

# INDIA & CENTRAL ASIA

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2026-2027



OUR AWARD-WINNING COLLECTION OF ESCORTED TOURS AND TAILORMADE HOLIDAYS

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

# WELCOME

Welcome to the 2026/2027 edition of our India and Central Asia Brochure! It brings me great joy to welcome you to the captivating world of India and beyond – a land rich in colour, culture, intricate architecture, and age-old heritage.

From the lofty heights of the Himalayas to the beach-fringed coastline of Kerala, India is a country that never ceases to enchant.

For over two decades, I've had the privilege of sharing India's deep-rooted history, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality with travellers from around the world. Every journey we craft is designed with care, ensuring you experience the very heart and soul of this incredible nation. Whether you dream of standing before the ethereal Taj Mahal, spotting tigers in the wilds of Ranthambore or venture into the old alleyways of Jaipur.

In this brochure, you'll also find our tours to the spellbinding landscapes of Sri Lanka and the legendary Silk Road cities of Central Asia – destinations filled with charm, traditions and wonder. We're especially excited to introduce our brand-new Southern India & Sri Lanka tour (page 50), which features a peaceful train ride across the iconic Nine Arch Bridge, surrounded by lush hills and tea plantations.

And for those seeking something truly extraordinary, our new Best of Mongolia tour (page 62) invites you to stay in premium ger camps and unwind beneath the star-strewn skies of the Gobi Desert – a once-in-a-lifetime experience that brings you closer to the wild beauty and nomadic traditions of this fascinating land.

Let us guide you on an unforgettable journey – one that will inspire, enlighten, and leave you with memories to last a lifetime.

Warmest regards,

Wendy Wu

Founder, Wendy Wu Tours



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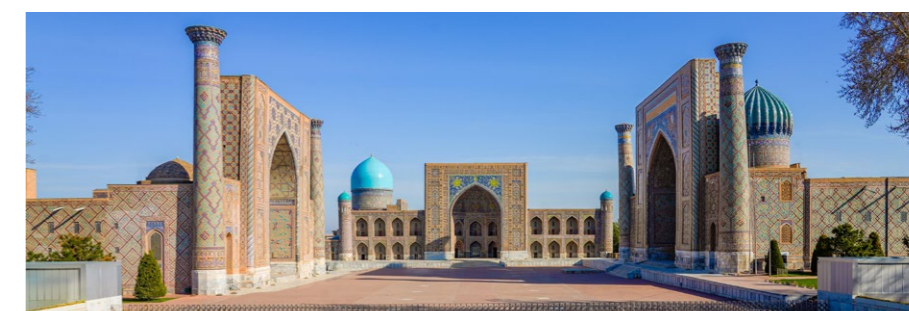
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# WENDY WU TOURS

EXPERIENCE THE EXTRAORDINARY

Wendy Wu Tours is Australia's leading touring specialist, offering exceptional fully-inclusive tours to over 40 countries worldwide.

Our meticulously planned itineraries are fully escorted every step of the way and include everything you need for an unforgettable holiday.



## We Take Care of Everything

We offer lots of inclusions on each and every tour, including your international flights, hotels, meals, guided touring, transportation, transfers – and even your visa. All you need to do is get to the airport!



## Trusted for over 25 years

Since Wendy herself led our very first tour, we have grown into Australia's leading tour specialist with an unrivalled expertise in immersive, inclusive touring. Once you've experienced a country with Wendy Wu Tours, you'll never want to travel another way!



## Award-winning Service

Voted for by the public, our partners and respected travel experts, Wendy Wu Tours has been the recipient of over 40 major awards in our history, including 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 15 years running at the prestigious Globe Travel Awards.



## Outstanding Tour Guides

Our National Escorts are the stars of the show. Born and raised in the country you are travelling in and accompanying you every step of the way, it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that takes a Wendy Wu tour from excellent to extraordinary.



## Authentic Experiences

All of our tours have fascinating cultural experiences included in the price. Be it learning a local craft, practising an old tradition or dining with locals, you'll get under the skin of our destinations and their cultures and have great fun at the same time.



## Your Loyalty Matters

Entry into Wendy's Club, our generous loyalty scheme, opens the door to significant savings every time you book, plus exclusive offers and news updates before anyone else.

See page 105 for more details.



# We Take Care of Everything

## FULLY INCLUSIVE TOURING WITH WENDY WU TOURS

At Wendy Wu Tours we believe that everything you need to enjoy the holiday of a lifetime should be included in the price of your tour.

Take a look at what's included in all of our Classic Tours.

### All Your Flights

All our tour prices include return international economy class flights from major Australian capital cities and any domestic flights you may need whilst on tour.

We only work with reputable scheduled airlines and of course all your pre-paid taxes and luggage is included in the price. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go.

### All Your Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner is included every day.

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, most of the time you'll be enjoying regional cuisine, often eating where the locals do.

We also include a select number of 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a delicious range of your destination's best food.

### All Your Accommodation

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been selected to best suit the locations you'll visit.

Our Classic tours feature hand-picked four-star properties selected for their comfort, modern amenities and convenient location for sightseeing. We occasionally include a stay in three-star plus hotels or lodges where we feel the character of the property will enhance your tour.

### All Your Guided Touring

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

You can place your trust in your National Escort, who will help you navigate the quirks and charm of local life with confidence and ease.

### All Your Immersive Experiences

We not only take you to lesser visited places, but offer authentic experiences throughout.

Be it learning a local craft, practicing an old tradition or dining with locals, you'll get under the skin of our destinations and their cultures. Check out the Authentic Experiences box on each tour page for details.

### All Your Local Transport

Most of your daily travels will be by air-conditioned coach, with plenty of space to stretch out.

You'll also experience a variety of transport styles that bring each destination to life – from leisurely river cruises, cyclos, and rickshaw rides to longer journeys by comfortable flights or relaxing rail travel through picturesque landscapes.

### Even Your Visas

Organising your visa yourself can be a time-consuming and costly addition to your holiday. Not with Wendy Wu Tours' hassle-free visa process.

The cost of your visa is included in the tour price for all Australian passport holders. What's more, our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

*Please note the range of inclusions differs slightly on our Go Beyond tours to suit the preferences of the more adventurous traveller. See page 16 for details.*



Enjoy authentic experiences throughout your tour

# Our Award-Winning Guides

YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS



Our National Escorts are the stars of the show – it is their unrivalled knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise that take a Wendy Wu tour from excellent to extraordinary.

You'll be accompanied by one of these passionate, caring professionals throughout your tour; they'll be taking care of you every step of the way. Many of our guides have been working with Wendy Wu Tours for years, garnering accolade after accolade from our very happy customers.

Our guides are dedicated to keeping you safe, happy, inspired, and entertained throughout your journey. With genuine care and expert ease, they'll lead you through the unique customs and hidden gems of the world's most fascinating destinations, making every step of the adventure effortless and enriching.

It's not just their professionalism that makes them so good at what they do. All our guides are born and raised in the country that you are exploring, giving them an unparalleled knowledge of the destination.

They are also excellent at communicating that knowledge, meaning that you get a greater understanding of recent history and learn about local heritage, culture and way of life.

## OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS

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



"Words can not describe how good Hemal was as a guide. His knowledge and experience was evident throughout and he went out of his way to make this trip the success it was. The best guide we have ever had and a pleasure to have met him."



# Award-Winning Expertise

We are so proud of the numerous awards we've received over the years in recognition of the extraordinary travel experience we provide to our customers. We're just doing what we do best – creating memories to cherish and providing exceptional levels of customer service.



## Australia Women in Travel Awards

Our visionary founder and owner, Wendy, was awarded first place in Travel Weekly's Women in Travel 2024. This prestigious accolade is a testament to her passion, leadership, and unwavering dedication to delivering exceptional travel experiences.

## Globe Travel Awards

The Globe Travel Awards are the 'Oscars' of the travel world. We are extremely proud winners of the Globe Travel Awards 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' every year for the past 15 years.

## British Travel Awards

The largest consumer voted travel awards in the UK, it is an absolute honour to win at the British Travel Awards. In 2024, we took home the Best Travel Company to Far East/Central Asia prize for the tenth year running.

# Recommended by You

Awards are all well and good but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us.



*"From the first point of contact with the company we received excellent customer service and this was reflected throughout our booking and during the tour itself. The tour was an amazing experience which we will never forget. The quality of the hotels and food was excellent. Our guide was first class and ensured all the arrangements for the tour went smoothly and was extremely knowledgeable as were the local guides in certain locations. The tour was full on with a lot of travelling, early starts and long days. However without this we wouldn't have had such a fulfilling experience."*

Joanna Solanki (Northern India Discovery – April 2024)



*"This was a superbly organised holiday, which gave us a great introduction to the Northern part of India. Major plusses for us were the pacing of the tour, the high quality of the hotels and the fact that all our meals were included. We were delighted and impressed with the sites visited, including temples, forts and other monuments, and enjoyed two exciting safari trips during which we saw tigers. It was also fascinating to explore the street markets of Bundi and be able to watch parades for the Hindu festival of Holi. Seeing the Taj Mahal was the experience of a lifetime."*

Marilyn Vertes (Inspiring India – April 2025)



## Feefo

Our customers are at the heart of everything we do, and the greatest compliment we can receive is when you choose to travel with us again. With an average feedback rating of 4.7 stars, we're incredibly proud – but don't just take our word for it, hear what our customers have to say.



## Tripadvisor

We're honoured to receive a Certificate of Excellence at the latest Tripadvisor Travellers Choice Awards that recognise businesses that earn consistently great reviews and are among the top 10% of listings on Tripadvisor.

# 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 'Authentic Experiences' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...

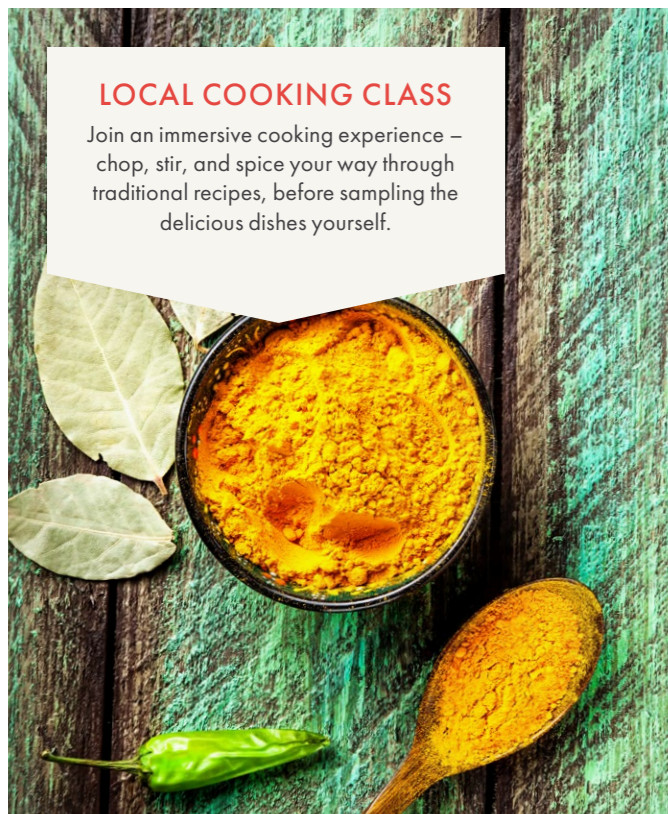
## SHIMLA TOY TRAIN

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



## LOCAL COOKING CLASS

Join an immersive cooking experience – chop, stir, and spice your way through traditional recipes, before sampling the delicious dishes yourself.



## KATHAKALI DANCE PERFORMANCE

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



## AARTI CEREMONY

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



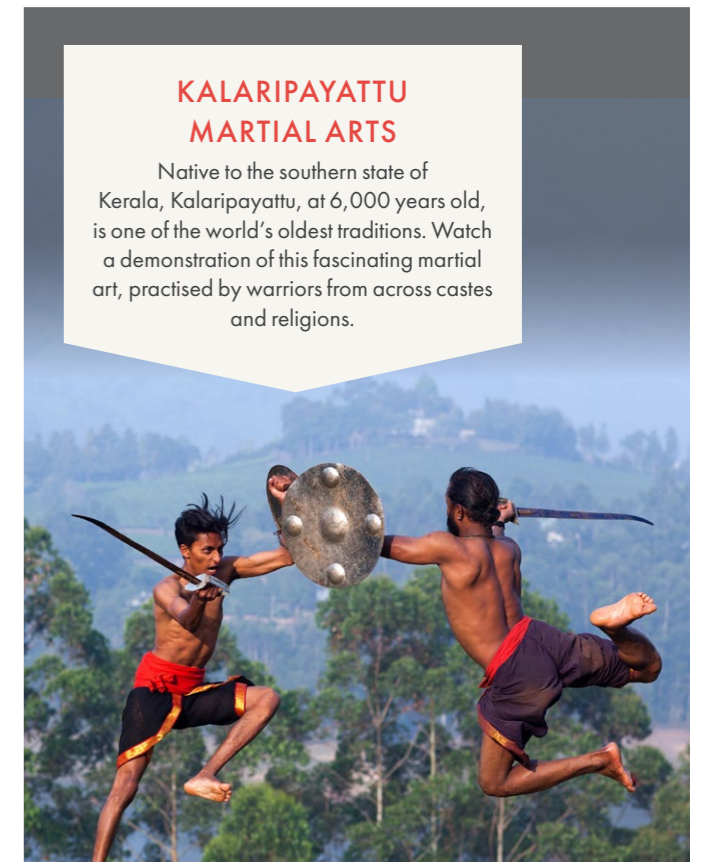
## KALARIPAYATTU MARTIAL ARTS

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



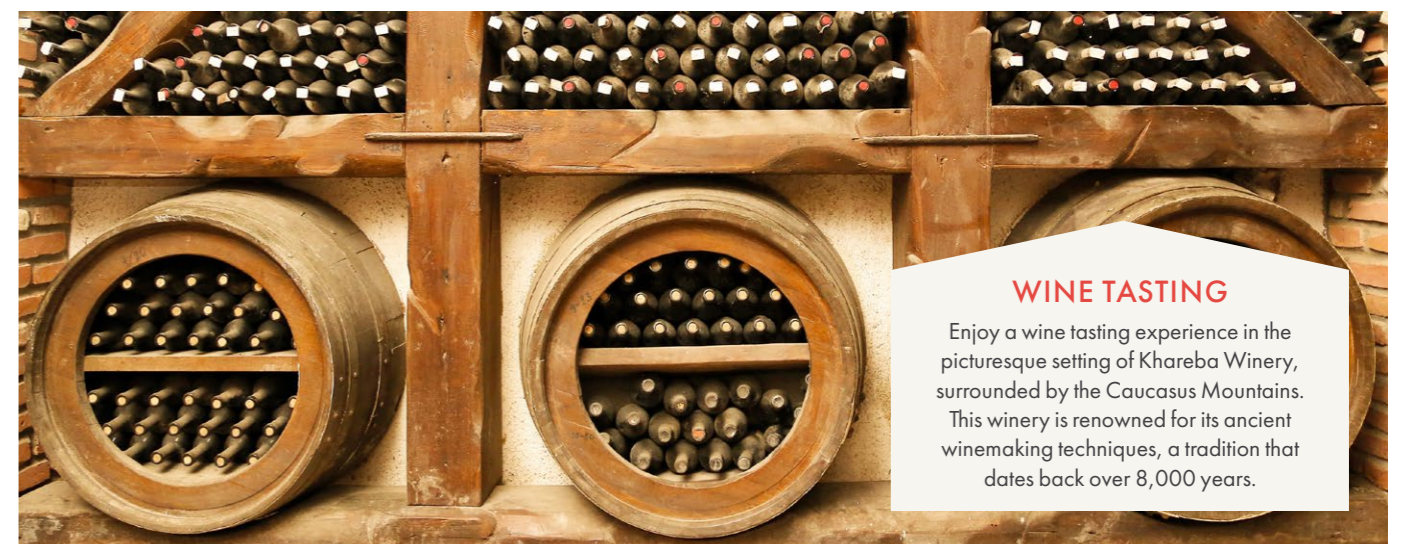
## EAGLE HUNTING

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



## WINE TASTING

Enjoy a wine tasting experience in the picturesque setting of Khareba Winery, surrounded by the Caucasus Mountains. This winery is renowned for its ancient winemaking techniques, a tradition that dates back over 8,000 years.



# Travelling Solo

CHOOSE THE WAY YOU TRAVEL WITH WENDY WU TOURS

Travelling solo with Wendy Wu Tours is relaxed, carefree, and full of unforgettable moments. Our expertly crafted itineraries take you to all the iconic sights, let you dive into local culture, savour authentic cuisine, and stay in well-located, comfortable hotels – so you can focus on enjoying the journey.

From start to finish, you'll be looked after by one of our award-winning National Escorts, whose attention to detail and warm hospitality will make you feel like part of the family.

With a sociable atmosphere, hands-on cultural experiences, and laid-back local dining, a Wendy Wu tour is the perfect way to meet like-minded travellers – and forge friendships that often last a lifetime.



## TRAVELLING SOLO ON OUR GROUP TOURS

Many solo travellers choose to travel on our group tours with a mix of other solos, couples, family groups and friends. Travel on one of these friendly and fun tours and you can choose a room of your own or our 'Happy to Share' option.

### A Room of Your Own

If you'd like the comfort of being able to return to your own space after a day of exploring, our regular group tours offer a single supplement option, guaranteeing your own private room. You'll find the supplement details below the departure dates on each tour.

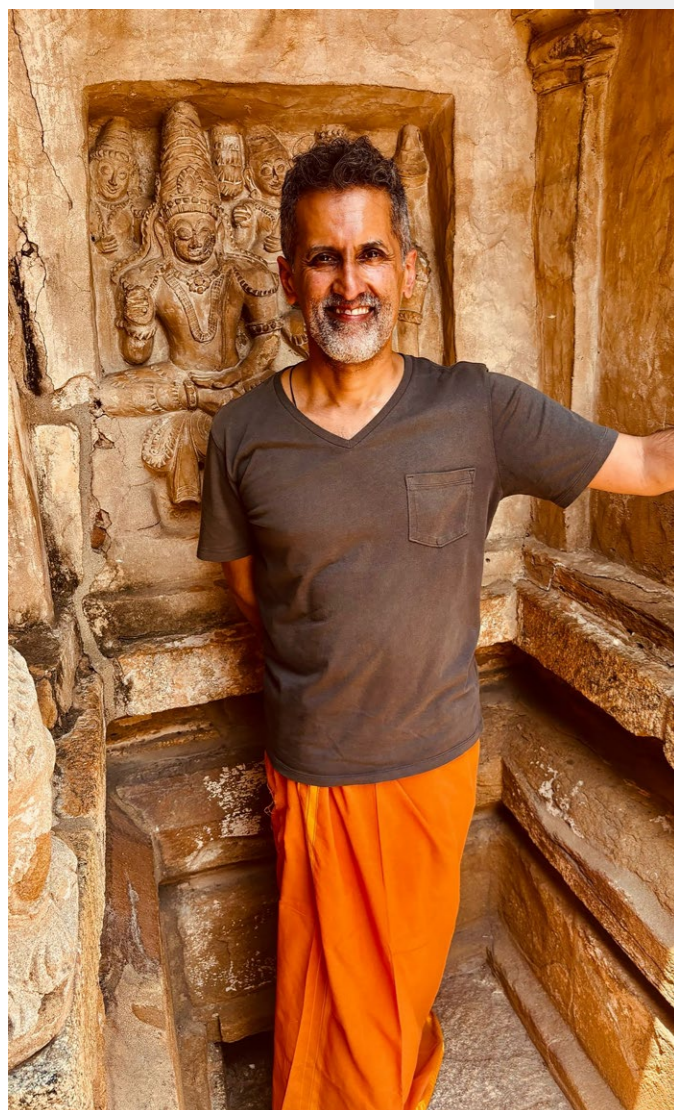
### Happy to Share

Embrace the joy of being sociable without the extra cost of travelling solo. Our popular 'Happy to Share' option pairs solo travellers of the same gender to share a room, so there's no single supplement to pay if you are matched. Please see our website for full terms and conditions.

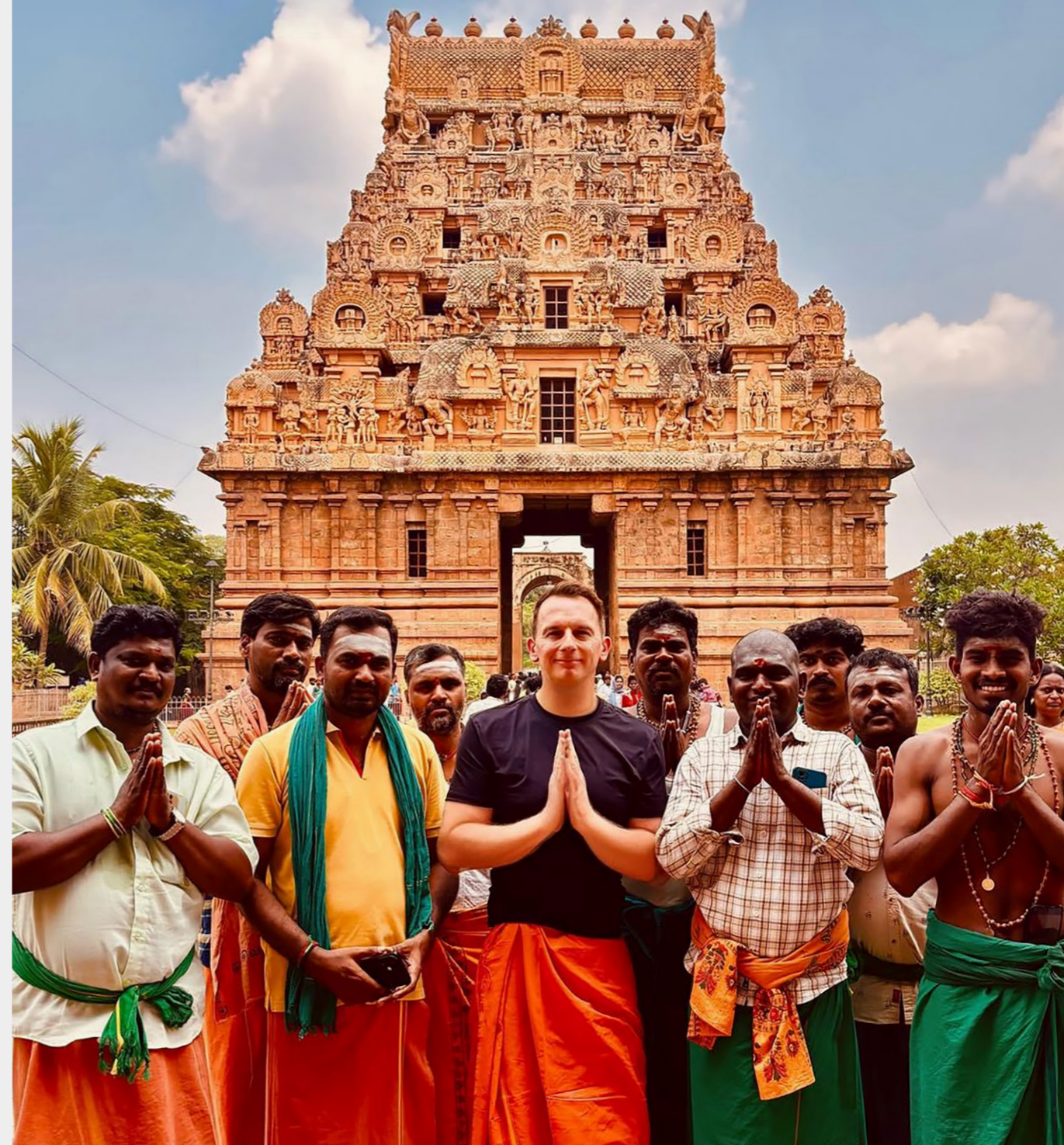
## TRAVELLING SOLO ON OUR DEDICATED SOLO DEPARTURES

We have reserved selected departures on some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a ready-made group of like-minded solo travellers.

Solo departures feature smaller group sizes, free airport lounges and a complimentary welcome drink on arrival! Look out for **S** on the contents page and highlighted departures on each tour page.



"The tour exceeded my expectations by a long way. It was a very well planned tour and everything was of a high quality – no cutting corners with hotels or food. It has set the bar high! I can't wait to do another Wendy Wu tour. Many thanks."



# Tour Styles Explained











As every traveller is different, we’ve developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel on one of our experience-packed tours, your way.

## CLASSIC

Our Classic tours take care of everything, allowing you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. Travelling in a group of no more than 28 guests, these tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme including authentic cultural experiences.

## GO BEYOND

Our Go Beyond tours take you a little further from the comforts of home, uncovering lesser-visited sights. Limited to just 18 passengers, these tours allow you to delve even deeper into local culture while offering more time for independent exploration.

