

 Wendy Wu Tours®

INDIA

BHUTAN | SRI LANKA

2021-2022



Our award-winning collection of Escorted Tours & Tailor-Made Holidays
The winner of Best Specialty Wholesaler - National Travel Industry Awards, 2017

WELCOME TO INDIA!



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

CLASSIC

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

GO BEYOND

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

SOLO DEPARTURES

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

PRIVATE

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

TAILOR-MADE

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

SPECIAL GROUPS

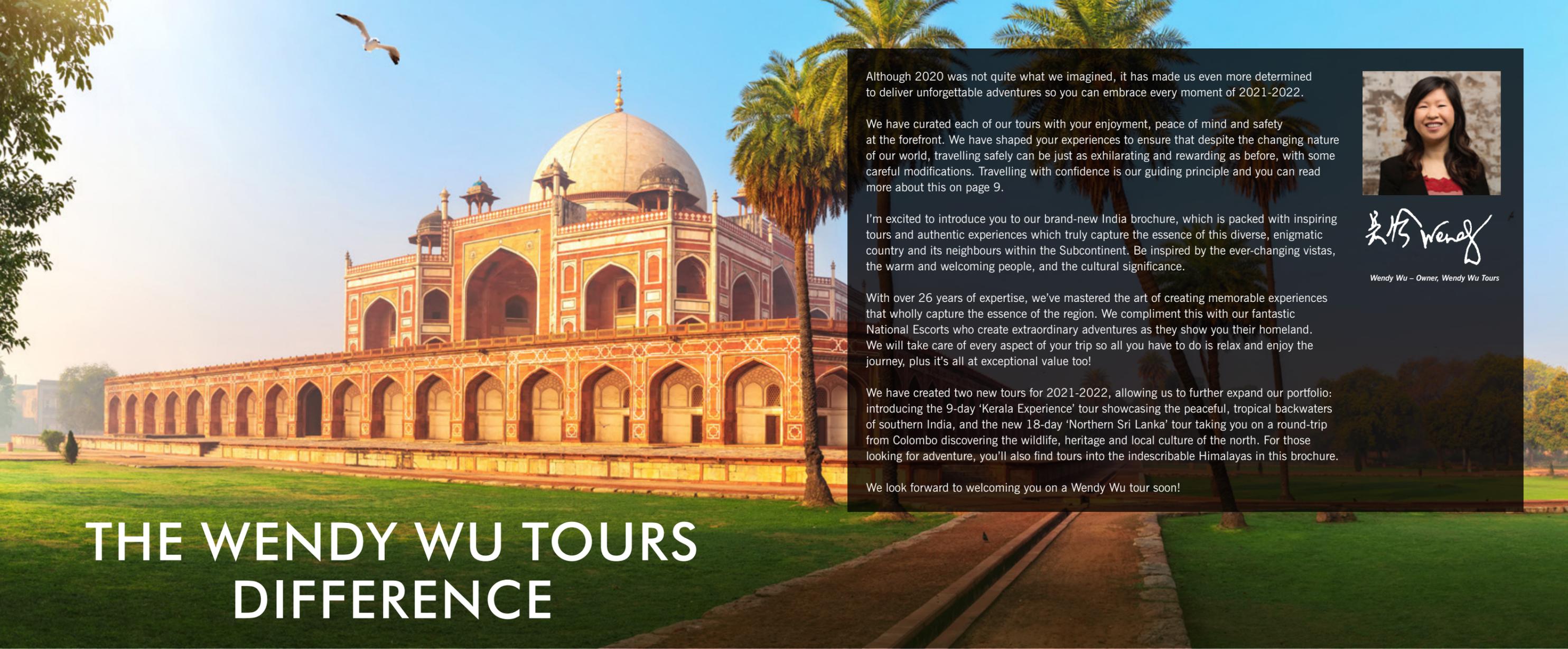
If you're travelling with 10 other passengers or more, we can arrange your very own independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself. See page 45 for more details.

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THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

Although 2020 was not quite what we imagined, it has made us even more determined to deliver unforgettable adventures so you can embrace every moment of 2021-2022.

We have curated each of our tours with your enjoyment, peace of mind and safety at the forefront. We have shaped your experiences to ensure that despite the changing nature of our world, travelling safely can be just as exhilarating and rewarding as before, with some careful modifications. Travelling with confidence is our guiding principle and you can read more about this on page 9.

I'm excited to introduce you to our brand-new India brochure, which is packed with inspiring tours and authentic experiences which truly capture the essence of this diverse, enigmatic country and its neighbours within the Subcontinent. Be inspired by the ever-changing vistas, the warm and welcoming people, and the cultural significance.

With over 26 years of expertise, we've mastered the art of creating memorable experiences that wholly capture the essence of the region. We compliment this with our fantastic National Escorts who create extraordinary adventures as they show you their homeland. We will take care of every aspect of your trip so all you have to do is relax and enjoy the journey, plus it's all at exceptional value too!

We have created two new tours for 2021-2022, allowing us to further expand our portfolio: introducing the 9-day 'Kerala Experience' tour showcasing the peaceful, tropical backwaters of southern India, and the new 18-day 'Northern Sri Lanka' tour taking you on a round-trip from Colombo discovering the wildlife, heritage and local culture of the north. For those looking for adventure, you'll also find tours into the indescribable Himalayas in this brochure.

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



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Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

With 26 years' experience operating tours throughout Asia and Beyond, our success and longevity speak for itself.

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

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

We are forever inspired by our customers and the life-changing experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that 98% of our customers would recommend travelling with us.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

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

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia and Beyond for over 26 years, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs, authentic experiences, packed with local flavour. These encounters will make your holiday truly special. Look out for the 'experiences you'll love' on each of our tour pages.

OUTSTANDING GUIDES

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

SAFE AND SECURE

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

VISAS

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

TIPPING MADE EASY

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





YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

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

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

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

TOUR PACE

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

SOLO DEPARTURES

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

CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

If you'd like to explore your destination further or arrange a stopover on your flight all you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 46) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.

PHYSICAL RATING



LEVEL 1

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

LEVEL 2

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



LEVEL 3

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

LEVEL 4

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



LEVEL 5

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

Taking care of your safety

Our customers' safety has always been our highest priority at Wendy Wu Tours. Working closely with our partners overseas and our highly experienced National Escorts, we are proud of our reputation for taking the utmost care of every customer's safety and wellbeing.

For 2021 and beyond we have strengthened our safety management processes to include measures to protect our customers and local staff from COVID-19. These new measures include protection whilst travelling, sightseeing, at mealtimes and at hotels. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our protocols include personal protection, extensive disinfecting, and social distancing measures.

Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!

For details of our safety guidelines please visit wendywutours.com.au



Guided by the very best

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



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

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AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

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

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

ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- ✔ Have at least five years' guiding experience
- ✔ Are fluent in English
- ✔ Are born and raised in India
- ✔ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- ✔ Are at your service 24 hours a day

Our Expertise

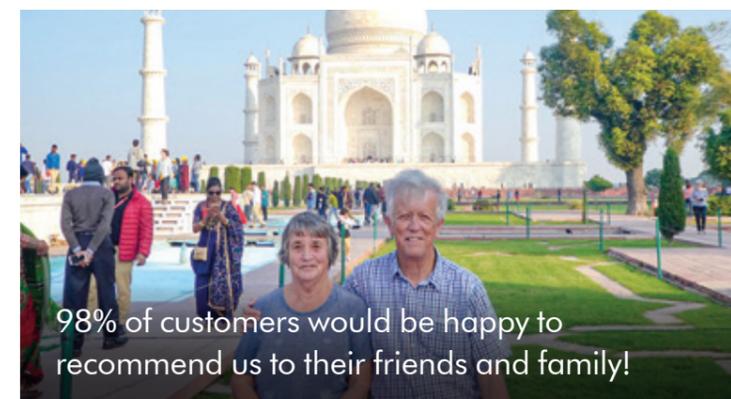
We are very proud of the awards and the accomplishments we have received over our 26 years of operation. The recognition from our customers, our industry peers and partners are rewarding, but our truest rewards are when we continually hear the extraordinary tales of adventure from our customers.

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

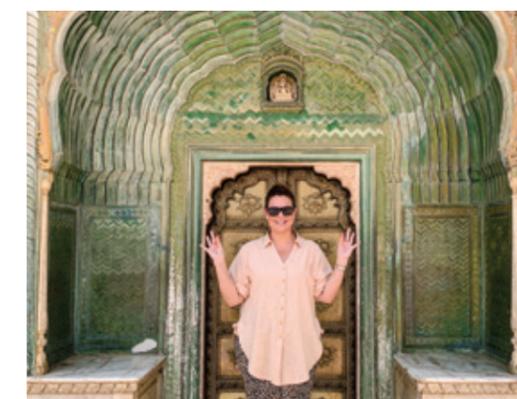


Recommended by you

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



98% of customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family!



Book with Confidence

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

1. LOW DEPOSIT

Once you've selected your desired tour, all you need to do is forward your deposit to secure your place. We are pleased to introduce our low deposit policy across our range of group tours.

2. PRICE MATCH PROMISE

Our tours are renowned for their comprehensive inclusions and exceptional value for money. We are so confident you won't find the same tours at better prices, that if you do, we'll not only match the lower price, but reward you for letting us know! Conditions apply. See website for further details.

3. EXTENDED PAYMENT TERMS

Extended payment terms are available on most group tours. This means you won't need to pay your final balance until 75 days prior to departure. Plus, if your tour is cancelled due to government travel restrictions, your deposit and any progress payments will be carried forward as full credit towards future travel with us. Contact our Reservations team for further details.

Cultural Encounters, every step of the way

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

KATHAKALI DANCE PERFORMANCE

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



LOCAL COOKING CLASS

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



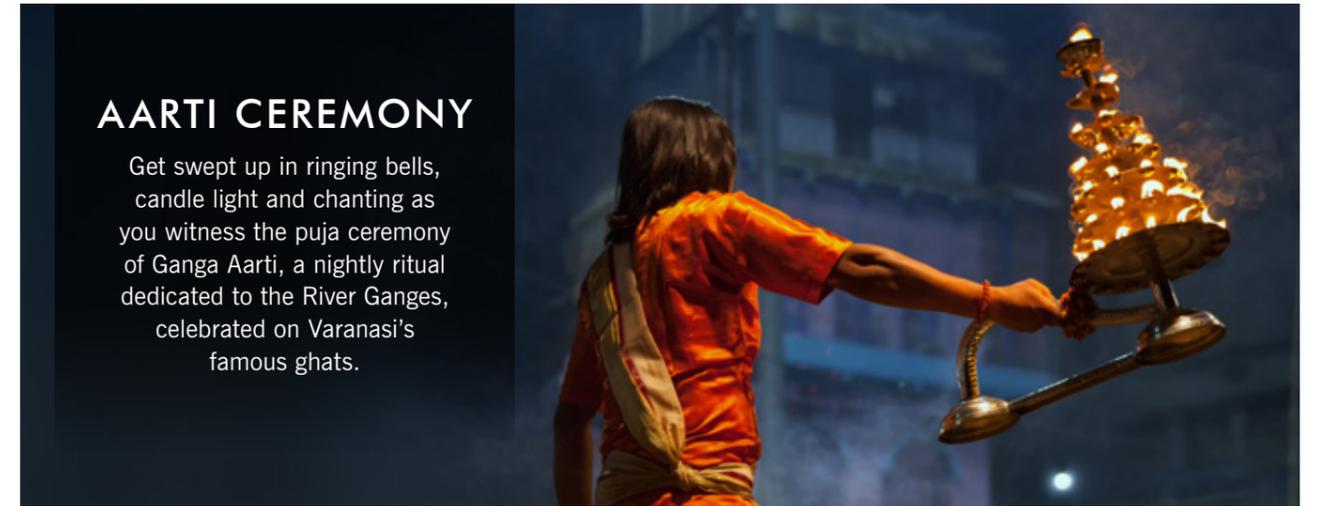
SHIMLA TOY TRAIN

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



AARTI CEREMONY

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



CINNAMON CULTIVATION

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



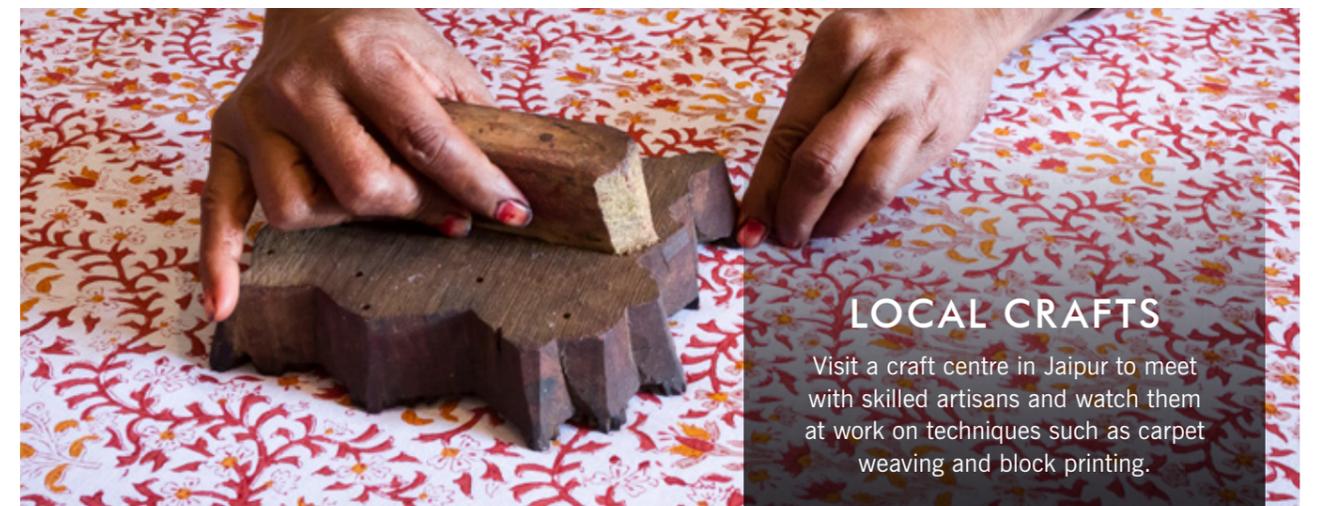
KALARIPAYATTU MARTIAL ARTS

Native to the southern state of Kerala, Kalaripayattu, at 6000-years-old, is one of the world's oldest traditions. Watch a demonstration of this fascinating martial art, practised by warriors from across castes and religions.



