

2018-2019

 Wendy Wu Tours

THE EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION

CHINA | VIETNAM | CAMBODIA | LAOS | INDIA

Luxury tours that delve deep into Asia

SEE ASIA IN STYLE

We are delighted to present our Exclusive Collection – a series of meticulously designed, luxury journeys, featuring truly distinctive and immersive experiences that bring Asia to life.

Founded over 20 years ago, Wendy Wu Tours are the UK's leading Tour Operator to Asia. Our success has been built around our commitment to deliver truly authentic experiences, outstanding customer service and a fervent passion for the entire region.

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UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Our Exclusive Collection has been thoughtfully designed and thoroughly researched to bring you a range of once-in-a-lifetime experiences to make your holiday truly memorable.

Meet a member of the excavation team at the Terracotta Warriors, visit Angkor with a leading conservationist and take a tour with the curator of Rajasthan's most impressive fort.

Dine at many exclusive establishments including Peking Duck at one of Beijing's top restaurants, a sunset dinner cruise in Saigon and a candlelit dinner in one of India's historic stepwells.

And enjoy special moments sipping champagne on the Great Wall or while watching sunset atop a temple at Angkor and take in fabulous views across Shanghai or Saigon with a cocktail in hand.



LUXURY HOTELS

Each hotel in our Exclusive Collection has been handpicked for its facilities and its location, so you can be sure you're staying in five-star luxury throughout your trip.

We have carefully selected the best five star hotels throughout Asia, including brands such as Shangri-La and Sheraton, so at the end of a captivating day's touring you can relax in the comfort of sumptuous surroundings.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE

All of our Exclusive Collection tours can be experienced in the knowledge that we've taken care of everything.

Your tour guide is nothing short of remarkable. Accompanying you from the start of your tour until the final goodbye, they will be there for you 24 hours a day. Taking care of your every need (whether you thought of it or not), doing whatever they can to make your experience exceptional, their knowledge, passion, professionalism, experience and expertise is astonishing.

And just to make sure you really don't have to lift a finger, we've made sure every little detail has been taken care of. We'll make sure your luggage is delivered from the coach right to your hotel room and get you to the airport in comfort with a chauffeured transfer. We'll even do your laundry.



CHINA

Explore China in five-star comfort, from the metropolises of Shanghai and Beijing to the slow pace of the Yangtze, historical Xian and the rural bliss of Yangshuo.

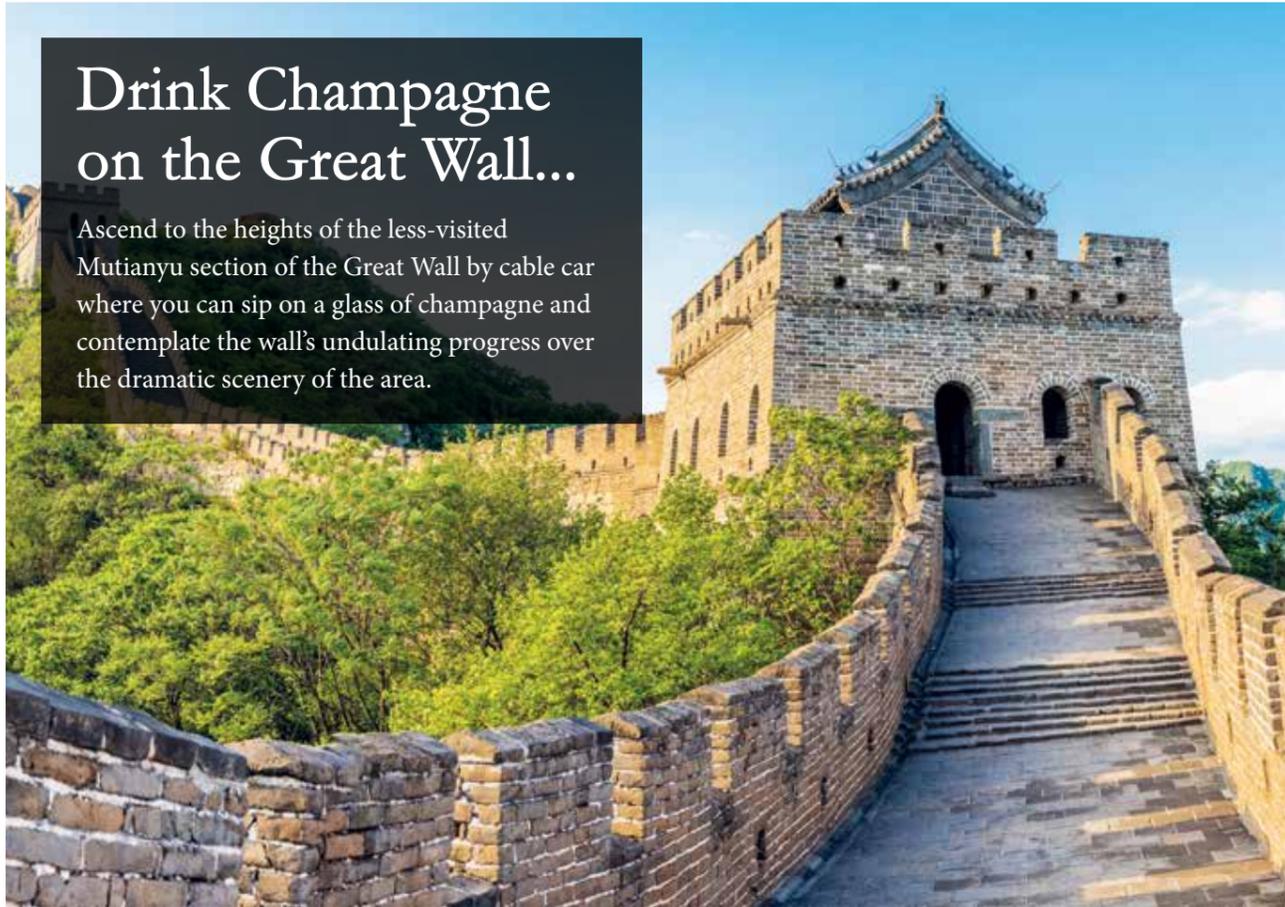
Exclusive China tours include:

- International flights and taxes
- Exclusive touring and dining
- Soft drinks included with all meals
- Wine and beer included with dinner
- Award-winning National Escorts
- Sightseeing with the experts
- Unique experiences
- 5★ hotels and deluxe cruising
- Small group sizes
- Champagne moments
- Complimentary UK chauffeur transfers
- Enjoy more evenings at leisure
- Porterage, laundry and daily bottled water
- Visa application and fees – worth £200



Drink Champagne on the Great Wall...

Ascend to the heights of the less-visited Mutianyu section of the Great Wall by cable car where you can sip on a glass of champagne and contemplate the wall's undulating progress over the dramatic scenery of the area.



Meet the Warriors with an expert...

Stand before the ranks of the Terracotta Army with a member of the excavation team who will indulge you with the latest discoveries and unique insights, allowing you to delve deeper into their fascinating history.



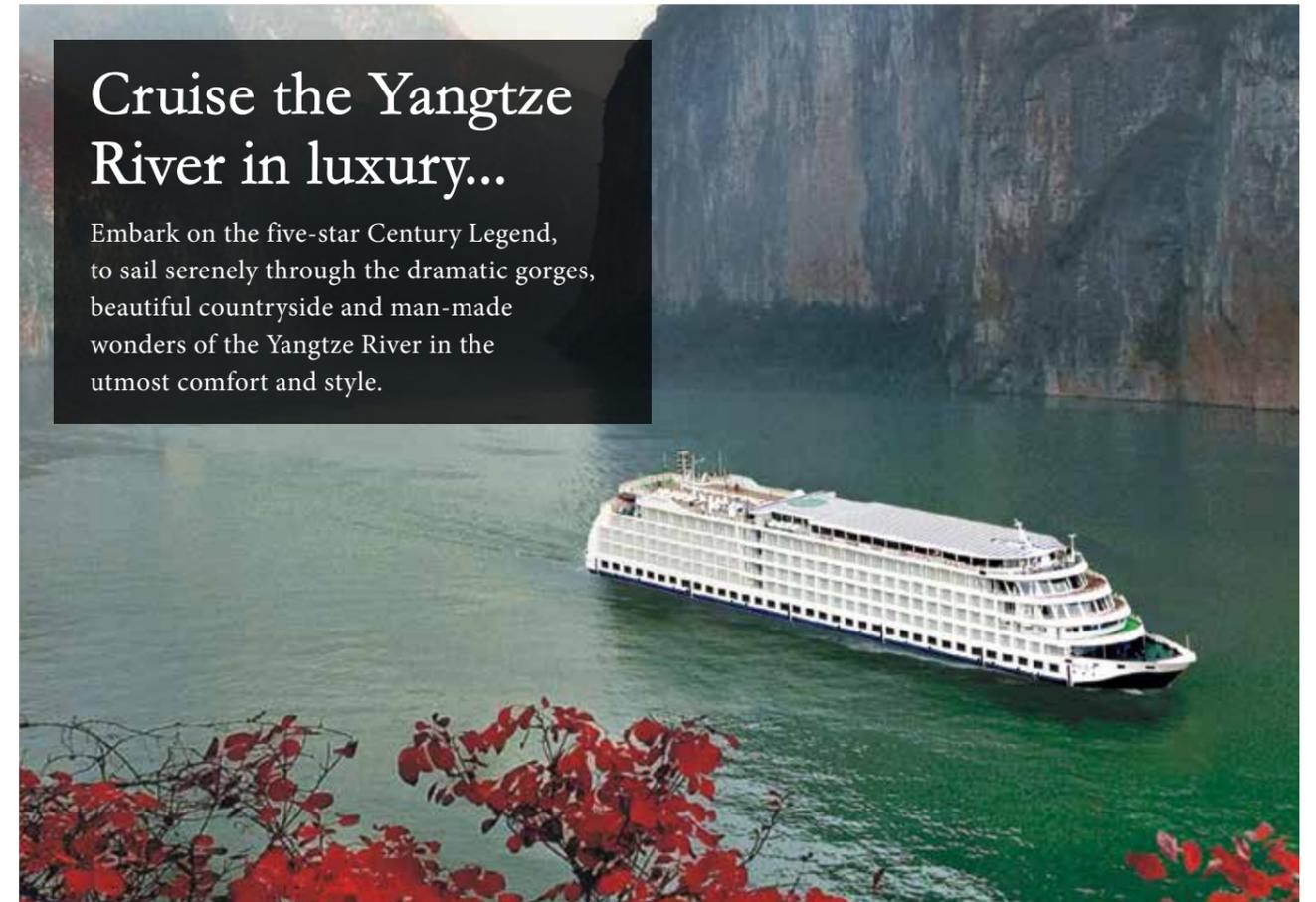
Gain expert insight on Giant Pandas...

