizable symbols in Nepal and the painted eyes of Buddha watch all who ascend the worn stone steps. Afternoon visit Pashupatinath and Boudhnath, the largest stupa in Nepal. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 03 : KATHMANDU

Morning visit Bhadgaon, also known as Bhaktapur which means the city of devotees. The Durbar Square, main centre of Bhadgaon city, is a conglomeration of pagoda and shikhara style temples grouped around a fifty-five window palace of brick and wood. The square is one of the most charming architectural showpieces of the Valley as it highlights the ancient arts of Nepal. Afternoon visit ancient city of Patan, also known as Lalitpur. Patan's central Durbar Square is absolutely packed with temples: Its an architectural center point with a far greater concentration of temples per sq. meter than in Kathmandu or Bhaktapur. Within the city also lies the Tibetan refugee center, home to most of the valley's Tibetan population. Overnight stay.



DAY 04 : KATHMANDU – CHITWAN (🚗 185 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning leave for Chitwan National park, located less than 60 miles south of the Great Himalayan Range in Nepal's sub-tropical Terai lowlands (600 ft), Chitwan is one of Asia's premier wildlife reserves. Its 360 square miles of tall grasslands and forests are home to a wide variety of mammals and birds, including several endangered species. On arrival check in at resort for overnight stay.

DAY 05 : CHITWAN

Full day jungle observation at Chitwan National park. The highlight being the Elephant Safari in the jungles. Other activities are Canoeing, Dugout canoe, Nature Walk and Bird Watching. You will also be guided by Naturalist who will help you to identify the nature of wildlife and various plants and animals. Then you can enjoy the Native Tharu Folk dance and stick dance in the evening. Overnight at resort.

DAY 06 : CHITWAN – POKHARA (🚗 160 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning leave for Pokhara. Upon arrival check in at hotel. From Pokhara town (827 meter) the 25,000+ peaks of the Annapurna and Dhaulagiri ranges rise a scant 20 miles away with no intervening ridges to spoil the view. Pokhara offers the best mountain scenery in Nepal without undertaking a trek. In good weather, there are splendid views right from the hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 07 : POKHARA

Morning excursion to Sarangkot. The village of Sarangkot (1590 meter) is situated on the top of a hillock just north of Phewa Lake to view the panoramic ranges of Annapurna, Dhaulagiri, Machhapuchhre and Ganesh Himal during sunrise. Afternoon visit Bindebasini Temple, Devi's fall known as Patale Chango and also visit Gupteshwor Cave. Evening enjoy boating on Lake Fewa as optional tour. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 08 : POKHARA – KATHMANDU (🚗 210 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning departure for Kathmandu. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Rest of the day is free for independent activities or shopping. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 09 : KATHMANDU

Transfer to the airport to catch your flight for onward destination.



Sri Lanka Tour

6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

**COLOMBO - DAMBULLAH - POLONNARUWA -
SINGIRIYA - KANDY - NUWARA ELIYA -
YALA NATIONAL PARK - GALLE**



DAY 1 : COLOMBO – DAMBULLAH (🚗 155 KM, 4 HRS)

Arrival at Colombo airport, you will be met and assisted by our representative. Leave straight for Dambullah. On arrival check in at hotel. Late afternoon visit Golden Cave Temples in Dambullah. Golden Cave Temples contain some of the world's finest examples of ancient Buddhist art. Many of the frescoes and sculptures are in fact well over 2000 years old. Overnight stay.

DAY 2 : DAMBULLAH – POLONNARUWA – DAMBULLAH (🚗 140 KMS, 3 HOURS)

Morning drive to Polonnaruwa, the ancient capital of Sri Lanka from 11th to 14th Century. Visit the ruins of stupas, temples and palaces which are still in excellent state of preservation. The Gal Vihare with 3 huge rock-cut images of the Buddha which is considered to be one of the world's great masterpieces of sculpture is another interesting spot to visit. Enjoy an elephant back ride in Habarana through the villages and forests. Evening drive back to Dambullah for overnight stay.

DAY 3 : DAMBULLAH – SIGIRYA – KANDY (🚗 75 KM, 2 HOURS)

Morning drive to Sigirya. Many consider Sigirya to be the 8th Wonder of the Ancient World. It is difficult not to be awe-struck upon setting your eyes upon this strange shaped rock with ruins of a palace and citadel hanging on to its sides. A rusty staircase takes you to a cave gallery containing frescoes of the famous Sigirya Maidens. Further on are the giant Lions Paws leading to a dizzy climb to the top from where superb views of the jungles and distant hills are seen. From here proceed to Kandy. It is the centre of the island's indigenous culture, with many surrounding villages producing good quality arts and crafts. The UNESCO protected Old Town area is a lovely place for an afternoon walk along a maze of streets leading to the Temple Of The Buddha's Tooth and the Kandy Lake, magnificently framed against forest clad hills in the background. Evening visit The Temple of Tooth. Overnight stay.