LOCAL CRAFTS

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





Discover India and beyond with Wendy Wu Tours

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

WENDY'S TOP 8 INDIA SIGHTS

1 RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

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



2 TAJ MAHAL

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



3 SIGIRIYA ROCK, SRI LANKA

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



4 KERALA'S BACKWATERS

A network of lagoons, canals and rivers encased in verdant greenery, Kerala's backwaters are best explored by boat – do this on our tours that include Southern India (pages 16, 26 & 32).



5 GHATS OF VARANASI

A sacred city and one of the world's oldest, Varanasi's ghats, lapped by the River Ganges, showcase humanity laid bare. See them on two tours (pages 28 & 32).



6 GOLDEN TEMPLE

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



7 TIGER'S NEST HIKE

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



8 JAISALMER FORT

Jain Temples within the Jaisalmer Fort complex are elaborately carved from yellow sandstone. This fort is one of very few remaining "living forts" where residents still reside within the fort. See our Rajasthan Panorama Tour (page 30).



CLASSIC TOURS

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International economy
airfares & taxes



3 – 4 star
accommodation



All
meals



Flights, guides,
transportation
& sightseeing



Visa for Australian
passport holders

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

EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

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

ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you'll be dining in local establishments. We include a few 'feature meals', so you get to taste

the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a whole delicious range of your destination's best dishes.

NATIONAL ESCORTS

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

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

NEW

KERALA EXPERIENCE

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$4,180

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

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Experience wildlife close-up
- ✓ Tour culturally rich Kochi
- ✓ Explore Munnar's Tea Plantations
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's Backwaters
- ✓ Travel through the paddy fields
- ✓ See ancient Chinese fishing nets



See ancient Chinese fishing techniques unique to Kochi

PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Enjoy a Kathakali performance

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Experience the ancient dance-drama tradition of Kerala, Kathakali. It is one of the oldest theatre forms in the world where performances are based on themes from Hindu mythology.
- ▶ Visit Fort Kochi with its fascinating cultural mix of Malayali Christians, Hindus, Muslims, and Jews. From charming old-world streets to the ancient Chinese fishing nets, all make this city unique.
- ▶ As one of India's best waterfalls, Athirappally Waterfalls is located on Chalakudy River, and drop from a height of 80 feet through several parallel streams. It's no wonder they're Kerala's most popular attraction.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO KOCHI

Fly to Kochi, known as the Gateway to Kerala. Upon arrival at Kochi International Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Meet the group tonight for dinner and start getting to know your fellow travellers.

DAY 2: MUNNAR

In the morning enjoy a scenic drive to Munnar, en route visit Athirappally Waterfalls, the largest in Kerala. Then continue on to Munnar and spend the afternoon visiting the Tea Factory and Museum. Tea is undoubtedly Munnar's claim to fame and deeply fragrant Eucalyptus plantations fuel the many tea factories in the region.

DAY 3: DISCOVER MUNNAR

Spend the day on a picturesque journey through Munnar, taking in all it has to offer, cascading streams, emerald forests, and wildlife reserves with endangered animals and birds.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY

Travel to Thekkady through the lush green hills. Thekkady is one of the most nature-rich areas of Kerala. This region has a large population of indigenous people & tribes, each with their own unique customs and beliefs, maintaining an ethos which is distinctly different from that of the mainstream culture. Spend the afternoon at leisure.

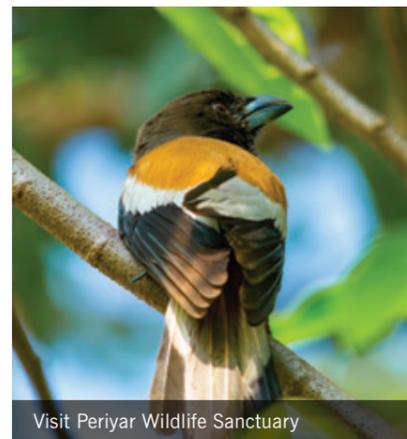
DAY 5: PERIYAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Today, enjoy a morning visit to the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. This sanctuary is the natural habitat of a wide variety of animal species making Periyar Lake a paradise for nature lovers and birdwatchers. The greatest

attraction is the herd of wild elephants that come down to play in the lake. Moreover, the Sanctuary Watch Tower situated in the forest interior gives you a panoramic view of the park. Visit a spice plantation in the afternoon.

DAY 6: CRUISE THE BACKWATERS

Rise early and journey to Kumarakom, on arrival board a Kettuvallam (traditional Kerala houseboat) and cruise towards Alleppey, one of the lowest lying areas in India. The allure of Kerala is its stunning backwaters and the town has at least six navigable canals that are its lifeline. The finest way to experience the backwaters is on a Kettuvallam cruise. Admire the natural beauty - paddy fields and narrow canals with lakeside villages and locals going about their daily lives.



Visit Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary



Visit Munnar's Green Tea Plantations

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO KOCHI

After spending the night on board the Kettuvallam, wake to the chirping of birds and occasional ripples in the water. Enjoy a sumptuous breakfast, cooked by the expert boat crew, while cruising quietly on the winding stretches of the backwaters, through various canals and waterways giving you an insight into the rural life. Disembark the houseboat and drive to Kochi. On arrival proceed with a tour of Kochi city. In the evening, enjoy an enthralling performance of Kathakali.

DAYS 8-9: FLY KOCHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR
Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.



Cruise the peaceful backwaters

EXTEND YOUR STAY...

GOA BEACH STAY
5 days from \$680pp twin share

KOVALAM BEACH STAY
5 days from \$290pp twin share

Visit page 46 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

KERALA EXPERIENCE

CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Kerala has many varied places of interest – from hill stations to lakes, modern cities to India's oldest tiger reserve, wildlife sanctuaries to peaceful backwaters, it offers one an in-depth look into this popular Southern India State.



Marvel at Santa Cruise Basilica

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES			
14 Mar - 22 Mar	\$4,180	10 Oct - 18 Oct	\$4,180
19 Sep - 27 Sep	\$4,580	07 Nov - 15 Nov	\$4,180

2022 DATES			
13 Mar - 21 Mar	\$4,480	09 Oct - 17 Oct	\$4,480
18 Sep - 26 Sep	\$4,880	06 Nov - 14 Nov	\$4,480

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Kochi – Kochi) 8 days from \$3,040 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$780

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$50pp (AU\$72pp) is paid locally in India.



Enjoy local cuisine

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$4,380

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

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Feel the buzz of Delhi
- ✓ See the colossal Red Fort
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Explore the 'Pink City'
- ✓ Admire Amber Fort
- ✓ Search for Tigers at Ranthambore



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Tour the spice markets

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

Today, explore this vivacious city! Starting in Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride through the atmospheric streets, stopping at Jama Masjid, a Mughal masterpiece of a mosque. Then wander through a local market and learn about native herbs and spices. Crossing into New Delhi, admire the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate.



See India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Journey to Agra by road and start explorations with a tour of the magnificent Agra Fort. This mass of red sandstone sits on the bank of the Yamuna River, and from its ramparts catch a first glimpse of the magical Taj Mahal, just two kilometres downstream. Next, take a rickshaw tour of the city, visiting a spice and ayurvedic herb market.

DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to share an unforgettable experience, sunrise at the Taj Mahal. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun, the building looks magical. Then travel to Ranthambore National Park, home of the majestic Bengal tigers!



Discover the Maharaja's City Palace in Jaipur

DAY 5: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

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

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

Departing Ranthambore, travel by road to Jaipur, the 'Pink City'. En route stop to admire the exquisitely carved and unique Chand Baori stepwell. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend at leisure.

DAY 7: EXPLORE JAIPUR

The day begins with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds'. Next, travel out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort, the colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort just 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Back in the city, experiment with traditional artistry at a craft centre, including block printing and carpet weaving.

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO DELHI

Leaving the Pink City, we return by road to Delhi. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. This evening, the group will sit down together for the last time at a farewell dinner and cooking demonstration at an Indian family home - the perfect time to reflect on recent adventures.

DAYS 9-10: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR
Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



VARANASI SHORT STAY
3 days from \$330pp twin share

SHIMLA SHORT STAY
4 days from \$890pp twin share

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Watch tigers in Ranthambore National Park

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

21 Feb - 02 Mar	\$4,680	10 Oct - 19 Oct	\$5,560
07 Mar - 16 Mar	\$4,380	17 Oct - 26 Oct	\$4,380
14 Mar - 23 Mar	\$4,380	24 Oct - 02 Nov	\$4,380
21 Mar - 30 Mar	\$4,380	31 Oct - 09 Nov	\$4,380
28 Mar - 06 Apr	\$4,380	07 Nov - 16 Nov	\$4,380
04 Apr - 13 Apr	\$4,380	14 Nov - 23 Nov	\$5,560
11 Apr - 20 Apr	\$4,380	21 Nov - 30 Nov	\$4,680
03 Oct - 12 Oct	\$4,680	28 Nov - 07 Dec	\$4,680

2022 DATES

06 Feb - 15 Feb	\$4,980	09 Oct - 18 Oct	\$5,960
20 Feb - 01 Mar	\$4,980	16 Oct - 25 Oct	\$4,680
06 Mar - 15 Mar	\$4,680	23 Oct - 01 Nov	\$4,680
13 Mar - 22 Mar	\$4,680	30 Oct - 08 Nov	\$4,680
20 Mar - 29 Mar	\$4,680	06 Nov - 15 Nov	\$4,680
27 Mar - 05 Apr	\$4,680	13 Nov - 22 Nov	\$5,960
03 Apr - 12 Apr	\$4,680	20 Nov - 29 Nov	\$4,980
10 Apr - 19 Apr	\$4,680	27 Nov - 06 Dec	\$4,980
02 Oct - 11 Oct	\$4,980	04 Dec - 13 Dec	\$4,980

Flight and supplement information

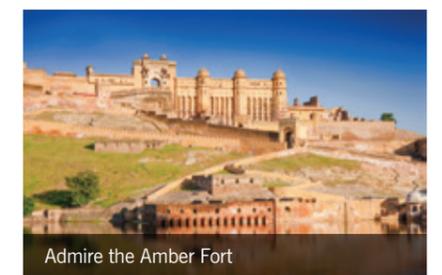
- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi – Delhi) 9 days from \$3,240 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$780

Dedicated solos departure

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$60pp (AU\$87pp) is paid locally in India.



Admire the Amber Fort

INSPIRING INDIA

- 14 DAYS FROM**
- PER PERSON \$4,880**
- FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH**
- ALL MEALS**

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Admire Udaipur City Palace

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See traditional handicrafts

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

A city equally chaotic and charming, Delhi grabs hold of you and doesn't let go! Spend the day exploring the sights of Old and New Delhi: pass the colossal Red Fort, visit India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and take a rickshaw to Asia's largest spice market. Cross over into New Delhi to make a brief stop at India Gate, and visit Humayun's Tomb and the Qutub Minar.

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Drive to Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal. On arrival, visit the Itmad-ud-Daulah, nicknamed the Baby Taj, an exquisite marble tomb that predates the Taj Mahal and is thought to have inspired it. Also explore the hulking mass of red sandstone that is Agra Fort, which sits on the banks of the Yamuna River. The fort was established in the 16th-century but has had much added to it over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles.

DAY 4: ADMIRE THE TAJ MAHAL

Wake early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – seeing it is a magical experience. Depart Agra and head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular, abandoned array of Mughal palaces and temples. Continue by road to Ranthambore National Park.

DAY 5: TIGERS IN RANTHAMBORE

Enjoy both morning and afternoon safaris through the national park, keeping your eyes peeled for tigers! There are around 50 majestic Bengal tigers living in Ranthambore's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and over 300 species of bird.

