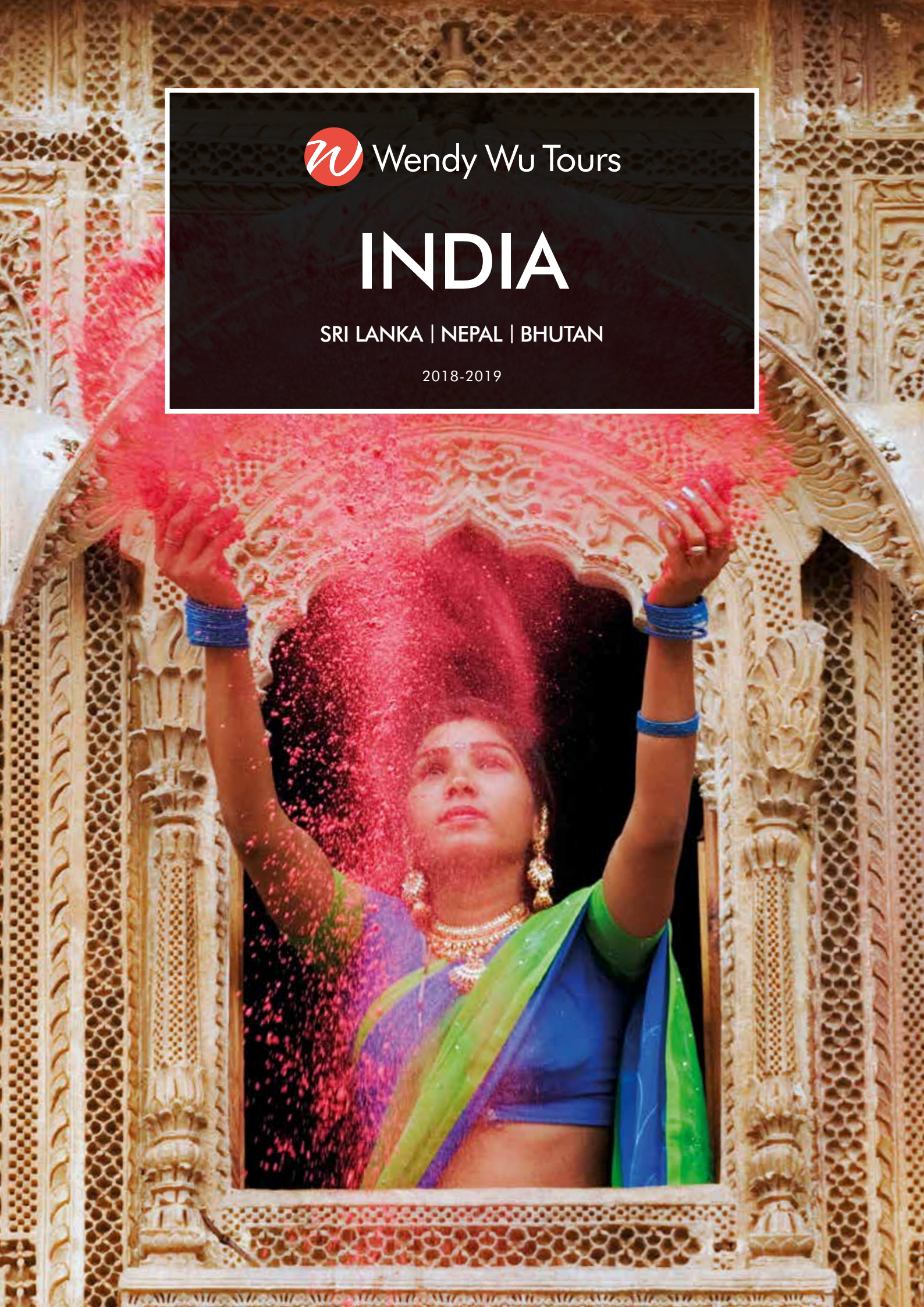




# INDIA

SRI LANKA | NEPAL | BHUTAN

2018-2019



# WELCOME TO INDIA & BEYOND

## Wendy Wu Tours loves India, and it's clear you do too!

With the launch of our dedicated India brochure last year, the demand for our India tours is growing ever bigger and the reviews that we've had from those who have already travelled are simply fantastic. That's why we are the UK's leading Asia tour operator!

We've applied the highly successful, award-winning Wendy Wu Tours formula to all of our India holidays, making sure that as well as seeing the big sights, you are also being immersed in the culture, with plenty of authentic India experiences and fantastic National Escorts and local guides to show you the very best of their homeland.

This year, we're delighted to have added some fantastic new tours to our eclectic list of holidays.

### LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW 2018 TOURS:

- **Inspiring India**, a two-week classic tour (pages 18-19)
- **Discover Kerala** an immersive journey (pages 44-45) and
- **Nepal Uncovered** an active adventure (pages 46-47)

So go on, explore India with us now – Wendy and the team are waiting to welcome you!



Wendy Wu

Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

## AWARD-WINNING EXPERTISE



### A GUIDE TO WENDY WU TOURS

PAGES 4-11

Discover the world of Wendy Wu, what we do and why we do it so well.



### CLASSIC TOURS

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Fully inclusive, excellent value and packed with the iconic sights, everything on your holiday is taken care of!



### IMMERSE YOURSELF

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Dive headlong into authentic Asia with active and cultural tours designed to truly immerse you in your destination.



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Discover India in five-star style, on journeys that feature distinctive and unique experiences that are exclusively yours.



### TAILORMADE TRAVEL

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### SHORT STAYS & STOPOVERS

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It's easy to add a little something extra to your Asian adventure with our range of short stays and stopovers.

# DISCOVER INDIA & 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.

## WENDY'S TOP 8 SIGHTS OF THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

### 1 TIGERS

Whether it's staking out the watering holes of Ranthambore or combing the tropical jungle of Bandhavgarh, 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 CULTURAL TRIANGLE, SRI LANKA

The heartland of ancient civilisations, the cultural triangle encompasses the treasures of Kandy, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa. Explore this on all of our Sri Lanka tours.



### 4 KERALA'S BACKWATERS

A network of lagoons, canals and rivers encased in verdant greenery, Kerala's backwaters are best explored by boat – do this on Kerala and the Southern Highlights (page 20).



### 5 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 several tours, including Enticing India (page 28).



### 6 DELHI

India's rambunctious capital is a city of two halves, a showcase of India's history and colonial grandeur. Delhi is featured on the majority of our India itineraries.



### 7 THIMPHU, BHUTAN

The capital of one of the world's most mysterious countries, Thimphu is an intriguing city with a rich and perfectly preserved heritage. Explore it on Himalayan Kingdoms (page 50).



### 8 KATHMANDU, NEPAL

A vibrant capital city, Kathmandu is the hub of Nepal's cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era – see it for yourself on Himalayan Adventure (page 48).



# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

## 10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

### 1. NO ONE KNOWS ASIA LIKE WE DO

All our staff have travelled throughout Asia and can provide you with detailed information about our itineraries and touring styles, and will help personalise your holiday. We are proud to be known as the UK's specialist operator to Asia, and have been building our global reputation since 1998, one satisfied customer at a time.



### 2. AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Our extensive experience and local expertise means we can take you to places rarely visited and those you have always dreamed of exploring. We have been blazing trails into this ever-developing region for 20 years, and pride ourselves in delivering authentically Asian experiences. On our tours, you will have the opportunity to experience and try your hand at ancient crafts and traditions; and there will be endless opportunities to meet local people and see a lifestyle so different to your own.

We continue to redefine travel to Asia, and are proud to offer the widest variety of tours on the market.



### 3. INDUSTRY-LEADING NATIONAL ESCORTS

All of our group tours are accompanied from beginning to end by a dedicated, knowledgeable National Escort with particular expertise in their country. Our experienced teams in Asia ensure that Wendy Wu Tours has a reliable presence on which you can always depend. We regularly receive letters that sing the praises of our team over in Asia, their knowledge, warmth, supportive nature, passion and gentle humour is something we are genuinely very proud of.



### 4. WE LOVE SOLO TRAVELLERS

Our group tours are a great opportunity to share your experiences with like-minded people. We welcome plenty of solo travellers on our tours, and receive great feedback from them about the friendly and sociable atmosphere of our groups. Even better, if you are a single traveller and are willing to share a room, you won't have to pay a single supplement on most of our tours.



### 5. HAND-PICKED HOTELS

Over 20 years of taking people to Asia means we know exactly where to stay. We have superb relationships with our hotel partners in the region, meaning our groups are always prioritised and well looked after. We inspect our hotels regularly to ensure that they reach our high standards of cleanliness, safety and comfort. We

pick the right hotel for the specific destination, meaning your accommodation can range from a smart business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town. Wherever you are staying you will have a peaceful and comfortable night's sleep in preparation for the next day's adventures. See pages 82-83.

### 6. UNRIVALLED AIRLINE CHOICE

Unlike other operators, we have access to airfares from all the leading airlines, giving you a huge choice of flights which are convenient for where you live, offering stopovers where you want and the upgrades you require. See pages 80-81.



### 7. TRAVEL IN COMFORT

The transport selected as part of your tour is intended to combine convenience and comfort with an enjoyably authentic travel experience. You will benefit from our seat-and-a-half policy on our coaches, allowing you to watch incredible scenery in comfort. Our Group Tours are predominantly conducted using air conditioned coaches, internal flights, trains and various types of boat. See page 85.



### 8. TIPPING MADE EASY

We handle the tipping so you don't have to. We have a simple tipping system on our Group Tours where passengers contribute to a kitty, paid to the National Escort, who then distributes it. This avoids the need for you to consider individual tipping situations daily throughout your trip. We will suggest appropriate amounts for Private Tours and tailor-made holidays too. See page 86.

### 9. REGIONAL FLAVOUR

Meals included in our tours are planned to give you a genuine taste of the regions we visit. We make sure that the food on our tours is safe, fresh, features minimal spice and includes plenty of vegetables. Breakfast is a combination of local and western food, usually served buffet style at the hotel you are staying in. Lunches and dinners consist of traditional cuisine and are served at reputable local restaurants. Highlights may include a variety of flavourful curries, tasty dal dishes, freshly-baked roti and fragrant tandoori.



## THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

### 10. OUR GREAT VALUE FULLY INCLUSIVE TOURS

- ✓ Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges
- ✓ All accommodation
- ✓ All or most meals
- ✓ All transportation and transfers
- ✓ All sightseeing and entrance fees
- ✓ English speaking National Escort or Local Guides
- ✓ Visa fees for UK and EU passport holders
- ✓ Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- ✓ Comprehensive tour dossiers and travel guides
- ✓ Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL and IATA

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping and early check-in or late check-out (this cannot be guaranteed). Meals in our Immerse Yourself range and Exclusive Collection are indicated on the tour pages.

# YOUR TOUR GUIDES

Your guide is often the difference between a good holiday and a truly remarkable holiday. On all of our group tours you will be escorted by a dedicated National Escort for the entire duration of your trip. Their unrivalled knowledge, passion, experience and expertise will astonish you.

## AWARD-WINNING LOCAL EXPERTISE

Our guides are utterly committed to Wendy Wu Tours and the vast majority have been with us for many years. We ensure that the individual tasked with the responsibility to keep you safe, happy, entertained and inspired is someone whom you should have absolute trust in; and that they intimately understand the eccentricities of the Asian way of doing things.

Most of the countries included on our itineraries have recent, poignant histories of which your guide may have had first-hand experience. You will get a greater understanding of the past, and you'll learn about the local heritage, culture and way of life.

Most importantly all of our National Escorts speak fluent English, go through rigorous training programmes, have a wonderful sense of humour and understand how to convey their knowledge, meaning that you will always have the most refreshing and rewarding experience on our India tours.

## ALL OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS

- Have a minimum of five years experience in guiding
- Are fluent in English
- Are born and raised in India making them unparalleled experts
- Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- Above all they love to explore Asia

## YOUR TOUR GUIDES



Vishal Srinivasan

"Southern India is a land of beautiful temples and wonderful nature and it is my favourite part of India. Kerala is 'God's Own Country' and I particularly enjoy sharing it's wonders with my groups – be it trekking or boating in the forest reserve, visiting spice gardens, a kalaripayattu demonstration, Ayurvedic massage or simply shopping for spices in a bustling market. There is no better place to explore in India, and no better person to show you!"



Mr MK Jain

"15 years ago, I was an industrialist and I dreamt of the becoming a tour guide, and now I get to do my dream job! I love to share my passion for my country and my culture with my tourist friends and try to make sure that each visitor is fully immersed in India's cultural richness. I love the Taj Mahal and the story behind it, and also wandering the lanes around Varanasi's ghats – it is here that you find the true India."

### Paul & Sara, Kerala & the Southern Highlights

"Exploring Kerala with Vishal was a magical experience. His passion for the area was infectious and we loved every minute of our time there."



Jasvir Saurana

"I started guiding people around India in 1996, and have enjoyed explaining the history, culture, customs and religion of India ever since, as it is so diverse! I particularly love the incredible history of Rajasthan and my own city, Jaipur – my favourite monument is the Amber Fort, and I hope my guests are as impressed with it as I am!"

### Richard, Rajasthan Panorama

"We were guided through Rajasthan expertly by Jasvir, who looked after us wonderfully. He was so animated, especially about Jaipur, his home city and filled us with fascinating information!"



### Mr & Mrs Jones, Highlights of India

"Mr Jain was so knowledgeable, we learnt so much from him about India's history, and felt much more in touch with the culture because of it."