DAY 4: KANDY

Morning visit to Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage and Peradeniya Gardens and its Orchid Houses are the highlights of the day. Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage is Sri Lanka's number one tourist attraction. It is a wonderful place to spend a couple of hours in the company of over 70 elephants, the largest herd in the entire world. You can turn up for feeding time at 9 am or watch them bathe in the Maha Oya River for the rest of the day. Peradeniya Gardens and Its Orchid Houses are the finest botanical gardens in the East including an Orchid House with 300 varieties of orchids. Overnight stay.



DAY 5 : KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA (🚗 120 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning drive to Nuwara Eliya. Nuwara Eliya was the original Hill Station of the British tea planters who came to Ceylon, as it was then known. There is a Hill Club, Grand Hotel, a Golf Course that is the oldest in Asia and even a Race Course - all of which are bygone reminders of an English social life which once thrived here. En route visit Labookellie Tea Estate at the top of Ramboda Pass for a guided tour and a cup of tea. Overnight stay.

DAY 6 : NUWARA ELIYA – YALA NATIONAL PARK (🚗 200 KM, 5 HOURS)

Morning leave for Yala. After arrival check in at the hotel. Afternoon go for an exclusive jeep safari in the national park. Yala, the largest national park in Sri Lanka is very reminiscent of the African savannah and here the greatest variety of wildlife can be observed. Herds of Spotted Deer, solitary Sambar (Elk) and Wild Boar are common. Yala is now gaining an international reputation as the best place to watch Leopards in the world. The aggressive Sloth Bear is also present but rarely seen. Yala also contains about 250 Elephants including some magnificent solitary cross-tuskers. Overnight stay.

DAY 7 : YALA – GALLE – COLOMBO (🚗 290 KM, 6 HOURS)

After breakfast, leave for Colombo. En-route visit the The Old World Town Of Galle. Galle has a charming old Dutch Fort whose ramparts enclose an Old Town of great historical and architectural value. Finally reach Colombo airport to catch flight for onward destination.

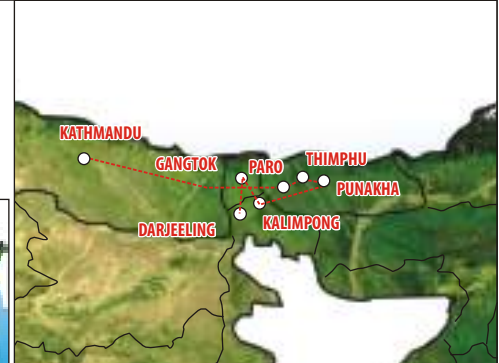
*** You may extend stay to relax and enjoy beautiful Sri Lankan beaches.**



Nepal - Bhutan & Sikkim

13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS

**KATHMANDU - PARO - THIMPU -
PUNAKHA - KALIMPONG -
GANGTOK - DARJEELING**



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DAY 04 : KATHMANDU – PARO (→ 1¼ HOURS)

Transfer to Kathmandu airport for flight to Paro to visit Bhutan. Arrive at Paro airport and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay.

DAY 05 : PARO

Morning visit the ruined fortress of Drukgyel Dzong which still attracts visitors due to its strategic location. Proceed through the beautiful valley to the watch tower or locally known as Ta-Dzong. It was housed into the National museum in the 1960s by the third King, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck. The seven floors museum highlights various aspects of Bhutanese culture and history dating back to the 7th century. Take a short walk downhill to the Rinpung Dzong which serves as the administrative center and school for monks. Walk further down crossing the traditional bridge into Paro Town. Stroll around the market and return to hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 06 : PARO – THIMPU (→ 65 KM, 2 HOURS)

Breakfast at hotel and then leave for Thimphu. On arrival check in at the hotel. Visit Memorial Chorten, Changgangkha Temple, Tashicho Dzong, Zilukha Nunnary, The National Library and the School of Arts and Crafts. Overnight stay.



DAY 07 : THIMPU – PUNAKHA – THIMPU

( 160 KM, 8 HOURS)

Day excursion to Punakha, the road winds up from Simtokha Dzong into pine forest and through villages for 20 Km. Continue drive to Punakha valley. Visit Punakha Dzong which dominates the valley floor. Drive back to Thimpu for overnight stay.