DAY 6: MARVEL AT BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

Travel to one of Rajasthan's hidden gems, the captivating Bundi, a town that is dominated by its immense fort. Within the fort walls is a beautiful palace, Badal Mahal, famous for its painted murals. Take a stroll through the town, discovering the unique stepwells – a vital source of water in the past, and a fascinating sight today.

DAY 7: EXPLORE CHITTOR FORT

Depart Bundi and drive to Udaipur, with a stop en route at Chittor Fort. One of the largest forts in India, Chittor sprawls across a hilltop overlooking the town of Chittorgarh. Its precinct contains grand old palaces, gates, temples and towers – its magnificence has been inspiring travellers and artists alike for centuries. Continue to Udaipur where, later this afternoon, you'll cruise on Lake Pichola, admiring the city's palaces from the water, including the incredible Lake Palace.

DAY 8: DISCOVER UDAIPUR

Today you will explore the city, starting with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake and stops at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Garden. Later visit the ornate City Palace and take a stroll through the local shops.



Explore Amber Fort in Jaipur

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO PUSHKAR

Travel by road to Pushkar. Set on the banks of one of India's most sacred lakes, there are 52 ghats built on the edge of the water, used for bathing by Hindu pilgrims, which are backed by hundreds of blue-washed temples. Admire the Brahma Temple, the city's most important temple, and one of few in the world dedicated to the deity many Hindus believe is the creator of the universe.

DAY 10: ARRIVE IN JAIPUR

Travel to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' and Rajasthan's capital. On arrival, visit two of the city's top sights, the Maharaja's City Palace, still the home of the city's royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful instruments designed to measure the heavens.



Discover Chittor Fort

DAY 11: SEE THE AMBER FORT

Begin the day with a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, the iconic 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort, the colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort just 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Back in the city, head to a craft centre to learn about traditional artistry such as block printing and carpet weaving.

DAY 12: DRIVE TO DELHI

Return to Delhi and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

DAYS 13-14: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



AMRITSAR SHORT STAY

3 days from \$730pp twin share

KOVALAM BEACH STAY

5 days from \$290pp twin share

GOA BEACH STAY

5 days from \$680pp twin share

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CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

13 Feb - 26 Feb	\$5,180	16 Oct - 29 Oct	\$5,180
27 Feb - 12 Mar	\$5,180	23 Oct - 05 Nov	\$6,080
06 Mar - 19 Mar	\$5,180	30 Oct - 12 Nov	\$4,880
13 Mar - 26 Mar	\$5,180	06 Nov - 19 Nov	\$4,880
03 Apr - 16 Apr	\$5,180	13 Nov - 26 Nov	\$5,180
10 Apr - 23 Apr	\$5,180	20 Nov - 03 Dec	\$5,180
17 Apr - 30 Apr	\$5,180	27 Nov - 10 Dec	\$5,180
02 Oct - 15 Oct	\$5,180	04 Dec - 17 Dec	\$6,080
09 Oct - 22 Oct	\$5,180		

2022 DATES

29 Jan - 11 Feb	\$5,680	16 Apr - 29 Apr	\$5,480
05 Feb - 18 Feb	\$5,680	01 Oct - 14 Oct	\$5,480
12 Feb - 25 Feb	\$5,480	08 Oct - 21 Oct	\$5,480
19 Feb - 04 Mar	\$5,480	15 Oct - 28 Oct	\$5,480
26 Feb - 11 Mar	\$5,480	22 Oct - 04 Nov	\$6,380
05 Mar - 18 Mar	\$5,480	29 Oct - 11 Nov	\$5,180
12 Mar - 25 Mar	\$5,480	05 Nov - 18 Nov	\$5,180
19 Mar - 01 Apr	\$5,480	12 Nov - 25 Nov	\$5,480
26 Mar - 08 Apr	\$5,480	19 Nov - 02 Dec	\$5,480
02 Apr - 15 Apr	\$5,480	26 Nov - 09 Dec	\$5,480
09 Apr - 22 Apr	\$5,480	03 Dec - 16 Dec	\$6,380

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi – Delhi) 13 days from \$3,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,050

Dedicated solos departure

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$90pp (AU\$130pp) is paid locally in India.



See tigers in Ranthambore

NORTHERN INDIA DISCOVERY

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,980

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

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

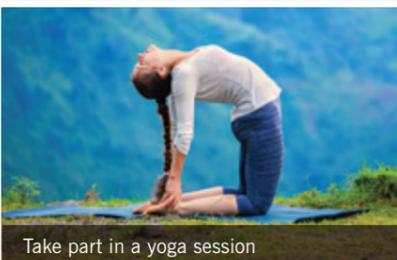
- ✓ Discover the delights of Delhi
- ✓ See the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- ✓ Tour the 'Pink City' of Jaipur
- ✓ Ride the famous Toy Train
- ✓ Explore Amritsar's Golden Temple
- ✓ Embrace Tibetan Culture in Dharamsala



Admire the Golden Temple in Amritsar

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Take part in a yoga session

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ In the birthplace of yoga, start the day with an invigorating morning practice and meditation session with a master, in the spectacular surroundings of the Himalayan foothills.
- ▶ Travel to the border of India and Pakistan to witness the border closing ceremony, a display of fantastically over-the-top showmanship that involves speed marching, high kicks and stomps, all cheered on by the crowd of locals and tourists alike.
- ▶ Visit the Golden Temple's 'langar', the kitchen that feeds up to 100,000 people a day for free! Meet the volunteers who prepare and cook the food and watch them making thousands of chapatis by hand.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

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

DAY 3: TRAIN TO AMRITSAR

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

DAY 4: EXPLORE AMRITSAR

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

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO DHARAMSALA

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

DAY 6: EXPLORE DHARAMSALA

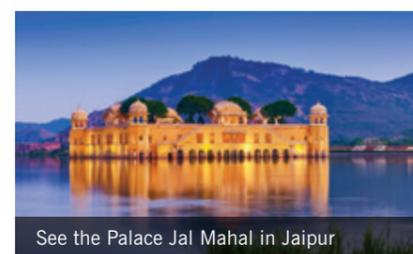
Start the day at Bhagsunag, a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva before exploring McLeod Ganj, a town with a distinctly Tibetan feel. Explore the town, visiting Buddhist temples and local markets, as well as the Dalai Lama Temple and the Tibetan Museum.

DAY 7: YOGA EXPERIENCE

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

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA

Drive to Shimla. On arrival visit the Gaiety Theatre with the rest of the day being at leisure.



See the Palace Jal Mahal in Jaipur



Explore colourful Shimla



See the sunrise over the Taj Mahal

DAY 9: TOY TRAIN

All aboard the famous Toy Train, a World Heritage railway built in 1903. This is one of India's most scenic train journeys, where you can admire spectacular views as you wind your way down from the mountains. Return to Shimla by car. This afternoon visit Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the highest point of the city, offering amazing views. Continue to the Himachal State Museum and enjoy a walking tour of Mall Road, Shimla's main street constructed during British colonial rule.

DAY 10: SHIMLA TO DELHI

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

DAY 11: AGRA FORT

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

DAY 12: TAJ MAHAL

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

DAY 13: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Start with a photo stop this morning at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) before visiting the spectacular Amber Fort. Stop at a craft centre to watch artisans at work, block printing and

carpet weaving. Before dinner you will have a cooking demonstration.

DAY 14: RETURN TO DELHI

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

DAYS 15-16: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



VARANASI SHORT STAY

3 days from \$330pp twin share

RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

4 days from \$675pp twin share

KOVALAM BEACH STAY

5 days from \$290pp twin share

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CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

28 Mar - 12 Apr	\$5,980	17 Oct - 01 Nov	\$6,180
26 Sep - 11 Oct	\$6,180		

2022 DATES

27 Mar-11 Apr	\$6,280	25 Sep - 10 Oct	\$6,480
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Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi – Delhi) 15 days from \$4,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,480

Important note

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Wander the many arches of Agra Fort

DELHI TO MUMBAI

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,780

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

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover Mehrangarh Fort
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Spot Bengal tigers
- ✓ Gaze at the 'Pink City' Jaipur
- ✓ Explore romantic Udaipur
- ✓ Soak up the culture in Mumbai



The Gateway of India

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



See Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Marvel at the extravagant grandeur of Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, a British-built and UNESCO-listed Victorian Italianate Gothic Revival masterpiece that still serves as the city's main railway station today.
- ▶ Embark on a safari through the surreal landscapes of the Little Rann of Kutch, a sprawling salt desert that is home to one of India's largest wildlife reserves, where you can spot flamingos, wild ass and white-footed foxes.
- ▶ Explore the architectural wonder that is the Jain temple of Hutheesing. Built in 1848 using traditional techniques, it is the perfect showcase of Jain architecture and the skill of the local artisans who worked on its construction.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

Take a full day to explore India's vibrant capital. Starting in Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride to Khari Baoli spice market, where you will learn about the local herbs and spices. Visit Jama Masjid before crossing into New Delhi to view the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate, finishing the day with a welcome meal.

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Travel from Delhi to Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal! Pay a visit to the beautifully intricate Itmad-ud-Daulah tomb, also known as the Baby Taj, before exploring the mammoth Agra Fort. Within the mighty walls of this city of Mughal rulers, you will find magnificent palaces, audience halls and mosques.

DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

Spend the morning at the city's most iconic sight, the Taj Mahal. A monument to love built for Mumtaz Mahal, the favourite wife of Shah Jahan, the Taj Mahal is built entirely of white marble. From a distance the effect is ethereal but get up close and you can admire the intricate pietra dura (stone inlay) work. Drive to Ranthambore National Park, India's most famous tiger reserve.

DAY 5: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

Enjoy both morning and afternoon safaris through the national park, keeping your eyes peeled for tigers! There are around

50 majestic Bengal tigers living amongst Ranthambore's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and 272 species of bird.

DAY 6: JAIPUR

Travel to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' and capital of Rajasthan state. On arrival, visit two of the city's top sights, the Maharaja's City Palace, still home to the city's royal family, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful instruments designed to measure the heavens.

DAY 7: AMBER FORT

Begin the day with a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, the spectacular 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling onwards to admire the majestic Amber Fort. This colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort can be found 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Returning to the city, head to a craft centre to learn about traditional arts such as block printing and carpet weaving.

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur. This evening, browse the fragrant Subzi Mandi (spice market) before strolling through the bustling Sardar Market with its lovely clock tower.

DAY 9: MEHRANGARH FORT

Set high above the city on a sandstone plinth, the Mehrangarh Fort is one of Rajasthan's most impressive sights. Spend the morning strolling through its palaces, temples and gardens before visiting Jaswant Thada Memorial and the museum in the magnificent Umaid Bhawan Palace. Later, travel by jeep to visit the villages of the Bishnoi tribe.



See impressive Mehrangarh Fort

DAY 10: RANAKPUR TEMPLES

Drive to Udaipur, a city of lakes, palaces and temples, stopping en route at the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur. On arrival, enjoy a spot of local shopping and lunch. You will have this evening at leisure.

DAY 11: UDAIPUR

Spend the day exploring Udaipur, visiting Fateh Sagar Lake, Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens, the Folk Museum and Mewar Art Gallery. This afternoon explore the magnificent City Palace before a relaxing cruise on Lake Pichola.

DAY 12: MODHERA SUN TEMPLE

After an early breakfast drive to Dasada, stopping en route to pay a visit to the stunning Sun Temple at Modhera, built in 1026 by King Bhima-1 of the Solanki dynasty. The temple halls in this complex are perfectly aligned along an east-west axis so the sun's rays stream through them illuminating the inner sanctum at noon. Continue to Dasada and check in at the hotel before a camel cart ride to the nearby village followed by a cultural dance performance before dinner.

DAY 13: LITTLE RANN OF KUTCH

Enjoy a morning safari in the Little Rann of Kutch. This area, with its unique landscape of desert plains, lakes and marshes is famous for being the final refuge of the endangered Indian wild ass alongside a wealth of resident and migratory birdlife. After lunch depart for Ahmedabad, stopping en route to visit the 15th-century Adalaj Stepwell and Hutheesing Jain Temple. Arrive in Ahmedabad.

DAY 14: AHMEDABAD TO MUMBAI

Take an early morning heritage walk through the narrow streets of Ahmedabad's old town to admire centuries-old architecture, before savouring the tranquillity of Sabarmati Ashram. This was once Gandhi's headquarters during India's struggle for independence. Here you can learn about his life and teachings. Transfer to the station to board the train to Mumbai.

DAY 15: EXPLORE MUMBAI

Take a tour of the cosmopolitan city of Mumbai. View the famous Gateway to India and the majestic Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, before exploring the busy Crawford Market.

DAYS 16-17: FLY MUMBAI TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR
Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

+ EXTEND YOUR STAY...

AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES
3 days from \$520pp twin share

GOA BEACH STAY
5 days from \$680pp twin share

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY
3 days from \$445pp twin share

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DELHI TO MUMBAI

CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey a classic route between two of India's most prominent cities, Delhi and Mumbai. In between exploring these cultural hubs, you'll discover palaces and temples, admire spectacular rural beauty and enjoy wildlife safaris too!