"I like to travel as it helps me experience more in life and I love sharing cultures with all of my guests – they learn about my culture and I learn about theirs. My favourite destinations in Nepal are Pokhara for the spectacular Himalayan scenery and Bhaktapur, where you can get a glimpse of living culture."

### John & Paula, Himalayan Adventure

"Our time in Nepal was wonderful and was made so by our tour guide Om. He helped us understand his culture and told us about life all over Nepal, not just the places that we visited."



Mr Om Prakash Pant

# TRAVELLERS' TALES

We love to hear your travel stories and holiday highlights – knowing that you love India just as much as we do drives us to achieve even higher standards!

## HERE ARE SOME OF OUR FAVOURITES:



“ We watched the sunrise over Kanchenjunga, saw Mt Everest, hiked to the Tiger's Nest, a great achievement – the whole holiday was amazing! ”

Mr & Mrs James,  
Himalayan Kingdoms, Oct 2016

97% | customer service rating  
(rated as good or excellent)

98% | tour experience rating  
(rated as good or excellent)

Based on over 1,000 feefo customer reviews.

“ Fantastic, couldn't fault it! Best guide ever, helpful, informative and always courteous whatever was thrown at him, ever mindful of our safety. ”

Paul,  
Golden Triangle, Nov 2016



“ The tour was well structured and very informative, covering the historical sites in good detail and allowing enough time to view the amazing sights. ”

Derek,  
Golden Triangle, April 2017



“ As usual on a Wendy Wu tour everyone in the group got on well and helped each other out. There was a great sense of adventure and although a little hectic at times, this was a very memorable holiday. ”

Mrs Parkinson,  
Highlights of India, Feb 2017

“ India is as loud and colourful as everyone says, and this tour showed us all aspects of it! ”

Claire, Grand Tour of India, Feb 2017



“ Travelling through India and then up into Nepal is a journey that we will never forget – both countries showed us such a different way of life, it's impossible to not be moved by the simple way of living, happiness and faith that we experienced. ”

Mr and Mrs Goldberg,  
Highlights of India & Nepal, Jan 2017

“ The destinations and experiences were wonderful, and the guide and driver first class. ”

Jeremy, Rajasthan Panorama, Mar 2017



“ A wonderful opportunity to see India – your tours are fabulous! ”

Mrs Glasper, Golden Triangle, Jan 2017

“ It was the magnificence of Rajasthan that really struck me, and our guide was brilliant at telling us the history of each city and site that we visited – I've come home full of knowledge! ”

Mike,  
Rajasthan Panorama, Nov 2016

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The Global Feedback Engine

We are keen to receive as much feedback as we can. We have partnered with independent online review site, feefo, to give you the chance to tell us what you think. You will receive an email from feefo after booking and once again after you have travelled so you can rate our service and tour experience.

# CLASSIC TOURS

Our fully inclusive Classic Tours encompass India and Sri Lanka's iconic sights, from the Taj Mahal to ancient Varanasi and beyond.



# IS A CLASSIC TOUR FOR ME?

A thoughtfully-designed series of journeys for those who wish to see the iconic sights and magnificent treasures that India has to offer on a fully-inclusive, excellent-value group tour.

## OUR CLASSIC GROUP TOURS INCLUDE:

- Comprehensive touring
- Knowledgeable National Escorts
- International flights & taxes
- All accommodation
- All meals
- All transportation on tour
- Visa application & fees
- Specialist advice from our travel consultants

## THE KEY TO OUR TOURS

Our Classic Tours are graded as comfortable or moderate to reflect the level of fitness required. Just look for the icons on the page.

### COMFORTABLE

➤ Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. Tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of steps and getting on and off boats.

### MODERATE

➤➤ Tours require a higher level of fitness and may include standard activities and longer periods of sightseeing. Longer journey times and travel to areas with fewer western facilities may feature.

Please see our tour dossiers on the website or contact us if you require any advice.

## TRAVEL WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE

Our groups are friendly, sociable and share a passion for adventure – what better way to meet fascinating new people and share your trip with people with a similar world view as you.



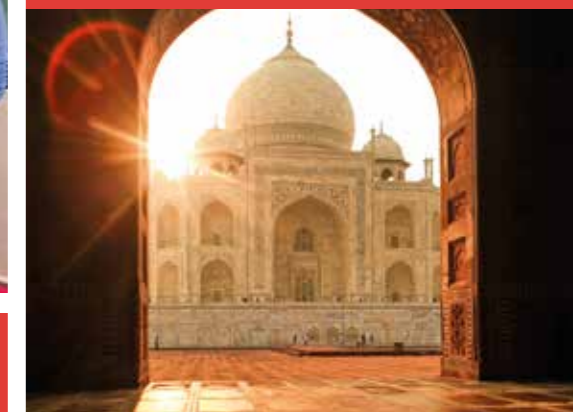
## ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED

All of your meals are included. Whilst breakfasts are a mixture of both local and western style, at lunch and dinner we'll help you go on a culinary adventure!



## TICK OFF THE BIG SIGHTS

Taj Mahal, tick. Ranthambore's tigers, tick. Amber Fort, tick. These Classic Tours will take you to all of India and Sri Lanka's most iconic sights – and yes, they are as big and awe-inspiring as you expect!



## TRAVEL WITH AN EXPERT

Our industry-leading National Escorts have the unparalleled knowledge and talent necessary to make your holiday even more unforgettable.



## WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

Do you have limited time? Try The Golden Triangle, Inspiring India or Highlights of Sri Lanka to tick off your chosen destinations' main highlights.

Delve deeper with something a bit longer – Kerala and the Southern Highlights or Grand Tour of India for example; or take a step off of the beaten-track with Himalayan Heritage Trail. Whatever you're looking for, this handy guide will help with your decision.

CLASSIC TOURS	DAYS	PAGE	TAJ MAHAL	WILDLIFE	JAIPUR	UDAIPUR	VARANASI	KERALA	HIMALAYAS	SRI LANKA
Golden Triangle	9 days	16	•		•					
Inspiring India	14 days	18	•	•	•	•				
Kerala & the Southern Highlights	17 days	20		•				•		
Highlights of India	18 days	22	•	•	•	•	•			
Himalayan Heritage Trail	19 days	24	•						•	
Rajasthan Panorama	22 days	26	•	•	•	•				
Enticing India	22 days	28	•	•	•	•	•			
Grand Tour of India	29 days	30	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Highlights of Sri Lanka	15 days	32		•						•
Pearl of the Indian Ocean	16 days	34		•						•

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

The fabled Golden Triangle is the classic introduction to this vast and beautiful country. Bustling streets, havens of tranquillity and architectural wonders await as you dive head first into the vibrant sights, sounds and experiences of Northern India.

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £1,890

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE

## Price includes

All meals (7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners)

- International flights & current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides & entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

## Flight and supplement information

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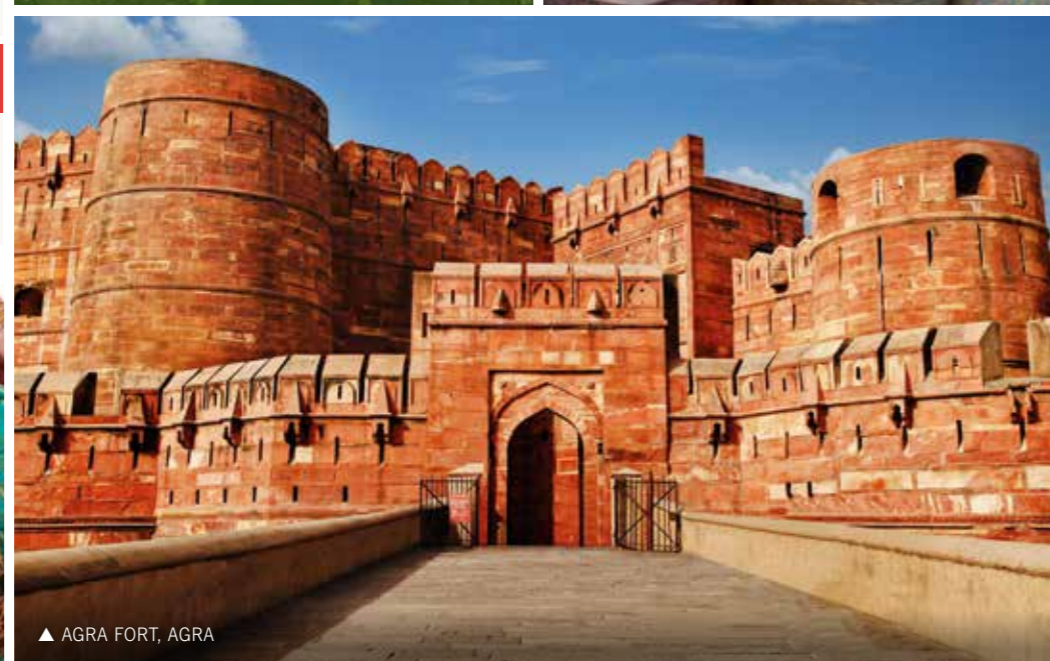
▲ TAJ MAHAL, AGRA



▲ JAMA MASJID, DELHI



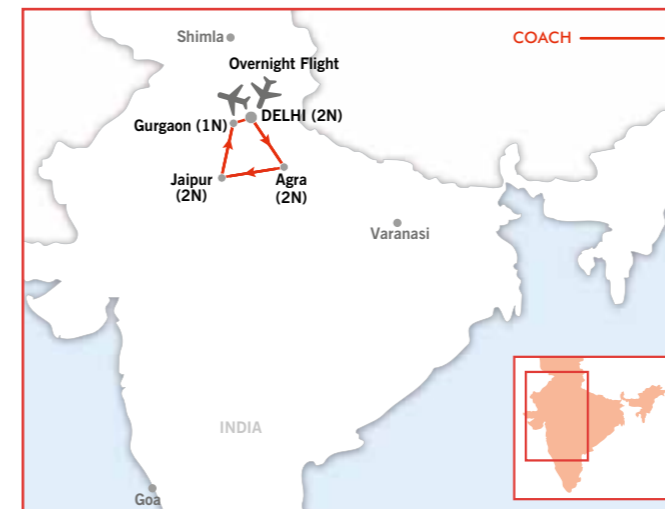
▲ TRADITIONAL SPICES



▲ AGRA FORT, AGRA

Visit [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk) for a detailed tour dossier

## CLASSIC TOUR



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Feel the buzz of Delhi
- See the colossal Red Fort
- Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- Explore the 'Pink City'
- Admire the Amber Fort
- Enjoy a Bollywood show

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

A city of equal chaos and charm, Delhi grabs you and doesn't let go. Spend a full day exploring the sights of Old Delhi: drive past the colossal Red Fort, browse the bustling bazaar of Chandni Chowk, visit India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and view the 1930s Lakshmi Narayan Hindu Temple. Make a brief stop at India Gate and visit Humayun's Tomb.

### DAY 4: AGRA

Drive to Agra with an en route stop at Sikandra to see the marble and red sandstone tomb of third Mughal Emperor Akbar the Great.

### DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. This afternoon visit Agra Fort, a hulking mass of red sandstone sat on the banks of the Yamuna River. The Fort was established in the 16th century

but has been much added to over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles. After dark return to the fort to enjoy a spectacular sound and light experience.

### DAY 6: FATEHPUR SIKRI

Head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular array of Mughal palaces and temples. Continue to Chand Baori stepwell, a fascinating and exquisitely carved water storage structure built over a thousand years ago. Arrive in Jaipur.

### DAY 7: AMBER FORT

Begin the day with a brief stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort. Built in 1592, this red sandstone and marble fort effortlessly blends Hindu and Muslim architecture. This afternoon, explore the Maharaja's City Palace, as well as the Jantar Mantar Observatory and the local bazaar.

### DAY 8: KINGDOM OF DREAMS

Travel to Gurgaon near Delhi, where tonight you will visit the Kingdom of Dreams to watch a magical Bollywood performance.