DAY 08 : THIMPU – PHUNTSHOLING

( 180 KM, 6 HOURS)

Breakfast at the hotel and then leave for Phuntsholing. En-route visit Chukkha Hydel project. Arrival at Phuntsholing and check in at hotel. Overnight stay.

DAY 09 : PHUNTSHOLING – KALIMPONG (160 KM, 6 HOURS)

Morning leave for Kalimpong and after arrival check in at the hotel. Kalimpong is an ideal holiday resort. It is also well known for its colourful people inheriting a lifestyle that has blending of social and cultural influences of Tibet, Sikkim, Nepal and Bhutan. Drive to old Bhutanese ruins and go shopping for interesting souvenirs. Overnight stay.

DAY 10 : KALIMPONG – GANGTOK (75 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning drive to Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim state in India. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Afternoon sightseeing tour of Gangtok visiting Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms or Government Institute of Cottage, Enchey Monastery which is a small hermitage built by lama Druptob Karpo. Overnight stay at hotel.

DAY 11 : GANGTOK

Morning visit Do-drul Chorten (Stupa) - Situated on a hillock built by late Trulshik Rimpoche in 1946, Hanuman Tok- (7200 ft), temple of God Hanuman, Research Institute of Tibetology, Rumtek Monastery and Ganesh Tok temple of God Ganesha. Also visit Tashi View point. Overnight stay.



DAY 12 : GANGTOK – DARJEELING

( 95 KM, 4 HOURS)

Morning transfer to Darjeeling. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Darjeeling is popularly known as the "Queen of the Hills" and produces the famous Darjeeling Tea, one of the world's finest teas. It is also home to the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, a World Heritage Site. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay.

DAY 13 : DARJEELING

Very early morning excursion to Tiger Hill by jeep to have a spectacular view of sunrise over Himalayas. Afternoon city tour of Darjeeling visiting Mountaineering Institute, Lebong race course and tea gardens. Overnight stay.

DAY 14 : KALIMPONG – BAGDOGRA

AIRPORT ( 95 KM, 3 HOURS)

Morning transfer to Bagdogra airport to catch flight for onward destination.



Ayurveda

Holidays are more than fun, leisure and nature. It is the appropriate opportunity not only to refresh but also to rejuvenate the mind and body.

Ayurveda is the perfect ancient science of life. The word 'ayur' literally means life and 'veda' the science of knowledge. It emphasises on the preventive rather than the curative aspect of therapy and orients itself towards a healthy and enlightened lifestyle. Ayurveda follows the approach of holistic treatments and helps you discover a happy and enjoyable life free of ailments. The treatment of Ayurveda is based on the belief that all the disease in human body arise due to imbalance in the Tridoshas (medical humours)—Vata (resembling air), Pitta (fire) and Kapha (water). Ayurvedic therapies are administered on patients to bring the right equilibrium in tridoshas. Ayurvedic therapies offer relaxation and rejuvenation to create a balance between mind, body and soul. Some of the popular and effective Ayurveda treatments include Panchakarma therapy, Rejuvenation therapy, Body Slimming therapy, Anti Ageing therapy & Skin and Beauty therapy.



ANTI AGEING THERAPY (28 DAYS)

This aims at keeping the enzymes in the tissue cells in their normal functioning condition. The cells are revitalized and their composition is changed. The nerves and bones are kept soft and smoothened; tranquillity of the mind is promoted. This prevents the process of ageing and makes the individual free from diseases even at an advanced age. In this Anti ageing programme, the first 2 weeks are reserved for a cleansing treatment to eliminate the toxins. Then, the rejuvenation treatments start, with medicines and diet.

Key Therapies: Nasyam, virechanam, vamanam, snehavasthi or kashayavasthi depend upon the constitution or dominant doshas along with some preparative treatments like Pizhichil, pouch massages, different types of uzichil (massage), sirodhara, sirovasthi, kayasekam etc. for purifying the body. Followed by this cleansing, there will be some rejuvenating uzichil (massage), uzichil with special creams, njavarakizhi, Ksheera dhara, kashayadhara, udvardhanam, mukhalepam, thechukulli along with rasayanas and a nourishing diet.

ANTI STRESS PROGRAMME (14 DAYS)

It is a proven fact that the mind plays an important role in governing not just the actions we take, but their qualitative nature, i.e., How well or badly we act. Anything which manipulates the mind will thus reflect on the body. People facing a lot of stress from their hectic lives thus end up with not only mental, but a host of physical problems too, usually called 'lifestyle diseases'. Ayurveda, combined with Yoga offers the perfect answer for this.