Taste a Rajasthani thali

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

17 Oct - 02 Nov \$6,180 14 Nov - 30 Nov \$5,780

2022 DATES

20 Mar - 05 Apr \$6,280 13 Nov - 29 Nov \$6,080

16 Oct - 01 Nov \$6,480

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi – Mumbai) 16 days from \$4,640 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,390

Important note

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Explore the Jain temples of Ranakpur

KERALA & THE SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,980

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

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



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

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Experience a martial arts demonstration

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO CHENNAI

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

DAY 2: DISCOVER MAMALLAPURAM

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

DAY 3: CHENNAI CITY

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

DAY 4: TRAIN TO BANGALORE

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

DAY 5: MYSORE

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

DAY 6: COONOR HILL STATION

Journey up into the cool climes of the Western Ghats to the beautiful hill station of Coonoor. Relax and appreciate the peace and natural splendour of this quaint town.

DAY 7: OOTY MOUNTAIN RAILWAY

All aboard the miniature, narrow gauge 'Toy Train' to Ooty, nicknamed the 'Queen of Hill Stations'. Upon arrival you will visit the botanical gardens and walk to a small village where you will gain insight into the lives of the local people, as well as having incredible views back over Ooty.

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO COIMBATORE

Enjoy a city tour of Sim's Park in Coonoor this morning. It includes winding footpaths, gazebos and a dense forest. This afternoon continue on to Coimbatore and spend the night.

DAY 9: MUNNAR

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

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY

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

DAY 11: PERIYAR WILDLIFE RESERVE

Though designated as a Tiger Reserve in 1978, the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is best known for its elephants. Take a walk through the reserve, keeping an eye out for



See the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram



Enjoy the 'Toy Train' ride to Ooty

its resident elephant population, as well as wild dogs, barking deer, mouse deer and the elusive Bengal tiger. Visit a spice village before enjoying a traditional kalaripayattu (martial art) show this evening.

DAY 12: DRIVE TO KOCHI

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

DAY 13: EXPLORE KOCHI

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

DAY 14: BACKWATERS CRUISING

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



See Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple

DAY 15: DISCOVER TRIVANDRUM

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

DAY 16: RELAX IN KOVALAM

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

DAYS 17-18: FLY TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR
Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



SINGAPORE SHORT STAY
3 days from \$445pp twin share

GOA BEACH STAY
5 days from \$680pp twin share

KOVALAM BEACH STAY
5 days from \$290pp twin share

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CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

21 Oct - 07 Nov	\$6,080	04 Nov - 21 Nov	\$5,980
28 Oct - 14 Nov	\$5,980		

2022 DATES

17 Feb - 06 Mar	\$6,780	27 Oct - 13 Nov	\$6,280
10 Mar - 27 Mar	\$6,280	03 Nov - 20 Nov	\$6,280

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Chennai – Trivandrum) 17 days from \$4,840 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,650

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$96pp (AU\$139pp) is paid locally in India.



Relax on Kovalam beach

HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,780

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

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Take a boat ride along the holy River Ganges

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See colourful produce at local markets

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

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

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Depart for Agra. On arrival, visit the colossal red sandstone Agra Fort, set on the banks of the Yamuna River. The fort was established in the 16th-century but has had much added to it over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles.

DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

Wake early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical sight. Later, take a train to Jhansi with a change in Orchha en route. Continue to Khajuraho, home of the famous Khajuraho temples.

DAY 5: DISCOVER KHAJURAHO

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

DAY 6: RIVER GANGES

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

DAY 7: EXPLORE JAIPUR

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

DAY 8: AMBER FORT

Start the day with a stop at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) before visiting the majestic Amber Fort, a magnificent 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort. Visit the stunning City Palace, still home of the city's royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of 18th-century astrological instruments designed to measure the heavens.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

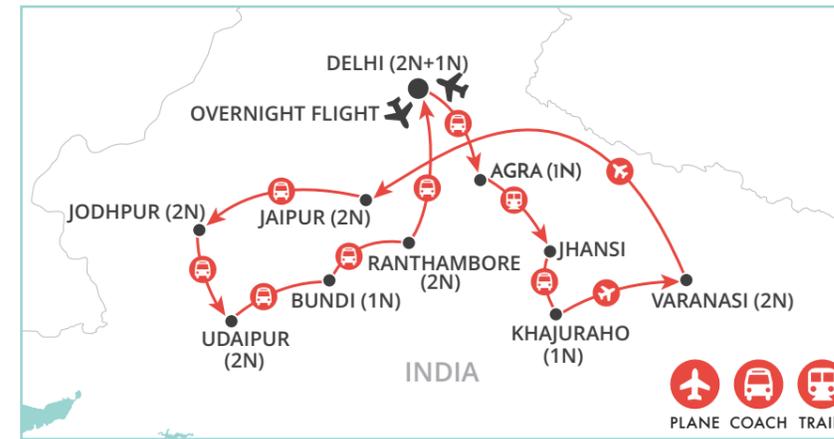
Drive to Jodhpur. Enjoy some leisure time before taking a walking tour to explore the huge variety of local produce at a bustling vegetable and spice market.

DAY 10: EXPLORE JODHPUR

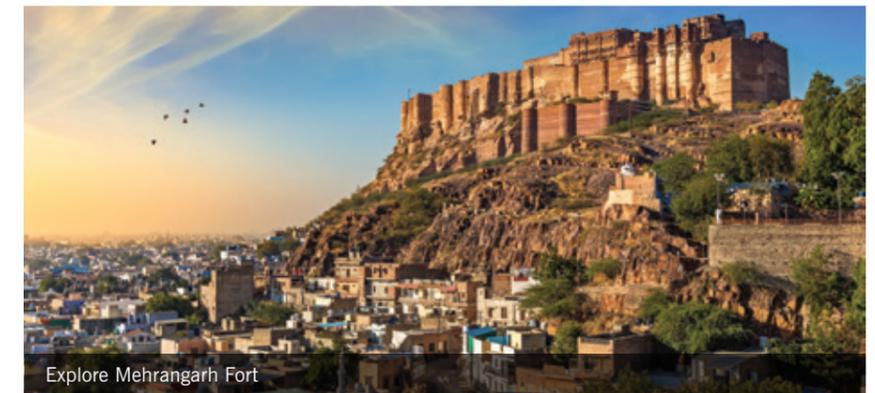
This morning visit the mighty Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada and the museum located in the extravagant Umaid Bhawan Palace. Ride an auto rickshaw to a local restaurant for lunch before enjoying the afternoon at leisure.

DAY 11: LAKE PICHOLA

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



Visit the Umaid Bhawan Palace



Explore Mehrangarh Fort

DAY 12: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

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

DAY 13: BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

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

DAY 14: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

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



Observe leopards on a safari tour

DAY 15: RANTHAMBORE SAFARIS

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

DAY 16: RETURN TO DELHI

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

DAYS 17-18: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



NEPAL SHORT STAY
6 days from \$1,500pp twin share

GOA BEACH STAY
5 days from \$680pp twin share

SHIMLA SHORT STAY
4 days from \$890pp twin share

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HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

09 Oct - 26 Oct	\$7,180	30 Oct - 16 Nov	\$6,780
23 Oct - 09 Nov	\$6,780		

2022 DATES

07 Mar - 24 Mar	\$7,480	24 Oct - 10 Nov	\$7,480
28 Mar - 14 Apr	\$7,480	07 Nov - 24 Nov	\$7,480
11 Apr - 28 Apr	\$7,480	14 Nov - 01 Dec	\$7,480

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi – Delhi) 17 days from \$5,630 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,320

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$100pp (AU\$145pp) is paid locally in India.



Marvel at Jodhpur "The Blue City"

RAJASTHAN PANORAMA

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,380

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

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Admire Taj Lake Palace on Lake Pichola, Udaipur

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Bikaner

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

DAY 2: ALSISAR HERITAGE TOWN

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE BIKANER

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

DAYS 4-5: DISCOVER JAISALMER

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

DAY 6: THAR DESERT SAFARI

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

DAYS 7-8: JODHPUR

Today, drive to Jodhpur. Much of the old town is a vivid blue, earning it the moniker 'Blue City'. Over the next two days, take a city tour visiting Jaswant Thada, the royal cremation grounds, explore the magnificence of the hilltop Mehrangarh Fort and head to the small museum housed in the imposing Umaid Bhawan Palace.

DAYS 9-10: EXPLORE UDAIPUR

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

DAY 11: RAJASTHAN COUNTRYSIDE

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

DAY 12: EXPLORE PUSHKAR

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



Visit magnificent Jaisalmer Fort

CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



See New Delhi's India Gate

DAY 13: JAIPUR

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

DAY 14: HAWA MAHAL & AMBER FORT

Begin the day at Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort. Back in Jaipur, try block painting and carpet weaving before enjoying a traditional dinner and dance performance.

DAYS 15-16: RANTHAMBORE

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

DAY 17: TRAVEL TO AGRA

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

DAY 18: THE TAJ MAHAL

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

DAY 19: DELHI

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

DAY 20: VIBRANT DELHI

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

DAYS 21-22: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

AVAILABLE AS YOUR OWN PRIVATE TOUR
Enjoy flexibility, your own guide and vehicle.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



KOVALAM BEACH STAY
5 days from \$290pp twin share

SHIMLA SHORT STAY
4 days from \$890pp twin share

VARANASI SHORT STAY
3 days from \$330pp twin share

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES			
11 Mar - 01 Apr	\$6,680	07 Oct - 28 Oct	\$6,680
25 Mar - 15 Apr	\$6,680	21 Oct - 11 Nov	\$6,680
23 Sep - 14 Oct	\$6,380	11 Nov - 02 Dec	\$6,680
2022 DATES			
24 Feb - 17 Mar	\$7,780	06 Oct - 27 Oct	\$6,980
10 Mar - 31 Mar	\$6,980	20 Oct - 10 Nov	\$6,980
24 Mar - 14 Apr	\$6,980	10 Nov - 01 Dec	\$7,180
22 Sep - 13 Oct	\$6,680		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi – Delhi) 21 days from \$5,230 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,600

Important note

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GRAND TOUR OF INDIA

29 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$12,580

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

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Experience the exquisite temples of Khajuraho

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See a Kathakali dance performance

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

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

DAYS 3-4: DISCOVER VARANASI

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

DAY 5: EXPLORE KHAJURAHO'S TEMPLES

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

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO AGRA

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

DAY 7: TAJ MAHAL

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

DAYS 8-9: RANTHAMBORE

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

DAYS 10-11: JAIPUR

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

DAYS 12-13: PUSHKAR AND KHIMSAR

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

DAYS 14-15: DISCOVER JAISALMER

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

DAYS 16-17: JODHPUR & AROUND

Travel to Jodhpur and tour the city, exploring the magnificence of Mehrangarh Fort, visiting the museum of Umaid Bhawan Palace and the spice market.

The next day drive through the desert by jeep to Bishnoi village.



DAYS 18-19: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

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

DAY 20: AURANGABAD

Morning at leisure before boarding a flight to Aurangabad.

DAYS 21-22: AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

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

DAY 23: DISCOVER MUMBAI

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

DAY 24: EXPLORE KOCHI

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

DAY 25: KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Visit Kochi's synagogue, before heading out of the city to Nedumudy to board your

houseboat. On this converted rice barge or 'kettuvallam' you will drift along the peaceful backwaters. Lunch and dinner are served onboard and you will stay overnight here too.

DAY 26: TRAVEL TO KOVALAM

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

DAY 27: VISIT TRIVANDRUM

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

DAYS 28-29: FLY TRIVANDRUM TO AUSTRALIA

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

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EXTEND YOUR STAY...

SHIMLA SHORT STAY

4 days from \$890pp twin share

AMRITSAR SHORT STAY

3 days from \$730pp twin share

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 days from \$445pp twin share

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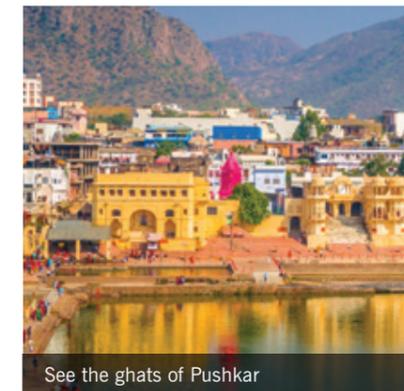
CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



See the ghats of Pushkar

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

25 Feb - 24 Mar	\$12,680	21 Oct - 17 Nov	\$12,780
07 Oct - 03 Nov	\$12,680	04 Nov - 01 Dec	\$12,580

2022 DATES

24 Feb - 17 Mar	\$12,980	20 Oct - 16 Nov	\$13,080
06 Oct - 02 Nov	\$12,980	03 Nov - 30 Nov	\$12,880

Flight and supplement information

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- Land only (Delhi – Trivandrum) 28 days from \$11,180 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,300

Important note

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Discover the Gateway to India

HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,780

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

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Climb enormous 'Lion Rock'

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Discover Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO COLOMBO

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

Visit the ancient kingdom of Polonnaruwa, another UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. The capital of Sri Lanka from the 11th to the 12th-century, it is a well-preserved city of stupas, frescoes and statues. While here, explore the Gal Viharaya, a magnificent group of rock temples and the Vatadage, an ancient structure with elaborate stone carvings. Return to Sigiriya.