### DAY 9: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home later the same or following day.



## SHIMLA EXTENSION

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £560

### DAY 9: TRAIN TO SHIMLA

Rise early for the express train to Kalka where you will switch to the famous Toy Train. Travel on the narrow gauge mountain railway as far as the hill station of Shimla, sprawling across a ridge deep in the Himalayan foothills. (B)

### DAY 10: EXPLORE THE HILL STATION

Start the day with a walk to Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the highest point of the city, offering amazing views. Back in the town visit one of northern India's oldest churches, Christ Church and the Himalayan Aviary. (B,L)

### DAY 11: SHIMLA TO DELHI

This morning admire the renaissance grandeur of the Vice Regal Lodge before driving back to Kalka. Take the train back to Delhi and transfer to your hotel. (B,D)

### DAY 12: DELHI TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight to UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## VARANASI EXTENSION

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £600

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO VARANASI

Fly to Varanasi. Take a rickshaw to the ghats on the river Ganges to witness the evening Puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti. (B)

### DAYS 10-11: VARANASI TO DELHI

Rise early for a boat ride on the river Ganges and a brief city tour. Visit Banaras Hindu University and Sarnath. (B,L) Tomorrow fly back to Delhi. (B)

### DAY 12: DELHI TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight to UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## GOA EXTENSION

4 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £630

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO GOA

Fly to Goa. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 10: EXPLORE GOA

Spend the day exploring two ornate Hindu temples, followed by a visit to a spice plantation. Later, discover the history of Old Goa, including the Basilica of Bom Jesus, before finishing the day at Goa's capital Panaji. (B,L)

### DAYS 11-12: GOA

Enjoy days at leisure. (B)

### DAY 13: FLY TO UK

Fly home to the UK, arriving the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES – Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2018 DATES									
06 Jan - 14 Jan	£2,090	24 Feb - 04 Mar	£2,090	24 Mar - 01 Apr	£1,990	29 Sep - 07 Oct	£1,990	27 Oct - 04 Nov	£2,090
20 Jan - 28 Jan	£2,090	03 Mar - 11 Mar	£1,990	31 Mar - 08 Apr	£1,890	06 Oct - 14 Oct	£1,990	03 Nov - 11 Nov	£2,090
03 Feb - 11 Feb	£2,090	10 Mar - 18 Mar	£1,990	07 Apr - 15 Apr	£1,890	13 Oct - 21 Oct	£1,990	10 Nov - 18 Nov	£2,090
10 Feb - 18 Feb	£2,090	17 Mar - 25 Mar	£1,990	15 Sep - 23 Sep	£1,890	20 Oct - 28 Oct	£1,990	17 Nov - 25 Nov	£2,090
2019 DATES									
05 Jan - 13 Jan	£2,290	23 Feb - 03 Mar	£2,290	23 Mar - 31 Mar	£2,090	21 Sep - 29 Sep	£2,090	26 Oct - 03 Nov	£2,290
19 Jan - 27 Jan	£2,290	02 Mar - 10 Mar	£2,190	30 Mar - 07 Apr	£2,090	05 Oct - 13 Oct	£2,190	02 Nov - 10 Nov	£2,290
02 Feb - 10 Feb	£2,290	09 Mar - 17 Mar	£2,190	06 Apr - 14 Apr	£1,990	12 Oct - 20 Oct	£2,190	09 Nov - 17 Nov	£2,290
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NEW

# INSPIRING INDIA

India, with its diversity of colours, culture and heritage, is one of the world's most inspiring destinations. Explore the charms of Delhi, see the Taj Mahal at sunrise, search for tigers in Ranthambore and soak up the extravagance of Rajasthan on one extraordinary itinerary.

14 DAYS FROM

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MODERATE

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▲ JANTAR MANTAR OBSERVATORY, JAIPUR



▲ PUSHKAR



▲ LAKE PICHOLA, UDAIPUR



▲ AMBER FORT, JAIPUR

## CLASSIC TOUR



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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- Explore holy Pushkar
- See the palaces of Udaipur
- Discover the 'Pink City' Jaipur

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### DAY 4: AGRA

Drive to Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal. On arrival, visit the Itmad-ud-Daulah, nicknamed the Baby Taj, an exquisite marble tomb that predates the Taj Mahal and is thought to have inspired it. You'll also explore the hulking mass of red sandstone that is Agra Fort, which sits on the banks of the Yamuna River. The Fort was established in the 16th century

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### DAY 6: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

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

### DAY 7: BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

Travel to one of Rajasthan's hidden gems, the captivating Bundi, a town that is dominated by its immense fort. Within the fort walls is a beautiful palace, Badal Mahal, famous for its painted murals. Take a stroll through the town, discovering



▲ CHITTOR FORT

the unique stepwells – a vital source of water in the past, and a fascinating sight today.

### DAY 8: CHITTOR FORT

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

### DAY 9: DISCOVER UDAIPUR

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

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO PUSHKAR

Travel by road to Pushkar. Sat on the banks of one of India's most sacred lakes, there are 52 ghats built on the edge of the water, used for bathing by Hindu pilgrims, which are backed by hundreds of blue-washed temples. Take a walking tour of the vibrant market and admire the Brahma Temple, the city's most important temple, and one of few in the world dedicated to

the deity many Hindus believe is the creator of the universe.

### DAY 11: JAIPUR

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

### DAY 12: AMBER FORT

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

### DAY 13: KINGDOM OF DREAMS

Travel to Gurgaon near Delhi, where tonight you will visit the Kingdom of Dreams to watch a magical Bollywood performance.

### DAY 14: FLY DELHI TO UK

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2018 DATES											
09 Feb - 22 Feb	£2,490	16 Mar - 29 Mar	£2,390	13 Apr - 26 Apr	£2,290	12 Oct - 25 Oct	£2,390	02 Nov - 15 Nov	£2,490	23 Nov - 06 Dec	£2,490
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2019 DATES											
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08 Feb - 21 Feb	£2,790	01 Mar - 14 Mar	£2,690	22 Mar - 04 Apr	£2,690	12 Apr - 25 Apr	£2,590	11 Oct - 24 Oct	£2,690	01 Nov - 14 Nov	£2,790
15 Feb - 28 Feb	£2,790	08 Mar - 21 Mar	£2,690	29 Mar - 11 Apr	£2,590	27 Sep - 10 Oct	£2,690	18 Oct - 31 Oct	£2,690	08 Nov - 21 Nov	£2,790

# KERALA & THE SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

Southern India offers an intensely tropical and laidback experience compared to the north. The state of Kerala particularly boasts a rich heritage and the unique, mystical backwaters, which you can explore aboard a rustic kettuvallam.

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▲ MAMALLAPURAM



▲ KERALA BACKWATERS



▲ FISHERMAN, KOCHI

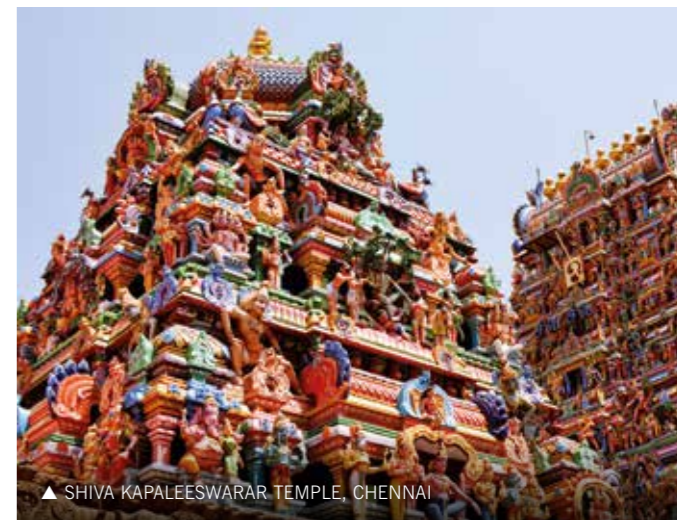


▲ NANDI BULL STATUE, MYSORE

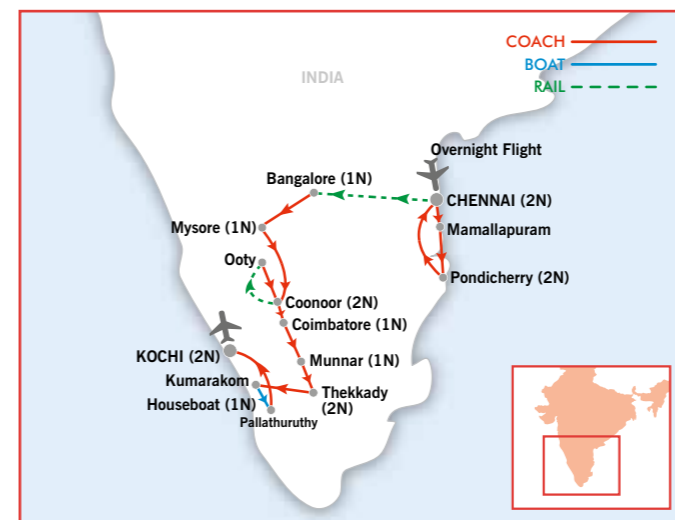


▲ TEA PLANTATIONS, MUNNAR

## CLASSIC TOUR



▲ SHIVA KAPALEESWARAR TEMPLE, CHENNAI



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Chennai
- Visit an Ashram
- Ride Ooty's toy train
- Cool off in Coonoor
- Cruise Kerala's backwaters
- Wander the tea plantations

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHENNAI

Fly overnight to the city of Chennai, the gateway to southern India. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER MAMALLAPURAM

Journey to the coastal town of Mamallapuram to view the fascinating 7th and 8th-century rock carvings. Continue on to Pondicherry.

### DAY 4: EXPLORE PONDICHERRY

This morning visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram, founded in 1926 this vibrant Ashram has grown to a community of almost 1200 members. Discover the delights of the Pondicherry museum. Tonight take a rickshaw ride to dinner in the town.

### DAY 5: CHENNAI CITY

Return to Chennai, once Madras, the city was developed as a British trading post and so 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, established by the East India Company, and the British built St. Mary's Church. The final stop is the colourful Shiva Kapaleeswarar Temple.

### DAY 6: TRAIN TO BANGALORE

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

### DAY 7: MYSORE

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

### DAY 8: COONOO HILL STATION

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

### DAY 9: OOTY NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY

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

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO COIMBATORE

Descending from the highlands there are a plethora of spectacular

panoramas to admire as you travel to Coimbatore. Spend the afternoon exploring this cosmopolitan city including an impressive Jain Temple, St. Michael Xavier Church and Athar Jamid, the city's oldest mosque.

### DAY 11: 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 12: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY

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

### DAY 13: PERIYAR WILDLIFE RESERVE

Though designated a Tiger Reserve in 1978, the Periyar Wildlife Reserve 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 and browse a local market before enjoying a traditional Kalaripayattu (martial art) show this evening.

### DAY 14: BACKWATERS CRUISE

Travel to Kumarakom where you'll board your houseboat, a converted rice barge, known as a kettuvallam. 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 and you'll spend a comfortable night on the water.

### DAY 15: COASTAL KOCHI

Take breakfast on your boat before disembarking at Pallathuruthy and heading for Kochi. Stop en route at the local market and a coir factory. Later, stop by Kumbalangi, a village created to highlight the lifestyle of fisher-folk in the area.

### DAY 16: EXPLORE KOCHI

Take a full day tour of Kochi. Start at St Francis Church, the first European church built in India, before a visit to Santa Cruz Basilica, where you can get excellent views of more Chinese fishing nets. Finish by admiring the synagogue in the heart of the Jewish Quarter and a stroll around the nearby markets. This evening enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.

### DAY 17: FLY KOCHI TO UK

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

## GET MORE ACTIVE

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## DEPARTURES – Departing Wednesday returning Friday

2018 DATES													
31 Jan - 16 Feb	£2,890	14 Feb - 02 Mar	£2,890	28 Feb - 16 Mar	£2,790	14 Mar - 30 Mar	£2,690	03 Oct - 19 Oct	£2,790	17 Oct - 02 Nov	£2,890	31 Oct - 16 Nov	£2,890
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▲ JASWANT THADA, JODHPUR



▲ RIVER GANGES, VARANASI



▲ KHAJURAHO TEMPLES



▲ SADAR BAZAAR, AGRA



▲ TIGERS, BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

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### KEEP EXPLORING



**NEPAL 4 NIGHTS EXTRA FROM £690pp**

### DAY 17: JOURNEY TO NEPAL

Transfer to Udaipur airport to board your flight to Kathmandu via Delhi. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel to settle in – the rest of the day is free to help you acclimatise to the higher altitude.

### DAY 18: KATHMANDU – PATAN

Visit the Dakshina Kali Temple. Later tour Patan, including the UNESCO World Heritage listed former Royal Palace and the lively Durbar Square.

### DAY 19: KATHMANDU

Visit Kathmandu's Durbar Square and the Kumari Temple. Explore the Swayambhunath Stupa, Bodhnath Stupa and Pashupatinath Temple. Wander through Thamel Market.

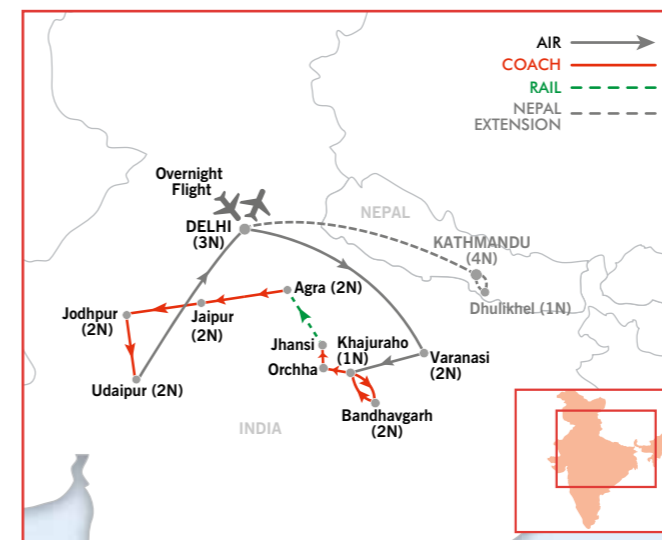
### DAY 20: KATHMANDU TO DHULIKHEL

This morning drive to Dhulikhel, stopping at the UNESCO World Heritage-listed temple of Changu Narayan en route. In Dhulikhel you will visit traditional Newari houses and browse the local market.

### DAY 21: DHULIKHEL TO KATHMANDU

Leave Dhulikhel and return to Kathmandu. Visit the 9th-century town of Bhaktapur en route, including the Golden Gate at the Palace of 55 Windows. Enjoy a traditional Nepalese dance performance this evening.

**DAY 22: KATHMANDU TO UK**  
Transfer to Kathmandu airport for your flight to the UK.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Feel the buzz of Delhi
- Soak up Udaipur's romance
- Safari through Bandhavgarh
- Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- Explore ancient Varanasi
- Admire the Amber Fort

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

Fly overnight 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 3: DELHI

Explore Old Delhi; drive past the Red Fort, walk through Chandni Chowk Bazaar to Jama Masjid (India's largest mosque) and visit the Lakshmi Narayan Hindu Temple. After lunch, view India Gate before visiting Gandhi Smriti and Qutub Minar, the 12th-century, handcarved, 73m-tall iron pillar.