	CLASSIC	GO BEYOND
 Return international economy airfares & current taxes	✓	✓
 Accommodation	✓	✓
 Meals	All	All or Most
 Comprehensive sightseeing & daily activities	✓	Most
 English-speaking National Escort	✓	✓
 Transportation in-country	✓	✓
 Arrival & departure transfers in-country	✓	✓
 Visa fees & processing for Australian passport holders	✓	✓
 Emergency assistance on tour	✓	✓
 Max group size	28	18

## PRIVATE TOURS

Experience our award-winning itineraries with the benefit of your own private, experienced local guide. Perfect for those who enjoy added independence and flexibility, our Private Tours are ideal for families and friends looking to share unforgettable moments together.

## CRUISE & TOUR

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

## TAILORMADE

For the ultimate in bespoke touring, one of our expert consultants will be on hand to help you design a tour to meet your exact requirements. Choose your destinations, accommodation, touring and experiences to create a holiday that’s uniquely yours.




## SPECIAL GROUPS

If you’re travelling with a group of ten or more, we can create your own independent Special Group tour. Whether it’s friends, family, a club or association, we’ll tailor any itinerary to suit your group’s interests—offering a unique, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of planning it all yourself. See page 77 for more details.



## PHYSICAL RATING

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every tour requires the ability to walk around sights unaided, while tours with higher physical ratings may involve longer walks, cycling, or other physical activities. Tours that traverse rough terrain, visit remote areas, or go to high altitudes will also have higher physical ratings.

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
			
A reasonable level of fitness is required. Expect to be on your feet for most of the day walking around sights, often including steps and getting on and off coaches, trains, or boats. Occasional longer walks may be included.	A moderate level of fitness is required. You will be on your feet for most of the day, with longer walks that include ascents and descents on steps or uneven paths. Travelling conditions may be more challenging in some areas.	A good level of fitness is required. You need to be comfortable walking long distances and for extended durations. The tour may also include activities such as cycling and hiking and visit some remote areas with basic infrastructure.	A high level of fitness and a strong spirit of adventure are required. These tours are full of activity and often visit remote areas with basic infrastructure. Expect to be on your feet and active for much of the day, with some long travelling days.

As the physical requirements vary by tour, we recommend reviewing the Detailed Itinerary on our website before booking to ensure it’s the right fit for you.



# Discover India and beyond with Wendy Wu Tours


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

## WENDY'S TOP 8 SIGHTS

1

RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK


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



2

TAJ MAHAL

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



3

SIGIRIYA ROCK, SRI LANKA

Explore the ruins of the ancient Sri Lankan fortress atop Sigiriya, or 'Lion Rock', with fascinating fresco paintings to admire along the climb. As you ascend, be rewarded with breathtaking views. Discover it on our Highlights of Sri Lanka tour (page 46).



4

KERALA'S BACKWATERS


A network of lagoons, canals and rivers enveloped in verdant greenery, Kerala's backwaters are best explored by boat – do this on our Kerala & The Southern Highlights tour (page 34).



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 36 & 42).



6

GOLDEN TEMPLE


Amritsar's spectacular Golden Temple is a sight to behold – see for yourself on our India by Rail tour on (page 30) or our Northern India Discovery tour (page 32).



7

TIGER'S NEST


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 40).

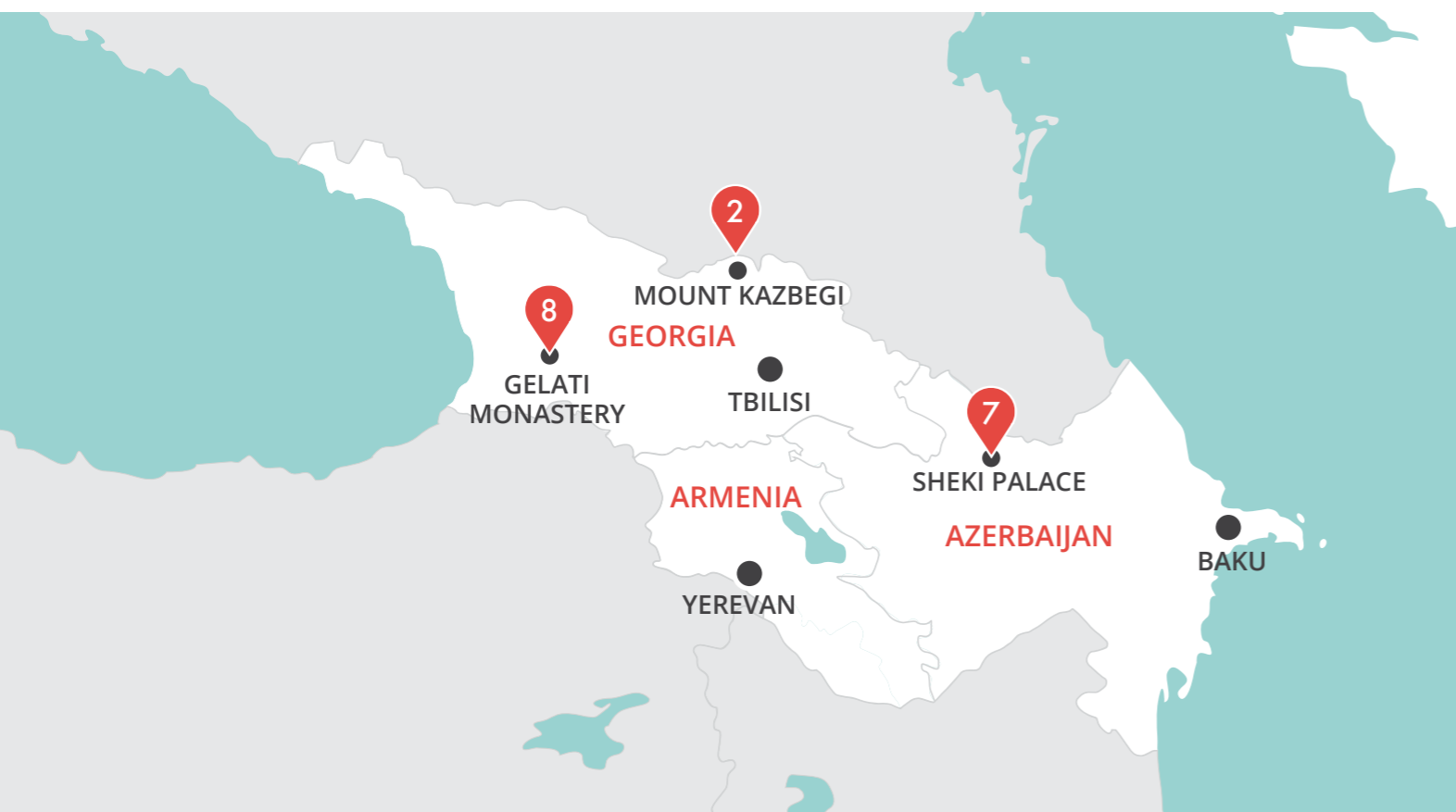


8

JAISALMER FORT

Wander the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, where residents still live within the 12th-century walls, and admire the elaborately carved yellow sandstone of its Jain temples. Included on our Rajasthan Panorama Tour (page 38).





# Discover Central Asia with Wendy Wu Tours

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

## WENDY'S TOP 8 CENTRAL ASIA SIGHTS

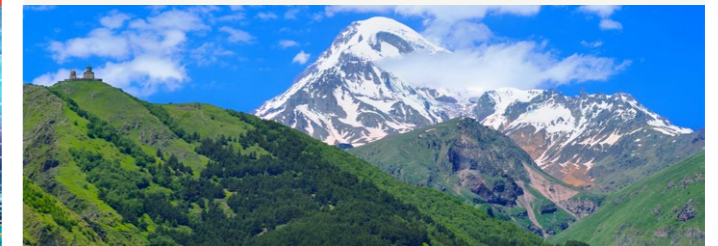
### 1 THE REGISTAN, SAMARKAND

Explore the beautifully ornate heart of ancient Samarkand, the Registan, the legendary central square of this historic city. See this majestic gem on our Ultimate Uzbekistan and Road to Samarkand tours (pages 56 & 58).



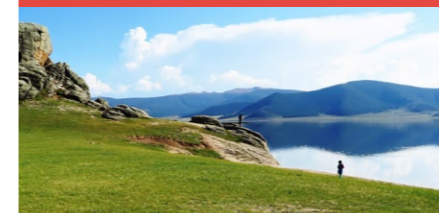
### 2 MOUNT KAZBEGI

This striking mountain looms dramatically on the horizon of the vast Georgian landscapes. Discover more of the spectacular Caucasus scenery on our Georgia, Armenia & Azerbaijan tour (page 54).



### 3 GREAT WHITE LAKE

In the heart of Mongolia's Khangai Mountains, the waters of this crystalline lake reflect the spectacular peaks that surround it. Walk along its shores, on our Mongolia & Naadam Festival Tour (page 64).



### 4 DARVAZA GAS CRATER

A magical sight, this natural gas crater is known as the 'Gates of Hell' and has been burning for over 40 years. View its spectacular glow on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 60).



### 5 CHARYN CANYON

At 90 kilometres in length, these colourful rock formations on Kazakhstan's Charyn River are a dramatic sight. See the canyon for yourself on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 60).



### 6 CITY OF MERV, MARY

One of the oldest and best-preserved cities along the old Silk Road, this ancient, oasis-like UNESCO World Heritage Site is visited on our Journey through Central Asia tour (page 60).



### 7 SHEKI PALACE

This lavish palace is the most exquisite architectural monument built in the late 18th century and was the summer residence for the Shaki Khans. Marvel at its intricate decor on our Georgia, Armenia & Azerbaijan tour (page 54).



### 8 GELATI MONASTERY

Home to fascinating murals and imagery dating back to the 12th century, this medieval monastery was one of Georgia's very first. Visit it on our Georgia, Armenia & Azerbaijan (Page 54).





# INDIA & SRI LANKA

Delving into India and Sri Lanka brings with it a wholly sensory experience, a cacophony of sounds, sights and smells that is utterly intoxicating.

Wherever you choose to venture, you'll be submerged in a treasure trove of cultural riches, whilst the magnificent landscapes and turbulent yet incredible history of both are full of vivid colour and extraordinary legend.

From the towering Himalaya to the sparkling blue of the Indian Ocean and everything in-between – animal filled wilderness, ethereal architecture, paradisaical beaches, warm and welcoming communities, bustling cities and age-old tradition – this is a region that is full to the brim with wonder.

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$4,980

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

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Tour the spice markets

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to India's capital, Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure before dinner.

### DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

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

### DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Journey to Agra where on arrival you will tour the magnificent Agra Fort. This mass of red

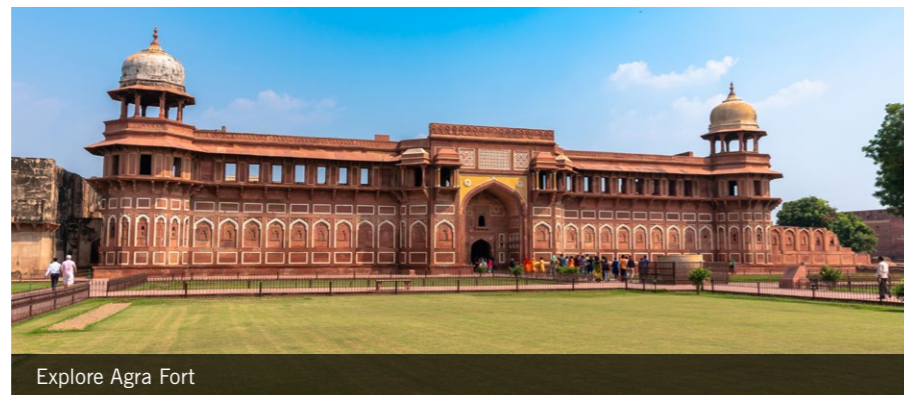
sandstone sits on the banks of the Yamuna River; from its ramparts you may catch a first glimpse of the magical Taj Mahal, just two kilometres downstream. Tonight enjoy the musical drama show, Mohabbat the Taj.

### DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

Begin the day exploring the iconic Taj Mahal, admiring its stunning white marble architecture and uncover the timeless love story behind this world-famous monument. Then travel to Ranthambore National Park, home to majestic Bengal tigers.

### DAY 5: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

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



Explore Agra Fort



Spot tigers in the wild at Ranthambore National Park

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

Bid farewell to Ranthambore and the tigers that call it home and travel by road across the exuberant state of Rajasthan to its capital, the 'Pink City' of Jaipur. Painted pink, the colour of hospitality, to welcome the Prince of Wales for a visit in 1876, here, the streets are buzzing with a population who still wear colourful and traditional dress and lined with breathtaking architecture. On arrival, take part in a turban tying experience before spending the rest of the day at leisure, the perfect opportunity to begin exploring.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE JAIPUR

The day begins with a photo stop at the extraordinary Hawa Mahal, 'Palace of the Winds'. Built in pink-painted sandstone, it was built to allow the ladies of the royal household to watch life on the streets below. Next, travel out of the city and hop in a jeep to reach the magnificent Amber Fort,

a colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort just outside Jaipur. Back in the city, explore the lavish Maharaja's Palace and the fascinating instruments of Jantar Mantar. Then, head deep into the backstreets of the old town to view traditional artistry like block printing and carpet weaving at a workshop.

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO DELHI

Leaving the Pink City, return by road to Delhi. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. This evening, the group will sit down together for the last time at a farewell dinner – the perfect time to reflect on your adventures.

### DAYS 9-10: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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



## EXPERIENCE DIWALI OR HOLI FESTIVALS

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## GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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## 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

### 2026 DATES

18 Jan - 27 Jan	\$5,980	04 Oct - 13 Oct	\$5,480
25 Jan - 03 Feb	\$5,980	11 Oct - 20 Oct	\$5,980
08 Feb - 17 Feb	\$5,980	18 Oct - 27 Oct	\$5,980
22 Feb - 03 Mar	\$5,980	25 Oct - 03 Nov	\$5,980
08 Mar - 17 Mar	\$6,680	01 Nov - 10 Nov*	\$5,980
22 Mar - 31 Mar	\$5,980	08 Nov - 17 Nov	\$6,680
05 Apr - 14 Apr	\$5,480	15 Nov - 24 Nov	\$5,980
19 Apr - 28 Apr	\$4,980	22 Nov - 01 Dec	\$5,980
27 Sep - 06 Oct	\$4,980	29 Nov - 08 Dec	\$5,980

### 2027 DATES

17 Jan - 26 Jan	\$5,980	03 Oct - 12 Oct	\$5,480
24 Jan - 02 Feb	\$5,980	10 Oct - 19 Oct	\$5,980
07 Feb - 16 Feb	\$5,980	17 Oct - 26 Oct	\$5,980
21 Feb - 02 Mar	\$5,980	24 Oct - 02 Nov	\$5,980
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### Dedicated solos departure

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- Single supplement from \$880

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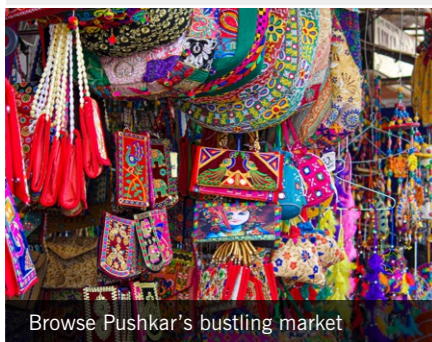
ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Browse Pushkar's bustling market

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- 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!
- Experience the magic of Mohabbat The Taj, a live Bollywood-style musical that brings the legendary love story of Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal to life through dazzling dance, vibrant costumes, and dramatic performances.
- Admire the magical city of Udaipur, full of glorious, romantic architecture, from the perfect vantage point – a boat cruising the waters of Lake Pichola.



Explore Agra Fort

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 2: DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DELHI TO JAIPUR

Embark on a scenic drive to Jaipur, with a delicious lunch en route at a local restaurant. On arrival explore the majestic Maharaja's City Palace and the fascinating Jantar Mantar Observatory.

### DAY 4: JAIPUR

After breakfast, stop for a quick view of Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) from the outside, before visiting the magnificent Amber Fort, set atop a hill on the outskirts of Jaipur. Afterwards, see skilled local artisans create beautiful block prints and hand-woven carpets.

### DAY 5: JAIPUR TO PUSHKAR

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

### DAY 6: PUSHKAR TO UDAIPUR

Today you depart for Udaipur, known as the "City of Lakes". Enjoy a lunch stop in Nathdwara along the way. The rest of the day is free for you to explore at your own pace.

### DAY 7: UDAIPUR

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

### DAY 8: UDAIPUR TO BUNDI

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



Discover Chittor Fort



Wander the awe-inspiring Amber Fort

### DAY 9: BUNDI TO RANTHAMBORE

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

### DAY 10: RANTHAMBORE

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

### DAY 11: RANTHAMBORE TO AGRA

After breakfast, travel to Agra. In the evening, enjoy the live musical Mohabbat The Taj, a dazzling performance celebrating the love story behind the Taj Mahal.

### DAY 12: AGRA

This morning, gaze on the ethereal beauty of the Taj Mahal, admiring it from all angles as you stroll its lush gardens. Move on to the majestic Agra Fort before returning to Delhi.

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

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

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### Flight and supplement information

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- Single supplement from \$990

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# WILDLIFE OF INDIA

14 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Take a boat ride on Ken River

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Search for tigers in Bandhavgarh National Park

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DRIVE TO KANHA NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 4: KANHA NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 5: KANHA NATIONAL PARK

A day of adventure with both morning and afternoon safaris. The early morning safari allows for the best opportunity to spot various species of wildlife, while in the afternoon the animals become more active, allowing you to witness their natural behaviour. Be on the lookout for Indian wild dog or the Indian gaur (bison) which are common to this park.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO BANDHAVGARH

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



Spot Indian gaur in Kanha



Spot open billed storks on the Ken River



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

### DAY7: BANDHAVGARH

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

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO KHAJURAHO

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

### DAY 9: PANNA

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

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO AGRA

This morning you will explore the Eastern and Western groups of temples in Khajuraho, which stand as examples of ancient Indian craftsmanship and artistry. Marvel at the intricate carvings and sculptures that adorn these temples, each narrating stories of gods, goddesses, and daily life from centuries past. Afterwards, travel by train to Agra, with a stop en route in Orchha.

### DAY 11: AGRA

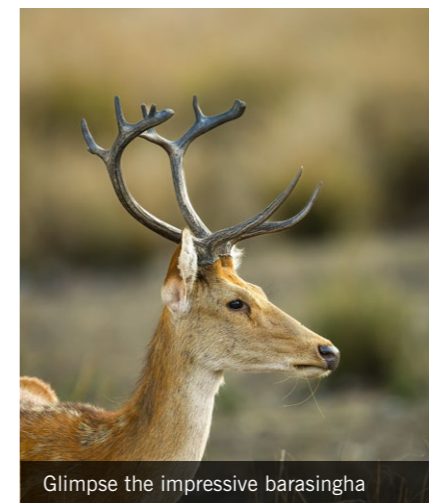
Discover Agra's treasures today. Visit the Taj Mahal, the epitome of love, followed by Agra Fort's historical grandeur. Observe the artistry of a marble inlay workshop, where skilled artisans meticulously transform raw materials into intricate works of art using traditional techniques. In the evening, enjoy the live musical Mohabbat The Taj Show.

### DAY 12: RETURN TO DELHI

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

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

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



Glimpse the impressive barasingha

WILDLIFE OF INDIA

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PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2026 DATES			
16 Mar - 29 Mar	\$9,580	09 Nov - 22 Nov	\$9,580
05 Oct - 18 Oct	\$9,580	30 Nov - 13 Dec	\$9,580
19 Oct - 01 Nov	\$9,580		

2027 DATES			
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- Single supplement from \$1,800

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Ride the toy train in Shimla
- ✓ Watch the Wagah Border flag ceremony
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Experience a Pooja ceremony
- ✓ Explore magnificent Amber Fort

Ride Shimla's toy train

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



## AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER AMRITSAR

Today starts with a morning visit to the historically significant Jallianwala Bagh, a poignant public garden in Amritsar. Continue to explore the spectacular Golden Temple, the most significant shrine in Sikhism. Later visit the remarkable Durgiana Temple, and in the afternoon, embark on a scenic drive to the Wagah border, to witness the ceremonial flag lowering ceremony.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA

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

### DAY 5: SHIMLA

Today begins with an enchanting toy train experience from Shimla to Shoghi. Return to Shimla by road to enjoy some time in

the former hill station. Explore the colonial grandeur of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies and learn about its historical significance. Continue your exploration by visiting the Himachal State Museum. Immerse yourself in the rich heritage and vibrant artistry of the region as you discover the museum's fascinating exhibits.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO DELHI

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

### DAY 7: TRAIN TO JAIPUR

Have breakfast onboard the train while you journey to Jaipur. In the afternoon, visit two of the city's top attractions. Explore the majestic Maharaja's City Palace, which still serves as the residence of the city's royal family. Then, marvel at the fascinating Jantar Mantar Observatory, a collection of extraordinary instruments designed to measure celestial phenomena.

### DAY 8: EXPLORE JAIPUR

After breakfast, take a quick photo stop at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) from the outside. Next, enjoy a visit to the magnificent Amber Fort and immerse yourself in its regal ambiance. Later witness traditional crafts like block printing and carpet weaving at a local craft centre.

### DAY 9: JAIPUR TO AGRA

After breakfast depart for Agra, a city steeped in history and architectural marvels.



Stop en route at Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage site showcasing the grandeur of Mughal architecture. Admire Buland Darwaza the spectacular gateway to the city's Jama Masjid, and explore regal palaces and courtyards. Continue to Agra for the night.

### DAY 10: DISCOVER AGRA

Start the day with a visit to the world-renowned Taj Mahal. Witness this iconic white marble monument's ethereal beauty and experience the tranquil atmosphere as you learn about the captivating love story behind its creation. In the afternoon, explore the majestic Agra Fort, an imposing fortress, with red sandstone walls, concealing a wealth of Mughal history within its ramparts. Wander through the opulent palaces, admire the intricate design work, and stand where emperors once stood, gazing out at the breathtaking view of the Taj Mahal in the distance. In the evening enjoy the Mohabbat The Taj Show.

### DAY 11: TRAIN TO VARANASI

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

### DAY 12: VARANASI

Enjoy a serene cruise along the Ganges River, soaking in the spiritual atmosphere. Explore landmarks like Bharat Mata Mandir and Durga Temple. Visit Banaras Hindu University and the revered Vishwanath Temple. Venture to Sarnath

to explore ancient Buddhist sites, including the Dhamek Stupa and Mulagandha Kuti Vihar, and become immersed in the rich spirituality and cultural heritage of Varanasi and Sarnath.

### DAY 13: RETURN TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi and embark on a final afternoon of sightseeing, visiting Qutab Minar complex before driving by the grand Rashtrapati Bhawan, the official residence of the President of India. Nearby, the Secretariat Buildings and Parliament House stand as monumental symbols of India's democratic governance. Next, pay your respects at the solemn India Gate, a war memorial honouring the sacrifices of Indian soldiers.

### DAYS 14-15: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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



## EXPERIENCE DIWALI OR HOLI FESTIVALS

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## INDIA BY RAIL

## CLASSIC INDIA

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover the delights of Delhi
- ✓ Visit the iconic Taj Mahal
- ✓ Tour the incredible 'Pink City'
- ✓ Ride the famous Toy Train
- ✓ Explore the Golden Temple
- ✓ Learn about Tibetan culture

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Be dazzled by Mohabbat the Taj

## AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Experience the magic of Mohabbat the Taj, a dazzling show that brings the love story behind the Taj Mahal to life through vibrant dance, music, and stunning costumes. This theatrical performance immerses you in the romance, history, and grandeur of Mughal India.
- Travel to the border of India and Pakistan to witness the border closing ceremony, a display of fantastically over the top showmanship that involves speed marching, high kicks and stomps, all cheered on by the crowd of locals and tourists alike.
- Visit the Golden Temple in the evening when, beautifully illuminated, you can witness the Palki Sahib ceremony with its chanting and careful 'putting to bed' of the Guru Granth Sahib, the religious scripture.



Admire the Golden Temple in Amritsar

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

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

### DAY 3: TRAIN TO AMRITSAR

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

### DAY 4: EXPLORE AMRITSAR

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

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO DHARAMSALA

Ascend into the Himalayas to Dharamsala, a former British hill station that has become the home of the Tibetan Government-in-exile.

This afternoon, visit the Tibetan Library and the Tibetan Medical Institute.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE DHARAMSALA

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

### DAY 7: YOGA EXPERIENCE

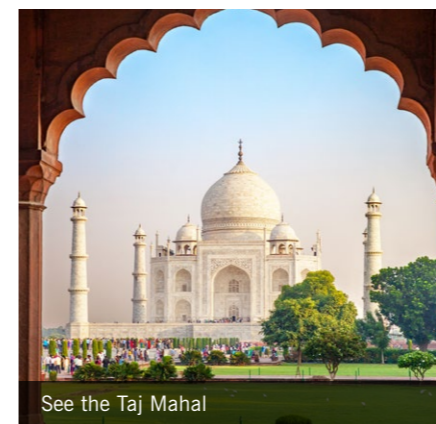
Start the day with a yoga and meditation session. Continue your explorations at the Kangra State Museum and St John's Church. Enjoy a demonstration of how to cook local dishes before spending some time at the Norbulingka Institute. A major centre for Buddhist learning, it also works to preserve Tibet's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

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA

Drive to Shimla. On arrival, the rest of the day will be at leisure.