DAY 4: ANURADHAPURA

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

tree, under which Buddha is said to have gained enlightenment.

DAY 5: DAMBULLA ROCK TEMPLE

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

DAY 6: CULTURAL KANDY

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

DAY 7: NUWARA ELIYA

Drive to Nuwara Eliya, the 'Little England' of Sri Lanka. Situated at 2,000m above sea level, Nuwara Eliya is the main hill station of Sri Lanka and is known for its excellent tea production due to the cool climate which creates tea with a unique flavour. Visit a tea plantation and tea factory en route. This afternoon enjoy high tea at the Grand Hotel.



Explore cultural Kandy



Discover Galle Fort

DAY 8: UDAWALAWE

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

DAY 9: YALA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy morning and afternoon jeep safaris around the park. It is home to elephants, deer and the elusive leopards, of which one of the world's largest populations can be found.

DAY 10: COASTAL DRIVE TO GALLE

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

DAY 11: OLD GALLE

Explore the Southern capital city of Galle, Sri Lanka's finest colonial treasure, and once the greatest port in Ceylon. See the lighthouse, the Old Town and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dutch Fort, before wandering narrow streets dotted with Dutch colonial villas, museums and antique shops.

DAY 12: KOSGODA TURTLE HATCHERY

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

DAY 13: EXPLORE COLOMBO

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

DAY 14: FLY COLOMBO TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia arriving home the same day.

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Visit the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy

HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

CLASSIC
SRI LANKA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An introduction to the beautiful country of Sri Lanka, travel from the rich heritage of the Cultural Triangle through the wilds of Yala National Park to the colonial seaside beauty of Galle.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

17 Apr - 01 May	\$6,780	13 Nov - 27 Nov	\$6,780
02 Oct - 16 Oct	\$6,780	27 Nov - 11 Dec	\$8,180
30 Oct - 13 Nov	\$6,780		

2022 DATES

05 Mar - 17 Mar	\$7,480	29 Oct - 10 Nov	\$7,080
19 Mar - 31 Mar	\$7,080	12 Nov - 24 Nov	\$7,080
16 Apr - 28 Apr	\$7,080	26 Nov - 08 Dec	\$8,680

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Colombo – Colombo) 14 days from \$5,300 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,200

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Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$91pp (AU\$132pp) is paid locally in Sri Lanka.



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meals



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

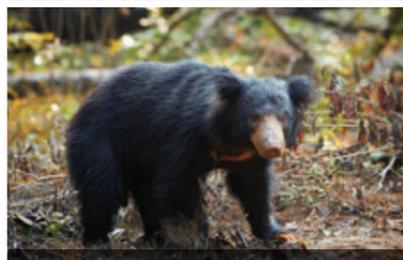
- ✓ Explore Wilpattu National Park
- ✓ Visit World Heritage sites
- ✓ Enjoy the Hot Springs of Keerimalai
- ✓ Discover Trincomalee's harbour
- ✓ Visit Kandy's sacred temple
- ✓ Discover the delights of Colombo



Explore Jaffna Palace ruins

PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Look for Sri Lankan sloth bears

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit Jaffna market for an education in eating like a local! In this city known for its saccharine sweetness, you'll find all kinds of sweet meats to tempt your taste buds, as well as peanut candy and so much more
- ▶ Wilpattu National Park offers spectacular sights and is well known for its population of elephant, sloth bear, spotted deer, mongoose and water buffalo. Enjoy a jeep safari through the park to spot the many species of wildlife that reside here.
- ▶ Get to know Colombo on a walking city tour that takes you into the past as you visit the Dutch Hospital shopping complex, stroll past the Cargill buildings and enjoy a cup of Ceylon Tea on the balcony of the Grand Oriental Hotel.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO COLOMBO

Fly to Colombo. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to Negombo, the rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure.

DAY 2: NEGOMBO TO ANURADHAPURA

In the morning drive to Anuradhapura, experiencing a jeep safari through Wilpattu National Park en route. This park is known for its elephant, sloth bear and water buffalo population. Anuradhapura's greatest treasures are its dagobas domes which enshrine sacred relics, here you will discover its most renowned relic, the 2,250-year-old sacred Bo Tree. (B)

DAY 3: DISCOVER ANCIENT ANURADHAPURA

Rise early for a city tour to learn more about the history and archaeological sites of the city. Anuradhapura was one of the first capitals of Ancient Ceylon and is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and still a sacred centre for the Buddhist faith in modern day Sri Lanka. Brazen Palace's stone columns are all that is left of magnificent residence for monks. (B)



See Brazen Palace ruins

DAY 4: BUDDHIST TEMPLE

This morning, hit the road on a picturesque coastal drive to Jaffna. This afternoon, a city tour takes you to Naguleswaram Temple, the Hot Springs of Keerimalai and the ruins of the Kantharodai Buddhist Temple. Keerimalai is a freshwater pond located a few feet from the sea. The water is clean and refreshing with two ponds segregated for male and female devotees. (B)

DAY 5: JAFFNA FORT

Today, enjoy your morning visiting Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil Temple, considered the most prominent Hindu religious attraction. Jaffna Fort is the second largest fort in Sri Lanka, constructed with black corals. Later you will visit vibrant Jaffna market. (B)

DAY 6: JAFFNA TO TRINCOMALEE

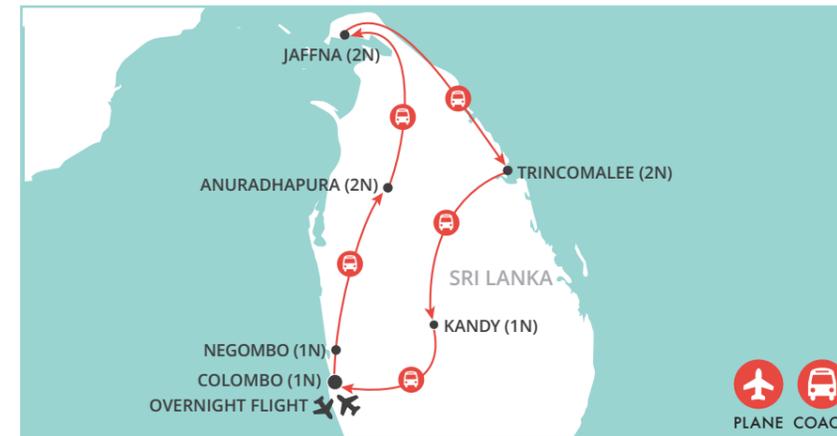
Enjoy a scenic drive through the northern tip of Sri Lanka to Trincomalee. On arrival enjoy, the afternoon & evening by the harbourside. (B,D)

DAY 7: TRINCOMALEE AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure to do your own exploring of one of the world's finest natural harbours, its Shiva Temple, and sacred and religious sites, or simply relax at your hotel. (B,D)

DAY 8: KANDY

Rise early this morning to travel to Kandy. Explore this small lakeside town set amongst the hills and discover the bazaar, arts and crafts offerings, museums and fruit markets. Kandy is home to the famous UNESCO World Heritage site, the Temple of the Tooth Relic – one of the most sacred places of Buddhist worship. This evening you will enjoy a cultural show. (B,L)



See centuries old Naguleswaram Temple



Relax on Trincomalee beach

DAY 9: COLOMBO

Enjoy the changing scenery driving through the heart of Sri Lanka from Kandy to Colombo. Once in Colombo enjoy a city walking tour, visiting the Lighthouse, Galle Face Promenade, the National Museum and many more historical landmarks in Colombo. (B,L,D)

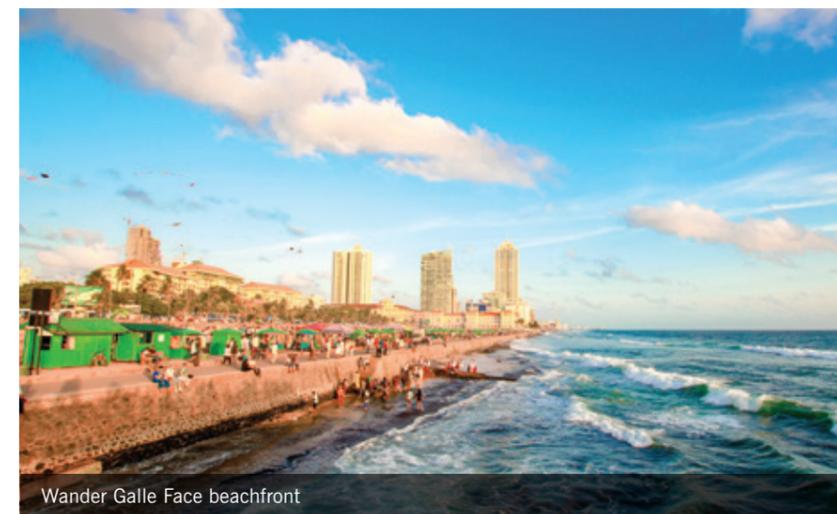
DAYS 10-11: FLY COLOMBO TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to Colombo Airport after breakfast and fly to Australia arriving home later the same day or following day. (B)

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Enjoy a safari in Wilpattu National park



Wander Galle Face beachfront

NORTHERN SRI LANKA EXPLORER

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover the wonders of Northern & Eastern Sri Lanka. The east coast introduces you to the tranquil harbour and fine beaches. Travelling inland you'll experience temples, history, heritage and colourful arts and crafts at local bazaars.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES			
17 Jul - 27 Jul	\$5,790	04 Sep - 14 Sep	\$5,790
14 Aug - 24 Aug	\$5,990		

2022 DATES			
16 Jul - 26 Jul	\$6,090	03 Sep - 13 Sep	\$6,090
13 Aug - 23 Aug	\$6,290		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Colombo – Colombo) 11 days from \$4,300 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$910

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 12 August 2020, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$70pp (AU\$110pp) is paid locally in Sri Lanka.



Explore Kandy lakeside town

HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



See costumed monks perform traditional dance

PRICE INCLUDES

- 22 breakfasts, 21 lunches, 22 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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See the views from Tiger's Nest Monastery

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

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

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO KOLKATA

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE KOLKATA

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

DAY 3: TRAIN TO NEW JALPAIGURI

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

DAY 4: DRIVE TO DARJEELING

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

DAY 5: EXPLORE DARJEELING

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

DAY 6: INTO SIKKIM

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

DAY 7: KHECHEOPALRI LAKE

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

DAYS 8-9: DISCOVER GANGTOK

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

DAY 10: RUMTEK MONASTERY

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

DAY 11: KALIMPONG AT LEISURE

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

DAY 12: GORUMARA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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

DAY 13: INTO BHUTAN

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



Visit Buddhist monasteries in Thimphu



Explore glorious Punakha Dzong

DAYS 14-15: DISCOVER THIMPHU

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

DAY 16: TRAVEL TO GANGTEY

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

DAY 17: WALKING IN GANGTEY

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

DAY 18: RURAL BHUTAN

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

DAY 19: DISCOVER PUNAKHA

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

DAY 20: TRAVEL TO PARO

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

DAY 21: TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY

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

DAY 22: FLY TO KOLKATA

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

DAYS 23-24: FLY KOLKATA TO AUSTRALIA

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

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GO BEYOND INDIA & BHUTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2021 DATES

10 Apr - 03 May \$12,480 13 Nov - 06 Dec \$11,780

2022 DATES

09 Apr - 02 May \$12,780 12 Nov - 05 Dec \$12,080

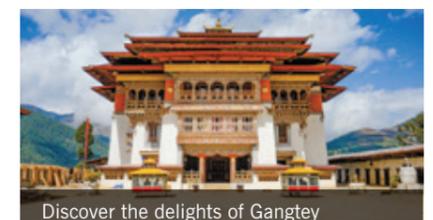
Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Kolkata – Kolkata) 23 days from \$10,530 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,650

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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$155pp (AU\$225pp) is paid locally in India.



Discover the delights of Gangtey

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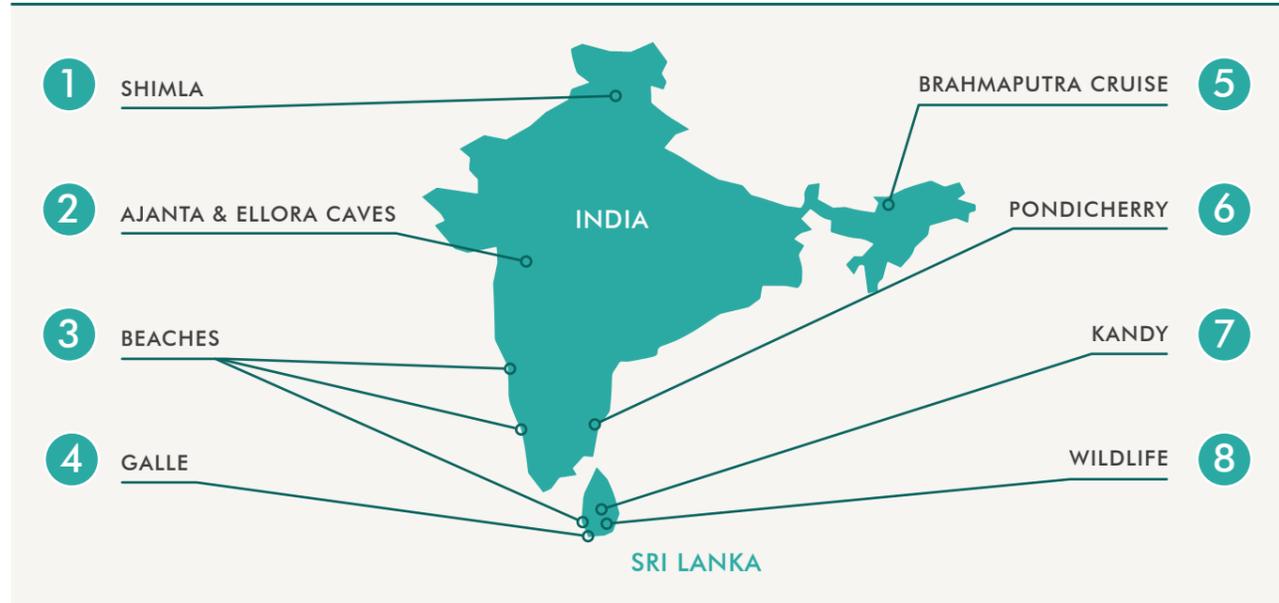
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1 SHIMLA

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



2 AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

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



3 BEACHES

Head to one of these glorious spots for some seaside relaxation – Goa, Kovalam, Marari or Bentota.