### DAY 4: VARANASI

Fly to Varanasi. This evening take a rickshaw to the ghats of the River Ganges to witness the Puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti.

### DAY 5: RIVER GANGES

Take an early morning boat ride along the River Ganges, followed by a brief city tour of Varanasi. Later this afternoon visit the Buddhist sites at Sarnath.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO BANDHAVGARH

Fly to Khajuraho. Continue your journey to Bandhavgarh in the Vindhya hills.

### DAY 7: JEEP SAFARI

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

### DAY 8: KHAJURAHO

Travel to Khajuraho and tour the Western groups of Temples. This evening enjoy a cultural dance performance.

### DAY 9: AGRA

Depart for Jhansi, stopping in Orchha en route. In Jhansi board the Shatabdi Express train to Agra.

### DAY 10: HISTORICAL AGRA

Visit Agra Fort, a hulking mass of red sandstone sat on the banks of the Yamuna River. The Fort was established in the 16th-century but has been much added to over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles. Later wander through the bustling Sadar Bazaar.

### DAY 11: TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. Stop at a marble inlay workshop to admire this skillful craft. Continue on to Jaipur

visiting the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri enroute. Later, take the opportunity to shop at the local bazaar inside the walled city.

### DAY 12: JAIPUR

Start with a photo stop this morning at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) before visiting Amber Fort. Later this afternoon visit the City Palace, a handicraft centre and Jantar Mantar. Watch a traditional dance performance while enjoying dinner this evening.

### DAY 13: JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur. This evening take a walking tour to explore the local vegetable and spice market.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE JODHPUR

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

### DAY 15: RANAKPUR TEMPLES

Drive to Udaipur, a city of lakes, palaces and temples. Stop to visit the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur en route. The City Palace of Udaipur is still home to Maharana Udai Singh's descendants who remain rulers of this independent state.

### DAY 16: UDAIPUR

Visit Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens, the Folk Museum and Mewar Art Gallery. This afternoon explore the magnificent City Palace and wander through the local shops. This afternoon relax on a cruise along Lake Pichola.

### DAY 17: DELHI

Fly from Udaipur to Delhi where the rest of the day will be at leisure.

### DAY 18: FLY DELHI TO UK

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## DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Monday

2018 DATES									
19 Jan - 05 Feb	£3,990	09 Feb - 26 Feb	£3,990	09 Mar - 26 Mar	£3,890	12 Oct - 29 Oct	£3,890	02 Nov - 19 Nov	£3,990
02 Feb - 19 Feb	£3,990	23 Feb - 12 Mar	£3,990	28 Sep - 15 Oct	£3,890	26 Oct - 12 Nov	£3,990		
2019 DATES									
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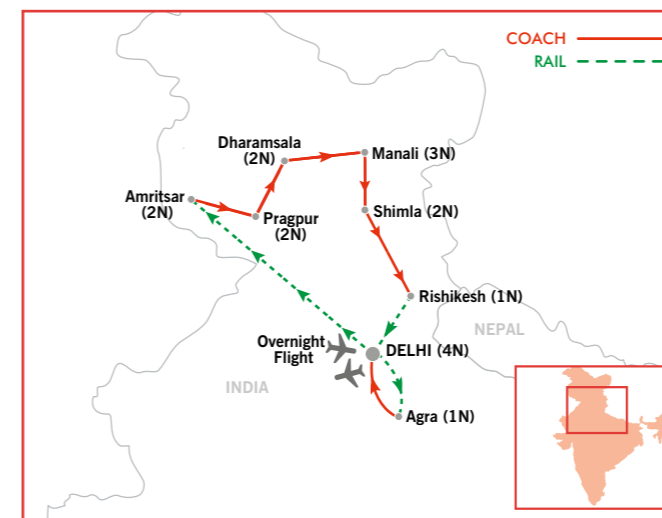
▲ MANALI



▲ RISHIKESH



▲ GOLDEN TEMPLE, AMRITSAR



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- Admire the Golden Temple
- Feel Tibet in McLeod Ganj
- Soak up the mountain views
- Explore colonial Shimla
- See the Ganges at Rishikesh

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

Fly overnight 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 3: TAJ MAHAL

Travel to Agra by train and tour the city, visiting the 17th-century Itmad-Ud-Daulah, nicknamed the 'Baby Taj' and the colossal Agra Fort. The day concludes before the magnificent Taj Mahal, which you will get to see as evening sets in. Watching the colours of the sunset playing across the mausoleum's white marble is an enchanting experience.

### DAY 4: GURUDWARA BANGLA SAHIB

Return to Delhi by road and continue to tour the city. Today you will explore the Purana Qila, one of Delhi's oldest forts, and the beautiful white marble and golden-roofed Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, one of India's most prominent gurdwara, a Sikh house of worship.

### DAY 5: TRAIN TO AMRITSAR

Transfer to Delhi station and hop on a train to Amritsar. On arrival, wend your way through the streets of the old town to 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. The temple floats on the sacred waters of Amrit Sarovar; all Sikhs try to make the pilgrimage to bathe in the purifying waters.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE AMRITSAR

Enjoy a heritage walk of the city, taking in local markets and temples, including Durgiana and Jallianwala Bagh, a memorial dedicated to the people killed and wounded when British troops opened fire on unarmed protestors in 1919. Head to the India-Pakistan border to watch the elaborate border closing ceremony with its fantastically over-the-top showmanship.

### DAY 7: PRAGPUR HERITAGE WALK

Travel to Pragpur, India's first heritage village. Full of traditional character and charm, explore Pragpur's cobbled streets and visit some of the traditional craftsmen who practice here, including weavers, silversmiths and printers.

### DAY 8: AROUND PRAGPUR

Today you'll explorer deeper into the area of Himachal Pradesh. Visit Chintpurni, a Shakti Temple said to grant wishes. Also visit the village of Dharamsala-Mahanta, Haripur, with its massive fort, and Guler – the home of the Kangra School of Painting.

### DAY 9: DHARAMSALA

Head up into the mountains to Dharamsala, a former British hill station that has become the

home of the Tibetan Government in exile. Enjoy a demonstration on how to cook local dishes. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the markets.

### DAY 10: EXPLORE DHARAMSALA

Start the day with a yoga and meditation session. After breakfast visit Mcleod Ganj, a town with a distinctly Tibetan feel. Explore the town, visiting Buddhist temples and local markets before spending the afternoon in the Norbulingka Institute. A major centre for Buddhist learning, it also works to preserve Tibet's cultural heritage. Other sights you'll see include Kangra State Museum, the Dalai Lama Temple and the Tibetan Museum. Later, take a short, easy hike around Dharamkot, a community of Gaddi people, to Naddi village, where there are spectacular views of the Dhauladhar mountain range.

### DAY 11: MANALI

Travel to the town of Manali, stopping at the Kullu Valley, a rural idyll of apple orchards and wooden temples.

### DAY 12: AROUND MANALI

Spend the morning discovering the beauty of the Parvati Valley – the views of the mountains here are incredible. This afternoon, take an excursion to Naggar, where you'll find an old castle and temples and the Roerich Art Gallery. Set up a hill, the views are as impressive as the paintings.

### DAY 13: EXPLORE MANALI

Discover more about the town of Manali with a city tour. You'll visit Hadimba Temple, Vashisht hot water springs and old Manali village. The afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 14: SHIMLA

Head to Shimla by road. The capital of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla was once India's largest hill station, sprawling across a ridge deep in the Himalayan foothills.

### DAY 15: EXPLORE SHIMLA

The summer capital of British India, and nicknamed the 'Queen of Hill Stations', Shimla has a spectacular location. Start the day with a hike to Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the

## CLASSIC TOUR

highest point of the city, offering amazing views. Continue to the Himachal State Museum and admire the renaissance grandeur of the Vice Regal Lodge. Spend some time in the heart of town, soaking up the atmosphere and enjoying the views.

### DAY 16: RISHIKESH

Travel by road to Rishikesh, a city on the River Ganges that is best known for its ashrams. This evening visit the ghats to witness an aarti ceremony on the edge of the river.

### DAY 17: EXPLORE RISHIKESH

See the sights of Rishikesh on a city tour, spending time at Laxman Jhoola, Omkaranand Ashram and Sivanand Ashram. Transfer to Haridwar station for your evening train journey to Delhi. You will enjoy dinner onboard.

### DAY 18: DELHI CITY TOUR

Spend a full day exploring the sights of Delhi: pass by the colossal Red Fort; visit Jama Masjid, India's largest and most impressive mosque, and see Raj Ghat – a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Visit Humayun's Tomb before making a stop at India Gate. Finish in the heart of New Delhi at the grandiose Connaught Place.

### DAY 19: FLY DELHI TO UK

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## KEEP EXPLORING...



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Take the train to Sawai Madhopur and transfer to Ranthambore National Park. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 20-21: RANTHAMBORE TO DELHI**

Enjoy two canter safaris around the park. (B,L,D) Tomorrow, take another early morning canter safari. Return to Delhi by train for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

**DAY 22: DELHI TO UK**

Transfer to the airport and fly home to the UK, arriving the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Tuesday

2018 DATES				2019 DATES			
27 Apr - 15 May	£3,490	14 Sep - 02 Oct	£3,590	26 Apr - 14 May	£3,890	13 Sep - 01 Oct	£3,990

# RAJASTHAN PANORAMA

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▲ INDIA GATE, NEW DELHI



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▲ RANAKPUR TEMPLE, UDAIPUR



▲ JAISALMER



▲ MEHRANGARH FORT, JODHPUR

## CLASSIC TOUR

much of Jodhpur's old town is a vivid blue, earning it the moniker the 'Blue City'.

### DAY 9: EXPLORE JODHPUR

Take a tour around the city, visiting Jaswant Thada, the royal cremation grounds, and explore the magnificence and splendour of Mehrangarh Fort. Head to the little museum housed in the imposing Umaid Bhawan Palace then hop on a rickshaw to a local restaurant for lunch. Browse through Subzi Mandi, the local vegetable and spice market, before having the rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 10: UDAIPUR

Travel to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur. India's most romantic city, Udaipur is perched on Lake Pichola and surrounded by wooded hills; a maze of palaces, temples and colourful alleyways. This afternoon take a cruise on the lake, passing the magical Lake Palace.

### DAY 11: DISCOVER UDAIPUR

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

### DAY 12: RAJASTHAN COUNTRYSIDE

Drive to Deogarh, stopping en route to visit the Eklinci and Nathdwara Temples. This evening wander through the bustling streets amongst the colourfully-clad locals and take in the sights and sounds of rural Rajasthan.

### DAY 13: EXPLORE PUSHKAR

This morning, all aboard a 1930s-era train for a short ride through the hills to Phulad. Disembark and continue by road to Pushkar. Sat on the banks of one of India's most sacred lakes, there are 52 ghats used for worship by Hindu pilgrims. Take a walking tour of the market and admire the Brahma Temple.

### DAY 14: JAIPUR

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and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful astrological instruments.

### DAY 15: HAWA MAHAL & AMBER FORT

Begin the day with a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort. Back in Jaipur, give block painting and carpet weaving a go before browsing the local bazaar at Choti Choper. This evening enjoy a traditional dinner and a dance performance.

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Travel 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.

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### DAY 20: DELHI

Travel by road back to Delhi and visit Qutub Minar, Lotus Temple and Connaught Place Markets for a spot of shopping.

### DAY 21: RED FORT & INDIA GATE

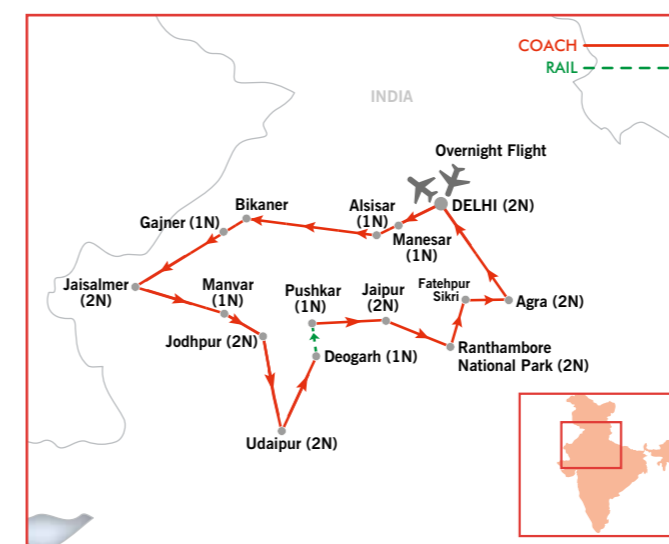
A city of equal chaos and charm, Delhi grabs you and doesn't let go. Pass the colossal Red Fort, browse the bustling bazaar of Chandni Chowk and visit Jama Masjid, India's largest and most impressive mosque. Make a brief stop at India Gate and Parliament House.

### DAY 22: FLY DELHI TO UK

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI & TRANSFER TO MANESAR

Fly overnight to Delhi, India's rambunctious capital city, and transfer to Manesar for an overnight stay. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 3: ALSISAR HERITAGE TOWN

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

### DAY 4: EXPLORE BIKANER

Travel to the vibrant town of Bikaner, dominated by its magnificent fort. Explore the fort and take a rickshaw ride through the atmospheric old streets to the bustling city bazaar. Continue on to Gajner, now a wildlife sanctuary, the area was once the hunting ground of the Maharajah of Bikaner.