Meet the charismatic Giant Pandas and mischievous Red Pandas of Chengdu where a resident expert will talk to you about all things panda as you watch them doing what they do best – eating, playing and sleeping.



Cruise the Yangtze River in luxury...

Embark on the five-star Century Legend, to sail serenely through the dramatic gorges, beautiful countryside and man-made wonders of the Yangtze River in the utmost comfort and style.



EXQUISITE CHINA

15 DAYS FROM £4,990 PER PERSON

Indulge yourself with a deluxe Yangtze cruise and opulent hotels as a relaxed itinerary takes you from imperial treasures and Terracotta Warriors to vibrant cities, adorable pandas and delicious gastronomy, complete with many special experiences.

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Practice Tai Chi with a master at the Temple of Heaven
- Visit the opulent Treasure Hall inside the Forbidden City
- Sip champagne on the magnificent Great Wall
- Explore Beijing's atmospheric hutongs by rickshaw
- Dine on Peking duck at the acclaimed Hua's restaurant
- Meet one of the discoverers of the Terracotta Warriors
- Visit the restoration lab of the Hanyangling Mausoleum
- Meet the Pandas with an expert
- Cocktails with a view of Shanghai's neon Pudong
- Cruise the mighty Yangtze River

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Beijing. On arrival, you will be accompanied by one of our experienced escorts to the hotel.

Hotel: Regent Beijing Wangfujing

DAY 3: EXPLORE IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin the day like many locals with gentle exercise, as you partake in a private Tai Chi lesson with a master in the Temple of Heaven park. Cross vast Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City, the palace which served as the home of emperors for 500 years. Your visit includes the intimate Treasure Hall, a glittering gallery showcasing the everyday trappings of royal life. Dine on Peking duck and enjoy an optional performance of Kung Fu. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Regent Beijing Wangfujing

DAY 4: CHAMPAGNE ON THE GREAT WALL

From the Gobi Desert to the Bohai Sea, the Great Wall stretches thousands of miles. Ride the cable car up to the beautiful Mutianyu section, stopping at the ideal spot to enjoy a glass of champagne whilst admiring the views of the Wall as it snakes over craggy peaks. Return to Beijing via the Jade Museum, then take a rickshaw ride through the hutongs where you'll stop for a lesson in calligraphy with a learned scholar. Enjoy a free evening at lively Houhai Lake. (B,L)

Hotel: Regent Beijing Wangfujing

DAY 5: ANCIENT CITY WALLS

Fly to Xian. Walk on the 14th-century city walls for an excellent overview of the city. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of your hotel. This evening, enjoy an optional exuberant and colourful Tang Dynasty dance performance. (B,L)

Hotel: Hilton Xian



▲ GIANT PANDA



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA

DAY 6: THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

The Terracotta Warriors are one of the world's most famous archaeological discoveries. View the enigmatic ranks in the company of an expert who works at the site and who will put their story into context. Next, we have exclusively arranged for you to meet the discoverer of the Warriors – learn about the moment they were uncovered by talking to one of the farmers who fortuitously stumbled upon them in 1974. On the way back to Xian, visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Tonight, there is an option to take a city night tour which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)
Hotel: Hilton Xian

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Chengdu where the evening is at leisure with the option to puzzle over a national secret at the Sichuan Opera – the face-changing art of Bian Lian. (B,L)
Hotel: Ritz Carlton Chengdu

DAY 8: PANDAS WITH AN EXPERT

Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre, where an expert will talk to you about the centre's work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Stroll through the vibrant People's Park, one of the city's social hubs. Visit Matchmaker's Corner to see parents searching through reams of notices looking for worthy suitors for their sons and daughters before sipping tea in a traditional teahouse. This evening, sit down to the quintessential Sichuan dining experience – hot pot. (B,L,D)
Hotel: Ritz Carlton Chengdu

DAY 9: CRUISE THE YANGTZE RIVER

Transfer to Chongqing and make a relaxed exploration of Ciqikou, an historic district full of traditional architecture, with time for your own leisurely lunch. Board your Century cruise ship. (B,D)
Cruise Ship: Century Paragon or Century Legend

DAY 10: CAPTAIN'S WELCOME

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Shibaozhai, a hilltop pagoda beside the river. This evening the captain will host a welcome reception before a lavish dinner is served. (B,L,D)

Cruise Ship: Century Paragon or Century Legend

DAY 11: DRAMATIC YANGTZE GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as we sweep through the Wu and Qutang gorges before sailing along the scenic Shennong Stream on a sampan to explore further. (B,L,D)
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Hotel: Fairmont Peace

DAY 13: ZHUJIAJIAO WATER TOWN

China's attractive water towns exude a rustic charm. The 1,700-year-old Zhujiajiao is a typical example, boasting old stone bridges, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways once used to transport goods. Return to Shanghai where the afternoon is free. You might like to enjoy an optional acrobat show or a cruise on the Huangpu River. (B)
Hotel: Fairmont Peace

DAY 14: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Walk through the old town and the Yu Garden, a classic example of traditional Chinese gardens. Visit the colonial Bund and the Silk Museum, before admiring the collections of the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner this evening and toast the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower, with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)
Hotel: Fairmont Peace

DAY 15: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. On arrival, you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES



2018 Departures		from
13 Apr - 27 Apr 18 May - 01 Jun	04 May - 18 May	£4,990
31 Aug - 14 Sep 05 Oct - 19 Oct	14 Sep - 28 Sep 12 Oct - 26 Oct	£5,190
2019 Departures		from
12 Apr - 26 Apr 17 May - 31 May	03 May - 17 May	£5,290
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Tour departs Friday and returns Friday.

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight upgrades available on request
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- Single room from £1,790
- Tipping paid locally RMB 1,030

Price includes

- Most meals (13 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 8 dinners)
- International flights and current taxes
- Complimentary UK airport chauffeur transfers within 50 miles of the airport
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LEGENDS OF CHINA

17 DAYS FROM £5,490 PER PERSON

Discover the best of China's many wonders on this lavish crosscountry adventure. Experience natural grandeur and imperial treasures, witness man-made marvels and ultra-modern miracles, as you wend your way from Beijing to Shanghai in style.

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

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- Visit the opulent Treasure Hall inside the Forbidden City
- Sip champagne on the magnificent Great Wall
- Explore Beijing's atmospheric hutongs by rickshaw
- Learn the art of calligraphy in the hutongs
- Meet one of the discoverers of the Terracotta Warriors
- Visit the Restoration Laboratory of the Hanyangling Mausoleum
- Watch a dumpling demonstration and consume the results
- Cruise the picturesque Li River
- See the famous cormorant fishermen in Guilin
- Cruise the mighty Yangtze River
- Enjoy cocktails at one of Shanghai's rooftop bars
- Witness the spectacular 'Impression: Liu Sanjie outdoor show in a VIP seat

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▲ YANGSHUO



▲ ANCIENT CITY WALLS, XIAN

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Hotel: Hilton Xian

DAY 7: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum and visit the restoration laboratory. The artefacts recovered here, viewable from the glass walkways above, give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Guilin, a city set in dramatic limestone karst landscapes. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. (B,L)

Hotel: Guilin Shangri-La

DAY 8: CRUISE THE LI RIVER

Cruise the Li River to Yangshuo. The magnificence of the limestone karsts and serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. On arrival, enjoy a delicious dinner before taking your VIP seats for 'Impression Sanjie Liu', a light spectacular that perfectly utilises the karst landscape as a theatre and the Li River as a stage. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Yangshuo Resort

DAY 9: AT LEISURE IN YANGSHUO

Take a walking tour of Yangshuo's idyllic, karst-studded countryside before a free afternoon to spend as you wish. (B)

Hotel: Yangshuo Resort

DAY 10: CORMORANT FISHING

Return to Guilin by road. Stop for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River and meet a cormorant fisherman. Take a walking tour of the twin Sun and Moon pagodas – set on a calm lake, these towers are picturesque and elegant examples of Chinese Buddhist architecture. Enjoy a stroll around Guilin's vibrant West Lake area before visiting the South China Pearl Museum to discover the fascinating 1,700-year history of pearling in the South China Sea. As well as displays and

demonstrations there are also beautiful pieces to buy. (B)

Hotel: Guilin Shangri-La

DAY 11: CRUISE THE YANGTZE RIVER

Fly to Chongqing, where you'll visit China's celebrated bear at Chongqing Zoo's dedicated Panda House. Later, board your Century Yangtze cruise ship. (B,L,D)

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Hotel: Fairmont Peace

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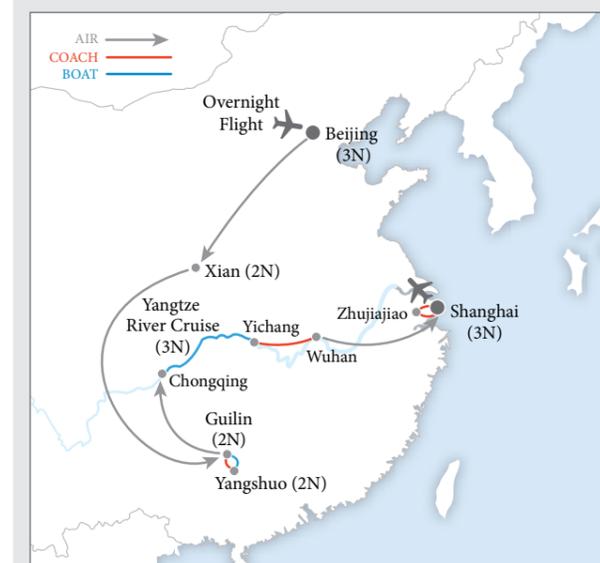
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Hotel: Fairmont Peace

DAY 17: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

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INDOCHINA

Embark on a deluxe journey through friendly and relaxed Indochina. Meander along the Mekong and across Halong Bay in Vietnam, discover deeply-rooted tradition in Laos and ancient, compelling history in Cambodia.

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- All transportation in Southeast Asia
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- Small group sizes
- Enjoy more evenings at leisure
- Complimentary UK chauffeur transfers
- Porterage, laundry and daily bottled water
- Afternoon tea and spa experience

Take a luxury cruise on Halong Bay

Drift amongst the limestone peaks of Halong Bay onboard a lavish, traditional-style Paradise Cruises ship. Watch the sun set from the top deck, bed down in your luxury cabin and dine in the stylish restaurant.



Walk the atmospheric streets of old Hoi An

Explore the enchanting old streets of Hoi An on a guided walking tour, learning about the town's global influences and strolling beside the river before refreshing at the charming 'Reaching Out' Teahouse.