Visit the spectacular Amber Fort



See the Taj Mahal



Travel on the iconic Toy Train in Shimla

### DAY 9: TOY TRAIN

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

### DAY 10: SHIMLA TO DELHI

Visit the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies and the Himachal State Museum. Transfer to Kalka to board the train to Delhi.

### DAY 11: AGRA FORT

Travel to Agra by road. On arrival, admire the colossal Agra Fort, built by the Mughals in the mid-1500s. In the evening enjoy a live musical drama - Mohabbat the Taj - a show depicting the romantic love story of Emperor Shah Jahan and his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. This is a true Bollywood experience.

### DAY 12: TAJ MAHAL

Spend time at the breathtaking Taj Mahal, considered one of the world's most beautiful buildings, and learn the love story behind it. Depart Agra for Jaipur, stopping en route to admire the symmetrical beauty of the Chand Baori stepwell.

### DAY 13: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Start with a photo stop this morning at Hawa Mahal, the Palace of the Winds, before heading out of the city to admire the spectacular Amber Fort.

Later, in the backstreets of Jaipur's old town, visit a craft centre to watch artisans at work, practicing traditional crafts like block printing and carpet weaving. This afternoon you will visit Maharaja's City Palace and the Jantar Mantar Observatory.

### DAY 14: RETURN TO DELHI

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

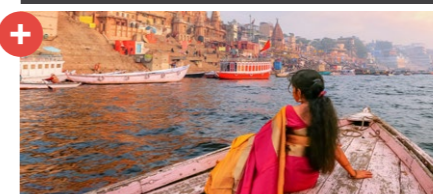
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## NORTHERN INDIA DISCOVERY

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### 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

### 2026 DATES

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

### 2027 DATES

21 Mar - 05 Apr	\$7,980	10 Oct - 25 Oct	\$7,980
11 Apr - 26 Apr	\$7,980	17 Oct - 01 Nov	\$7,980
18 Apr - 03 May	\$7,980		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi – Delhi) 15 days from \$6,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,680

### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2025, 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.

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

**PRICE INCLUDES**

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 16 dinners
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- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Experience a martial arts demonstration

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

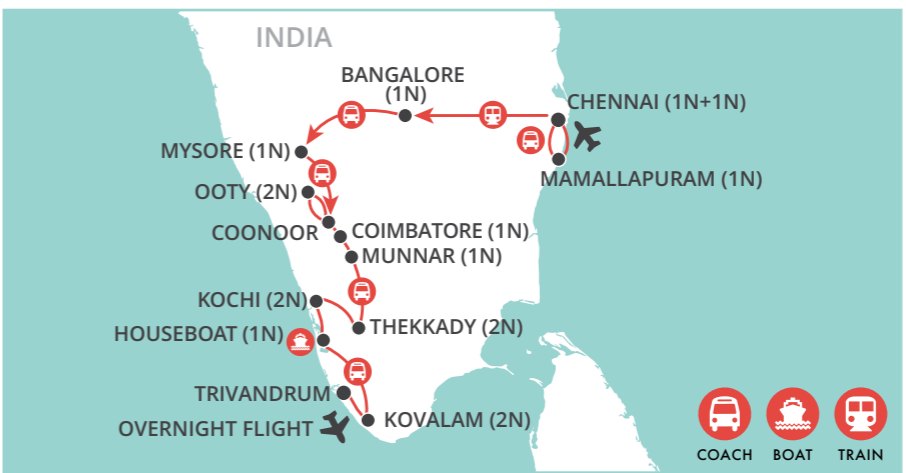


Enjoy the easy pace of life on Kerala's beautiful backwaters

## ITINERARY

- DAY 1: FLY TO CHENNAI**  
Fly to the city of Chennai. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.
- DAY 2: DISCOVER MAMALLAPURAM**  
After breakfast and tour introduction, you will travel to Mamallapuram. On arrival you will explore this coastal temple town, seeing the fascinating 7th and 8th-century rock carvings, enigmatically called 'Descent of the Ganges'.
- DAY 3: CHENNAI CITY**  
Return to Chennai, formerly known as Madras. This city was developed as a British trading post and is home to a number of colonial sights. A city tour begins at the 13-kilometre Marina Beach before a stop at Fort St. George and the British-built St. Mary's Church. The final stop is the colourful Shiva Kapaleeswarar Temple.
- DAY 4: TRAIN TO BANGALORE**  
Rise early to catch the Shatabdi Express to the garden city of Bangalore, where you will enjoy an afternoon city tour to see the Bull Temple, Tipu Sultan's Palace and Vidhana Soudha.
- DAY 5: MYSORE**  
Head to Mysore, stopping at Srirangapatna Fort en route. Visit the magnificent Maharaja's Palace and drive to Chamundi Hill to admire the 12th-century Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and Nandi Bull.
- DAY 6: DRIVE TO OOTY**  
Today you will journey to the hill station of Ooty, one of three Nilgiri stations, that sits high above the southern plains. The road twists through

- hairpin bends, misty forests, and tea plantations and offers breathtaking views. You have the rest of the afternoon to relax and enjoy your surroundings.
- DAY 7: TOY TRAIN TO COONOR**  
All aboard the miniature, popular 'Toy Train' to Coonoor, where you will be surrounded with spectacular mountain views. Visit a botanical gardens, created in 1847 and is home to many tree species, including a 20-million-year-old fossilized tree.
- DAY 8: TRAVEL TO COIMBATORE**  
Drive to Coimbatore. On arrival, explore the sights of the city, taking in Sri Svetambra Vimalanther Jain Temple, St Michael's Cathedral and the Athar Jamid Mosque.
- DAY 9: MUNNAR**  
Travel to Munnar, a hill station enveloped by lush tea plantations. In the afternoon visit a tea plantation and the Tata Tea Museum.
- DAY 10: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY**  
Today explore Eravikulam National Park where you will have the opportunity to spot the local wildlife (closed Feb-Apr, when a tour of Munnar will be offered instead). Continue your journey to Thekkady, home of Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary.
- DAY 11: PERIYAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**  
Though designated as a Tiger Reserve in 1978, the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is best known for its elephants. Take a walk through the reserve, keeping an eye out for its resident elephant population, as well as wild dogs, barking deer, mouse deer and the elusive Bengal tiger. Visit a spice village before enjoying a traditional Kalaripayattu (martial art) show this evening.



See the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram



Ride the 'Toy Train' to Coonoor

- DAY 12: DRIVE TO KOCHI**  
Travel to the coastal town of Kochi. This evening enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.
- DAY 13: EXPLORE KOCHI**  
Set off on a full day tour of Kochi. Start at St. Francis Church, the first European church built in India, before a visit to Santa Cruz Basilica. Nearby, see the Chinese fishing nets – the fishermen will demonstrate how they work while your guide explains the mechanics. Finish the day with an interactive cooking demonstration followed by dinner.
- DAY 14: BACKWATERS CRUISING**  
Travel to Alleppey, stopping en route at Kumbalangi, a village created to highlight the lifestyle of fisher-folk in the area. Later board your houseboat, a converted rice barge known as a kettuwallam. Sit back and watch life on the water and the surrounding, untouched wilderness as you cruise unhurriedly along the canals. A delicious dinner of traditional cuisine will be served on board before spending a comfortable night on the water.
- DAY 15: DISCOVER TRIVANDRUM**  
Have breakfast onboard before disembarking and heading for the beach town of Kovalam. Stop on the way in Kerala's capital Trivandrum to explore. Visit the Observatory and Sri Chitra Art Gallery to name a few.
- DAY 16: RELAX IN KOVALAM**  
This morning take a walking tour of the town and visit the lighthouse. The rest of the day is yours to relax or head to the beach, before a farewell dinner this evening.
- DAYS 17-18: FLY TRIVANDRUM TO AUSTRALIA**  
Transfer to Trivandrum airport and fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.
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Visit Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary

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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.

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Explore Kovalam's iconic lighthouse

# HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

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## 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

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See colourful produce at local markets

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Explore Mehrangarh Fort

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

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

### DAY 3: TAJ MAHAL

Depart for Agra. On arrival, visit the colossal red sandstone Agra Fort, set on the banks of the Yamuna River. The fort was established in the 16th century but has had much added to it over time. Then you'll stand before India's most iconic building, the Taj Mahal, admiring the play of the light and exquisite detail of the luminous white marble. In the evening enjoy a musical drama, Mohabbat the Taj, a true Bollywood experience.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO KHAJURAHO

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

### DAY 5: DISCOVER KHAJURAHO

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

### DAY 6: RIVER GANGES

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

### DAY 7: EXPLORE JAIPUR

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

### DAY 8: AMBER FORT

Start the day with a stop at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) before visiting the majestic Amber Fort, a magnificent 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort. Visit the stunning City Palace, still home of the city's royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory. Learn the art of turban tying before visiting a local workshop to discover traditional crafts such as block printing and carpet weaving.

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

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

### DAY 10: EXPLORE JODHPUR

Begin with a visit to the majestic Mehrangarh Fort, perched high above the city, before continuing to the nearby Jaswant Thada. Ride an auto rickshaw to a local restaurant for lunch before enjoying the afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 11: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

The long drive from Jodhpur to Udaipur stretches through deserts, ancient forts, and villages. Enjoy some leisure time upon arrival.



Visit Khajuraho's Western temples



Explore Varanasi, one of the holiest cities in Hinduism

### DAY 12: 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. End the day cruising on Lake Pichola, admiring the city's palaces from the water.

### DAY 13: BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

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



Look out for leopards in Ranthambore

### DAY 14: RANTHAMBORE

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

### DAY 15: RANTHAMBORE SAFARIS

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

### DAY 16: RETURN TO DELHI

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

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

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



## EXPERIENCE DIWALI OR HOLI FESTIVALS

Two of the most well-known festivals in India are Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and Holi, the Festival of Colours. In 2026, Diwali will be celebrated on 8th November, and Holi on 4th March (dates may vary by a day and will be confirmed in your final documentation). Look for the \* symbol to find departures that coincide with these vibrant celebrations.

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2026 DATES

24 Jan - 10 Feb	\$8,780	26 Sep - 13 Oct	\$8,580
14 Feb - 03 Mar	\$8,780	03 Oct - 20 Oct	\$8,780
07 Mar - 24 Mar	\$8,780	17 Oct - 03 Nov	\$8,780
21 Mar - 07 Apr	\$8,780	24 Oct - 10 Nov*	\$8,780

### 2027 DATES

23 Jan - 09 Feb	\$8,780	20 Mar - 06 Apr	\$8,780
13 Feb - 02 Mar	\$8,780	25 Sep - 12 Oct	\$8,580
27 Feb - 16 Mar	\$8,780	02 Oct - 19 Oct	\$8,780
06 Mar - 23 Mar	\$8,780	16 Oct - 02 Nov	\$8,780

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# RAJASTHAN PANORAMA

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
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Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Bikaner

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Admire Udaipur's City Palace

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 2: ALSISAR HERITAGE TOWN

Cross into the kaleidoscopic state of Rajasthan, arriving in Alsisar. This small town is packed with heritage art and architecture, with mansions, frescoes, cenotaphs and a castle to admire. Spend the night in a beautifully restored haveli, a traditional townhouse.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE BIKANER

Travel to the vibrant town of Bikaner. Surrounded by the Thar Desert, Bikaner is dominated by its magnificent fort, a complex of ornate buildings and halls, which you'll explore. Then, take a rickshaw ride through the buzzing streets of the old city bazaar. Continue to Gajner.

### DAYS 4-5: DISCOVER JAISALMER

Rising from the sandy plains of the Thar Desert, Jaisalmer is known as the 'Golden City', named for the honey colour of its walls. Browse the local markets and visit Sunset Point. Spend the next morning exploring amongst the magnificence of Jaisalmer's 12th-century fort, full of palaces, temples and mansions. Later, see a spectacular sunset from the Sam Sand Dunes.

### DAY 6: THAR DESERT SAFARI

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

### DAYS 7-8: JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur, where you'll spend two days exploring. Known as the 'Blue City', much of Jodhpur's old town is painted a vivid blue, something that is best admired from the towering Mehrangarh Fort. You'll also visit Jaswant Thada and a small museum housed in the magnificent 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 visiting the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery, Sahelion Ki Bari Garden and the ornate City Palace. Later take a cruise on Lake Pichola passing the magical Lake Palace.

### DAY 11: RAJASTHAN COUNTRYSIDE

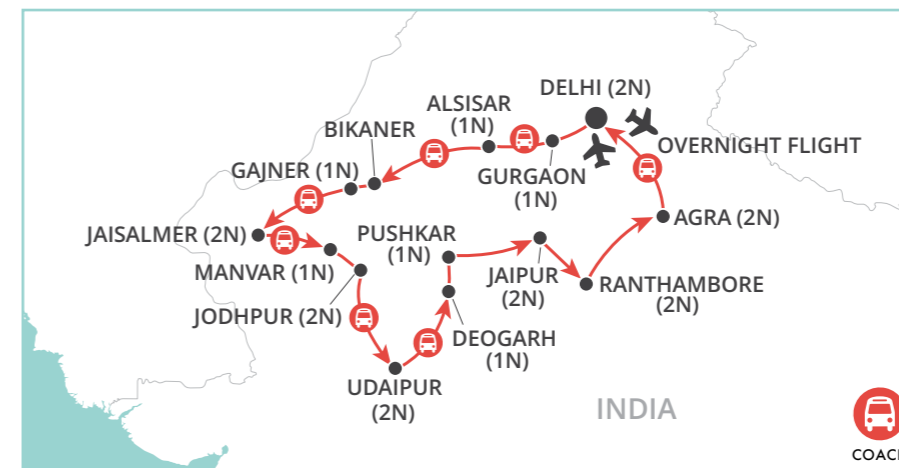
Drive to Deogarh, stopping en route to visit the Eklinji and Nathdwara temples. This evening wander through the bustling streets and enjoy a lavish 'royal experience' - a special dinner attended by members of the Deogarh royal family.

### DAY 12: EXPLORE PUSHKAR

Take a train through the scenic hills to Phulad, then continue by road to Pushkar. This holy city has 52 ghats set on the banks of the sacred Pushkar Sarovar, where Hindu pilgrims come to bathe. Enjoy an atmospheric evening visit to the Brahma Temple.

### DAY 13: JAIPUR

Travel to Jaipur, the enthralling 'Pink City' that serves as Rajasthan's capital. On arrival, visit



Visit magnificent Jaisalmer Fort

the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful astrological instruments.

### DAY 14: AMBER FORT

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

### DAYS 15-16: RANTHAMBORE

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

### DAY 17: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Set out for Agra, stopping at Bharatpur for lunch and visiting Fatehpur Sikri, tomb of Salim Chistic, and Panch Mahal Palace along the way.

### DAY 18: THE TAJ MAHAL

Begin the day with a visit to India's most iconic sight, the breathtaking Taj Mahal, with plenty of time to wander the gardens and admire this beautiful white marble structure from all angles. This afternoon visit the colossal Agra Fort.

### DAY 19: TRAVEL TO DELHI

Travel by road back to Delhi. India's capital, it is a city of equal chaos and charm, the sort of place that grabs you and doesn't let go! This afternoon, begin your explorations with old and new visiting the UNESCO-listed

12th-century Qutab Minar, and the impressive Lotus Temple built in the 1980s.

### DAY 20: VIBRANT DELHI

Continue to discovery the city, starting the day in Old Delhi, exploring the vast spice market and visiting the monumental Jama Masjid mosque, before crossing into New Delhi where you'll find the colonial Rajpath, stopping for a photo at the iconic India Gate, designed by Edwin Lutyens.

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

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

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## EXPERIENCE DIWALI OR HOLI FESTIVALS

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## RAJASTHAN PANORAMA

## CLASSIC INDIA

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This journey through Rajasthan, the land of extravagant forts and palaces, allows wildlife and architecture lovers alike to experience safaris, deserts (with a night in a traditional desert camp) and colourful cities.



See majestic Bengal tigers in Ranthambore

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2026 DATES

15 Jan - 05 Feb	\$8,480	17 Sep - 08 Oct	\$7,980
19 Feb - 12 Mar*	\$8,480	08 Oct - 29 Oct	\$8,480
05 Mar - 26 Mar	\$8,480	15 Oct - 05 Nov	\$8,480
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### 2027 DATES

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- Single supplement from \$1,980

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# HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS

24 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$15,980

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

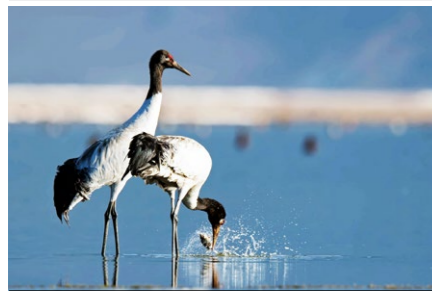
- ✓ Discover Kolkata's culture
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Kanchenjunga
- ✓ Spot rhinos and elephants
- ✓ Soak up Bhutan's culture
- ✓ Hike through paddy fields
- ✓ Explore tea plantations



Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Admire black-necked cranes in Phobjikha Valley

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO KOLKATA

Fly to Kolkata. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE KOLKATA

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

### DAY 3: TRAIN TO NEW JALPAIGURI

Get up early to visit a fragrant flower market. Stop by Kumortuli, the potters' quarter, and see a Jain temple. Later board a train to New Jalpaiguri before driving to Siliguri where you will spend the night.

### DAY 4: DRIVE TO DARJEELING

Head out of Siliguri through endless tea plantations to the famous hill station of Darjeeling, which stands at an impressive elevation of 2,134 metres.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE DARJEELING

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

### DAY 6: INTO SIKKIM

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

### DAY 7: KHECHEOPALRI LAKE

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

### DAYS 8-9: DISCOVER GANGTOK

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

### DAY 10: RUMTEK MONASTERY

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

### DAY 11: KALIMPONG AT LEISURE

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

### DAY 12: WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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

### DAY 13: INTO BHUTAN

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



Visit Buddhist monasteries in Thimphu



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

### DAY 16: TRAVEL TO GANGTEY

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

### DAY 17: WALKING IN GANGTEY

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

### DAY 18: RURAL BHUTAN

Leave Gangtey for Puntakha visiting the Black Necked Crane Information Centre en route. On arrival visit Puntakha 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. Discover Paro's picturesque surroundings and explore Ta Dzong and Rinpung Dzong.

### DAY 21: TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY

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

### DAY 22: 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.



Discover the delights of Gangtey Monastery

## 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

### 2026 DATES

04 Apr - 27 Apr \$15,980 07 Nov - 30 Nov \$15,980

### 2027 DATES

03 Apr - 26 Apr \$15,980 06 Nov - 29 Nov \$15,980

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# GRAND TOUR OF INDIA

29 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$13,980

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

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Experience the exquisite temples of Khajuraho

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



See a Kathakali dance performance

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Witness an exuberant performance of the traditional dance-drama that is Kathakali. Kerala's best-known performing art, it is an extravagant retelling of Hindu epics complete with colourful costumes and elaborate make up.
- Not well known outside of India, discover the magnificent artistic treasures of the Ajanta and Ellora Caves, a series of caverns full of intricate frescoes and carvings created by Buddhist, Hindu and Jain monks.
- Embark on 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.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

Explore Old Delhi; board a rickshaw to explore the fragrant lanes of a spice market and stop to admire Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. After lunch, view India Gate and Parliament House before exploring Iron Pillar and Qutab Minar.

### DAYS 3-4: DISCOVER VARANASI

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

### DAY 5: EXPLORE KHAJURAHO'S TEMPLES

Fly to Khajuraho to see the exquisite groups of temples and their intricately carved, erotic imagery. Enjoy a cultural dance performance this evening.

### 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

Admire the stunning white marble architecture, intricate carvings, and timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal, that continues to inspire awe around the world. This afternoon visit the colossal 16th-century Agra Fort, before enjoying a vibrant stage performance as you watch the musical drama of Mohabbat the Taj.

### DAYS 8-9: RANTHAMBORE

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

### DAYS 10-11: JAIPUR

Journey to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur for a two-night stay. While here your explorations will include a photo stop at Hawa Mahal, exploring 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. The next day visit Khimsar, perched on the edge of the great Thar Desert.

### DAYS 14-15: DISCOVER JAISALMER

Rising from the sandy plains of the Thar Desert, Jaisalmer is known as the 'Golden City'. Head to Sunset Point to enjoy the views. The next day explore the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, and visit the Sam Sand Dunes.

### DAYS 16-17: JODHPUR & AROUND

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



### DAYS 18-19: 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

Enjoy this 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 for your overnight stay.

### DAY 23: DISCOVER MUMBAI

Tour cosmopolitan Mumbai, India's economic powerhouse. Drive past the Gateway to India and 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. This evening enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.

### DAY 25: KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Visit Kochi's synagogue, before heading out of the city to Alleppey to board your houseboat, for the night. On this converted rice barge,

or 'kettuvallam', you will drift along the peaceful backwaters. Lunch and dinner are served onboard.

### DAY 26: TRAVEL TO KOVALAM

Enjoy breakfast before disembarking and travelling to the beach resort of Kovalam, with the afternoon free to soak up the coastal charm.

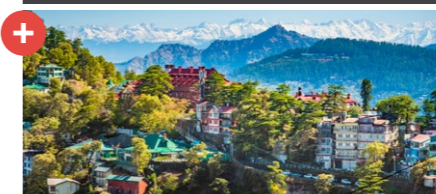
### DAY 27: VISIT TRIVANDRUM

Explore Kerala's capital Trivandrum, viewing Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple from the outside, before continuing to Sri Chitra Art Gallery, the Observatory and Kanakakunnu Palace. Return to Kovalam for your final night stay.

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

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**SHIMLA SHORT STAY**  
4 days from \$1,180pp

**AMRITSAR SHORT STAY**  
3 days from \$1,005pp

**GOA SHORT STAY**  
5 days from \$1,025pp

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## GRAND TOUR OF INDIA

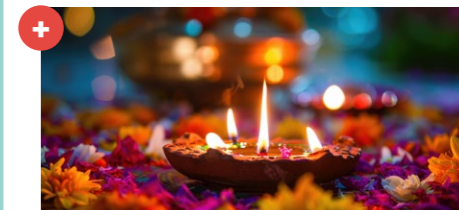
CLASSIC  
INDIA

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.



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# CHRISTMAS IN INDIA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,880

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

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Try the art of turban tying

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Admire Udaipur's City Palace

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 2: DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DELHI TO JAIPUR

Upon arrival in Jaipur, enjoy an enlightening visit to the Turban Museum, where you will participate in an interactive demonstration on the art of turban tying and the various styles of wearing them. As a cherished keepsake, you get to take these turbans with you.

### DAY 4: JAIPUR

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

### DAY 5: JAIPUR TO PUSHKAR

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

### DAY 6: PUSHKAR TO UDAIPUR

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

### DAY 7: UDAIPUR

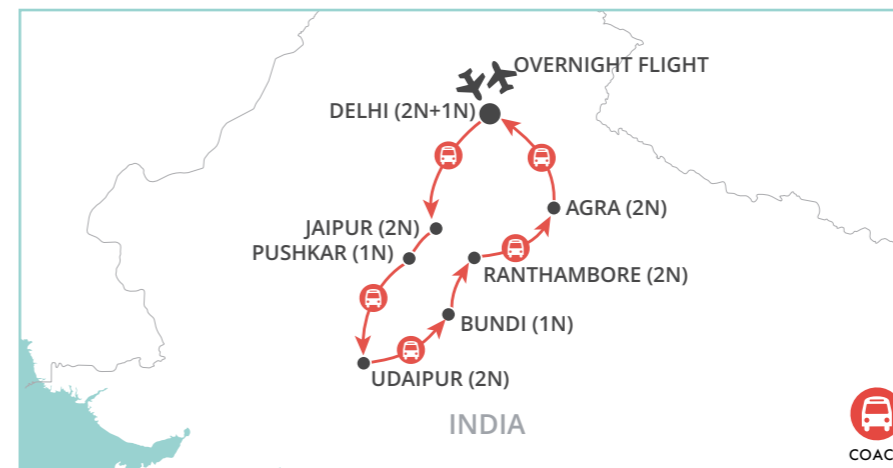
Today's adventure is a journey into the heart of Udaipur's culture. Drive around the tranquil expanse of Fateh Sagar Lake and discover the Folk Museum's indigenous heritage treasure trove. The Mewar Art Gallery offers history and modern expression captured on canvas. The highlight will be a visit to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

### DAY 8: UDAIPUR TO BUNDI

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

### DAY 9: BUNDI TO RANTHAMBORE

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



Be captivated by the Taj Mahal on Christmas Day

views of the city below. Arrive in Ranthambore, where you will overnight.

### DAY 10: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 11: CHRISTMAS EVE IN AGRA

Travel to Agra, with a captivating stop en route at Fatehpur Sikri. Explore its wonders, including the Tomb of Chisti and the Panchal Mahal Palace. Arrive at your hotel, where the festive ambiance will get you in the Christmas Eve spirit! There is a special option available this evening – a magical Christmas Midnight Mass at St Mary's Church. This promises to be the pinnacle of your Christmas celebrations, adding even more joy to your experience.