### DAY 5: DISCOVER JAISALMER

Rising like a mirage from the sandy plains of the Thar Desert, Jaisalmer is known as the 'Golden City'. Nicknamed for

its honey-coloured sandstone walls, the city was once a trading hub – the riches brought in from Afghanistan and Central Asia used to build extravagant palaces and havelis. This evening, browse the local markets and visit Sunset Point.

### DAY 6: JAISALMER FORT

Spend the morning amongst the magnificence of Jaisalmer's 12th-century fort, one of the largest forts in the world. Dominating the city from Trikuta Hill, it is still populated by thousands of people and is full of palaces, temples and mansions. Later, travel to the Sam Sand Dunes where you can ride a camel through the desert and view the sunset.

### DAY 7: THAR DESERT SAFARI

Venture on through the Thar Desert to Manvar. Here enjoy a camel and jeep safari to visit the local Bishnoi villages where you will be able to meet the local people. Tonight stay in a tented desert camp (mid-Oct to mid-Apr) or the Manvar Resort (rest of the year).

### DAY 8: JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur. Dominated by the commanding Mehrangarh Fort, which seems to grow out of the top of its 125-metre hill,

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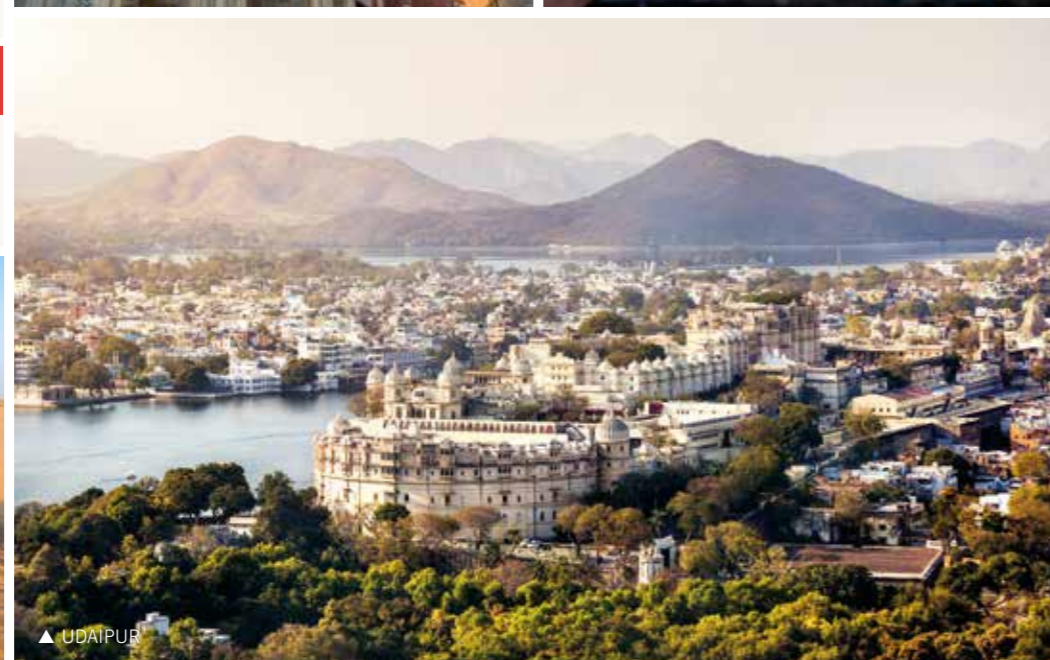
▲ AMBER FORT, JAIPUR



▲ TAJ MAHAL SUNRISE, AGRA



▲ GANGA AARTI RITUAL, VARANASI



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## CLASSIC TOUR

enjoy both an early morning and afternoon canter safari.

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Journey to the 'Pink City' and Rajasthan's capital, Jaipur for a two night stay.

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Drive to Khimsar, perched on the edge on the great Thar Desert in the heart of rural India. Enjoy the afternoon exploring the local area before spending the night in a magnificent heritage property.

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### DAY 18: DESERT BY JEEP

Jump into a jeep and drive through the desert to Rohetgarh

to meet the people of the Bishnoi Tribe and observe their rich cultural life.

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Drive to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur. Arrive in Udaipur and take a cruise on the shimmering waters of Lake Pichola, passing the magical Lake Palace. The next day, you will explore the city, starting with a drive 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 stroll through the local market.

### DAY 21: GURGAON

Fly to Delhi and travel to Gurgaon. This evening experience the 'Kingdom of Dreams', a live entertainment venue where you will watch a magical Bollywood performance.

### DAY 22: FLY DELHI TO UK

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Fly to Goa. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 23: EXPLORE GOA

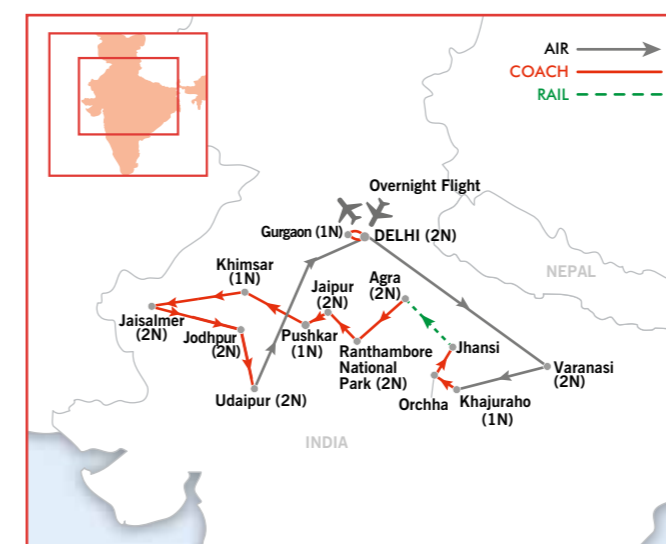
Spend the day exploring two ornate Hindu temples, followed by a visit to a spice plantation. Later, discover the history of Old Goa, including the Basilica of Bom Jesus, before finishing the day at Goa's capital Panaji. (B,L)

### DAYS 24-25: GOA

Enjoy days at leisure. (B)

### DAY 26: FLY TO UK

Fly home to the UK, arriving the same or following day. (B)



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Float down the holy Ganges
- Discover the 'Pink City'
- Admire Khajuraho's temples
- See Rajasthan's forts
- Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- Spot Bengal Tigers

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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### DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

Explore Old Delhi; drive past the Red Fort and walk through Chandni Chowk Bazaar to Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. After lunch, view India Gate before exploring Gandhi Smriti and Qutub Minar.

### DAY 4: VARANASI

Fly to Varanasi this morning. Said to be one of the world's oldest cities, Varanasi is spread along the banks of the River Ganges and is a sacred place for Hindus. Thousand of pilgrims flock to the ghats every day to worship and bathe. Visit the Buddhist sites at Sarnath, where Buddha is said to have delivered his first sermon – the ruins here date back as far as the 3rd century BC.

### DAY 5: RIVER GANGES

Rise early and take to the waters of the holy Ganges to see the ghats come to life with the rising sun. Explore the city before enjoying some time at leisure. Later this evening hop on a

rickshaw down the river ghats to witness the puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE KHAJURAHO'S TEMPLES

Transfer to the airport to fly to Khajuraho. This afternoon tour both the western and eastern groups of the Khajuraho temples, known for their intricately carved, erotic imagery and celestial beauties. This evening enjoy a cultural dance display.

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▲ CRAWFORD MARKET, MUMBAI

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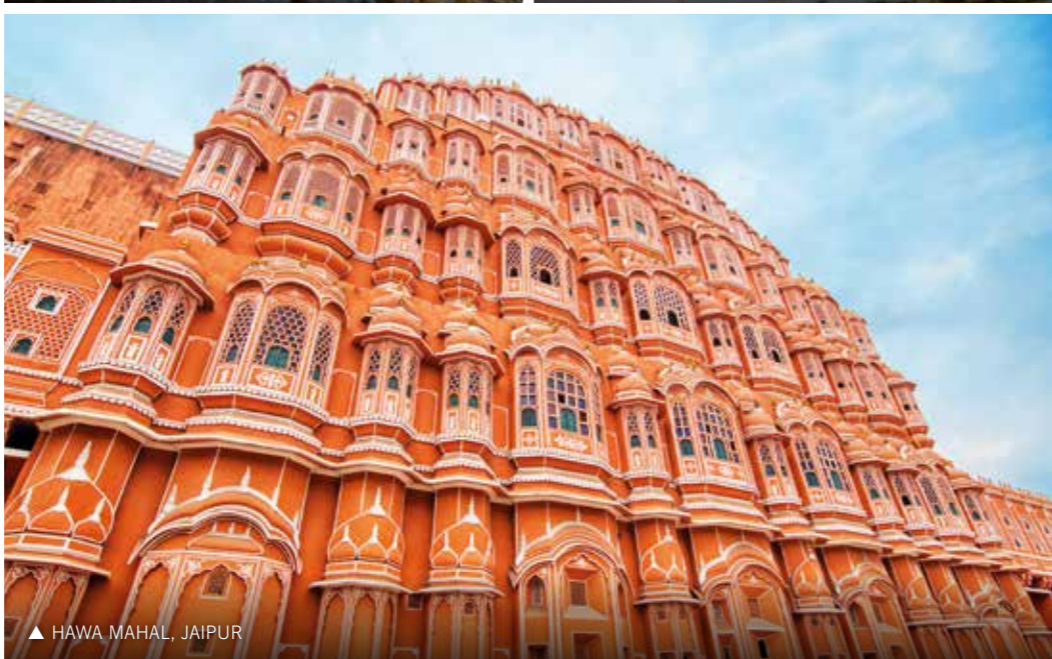
▲ CHINESE FISHING NETS, KOCHI



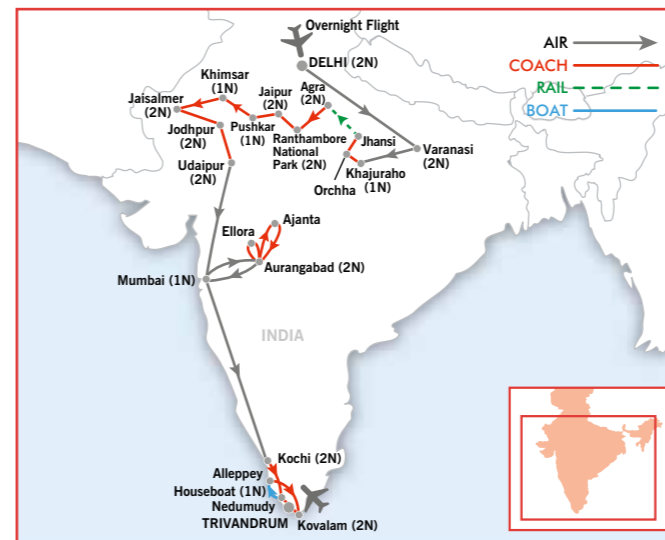
▲ AJANTA CAVES, AURANGABAD



▲ KERALA BACKWATERS



▲ HAWA MAHAL, JAIPUR



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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- Cruise Kerala's backwaters

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### DAY 21: AURANGABAD

Board a morning flight to Mumbai connecting on to a flight to Aurangabad.

### DAYS 22-23: AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

Visit the incredible UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ajanta Caves and explore some of the 30 caves full of beautiful murals of Buddha's life. The next day visit the UNESCO Ellora Caves, where you'll find even more exquisite carvings of Buddhist, Hindu and Jain imagery. Fly to Mumbai.

### DAY 24: DISCOVER MUMBAI

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

### DAY 25: EXPLORE KOCHI

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

### DAY 26: KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Pay a visit to Kochi's synagogue, before heading out of the city to Nedumudy to board your houseboat. On this converted rice barge or 'kettuvallam' you can drift along the lush canals, streams and lakes that make up Kerala's backwaters. Lunch and dinner are served onboard and you will overnight on the boat too.

### DAY 27: TRAVEL TO KOVALAM

Enjoy breakfast as you cruise into Alleppey and disembark. Travel to the famous Kerala beach resort of Kovalam.

### DAY 28: VISIT TRIVANDRUM

Spend the day exploring Kerala's capital Trivandrum, with visits to Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Zoological Gardens, Sri Chitra Art Gallery, the Observatory and Kanakakunnu Palace. Return to Kovalam to stay overnight.