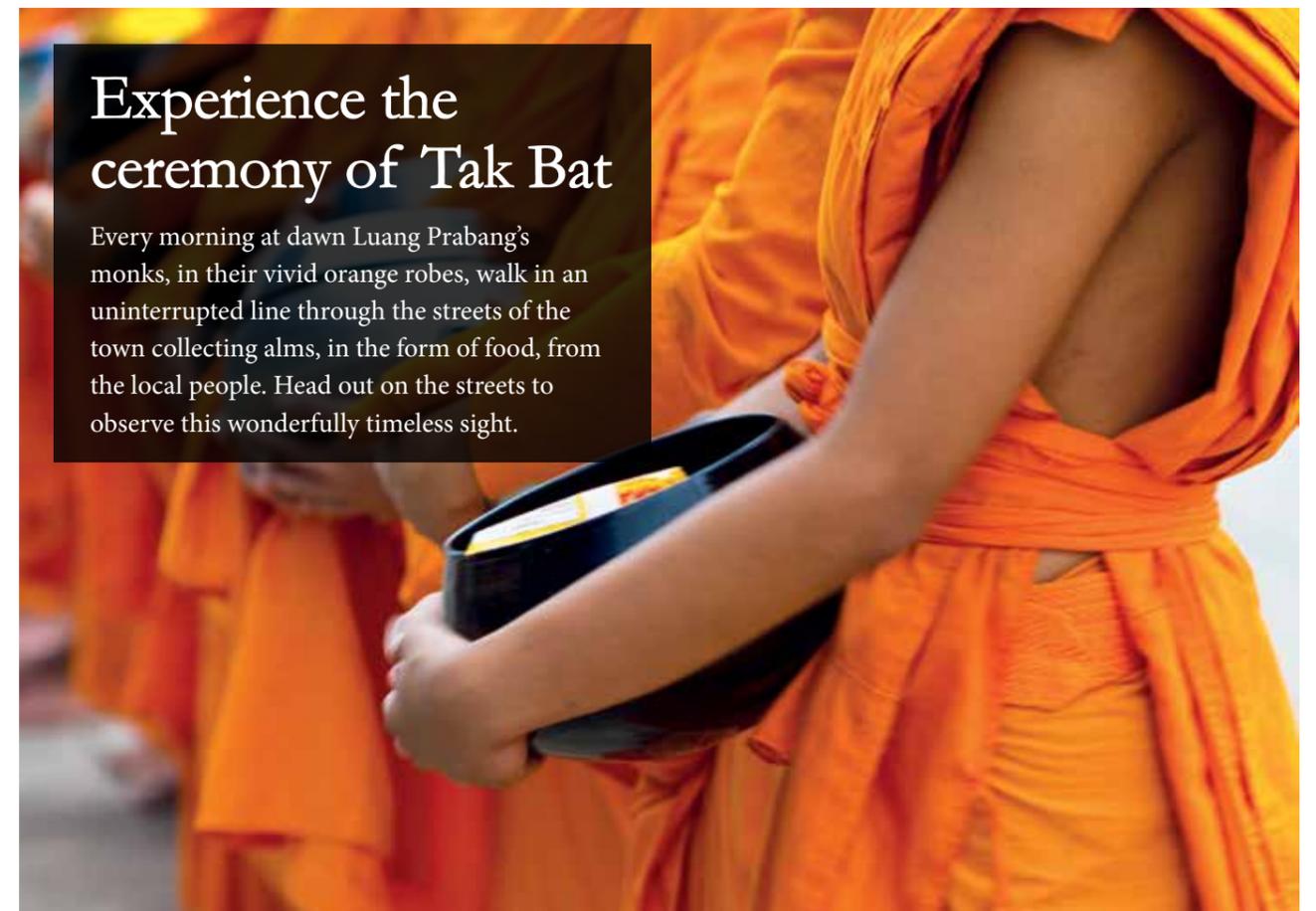
Sip Champagne from the summit of Phnom Krom

Wind your way between the spectacular jungle-bound Angkor temples and ascend to the spiritual and beautiful Phnom Krom. Sip champagne as the sun sets over Tonle Sap and the surrounding temples.



Experience the ceremony of Tak Bat

Every morning at dawn Luang Prabang's monks, in their vivid orange robes, walk in an uninterrupted line through the streets of the town collecting alms, in the form of food, from the local people. Head out on the streets to observe this wonderfully timeless sight.



JEWELS OF VIETNAM

13 DAYS FROM £3,790 PER PERSON

Embark on a deluxe adventure of Vietnam's highlights. Uncover poignant history, natural beauty and charming chaos as you work your way up from the lush plains of the Mekong Delta to the enchanting limestone pillar seascapes of Halong Bay.

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a dinner cruise on Saigon's Bonsai
- Explore the Mekong Delta on the Cai Be Princess
- Watch the 'A O Show' at Saigon's colonial Opera House
- Learn the art of Vietnamese cuisine on a Hoi An cooking class
- Lunch on vegetarian food prepared by the nuns of Lien Hoa Pagoda
- Indulge in a divine Afternoon Tea experience at Hotel De L'Opera
- Enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment in Hanoi
- Take a deluxe cruise on Halong Bay
- Ascend the Bitexco Tower for a cocktail at sunset
- Meander through Saigon's Chinatown on a cyclo tour
- Try your hand at folding ornate paper flowers
- Relish the regal company of Mr Vinh at Tha Om Garden House

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Saigon. On arrival you will be met and taken to your hotel.

Hotel: Caravelle Saigon

DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

Saigon has evolved from war torn city to thriving metropolis, the powerhouse driving Vietnam towards its ever brighter future. This morning see the Central Post Office, a beautiful neoclassical edifice; the Reunification Palace, the site of the end of the Vietnam War; and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. Take a cyclo ride through the bustling streets of China town before taking a walking tour of a traditional herbal medicine street, learning about herbs, spices and healing concoctions as you go. Later, ascend to the sky deck of the Bitexco Tower for a cocktail and sunset views. Finally drift gently down the Saigon River on the Bonsai Cruise, dining on delicious cuisine as you soak up the night time views. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Caravelle Saigon

DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

Set sail through the palm-lined canals of the Mekong Delta in a traditional sampan, passing sleepy towns and stopping to explore markets bursting with fresh produce and innovative home industries. Visit a 19th-century house, visit a home that produces coconut candy and puffed rice before enjoying a lunch served in a colonial-style villa set in a lush garden by the river. Return to Saigon for the cultural extravaganza that is the 'A O Show', staged at the magnificent Saigon Opera House. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Caravelle Saigon

DAY 5: CU CHI TUNNELS

Travel to the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of an elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. For those feeling brave, you can attempt a section of the tunnels for yourself. Pay a visit to a cricket farm and return to Saigon. Fly to Hoi An. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Palm Garden Beach Resort & Spa





▲ SAIGON

DAY 6: EXPLORE HOI AN

Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European styles, its narrow streets retaining a quirky, old world charm. This morning, tour the market to choose fresh ingredients from a colourful array of local produce for your Vietnamese cookery class, where you'll learn to create a number of local dishes. This afternoon wander the old streets, visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, the 200-year old Tan Ky House and the elaborate Japanese Bridge before taking tea at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, a peaceful place, run by hearing and speech impaired locals, to savour the flavours of local produce. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

Hotel: Palm Garden Beach Resort & Spa

DAY 7: CRUISE THE PERFUME RIVER

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take

a trip to the beach. Depart for Hue, travelling over the Hai Van Pass. Later, cruise along the Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda. (B,L,D)

Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa

DAY 8: DISCOVER IMPERIAL HUE

Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home to emperors from 1802 to 1945. Enter through its grandiose entrance and you'll be able to explore before heading out, along the river, into Hue's lush surroundings to see Minh Mang's tomb. Lunch will be vegetarian dishes prepared by the nuns of Lien Hoa Pagoda, before you try your hand at making paper flowers, in a village that is known for the art. Visit the regal surroundings of Tha Om Garden House – the owner, Mr Vinh, is descended from royalty. (B,L)

Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa

DAY 9: FLY TO HANOI

Travel to the airport to fly to Hanoi. Visit the Thanh Chuong Viet Palace, where you'll gain a great insight into Vietnam's history and character before enjoying a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAY 10: EXPLORE HANOI

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital, evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learn about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature and meet a water puppeteer who will introduce you to this traditional 11th century art and put on a private water puppet show. You will also be able to get involved in creating the puppets. (B,L)

Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAY 11: HALONG BAY

Halong Bay's thousands of limestone islands project from the tranquil depths of emerald waters creating a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Board your comfortable cruise ship and enjoy a seafood lunch before setting sail into the bay. Drift amongst the karst pinnacles, stopping to explore mysterious caves as you go. Spend the night anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

Cruise Ship: Paradise Cruises

DAY 12: SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY

Rise early to see the sun rise over the karst-scapes of the bay and savour the serenity of the early morning. Join a Tai Chi lesson this morning on deck. Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there's time for a hearty late breakfast before disembarking and returning to Hanoi. Later let us treat you to a divine Afternoon Tea Experience whilst later in the evening there will be a sumptuous farewell dinner. (B,D)

Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAY 13: FLY HANOI TO UK

Fly back home, arriving the same or following day and journey home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

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04 Mar - 16 Mar	£3,790
04 Nov - 16 Nov	£3,890
2019 Departures	from
03 Mar - 15 Mar	£4,190
03 Nov - 15 Nov	£4,290

Tour departs Sunday and returns Friday.

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,190 (Saigon - Hanoi)
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CLASSICAL VIETNAM

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Vietnam is a colourful kaleidoscope of local culture, rich heritage and diverse landscapes. Journey through harrowing history, imperial grandeur and natural majesty on a superior itinerary that brings classic sights together with special little added extras.

EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Mekong Delta on the Cai Be Princess
- Cruise around Nha Trang's tropical islands on azure waters
- Take a walking tour through historic Hoi An
- Learn the art of making ornate paper flowers
- Relish the regal company of Mr Vinh at Tha Om Garden House
- Discover Hanoi's atmospheric Old Quarter on foot
- Take a deluxe two-night cruise on Halong Bay
- Meander through Saigon's Chinatown on a cyclo tour
- Ascend the Bitexco Tower for a cocktail at sunset
- Enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment in Hanoi
- Enjoy a sunset dinner cruise along the Thu Bon River
- Indulge in a divine Afternoon Tea experience at Hotel De L'Opera
- Watch the 'A O Show' at Saigon's colonial Opera House

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DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

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DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

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Hotel: Caravelle Saigon

DAY 5: CU CHI TUNNELS

Travel to the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of an elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. For those feeling brave, you can attempt a section of the tunnels for yourself. Pay a visit to a cricket farm and return to Saigon. (B,L)

Hotel: Caravelle Saigon



▲ HANOI



▲ NHA TRANG

DAY 6: COASTAL NHA TRANG

Transfer to the airport to fly to Nha Trang. This is Vietnam's top beach resort, a sweep of yellow sand lapped by cool waters and backed by a relaxed urban centre. This afternoon explore the Po Nagar Cham Towers, still used for worship today. (B,L,D)

Hotel: The Anam Nha Trang

DAY 7: NHA TRANG CRUISE

Spend the day cruising the clear waters and islands off the coast of Nha Trang Bay. Stops will be made at Mun Island and a local fishing village and there may be time for you to take a dip in the cool waters. (B,L)

Hotel: The Anam Nha Trang

DAY 8: TRAVEL TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An to soak up the charms of this beautiful town. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Palm Garden Resort & Spa

DAY 9: EXPLORE HOI AN

Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European styles, its narrow

streets retaining a quirky, old world charm. Wander the old streets, visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, the 200-year old Tan Ky House and the Japanese Bridge before taking tea at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, run by hearing and speech impaired locals - to savour the flavours of local produce. This evening, sip cocktails and dine on freshly prepared cuisine as you explore Hoi An's river culture with a sunset cruise on the Thu Bon River. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Palm Garden Resort & Spa

DAY 10: FREE DAY

Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. (B)

Hotel: Palm Garden Resort & Spa

DAY 11: IMPERIAL HUE

Taking the scenic Hai Van Pass, travel to the imperial city of Hue. Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. Cruise on the Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda and take part in a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn

to create bamboo paper art. (B,L,D)

Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa

DAY 12: EXPLORE HUE

Explore the majestic Imperial Citadel and visit the extravagant Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, an emperor whose reign is remembered for his opposition to French rule. Head to Thanh Tien village to learn about, and create, your own paper flowers before admiring the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House, whose owner, Mr Vinh, is descended from royalty. (B,L)

Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa

DAY 13: FLY TO HANOI

Enjoy free time this morning before transferring to the airport to fly to Hanoi. This afternoon take a walking tour of the Old Quarter, catching a glimpse of everyday life on the bustling streets and alleyways. Later, relax with a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAY 14: EXPLORE HANOI

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital, evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Explore the Ho

Chi Minh Quarter and learn about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature, the Humble Stilt House and the One Pillar Pagoda. This afternoon, let us treat you to an Afternoon Tea Experience. (B,L)

Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAYS 15-16: HALONG BAY

Halong Bay's thousands of limestone islands project from the tranquil depths of emerald waters creating a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Board your comfortable cruise ship and enjoy a seafood lunch before setting sail into the bay. Spend the next two days drifting amongst the karst pinnacles, taking part in onboard activities such as cookery demonstrations, dawn Tai Chi and a visit to Surprise Cave. Spend two nights anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

Cruise Ship: Paradise Cruises

DAY 17: WATER PUPPETS

Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there'll be time for a tasty buffet before disembarking. Back in Hanoi enjoy a performance of the famous water puppets, a centuries old art developed by farmers of the Red River Delta - you can even get involved in the puppet making process. Sit down to a sumptuous farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAY 18: FLY HANOI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day and journey home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Take part in an Angkor masterclass with an archaeology expert
- Sip champagne on the summit of Phnom Krom as the sun sets
- Relish a spa treatment for your temple-weary feet in Siem Reap
- Watch the 'A O Show' at Saigon's colonial Opera House
- Enjoy a dinner cruise on Saigon's Bonsai
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- Learn the traditional Vietnamese art of Truc Chi
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DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

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Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort

DAY 3: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The day begins with a masterclass that takes you behind the scenes at Angkor with one of its lead stone conservationists. You'll learn little-known secrets about these magnificent monuments and get a crash course in conservation techniques. Full of knowledge you'll now embark on a full day tour of Angkor. Beginning in Angkor Thom, the walled city, see the enigmatic Bayon before exploring the atmospheric Ta Prohm, a tussle of stone and jungle. The afternoon is dedicated to the breathtaking Angkor Wat before a champagne sunset at Phnom Krom temple. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort

DAY 4: FLOATING VILLAGES

High Water Season (Aug to Feb)

Cruise to the lesser-visited Kampong Kleang, a floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, meeting the lovely locals and glimpsing a fascinating way of life - this is a truly unique experience. Continue to Beng Mealea, a temple lost to the jungle. (B,L)

Low Water Season (Mar to Jul) Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about the library project. Explore the exquisite temples of Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. (B,L)

Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort

DAY 5: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Rejuvenate your temple-weary feet with a foot spa treatment this morning. Later fly to Phnom Penh. The 'Pearl of Asia' until it was ravaged by war, Phnom Penh has emerged once again as a captivating city and a cosmopolitan capital. (B,L)

Hotel: Sofitel Phokeethra



▲ ANGKOR WAT



▲ MINH HANG'S TOMB, HUE

DAY 6: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH

See the glittering Royal Palace, the sacred Silver Pagoda and the National Museum – housed in a beautiful traditional-style Khmer building, the relics held within are fascinating. Ascend to hilltop Wat Phnom for picturesque vistas over the city and the Mekong River, and visit Tuol Sleng, a humbling reminder of the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge. (B,L)

Hotel: Sofitel Phokeethra

DAY 7: A O SHOW

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Phnom Penh before flying to Saigon. This evening enjoy an exquisite dining experience before sitting down to the cultural extravaganza that is the 'A O Show', staged at the magnificent Saigon Opera House. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Caravelle Saigon

DAY 8: EXPLORE SAIGON

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DAY 10: CU CHI TUNNELS

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Hotel: Palm Garden Resort & Spa

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Hotel: Palm Garden Resort & Spa

DAY 12: FREE DAY

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DAY 13: TRAVEL TO HUE

Travel to Hue. Long considered a seat of culture, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. Take a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda, and take part in a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. (B,L)

Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa

DAY 14: DISCOVER HUE

Enter the grandiose entrance of the Imperial Citadel and explore before heading out, along the river, into Hue's lush surroundings to see Minh Mang's tomb. Lunch will be vegetarian dishes prepared by the nuns of Lien Hoa Pagoda, before you try your hand at making paper flowers in a village that is known for the art. Later, admire the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House – the owner, Mr Vinh, is a descendant from royalty. (B,L)

Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa

DAY 15: TRAVEL TO HANOI

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Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAY 16: EXPLORE HANOI

Hanoi evokes images of an Asia of the past – European elegance mixed with Asian vibrancy. Spend the morning exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learning about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature and the One Pillar Pagoda. Stop for lunch at the characterful Home restaurant, where you'll be served the enchanting flavours of authentic local cuisine. Later let us treat you to a divine Afternoon Tea experience. (B,L)

Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAYS 17-18: HALONG BAY

Halong Bay is a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Sail on emerald waters amongst karst peaks aboard your comfortable cruise ship, spending two nights on the water. Rise early to practice Tai Chi on deck as the sun rises, swim off hidden beaches and see the very best of this unique and beautiful area. (B,L,D)

Cruise Ship: Paradise Cruises

DAY 19: TRAVEL TO HANOI

Reluctantly return to the jetty and travel back to Hanoi, and enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

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DAY 20: FLY HANOI TO UK

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Hotel: Palm Garden Resort & Spa



▲ ANGKOR THOM



▲ KUANG SI WATERFALLS

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Hotel: Palm Garden Resort & Spa

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO HUE

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Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO HANOI

Travel to the airport to fly to Hanoi. Visit the Thanh Chuong Viet Palace. (B,L,D)
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DAY 12: SUNRISE OVER HALONG BAY

Rise early to see the sun rise over the karst-scapes of the bay and savour the serenity of the

early morning. Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there's time for a tasty buffet before disembarking. Return to Hanoi where an indulgent Afternoon Tea experience awaits you. (B,D)
Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAY 13: TRAVEL TO LUANG PRABANG

Take a free day in Hanoi before catching an afternoon flight to Luang Prabang. Nestled amongst green mountains, the city is Laos' cultural heart, an oasis of calm antiquity and rich heritage. (B)
Hotel: Victoria Xieng Thong Palace

DAY 14: TAKBAT

Rise early to observe the ceremony of Takbat. Watch the monks, swathed in their vibrant robes, collecting alms from the locals. Ascend Phousi Hill for views over the town and visit Wat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang's most glittering temple. Take to the languid waters of the Mekong to visit the Pak Ou caves, renowned for the hundreds of carved Buddha statues that reside within. (B,L)
Hotel: Victoria Xieng Thong Palace

DAY 15: EXPLORE LUANG PRABANG

Get to grips with Laotian history at the National Museum before heading to the picturesque Kuang Si waterfalls. On the return to Luang Prabang stop at the Ock Pop Tok weaving centre. This evening you are invited to a local home to participate in a Baci Ceremony, an integral part of Laos culture. (B,L)
Hotel: Victoria Xieng Thong Palace

DAY 16: DISCOVER SIEM REAP

After a free morning in Luang Prabang, fly to Siem Reap. Tonight enjoy a rollicking performance of the Phare Circus, run by an NGO that teaches street kids circus skills and perform pertinent shows that address the issues in Cambodian society. Later enjoy a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L)
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DAY 18: FLOATING VILLAGES

High Water Season (Aug to Feb)
Visit Beng Mealea, a temple overrun by the jungle and enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting the community of the floating village of Kampong Kleng. (B,L,D)

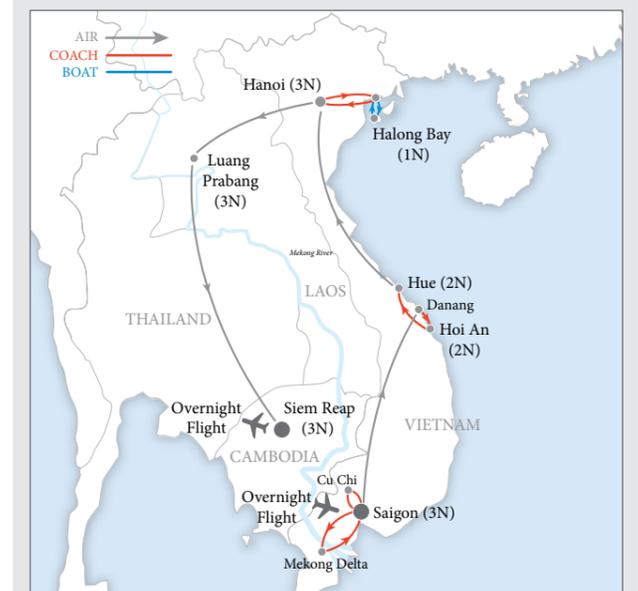
Low Water Season (Mar to Jul)

Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about the library project. Explore the exquisite temples of Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. Drop in on the excellent Artisan D'Angkor, before a rejuvenating spa treatment. (B,L,D)
Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort

DAYS 19-20: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

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- Watch the A O Show at Saigon's colonial Opera House
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- Indulge in a divine Afternoon Tea experience in Siem Reap
- Sip champagne on the summit of Phnom Krom as the sun sets
- Relish a spa treatment in Siem Reap
- Enjoy a sunset dinner cruise on Saigon's Bonsai

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

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

Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAY 3: EXPLORE HANOI

Spend the morning exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter - see the mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh before visiting the revered Temple of Literature. Later, take a walking tour of the Old Quarter before meeting a water puppeteer who will put on a private water puppet show. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Hotel De L'Opera

DAYS 4-5: HALONG BAY

Halong Bay is a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Sail on emerald waters amongst karst peaks aboard your luxury cruise ship, spending two nights on the water. Rise early to practice Tai Chi on deck as the sun rises. Explore by kayak, swim off hidden beaches, explore dramatic caves and visit floating villages. (B,L,D)

Cruise Ship: Paradise Cruises

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO HUE

Return to the jetty and travel back to Hanoi. From here, fly to Hue. Long considered Vietnam's seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home to emperors from 1802 to 1945. (B,D)

Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa

DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE

Start the day with a stroll through the grandiose entrance of the Imperial Citadel to explore the complex within before heading out, along the river, to see Minh Mang's Tomb. Lunch will be vegetarian dishes prepared by the nuns of Lien Hoa Pagoda, before you try your hand at making paper flowers. (B,L)

Hotel: La Residence Hotel & Spa



▲ MEKONG DELTA



▲ HOI AN

DAY 8: DISCOVER HOI AN

Travel from Hue to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town. The streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple, finishing at the 'Reaching Out' Tea House, a social enterprise working with local people with disabilities. (B,L)
Hotel: Palm Garden Resort & Spa

DAY 9: RURAL TRA QUE

Visit the community farming project in the village of Tra Que. Here you can wander through the farm to see all the organic produce, learn traditional farming methods and even try your hand at tending the vegetables yourself! Your hard work will be rewarded with a herbal foot bath and massage. Enjoy a short cooking demonstration before dining on a lunch that's straight out of the gardens. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)
Hotel: Palm Garden Resort & Spa

DAY 10: A O SHOW

This morning is free before journeying to Saigon. This evening, enjoy the cultural extravaganza that is the 'A O Show', staged at the magnificent Saigon Opera House and a delicious dinner. (B,D)
Hotel: Caravelle Hotel

DAY 11: EXPLORE SAIGON

Travel out of Saigon to the Cu Chi tunnels, part of an elaborate network of excavations used

by the Viet Cong. Returning to the city, visit the beautiful colonial Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace, and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. (B,L)
Hotel: Caravelle Hotel

DAY 12: BOARD YOUR MEKONG CRUISE

Transfer from Saigon to the Mekong Delta city of My Tho, where you will board your Pandaw cruise ship. You will be welcomed aboard with refreshing drinks, before sitting down to a briefing and delicious lunch as you cast off into the vast Mekong Delta. This evening, dine on freshly prepared food – your choice of local or European dishes, before retiring to your spacious stateroom. (B,L,D)
Cruise Ship: Pandaw

DAY 13: MEKONG BACKWATERS

Explore the delta's backwaters and palm-lined canals in local sampan boats. Stop at a local market to browse and visit the house of Mr Huynh Thuy Le, said to have been the lover of French novelist Marguerite Duras. (B,L,D)
Cruise Ship: Pandaw

DAY 14: INTO CAMBODIA

This morning you can visit a Cham tribal village and catfish farm, borrow the ship's mountain bikes and do some independent exploration, or simply relax onboard. After lunch is served, cast off in the direction of Cambodia and cross the border. (B,L,D)
Cruise Ship: Pandaw

DAY 15: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh is a charming city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Discover the city by cyclo, visiting the glittering Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda and the National Museum. This afternoon, there is an excursion to the harrowing Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng that you can join if you wish. (B,L,D)
Cruise Ship: Pandaw

DAY 16: VIBRANT LOCAL LIFE

Take an exploratory cruise up the Tonle River, making a stop at the silver-making village to see the craftsmen at work, as well as two villages, Kampong Trolach and Chong Koh to immerse yourself in Cambodia's daily life (if water level as low, these expeditions will be by coach). (B,L,D)
Cruise Ship: Pandaw

DAY 17: COLONIAL KRATIE

Take a morning stroll through a Khmer village, Angkor Ban, greeting the locals as you go. Continue upriver, soaking up the delightful scenery, reaching the charming colonial town of Kratie in the evening. (B,L,D)
Cruise Ship: Pandaw

DAY 18: DOLPHIN SPOTTING

Proceed upriver by local bus to the area that the rare Mekong Dolphin calls home, now protected as a National Park. With luck, these elusive creatures may put in an appearance – there are around 80 who live in the area. Back on the

ship, head back downstream with a stop at 'Monkey Temple' shrine before mooring overnight near Kampong Cham. (B,L,D)

Cruise Ship: Pandaw

DAY 19: ARRIVE IN SIEM REAP

Departing your ship, transfer to Siem Reap by coach, stopping en route at Kampong Thom. Arriving in the city, the gateway to the temples of Angkor, in the mid-afternoon it's time to relax with a spa treatment, with options including a traditional Khmer massage. Later let us treat you to a divine afternoon tea experience. (B,L)
Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort

DAY 20: ANGKOR CONSERVATION MASTERCLASS

The day begins with a masterclass that takes you behind the scenes at Angkor with one of its lead stone conservation experts. You'll learn little-known secrets about these magnificent monuments and get a crash course in conservation techniques. Full of knowledge you'll now embark on a full day tour of Angkor. Beginning at the atmospheric Ta Prohm, a tussle of stone and jungle, continue into Angkor Thom, the walled city, to the enigmatic Bayon. The afternoon is dedicated to the breathtaking Angkor Wat before a champagne sunset at Phnom Krom temple. (B,L)
Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort

DAY 21: EXPLORE BENG MEALEA

This morning, embrace your inner explorer to discover the 12th century Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple of the edge of the Angkor complex. An atmospheric site that has been left to the whims of the jungle, wandering its walkways feels like an adventure! Tonight, enjoy a farewell meal of Khmer culinary delights! (B,L,D)
Hotel: Sokha Angkor Resort

DAYS 22-23: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day and journey home in your chauffeured transfer. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES



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25 Sep - 17 Oct	£6,490
23 Oct - 14 Nov	£6,490
2019 Departures	from
26 Feb - 20 Mar	£6,990

Tour departs Tuesday and returns Wednesday.

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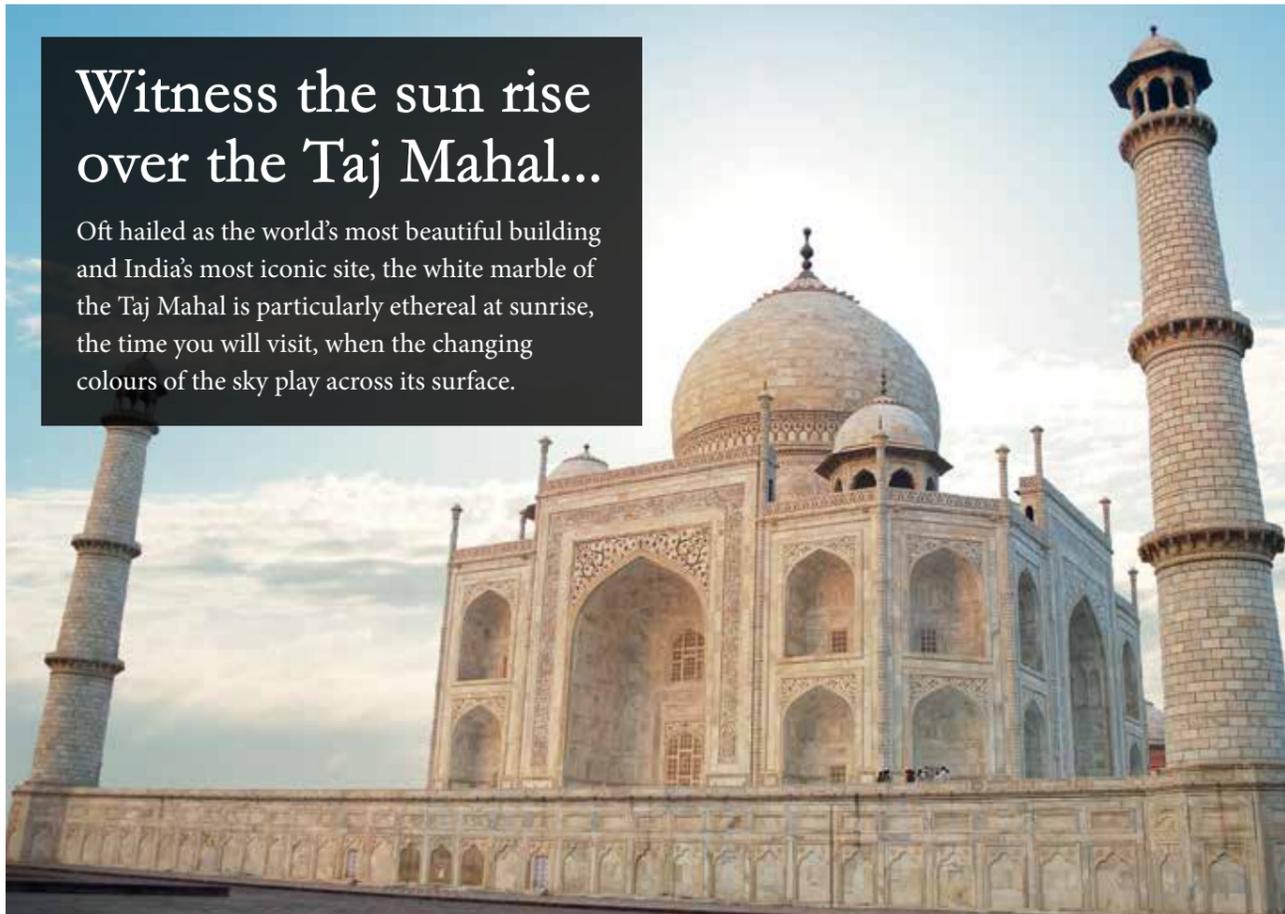
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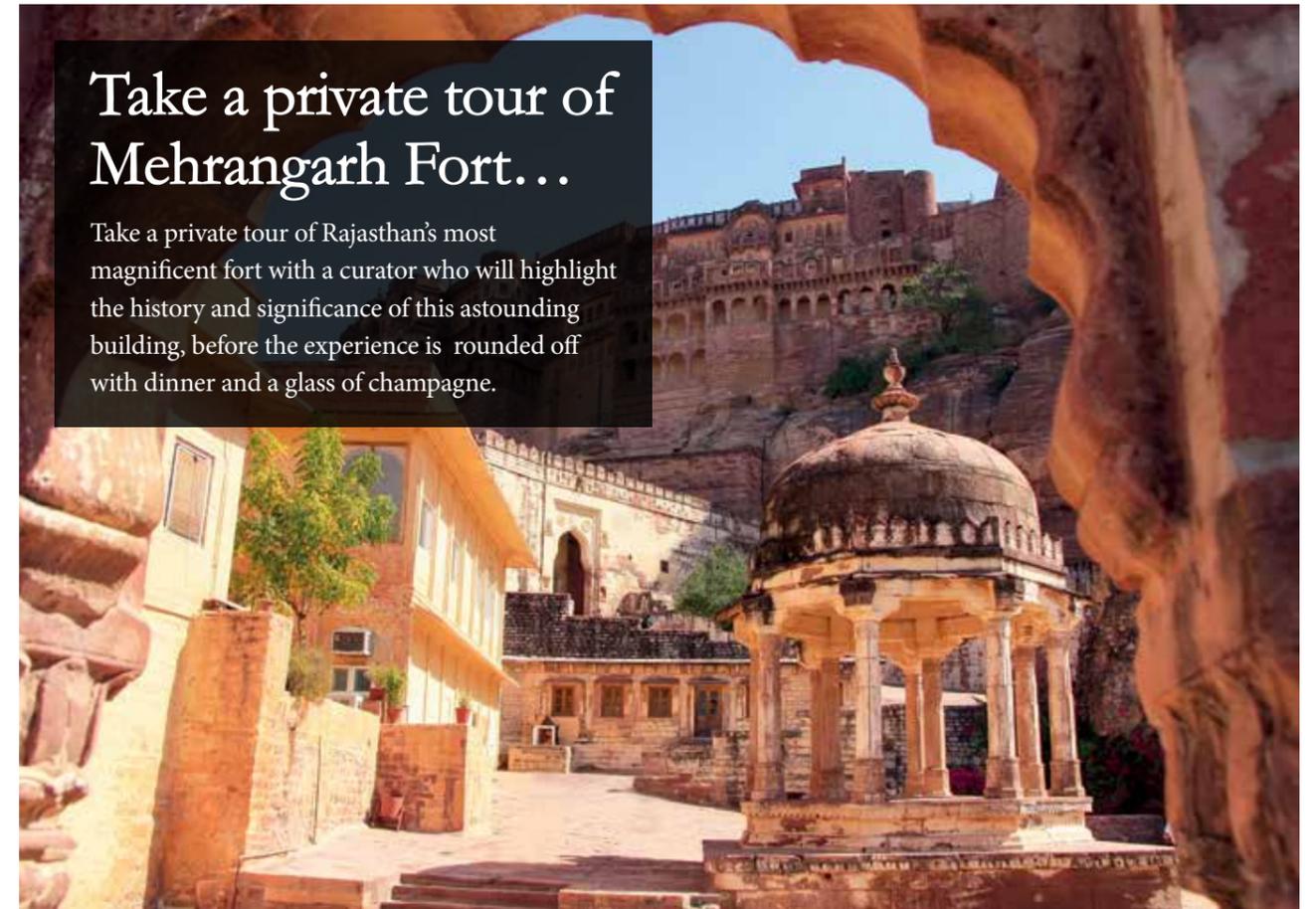
Witness the sun rise over the Taj Mahal...