### DAY 12: CHRISTMAS DAY IN AGRA

Wake on Christmas Day and head straight to the spellbinding Taj Mahal – what a wonderful way to start such a special day. Enjoy some time to explore this magnificent monument at your leisure. Next, visit Agra Fort, a majestic red sandstone fortress built by Emperor Akbar in the 16th century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After enjoying a Christmas lunch feast filled with lots of entertainment and celebrations, you will be taken to a rooftop restaurant to sip on a glass of chilled champagne as you watch the pinks, yellows and reds of the sun set shift across the marbled

surface of the Taj Mahal. To conclude this magical Christmas Day, enjoy a live musical drama – Mohabbat the Taj – a show depicting the romantic love story of Emperor Shahjahan and his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. This is a true Bollywood experience.

### DAY 13: DRIVE TO DELHI

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

### DAYS 14-15: FLY DELHI TO AUSTRALIA

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

## + EXTEND YOUR STAY...

### VARANASI SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,235pp

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Visit the ghats at Pushkar

## CHRISTMAS IN INDIA

CLASSIC INDIA



PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Spot tigers in Ranthambore National Park

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

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### 2026 DATES

14 Dec - 28 Dec \$7,880

### 2027 DATES

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,780

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 the historic Galle Fort

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Visit Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Explore Nuwara Eliya's tea plantations

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO COLOMBO

Fly to Colombo. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

Exploze the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, the capital of a kingdom that ruled the island between the 11th and 13th centuries, with its well-preserved stupas, frescoes and statues. This afternoon, embark on an adventurous jeep safari on Minneriya National Park. Look out for large herds of elephants, sloth bears, leopards and more wonderful wildlife.

### DAY 4: ANURADHAPURA

Drive to celebrated Anuradhapura. The city's greatest treasures are its dagobas; domes enshrining sacred relics. The most notable is the Ruwanwelisaya Dagoba, dating back to the 2nd century BC, which you will visit today along with the Thuparamaya, said to contain the collarbone of Buddha. You'll also see the sacred Bo Tree, the city's most renowned relic. Bought here 2,250 years ago by the Emperor Asoka's daughter, it is believed to have grown from a branch of the tree under which Buddha gained enlightenment.

### DAY 5: DAMBULLA ROCK TEMPLE

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

### DAY 6: CULTURAL KANDY

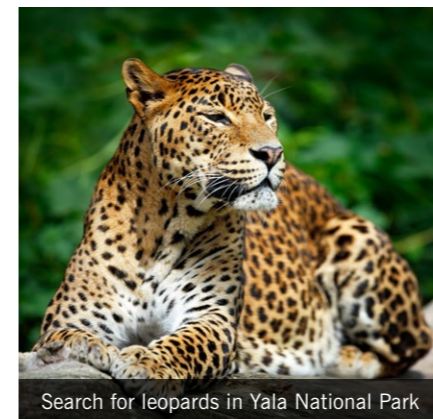
This morning, visit the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens. Later, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of the most revered Buddhist sites in the world. Stolen at Buddha's funeral, the tooth was smuggled into Sri Lanka hidden in the hair of a princess who fled from India. Explore the remains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

### DAY 7: NUWARA ELIYA

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

### DAY 8: TEA PLANTATION

This morning you visit a tea plantation, exploring the full process of tea production, from leaf to brew. Later this afternoon enjoy a city tour taking in the race course, Hill Club Hotel, Gregory Lake and Sita Amman Kovil.



Search for leopards in Yala National Park



Discover Galle Fort

### DAY 9: UDAWALAWE

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

### DAY 10: YALA NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 11: DRIVE TO GALLE

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

### DAY 12: OLD GALLE

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

### DAY 13: KOSGODA TURTLE HATCHERY

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

### DAY 14: EXPLORE COLOMBO

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

### DAY 15: FLY COLOMBO TO AUSTRALIA

Fly back to Australia, arriving home the same day.

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## 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

### 2026 DATES

24 Jan - 07 Feb	\$8,780	17 Oct - 31 Oct	\$8,780
14 Feb - 28 Feb	\$8,780	24 Oct - 07 Nov	\$8,780
21 Feb - 07 Mar	\$8,780	07 Nov - 21 Nov	\$8,780
14 Mar - 28 Mar	\$8,780	21 Nov - 05 Dec	\$10,980
11 Apr - 25 Apr	\$8,780		

### 2027 DATES

16 Jan - 30 Jan	\$9,180	10 Apr - 24 Apr	\$9,180
06 Feb - 20 Feb	\$9,180	16 Oct - 30 Oct	\$9,180
20 Feb - 06 Mar	\$9,180	23 Oct - 06 Nov	\$9,180
06 Mar - 20 Mar	\$9,180	06 Nov - 20 Nov	\$9,180
20 Mar - 03 Apr	\$9,180	13 Nov - 27 Nov	\$9,180
03 Apr - 17 Apr	\$9,180	20 Nov - 04 Dec	\$11,480

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Spot elephants in Yala National Park

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Discover authentic Sri Lankan cuisine

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO COLOMBO

Fly to Colombo. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 2: SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS

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

### DAY 3: POLONNARUWA

Today you will visit Hiriwaduna, where you will be immersed into the life of locals. Experience a boat ride on the lake, enjoy a tuk-tuk ride to a local home and learn how to prepare an authentic dish. Next, visit Polonnaruwa, an ancient capital and UNESCO World Heritage site, full of well-preserved stupas, statues and frescoes.

### DAY 4: ANURADHAPURA

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

### DAY 5: DAMBULLA

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

### DAY 6: KANDY

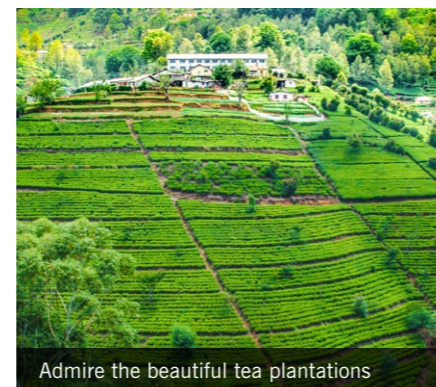
Embark on a boat ride around the lake offering you breathtaking views of a picturesque city. Later, trek through a long-protected tract of rainforest teeming with a variety of species, including beautiful birds like Layard's parakeet and the oriental dwarf kingfisher.

### DAY 7: CHRISTMAS EVE – NUWARA ELIYA

Boar a train to Nuwara Eliya, travelling on what is considered one of the most picturesque rail journeys in the world, passing through a landscape of lush tea plantations and quaint towns. This afternoon, have high tea in the beautiful gardens of the Grand Hotel, before enjoying Christmas Eve festivities and dinner.

### DAY 8: CHRISTMAS DAY – NUWARA ELIYA

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



Admire the beautiful tea plantations



Explore Sigiriya Rock Fortress



Travel to Nuwara Eliya by train

### DAY 9: UDAWALAWE

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

### DAY 10: YALA NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 11: HIKKADUWA

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

### DAY 12: GALLE FORT

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

### DAY 13: KOSGODA TURTLE SANCTUARY

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

### DAY 14: TRAVEL TO COLOMBO

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

### DAY 15: COLOMBO

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

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## CHRISTMAS IN SRI LANKA

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PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2026 DATES

18 Dec - 02 Jan \$9,980

2027 DATES

18 Dec - 02 Jan \$10,680

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover charming Kochi
- ✓ Cruise the Kerala backwaters
- ✓ Feel the history of Kollam
- ✓ Safari in Minneriya
- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Explore the highlands by train

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
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- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Cruise Kerala's calm backwaters

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Explore Kerala's magical backwaters on a kettuvalam (houseboat), passing local river traffic, rice paddies and villages as you glide the labyrinth of canals and rivers. Spending a night onboard gives an extra taste of life on these vibrant waterways.
- Discover the delectable flavours of Sri Lanka on a culinary tour through Kandy. Sample vegan dishes that are the staple of the Sinhalese and delicious snacks like dosa (rice pancakes) and vada (donut) on this delicious adventure.
- In the cooler climes of Sri Lanka's Central Highlands, tour a tea factory and plantation for a fascinating glimpse at the production process, followed by a flavour-filled tasting of the finished product.



Cross the iconic Nine Arch Bridge in Sri Lanka's forested Hill Country

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO KOCHI

Fly to Kochi, an enchanting city on the Malabar Coast of Kerala. On arrival you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin soaking up the charm of this historic port city.

### DAY 2: DISCOVER KOCHI

Today, explore the city's fascinating colonial past. Visit the Dutch Palace, home to fascinating murals and artefacts and step inside the serene Santa Cruz Basilica. Continue to St Francis' Church, believed to be India's oldest European church, then wander the spice-scented lanes of Fort Kochi, lined with charming architecture. This evening, witness a captivating Kathakali dance performance, a traditional art form rich in colour and expression.

### DAY 3: CRUISE THE BACKWATERS

Leave Kochi and travel to Alleppey. On arrival, board your traditional houseboat and glide through Kerala's serene backwaters, a peaceful network of palm-fringed canals and lagoons. Enjoy lunch and dinner on board as you watch a world of village life, temples and rice paddies drift by.

### DAY 4: EXPLORE KOLLAM

After breakfast, disembark your houseboat and journey to Kollam, an ancient port and one of India's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Soak up the town's laidback charms as you enjoy a tranquil shikara (traditional rowing boat) ride through its old, picturesque waterways.

### DAY 5: SCENIC DRIVE TO KOVALAM

This morning, travel to the beautiful seaside resort of Kovalam. The rest of the day will be

at leisure – take a walk along the palm-lined beach or relax with a rejuvenating Ayurvedic treatment, for which the region is famous.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE TRIVANDRUM

Delve into the cultural treasures of Trivandrum, Kerala's capital. Marvel at the grand exterior of the Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, explore the verdant Zoological Gardens, and admire collections at the Napier Museum and the Sri Chitra Art Gallery.

### DAY 7: FLY TO SRI LANKA

Bid farewell to India as you transfer to the airport for your flight to Colombo, Sri Lanka. On arrival you will travel to the seaside city of Negombo where the rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish.

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HABARANA

Journey to Habarana, a peaceful town surrounded by forest and lakes. You will have time to relax before an afternoon safari in Minneriya National Park. Set around an ancient rainwater reservoir, or tank, this wonderfully verdant national park is home to herds of elephants, troops of monkeys, spotted deer, water buffalo and a vibrant array of birdlife.

### DAY 9: SIGIRIYA & POLONNARUWA

Rise early for a day exploring some of Sri Lanka's most magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Start at the 5th-century UNESCO-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress, 'Lion Rock'. Explore the gardens at its foot, and venture through the colossal lion paws and up rock cut stairways to admire the Heavenly Maiden frescoes before reaching the summit for panoramic views.



Visit Santa Cruz Basilica



Discover Galle Fort

Later, head out to explore the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. Wander through the fascinating collection of palaces, stupas and statues to discover the story of a glorious era.

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO KANDY

This morning, travel to Kandy, stopping en route at the Dambulla Cave 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. On arrival in Kandy, visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic, one of the country's most revered Buddhist sites. Later, join a guided food walk through the city to sample authentic local cuisine from bustling street stalls.

### DAY 11: JOURNEY TO NUWARA ELIYA

Travel through the heart of Sri Lanka's scenic tea country, stopping at Ramboda to enjoy the views over the green-swathed landscapes and see one of Sri Lanka's tallest waterfall. Arrive in the highland city of Nuwara Eliya where you'll take a tour of this 'Little England' with its colonial architecture and warm hospitality.

### DAY 12: TRAIN AND DRIVE TO ELLA

Board the train for the spectacular ride to Demodara, travelling along highland valleys, through peaceful forests and across the iconic Nine Arch Bridge, a magnificent viaduct also known as the 'Bridge in the Sky'. This scenic rail journey offers a glimpse into Sri Lanka's colonial past and breathtaking natural beauty. Transfer to Ella, a village nestled among cloudforest and tea plantations, and take some time to unwind at the end of this wonderful day.

### DAY 13: EXPLORE ELLA

Visit one of Sri Lanka's largest and most scenic tea plantations to discover how the island's finest teas are crafted followed by a tasting, as you look out over the velvety green tea bushes. This afternoon, take a tuk-tuk back to Nine Arch Bridge, stopping at a vantage point to take photos and learn more about this marvellous feat of engineering from 1919.

### DAY 14: RETURN TO COLOMBO

Journey back to Colombo descending from the highlands to travel along the beautiful coastline. You'll stop en route at the beautiful Ravana Ella Falls and for an enjoyable lunch at the historic Galle Fort.

### DAY 15: FLY COLOMBO TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same day.



Admire the beautiful Ramboda Falls.

SOUTHERN INDIA & SRI LANKA

## CLASSIC

INDIA & SRI LANKA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Combining the lush landscapes, culture-filled coastal cities and serene backwaters of Kerala with the rich history, tea plantations and incredible wildlife of Sri Lanka, this sun-filled adventure is full of delights.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Taste delicious freshly made yoghurt

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Explore the timeless Geghard Monastery

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2 FLY TO BAKU

Fly overnight to Baku. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where you can enjoy the rest of your day at leisure before dinner at Baku Old Town.

### DAY 3: BAKU CITY TOUR

Explore Baku's Old City, Icheri Sheher, where history comes alive through its ancient walls. Discover architectural treasures like the Palace of the Shirvanshahs, the iconic Maiden Tower, centuries-old mosques, and atmospheric caravanserais—all packed within this UNESCO-listed heritage site.

### DAY 4: VISIT GOBUSTAN & YANARDAG

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

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO GABALA

Depart for Gabala, stopping in Shamakhi to visit the historic Juma Mosque. Learn the art of traditional yoghurt making, before visiting Meysari Winery to sample regional wines. Continue the scenic journey to Gabala.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE NIDJ VILLAGE & SHEKI

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

### DAY 7: GOODBYE AZERBAIJAN, HELLO GEORGIA

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

### DAY 8: VISIT SIGHNAGHI

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

### DAY 9: CONTINUE TO ARMENIA

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

### DAY 10: TATEV MONASTERY

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

### DAY 11: NORAVANK MONASTERY

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



See 7th-century Zvartnots Cathedral

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

### DAY 12: YEREVAN CITY TOUR

Start the day exploring Republic Square, discovering thousands of years of hidden history. Ascend the Cascade Monument for breathtaking views, and then travel to Ejmiatsin before ending the day at the ruins of Zvartnots Cathedral.

### DAY 13: GEGHARD MONASTERY

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

### DAY 14: TRAVEL TO GYUMRI

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

### DAY 15: BACK INTO GEORGIA

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



Enjoy a city tour of Baku

### DAY 16: KUTAIISI CITY TOUR

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

### DAY 17: MESTIA

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

### DAY 18: USHGULI

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

### DAY 19: SISA TURA & ZUGDIDI

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

### DAY 20: GORI & GUDAURI

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

GEORGIA, ARMENIA & AZERBAIJAN

## GO BEYOND

GEORGIA, ARMENIA & AZERBAIJAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

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### 2026 DATES

16 May - 08 Jun	\$13,580	05 Sep - 28 Sep	\$13,580
06 Jun - 29 Jun	\$13,580	26 Sep - 19 Oct	\$13,580

### 2027 DATES

15 May - 07 Jun	\$14,280	04 Sep - 27 Sep	\$14,280
05 Jun - 28 Jun	\$14,280	25 Sep - 18 Oct	\$14,280

### 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 (Baku – Tbilisi) 22 days from \$10,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,980

### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2025, 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.

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### DAY 21: KAZBEGI

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

### DAY 22: MTSKHETA & TBILISI

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

### DAYS 23-24: FLY TBILISI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

# ULTIMATE UZBEKISTAN

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$10,480

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

ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Visit a family-run ceramics workshop

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Visit Registan Square, Samarkand's breathtaking centrepiece

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO TASHKENT

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER TASHKENT

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

### DAY 4: NUKUS & KHIVA

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

### DAY 5: KHIVA

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

### DAY 6: KHIVA TO BUKHARA

Set out for Bukhara, taking a long drive across the famous Kyzyl Kum Desert. The Great Silk Road once ran a similar route to the one you will travel today. There will be several photo opportunities along the way as well as a stop along the banks of the Amudarya River.

### DAY 7: BUKHARA

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



Discover the mosques of Bukhara



Explore Ayaz Kala Fort



Marvel at the tilework of Itchan Kala, Khiva

### DAY 8: BY TRAIN TO SAMARKAND

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

### DAY 9: SAMARKAND

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



Admire traditional suzani embroidery

### DAY 10: SHAKHRISABZ

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

### DAY 11: SAMARKAND TO TASHKENT

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

### DAYS 12-13: FLY TASHKENT TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

## ULTIMATE UZBEKISTAN

## CLASSIC UZBEKISTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2026 DATES			
17 Apr - 29 Apr	\$10,480	11 Sep - 23 Sep	\$10,480
15 May - 27 May	\$10,480	09 Oct - 21 Oct	\$10,480
2027 DATES			
16 Apr - 28 Apr	\$10,980	10 Sep - 22 Sep	\$10,980
14 May - 26 May	\$10,980	08 Oct - 20 Oct	\$10,980

## 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 (Tashkent – Tashkent) 11 days from \$8,280 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$980

## Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$100 (AU\$154pp) is paid locally in Uzbekistan.



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# ROAD TO SAMARKAND

23 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$16,580

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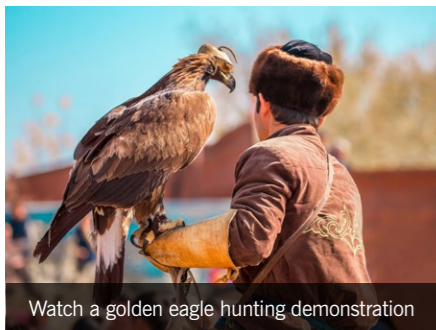
ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Watch a golden eagle hunting demonstration

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Explore Khiva and Kalta Minor, its beautiful unfinished minaret

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BISHKEK

Fly overnight to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital and cultural hub. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where you can enjoy the rest of your day at leisure before dinner.

### DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning visit Ala Archa National Park for a leisurely hike through its picturesque scenery of rugged peaks and dramatic gorges. Return to Bishkek and embark on a city tour taking in Manas Monument, State History Museum and the changing of the Guard of Honor at Ala Too Square.

### DAY 4: LAKE ISSYK KUL

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

### DAY 5: DRIVE TO KARAKOL

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

### DAY 6: JETI-ORGUZ GORGE

Head to the stunning Jeti-Oguz Gorge, home to the iconic 'Seven Bulls' and 'Broken Heart' rock formations. Hike into the mountains for breathtaking panoramic views, step inside a traditional yurt, and enjoy a warm cup of tea

or a taste of kumis – Kyrgyzstan's famous fermented mare's milk. In the evening, enjoy a homemade dinner with a local Dungan or Uygur family.

### DAY 7: EAGLE HUNTING

Travel to the village of Bokonbayevo to watch a traditional eagle hunting demonstration, before enjoying a warm lunch at a Kyrgyz family home. Afterwards, soak in breathtaking mountain views as you journey onward to Naryn.

### DAY 8: JOURNEY TO TASH RABAT

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

### DAY 9: KOCHKOR

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

### DAY 10: CHONG KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 11: TASHKENT

Explore Tashkent's sights, including the Barak Khana Seminary, Kukeldash Madrassahs, Tila Shaikh Mosque and their archives.



Discover Bukhara's magnificent architecture

Browse the wares of Chorsu bazaar before experiencing a ceramic workshop.

### DAY 12: GOLDEN CITY OF SAMARKAND

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

### DAY 13: SAMARKAND

Explore Gur Emir, the magnificent mausoleum of conqueror Tamerlane, the chief Friday Mosque Bibi-Khanum and the Siab Bazaar and Shahi Zinda Necropolis. Later visit the sacred Mausoleum of the Prophet Daniel, a site blending legend, faith, and history.

### DAY 14: KONIGIL VILLAGE

Explore Ulugbek's Observatory, built in 1428–1429 by the grandson of Tamerlane. Continue to the ancient settlement of Afrosiab, before heading to Konigil Village to watch traditional papermaking.

### DAY 15: SHAKHRISABZ

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

### DAY 16: BUKHARA

Journey to Bukhara, stopping in Gijduva, a renowned centre for handmade ceramics. Watch master artisans at work as they bring centuries-old techniques to life. Continue to the holy city of Bukhara, and spend the afternoon exploring its winding streets and soaking in the atmosphere.

### DAY 17: BUKHARA

Explore the legendary Poi Kalon minaret, the Ark Fortress, and Bolo Hauz Mosque. Wander on to the peaceful 16th-century Chor Minor and Chor Bakr necropolis to tour the colourful Khonako-Medrassah-Mosque complex. Later, visit the mausoleum of Ismail Samanid.

### DAY 18: BUKHARA

This morning visit Sitara-i Mokhi-Khosa, the Emir's elegant 20th-century summer palace, blending European and Oriental design. Continue to Bahaiddin Naqshbandi Mausoleum, a site honouring the great Sufi spiritual leader of the region. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 19: KHIVA

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

### DAY 20: WALLED CITY OF ITCHAN KALA

Explore ancient Khiva and uncover the wonders of Itchan Kala, the UNESCO-listed inner-walled city. Step inside the Kunya Ark fortress and admire the turquoise-tiled Islom-Khodja minaret. Wander through the Madrasah Rakhimkhon, once a centre of religious, astronomical, geographical, and mathematical studies. Visit the 19th-century Tash Hauli Palace, decorated in intricate blue china tiles, reflecting Khiva's artistic heritage.

## ROAD TO SAMARKAND

## GO BEYOND

KYRGYZSTAN & UZBEKISTAN

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2026 DATES

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

### 2027 DATES

11 May - 02 Jun	\$17,280	21 Sep - 13 Oct	\$17,280
07 Sep - 29 Sep	\$17,280	05 Oct - 27 Oct	\$17,280

## 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 (Bishkek – Tashkent) 21 days from \$13,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,890

## Important note

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## DAY 21: FLY TO TASHKENT

Transfer to Urgench and fly to Tashkent. Upon arrival, explore the Museum of Applied Arts, then visit Mustakilik Square. Finally, descend into the famous Tashkent Metro, where marble and granite decorations create the atmosphere of an underground palace.

## DAYS 22-23: FLY TASHKENT TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.



Cruise the legendary Issyk-Kul Lake

# JOURNEY THROUGH CENTRAL ASIA

28 DAYS FROM

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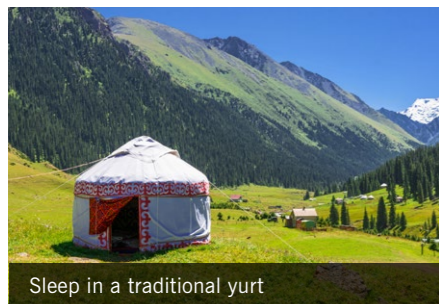
ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches, 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation, plus yurt and guest house
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Sleep in a traditional yurt

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Learn about the Akhal Teke horses

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BISHKEK

Fly overnight to the city of Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where you can enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 3: ALA ARCHA NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 4: CHONG KEMIN NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 5: KOCHKOR VILLAGE

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

### DAY 6: EAGLE HUNTING

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

### DAY 7: KARAKOL

Visit the Przhhevsky Museum and see the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of the

Flowers and Jeti-Orghuz where you can enjoy a light hike through the magnificent canyon of red sandstone, all before joining a local Dungan or Uyghur family for dinner.

### DAY 8: SUNDAY MARKET

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

### DAY 9: ALMATY

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

### DAY 10: FLY TO DUSHANBE

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

### DAY 11: DUSHANBE

Take a full day tour of the capital, walking through the botanical gardens, the Ismoili Somoni monument and Kohi Navruz, a cultural palace and showcase of traditional Tajik architecture. After lunch visit the historical Fortress of Hissor.

### DAY 12: LAKE ISKANDERKUL

Travel into the mountains to the shores of Iskanderkul to soak up the spectacular scenery. Continue on to Khujand.

### DAY 13: KHUJAND

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



Appreciate Bukhara's architecture

### DAY 14: TASHKENT

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

### DAY 15: ARRIVE IN SAMARKAND

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

### DAY 16: SAMARKAND

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

### DAY 17: SHAKHRISABZ

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

### DAY 18: BUKHARA

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

### DAY 19: BUKHARA

Head out of Bukhara to Sitara-i Mokhi-Khosa, the summer residence of the former Emir of Bukhara. Visit Bahauddin Naqshband



Enjoy dinner at Darvaza Crater

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

### DAY 20: JOURNEY TO KHIVA

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

### DAY 21: WALLED CITY OF KHIVA

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

### DAY 22: EXPLORE KONYE-URGENCH

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

### DAY 23: EXPLORE ASHGABAT

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

### DAY 24: ANCIENT CITY OF MERV

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

## JOURNEY THROUGH CENTRAL ASIA

## GO BEYOND

CENTRAL ASIA

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2026 DATES

17 May - 13 Jun	\$19,680	20 Sep - 17 Oct	\$19,680
13 Sep - 10 Oct	\$19,680		

### 2027 DATES

16 May - 12 Jun	\$20,680	19 Sep - 16 Oct	\$20,680
12 Sep - 09 Oct	\$20,680	26 Sep - 23 Oct	\$20,680

## Flight and supplement information

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- Land only (Bishkek - Ashgabat) 26 days from \$16,880 per person, twin share
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## Important note

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### DAY 25: DARVAZA GAS CRATER

Fly back to Ashgabat to explore both ancient and modern sides of the city visiting Independence Square and the Turkmenistan Independence Monument to see the Ertoghul Ghazi Mosque. Drive to the Darvaza Gas Crater to walk around the crater as dusk approaches. Enjoy a nomad-inspired dinner under the stars, with a spectacular view of the crater and its glowing flames. Return to Ashgabat.