### DAY 29: FLY TRIVANDRUM TO UK

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

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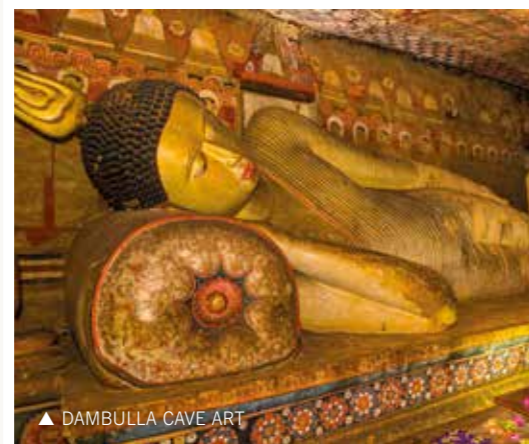
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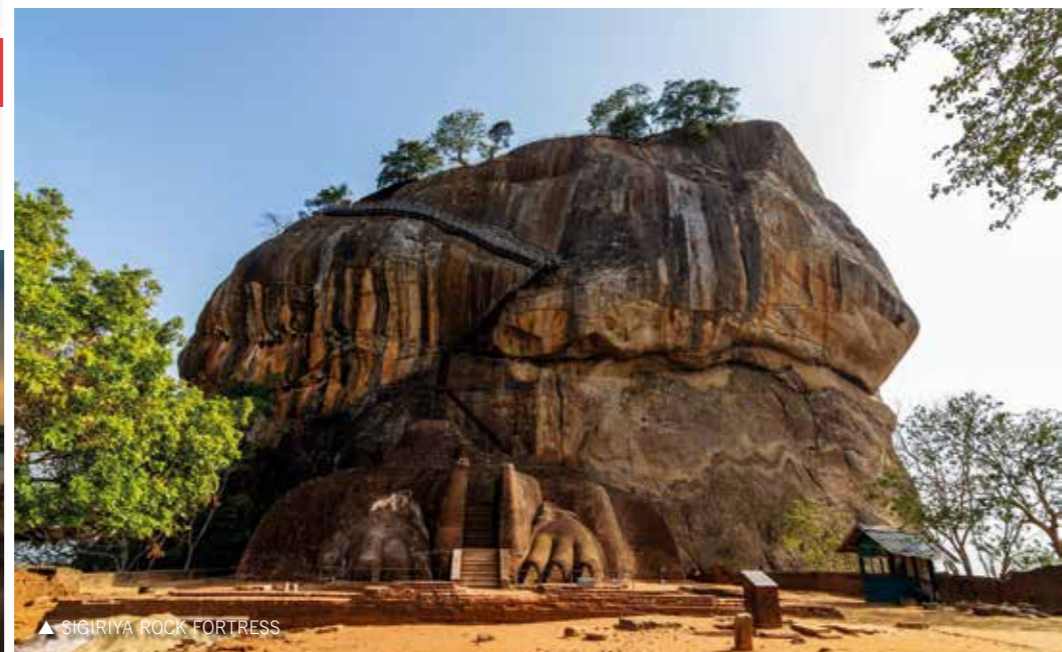
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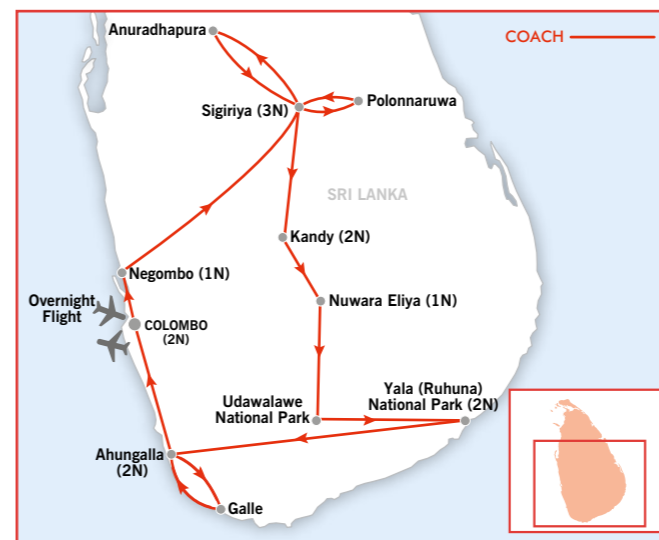
▲ DAMBULLA CAVE ART



▲ YALA NATIONAL PARK



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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Explore ancient Sinhalese ruins
- Admire Dambulla's cave art
- Visit Kandy's sacred temple
- Safari with elephants
- See Galle's historic fort

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO COLOMBO

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA

This morning travel to Sigiriya, home to the 5th-century UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rock Fortress, also known as 'Lion Rock'. The rock fortress was built by King Kassappa as the centre of his short-lived kingdom between 477 and 495AD. Pass through a pair of colossal lion's paws as you climb to the top for panoramic views of the area. You can also explore the surrounding gardens as well as admiring the world-renowned Heavenly Maiden's frescoes.

### DAY 4: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

Visit the ancient kingdom of Polonnaruwa, a UNESCO World Heritage listed site. Polonnaruwa was the capital of Sri Lanka from the 11th to the 12th century and is a well preserved city of stupas, frescoes and statues. While here, explore the Gal Viharaya, a magnificent group of

rock temples and the Vatadage, an ancient structure with elaborate stone carvings that were commonly placed at the entrances to monastic buildings of ancient Sri Lanka. Return to Sigiriya.

### DAY 5: ANURADHAPURA

Drive to Anuradhapura, the most celebrated of Sri Lanka's ancient ruined cities. The city's greatest treasures are its dagobas; domes enshrining sacred relics. The most notable is the Ruvanveliseya Dagoba, dating back to the 2nd century BC, which you will visit today along with the Thuparamaya, said to contain the collarbone of Buddha. Discover the city's most renowned relic, the sacred Bo Tree. Emperor Asoka's daughter brought to Anuradhapura a branch of this tree under which Buddha is said to have gained enlightenment. Planted over 2,250 years ago, it is the oldest surviving historic tree in the world.

### DAY 6: DAMBULLA ROCK TEMPLE

After breakfast, travel to Dambulla where you will tour the Dambulla 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,

in the form of murals and statues. Visit a spice garden in Matale where you can see cinnamon, cardamom, pepper creepers and other spice trees growing. Learn about the use of spices in Sri Lankan cuisine and watch a cooking demonstration. Continue to the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka's cultural hub.

### DAY 7: 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. The temple houses an important Buddhist Relic, a tooth of the Buddha. Stolen at his 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 8: NUWARA ELIYA

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

### 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 national park. Continue to Yala, Sri Lanka's premiere national park.

### DAY 10: YALA NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 11: STILT FISHERMEN

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 48m high. Continue the drive along

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the coastline towards Ahungalla. Stop along the way at Weligama to see the unique stilt fishermen, an old tradition practiced by around 500 fishing families in the region.

### DAY 12: OLD GALLE

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

### DAY 13: KOSGODA TURTLE HATCHERY

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

### DAY 14: EXPLORE COLOMBO

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

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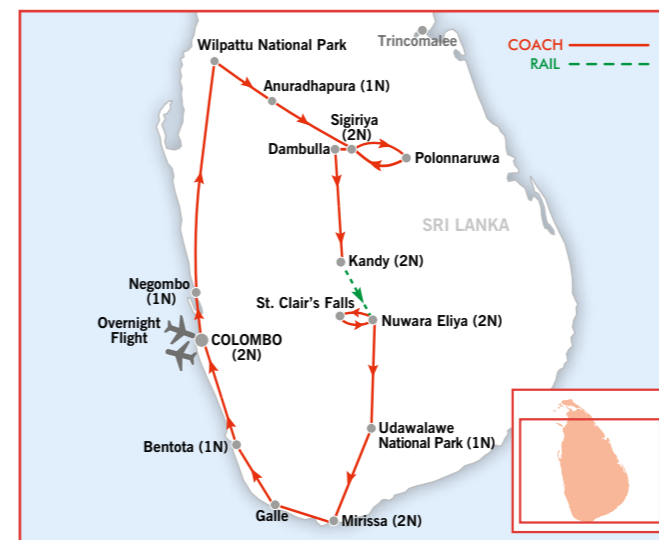


▲ TEMPLE OF THE SACRED TOOTH RELIC



▲ WILPATTU NATIONAL PARK

## CLASSIC TOUR



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See Ritigala Jungle Monastery
- Sip freshly plucked tea
- Gaze on St Clair's Falls
- Meet rehabilitated elephants
- Watch the stilt fishermen
- Visit Kandy's sacred temple

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO COLOMBO

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

### DAY 3: WILPATTU NATIONAL PARK

Travel to Wilpattu National Park where the abundance of wildlife have made their home around the many lakes. Enjoy an afternoon Jeep safari with the chance to spot elephants, sambar deer and even leopards. Continue to Anuradhapura for an overnight stay.

### DAY 4: ANCIENT SIGIRIYA

Rise early and drive to Ritigala Jungle Monastery, where you will explore the ancient ruins. Continue to Sigiriya. This afternoon is at your leisure to relax or explore.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE POLONNARUWA

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress, the heart of King Kassappa's kingdom between 477 and 495AD. Climb to the top of the fortress for spectacular views. Visit the Heavenly Maiden's frescoes before driving to the ancient kingdom of

Polonnaruwa, also a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. Tour the ruins of the Royal Palace and Gal Vihara, a 12th-century rock temple.

### DAY 6: DAMBULLA ROCK TEMPLE

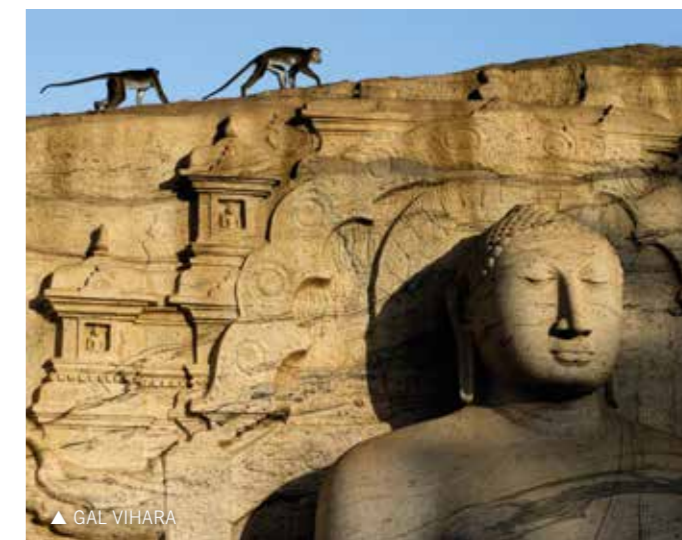
Travel to Dambulla and tour the Dambulla Rock Temple, dating back to the 1st century BC, the temple is made up of five cave sanctuaries, containing around 150 Buddha statues and colourful frescoes. Continue to Kandy, a sacred Buddhist city, visiting a spice garden in Matale en route.

### DAY 7: DISCOVER KANDY

This morning visit the local market to pick up some fresh produce before a cooking demonstration of traditional Sri Lankan dishes. Next explore the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens, which were created as leisure gardens for a Sinhala king and visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of the most sacred Buddhist sites in the world. Later, visit the National Museum, and the local market. This evening enjoy a cultural dance performance before dinner.

### DAY 8: NUWARA ELIYA

Leave Kandy this morning and travel by train to the lush hillside town of Nuwara Eliya, known as the 'Little England' of Sri Lanka. Visit a tea plantation and tea factory en route.



▲ GAL VIHARA

### DAY 9: ST. CLAIR'S FALLS

This morning visit St. Clair's Falls, one of the most unique waterfalls in Sri Lanka. You can view the waterfalls from the road above or walk 500 metres along a trail that winds through tea plantations to take a closer look. Afterwards, tour a local tea plantation.

### DAY 10: UDAWALAWE NATIONAL PARK

Drive to Udawalawe National Park, famous for its elephant population. Whilst here you will be taken on safari in an open top four-wheel drive.

### DAY 11: ELEPHANT TRANSIT HOME

Rise early to see the morning feeding of the elephants at the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, which provides care and rehabilitation to orphaned or displaced elephants. Continue on to Mirissa, stopping along the way at Weligama to see the unique stilt fishermen, an old tradition practiced by around 500 fishing families in the region.

### DAY 12: WHALE WATCHING

Enjoy an early morning whale and dolphin watching tour. Take this chance to spot the almighty Blue whale and many others before relaxing with the afternoon free to explore this delightful beachside town.

### DAY 13: GALLE TO BENTOTA

Tour the port town of Galle Sri Lanka's greatest colonial treasure and once the greatest port in Ceylon. Visit the fort, the lighthouse, Dutch Museum and Dutch Reformed Church.

Continue on to Bentota, Sri Lanka's most popular beach destination.

### DAY 14: TRAVEL TO COLOMBO

Drive to Colombo and tour the Fort District and the surrounding merchant streets before enjoying some shopping at the Pettah Market.

### DAY 15: EXPLORE COLOMBO

This morning explore Colombo further, visiting Kelaniya Buddhist Temple, a major pilgrimage site for Buddhists, a Hindu temple, the historic Dutch Wolvendaal Church, Natural History museum and the Dewatagaha Mosque.