Oft hailed as the world's most beautiful building and India's most iconic site, the white marble of the Taj Mahal is particularly ethereal at sunrise, the time you will visit, when the changing colours of the sky play across its surface.



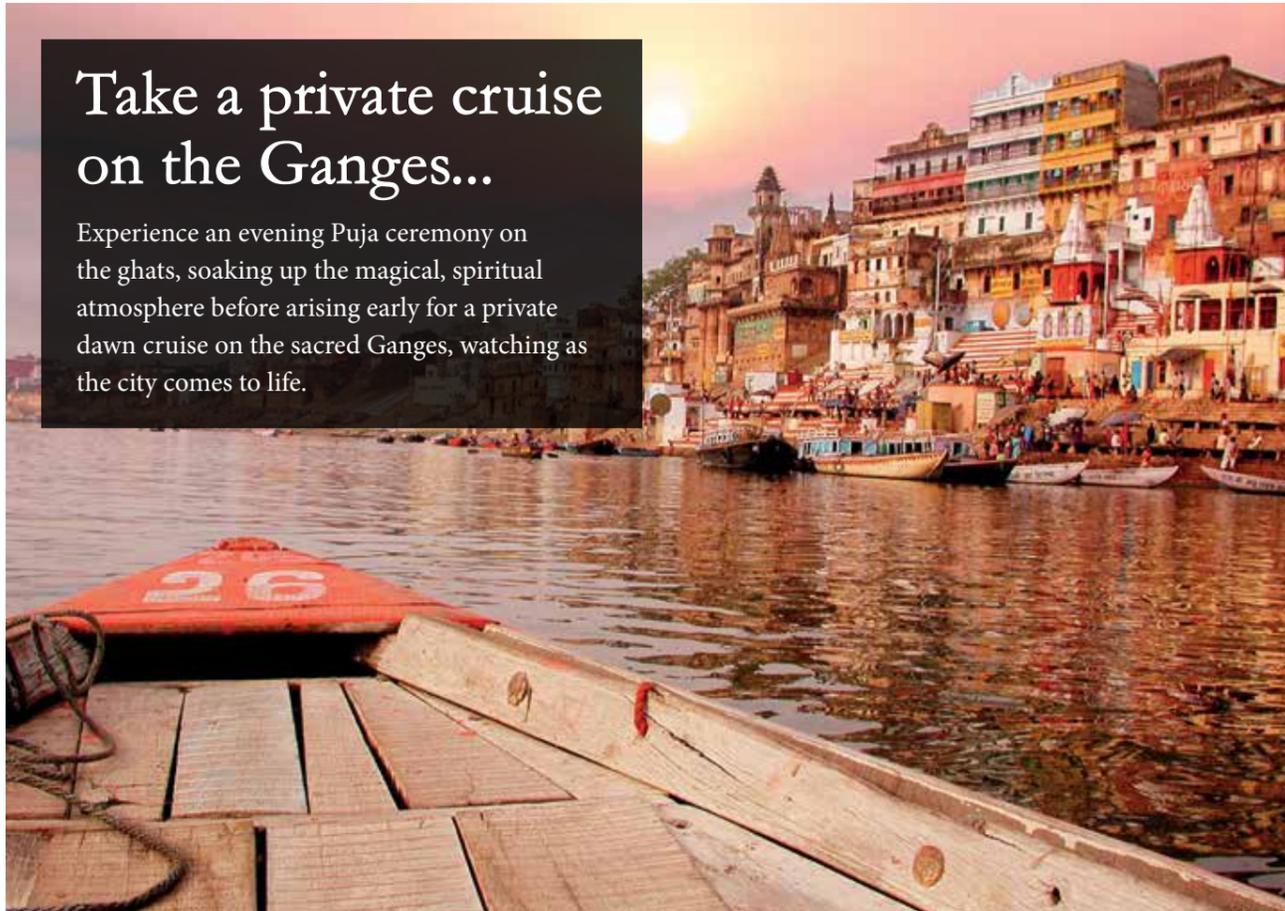
Take a private tour of Mehrangarh Fort...

Take a private tour of Rajasthan's most magnificent fort with a curator who will highlight the history and significance of this astounding building, before the experience is rounded off with dinner and a glass of champagne.



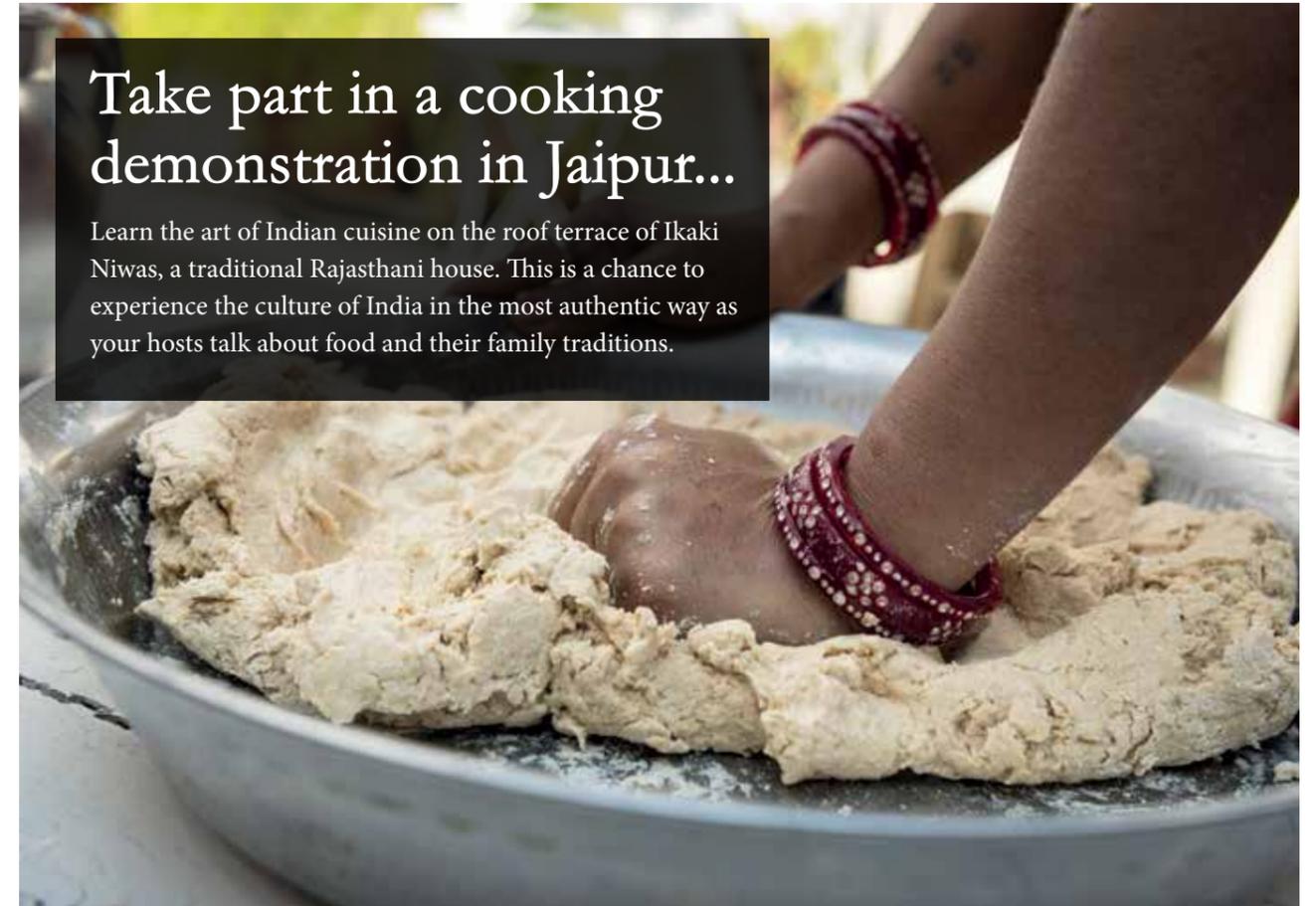
Take a private cruise on the Ganges...