### DAY 26: ASHGABAT

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

### DAYS 27-28: FLY ASHGABAT TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

NEW

# BEST OF MONGOLIA

- 16

DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON

\$12,880
- 

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore the Gobi Desert
- ✓ Discover Bayanzag's 'Flaming Cliffs'
- ✓ Walk around Turtle Rock
- ✓ Visit Orkhon Waterfall
- ✓ Spot the famous takhi

Savour the stark beauty of the Gobi Desert

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star hotel plus premium ger camps & an eco camp
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 18



Find wild Przewalski's horse roaming

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Spot takhi, or Przewalski's horse – a species once extinct in the wild – amid the rolling steppes and rugged hills of Khustai National Park.
- Experience the nomadic lifestyle in comfort, staying in premium ger camps with private en suite bathrooms. After a day of adventure, unwind beneath the star-strewn skies of the Gobi Desert.
- Experience a thrilling mini Naadam Festival at your remote eco ger camp, where you'll witness Mongolia's 'Three Manly Games'—wrestling, horse racing, and traditional archery, which you can even try yourself. A simple yet unforgettable glimpse into nomadic life.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR

Fly overnight to Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to your hotel and depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE ULAANBAATAR

Start your explorations with a visit to Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. Here, you'll get to witness the monk's morning chants and learn more about Mongolian Buddhism. Then head to the heart of the city to stand in Genghis Khan Square and view the fascinating exhibitions of the National Museum of Mongolia. This evening, enjoy a lively cultural show that features traditional songs, dances and music.

### DAY 4: TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

Leave the city and travel into the hinterland to discover the picturesque scenery of Terelj National Park. En route, stop at the impressive Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue Complex – the largest of its kind in the world. Continue your journey to Terelj National Park, where you'll walk around the iconic Turtle Rock and visit the serene Aryabal Temple. Unwind at your premium ger camp, enjoying leisure time with stargazing and sauna facilities.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO THE GOBI DESERT

Transfer to the airport and fly to Dalanzadgad, the gateway to the Gobi Desert. Begin your sightseeing in a comfortable, air-conditioned 4WD with a visit to a local market, then drive to the Yol Valley in the Gobi Gurvansaikhan National Park. Take a scenic walk through a narrow gorge surrounded by towering rock formations. Spend the night in a premium ger camp.

### DAY 6: THROUGH GOBI DESERT

Drive through breathtaking desert landscapes, spotting camel herds and their herders as you go, to reach the spectacular Khongoryn Els, an area of towering sand dunes. Explore the dunes, with an optional climb to the top for panoramic views over the desert. Dine tonight under the starry Gobi sky and spend the next two nights in a premium ger camp.

### DAY 7: KHONGORYN ELS

Spend a full day exploring the beauty of Khongoryn Els, some of the world's most spectacular sand dunes. Take a short hike to admire the contrasts between the shifting sands and green oases and visit a nomadic camel herding family to learn about their way of life. In the afternoon you'll have free time to explore as you wish before returning to the ger camp for a traditional Mongolian dinner.

### DAY 8: FLAMING CLIFFS

Drive through magnificent landscapes to reach Bayanzag, the Flaming Cliffs, to admire these red sandstone formations. Take a walk through the Gobi Dinosaurs Cemetery, keeping a look out for fossils, before a guided walk to discover more about the area's rich paleontological history. Overnight in a premium ger.

### DAY 9: ONGIIN HIID

Set out across the stark scenery of the Gobi to Ongiin Khiid, a monastery on the banks of the Ongi River. Wander around the ruins of two historic monasteries which were once among the largest in Mongolia and take a walk around the site to learn more about the area's past. Spend the night by the river in a premium ger camp.

### DAY 10: ORKHON WATERFALL

Bid farewell to the arid Gobi and travel into the lush grasslands to reach the city of Arvaikheer for lunch. This afternoon, drive north to Orkhon Waterfall which you'll get to see in all its glory at sunset. Relax in your eco camp, home for the next two nights.

### DAY 11: EXPERIENCE MONGOLIA'S HERITAGE

Today, immerse yourself into Mongolia's rich traditions and nomadic heritage, witnessing a mini Naadam Festival, featuring the traditional 'Three Manly Games'. Watch a wrestling competition and a horse race, learn the art of archery and present the winners with their medals at the end of the day. This evening, sit down to an authentic Mongolian stone-grilled mutton feast.

### DAY 12: EXPLORE KHARKHORIN

Drive to Kharkhorin, a town on the Orkhon River. Explore the Orkhon Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which includes the ruins of Genghis Khan's capital Karakorum, the fascinating Karakorum Museum, and the Erdene Zuu Monastery. Overnight in a premium ger.

### DAY 13: KHUSTAI NATIONAL PARK

Arrive in Khustai National Park, home to Mongolia's famous takhi, or Przewalski's horse. Once extinct in the wild, this population of wild horses were reintroduced to their native habitat in the 1990s, and you can spot them today alongside other native wildlife. Settle into your premium ger camp among the beauty of the rolling steppe.

### DAY 14: RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR

Spend the morning discovering the magnificent nature of Khustai National Park before transferring back to your hotel in Ulaanbaatar. This afternoon is free for you to shop for souvenirs or to explore the city at your own pace. Tonight, there will be a farewell dinner at a traditional Mongolian restaurant with live folk music – the perfect end to your Mongolian adventure.

### DAYS 15-16: FLY ULAANBAATAR TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

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Discover the sand dunes of Khongoryn Els



Wander around Turtle Rock



Admire the beautiful Orkhon Waterfall

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## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Designed for comfort and depth, this epic adventure covers Mongolia's top sights while allowing time to truly soak in the country's rugged beauty. Expect long but rewarding days of travel through this extraordinary region.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

### 2026 DATES

30 May - 13 Jun	\$12,880	22 Aug - 05 Sep	\$12,880
20 Jun - 04 Jul	\$12,880	12 Sep - 26 Sep	\$12,880
25 Jul - 08 Aug	\$12,880		

### 2027 DATES

29 May - 12 Jun	\$13,980	21 Aug - 04 Sep	\$13,980
19 Jun - 03 Jul	\$13,980	11 Sep - 25 Sep	\$13,980
24 Jul - 07 Aug	\$13,980		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Ulaanbaatar – Ulaanbaatar) 14 days from \$10,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,900

### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2025, 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.

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# MONGOLIA & NAADAM FESTIVAL

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INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

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



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

- PRICE INCLUDES
- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
  - International flights and current taxes
  - Domestic transportation
  - 3 star plus - 4 star accommodation & standard ger camps
  - Touring with guides and entrance fees



Watch traditional Mongolian dancing

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Immerse yourself in fascinating culture as you enjoy a Mongolian folklore show, featuring old music traditions such as throat-singing and horsehead fiddles, dancing and performing arts.
- ▶ The Naadam Festival represents the heritage of Mongolia with competitors participating in archery, wrestling and horseback riding. Enjoy the opening cultural performance, and cheer for the participants alongside the locals.
- ▶ Amongst the dramatic landscapes of Mongolia's steppe, receive a warm welcome from a local family as they show you around their ger camp home and introduce you to their nomadic life as livestock herders.

## ITINERARY

**DAYS 1-2: FLY TO ULAANBAATAR**  
Fly overnight to Mongolia's capital, Ulaanbaatar. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 3: ULAANBAATAR CITY**  
Start your explorations with a visit to Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. Later, explore the Museum of Mongolian History for insight into the culture of Mongolia. You will then visit the Museum of Fine Arts.

**DAY 4: GENGHIS KHAN STATUE COMPLEX**  
This morning, travel to Terelj National Park stopping en route to visit the Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue Complex. Spend the afternoon exploring the area, enjoying the alpine scenery and seeing Turtle Rock.

**DAY 5: GOBI DESERT**  
This morning, fly to Dalanzadgad where you will visit the local market and dinosaur-themed garden before transferring by 4WD to the ger camp near Gurvansaikhan (Three Beauty) National Park. You will then spend the day exploring Vulture Valley and the famed Eagle's Gorge, before driving back to the camp for a visit to a Mongolian family to learn about their lifestyle.

**DAY 6: KHONGORYN ELS**  
After an early start you will be travelling by 4WD to Khongoryn Els to explore the remarkable desert landscapes and beautiful sand dunes.

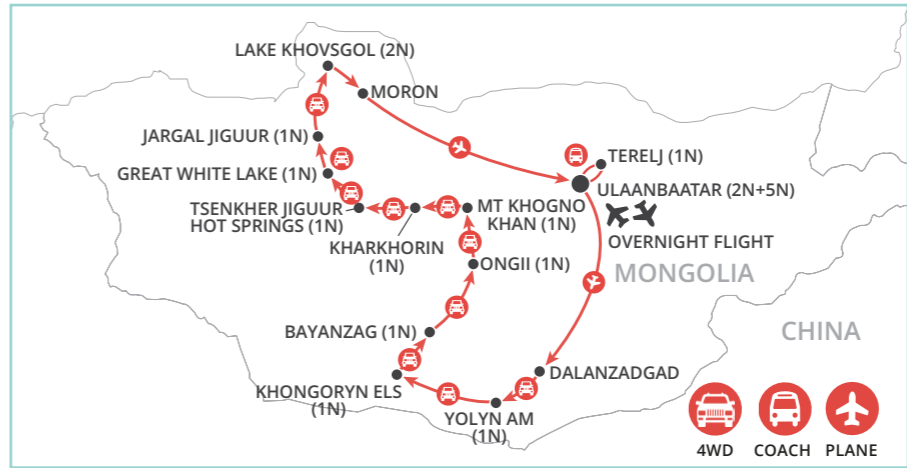
**DAY 7: BAYANZAG – FLAMING CLIFFS**  
This morning is at leisure for you to explore. After lunch, continue to Bayanzag – more commonly known as the 'Flaming Cliffs'. This afternoon there will be a visit to the so-called dinosaur graveyard, an area in the desert littered with prehistoric bones and fossils.

**DAY 8: ONGIIN KHIID**  
Today, journey to the banks of the Ongii River, travelling across vast plains. On arrival, visit the ruins of two famed monasteries, the Barlim Khiid to the north and the Khutagt Khiid to the south. Combined they form the complex known as Ongiin Khiid Monastery.

**DAY 9: MOUNT KHOGNO KHAN**  
Depart for Mount Khogno Khan to explore the remains of the 17th-century monastery, the Uvgun Khiids, located at the foot of the mountain. The monastery offers views of the spectacular scenery so enjoy some time to explore the monastery and its surroundings.

**DAY 10: KHARKHORIN**  
Drive to Kharkhorin, a town on the Orkhon River. Explore the Orkhon Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which includes the ruins of Genghis Khan's capital Karakorum and the Erdene Zuu Monastery.

**DAY 11: TSENKHER**  
Enjoy the morning at leisure before continuing to Tsenkher Jiguur. On arrival you'll have more free time to relax in the hot springs and soak up the spectacular surroundings.



Stay in a Mongolian ger



Discover the spectacular Flaming Cliffs

**DAY 12: KHORGU TERKH**  
Today, you'll travel to the serene Great White Lake (Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur) to a ger camp that sits on its shores, overlooked by Khorgo Volcano. Take a walk up to the volcano's crater for wonderful views or wander the lake shores to spot birds and wildlife. There is also a visit to Zayaiin Huree Monastery in Tsetserleg Town.

**DAY 13: JARGAL JIGUUR**  
Enjoy a walk around the shores of the lake and soak up the breathtaking scenery before heading on to Jargal Jiguur, also known as the 'home of the yaks', due to the many local families who herd these docile, hairy creatures.

**DAYS 14-15: LAKE KHOVSGOL**  
Today is a long drive through Mōron to Lake Khovsgol watching plains and glacial peaks pass by. Your ger camp is situated on the eastern shore of the lake. In the afternoon, take a walk to the forest and visit a reindeer breeding family, where you will get introduced to their way of life. You have the next day at leisure to explore freely.

**DAY 16: ULAANBAATAR CITY**  
This morning, you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Ulaanbaatar. Upon arrival you will transfer to your hotel and have the rest of the day at leisure.

**DAY 17: NAADAM EVE**  
This morning, visit the Mongol Nomadic Show and Khustai National Park to learn about the nomads and their way of life. After lunch, return to Ulaanbaatar city for the Naadam Eve, visiting Central Square where you can view the Naadam Mongol costumes on display.

**DAY 18: NAADAM FESTIVAL**  
Today starts the highlight of your journey as you interact with locals and nomads, witnessing the Opening Ceremony of the Naadam Festival. The featured events you will see are wrestling, horseracing and archery. View the procession of the athletes, officials and monks as the first round of competitions in the wrestling tournament begin.

**DAY 19: HORSE RACE**  
Travel outside the city to enjoy the second day of the Naadam Festival. An exciting day unfolds as you view the cross-country horseracing, also known as 'tumnii ekh' (leader of ten thousand). Cheer along with the locals as the athletes compete in a carnival-like atmosphere.

**DAY 20: ULAANBAATAR CITY**  
You have the day in Ulaanbaatar to explore as you wish. This evening you will enjoy a traditional Mongolian performance followed by dinner.

**DAYS 21-22: DEPART ULAANBAATAR**  
Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.



Admire Lake Khovsgol

## GO BEYOND MONGOLIA

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2026 DATES		
24 Jun - 15 Jul	\$16,880	
2027 DATES		
24 Jun - 14 Jul	\$18,480	

Note: This itinerary varies slightly each year. 2027 is currently a 21 Day Tour. Please visit our website for the latest details.

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Ulaanbaatar – Ulaanbaatar) 20 days from \$14,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,280

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Our best-selling itineraries featuring an exceptional cruising experience.

Cruising the serene waters of the famous and historic Brahmaputra River, you'll get to see a side of India that is usually missed. From the heart of bustling cities to an authentic glimpse of rural life in exquisite countryside, shore excursions to hidden gems nestled far from the tourist trail, settle down to an adventure that takes place aboard a comfortable, convivial, and all-inclusive luxury river cruise vessel.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- International airfares
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- All meals
- Drinks on board the cruise at lunch & dinner
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees, guides and touring as stated
- Visa fees as stated for Australian passport holders

## EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With these tours, all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring with a group of a maximum of 20 travellers.

## NATIONAL ESCORTS

You can be safe in the knowledge that you'll be in the company of our award-winning National Escorts for the land portion of your tour. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are the ones who push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable. On the Cruise portion, an English-speaking on board guide will be available, as well as on the off-shore excursions.

## ONBOARD YOUR CRUISE

On your elegant river cruise vessel, you'll be resting up in a stylish and comfortable cabin with glorious views of the Brahmaputra River. Dining, drinks, onboard entertainment, onboard lectures and shore excursions are all included. You'll dine in the onboard restaurant, eating freshly prepared Western and local Indian dishes, then enjoy drinks in the lounge or out on deck, where you can enjoy a fresh breeze and starry skies.

## CHRISTMAS WITH A DIFFERENCE

Add even more magic to that most magical time of the year by celebrating on the Brahmaputra! Surrounded by spectacular landscapes and rich culture, on a luxurious river cruise vessel, this will be a Christmas to remember.

Our Christmas Departure includes:

- Upgraded hotel
- Christmas markets and festivities
- Enjoy a Christmas Eve dinner
- New Year's Eve on the Brahmaputra with a celebratory dinner and toast



# All aboard: ABN Sukapha ABN Charaidew II

With a maximum capacity of just 24 guests, the delightful ABN Sukapha exudes an inviting, easy-going atmosphere. The perfect place for relaxing and watching river life go by after a day of exploring.

This boutique river ship entered service in 2019 – a modern vessel adorned with touches of colonial elegance, brought to life by traditional Assamese designs on hand-woven fabrics.



## YOUR STATEROOM

All 12 en suite cabins are bamboo panelled and feature locally crafted cane furniture. With sliding floor to ceiling windows, panoramic views of the Brahmaputra River are never far away.

## FACILITIES ON BOARD

Spend your time aboard enjoying the ship's comforts and crew hospitality. Take in sweeping views of your surroundings from the open-air top deck, catch up on your reading in the library or indulge in some pampering at the spa. You will be exploring with a group of a maximum of 20 travellers.

## WINE & DINE

Enjoy a wonderful culinary experience in the dedicated dining room, where the talented chefs prepare a daily selection of Western and Indian delights for the buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner. Unlimited drinks are available during lunch and dinner service.



## YOUR STATEROOM

Wendy Wu Tours customers will be able to relax in one of the eight upper deck cabins or two main deck cabins on board – all en suite with sliding glass doors leading to beautiful French balconies.

## FACILITIES ON BOARD

Spread over three decks, and with only 36 guests on board the ABN Charaidew II is very spacious and comfortable. Facilities include a main dining room, gym, large open sundeck, saloon and bar, and a spa offering a wide range of treatments. You will be exploring with a group of a maximum of 20 travellers.

## WINE & DINE

Enjoy relaxed dining with a daily buffet breakfast, and lunches and dinners that feature Indian and Western cuisine along with a range of unlimited drinks. The ship's saloon and bar, on the sundeck, serve refreshments through the day into the evening.



ABN Charaidew II Sundeck



ABN Charaidew II



ABN Sukapha



ABN Sukapha Top Deck

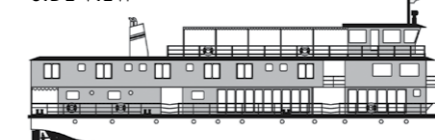
## YOUR JOURNEY

The Brahmaputra River is one of India's best-kept secrets – and often overlooked by tourists. It's along the banks of this mighty river that you'll witness and experience the real India. This fascinating river spans around 2,900km and flows through Tibet, India and Bangladesh. The Brahmaputra is among the few major rivers in the world that flows both eastward and westward.

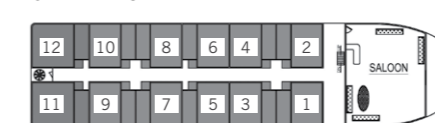
On this seven-night cruise you'll be sailing upstream from Kaziranga to Jorhat, either aboard the ABN Sukapha or the ABN Charaidew II, depending on your departure date. Both ships offer the opportunity to really get to know the river and its people as you observe wildlife on an intrepid safari, visit temples, local villages, tea estates and more. You'll also visit Majuli – one of the world's largest river islands and learn about the unique way of life in this fascinating and rarely visited place.

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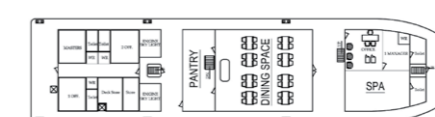
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#### UPPER DECK

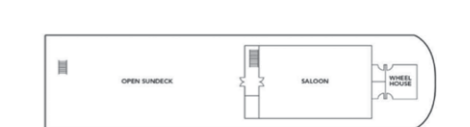


#### MAIN DECK



### ABN CHARAIDEW II

#### SUN DECK



#### UPPER DECK



#### MAIN DECK



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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore the sights of Kolkata
- ✓ Discover beautiful Darjeeling
- ✓ Enjoy a Kanchenjunga sunrise
- ✓ Relax on a seven-night boutique Brahmaputra cruise
- ✓ Safari in Kaziranga National Park



Cruise the Brahmaputra on board ABN Charaidew II

## PRICE INCLUDES

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



Ride the 'Toy Train' from Darjeeling

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, known as the 'Toy Train', takes you on a scenic journey through the foothills of the Himalaya between Darjeeling and Ghoom, home to India's highest train station at 2,200 metres above sea level.
- ▶ Visit a tea estate to learn all about the world-famous Assam tea. Cultivated in nutrient rich soil of the Brahmaputra's floodplain, see the production process and savour a cup of this rich, malty tea.
- ▶ Sail over Gangtok on a cableway, getting a bird's eye view of the city and the snowy peaks of Kanchenjunga beyond. The ride may only be one kilometre long, but the views it offers are extraordinary.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO KOLKATA

Fly to Kolkata, a vibrant city in the far east of India. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE KOLKATA

The capital of West Bengal and widely considered India's cultural capital, Kolkata is a place of fascinating contrasts, something that you will explore on today's tour of the city. See landmark sights like Birla Planetarium, Belur Math, Dakineshwar Kali Temple and the spectacular white marble edifice of the Victoria Memorial before, this evening, taking a walking tour to Park Street, the famous thoroughfare in Kolkata's downtown area.

### DAY 3: BRITISH KOLKATA

The capital of the British Raj between 1858 and 1911, Kolkata is home to a series of colonial sights which you will visit on this morning walking tour, including the stately Dalhousie Square. This afternoon, you'll pay a visit to Mother House, a quiet convent that was home to Mother Teresa and still houses her missionary sisters today. Visit her tomb and a small museum dedicated to her life and work.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO GANGTOK

Transfer to the airport and fly to Bagdogra. On arrival, drive to Gangtok, winding through the incredible landscapes of Sikkim, with towering Himalayan peaks as your backdrop.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE GANGTOK

Sikkim's bustling state capital, Gangtok sits on the side of a hill overlooking the valleys and peaks of the Himalayan foothills. Today you will explore it, visiting the 18th-century Rumtek, the

region's most spiritually significant monastery, Enchey Monastery with its colourful prayer hall, the Tashi Viewpoint, where you'll get spectacular views of Mount Khangchendzonga and more. You'll also fly your way up the cable ropeway for panoramic views of the city and its surroundings.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO DARJEELING

Soak up the incredible scenery as you travel through the Himalayan foothills, passing through vast expanses of tea plantations as you approach the hill station of Darjeeling. En route, you'll stop at the Ravangla Buddha Park to admire a 40-metre-tall copper Buddha set against a mountainous backdrop.

### DAY 7: KANCHENJUNGA SUNRISE

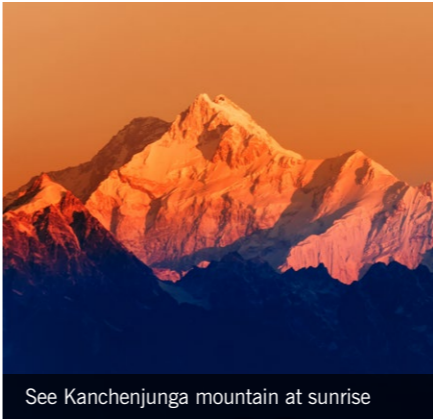
Rise before dawn and travel up Tiger Hill to watch the sun rising (weather dependent) over Kanchenjunga which, at 8,586 metres, is the world's third highest mountain. The rest of the morning is at leisure before an afternoon ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway's Toy Train from Darjeeling to Ghoom. Visit Ghoom Monastery before returning to Darjeeling to tour the Padmaja Naidu Zoological Park, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and Tibetan Refugee Center. This evening, enjoy a stroll through the market.

### DAY 8: FLY TO GUWAHATI

Transfer back to Bagdogra airport and fly to Guwahati. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 9: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Transfer to Silghat, a port on the Brahmaputra River, where you'll board your river cruise vessel. With a spa, saloon, and spacious sun deck along with cool and roomy cabins with floor-to-ceiling



See Kanchenjunga mountain at sunrise



See the horned rhinoceroses in Kaziranga National Park

sliding windows for optimum views, there is no better to explore the rich riverbanks of the mighty Brahmaputra. Cast off and begin your upstream cruise, enjoying lunch and dinner onboard.

### DAY 10: KAZIRANGA SAFARI

This morning, disembark from the ship and take a jeep safari into the central range of the Kaziranga National Park. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Kaziranga is best known for its population of Indian one-horned rhinoceros and is a designated tiger reserve. Alongside these two magnificent creatures, Kaziranga is also home to elephants, sloth bears, pangolin, water buffalo, swamp deer and a number of species of primate, among much more, and is an important habitat for birds. Enjoy a riverside lunch at Diphlu River Lodge before hopping back into jeeps to explore the park's western reaches, where there is even more wonderful wildlife to spot.

### DAY 11: TEA ESTATE

Spend the morning on a tea experience on a picturesque Assam tea estate. Here you'll learn all about the production process, from plucking the leaves to brewing a cup. Back on the boat, cruise upstream, passing through more of Kaziranga National Park's spectacular wilderness, spotting wildlife on the banks of the river as you go. Drop anchor near Biswanath village.

### DAY 12: BISWANATH VILLAGE

Head into the village, where there is a rich, cultural heritage to explore. Biswanath's ghat is home to a cluster of temples dedicated to different gods, including an Ahom-era Shiva temple – discover these and have a wander through the town, soaking up the beautiful riverside and rural surroundings. Continue cruising through

Kaziranga National Park, keeping a look out for wild elephants. Then, spend the afternoon up on the ship's sun deck where you may be lucky enough to spot a member of a small population of the endangered Ganges River dolphins.