### DAY 16: FLY COLOMBO TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

## ALTERNATIVE ITINERARY



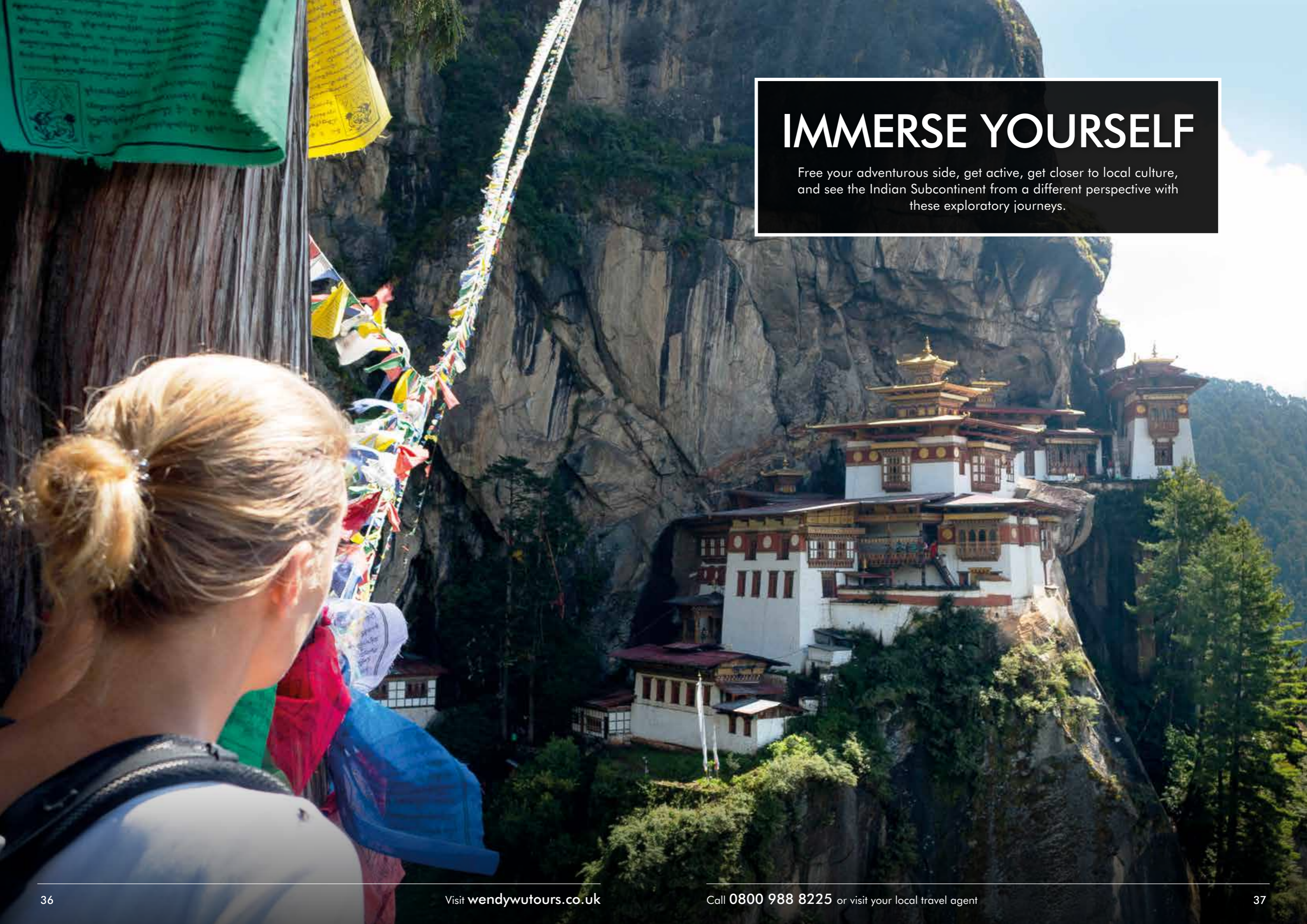
During October, Trincomalee provides the best whale watching opportunities. Therefore, the October departure of this tour will visit Trincomalee instead of Mirissa. Please speak to a reservations consultant for full details or visit [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk).

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- Small group sizes

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Tours require a good level of fitness and may include longer periods of sightseeing. Easy walking or cycling and longer journeys may feature as well as travel to areas with fewer western facilities.

### ACTIVE

Tours require a higher level of fitness, as they are physically more demanding. They may involve hiking, and travel to remote or high altitude areas where tourist facilities are less developed.

### ALTITUDE

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## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

To explore the Indian Subcontinent more actively, take a look at Vibrant India, Discover Kerala or Nepal Uncovered. To venture into the Himalayas, consider Himalayan Adventure which combines Tibet and Nepal or Himalayan Kingdoms, which includes Bhutan. Use the handy table below to see which tour is best for you.

IMMERSE YOURSELF	DAYS	PAGE	RAJASTHAN	SIKKIM	WILDLIFE	HOUSEBOAT	LHASA	KATHMANDU	BHUTAN
Vibrant India	16 days	42	•						
Discover Kerala	13 days	44			•	•			
Nepal Uncovered	12 days	46			•			•	
Himalayan Adventure	21 days	48			•		•	•	
Himalayan Kingdoms	24 days	50		•	•				•

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## BE ENERGISED



### Cycle Udaipur

Sat on the banks of Lake Pichola, hop on your bike to wheel amongst the intricate palaces, temples and back streets of this atmospheric city. Finish by the water and take a spectacular sunset cruise on the lake.



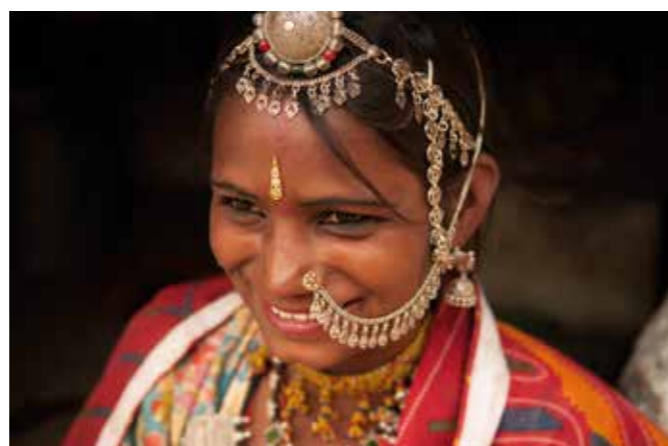
### Rickshaw tour of Agra

Ride a rickshaw through the streets of Agra, passing by old bazaars, traditional eating joints and places of worship. You'll get a real feel for this melting pot of a city, with its multi-cultural influences.



### Rafting in Thekkady

Cast off across the lake on your bamboo raft; an area of great biodiversity the surrounding forests are home to an abundance of wildlife – keep your eyes peeled for elephants and Sambar deer as you float through the peaceful morning.



### Rajasthan by Bullock Cart

Explore the pastoral landscapes around Bijainagar in true rural style – by bullock cart! Pass through villages where you can interact with the locals and catch a glimpse of daily life in rural Rajasthan.

## GET SPIRITUAL



### Lama Blessing

Boudhanath dominates Kathmandu's skyline – it is Nepal's most sacred stupa. Admire it and explore its monastery where you will be honoured with a Buddhist blessing by one of the resident lamas.



### Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery

Perched precariously above Bhutan's Paro Valley, the Tiger's Nest Monastery can only be reached on foot. Walk with pilgrims through tranquil woodland, passing spinning prayer wheels and admiring views as you go.



### Practice Yoga

Yoga, born in India over 5,000 years ago, is an ancient method of training the body and mind. Enjoy a spiritual yet invigorating session with a local yogi, who will introduce you to its principles and practices.



### Barkhor Circuit

A kora is the ritual circuit of a holy site and the Barkhor is Tibet's most sacred encircling the Jokhang temple. Join pilgrims making their koras and experience the incredible atmosphere of devotion it exudes.

## EMBRACE NATURE



### Chitwan National Park safari

Jump into a jeep to discover a jungle of towering trees and twisting vines, of pre-historic rhinos and magnificent elephants, brilliantly coloured birds and if you are lucky enough – the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger.



### Hiking in Pokhara

Pokhara is one of the most beautiful parts of the Himalayas. Follow the trails through rural villages and coffee plantations, reaching a vantage point that will give you breathtaking views over shimmering Phewa Lake and the surrounding valleys.

# VIBRANT INDIA

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▲ YOGA IN JAIPUR

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### DAY 13: AGRA RICKSHAW TOUR

Travel from Jaipur to Agra, stopping en route at Fatehpur Sikri. Built in the 16th century as the Mughal capital of Emperor Akbar, the city is a fusion of Muslim and Hindu styles, and one of India's best preserved examples of Mughal architecture. Arrive in Agra and take to the streets in an auto rickshaw that will introduce you to the sights and sounds of the city. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: THE TAJ MAHAL

Tour the city coming first to India's most iconic sight, the Taj Mahal. A monument to love built for Mumtaz Mahal, the favourite wife of Shah Jahan, the Taj Mahal is built entirely of white marble. From a distance the effect is ethereal but get up close and you can admire the intricate pietra dura (stone inlay) work. Come next to the mammoth Agra Fort, the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. Within there are palaces, audience halls and mosques to discover. Return to Delhi. (B,L)

### DAY 15: RICKSHAW RIDE THROUGH OLD DELHI

Take a full day to explore Delhi. Starting in Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride through the atmospheric streets, visiting Jama Masjid. Venture into a local market where you will learn about the local herbs and spices. 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. (B,L,D)

### DAY 16: FLY DELHI TO UK

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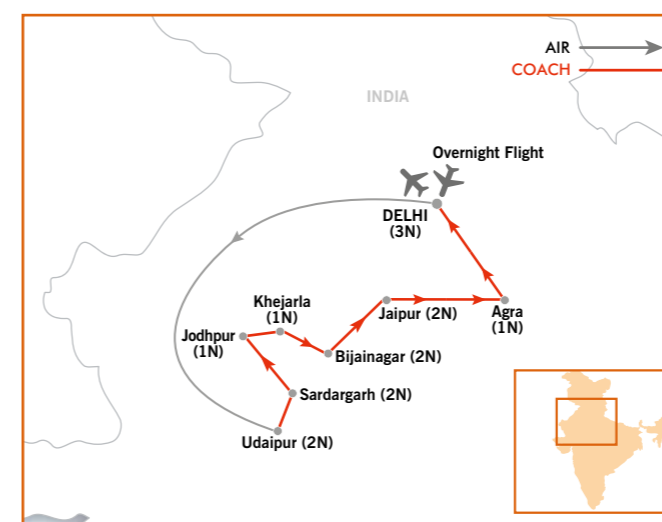
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See pages 78-79. Additional flight costs may apply.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cycle through Udaipur
- Stay in magnificent forts
- Explore by bullock cart
- Stroll colourful bazaars
- Discover Agra on an auto-rickshaw

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

Fly overnight 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 3: CYCLING IN UDAIPUR

Fly to Udaipur, considered India's most romantic city thanks to its grand palaces and lakeside setting. This afternoon climb on to your bicycle and take a leisurely ride through the backstreets of the old city. Pass through Jagdish Chowk, followed by Jagdish Temple and wend through Bada Bazaar. Finally, peddle along the banks of Lake Pichola to finish at the Tripolia Gate of the City Palace, where you will board a boat for a sunset cruise which includes a stop at the 17th-century Lake Garden Palace. (B,D)

### DAY 4: EXPLORE THE CITY PALACE

Delve deeper into the cultural wonders of Udaipur starting at the spectacular City Palace. Started in 1599, over the years many a maharani has added his bit, making this Rajasthan's largest palace. Within you'll find the Dilkush Mahal, the Sheesh Mahal, the Moti Mahal and the Palace of Lord Krishna, each boasting exquisite and ornate decoration. Drive around Fateh Sagar Lake then, later, journey to

Shilpgram to visit a rural arts and crafts village – here you can learn about the tribal people of India's western regions and see their traditional architecture, crafts and rural lifestyle. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: TEMPLES OF RANAKPUR

Travel from Udaipur to Sardargarh, stopping at the magnificent Jain temples of Ranakpur en route. Built in the 15th century, these marble temples feature some of India's most beautiful carvings and are a major pilgrimage for followers of the Jain religion. Sardargarh sits in the shadow of its majestic hill fort which will also be your home for the next two nights. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: JEEP SAFARI AROUND SARDARGARH

Take a tour of the historical fort before climbing aboard the heritage train to ride through Aravali mountains. This afternoon take a jeep to travel out to the remote villages around Sardargarh. Meet with the local villagers, see life in a rural Rajasthani village and visit a local marble cutter. Enjoy the sunset by the lake. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: JODHPUR

Drive from Sardargarh to Jodhpur, on arrival the rest of the day will be yours to spend as you wish. (B,L)

### DAY 8: MEHRANGARH FORT

Sat high above the city on a sandstone plinth, the Mehrangarh Fort is one of

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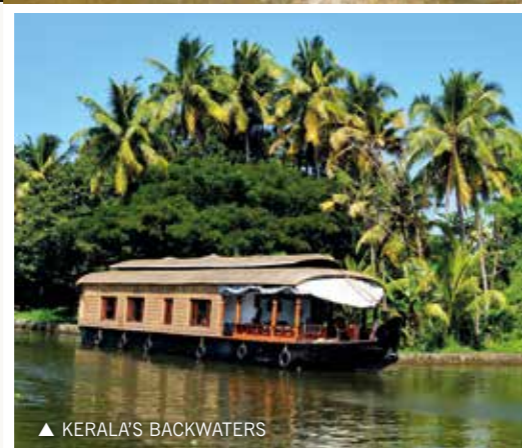
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▲ KERALA'S BACKWATERS



▲ KATHAKALI DANCER



▲ TEA PLANTATION, MUNNAR

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a tea plantation and museum where you can get involved in the processes of running the plantation, such as plucking and planting, and learn about the history of tea in the area.

### DAY 9: MUNNAR HIKING

Travel just out of town to the Letchmi hills, where your hike will begin. Strike out into tea plantations, climbing a hill to follow a beautiful ridge through grassland, passing more plantations and forest and absorbing spectacular views as you go. After a picnic lunch, wander through a Nature Zone, spotting exotic plants and birds that are endemic to the region. Return to Munnar where the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 10: EXPLORE PALAKKAD

Journey to the city of Palakkad. Visit Kandath Tharavad, a 200-year-old Keralan architectural gem built from mud and teak, before exploring the city itself. Kerala as a whole has long been a crossroads of trade and therefore, diverse culture and religion – this is reflected in the sights you will visit today – a Jain temple, the Shiva and Snake Temple, Kalpathy Brahmin Village and Hyder Ali's Fort.