4 GALLE

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



6 PONDICHERRY

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



7 KANDY

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



5 BRAHMAPUTRA CRUISE

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



8 SPOT WILDLIFE IN SRI LANKA

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



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If you plan to travel or promote your very own private group of 10 passengers or more, our award-winning Group Organisers will arrange a Private Group tour just for you. Whether that is a group of friends, family members, valued clients or even a club or association, we can tailor an itinerary to your groups needs, so your group get to see, do and experience exactly what they want.

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Melanie WYNNE
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EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

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

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

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RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

4 DAYS

Ranthambore is India's most famous national park. Centred around a magnificent old fort, it is home to many animals including leopards, hyenas and, most importantly, Bengal tigers!

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$675	\$1,030
Superior	\$710	\$1,145
Deluxe	\$950	\$1,515

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Ranthambore, 1 night Delhi)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Shared Canter Safaris and entrance fees

Note: Ranthambore National Park is closed to visitors from July - September



See tigers in Ranthambore National Park

DAY 1: DELHI TO RANTHAMBORE

You will be transferred to Delhi railway station for your train to Sawai Madhopur. Upon arrival, transfer to Ranthambore National Park and check-in at the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (L,D)

DAY 2: RANTHAMBORE SAFARIS

Today, you will enjoy an early morning and a mid-afternoon safari around the reserve, keeping your eyes peeled throughout for glorious wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: RANTHAMBORE TO DELHI

This morning, enjoy an early morning safari before returning to the hotel for breakfast. After check-out, you will be transferred to Sawai Madhopur railway station in time for your train back to Delhi. Upon arrival at Delhi railway station you will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy at your leisure. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART DELHI

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

VARANASI SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$330	\$625
Superior	\$355	\$655
Deluxe	\$385	\$710

Price includes

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



Visit the ghats of Varanasi

DAY 1: ARRIVE VARANASI

Upon arrival into Varanasi, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Later this evening, take a rickshaw ride through the streets of Varanasi to the ghats of the River Ganges to witness the Pooja ceremony of Ganga Aarti (a prayer ceremony).

DAY 2: VARANASI

Rise early this morning to commence your cruise on the River Ganges to view the Ghats at sunrise when they are abuzz with activity. As you cruise along the river you will have an ideal vantage point. Afterwards, we drive through the largest residential university of Asia,

Banaras Hindu University. This afternoon, you will visit the Buddhist sites at Sarnath. It is the fabled place where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon to his disciples expounding the principles of Buddhism. (B,L)

DAY 3: VARANASI TO DELHI

This morning after check-out, you will be met and transferred to the airport to board your onward flight. (B)

AMRITSAR SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$730	\$1,355
Superior	\$750	\$1,385
Deluxe	\$780	\$1,435

Price includes

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



See the Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib) in Amritsar

DAY 1: DELHI TO AMRITSAR

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

DAY 2: AMRITSAR

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

a border post between India and Pakistan, and enjoy a flag ceremony performed by the border security force from both sides. (B)

DAY 3: AMRITSAR TO DELHI

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

SHIMLA SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$890	\$1,540
Superior	\$1,000	\$1,830
Deluxe	\$1,250	\$2,230

Price includes

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



Take a ride on the famous Shimla Toy Train

DAY 1: TRAIN TO SHIMLA

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE SHIMLA

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

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

DAY 3: SHIMLA TO DELHI

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

DAY 4: DEPART DELHI

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

AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

3 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$520	\$910
Superior	\$570	\$950
Deluxe	\$580	\$1,030

Price includes

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



Discover the Kailasa temple in the caves of Ellora

DAY 1: ARRIVE AURANGABAD

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE AJANTA

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER ELLORA

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

MUMBAI SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$570	\$985
Superior	\$590	\$995
Deluxe	\$730	\$1,250

Price includes

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



Discover the Gateway to India

DAY 1: ARRIVE MUMBAI

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE MUMBAI

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

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

DAY 3: DEPART MUMBAI

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

GOA BEACH STAY

5 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$680	\$1,320
Superior	\$775	\$1,530
Deluxe	\$1,140	\$2,250

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Goa)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Enjoy the gorgeous beaches of Goa

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN GOA

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

DAY 2: GOA CITY TOUR

After breakfast, enjoy a visit to two of Goa's most ornate and magical Hindu temples, Shantadurga Temple and Ramnathi Temple. Next, travel to a spice plantation where you will indulge in a Goan buffet before exploring the plantation. Later, stop by Old Goa en route to Panaji, the capital city of Goa, for a short tour and time for some shopping. Return to your hotel for a night at leisure. (B,L)

DAYS 3-4: GOA BEACH AT LEISURE

Spend the next two days at leisure for you to relax by the beach or enjoy all the activities around Goa and the resort. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART GOA

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

KOVALAM BEACH STAY

5 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$290	\$515
Superior	\$470	\$890
Deluxe	\$800	\$1,570

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Kovalam)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit Kovalam's Lighthouse Beach

DAY 1: TRIVANDRUM AIRPORT TO KOVALAM BEACH

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

DAY 2: TRIVANDRUM CITY TOUR

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

DAYS 3-4: KOVALAM BEACH AT LEISURE

Spend the next two days at leisure for you to relax by the beach or enjoy all the activities around Kovalam and the resort. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART KOVALAM

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



Take in the colour of the holy city of Pushkar

INSPIRING INDIA

13 DAYS

Journey through India's top sights including the majestic Taj Mahal, the elusive tigers in Ranthambore, the sacred city of Pushkar and the spectacular palaces of Udaipur.

Want to add a restaurant you'd like to try, or to swap one of these destination stops? That's what Tailor-Made Holidays are all about. Our Tailor-Made Specialists can make this itinerary perfect for you.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,280	\$4,095
Superior	\$2,485	\$4,465
Deluxe	\$3,270	\$5,915

Price includes:

- 12 nights accommodation (2 nights Delhi, 1 night Agra, 2 nights Ranthambore, 1 night Bundi, 2 nights Udaipur, 1 night Pushkar, 2 nights Jaipur, 1 night Delhi)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: Taj Mahal (Agra) is closed on Fridays year-round and Ranthambore National Park is closed to visitors from July - September



See Delhi's impressive India Gate

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN DELHI

Arrive in Delhi, India's wonderfully complex capital, for a two-night stay.

DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

Start by exploring Old Delhi: pass the colossal Red Fort, browse the bustling bazaar of Chandni Chowk, visit India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid. Cross over into New Delhi to make a brief stop at India Gate, and visit Humayun's Tomb and the Qutub Minar, and browse Connaught Markets. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: AGRA

Drive to Agra, home of the Taj Mahal, and visit Itmad-ud-Daulah, the 'Baby Taj': an exquisite marble tomb predating the Taj Mahal thought to have inspired it. Then explore the massive red Agra Fort. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

See the sun rise over the Taj Mahal, then head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular, abandoned array of Mughal palaces and temples. Continue by road to Ranthambore National Park. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

Enjoy both morning and afternoon canter safaris through the national park, keeping your eyes peeled for the 50-odd Bengal tigers living here, amongst leopards, sloth bears, and more. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

Travel to one of Rajasthan's hidden gems, the captivating Bundi. This town is dominated by its immense fort and a beautiful palace famous for its painted murals. Stroll through the town, discovering its unique stepwells. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: CHITTOR FORT

Drive to Udaipur, via Chittor Fort, one of the largest forts in India with grand old palaces, gates, temples and towers sprawling across a hilltop. Continue to Udaipur to cruise on Lake Pichola, admiring the city's palaces from the water, including the Lake Palace. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: DISCOVER UDAIPUR

Start your exploration with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake and stop at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Garden. Later, visit the ornate City Palace. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO PUSHKAR

Travel by road to Pushkar, set beside one of India's most sacred lakes, used for bathing by Hindu pilgrims and backed by hundreds of blue-washed temples. Take a walking tour of the vibrant market and the Brahma Temple, the city's most important one. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

Travel to the 'Pink City', Rajasthan's capital. Visit the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, filled with gigantic celestial instruments. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: AMBER FORT

Take a brief photo stop at the iconic 'Palace of the Winds' before heading out of the city to the majestic Amber Fort. Later, head to a craft centre to learn traditional artstries before browsing the local bazaar. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: DRIVE TO DELHI

Return to Delhi and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: DEPART DELHI

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



Photograph elephants in Yala National Park

SRI LANKA THROUGH THE LENS

12 DAYS

Discover the wonders of Sri Lanka on this private itinerary with plenty of opportunities to photograph ancient temples, wildlife and meet one of Sri Lanka's most celebrated photographers.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Deluxe	\$2,690	\$3,690

Price includes:

- 11 nights accommodation (1 night Colombo, 2 nights Dambulla, 2 nights Kandy, 2 nights Nuwara Eliya, 1 night Yala, 2 nights Weligama)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

Are you a food lover and want to include more culinary experiences? Contact us for more details.



The perfect image of the Temple of the Tooth

DAY 1: ARRIVE COLOMBO

On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in Colombo. In the afternoon, tour Colombo by vintage open top Jeeps, covering historical colonial era buildings, a Buddhist temple and Pettah market.

DAY 2: MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, transfer to Dambulla/Sigiriya, our base to explore the local cultural and wildlife sites. In the afternoon, head on a canter safari in Minneriya National Park to photograph elephants drinking water in the backdrop of large lakes. Numerous other wildlife that can be sighted include buffaloes, leopards, crocodiles and numerous species of mammals and reptiles. (B)

DAY 3: SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS

Rise early to head to Sigiriya Rock Fortress. After, proceed to Polonnaruwa Ancient City where you will spend the day visiting the monuments in the medieval capital including the Royal Palace, Audience Hall, amongst others. (B)

DAY 4: TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH

This morning, enjoy a visit to another UNESCO World Heritage Site, Dambulla Cave Temple. Afterwards, continue to Kandy for an evening City tour including a visit to the Temple of the Tooth relic. (B)

DAY 5: KANDY

Today, you will be taken to a celebrated photographer's home to re-live Sri Lanka's recent history through photograph. Your host will present his imagery in his own laid-back yet intimate living room. Spend the rest of your day at leisure in the bustling streets of Kandy. (B)

DAY 6: NANU OYA BY TRAIN

This morning, you will proceed to Nanu Oya by train. This is a very scenic train route where you can photograph from the moving locomotive through tea plantations

and villages. The railway line was built during their colonial days to transport tea to Colombo Port. On arrival in Nanu Oya, spend the night at leisure. (B)

DAY 7: NUWARA ELIYA

Leave for Horton Plains National Park early this morning with a picnic breakfast. Visit the scenic Baker's waterfall and spot Samber Deer in the grassy plains. Later, take a walk in Nuwara Eliya town to photograph British built bungalows and tea estates followed by visit to a tea factory to witness tea production. (B)

DAY 8: YALA NATIONAL PARK

Depart early this morning to head to Sri Lanka's best-known National Park, Yala. On arrival, you will experience a half day jeep safari where you may be able to photograph a wild Elephant, Leopard, Bear, Crocodile and Wild Boar. Spend the night within the National Park in an all-inclusive property. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: STILT FISHERMEN

Rise early for a morning game drive and another chance to see the amazing wildlife. Later, it is off to Unawatuna Beach to see the Stilt Fishermen practice the age-old traditional fishing technique. (B)

DAY 10: WHALE WATCHING

Wake up early to go Blue Whale watching on the Indian Ocean with a picnic breakfast on board. This afternoon is at leisure to relax by the beach. (B)

DAY 11: GALLE DUTCH FORT

Spend the morning at leisure in Weligama. This afternoon, visit Galle Fort and explore the town, home to many picturesque cafes, bars and antique shops. (B)

DAY 12: DEPART COLOMBO

After breakfast, you will transferred to the airport where your arrangements end. (B)

BHUTAN SHORT STAY

5 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,700	\$1,955

Price includes

- 4 nights accommodation (2 nights Thimpu, 2 nights Paro)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees
- Bhutan Permit



Hike to Taksang Monastery, known as the 'Tigers Nest'

DAY 1: PARO TO THIMPU

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

DAY 2: THIMPU

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

DAY 3: THIMPU TO PARO

Head back to Paro and visit Simtokha Dzong en route.