### DAY 13: DAY OF CRUISING

Today you'll be able to sit back, relax and watch the river landscapes drift by as you cruise upstream. There will be one stop at a rural riverside village where a walking tour is a great way to stretch your legs.

### DAY 14: MAJULI ISLAND

Explore one of the world's largest river islands, Majuli, which is a fascinating microcosm of local culture. Visit two of the island's tranquil satras (monasteries) that have been essential in preserving Assamese art and culture and enjoy a traditional dance performance. Cruise farther upstream to Salmara Ghat, visiting a nearby village that is known for its traditional handicrafts, to see the artisans at work.

### DAY 15: VISIT SIBSAGAR

Transfer by car to Sibsagar. Once the capital of the Ahom kings, explore the remnants of a fascinating culture with visits to old temples and examples of innovative engineering. Return to the ship and cruise back to Neamati Ghat for your final night onboard the ship and a farewell dinner.

### DAY 16: RETURN TO KOLKATA

Bid farewell to your river cruise ship and transfer to Jorhat airport for your flight back to Kolkata. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAYS 17-18: FLY KOLKATA TO AUSTRALIA

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

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## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the Himalayan foothills to the languid waters of the Brahmaputra, this tour is a magical exploration of northeastern India. With time spent at altitude, sightseeing on foot, stairs without handrails, and steep inclines, this tour is best suited to those with a moderate fitness level.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2026 DATES	Vessel	
05 Apr - 22 Apr	ABN Sukapha	\$12,880
06 Apr - 23 Apr	ABN Charaidew II	\$12,880
23 Oct - 09 Nov	ABN Charaidew II	\$14,580
20 Dec - 06 Jan	ABN Sukapha	\$14,480
2027 DATES	Vessel	
10 Jan - 27 Jan	ABN Sukapha	\$15,880
12 Feb - 01 Mar	ABN Charaidew II	\$15,480
06 Apr - 23 Apr	ABN Charaidew II	\$14,580

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
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- Land only (Kolkata – Kolkata) 17 days from \$11,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,200

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## CHRISTMAS TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Stay at The Elgin Nor-Khill Resort, Gangtok
- Enjoy a Christmas Eve dinner at the Elgin
- Explore Gangtok's Christmas market
- Watch the sunrise over snow-capped Kanchenjunga on Boxing Day
- Celebrate New Year on the Brahmaputra with dinner and a midnight toast



# CRUISE & TOUR

For those looking for the ultimate combination

Wendy Wu Cruise & Tour holidays combine the best of the world's ocean cruises with our award-winning touring itineraries to create unforgettable holidays.

Our fully inclusive touring ethos, where everything is taken care of, is the perfect match for a carefree voyage to the exotic corners of the world. With our carefully chosen cruise partners, we've curated unique journeys that weave together inspirational cruise itineraries with our most popular tours providing you with the absolute best of both worlds.

## SAIL IN STYLE

If you've not cruised before, you're in for a real treat. Travelling in style, having to unpack just the once, modern cruise ships provide accommodation, dining and bar choices that outshine any hotel. Add the huge choice of entertainment, leisure and relaxation options available and you'll begin to understand why cruising is so popular.

## EXPERIENCE EXTRAORDINARY TOURING

Where the ocean ends we begin. Connecting seamlessly with your cruise, the land element of your holiday will take you places cruise ships just cannot reach. Fully escorted by our famous National Escorts all the way, we'll show you the iconic attractions and hidden gems, immersing you in the local culture the way only we can.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

On your Wendy Wu Cruise & Tour Holiday everything you need for an unforgettable holiday is included beginning with return flights from main Australian capital cities. Cruises include outside staterooms (no inside cabins for us!), dining, drinks and onboard entertainment whilst your land touring includes four-star hotels, all meals, touring with guides, sightseeing and entrance fees. You'll only need to budget extra for a range of optional shore excursions from the ship whilst cruising.

Say hello to our cruise partners:

## ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Royal Caribbean International has been delivering innovation at sea since its launch in 1969. Each successive class of ships is a record-breaking architectural marvel that revolutionises holidays with the latest technology. Today, the cruise line continues to dial up the guest experience for adventurous travellers, offering bold onboard thrills, spectacular dining options, breathtaking entertainment and world-class accommodation.

## CELEBRITY CRUISES

Celebrity is different. As in "you'll never want to vacation any other way" kind of different. Every detail is elevated beyond what you ever thought a vacation could be. You'll enjoy the intimate feel and thoughtful service of a smaller ship, the variety and excitement of a bigger one, and experiences you won't find anywhere else. So, if you want to explore the world or get away from it for a little while, Nothing Comes Close to Celebrity Cruises.

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Since 2010, Azamara has delivered a unique way to travel that they call Destination Immersion experiences. Their intimate, club-like ships can fit in smaller ports bigger vessels can't visit, and you'll experience destinations that aren't even on the map for other cruises. With smaller ports, longer stays, and more overnights than other cruise lines, Azamara makes it easier than ever to be immersed in the heart of local cultures in the ports they visit.

# INDIA BY LAND, SOUTHEAST ASIA BY SEA

## CRUISE & TOUR

26 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$17,990

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

12 NIGHT CELEBRITY CRUISE

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Sail from Singapore to Hong Kong
- ✓ See the sights of the Golden Triangle
- ✓ Search for tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Discover modern Singapore

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 24 breakfasts, 23 lunches & 24 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation, plus Celebrity Cruise
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



## CELEBRITY SOLSTICE

Celebrity Solstice® is one of the most decorated ships at sea. So it's no wonder that it's full of "firsts." Like the first Lawn Club at sea and the first Hot Glass Show. The first cruise line to have 5 women, also known as "the Leading Ladies" redesign, and redecorate the staterooms.

Your Cruise Features

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



Admire the Taj Mahal

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

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

### DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Journey to Agra by road. Tour the magnificent Agra Fort, sat picturesquely on the banks of the Yamuna River. Later, sip on a glass of champagne and enjoy your first look at the Taj Mahal from a rooftop restaurant with glorious views.

### DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL SUNRISE

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

### DAY 5: EXPLORE RANTHAMBORE

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

around 70 tigers living amongst the park's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and over 300 species of bird.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

After breakfast, travel by road to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur, one of Rajasthan's most enthralling cities. This evening, visit the home of a local family where, together, you'll cook up a delicious feast of traditional foods.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE JAIPUR

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

### DAY 8: RETURN TO DELHI

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

### DAY 9: FLY TO SINGAPORE

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

### DAY 10: EXPLORE SINGAPORE

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



### DAY 11: BOARD THE CELEBRITY SOLSTICE

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

### DAY 12: CRUISE – AT SEA

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

### DAY 13: CRUISE – EXPLORE KOH SAMUI

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

### DAY 14: CRUISE – EXPLORE BANGKOK

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

### DAY 15: CRUISE – BANGKOK

Spend today at port in Bangkok.

### DAY 16: CRUISE – AT SEA

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

### DAY 17: CRUISE – EXPLORE SAIGON

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

### DAY 18: CRUISE – EXPLORE NHA TRANG

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

### DAY 19: CRUISE – EXPLORE HUE

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

### DAY 20: CRUISE – EXPLORE HANOI

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

### DAY 21: CRUISE – HANOI

Spend today at port in Halong Bay.

### DAY 22: CRUISE – AT SEA

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

### DAY 23: ARRIVE IN HONG KONG

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

### DAY 24: EXPLORE HONG KONG

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

### DAYS 25-26: FLY HONG KONG TO AUSTRALIA

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

INDIA BY LAND, SOUTHEAST ASIA BY SEA

## CRUISE & TOUR

INDIA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, VIETNAM, HONG KONG

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2027 DATES	Balcony
28 Jan - 22 Feb	\$17,990
21 Feb - 18 Mar	\$17,990

## Flight and supplement information

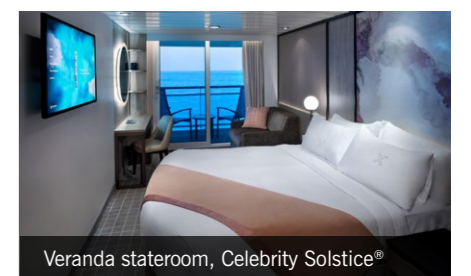
- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Single supplement from \$8,790 (balcony cabin)
- Land only (Delhi – Hong Kong) 25 days from \$16,690 per person, twin share (balcony cabin)
- Gratuities on cruise included
- Tipping paid locally SGD15 + USD80 + HKD100



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Veranda stateroom, Celebrity Solstice®

## ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

# PRIVATE & TAILORMADE TOURS

We know that, however wonderful our group tours are, one size doesn't fit all. Which is why we are also delighted to offer private and tailormade touring, the perfect choice for those who prefer to travel in their own private group or want the flexibility to follow their own itinerary independently.

## PRIVATE TOURS

The Private Tours on the following pages are crafted especially to suit smaller travelling parties and are the perfect choice for those who prefer to travel independently with family or friends.

- Travel on any day you wish.
- Expertly crafted itineraries, tailored for parties as small as one.
- A private trip just for you and your chosen travel party.
- Enjoy the undivided attention of your knowledgeable private guide.
- Stay in central, often smaller hotels. Explore from your doorstep!
- Enjoy a more intimate and independent travel experience.

## TAILORMADE

If none of our Private Tours quite fit the bill, we can create a guided journey especially for you.

You're completely in control of the what, where and when. You can choose the pace, where to linger longer, where to pass through and where to bypass completely. From comfortable to luxurious hotels, where and what you eat, how many nights you stay, when you travel, and even the authentic experiences that truly define your adventure – it's all up to you!

You can choose to tweak any of the private tours shown here or we can create the perfect tour for you from scratch. Our expert Tailormade Team are on-hand to advise and recommend – just let them know what you're after and they'll do the rest.

## PRIVATE TOURING FOR LARGER GROUPS

If you're organising a tour for 10 or more passengers, allow us to lighten the load. At Wendy Wu Tours, we can plan a range of exciting itineraries to suit your group's every want and need.

Whether you choose one of our fantastic 'ready-made' itineraries for a private departure or let us design a bespoke journey just for you, we'll make sure it's packed with the sights and experiences your group will love. The best part? You can be involved in the planning as much or as little as you like.

Our team brings a wealth of knowledge to the table. We'll create something truly special and ensure the entire process runs seamlessly from start to finish.

**For more information talk to our Special Groups Team on 1300 727 998.**

# CLASSIC INDIA

## PRIVATE TOUR

7 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$3,850

LAND ONLY

MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 breakfasts (B)
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit Jantar Mantar Observatory

### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Discover the ancient art of astronomy at Jaipur's fascinating Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century observatory adorned with a variety of instruments designed to calculate distances and chart the positions of celestial bodies.
- ▶ The Taj Mahal is considered by many to be the world's most beautiful building. Admire its shimmering marble façade, wander its manicured gardens and feel the eternal love that inspired its creation.
- ▶ Embark on a rickshaw ride through Old Delhi's Khari Baoli spice market and immerse yourself in the intoxicating aromas and vibrant colours of the huge array of exotic powders, leaves and roots spilling from hessian sacks on heaving stalls.



Explore the 'Pink City' of Jaipur

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1: ARRIVE IN DELHI

Arrive in Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAYS 2: EXPLORE DELHI

A city buzzing with character invites you to uncover the treasures of both Old and New Delhi today. Stroll by the awe-inspiring Red Fort, embrace the splendour of Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, and embark on a rickshaw journey to discover the vastness of Asia's largest spice market. Cross into New Delhi, pausing to admire the magnificent India Gate, before visiting the serene Humayun's Tomb and UNESCO-listed Qutab Minar. (B)

### DAYS 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

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



Wander the rows of India's oldest spice market



Immerse yourself in the grandeur of Agra Fort

### DAYS 4: TAJ MAHAL

Explore the beauty of the Taj Mahal as you stroll through its grand entrance and take in its awe-inspiring architecture. In daylight, the white marble monument stands in all its glory, surrounded by tranquil gardens and reflecting pools. After your visit, depart from Agra and travel to the mysterious ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri — an evocative collection of abandoned Mughal palaces and temples. Continue on to the captivating Jaipur, the 'Pink City'. (B)

### DAYS 5: JAIPUR

Start your day with a brief visit to Hawa Mahal, known as the 'Palace of the Winds,' for a quick photo moment. Venture beyond the city's boundaries to admire the majestic Amber Fort, a sprawling sandstone stronghold from the 16th century. Afterwards, proceed to the Maharaja's City Palace, still home to Jaipur's royal family, and explore the intriguing Jantar Mantar Observatory. End the day at a craft centre learning the techniques behind traditional Rajasthani arts like block painting and carpet weaving. (B)

### DAYS 6: RETURN TO DELHI

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

### DAYS 7: DEPART DELHI

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

### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### NEPAL SHORT STAY

6 days from \$1,230pp

#### BHUTAN SHORT STAY

5 days from \$2,480pp

#### VARANASI SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,235pp

Visit page 86 to learn more about all of our short stay and stopovers.



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## CLASSIC INDIA

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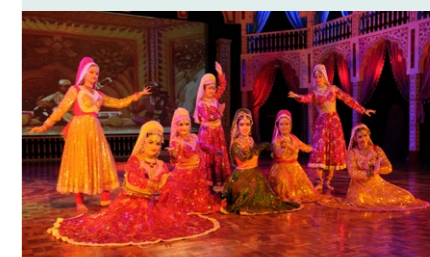
### EXPLORE RANTHAMBORE

Venture into the wilds of Ranthambore where, alongside plenty of other wonderful wildlife, Bengal tigers roam. Heading out on safari allows you to both explore the landscapes and spot these majestic creatures.



### UPGRADE TO A HERITAGE HOTEL

If you fancy breakfasting under vaulted arches and sleeping beside sensational mosaics, India is full of exquisite former forts, palaces and havelis that have been renovated into gorgeous hotels. Ranging from quirky and characterful to all out luxury, a heritage hotel will add some extra magic to your India adventure.



### MOHABBAT THE TAJ

Through enchanting and immersive storytelling, 'Mohabbat the Taj' beautifully commemorates the love story of Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal, which gave rise to one of the world's most iconic monuments, the Taj Mahal.

Or alternatively we can build the perfect tour for you from scratch. Just call our Tailormade Team to get started.

# JEWELS OF INDIA

## PRIVATE TOUR

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,550

LAND ONLY

MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

### PRICE INCLUDES

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



Visit Jaipur's fabulous Palace of the Winds

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN DELHI

Arrive in Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

Delhi is a city that perfectly balances chaos and charm – today you'll dive straight in, visiting both Old and New Delhi. Wander past the impressive Red Fort, experience the grandeur of India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and take a rickshaw ride to explore Asia's largest spice market. Transitioning to New Delhi, take a brief pause at the iconic India Gate, then continue to explore Humayun's Tomb and the striking Qutab Minar. (B).

### DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

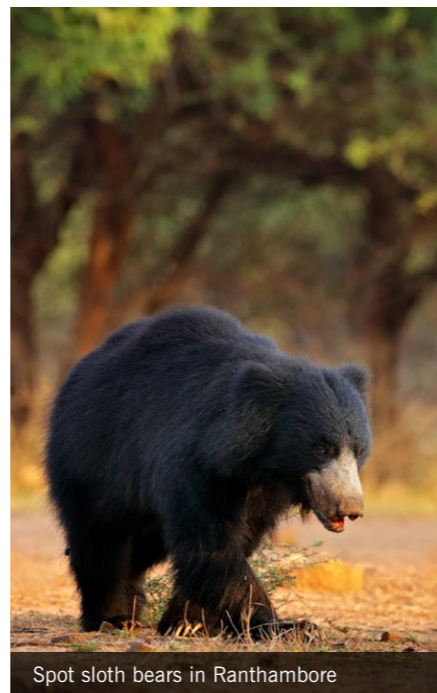
Drive to Agra, the iconic home of the Taj Mahal. Upon arrival, begin your exploration with a visit to Itmad-ud-Daulah, lovingly called the Baby Taj. This elegant marble tomb predates the Taj Mahal and is believed to have influenced its design. Next, delve into the impressive Agra Fort, a massive red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

### DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

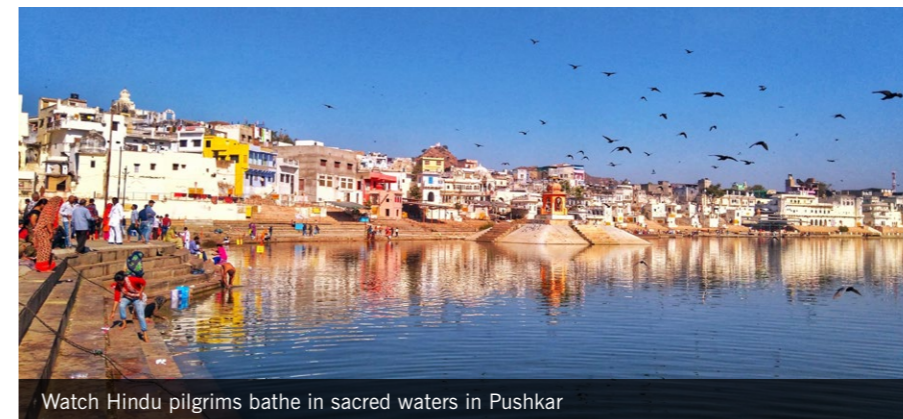
Visit the iconic Taj Mahal, standing in awe as this spectacular monument reflects the ever-changing moods of the sky in its sublime white marble surface. After your visit, leave Agra and journey to the enigmatic ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a mesmerising, abandoned ensemble of Mughal palaces and temples. Your road journey then leads you to Ranthambore National Park. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK SAFARIS

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



Spot sloth bears in Ranthambore



Watch Hindu pilgrims bathe in sacred waters in Pushkar

### DAY 6: BUNDI

Journey to Bundi, a captivating town in Rajasthan that remains a hidden gem, defined by its imposing Taragarh Fort. Enclosed within the fortress walls lies the exquisite Badal Mahal palace, renowned for its intricate painted murals. While exploring the town, uncover its distinctive step wells, once crucial sources of water and now awe-inspiring architectural wonders. (B,D)

### DAY 7: CHITTOR FORT

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

### DAY 8: CRUISE LAKE PICHOLA

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

### DAY 9: DISCOVER PUSHKAR

Journey to Pushkar, a city on the banks of one of India's holiest lakes. On its shores are 52 ghats, backed by blue-hued temples, where Hindu pilgrims come from all across the

country to bathe in the sacred waters. After visiting the ghats, explore the lively market on foot and admire the grandeur of the Brahma Temple, one of the city's most important shrines, and one of the world's only temples dedicated to Brahma, the creator of the universe. (B)

### DAY 10: DRIVE TO JAIPUR

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

### DAY 11: JAIPUR

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

### DAY 12: RETURN TO DELHI

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

### DAY 13: DEPART DELHI

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## JEWELS OF INDIA

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### EXPLORE AMRITSAR

Home of the spectacular Golden Temple, the holiest shrine in Sikhism, the frenetic city of Amritsar offers a wonderfully sensory and authentic experience of northern India.



### TAKE THE TRAIN TO VARANASI

Taking the train is a quintessentially Indian experience, and Varanasi, on the banks of the holy Ganges, is one of the world's oldest and most visceral cities – combining the two makes for unmissable adventure.



### TRAVEL DURING HOLI

Add some colour to your India adventure by travelling during the Hindu festival of Holi (March). Prepare for bonfires, air full of coloured powders, music and traditional food and drink as this joy-filled celebration takes over the country.

Or alternatively we can build the perfect tour for you from scratch. Just call our Tailormade Team to get started.

# SRI LANKA ESCAPE

## PRIVATE TOUR

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$4,950

LAND ONLY

MEALS AS STATED

### PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Take in the magnificent views from Sigiriya Rock Fortress

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfast, 1 lunch
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with chauffeur guide and entrance fees



Enjoy traditional Sri Lankan dishes

### ▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE COLOMBO

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

### DAY 2: TRAVEL TO DAMBULLA

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA & MINNERIYA

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

### DAY 4: HIRIWADUNA AND POLONNARUWA

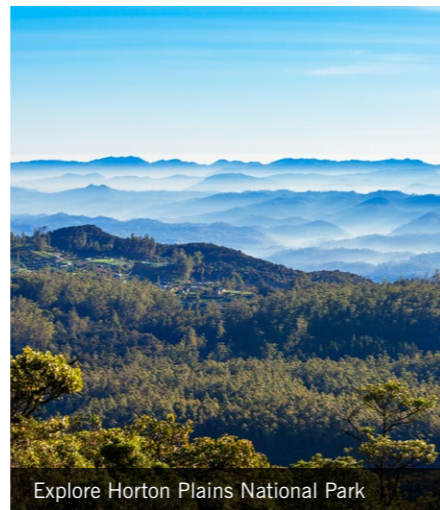
Head to Hiriwadunna village for an authentic local experience, gaining insight into the daily activities of the villagers, and enjoying a boat trip on the lake. Take a tuk-tuk ride to a village house where you will interact with a local family and learn the art of preparing an authentic Sri Lankan lunch.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

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO KANDY

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

### DAY 6: SCENIC TRAIN TO NUWARA ELIYA

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



Explore Horton Plains National Park



Ride the scenic train to Nuwara Eliya

### DAY 7: HORTON PLAINS

Today you depart for Horton Plains, the highest plateau in Sri Lanka. Enjoy the iconic World's End viewpoint where the plateau ends in a sheer cliff, offering amazing views of the lowlands beyond. Rest of the day at leisure. (B)

### DAY 8: NEGOMBO

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

### DAY 9: DEPART NEGOMBO

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

### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### MALDIVES

5 days from \$3,360pp

#### BENTOTA SHORT STAY

4 days from \$1,140pp

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Visit the Dambulla Cave Temple

## SRI LANKA ESCAPE

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### YALA NATIONAL PARK SAFARI

Explore the forests, grassy plains and lagoons of Yala, on the search for its most famous resident, the magnificent leopard, and the host of other wonderful wildlife that calls it home.



### COLOMBO STREET FOOD

Embark on a food tour through Colombo's vibrant streets, experiencing the sights and sounds of the city while sampling delicious local foods that will immerse you in the rich flavours and aromas of a diverse gastronomic scene.



### BIRDWATCHING ADVENTURES

Sri Lanka is an excellent destination for birdwatching. Walking through the wilds of Yala and Udawalawe national parks is particularly special, with endemic species like the spurfowl, the Sri Lanka hanging parrot and red-faced malkoha to spot.