Key Therapies : The classical treatments like Uzhichil, Sirodhara, Sirovasthy, Nasyam, Kateevasthy, Njavarakizhi, Sarvanga dhara, Pichu, Thalam, Thalapothishil etc. are provided in its authentic form. All these are supported by special Yoga therapies, herbal medicines and herbal teas according to the constitution of the body.



GENERAL REJUVENATION – PANCHAKARMA (21-28 DAYS)

Panch karma is the classic 5-point revitalisation treatment that's gaining worldwide fame these days. Although Panchakarma is often thought of as the entire procedure, it really is one part of a group of therapies belonging to a class of cleansing procedures called 'shodhana'. Before the actual processes of purification begins, there is a need to prepare the body in prescribed methods and encourage the body to let go of the toxins. It is important to follow a diet and lifestyle that is harmonious with one's constitution.

Key Therapies : Snehapanam, uzichil, sirodhara, sirovasthy, podikizhi, elekizhi, dhanyakizhi, njavarakizhi, pizhichil, narangakizhi, dasamoolaksheera dhara, kativasthi, urovasthi, nasyam, vamanam, virechanam, kashayavasthi, ksheeravasthi, snehavasthi, mathravasthi etc. are the treatments in this package.

SLIMMING PROGRAMME (21-28 DAYS)

Diet pills lower the body's fat set points by speeding up the organism, making both body and brain work faster. This increases Vata, which makes both body and mind crave for more sweets to balance. Ayurveda believes in speeding up organism in healthy natural ways, with treatments to increase fat metabolism, exercise, herb-based diet supplements and the use of light non-kapha producing foods, which control vata while relieving the system of excess kapha.

Key therapies : Udvardhanam, Padabhyangam, Kalari uzichil, lepanam, medicated steam bath, podikizhi, internal medication and herbal teas.

SAUNDARYA – BEAUTY CARE PROGRAMME (7-10 DAYS)

According to Ayurveda, beauty is not just limited to attractive physical features or a slim and trim body figure but it also includes a healthy mental and spiritual state. This inner beauty is necessary, if the outer appearance is to be preserved. Ayurveda explains about seven functional units called Dhathu or Tissue. The tissue which most often needs rejuvenation is the largest of all our organs, the skin. Herbal-based facial scrubs and lotions are selected according to the dosha predominance. These rejuvenate the cells and remove wrinkles.

Key Therapies : Udwarthanam with special powders, Uzhichil with special oils, Mukhalepam – face pack with special herbs, Thechukuli-Special decoction baths, Njavara theppu – rice-pudding application. Flower baths with floral oils are also included in this program.





SOMATHEERAM AYURVEDA BEACH RESORT

Somatheeram, the world's first Ayurvedic resort is located at Chowara Beach on a hillock 9 km south of the famous Kovalam Beach with over 15 acres of greenery all around. A complete resort with Tradition, Culture, History, Ayurveda, Yoga, Beach and Nature. Rejuvenate your body and soul with Ayurveda, Yoga and Meditation.



THAPOVAN HERITAGE HOME

Perched exquisitely on top of a hillock and cliff, the heritage home is bordered by the virgin Nellikunnu beach. Carved religiously on the principles of Thachushastra – the mystical science of engineering with Gabled roof, imposing wood columns at the entrance and panelled walls. Step in and transport yourself into a pristine world.



THE TRAVANCORE HERITAGE

The Travancore Heritage is a sea side resort in 15 acres of lush green coconut garden and landscaped environs located at Chowara - south of Kovalam, near Trivandrum, Kerala. The Travancore Heritage offers a variety of therapeutic packages for you for all seasons.



SOMATHEERAM AYURVEDIC HEALTH RESORT

Somatheeram's holistic concept is to offer Ayurveda, The complete resort is embedded in a beautiful tropical garden and its bungalows are built according to the traditional architecture of Kerala. Somatheeram has been awarded several times as 'The Best Ayurvedic Centre' by the Government of Kerala.





SAROVARAM

Sarovaram Ayurvedic resort is a heritage monument located on the serene banks of Lake Ashtamudi, far away from the hustle and bustle of urban life. Coconut trees and a variety of herbal plants alongside the bewitching view of the lake provide a perfect setting to unwind and relax.

ESTUARY ISLAND RESORT

Estuary Island Resort is a beachside heaven where the Lake, River and Sea meet to form an exotic land of scenic beauty. The exclusive Estuary Ayurvedic Spa offers an extensive menu of various body and beauty treatments, integrating the traditional Indian systems of Ayurveda with the more contemporary western spa approach.