Upon arrival, explorer Ta Dzong an ancient watch tower and walk down a hillside trail to Rinjung Dzong. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: PARO

Hike to Taksang Monastery, known as 'Tigers Nest'. The moderate hike will take you past the cafeteria located halfway up the trail where you will enjoy lunch. Visit the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong and Kychu Lhakhang on your return to Paro. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: DEPART PARO

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

LAND OF THE THUNDER DRAGON

7 DAYS

Experience the rich history of Bhutan in this nation that is rated the 'Happiest Country in Asia'.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,615	\$2,960

Price includes

- 6 nights accommodation (2 nights Thimpu, 2 nights Punakha, 2 nights Paro)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees
- Bhutan Permit



Visit Punakha Dzong Monastery

DAY 1: PARO TO THIMPU

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

DAY 2: THIMPU

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

DAY 3: PUNAKHA

Drive to Punakha via Douchu-La: if the sky is clear you may be able to view the Himalayan peaks in the distance. Later, visit Punakha Dzong and Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: PUNAKHA – WANGDUE PHODRANG

Enjoy a day tour to Wangdue Phodrang's Old Town market, followed by Chimi Lhakhang known as 'temple of fertility'. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: PUNAKHA TO PARO

Return to Paro and Simtokha Dzong en route. Upon arrival, visit Ta Dzong an ancient watch tower, walk down to Rinjung Dzong. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TIGERS NEST

Hike to Taksang Monastery, known as 'Tigers Nest'. The hike will take you halfway up the trail where you will enjoy lunch. Visit the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong and Kychu Lhakhang on your return to Paro (B,L,D)

DAY 7: DEPART PARO

Transfer to Paro airport where your arrangements end. (B)

CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

3 DAYS

Enjoy a safari to spot rhinos and tigers, take a boat trip and enjoy a traditional dance performance.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$785	\$950
Superior	\$985	\$1,040
Deluxe	\$1,120	\$1,300

Price includes

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



Explore Chitwan National Park

DAY 1: KATHMANDU TO CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

With a morning pick up from your Kathmandu hotel, transfer to Chitwan National Park (approximately 5-6 hours drive).

DAY 2: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Begin your day with an early morning nature walk. Today brings opportunities to get up close to an elephant, spot one of the elusive Bengal tigers and see the magnificent one-horned rhino. You'll also visit the elephant stables, take a canoe ride along the river and watch the elephants bathing. This evening, enjoy a traditional dance performance and a campfire dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK TO KATHMANDU

This morning you will be transferred back to Kathmandu (approximately 5-6 hours drive). Upon arrival in Kathmandu your arrangements end. (B)

NEPAL SHORT STAY

6 DAYS

See the sunrise over the Himalayas and explore the capital of Kathmandu.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$950	\$1,500
Superior	\$1,040	\$1,730
Deluxe	\$1,300	\$2,165

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Kathmandu, 2 nights Nagarkot)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



See the Boudhanath in Kathmandu

DAY 1: KATHMANDU TO NAGARKOT

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

DAY 2: NAGARKOT

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

DAY 3: KATHMANDU

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

DAY 4: KATHMANDU TO PATAN

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

DAY 5: KATHMANDU

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

DAY 6: DEPART KATHMANDU

Transfer to Kathmandu airport where your arrangements end. (B)

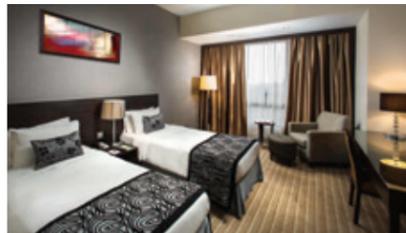
SINGAPORE STOPOVERS

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



Visit Singapore's iconic Merlion

SINGAPORE HOTELS



PENINSULA EXCELSIOR HOTEL ★★★★★
A modern full-service hotel perfect for business and leisure travellers alike. It is less than five-minute walk to Raffles City and Clarke Quay MRT Stations as well as the Singapore Formula 1 Night Racetrack, and only a five-minute drive to the Marina Bay Sands and Orchard Road. All guests enjoy free Wi-Fi during their stay.



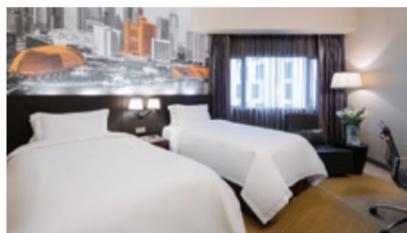
ORCHARD RENDEZVOUS HOTEL ★★★★★
Conveniently located at one of the world's most famous shopping streets, Orchard Road, the Orchard Rendezvous Hotel is a short walk from Orchard MRT Station and only a five-minute drive to Singapore's breath taking Botanic Gardens, making it an ideal starting point for your Singapore adventure.



PARK REGIS HOTEL ★★★★★
The Park Regis Hotel is located in the heart of Singapore's CBD and within close proximity to the entertainment, cultural and dining hubs of the city. Iconic sites such as Clarke Quay, Robertson's Quay, Boat Quay and Chinatown are easily accessed from this hotel.



ORCHARD HOTEL ★★★★★
The legendary Orchard Hotel Singapore is located at the centre of Singapore's premier shopping and entertainment district. It is also within close proximity to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Singapore Botanic Gardens and less than a 10-minute walk to Orchard MRT Station.



GRAND PARK ORCHARD HOTEL ★★★★★
Awarded as Asia's leading design hotel, the Grand Park Orchard is one of Singapore's trendiest hotels. Perfect for shopping lovers, it is found in the heart of the entertainment and shopping district, right next to Paragon, a premier upscale retail shopping mall.



SOFITEL SINGAPORE SENTOSA RESORT & SPA ★★★★★
The Sofitel Singapore Sentosa Resort & Spa is a 5-star luxury resort situation on the beautiful Sentosa Island. Just a 25-minute drive from Singapore Changi Airport, this property is a haven of tranquillity, offering a range of pampering experiences and complimentary shuttle bus to VivoCity shopping mall, it is perfect for those wanting to escape and relax.

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Peninsula Excelsior	\$445	\$795
Orchard Hotel	\$460	\$865
Grand Park Orchard	\$510	\$960

Price includes

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

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

DAY 2: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, a handicraft centre, the National Orchid Garden and Little India. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

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



Delight in the famous Singapore cityscape

GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Peninsula Excelsior	\$655	\$1150
Orchard Hotel	\$665	\$1235
Grand Park Orchard	\$735	\$1385

Price includes

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

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

DAY 2: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, a handicraft centre, the National Orchid Garden and Little India. (B)

DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY

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

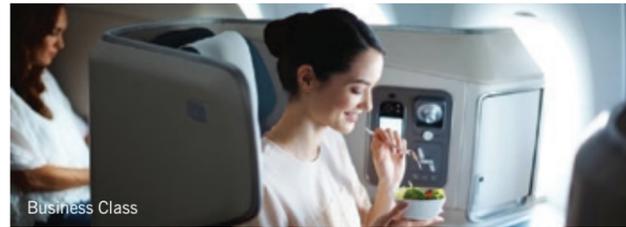
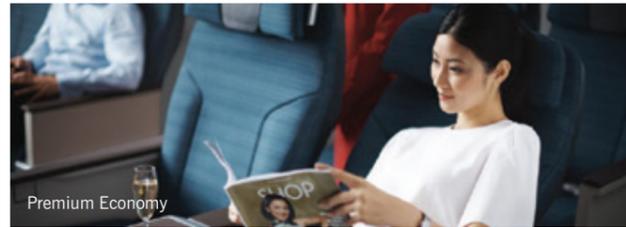
DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

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



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

A word from our preferred airline partners

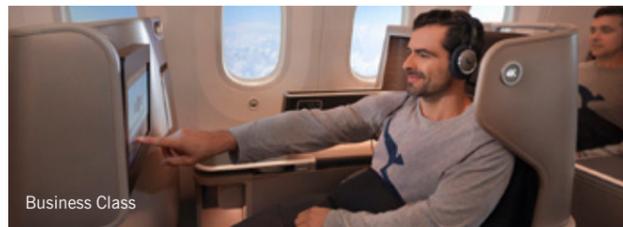


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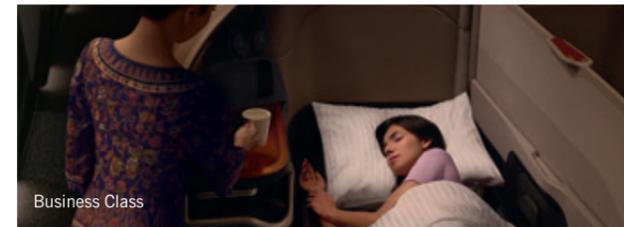
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JOINING YOUR TOUR

Airline schedules vary from city to city, meaning travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for additional accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at your own expense. Our Reservation Consultants can assist with arranging any of these additional services. The accrual of frequent flyer points and pre-seat allocation may not be possible on group fares and is at the discretion of each airline.



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Enjoy a stopover in the bustling city of Singapore. Refer to pages 56 & 57 for a selection of our preferred hotels and recommended services.



AIR TRAVEL NOTES

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

Hotels

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

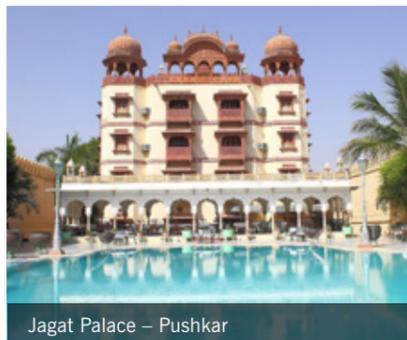
EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN INDIA



The Ambassador – Mumbai



Fairfield by Marriott – Jodhpur



Jagat Palace – Pushkar



Vasant Continental – Delhi



Four Points Sheraton – Jaipur



The Sher Garh Resort – Ranthambore



Adarsh Hamilton – Bangalore

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

India & beyond for all seasons

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

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

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

Delhi

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

Jaipur

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

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

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

Kochi

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

Mumbai

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

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

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

Kolkata

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

Darjeeling

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

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

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

Colombo

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

Kathmandu

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

Your India questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



Indian spices in Delhi

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q. How do I get my visa?

A. The cost of your visa is nearly always included in the price of your tour (Australian passport). Simply send us your passport, completed visa application form and passport size photos 75 days before departure, along with final payment and we aim to have them sent back to you with your final documentation two weeks prior to departure. If you require your passport back earlier, please let us know so that we can arrange for an express visa service at an additional charge. Passports or visa application forms received six weeks or less before departure will automatically incur an express visa fee. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Personal collection or courier services are available on request. Please note that visa regulations can change at any time, therefore please refer to our website for up-to-date information. Please note that visa regulations can change at any time, therefore please refer to our website for up-to-date information.

Q. Do I need travel insurance?

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

Q. What vaccinations do I need?

A. Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up-to-date information please seek your doctor's advice. You may also need to comply with local requirements to undertake COVID-19 tests.

Q. What size are your tour groups?

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

Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

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

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

A. We offer two ways to avoid paying a single supplement. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travelers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (along with other features like free chauffeur airport transfers, free access to an airport lounge in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne and a drinks reception on arrival). The second is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option, where you don't have to pay a single supplement if you are willing to share with another tour member of the same gender. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival at the start of the tour. Happy to Share is on request when booking less than 75 days before departure. Alternatively a private room of your own is available on any of our tours at an extra cost. Please check the tour pages or our website for details.

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

A. Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights.

Q. What currency should I take?

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

WHILE ON TOUR



Taj Mahal, Agra

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

A. India, Sri Lanka and Nepal are year-round destinations. While October – March are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists. See page 61 for more detailed information about the weather.

Q. When are Indian and Sri Lankan public holidays?

A. There are too many public holidays in India and Sri Lanka to list and most are only observed on a regional basis. Major holidays include the Holi Festival (29 March 2021 and 17 March 2022) and Independence Day (15 August). If your tour coincides with a major holiday some businesses and attractions may be closed, you may encounter crowds, and the availability of certain food and drink may be restricted.

Q. How fit do I need to be?

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

Q. What does escorted touring mean?

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

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

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

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

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

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

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

Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?

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

Q. Are meals included?

A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas, meals may be basic or repetitive. Meals

included in Go Beyond Tours are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. If all meals are included they will start with dinner on the day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

Q. Are there any optional excursions?

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

Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

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

Q. Can special requests be arranged?

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

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

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



Tea Plantation, Munnar

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

Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?
A. Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of Australian, British and New Zealand clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English-speaking passengers from other countries.

Q. What is the average age on your group tours?
A. The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?
A. They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures.

Q. How do standards abroad compare with Australia?
A. We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble-free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in Australia. We therefore ask that you take care;

pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or local guide.