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# TREASURES OF SRI LANKA

## PRIVATE TOUR

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,980

LAND ONLY

MEALS AS STATED

## PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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



Enjoy a cultural dance show in Kandy

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 5 lunches
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Sample Colombo's rich flavours

## AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Embark on a food tour through the vibrant streets of Pettah, sampling delicious local foods from markets and street food stalls that will immerse you in the rich flavours and aromas of Colombo's gastronomic scene.
- Wind your way through picturesque landscapes, rolling tea plantations, mist-covered mountains and charming villages as you make your way to Ella on one of the world's most beautiful train journeys.
- Yala National Park is renowned for its diverse wildlife and breathtaking landscapes. On a jeep safari look out for the magnificent leopards for which the park is famous, plus elephants, bears and much more.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1: ARRIVE IN COLOMBO

Arrive in Colombo. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE COLOMBO

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

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

### DAY 4: VISIT SIGIRIYA

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

### DAY 5: MAHIYANGANAYA

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

### DAY 6: MADURU OYA

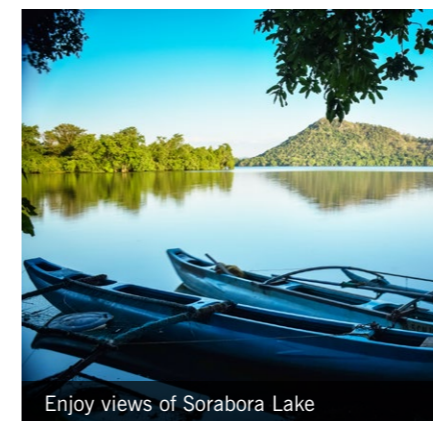
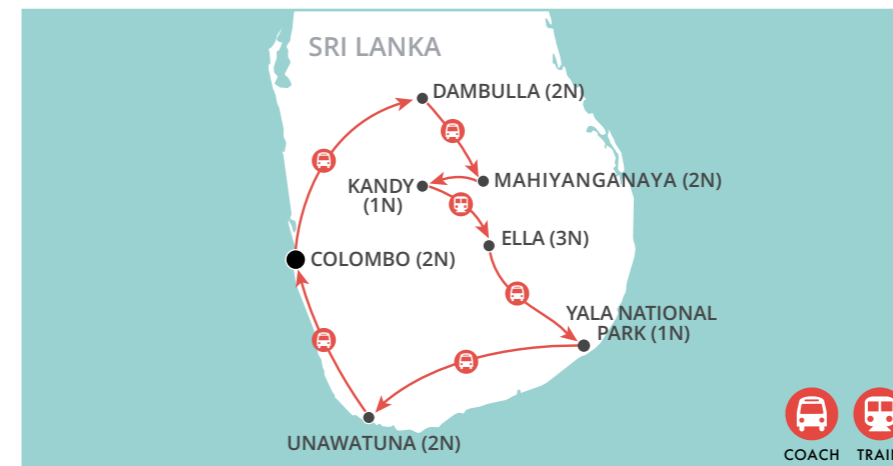
Start your day with breakfast at Sorabora Lake, enjoying a stunning view before a scenic boat ride at Sorabora Wewa, an ancient water reservoir built in the 2nd century BC. Relax in the afternoon until your visit to Maduru Oya National Park, known for its diverse wildlife, including elephants, leopards,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

### DAY 7: KANDY

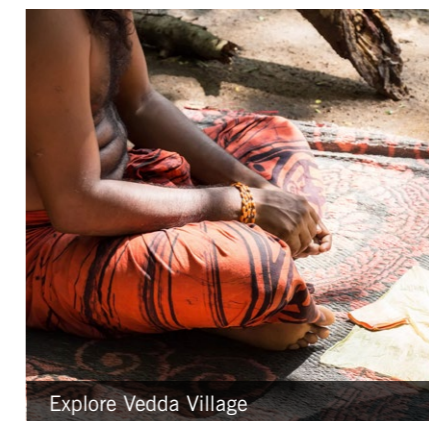
Travel onwards to Kandy with the rest of the day at leisure until the evening, when you'll head to the Kandy Temple of the Tooth Relic. This World Heritage Site, locally known as 'Dalada Maligawa', is a sacred place that houses palm-leaf transcripts. Enjoy a cultural dance show before returning to your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

### DAY 8: KANDY TO ELLA

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



Enjoy views of Sorabora Lake



Explore Veddha Village

### DAY 9: EXPLORE ELLA

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

### DAY 10: NINE ARCH BRIDGE

After breakfast, you will embark on a tuk-tuk ride to visit the Nine Arch Bridge. Also known as the 'Bridge in the Sky,' this structure was ingeniously constructed by connecting two mountains during the building of the Badulla - Colombo railway. It stands as a remarkable example of colonial-era railway construction in the country, offering a fascinating glimpse into Sri Lanka's engineering heritage. (B)

### DAY 11: ELLA TO YALA

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

### DAY 12: UNAWATUNA

Today you continue to Unawatuna, where you'll have the opportunity to visit the famous still fishermen, as they go about their daily routines. In chest-deep water, just a few metres off-shore, they are perched on a crossbar off a single pole planted into the seabed. This traditional method

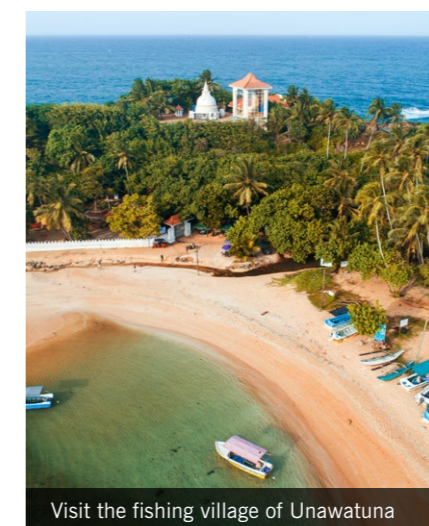
of fishing has been practiced for generations. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

### DAY 14: KARUNA'S COOKERY CLASS

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

### DAY 14: DEPART COLOMBO

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



Visit the fishing village of Unawatuna

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## DISCOVER JAFFNA

A northern city bursting with tradition, art and culture, Jaffna is an enigmatic and wonderfully rewarding place to step a little further from the tourist trail and explore Sri Lanka's Tamil heritage.



## WHALE AND DOLPHIN WATCHING

From October to March, the seaside town of Kalpitiya becomes a hub for dolphin and whale watching tours, as pods of various species of dolphin and whale, traverse the waters close to the coast.



## WELLNESS RETREAT

As well as exploring, spend time in Sri Lanka practising yoga or meditation in serene, nature-rich surroundings, allowing you to return from your adventure relaxed, refreshed and reinvigorated.

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# SHORT STAYS & STOPOVERS

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

The short stays and stopovers that you'll find on the following pages can be added to the start or end of your tour, or can be booked as independent packages. Just ask your reservations consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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# AMRITSAR

3 DAYS

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



See the Golden Temple (Sri Harmandir Sahib) in Amritsar

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,005	\$1,860
Superior	\$1,030	\$1,895
Deluxe	\$1,080	\$1,995

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

**DAY 1: DELHI TO AMRITSAR**  
Transfer to Delhi's railway station to board the Shatabdi Express for Amritsar. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a two-night stay. Transfer to Delhi's railway station to board the train bound for vibrant Amritsar. On arrival, transfer to the hotel and enjoy some leisure time before this evening's mesmerising 'Palki Ceremony' at the iconic Golden Temple, one of the holiest place of worship in the Sikh religion.

**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,

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

**DAY 3: AMRITSAR TO DELHI**  
Transfer to the railway station and board your return train for Delhi. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to either the airport or hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

# SHIMLA

4 DAYS

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



Take a ride on the famous Shimla Toy Train

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,180	\$2,090
Superior	\$1,460	\$2,580
Deluxe	\$1,765	\$3,000

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

**DAY 1: TRAIN TO SHIMLA**  
Rise early to meet your guide at your Delhi hotel to transfer to the station. Take the express train to Chandigarh. Transfer to Shimla, nicknamed the 'Queen of Hill Stations', 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. Board the famous Toy Train to Kandaghat, travelling on this narrow gauge mountain railway as you admire the scenic views. Later discover Shimla's most important sights including the old Christ Church and Scandal Point.

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

**DAY 3: SHIMLA TO DELHI**  
This morning admire the renaissance grandeur of the Vice Regal Lodge located on Observatory Hill, before driving back to Kalka. Take the train to Delhi enjoying dinner on board. On arrival this evening, transfer to your hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 4: DEPART DELHI**  
After check-out you will be transferred to Delhi airport for your onward flight. (B)

# KERALA BACKWATERS

3 DAYS

Explore the serene backwaters of Kerala on a 'kettuvalam' (a converted traditional rice barge). Spend two days cruising this lush network of waterways, watching life on the river banks as you go.



Cruise on a 'kettuvalam'

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$605	\$1,190
Superior	\$820	\$1,620
Deluxe	\$895	\$1,780

- Price includes
- Accommodation (2 nights on AC Houseboat)
  - Return transfers
  - Meals as stated
- Please note: This excursion is not recommended June to August due to monsoon season

**DAY 1: KOCHI – ALLEPPEY**  
In the morning meet your guide at Kochi hotel and transfer to Alleppey, to board your houseboat and cruise the backwaters of Kerala. Enjoy authentic local food as you drift through the quiet canals, sitting back, relaxing and witnessing the bucolic way of life on the riverbanks. (L,D)

**DAY 2: BACKWATER CRUISING**  
Continue cruising through Kerala's backwaters today, soaking up the exceptional scenic beauty of the area. Pass small villages, temples and schools, watching people go about their day, as you drift unhurriedly by. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: ALLEPPEY – KOCHI**  
Disembark your houseboat this morning in Alleppey and transfer approximately two-hours to Kochi, where your arrangements will end. (B)

# VARANASI

4 DAYS

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



Visit the ghats of Varanasi

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,235	\$1,905
Superior	\$1,290	\$2,020
Deluxe	\$1,610	\$2,530

- Price includes
- Accommodation (2 nights Varanasi / 1 night Delhi)
  - Return transfers
  - Domestic flights Delhi - Varanasi - Delhi
  - Meals as stated
  - English speaking local guides

**DAY 1: ARRIVE VARANASI**  
Today you will transfer to Delhi Airport for your flight to Varanasi. On arrival, transfer to your hotel before taking a rickshaw down to the atmospheric ghats on the River Ganges to witness a puja ceremony.

**DAY 2: VARANASI**  
Early this morning, enjoy a boat ride along the River Ganges to witness the early morning activity on the ghats. Later you will embark on a brief city tour of Varanasi. This afternoon, head to Sarnath, an important Buddhist pilgrimage site. (B,L)

**DAY 3: VARANASI TO DELHI**  
After breakfast, you will be transferred to Varanasi airport for your flight back to Delhi. Once settled at your hotel you have the day at leisure to explore Delhi. (B)

**DAY 4: DEPART DELHI**  
After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward flight. (B)

# GOA BEACH

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 short stay, the perfect way to round off your India adventure.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,025	\$1,845
Superior	\$1,050	\$1,930
Deluxe	\$1,430	\$2,730

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



Enjoy the gorgeous Goa beach

**DAY 1: ARRIVE GOA**  
On arrival in Goa you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 2: GOA**  
After breakfast, depart for Goa's distinctive Hindu temples, including Shantadurga Temple and Ramnathi Temple. Continue to a spice plantation, where you'll be welcomed with traditional Aarti and a drink, followed by a Goan buffet lunch. Explore the plantation with a guide and learn about medicinal herbs and spices from an Ayurvedic expert. Next, visit Old Goa to see the Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral, before heading to Panaji to tour the capital and shop in its Portuguese-influenced quarters

before returning to the hotel. (B,L)  
**DAYS 3-4: GOA AT LEISURE**  
Spend the next two days at leisure, either relaxing on the beach, participating in the resort activities or sightseeing further, the choice is yours. (B)

**DAY 5: DEPART GOA**  
After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# KOVALAM BEACH

5 DAYS

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$490	\$910
Superior	\$680	\$1,330
Deluxe	\$1,170	\$2,320

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



Visit Kovalam's Lighthouse Beach

**DAY 1: ARRIVE KOVALAM**  
On arrival at Trivandrum airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Kovalam, where you have the day to explore your surroundings.

**DAY 2: TRIVANDRUM**  
Leave for Trivandrum this morning and visit the Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Zoological Gardens and Museums, the Napier Museum and the Sri Chitra Art Gallery. Later visit the Kanakakunnu Palace, the observatory and Moolamthirunal Shastri Purthi Memorial. Return to Kovalam. (B)

**DAY 3: KOVALAM**  
Spend the day relaxing on the beach, at the pool or take time to explore the local area.

Why not enjoy a Ayurvedic massage, a cultural extravaganza or splurge a little on a shopping spree. (B)

**DAY 4: KOVALAM**  
Another day to relax and soak up your surroundings or to explore as you feel fit.

There are various options to fill your time so why not visit the rural countryside, take a boat ride on a freshwater lake, visit the aquarium or walk along Lighthouse Beach. (B)

**DAY 5: DEPART KOVALAM**  
After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# SHIMLA & AMRITSAR

5 DAYS

Embark on a captivating exploration of two distinct cities of North India. Enjoy Shimla's cool mountain air, panoramic views, and a scenic ride on the iconic Toy Train. Amritsar buzzes with energy, showcasing its rich cultural heritage through historical landmarks. This extension blends Shimla's natural beauty and historic allure with Amritsar's spiritual richness.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,710	\$3,040
Superior	\$2,040	\$3,550
Deluxe	\$2,340	\$4,160

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (2 nights Shimla, 2 nights Amritsar)
  - Return transfers
  - Return train tickets
  - Toy train tickets
  - Meals as stated
  - Monument entrances
  - English speaking local guides



Admire Amritsar's Golden Temple



Visit Jakhoo Temple

## ITINERARY

**DAY 1: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA**  
Rise early this morning and head to the New Delhi railway station to board the Shatabadi Express bound for Chandigarh. Upon arrival, transfer to Shimla, where you will stay for the next two nights.

Shimla, situated at an altitude of approximately 2,130 metres, is a charming resort town and India's most beloved hill station since British troops established a camp here in 1819.

In the late afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of Shimla, beginning with a visit to Christ Church, one of Shimla's major landmarks and the second oldest church in Northern India, built between 1846 and 1857. Stroll along The Mall Road, explore The Ridge, and visit Scandal Point, named after the tale of the flirtatious prince of Patiala who is said to have eloped with the daughter of the British Viceroy. (B)

**DAY 2: EXPLORE SHIMLA**  
After breakfast, enjoy a scenic ride on the narrow-gauge mountain railway, known as the toy train. Disembark and drive back to Shimla.

After lunch, hike to Jakhoo Temple, the highest point in Shimla, offering panoramic views of the city. Enjoy Glen Forest, one of the area's oldest known picnic spots, surrounded by beautiful pine and deodar trees. (B,L)

**DAY 3: SHIMLA TO AMRITSAR**  
This morning, visit the Vice-Regal Lodge, also known as the 'Rashtrapati Niwas,' located on Observatory Hill. This magnificent building was once the residence of British Viceroy Lord Dufferin. Surrounded by well-maintained gardens and lawns, the lodge has now been converted into the Institute of Advanced Study.

After the visit, you will be transferred to Chandigarh railway station for your train journey to Amritsar. (B,D)

**DAY 4: EXPLORE AMRITSAR**  
Embark on a tour of Amritsar, starting at the renowned Golden Temple, also known as Harmandir Sahib. Built in 1574, the temple holds great spiritual significance for Sikhs. Nearby is the Durgiana Temple, modelled after the Golden Temple. Although dedicated to the Hindu goddess Durga, devotees also offer prayers to Lord Krishna and Lord Vishnu. Next, visit Jallianwala Bagh, the site of the infamous massacre that took place in 1919 during the Baisakhi festival. Explore the park that commemorates the Indians who were killed and wounded here.

In the evening, visit the Wagah Border, the border between India and Pakistan, to witness the exuberant flag-lowering ceremony. (B, L)

**DAY 5: DEPART AMRITSAR**  
An early morning start as you transfer to the railway station for your train to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi you will transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

# CHENNAI

5 DAYS

India’s fourth largest city, Chennai, is home to plenty of glorious sights and colonial influences. Explore them before paying visits to the ashrams, temples and cathedrals of nearby Pondicherry and Mamallapuram.

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,160	\$2,080
Superior	\$1,310	\$2,370
Deluxe	\$1,465	\$2,780

- Price includes
- Accommodation (1nt Chennai / 2nts Pondicherry / 1nt Mamallapuram)
  - Return transfers
  - Meals as stated
  - Monument entrances
  - English speaking local guides



See Kapaleeswarar Temple

DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENNAI

Arrive in Chennai where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2: CHENNAI

Enjoy a city tour after breakfast, visiting Kapaleeswarar Temple and St Mary’s Church before travelling to Pondicherry where you will check in at your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 3: PONDICHERRY

Once a French colonial outpost, Pondicherry today has a relaxed and bohemian vibe. Visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram and the gothic-style church of Eglise De Sacre Coeur De Jesus before continuing to an old French-style village. (B,L)

DAY4: MAMALLAPURAM

Travel to Mamallapuram, once a port of Pallava rulers. Tour Shore Temple, Panch Pandava Rath and the Varaha Cave. (B,L)

DAY5: DEPART CHENNAI

Check out of your hotel after breakfast and transfer back to Chennai where your arrangements end. (B)

# MUMBAI

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!



Visit 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

Begin your day with a ferry ride to Elephanta Island (closed on Mondays) to explore ancient rock-cut temples. Wander through impressive Hindu and Buddhist caves, and marvel at the towering six metre Sadhashiva statue\*\*.

Return to the city and visit the iconic Gateway of India, built in 1924. Drive past Victoria Terminus, Maharashtra Secretariat, and along scenic Marine Drive, known as the Queen’s Necklace. At Churchgate Station, watch the famous

Dabbawalas deliver home-cooked lunches with precision.

Continue to Mani Bhavan, where Mahatma Gandhi once stayed, and stop at the vibrant Dhobi Ghat, Mumbai’s open-air laundry. Visit the ISKCON Temple, then browse the bustling Crawford Market and admire the historic Flora Fountain in the heart of the city. (B,L)

DAY 3: DEPART MUMBAI

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

\*\* There are 120 moderately steep steps to climb at the caves, or you can hire a palanquin service for an additional cost\*\*

# BHUTAN SHORT STAY

5 DAYS

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



Admire Taksang Monastery

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,480	\$3,280
Superior	\$3,120	\$4,400
Deluxe	\$4,030	\$6,240

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

Excludes flights to Paro.  
For full details of the hike to Taksang Monastery, please visit our website.

DAY 1: PARO TO THIMPHU

Upon arrival at Paro airport you will be met and transferred to your Thimphu hotel. (L,D)

DAY 2: THIMPHU

Tour Thimphu, including a visit to the National Library, the Institute for Zorig Chusum (Painting School), the National Memorial Chorten, the Folk Heritage and National Textile museums and explore the Trashie Chhoe Dzong. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: THIMPHU TO PARO

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

DAY 4: PARO

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

DAY 5: DEPART PARO

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

# NEPAL SHORT STAY

6 DAYS

Discover the wonders of the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal with this whistle-stop tour through the Kathmandu Valley, a highlight of an intriguing nation nestled among the world’s highest peaks.



See the Boudhanath in Kathmandu

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,230	\$1,915
Superior	\$1,340	\$2,190
Deluxe	\$1,665	\$2,730

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

Excludes flights to Kathmandu.  
Please note: The altitude ranges between 1,200 and 1,800 metres, and this itinerary includes lengthy walks with numerous steps to navigate. Please refer to our website for full details.

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, take a lengthy walk (approx. 2 hours) down to the villages of Bastola with a local guide and spend some time exploring the village. Meet a local family and take part in a cooking class, dining on the results for lunch. Transfer back to your hotel by car. (B,L)

DAY 3: KATHMANDU

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

DAY 4: KATHMANDU TO PATAN

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

DAY 5: KATHMANDU

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

DAY 6: DEPART KATHMANDU

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

# JAFFNA SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

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



Visit Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,020	\$1,770
Superior	\$1,120	\$2,150
Deluxe	\$1,385	\$2,570

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

DAY 1: COLOMBO TO JAFFNA

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

DAY 2: JAFFNA

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

DAY 3: JAFFNA

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

DAY 4: JAFFNA TO COLOMBO

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

# BENTOTA SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

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



Enjoy stunning beaches, palms and turquoise water in Bentota

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,140	\$2,000
Deluxe	\$1,645	\$2,830

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

DAY 1: ARRIVE BENTOTA

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

DAY 2: BENTOTA

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

DAY 3: BENTOTA

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

DAY4: DEPART BENTOTA

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

# MALDIVES

5 DAYS

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



Relax in an idyllic Maldives

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
ROOM TYPE	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Beach Pavilion	\$3,360	\$4,730
Water Villa	\$4,095	\$6,205
Grand Water Villa with Pool	\$5,045	\$8,095

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

For an alternative room options or resorts, please enquire with our reservations.

DAY 1: ARRIVE MALDIVES

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

DAY 5: DEPART MALDIVES

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

DAYS 2-4: SUN SIYAM OLUVELI

The Maldives is a tropical paradise renowned for its pristine white sandy beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and vibrant marine life. Sun Siyam Olhuveli is a luxurious island resort situated in the South Malé Atoll. With stunning overwater villas and beachfront suites, you will experience the ultimate tropical escape. Indulge in delectable dining options, relax at the Sun Spa, and enjoy a range of non-motorised water sports. (B,L,D)

# FLAVOURS OF COLOMBO

3 DAYS

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



Taste the flavours of Colombo at local markets

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,430	\$1,945
Superior	\$1,520	\$2,130
Deluxe	\$1,570	\$2,240

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

DAY 1: COLOMBO

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

DAY 2: COLOMBO - INGIRIYA - COLOMBO

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

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

DAY 3: DEPART COLOMBO

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. (B)

# SINGAPORE STOPOVERS

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

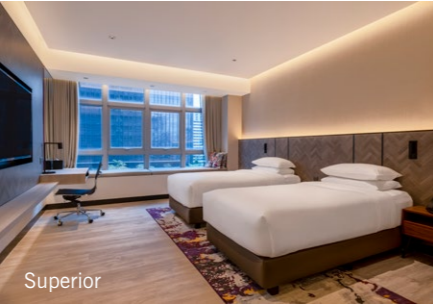
Visit Singapore's iconic Merlion

## SINGAPORE HOTELS



Standard

**IBIS SINGAPORE ON BENCOOLEN ★★ ★**  
 Located in the heart of Singapore's cultural and shopping district of Bugis, you will find the IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen. The hotel is a perfect choice for shoppers, foodies and sightseers. Bugis Street shopping district, Haji Lane, Little India, Chinatown and Orchard Road are all within walking distance from the hotel or easily accessible by public transport.



Superior

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



Deluxe

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

# FLAVOURS OF SINGAPORE

3 DAYS

Explore the vibrant food scene of Singapore though Chinatown one of the most popular tourist destinations visited. Located at the southern tip of the Malaysian Peninsular, Singapore is a perfect blend of the east and the west, with an interesting cultural mix of Chinese, Malay and European influences.

## 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

Begin your journey at the bustling Chinatown Market and Food Complex, where the aroma of local delicacies fills the air. You will be lead through this vibrant hub, unveiling hidden gems and experience authentic flavours as

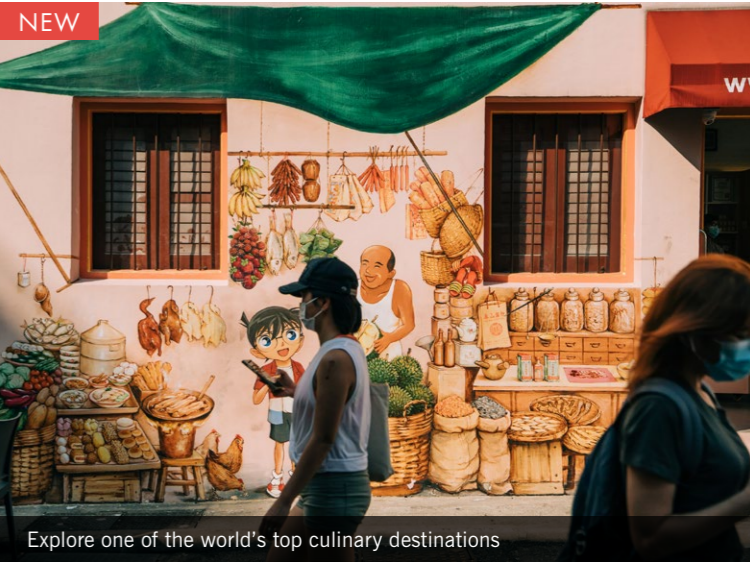
you taste exotic fruits and traditional pastries. Concluding at Maxwell Food Centre, a food lover's paradise known for its diverse hawker stalls (B)

## DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

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

Note: not available as a Solo traveller option. Please enquire about our Single supplement options.

NEW



Explore one of the world's top culinary destinations

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE
IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen	\$695
Orchid Hotel Singapore	\$799
Grand Park City Hall	\$899

## Price includes:

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private tour with Guide and entrance fees

\*\*\*OPTIONAL EXTRA \*\*\* Choose to enjoy a 7-course set menu Dinner at one of Singapore's best Peranakan restaurants - Blue Ginger Restaurant - Supplement from \$170.00 per person.

# GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 DAYS

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

## DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

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

## DAY 2: SINGAPORE

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

## DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY

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

## DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

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



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen	\$860	\$1,500
Orchid Hotel Singapore	\$980	\$1,740
Grand Park City Hall	\$1,160	\$2,095

## Price includes:

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

\*\*\*OPTIONAL EXTRA \*\*\* Choose to enjoy a 7-course set menu Dinner at one of Singapore's best Peranakan restaurants - Blue Ginger Restaurant - Supplement from \$170.00 per person

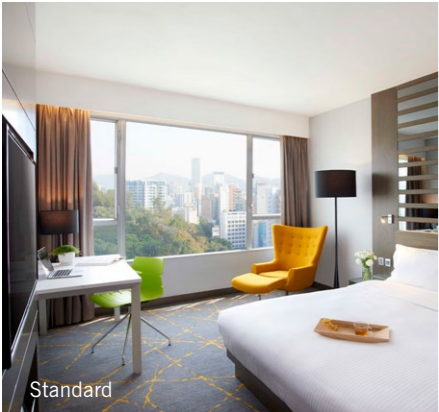


# HONG KONG STOPOVERS

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

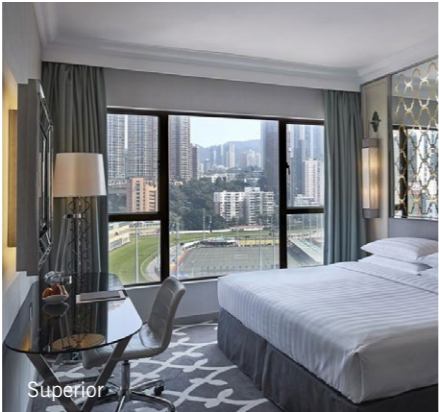
Explore Hong Kong

## HONG KONG ISLAND HOTELS



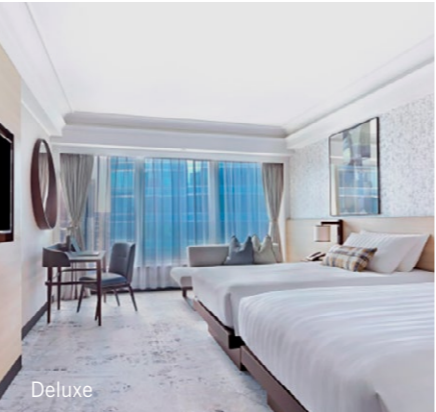
Standard

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



Superior

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



Deluxe

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

## KOWLOON HOTELS

# HONG KONG GLIMPSES

## 3 DAYS

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

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

### DAY 2: CITY TOUR

Join an exciting half-day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong! Begin with a ride on the state-of-the-art 6th-generation Peak Tram to Victoria Peak, soaking in breathtaking views. Stroll through vibrant 'Old Town

Central' via the world's longest outdoor escalator, then explore Tai Kwun, a cultural and artistic landmark nestled within historic walls. Visit the century-old Man Mo Temple before concluding your adventure with a dim sum feast at the world-renowned Tim Ho Wan. (B)

### DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

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



Admire the view from Victoria Peak

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$780	\$1,290
Superior	\$815	\$1,460
Deluxe	\$1,050	\$1,760

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
  - Meals as stated
  - Transportation as stated
  - Shared touring with guides and entrance fees
- Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.