Experience an evening Puja ceremony on the ghats, soaking up the magical, spiritual atmosphere before arising early for a private dawn cruise on the sacred Ganges, watching as the city comes to life.



Take part in a cooking demonstration in Jaipur...

Learn the art of Indian cuisine on the roof terrace of Ikaki Niwas, a traditional Rajasthani house. This is a chance to experience the culture of India in the most authentic way as your hosts talk about food and their family traditions.



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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

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- Explore Agra's spice and Ayurveda market
- Gaze on the Taj Mahal at sun rise
- Visit the breathtaking 9th-century Chand Baori stepwell
- Take an exclusive night tour of the Amber Fort, followed by a delicious dinner
- Enjoy a cooking demonstration in Jaipur
- Experience Bollywood at the Kingdom of Dreams

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to India's capital, Delhi. On arrival you will be accompanied by one of our experienced guides to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (D)

Hotel: The Lalit

DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

Delhi is a whirlwind of sensory experiences. Full of heritage and charmingly rough-around-the-edges, the city offers the perfect introduction to India. Pass by the Red Fort and stroll along the bustling Chandni Chowk, the main thoroughfare of Old Delhi, before heading into the maze of atmospheric old alleyways to admire India's largest mosque, the magnificent Jama Masjid. Cross into New Delhi, created by the British in 1929 to serve as capital to visit the Lakshmi Narayan Hindu Temple and Humayun's Tomb, finishing up at Connaught Markets for some late afternoon shopping. This evening, dine at the Olive Bar & Kitchen, housed in a beautiful old Mughal mansion. (B,L,D)

Hotel: The Lalit

DAY 4: SIKANDRA & AGRA

Leave Delhi and travel to Agra. Stopping off in the suburb of Sikandra, visit the Tomb of Akbar the Great to admire the magnificent structure of red sandstone intricately inlaid with geometric patterns in white marble, all designed by Akbar himself. Savour the tranquillity of the surrounding parklands before continuing into the centre of Agra where you will be staying. Take a tour of Agra's bustling streets by auto rickshaw. (B,L)

Hotel: Radisson Blu Agra



▲ TAJ MAHAL



▲ AMBER FORT, JAIPUR

DAY 5: THE TAJ MAHAL

Rise early this morning to view India's most iconic sight and one of the world's most enchanting structures, the Taj Mahal. A building as beautiful as the stories say, witness the shifting colours of the white marble as the sun rises and discover the story of Shah Jahan and his third wife Mumtaz Mahal, for whom the Taj Mahal was built. Visit a marble inlay workshop before heading along the river to UNESCO-listed Agra Fort, a Mughal monument built in the 16th century. Within its huge two-kilometre-long walls you'll find the imperial city of the Mughal rulers, with intricate palaces and spacious audience halls to explore. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Radisson Blu Agra

DAY 6: FATEHPUR SIKRI AND CHAND BAORI STEPWELL

Travel to Jaipur, stopping at the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri en route. Built as a capital city but quickly abandoned, Fatehpur Sikri is an exquisite fusion of Muslim and Hindu styles - you'll find yourself amongst some of India's best preserved Mughal architecture. The next stop is Abhaneri village, where you can marvel at the ancient Chand Baori Stepwell. Over 1,000 years old and holding great social and religious significance, this eerily beautiful stepwell was originally dedicated to Harshat Mata, the Goddess of Joy and Happiness. Continue on to Jaipur, where this evening you can visit the formidable Amber Fort for an exclusive night tour before dinner at the 1135 AD restaurant, located inside the fort's highest ramparts. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Jaipur Marriott

DAY 7: JAIPUR

Rajasthan's colourful capital, Jaipur is a city of extravagant architecture and frenetic street life. A visit from the Prince of Wales in 1876 earned Jaipur the nickname the 'Pink City', as all the buildings were painted the colour of hospitality, pink, to welcome him. Your day of sightseeing will include the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', named as such because of the latticed windows covering the facade, letting the breeze flow through the palace. Continue to the Maharaja's Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a collection of nineteen astronomical instruments including the world's largest sundial. You'll then take a short trip outside the city to the spectacular Amber Fort, draped over a hillside above the town. Amber Fort is UNESCO-listed as one of the five great hill forts of Rajasthan, and its beautifully

designed doors and windows are finely painted in traditional Rajasthani style. This evening enjoy a cooking demonstration followed by dinner on the rooftop of the beautiful, traditionally decorated and family owned Ikaki Niwas. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Jaipur Marriott

DAY 8: KINGDOM OF DREAMS

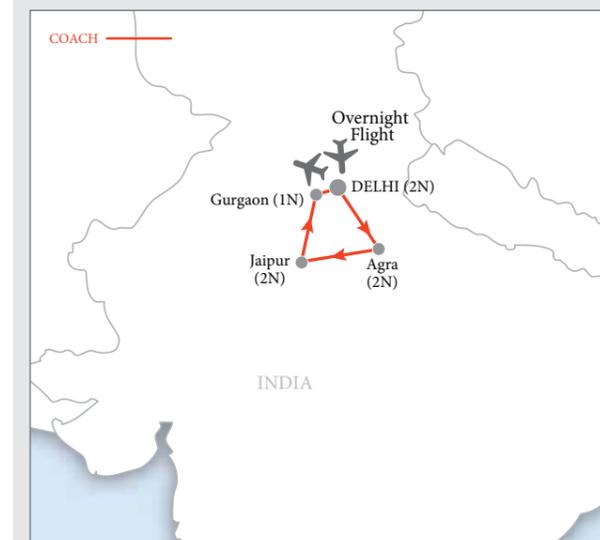
Journey back towards Delhi stopping for the night in the emerging city of Gurgaon, just 30 kilometres from the capital. Tonight you will experience the Kingdom of Dreams, a live entertainment destination that showcases Indian culture, including folk dancing performances, crafts and souvenirs, palm readings and tea tastings. Enjoy dinner and sit back for a magical Bollywood performance complete with all the music, elaborate costumes and dancing that you would expect. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott

DAY 9: FLY DELHI TO UK

Transfer to Delhi and fly back to the UK, arriving the same or following day. On arrival you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES



2018 Departures	from
03 Mar - 11 Mar	£2,890
13 Oct - 21 Oct	£2,690
03 Nov - 11 Nov	£2,890
2019 Departures	from
02 Mar - 10 Mar	£3,190
12 Oct - 20 Oct	£2,990
02 Nov - 10 Nov	£3,190

Tour departs Saturday and returns Sunday.

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- Flight upgrades available on request
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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Cruise the tranquil waters of Udaipur's Lake Pichola
- Dine by candlelight in a spectacular 6th-century stepwell
- Tour the magnificent Mehrangarh with one of the fort's curators
- Take a walking tour of Jodhpur's vibrant market
- Enjoy a cooking demonstration in Jaipur
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Hotel: *The Lalit*

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Hotel: *The Lalit*

DAY 4: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

Transfer to the airport to fly to Udaipur. The city is set on the shores of Lake Pichola and is considered India's most romantic – gazing over the many intricate palaces and temples, it's easy to see why. (B,L)

Hotel: *Shiv Niwas Palace*

DAY 5: EXPLORE UDAIPUR

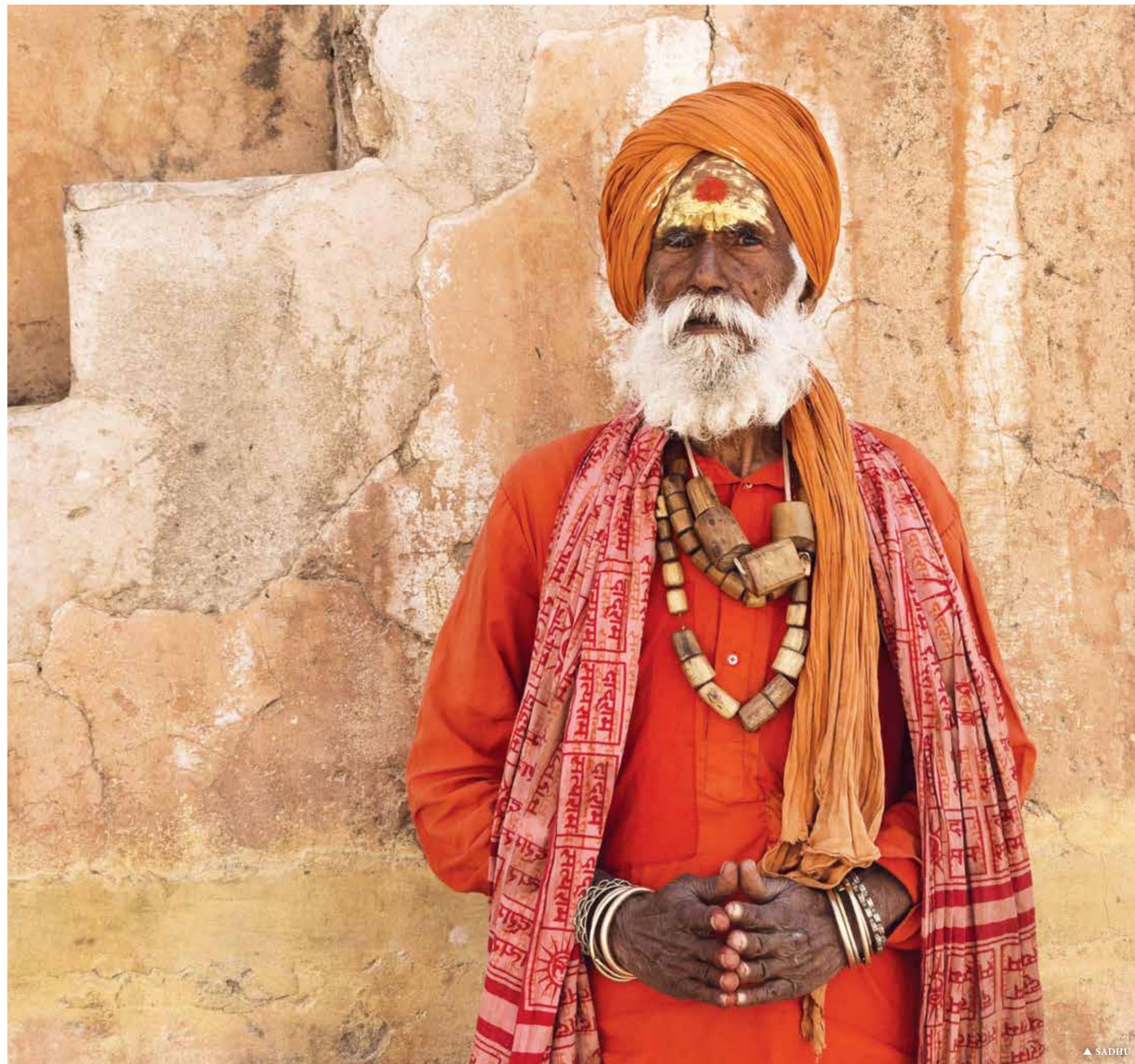
Drive around Fateh Sagar Lake before visiting the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and taking a stroll around Sahelion Ki Bari garden. Explore the City Palace on the lakeside, then take a cruise on Lake Pichola to admire the opulent Lake Palace. This evening, dinner will be on the Sunset Terrace at the Fateh Prakash Palace, which has perfect views across Lake Pichola. (B,L,D)