Q. Is portage included?
A. Portage is not included on our group tours to India or Sri Lanka.

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

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

COVID-19 Precautions

We have established a set of firm but practical safety requirements for our overseas partners to follow in 2021 and for as long as COVID-19 is a threat. These are designed to help protect you as well as our local teams of drivers, guides, National Escorts and others. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our safety protocols cover all aspects of touring, be it travelling, sightseeing, mealtimes or your hotel stays. Measures include personal protection, extensive disinfecting and social distancing. Please see our website for full details, as these are likely to change and evolve over time. Needless to say, for your own protection you will be expected to follow the rules and regulations laid down by the health authorities in your host destination. Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!

WeCare - Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.



Booking your trip

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

1. Choose your tour

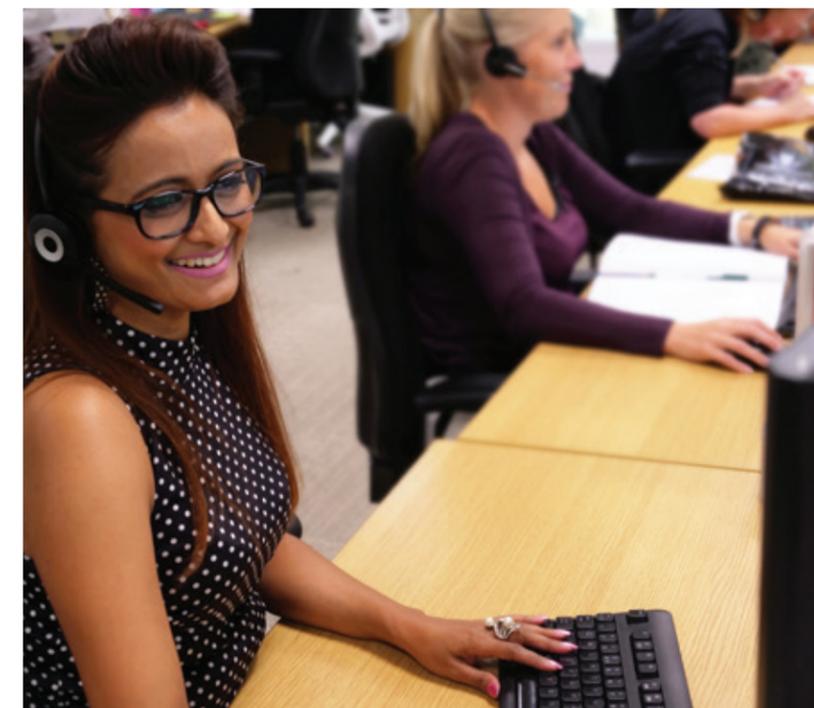
Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

2. Speak to an expert

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

3. Make a booking

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



Your loyalty matters

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

LOYALTY DISCOUNT*

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

REFER A FRIEND

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

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WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions ('Booking Conditions') form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd, of Level 19, 15 Castlereagh St, Sydney, Australia. ATAS: A10517. ABN: 87 082 688 202. Please read them carefully before making a booking request as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By making a booking request, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the Booking Conditions as well as the specific day to day demands of your chosen tour and agree to be bound by them.

These Booking Conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in Australia and which we agree to make, provide, or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. In these booking conditions, "you", "your", "customer" or "passenger" means each person named on a booking request (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd. Please note that we reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you placing a booking request. The latest version of our Booking Conditions is published at wendywutours.com.au. It is your obligation to review the latest version of our Booking Conditions prior to making a booking request.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Price Surcharges: We reserve the right to surcharge the cost of your booked travel arrangements prior to commencement for

circumstances beyond our control such as currency devaluation, fuel or air fare surcharges, or the imposition of new or amended Government charges. We will not surcharge for currency fluctuations once full payment has been received by us.

PAYMENTS Deposit: You are required to pay a deposit of \$300 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of commencement of your travel arrangements) to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent within three days of you making your booking request. Please note that we may not hold any services for you until we receive payment of your deposit, meaning that services may become unavailable or prices may increase, in which case you will be responsible for paying the increased price, and we will not be responsible if services become unavailable. In some cases the amount of the deposit may be higher where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flight tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. This will be advised at the time of quotation.

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

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

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

SPECIAL REQUESTS If you have any special requests, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

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

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

During travel: You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the trip's inclusions may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including road conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, and/or vehicle breakdowns.

General: To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary or the inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond our control happening after we have accepted your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications. If you are entitled to any

compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept. We will not be responsible to you for any expenses or loss you incur in connection with your booking resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

CANCELLATION BY YOU General: all cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation charges (subject to any additional charges for air or rail tickets as referred to below) from the date the written cancellation is received:

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

Airfare & Rail Tickets: If airline and rail tickets have been issued, the rules of the fare airfare will determine cancellation and/or amendment charges. Note that it is often the case the air and rail tickets once issued are non-refundable. You agree that these cancellation charges are reasonable, represent a genuine pre-estimate of our loss and are required to protect our legitimate business interests. For group departures, a transfer of a confirmed booking to another departure date is deemed to be cancellation of the original booking. Following the commencement of your tour, no refunds will be made for any services which you choose not to use or which you cannot use for any reason other than a reason within our control. Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. Please note that employees of any overseas company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in respect of refunds or any other matters.

CANCELLATION BY US Minimum Numbers: Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. We will advise you no less than 60 days prior to your tour commencement if minimum numbers have not been achieved. Please see the 'General' section below for your rights in this circumstance.

Force Majeure - Prior to travel: If your travel arrangements cannot proceed due to flood, earthquake, war or civil strife, acts of terrorism, hurricane, cyclone, industrial disturbance, strike, fire, lock-out, epidemic, pandemic, failure or delays of scheduled transportation, or any law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including quarantine requirements or government travel advisories), or for any other reason beyond our reasonable control (Force Majeure), we may elect to:

- reschedule your travel arrangements, in which case we will issue you with a credit equal to amounts paid; or
- cancel your travel arrangements, in which case our contract with you will terminate.

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

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

General: If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance. If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons beyond Force Majeure (including if minimum numbers are not achieved), you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid (less visa cost), or the offer of a trip of substantially equal or better quality if appropriate. We will not be responsible to you for any expenses or loss you incur in connection with your booking if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled whether or not due to Force Majeure.

JOINING YOUR TOUR Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en-route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services. If you have booked a land only option, please email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas.

ILLNESS If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a temperature test in relation to Covid-19):

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

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

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

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

TRAVEL INSURANCE We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health requirements specific to the countries being visited. Any pre-existing dietary requirement/food allergy; disability; medical, health, physical, psychological, or behavioural condition ('health conditions') must be discussed with your doctor who can confirm your suitability to travel on your chosen tour. The 'tour pace' of each tour is outlined in our brochures, on our website and also in the Tour Dossier. All passengers will receive a link to download a copy of the Tour Dossier with quote and deposit documents. If you or any member of your party has any health conditions, which may affect you while travelling, you must provide us with full details in writing prior to making your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of your arrangements. You must also promptly advise us if there are any changes to your health that may affect your holiday after your booking has been confirmed. In the best interests of yourself and of your tour group, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to prevent you from further participation on a tour if a health condition presents itself that significantly affects the enjoyment or wellbeing of yourself or the rest of your group. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable to refund any part of the price of the tour paid by you, or on your behalf, which you have not used if you are prevented from participating on a tour due to a health condition. You will be responsible for making alternative arrangements to accommodate any health condition. The information provided does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if your condition exacerbates or affects your ability to participate in any portion of the tour. Your medical and dietary information is collected so that we may process your booking. Your medical and dietary information will be provided to our suppliers and partners overseas for the sole purpose of endeavouring to accommodate your condition where possible.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING A passport with a minimum of six months validity upon return to Australia is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in all fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not be able to assist with processing the visas for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure (90 days for multi-country, Myanmar and Central Asia), you will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee, which we will advise at the time. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned to you with final documentation approximately two to three weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity, purchase of additional required passport photos, the cost for sending passports to Wendy Wu Tours and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability. Relevant authorities may require additional documentation to approve your visa application. The cost of additional documentation or application forms are at the travellers expense. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

Late Bookings: If a booking is made within 75 days prior to departure it is considered a late booking. Late bookings may incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa

applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS When booking more than 80 days prior to departure, single travellers on fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours may avoid paying the Single Supplements by opting to travel on a 'happy to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match 'happy to share' travellers of the same gender booked on the same departure. In the event that we are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room at no extra charge. If the booking originated as a twin share booking and one traveller cancels, the remaining traveller will be charged the applicable single supplement. If the cancellation occurs more than 75 days prior to the tour departure date, the option to select 'happy to share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour. Our dedicated solo departures are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'happy to share' option.

SEATBELTS Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in all destinations featured in this brochure and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim howsoever arising from injury or damage in respect of, arising from or contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Wendy Wu Tours from all such claims.

INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

SOLO DEPARTURE AIRPORT TRANSFERS Private chauffeur-driven transfers are eligible from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Cairns, based on executive sedan or similar. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am-6:00am. Available within a radius of 50 driven kilometers from the nearest international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometers can be booked at a supplement. Based on a maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline luggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

SHOPPING & OTHER SERVICES Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets, where many copies of international brand names can be purchased for next to nothing. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion. Leisure activities and services undertaken during free time is at the customer's own discretion.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers. You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your itinerary. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for these risks.

RESPONSIBILITY Services supplied by independent suppliers: Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (Independent Supplier) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable steps to select a reputable Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport

companies (i.e., vehicles not operated by us) and common carriers. We act as an intermediary only and you will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Independent Supplier. Any disputes between you and the Independent Supplier are to be resolved between you and them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier.

Services we directly supply: To the extent only that we are the principal supplier to you of travel arrangements or other services which we control, then we will provide those travel arrangements and services with reasonable skill and care. We will only be responsible for our employees in the course of their employment, and for our agents and suppliers (where we are not the supplier's agent or an intermediary for an Independent Supplier) if they were carrying out the work we had asked them to do. We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, claim or expense caused by the acts or omissions of yourself, of any other third party not connected with the provision of the travel arrangements or services, or due to an event of Force Majeure. While we endeavour to meet scheduled arrival and departure times, we cannot guarantee this. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/services attributable to delays.

General liability limitation: You acknowledge that travel arrangements or services which comply with local laws and regulations will be deemed to have been properly performed, even if this would not be considered the case in Australia. Australian Consumer Law and corresponding legislation in State jurisdictions in certain circumstances imply mandatory conditions and warranties into consumer contracts ("Consumer Warranties"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Warranties. Other than the Consumer Warranties, we disclaim all warranties. To the fullest extent permitted by law, our maximum liability to you under these Booking Conditions, in tort (including negligence) or at law is limited to arranging for the travel arrangements to be resupplied or payment of the cost of having the travel arrangements resupplied.

PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the National Escort or Local Guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge a complaint or claim this must be done in writing to Wendy Wu Tours in Sydney (or by email to customerrelations@wendywutours.com.au) within 30 days of the date of the completion of your Wendy Wu Tours arrangements. Relevant receipts and substantiating evidence must be attached to the letter of claim. Our complaints handling policy is available at wendywutours.com.au or upon request.

AIRLINES Airlines featured in this brochure do not by virtue of their endorsement represent themselves either as contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from Wendy Wu Tours, or as having any legal relationship with such a purchaser. Frequent flyer miles may not be accrued on some packaged fares. Pre-flight seat allocation may not be available. If seat allocation, additional baggage, airport assist services or medical clearance is required and is permitted by the airline, this is to be booked by the traveller directly with the airline and additional fees incurred at the time of arranging these services is payable by the traveller. For details, contact our office. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airlines policy and are outside Wendy Wu Tours control.

PRIVACY We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information that may be of interest to you if you have consented to this. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. Any personal information you provide will be managed in accordance with Wendy Wu Tours' privacy policy, which can be viewed at wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advise/privacy-policy.

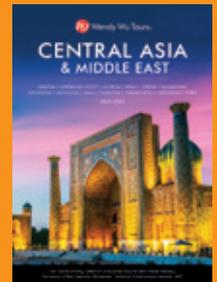
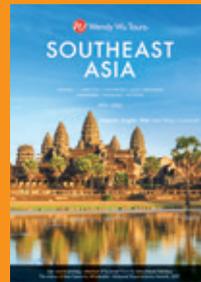
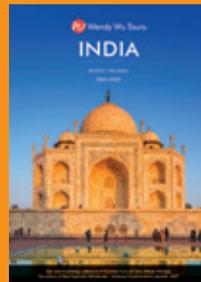
BROCHURE VALIDITY Tour itineraries and prices in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and prices are based on exchange rates as at 12th August 2020. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond its control.

AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Wendy Wu Tours are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other provisions of these Booking Conditions. It is also the agent's responsibility to provide copies of valid passports at time of deposit. If the agent fails to satisfy these obligations, you must make any claims against the agent and you hereby release Wendy Wu from all such claims.

LAW OF CONTRACT This contract is governed by the laws of the state of New South Wales and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.

TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of Classic Tours, Go Beyond Tours, Dedicated Solo Departures, and Tailor-Made Holidays
- Expert National Escorts and Local Guides
- Exciting journeys to must-see destinations
- Quality hotels and comfortable transportation



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