# HONG KONG IN FOCUS

## 4 DAYS

Designed to help you explore two aspects of Hong Kong life, on this tour you'll not only see the sights of the city but discover the natural beauty of Lantau Island, home of the Grand Buddha.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

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

### DAY 2: CITY TOUR

Join an exciting half-day seat-in-coach tour of Hong Kong! Begin with a ride on the state-of-the-art 6th-generation Peak Tram to Victoria Peak, soaking in breathtaking views. Stroll through vibrant 'Old Town Central' via the world's longest outdoor escalator, then explore Tai Kwun, a cultural and artistic landmark nestled within historic walls. Visit the century-old Man Mo Temple before concluding your adventure with a dim

sum feast at the world-renowned Tim Ho Wan. (B)

### DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Discover the charms of Lantau Island, beginning your journey with visits to the renowned Wong Tai Sin Temple and Tin Hau Temple. Next, take a spectacular cable car ride to the Ngong Ping Plateau, home to the majestic Grand Buddha and Po Lin Monastery. Explore the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and monastery before enjoying a delightful vegetarian lunch. Conclude your adventure with a scenic cable car ride back to the city. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

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



See the Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,500	\$2,390
Superior	\$1,580	\$2,630
Deluxe	\$1,920	\$3,100

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)
  - Meals as stated
  - Transportation as stated
  - Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Cathay Pacific.



# DUBAI STOPOVERS

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

Admire the ultra-modern architecture of downtown Dubai

## DUBAI HOTELS



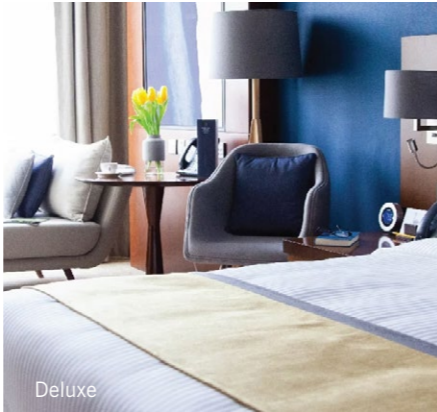
Standard

**HAMPTON BY HILTON AL SEEF ★★ ★★**  
This hotel sits along Dubai Creek in the heart of old Dubai. It is surrounded by restaurants and shops, making it the perfect base for exploring the city’s historic and cultural sites, with the Museum of Illusions nearby.



Superior

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



Deluxe

**VOCO HOTEL DUBAI ★★ ★★ ★★ ★★**  
Located minutes away from top attractions. The hotel sits a short drive from Mall of the Emirates and offers quick access to Dubai Marina, Palm Jumeirah, and the Al Barsha Metro Station.

# ESSENTIAL DUBAI

3 DAYS

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

### DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

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

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

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

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

### DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$345	\$580
Superior	\$380	\$650
Deluxe	\$415	\$720

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

# DUBAI & THE DESERT

4 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides insight into Dubai’s rich history. Also included is a desert safari where you spend the evening enjoying the entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars at a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

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

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

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

### DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE

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

### DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Head deep into the spectacular desert for a magical experience

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$530	\$830
Superior	\$585	\$935
Deluxe	\$640	\$1,040

- Price includes**
- Accommodation (3 nights Dubai)
  - Meals as stated
  - Transportation as stated
  - Shared touring with guides and entrance fees
- Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

# Flying in style

At Wendy Wu Tours, we pride ourselves on the strong relationships we have with our airline partners. We can offer you not only the most convenient flights to compliment your tour, but also the best value too. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go!

All our group tour prices include return international economy class flights, but if you are celebrating a special occasion or just fancy treating yourself, then upgrading to Premium Economy or Business Class is a great option.



## ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY WITH A STOPOVER

Make the most of your adventure by adding a stopover. Depending on your selected tour and airline, you may have the option to stopover en route, extend your stay before or after the tour, or even discover a new destination with one of our exciting short-stay extensions. Explore the options from page 86.

# Preferred Airline Partners



## SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Flying via Singapore, break up your journey with one of our exciting Singapore stopover packages available on pages 96-97.



## CATHAY PACIFIC

Take advantage of our stopover packages in the vibrant city of Hong Kong, where East meets West, on pages 98-99.



## MALAYSIA AIRLINES

Enjoy a stopover in Kuala Lumpur, please refer to our website for stopover details.



## EMIRATES

From towering skyscrapers and golden deserts to world-class shopping and vibrant culture see out Dubai Stopover packages on pages 100-101.

# Hotels

Our group tours feature hand-picked four-star properties selected for their comfort, modern amenities and convenient location for sightseeing. We occasionally include a stay in three-star plus hotels or lodges where we feel the character of the property will enhance your tour, or to allow access to a more unique and memorable location.

Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

## SAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN INDIA & CENTRAL ASIA



Vasant Continental – Delhi



Hotel Shah Palace – Baku



Jagat Palace – Pushkar



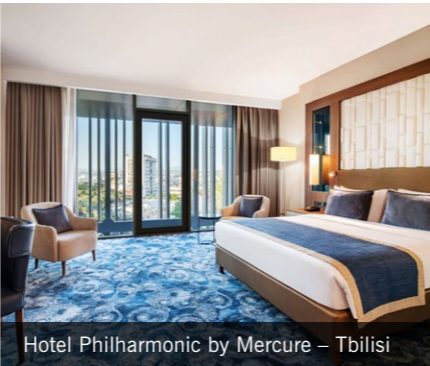
Ani Plaza – Yerevan



Four Points Sheraton – Jaipur



The Sher Garh Resort – Ranthambore



Hotel Philharmonic by Mercure – Tbilisi

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

# India & Central Asia for all seasons

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

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

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

## Delhi

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

## Kochi

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

## Mumbai

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

## Darjeeling

A former 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

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

## Ulaanbaatar

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

## Tbilisi

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

## Tashkent

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Your India and Central Asia questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



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

**A.** Once we have received your deposit payment, we will send you a confirmation invoice within 24 hours.

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

**A.** It's essential that you read the tour's Detailed Itinerary before booking. You can view it at [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au) or request a copy from us. These concise trip notes outline key considerations such as walking durations, travel times, and accommodation standards. Three weeks before departure, you'll receive your final documents, including a day-by-day itinerary, and travel guide insert.

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

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

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

**A.** When you make your booking, we will advise you on the latest visa requirements for your

destination. Our operations team will get in touch with you nearer the time of your departure with full information on how to obtain your visa.

**Q. Do I need travel insurance?**

**A.** It is a condition of your booking that you are insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. At a minimum, the policy is required to cover medical requirements including medical evacuations / repatriations. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time. We may request you to provide evidence that you have taken out and paid for a policy to comply with this condition.

**Q. What vaccinations do I need?**

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

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

**A.** The group size on our Classic Tours is on average around 21 passengers, with a maximum group size 28. On our Go Beyond Tours and exclusive Solo Departures the average group size is usually lower, depending on the locations visited on the tour. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently.

**Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?**

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

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

**A.** We offer several options for single travellers joining our tours. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travellers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (plus free access to an airport lounge if available on your flight itinerary, and a welcome cocktail on arrival) or, if you prefer, you can pay the single room supplement on a regular departure and have a private room reserved for you. Another possibility is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option at time of booking where, if we can find you a share partner of the same gender, your Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure. Please note that 'Happy to Share' requests received at time of booking may not be confirmed until after your final payment due date. Our Customer Services Team will contact you around 60 days prior to departure to let you know if a share partner has been found. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking and refunded. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain on your booking.

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

**A.** If your tour includes internal flights your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights. If your tour does not involve domestic flights or trains, your baggage allowance will follow your international airline's policy, though we recommend packing only what you can comfortably carry.

**Q. What currency should I take?**

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

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

**A.** Our Group tours are graded on each page with a Physical Rating to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a

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particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the detailed itinerary which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice. Our range of Private tours are more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

**Q. 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 simple and choices limited. Meals included in Private Tours are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. If you book a fully inclusive Classic Tour your first meal will be dinner on the day of arrival and will end with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

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

**A.** From time to time your National Escort or Local Guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually per person. This is paid in cash (local currency) to the guide on the day of the optional

excursion – just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences.

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

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

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

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

**Q. What are the flying times to India, Sri Lanka, Central Asia and Mongolia?**

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

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

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

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

**A.** Our groups are generally made up of travellers from the UK, Australia and New Zealand. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

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

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

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

**A.** They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures or to visit sights at the best time of day.

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

**A.** Tipping is expected in the Indian Subcontinent and in Central Asia. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience,

Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each 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 Short Stays, we will advise recommended amounts. The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, our local partners carry out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions; and works with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in Australia. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.



Travelling Sustainably

For the last 25 years we've been taking groups of travellers to unique and spectacular places, and know full well how impactful, inspiring and horizon-broadening exploring the world can be. Over the years we have been building as many mutually beneficial, sustainable and responsible relationships as possible in the destinations that we visit, so they too are able to thrive.



Wendy Wu  
Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

Local Economic Empowerment

We believe travel should positively benefit the communities we visit. That's why we prioritise locally-owned restaurants, hotels, and experiences that support local businesses and create sustainable livelihoods.

When travelling with us, you help empower local artisans, entrepreneurs, guides, drivers and so many others, ensuring that tourism leaves a positive, lasting impact.

Lower Impact Travel

We are reducing our environmental impact by building more rail journeys into our itineraries, and promoting low-season travel. Trains offer a greener alternative to flying, lowering carbon emissions while providing a more immersive travel experience. By promoting more departures in the low season, we also help ease pressure on popular destinations, support local economies year-round, and create a more sustainable way to explore the world.

Respectful Cultural Experiences

We are committed to fostering meaningful, authentic, and respectful interactions with the communities we visit. Our tours are designed to celebrate local traditions, honour cultural heritage, and support experiences led by local experts. We encourage travellers to engage with an open mind, follow local customs, and contribute to the preservation of cultural identity in a responsible way.

Sustainable Tourism Education

We believe responsible travel starts with awareness. That's why we provide our travellers with practical tips on reducing their environmental impact and supporting communities in a meaningful way. Through pre-departure resources and on-tour guidance, we empower our travellers to make informed, sustainable choices that help protect the destinations we visit for future generations.

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.

WENDY'S CLUB

Our Wendy Wu Tours loyalty scheme will get you exclusive offers and updates before anyone else plus you'll move up membership levels with every new trip you book – which means bigger savings!

Bronze

Save \$100 per person when you book your 2nd Wendy Wu Tours holiday



Silver

Save \$200 per person when you book your 3rd & 4th Wendy Wu Tours holiday



Gold

Save \$300 per person when you book your 5th or more Wendy Wu Tours holiday



These exceptional discounts can even be combined with any special offer.

RECOMMEND A FRIEND

Refer a friend and receive a \$100 e-gift card when they book their first tour with us – it's our way of saying thank you!



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

## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions ('Booking Conditions') form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd, of Level 8, 92 Pitt St, Sydney, Australia. ATAS: A10517. ABN: 87 082 688 202. These Booking Conditions set out the terms on which you contract with us for the arrangement and delivery of travel arrangements for your trip and which we agree to make, provide, or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you.

By making a booking request, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the Booking Conditions and agree to be bound by them. Please note that we reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you placing a booking request. The latest version of our Booking Conditions is published at [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au). It is your obligation to review the latest version of our Booking Conditions prior to making a booking request.

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.

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

**OUR SERVICES** We commence providing services to you as soon as we accept your booking. This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements. You also receive the benefit of work we undertake in anticipation of bookings. 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, own or operate.

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

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

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

**Itinerary Deviations** All fully inclusive Classic Tour or Go Beyond Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation requested by you 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.

**Other Variations** We reserve the right to surcharge the cost of your booked travel arrangements prior to commencement for circumstances beyond our control such as the imposition of new or amended Government charges, or if minimum passengers requirements aren't satisfied (see below). We also reserve the right to vary the cost of your travel arrangements due to currency fluctuations. However, we will not vary the cost for currency fluctuations once full payment has been received by us and we will absorb the first 2% of any negative currency fluctuation.

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

and conditions of individual special offers for further information. This will be advised at the time of quotation.

**Instalment Payment(s)** Additional payments may be required if airlines request earlier ticketing. We will provide you with reasonable notice if any such instalment payments become necessary, and you must make the payment by the due date specified in that notice.

**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. Final payment for Cruise & Tour packages and other special collections may be required earlier than the standard due date. Any such earlier payment deadline will be specified in your booking invoice.

**Late Payment** If you fail to make payment by the due date, we will remind you to make payment. In addition to the payment, you will also be responsible for any costs imposed on us by suppliers resulting from late payment. If we do not receive payment within 7 days after the reminder, you will be deemed to have cancelled your booking and cancellation fees will apply (see below).

**Card Processing Fees** Please note that any payments made by credit or debit card are subject to a 1.2% processing fee (1.8% for Amex), which represents the cost charged to us to process the payment.

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

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

**AMENDMENTS BY US** Due to the dynamic nature of the travel industry, we may occasionally need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary and its inclusions and you acknowledge our right to do this. Most changes will not be significant. If we become aware of any significant changes to your itinerary or its inclusions that materially detract from the overall value of the trip (where we determine it can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time and refund you an amount attributable to any reduction in value determined by us acting reasonably.

We reserve the right to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a substantially comparable or higher standard. We will endeavour to minimise substitutions. You acknowledge our right to do so and agree that these substitutions will not be considered a significant change.

**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. Where such changes are necessary, you agree that we may pass on any additional costs we reasonably incur in making alternative arrangements for your benefit.

**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; and

- We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

**AIRLINE SCHEDULE CHANGES** We are not responsible for any schedule changes imposed by airlines. While we will make reasonable efforts to adjust your touring and accommodation arrangements to accommodate such changes, we are not responsible for any services missed as a result. You agree that we may pass on any reasonable additional costs we incur in making alternative arrangements necessitated by an airline-imposed schedule change.

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

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

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

**Unused Services** 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.

**No waiver** Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. Please note that employees of any overseas or domestic company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in respect of refunds or any other matters. Please note Special Groups, Short Stays, Extensions & Tailormade tours may have differing cancellation fees, these will be communicated in writing at time of booking.

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

**Force Majeure – Prior to travel** If:

- in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers or agents) determine that your travel arrangements cannot safely, lawfully or reasonably proceed due to a Force Majeure event; or

- you give us notice no more than 14 days prior to commencement of your booked travel arrangements that you cannot reasonably make use of them due to Government Restrictions (for example due to border closures)

then we may:

- reschedule your travel arrangements, but only if you are agreeable to the rescheduled arrangements; 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 for the cancelled arrangements. However, we will either:

- issue you with a credit equal to payments received by us for the cancelled travel arrangements, redeemable within 24 months of issue against any travel services offered by us; or
- refund payments attributable to the cancelled travel arrangements less:
  - (a) unrecoverable third party costs and other expenses incurred or payable by us for the cancelled travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of the cancelled travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

Please note that our ability to issue you with a credit may be dependent on our suppliers issuing corresponding credits to us. We cannot guarantee that our suppliers will issue corresponding credits and so in such circumstances we may opt to pay you a limited cash refund as outlined.

**Force Majeure – During travel** If due to Force Majeure we cancel travel arrangements after your trip has commenced, we will provide you with a refund of recovered third party costs plus any third party costs we don't incur for cancelled travel arrangements only.

**Force Majeure – General** Where a limited cash refund is to be paid by us, we will use reasonable endeavours to recover payments from third parties attributable to your booking, but we make no guarantee that we will be able to recover these payments either partially or at all. If after we have paid you a limited cash refund (or after we determine that no cash refund is currently payable) we recover payments from third parties attributable to your booking, then we will pass on this payment to you.

We will not be responsible for any other loss or costs you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares, insurance and visa expenses) if your tour or particular travel arrangements are cancelled due to an event of Force Majeure.

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

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

**Other cancellations** If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure or a failure to satisfy minimum numbers (see below), you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid, or the offer of travel arrangements of substantially equal quality if appropriate. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from our cancellation.

**GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED QUARANTINE OR TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS** If, within 75 days of your scheduled departure, you are subject to a mandatory quarantine or other travel restriction imposed by a government or public health authority (whether due to illness, close contact, or any other reason) and as a result you are reasonably unable to make use of the travel services booked with us, we will not be liable for any third-party costs, cancellation fees or prepaid arrangements, including (but not limited to) airfares, cruise bookings, or accommodation.

Similarly, if you are directed by a government or public health authority to quarantine or return home early during your tour, we will not be responsible for any additional costs you incur as a result, including extra accommodation, transport changes, or other amendments to your travel plans.

We will, however, make reasonable efforts to recover any refundable amounts on your behalf or to negotiate credits or deferrals with third-party providers, where possible.

**MINIMUM NUMBERS** Some trips are based on a minimum number of passengers travelling. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking if this is the case. If a trip fails to satisfy minimum numbers, the trip may be cancelled or re-costed. We will give you notice no later than 60 days prior to the trip's commencement. If the trip is re-costed, you will have the option to either accept the new cost or to cancel your booking. You must make this election within 14 days of receiving notice from us. If the trip is cancelled or if you cancel your booking in these circumstances, we will at your election refund all payments made or credit payments towards alternative arrangements. We will not be responsible for any other travel arrangements affected by, or any additional costs incurred, as a result of cancellation in these circumstances.

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

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

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

We may request you to provide evidence that you have taken out and paid for a policy to comply with this condition. If you fail to provide a certificate of currency of insurance within a reasonable time after our request, then this will be deemed a cancellation by you and standard cancellation fees will apply (see 'Cancellation By You' above).

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice. If you have doubts about your ability to undertake the trip, please contact us to discuss your circumstances prior to making a booking request.

**Existing Medical Conditions** If you have a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, or which may materially affect the usual conduct of the trip, then you must advise us prior to or at the time you make your booking request.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you are not fit to travel or will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition prior to or at the time you made your booking request, we will provide you with a full refund of payments made.

If you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time, then this will be considered a cancellation by you and cancellation fees and charges will apply (See 'Cancellation By You' section above).

**Changes to Medical Conditions** After Booking You must notify us as soon as possible of any new or changed medical or mobility condition that may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention or special assistance, or that may unreasonably affect the usual conduct of the trip. The provisions above will apply, including our right to cancel and apply relevant cancellation fees.

**Undisclosed or Emerging Medical Conditions** During the Tour If, during the tour, we reasonably identify that you have a medical or mobility condition (including but not limited to cognitive impairment or behavioural issues) that was not disclosed prior to booking, and:

- it materially affects your ability to safely participate in the tour;
- places you, our staff, or other travellers at risk;
- requires special assistance we cannot reasonably provide; or
- unreasonably affects the usual conduct of the tour,

we may cancel your continued participation in the tour.

In such cases:

- You will not be entitled to a refund for any unused services; and
- We may arrange for your early return home and/or additional support, and you agree to reimburse us for any reasonable costs incurred in doing so.

**Dietary Requirements** Special dietary requests are required to be notified to us at the time of booking. We will endeavour to communicate your requirements to relevant suppliers. However, we cannot guarantee requests will be met by suppliers. It is your responsibility to check that meals and beverages do not contain any allergens. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we expressly disclaim any liability for meals or beverages that contain allergens.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING** A passport with a minimum of six months validity and at least 2 blank pages upon return to Australia is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in all fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not be able to assist with processing the visas for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure, you may be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee, which we will advise at the time. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned to you with final documentation approximately three weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity, purchase of additional required passport photos, the cost for sending passports to Wendy Wu Tours and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application

forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability. Relevant authorities may require additional documentation to approve your visa application. The cost of additional documentation or application forms are at the travellers expense. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

**Late Bookings** If a booking is made within 75 days prior to departure it is considered a late booking. Late bookings may incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

**VACCINATIONS** It is your responsibility to obtain vaccinations and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the trip. Any information provided by us is given in good faith and you must independently verify it. If suppliers refuse to provide you with travel arrangements due to any vaccination deficiency, then you agree you will not be entitled to any refund for those arrangements. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses you incur (including loss of enjoyment or the costs of alternative arrangements) if you are denied services in these circumstances.

**SINGLE TRAVELLERS** We offer several options for single travellers joining our tours. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travellers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (plus free access to an airport lounge if available on your flight itinerary, and a welcome cocktail on arrival) or, if you prefer, you can pay the single room supplement on a regular departure and have a private room reserved for you. Another possibility is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option at time of booking where, if we can find you a share partner of the same gender, your Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure. Please note that 'Happy to Share' requests received at time of booking may not be confirmed until after your final payment due date. Our Customer Services Team will contact you around 60 days prior to departure to let you know if a share partner has been found. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking and refunded. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain on your booking. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to change or withdraw this arrangement at any time. If the booking originated as a twin share booking and one traveller cancels, the remaining traveller will be charged the applicable single supplement. If the cancellation occurs more than 75 days prior to the tour departure date, the option to select 'Happy to Share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour. Our dedicated solo departures are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'Happy to Share' option.

### DURING TRAVEL

**Remote Areas** You acknowledge that some tours visit and include overnight accommodation in remote areas which are located considerable distances from hospitals, medical centres or other forms of medical facilities. It may take many hours before you receive any professional medical attention.

You acknowledge that there may be occasions where you require first aid due to an accident, illness, injury or other health condition. You consent to our (and our suppliers') personnel providing you with first aid on the basis that: (a) they are not qualified medical professionals; (b) we make no warranties and expressly disclaim all warranties regarding the standard of care that may be provided; and (c) to the fullest extent permitted by law we will not be liable (and neither will our personnel) for any care given or omitted. If you are unable to do so yourself, you consent to us seeking and securing any medical treatment that we reasonably consider you require. This may include attendance or evacuation by air. You agree to reimburse us for any costs we incur in seeking medical treatment or evacuation on your behalf.

**Refusal of Carriage** We reserve the right to reasonably remove you from a group tour if, in our or our suppliers' opinion, your condition, conduct, or circumstances pose a material risk to your own safety or wellbeing, or to the safety, comfort, or enjoyment of others. This includes, but is not limited to, situations where you are physically, medically, or mentally unable to participate in the tour as planned, engage in disruptive or antisocial behaviour, or are found in possession of prohibited substances or materials. In such cases, you will not be entitled to any refund for unused services, and you will be responsible for any additional costs incurred as a result of your removal.

**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 to the fullest extent permitted by law 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 Services** We are not responsible for any additional activities or excursions which are not included in the booked itinerary or which we sell as agent for the principal operator. Any advice or recommendation made by a guide or local representative does not make us responsible for delivery. Leisure activities and services undertaken during free time is at the customer's own discretion.

**Shopping & Other Services** Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion.

**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 your 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 could include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport companies (i.e., vehicles not operated by us), attraction and venue operators and common carriers.

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 and not caused by our negligence. Any claims you have in this regard must be made against the 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 own, operate or 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 contractors (where we have direct control over them) 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.

**Recreational services** If we supply any recreational services to you, then to the maximum extent permitted by law we exclude any liability for death, physical injury or mental injury or any other liability referred to in section 139A(3) of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) resulting from our failure to comply with a guarantee that applies under Subdivision B of Division 1 of Part 3-2 of the Australian Consumer Law.

This exclusion does not apply to significant personal injury caused by our reckless conduct.

Recreational services means services that consist of participation in the activities referred to in Section 139A of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), being participation in:

- (a) a sporting activity or similar leisure time pursuit; or
- (b) any other activity that:
  - (i) involves a significant degree of physical exertion or physical risk; and
  - (ii) is undertaken for the purposes of recreation, enjoyment or leisure.

**General liability limitation** We do not guarantee our schedule. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/services attributable to delays.

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 guarantees into consumer contracts ("Consumer Guarantees"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Guarantees other than to the extent they can be excluded or limited, in which case we limit or exclude the Consumer Guarantees to the fullest extent possible. Other than the Consumer Guarantees, we disclaim all warranties and guarantees.

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 them resupplied.

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

Our complaints handling policy is available upon request.

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

**PRIVACY** We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information that may be of interest to you 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-advice/privacy-policy](http://wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advice/privacy-policy).

**GENERAL** 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.

If any provision of these Booking Conditions is found to be unenforceable, then to the extent possible it will be severed without affecting the remaining provisions.

You may not transfer your booking or any rights under these Booking Conditions to another person without our prior written consent.

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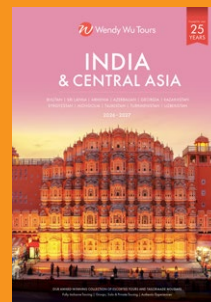
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