KADALTHEERAM

Everything at Kadaltheeram is specially designed for the peace-of-mind seeking traveller delivered in an ambient atmosphere. This is the place in God's Own Country, where culture, nature, Ayurveda and fine delicacies come together to give you a very special treat.

ISOLA DI COCCO

Here you have the river, the lakes, the backwaters, country boat rides and what's more, Ayurveda. If you dream of relaxing in a heritage room or lying on the beach, lulled by the sound of waves and the rustling of palm fronds stirred by tropical trade winds, then Isola Di Cocco is just right for you.





Our Fleet



Standard Car : Indigo (2-3 Persons)



Standard Car : Ambassador (2-3 Persons)



Standard Car : Swift D'zire (2-3 Persons)



Executive Car : Honda City (2-3 Persons)



Executive Car : Chevrolet Optra (2-3 Persons)



Executive Car : Ford Fiesta (2-3 Persons)



Luxury Car : Toyota Camry (2-3 Persons)



Luxury Car : Audi A-6 (2-3 Persons)



Standard MUV : Chevrolet Tavera (4 Persons)



Standard MUV : Toyota Innova (4 Persons)



Luxury MUV : Nissan X-Train 4x4 (4 Persons)



Luxury MUV : Volkswagon Multivan (4 Persons)



Micro Van : Tempo Traveller (5-8 Persons)



Mini Coach (9-15 Persons)



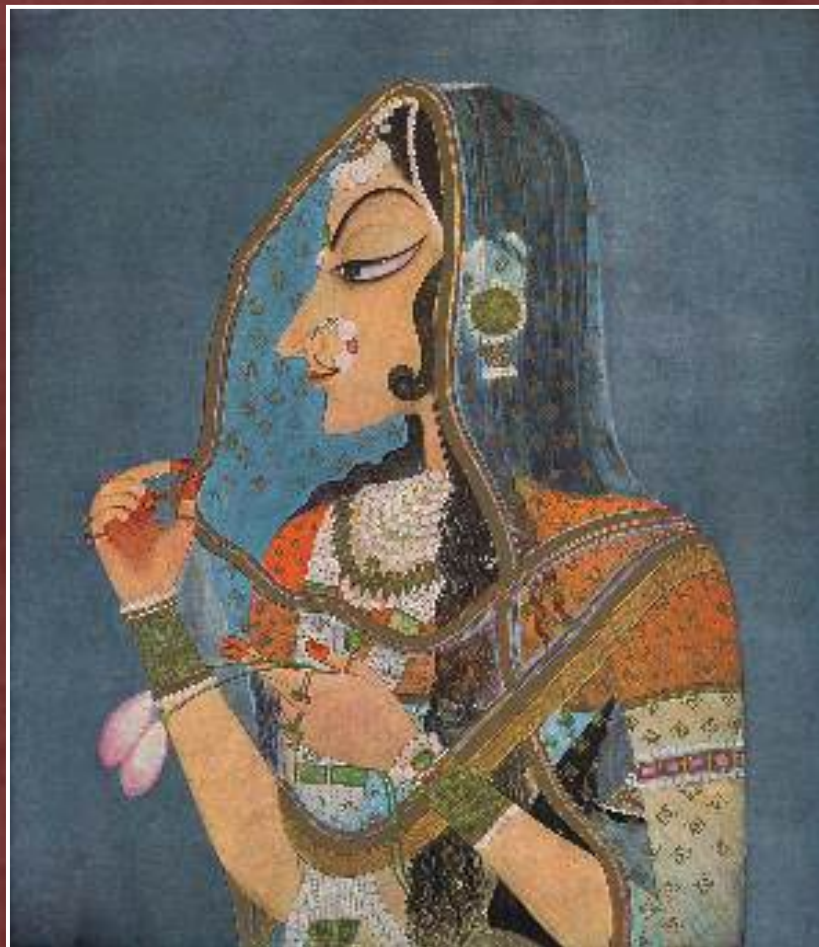
Large Coach (16-30 Persons)



Volvo Coach (31-36 Persons)

“There are some parts of the world that, once visited, get into your heart and won't go. For me, India is such a place. When I first visited, I was stunned by the richness of the land, by its lush beauty and exotic architecture, by its ability to overload the senses with the pure, concentrated intensity of its colors, smells, tastes and sounds... I had seeing the world in black and white and, when brought face-to-face with India, experienced everything re-rendered in brilliant technicolor.”

– Keith Bellows, National Geographic Society



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