Hotel: *Shiv Niwas Palace*

DAY 6: RAWLA NARLAI

Transfer by road to Rawla Narlai. A small settlement off the regular tourist trail, walk through the village with a guide from the local shepherd community to visit houses and drink tea with the villagers. A beautiful candlelit dinner will be served by the village stepwell. (B,L,D)

Hotel: *Rawla Narlai*



▲ SADHU



▲ JODHPUR

DAY 7: MEHRANGARH FORT

Transfer to Jodhpur. The city is dominated by the mighty Mehrangarh Fort, which perches on a sandstone plinth in the centre of the old town. This evening you will visit the fort for a private walking tour with the curator. Enjoy a glass of champagne and dinner in a venue within the fort that is not usually open to the public. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Raas Jodhpur

DAY 8: JODHPUR

The day begins at Jaswant Thada, a cluster of cenotaphs built in 1899, before heading up in to the hills to Umaid Bhawan Palace to visit the museum. Back in the city take a rickshaw ride then wander amongst the stalls of a local vegetable and spice market. Take dinner in Hanwant Mahal, a former royal residence. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Raas Jodhpur

DAY 9: THE PINK CITY

Transfer by road from Jodhpur to Jaipur. Rajasthan's colourful capital, Jaipur, the 'Pink City' is a place of extravagant architecture and frenetic street life. On arrival, head into the old town to browse the local markets before enjoying a cooking demonstration and dinner at Ikaki Niwas. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Jaipur Marriott

DAY 10: JAIPUR

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Hotel: Jaipur Marriott

DAYS 11-12: RANTHAMBORE

Drive to Ranthambore National Park home to many animals such as leopards, hyena, bears and most importantly, tigers and enjoy a canter safari this afternoon. The next day, you will have both a morning and afternoon safaris, more opportunities to spot the magnificent wildlife. (B,L,D)

Hotel: Khem Villas

DAY 13: FATEHPUR SIKRI

Depart Ranthambore and transfer to Agra via the ghost city Fatehpur Sikri. Built as a capital city but quickly abandoned, Fatehpur Sikri is an exquisite fusion of Muslim and Hindu styles. Continue to Agra and enjoy dinner and

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DAY 15: MEDIEVAL ORCHHA

Rise early to board the Shatabdi Express train to Jhansi. Continue to Khajuraho with a stop in Orchha, a medieval city, famous for its palaces and temples built by the Bundela rulers of the 16th century. Continue to Khajuraho and view a cultural dance performance. (B,L)

Hotel: The Lalit

DAY 16: KHAJURAHO TEMPLES

The intricately and erotically carved temples of Khajuraho were built between the 10th and

12th centuries and display some of the finest temple art you will find anywhere in the world. Fly to Varanasi. This sacred city sits on the banks of the holy River Ganges - take an atmospheric evening rickshaw ride through the narrow streets to the ghats and witness a Puja ceremony on the river bank. (B,L)

Hotel: The Gateway Ganges

DAY 17: VARANASI

An early morning cruise on the Ganges reveals the buzz of activity on the ghats at sunrise. Visit the Buddhist sights of Sarnath, the site of Buddha's first ever sermon after he found enlightenment, Sarnath has a series of magnificent stupas, temples and ruins to explore, some of which date back to the 3rd century BC. Return to Varanasi and discover some of the city's many temples. (B,L)

Hotel: The Gateway Ganges

DAY 18: TRAVEL TO DELHI

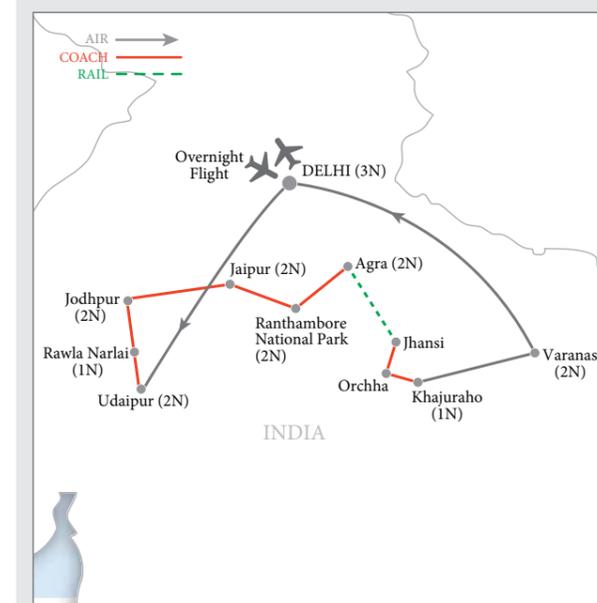
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Hotel: The Grand, Delhi

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Booking your holiday should be simple and straightforward, so Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you through every element of the booking process right through until after your holiday has finished.

1. Choose your experience

Get a taste of the tours in this brochure. Visit our website for more details, including interactive maps, destination information, photos, videos, reviews, updates and detailed tour dossiers.

Choose the style of trip that suits you:

- Fully Inclusive Group Tours
- Flexible Private Tours
- Bespoke Tailormade Holidays

Still not sure? Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to talk through your options.

2. Check availability

Speak to our expert Travel Consultants, or your preferred Travel Agent, and we will check the tour availability, find the best flights and confirm your full package price.

3. Booking & deposit

Group Tour places can usually be confirmed immediately upon payment of a deposit of £350 per person. Private Touring arrangements can usually be confirmed within 48 hours.

Once your tour is complete, we will send you confirmation by email. By making a booking you are confirming that you have read the tour dossier, are fit enough to fully participate in your tour, will travel with adequate travel insurance and agree to the booking conditions at wendywutours.co.uk/before-you-go/booking-conditions.

4. Final payment

The balance of your payment is due 60 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.



Add finishing touches

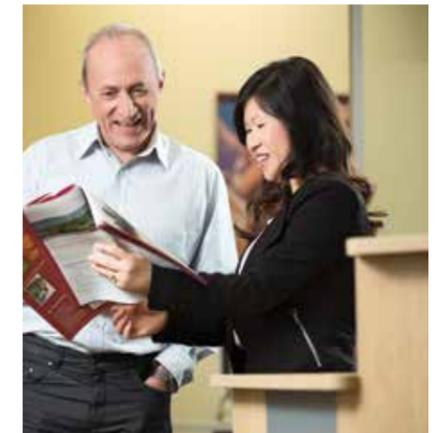
We want to make your holiday enjoyable and stress-free and can help you book:

- ✓ Airport Lounges from £28
- ✓ Airport Parking from £6 per day
- ✓ Airport Hotels from £40 per night
- ✓ Travel Insurance from £4 per day

Please speak to our experienced Travel Consultants who will happily provide advice and arrange these for you.

Call our Travel Experts!

All our staff have travelled throughout Asia and can provide you with detailed information about our itineraries. Just call us on any day of the week and we'll be happy to discuss your holiday and answer any questions you might have.



Stopovers & Extensions

Why not break your trip to the Far East with a stopover – most airlines won't charge you any extra for stopping over en route. We are able to book your hotel, transfers and touring and add it to your trip. World class destinations such as Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Hong Kong are just a few of the options available between Asia and the UK. Visit us at wendywutours.co.uk for inspiration. If you want to stay longer in Shanghai, Beijing, Hanoi or wherever your trip starts or finishes, we are able to add extra nights onto your trip for a small supplement.



Thank you for your loyalty

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again. What's more, they also recommend us to their friends and family. We really appreciate this loyalty and want to reward you for it.

• **Become a Wendy Wu Tours Champion**
Recommend us to your friends and we'll send you a hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.

• **Loyalty Discount**
When you book your second holiday, we'll give you a £100pp discount.

• **Welcome Home Discount**
When you book another tour with us within four-weeks of returning home, we'll give you a £200pp discount.

• **Become a Wendy Wu Tours VIP**
Book three trips or more and we'll give you £250pp off the total cost of your holiday.

Conditions apply. Rewards and discounts cannot be combined. Refer to our website for full details.

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- Comprehensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
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- Outstanding customer satisfaction
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- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Authentic dining and delicious local cuisine
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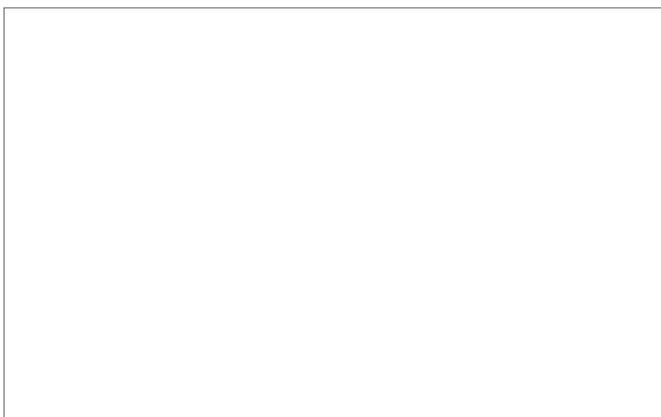


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