### DAY 11: TRADITIONAL FORTUNE TELLING

Start the day with an invigorating yoga class, a walk through the rice paddies and a tumbler of tea with local villagers. Climb aboard a bullock-drawn cart to travel through winding country lanes to visit some of the area's cottage industries. Meet the artisans of a potter's and basket weaver's colony and see the technique of toddy tapping. This afternoon, prepare for something mystical! Learn about various methods of fortune telling that are popular in the Palakkad area, and have your own fortune read.

### DAY 12: KODUNGALLOOR

Travel from Palakkad back to Kochi, stopping en route at the old port town of Kodungalloor. The town is considered the cradle of several world religions in India – Christians, Jews, Muslims and Hindus all settled here centuries ago, creating the perfect microcosm of Kerala's, and India's, diversity. Visits include the 52 AD Kottakavu Church, Cheraman Masjid, India's first

mosque and Chenamangalam Synagogue. Arrive in Kochi where there is an option to take a sunset cruise along the beautiful Malabar Coast (payable locally).

### DAY 13: FLY KOCHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home later the same or following day.

## KEEP EXPLORING



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### DAY 13: FLY TO COLOMBO

Fly from Kochi to Colombo. On arrival, transfer to the beachside town of Negombo. (D)

### DAY 14: TRAVEL TO SIGIRIYA

Transfer to the heart of Sri Lanka's 'Cultural Triangle', Sigiriya. (B,L)

### DAY 15: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA

Discover the UNESCO-listed Rock Fortress, also known as 'Lion Rock'. Continue to Polonnaruwa, a ruined city full of magnificent stupas, frescoes and statues. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 16-17: MINNERIYA - KANDY

Look for elephants on safari through Minneriya National Park. Transfer to Kandy. (B,L,D) The following day visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. (B,L)

### DAYS 18 - 19: NUWARA ELIYA

Board the train to Nuwara Eliya, passing through mountain valleys and lush tea plantations. (B,L,D) The next day visit St Clair's Falls and enjoy High Tea. (B,L)

### DAYS 20 - 21: DISCOVER COLOMBO

Drive to Colombo. (B,L,D) Spend the following morning exploring the city sights. (B,L)

### DAY 22: COLOMBO TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay with a local family
- Explore tea & spice plantations
- Cruise Kerala's backwaters
- Hike the Letchmi Hills
- Bamboo rafting in Periyar
- Learn traditional fortune telling

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KOCHI

Fly overnight to Kochi, a cosmopolitan port city on the Arabian Sea. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE KOCHI

Enjoy a full day tour of Kochi. Start at the Dutch Palace, once home to the rajahs of Kochi, and the synagogue at the heart of the Jewish Quarter, St Francis Church, the first European church built in India and Santa Cruz Basilica. Drive along the coast to the mouth of the harbour to view the picturesque old Chinese fishing nets, brought here by Chinese traders in the 14th century. Finish the day at Fort Kochi where you can stroll amongst historical Dutch and Portuguese buildings. This evening find relaxation with a traditional Ayurvedic massage at your hotel.

### DAY 4: COOKING DEMO AND HOME STAY

Travel to Muhamma, a town nestled amongst lush paddy fields in the 'rice bowl' of Kerala. Enjoy a cooking demonstration where you'll see local Keralan cuisine being prepared. Tonight, you will be staying in a traditional homestay – you'll get more chances to witness the local cooking culture first hand, and enjoy normal family life here.

### DAY 5: KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Transfer to the jetty at Alleppey and board your kettuvallam, the local name for the houseboats that ply the backwaters. Sit back and relax as your boat cruises the beautiful jade water, meandering through canals, rivers and lakes, passing tiny villages, swaying palms, lush paddy fields and people going about their lives on the riverbanks. Dine on food cooked fresh onboard before retiring to your cabin for a night on the water.

### DAY 6: KATHAKALI

Disembark and proceed to Thekkady, one of Kerala's most nature rich areas. This evening, enjoy an exuberant and colourful Kathakali dance performance, one of the oldest art forms in the area.

### DAY 7: BAMBOO RAFTING

Ride a bamboo raft on a lake at the heart of Periyar Tiger Reserve. From the water, you'll get beautiful views of the forested hills and may spot some wildlife, such as elephant, gaur and sambar on the bank of the lake. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 8: TEA AND SPICES

Journey into the Western Ghats to the hill station of Munnar, stopping en route at spice plantations and organic spice gardens to see what they grow, how it's grown and how it is used in day to day life. Later, visit

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Set in one of the world's most magnificent locations, Nepal is a land of richness and diversity. Explore under the gaze of Himalayan peaks, discovering the heritage of the Kathmandu Valley, the wildlife of Chitwan and hiking amongst the beauty of Pokhara.

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▲ DURBAR SQUARE

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a Lama blessing
- Learn to cook Nepali style
- See Nepal's magical temples
- Meet ethnic communities
- Spot rhinos in Chitwan NP
- Hike around Pokhara

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO NEPAL

Fly overnight to Kathmandu, Nepal's vibrant capital city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE KATHMANDU

Kathmandu is a city of many layers – a modern day assault on the senses, a hub of cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. Today's visits include the ancient, hilltop Swayambhunath Temple and the sublime medieval architecture of Durbar Square, before a rickshaw ride through the chaotic streets through Indra Chowk and Ason Tole to the tourist district of Thamel. Head to Boudhnath Stupa and Monastery for a very special Lama blessing before finishing the day at the sacred Hindu temple of Pashupatinath. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: NEPALI COOKING CLASS

Essentially a suburb of Kathmandu, Patan was once the capital of an independent kingdom, something that is noticeable in its distinctiveness. Take a walking tour through the heritage architecture of its Durbar Square and admire the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Royal Palace. Enjoy a cooking class, where you can learn to

prepare several Nepali dishes and dine on what you've made for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 5: MANAKAMANA TEMPLE

Leave Kathmandu for Chitwan, stopping en route at the temple of Manakamana. Soar up the steep hillside in a cable car to reach this tiered pagoda, and enjoy the breathtaking Himalayan views. Continue on to Chitwan National Park, one of Asia's richest and most spectacular national parks. On arrival, check into your jungle lodge and spend the rest of the day taking part in activities. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Spend the day continuing your explorations of the incredible beauty and diversity of Chitwan National Park with the help of activities such as jeep safaris, canoe rides, village walks and jungle walks. There will be a break for lunch at the lodge. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO BANDIPUR

Drive from Chitwan to Bandipur, a hill station and ancient trading post. It is a prime example of a Newari mountain town – untouched by modernisation, it is full of old houses and temples from the medieval era, as well as being in a region rich with



▲ VIEWS FROM MANAKAMANA TEMPLE

cultural diversity. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to begin exploring. (B,D)

### DAY 8: THANI MAI HIKE

Rise early to transfer to Thani Mai (Old Fort), which sits on top of Gurungche Hill and hike up the hill for glorious views of the surrounding landscapes, with the Himalayas on the horizon at sunrise. Return to the hotel for breakfast before departing for Pokhara. The town sits on the verdant banks of Lake Phewa with virtually uninterrupted views of the majestic Annapurna and Manaslu ranges. On arrival, the rest of the day will be at leisure. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: HIKING IN POKHARA

Drive to Khade Khola from where you'll head out on foot into the beautiful landscapes that surround Pokhara. The area is occupied by ethnic minority groups such as Gurungs, Brahmins and Dalits and you'll hike to a local village set high up the valley with magnificent views of the mountains, Lake Phewa and the valley as a whole. Here you will get to meet the friendly villagers and visit the local school and coffee farm – a glimpse at life in rural Nepal. Return to Pokhara. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: FLY TO KATHMANDU

Transfer to the airport to fly back to Kathmandu. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. (B,L,D)

### DAY 11: EXPLORE BHAKTAPUR

The third and final of the Kathmandu Valley's medieval city states (along with Kathmandu and Patan), Bhaktapur is

considered the best preserved and most atmospheric. On arrival, visit the home of a Newari family – enjoy a traditional welcome, learn about the Newari's way of life, their culture and traditions, and tour the house. Wander Bhaktapur's cobbled streets to the magnificent Durbar Square and admire the Golden Gate and the Palace of 55 Windows. Finally, head into the heart of Bhaktapur's ceramics industry, to Pottery Square to visit a pottery workshop. Learn traditional pottery skills from a master potter and take home your creation. This evening, enjoy a Nepali farewell dinner and cultural show. (B,D)

### DAY 12: FLY KATHMANDU TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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See pages 78-79.

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## DEPARTURES – Departing Monday returning Friday

2018 DATES				2019 DATES			
24 Sep - 05 Oct	£2,990	08 Oct - 19 Oct	£2,990	23 Sep - 04 Oct	£3,290	07 Oct - 18 Oct	£3,290

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# HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE

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## Flight and supplement information

### Based on London Heathrow departures

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,790 (Chengdu - Kathmandu)
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▲ LHASA



▲ EVEREST BASE CAMP



▲ GIANT PANDA, CHENGDU



▲ YAMDROK LAKE



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Observe Giant Pandas
- Discover mystical Lhasa
- Cross the Tibetan Plateau
- Gaze on Mount Everest
- Explore Kathmandu
- Spot wildlife in Chitwan

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHENGDU

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

### DAY 3: GIANT PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through People's Park and see Matchmaker's Corner, and visit a traditional tea house.

### DAY 4: LHASA

Fly to Lhasa and acclimatise.

### DAY 5: DEBATING MONKS

Lhasa is a modern city but among the old streets at its core you'll feel a million miles from the modern world. Venture inside Jokhang Temple where queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. Wander around the Barkhor with traditionally dressed locals and prostrating pilgrims. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery to witness the debating monks. This evening, try yak burgers for dinner.

### DAY 6: THE POTOLA PALACE

The Potola Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city. The former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, it houses thousands of rooms filled

with old treasures. This evening enjoy a traditional Tibetan dance performance.

### DAY 7: SHIGATSE

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse, Tibet's second city and the traditional home of the Panchen Lama. Take a stroll through the local market and browse the wares on sale.

### DAY 8: TASHILHUNPO MONASTERY

Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, the hilltop complex that is the monastic seat of the Panchen Lama. From here drive to New Tingri admiring awe-inspiring Himalayan views.

### DAY 9: EVEREST BASE CAMP

Rise early to make the final assault across the Gue La to Pasum and Rongbuk, a monastic village festooned in colourful prayer flags. Visit the world's highest post office, then continue to Everest Base Camp, situated under the gaze of Everest's north face, from where the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed (weather permitting).

### DAY 10: GYANTSE KUMBUM

Drive to the pleasant town of Gyantse and visit the famous kumbum. This fascinating monastery is home to the largest chörten in Tibet – climb it for a secession of colourful mural-filled chapels and wonderful views. Stay overnight in the town.



▲ BHAKTAPUR

### DAY 11: YAMDROK LAKE

Drive back to Lhasa, making a stop to admire the colossal Karuola Glacier, stretching down the side of Mount Simila towards the road; and a stop to admire the breathtaking blue of the sacred Yamdrok Lake, backed by the snowy peaks of the Himalayas. Overnight in Lhasa.

### DAY 12: INTO NEPAL

Fly to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Meet your Nepalese guide and transfer to Dhulikhel to see the traditional Nuwari houses and browse the local market.

### DAY 13: BHAKTAPUR

Visit Changu Narayan Temple before taking a hike to Telkot through the forest landscapes, admiring the stunning Himalayan scenery. Drive to Bhaktapur and visit the Old Houses before enjoying a traditional Nepalese lunch. This afternoon wander Bhaktapur's cobblestone streets where you'll stumble across many old courtyards, temples and artisans busy at their craft. Visit the Golden Gate and the Palace of 55 Windows on Durbar Square.

### DAYS 14-15: POKHARA

Fly to Pokhara. The town sits on the verdant banks of Phewa Lake with virtually uninterrupted views of the majestic Annapurna and Manaslu ranges. Take a walking tour, admiring the views. The next day, explore Pokhara's traditional bazaar, Bindyabasini Temple, Gupteshwor Cave and Devi's Fall. Spend the afternoon wandering the Mountain Museum.

### DAYS 16-17: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Admire the sunrise before departing for Chitwan National

## IMMERSE YOURSELF

Park. A jungle safari delivers you to the Terai, or plains region. Tomorrow, take an early morning nature walk, and visit the elephant stables. Later, enjoy a serene trip down the Rapti River to view the animals on the river banks. Observe an elephant bath and this evening enjoy a traditional Tharu Stick dance performed by local farmers.

### DAY 18: DAMAN

Drive to Daman which has one of the most spectacular outlooks over the Himalayan range of anywhere in Nepal. Continue on to Kathmandu.

### DAY 19: LAMA BLESSING

Essentially a suburb of Kathmandu, Patan was once the capital of an independent kingdom, something that is noticeable in its distinctiveness. See the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Palace and the sights of Patan's Durbar Square. Returning to Kathmandu, visit the Bodhnath Stupa and Monastery for a very special Lama blessing. Continue to Pashupatinath Temple.

### DAY 20: SWAYAMBHUNATH

Kathmandu is a city of many layers – a modern day assault on the senses, a hub of cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. Today's visits include Swayambhunath Temple, Durbar Square, the Kumari Temple and Thamel Market.

### DAY 21: FLY KATHMANDU TO UK

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

## DEPARTURES – Departing Tuesday returning Monday

2018 DATES							
08 May - 28 May	£4,490	02 Oct - 22 Oct	£4,590				
2019 DATES							
07 May - 27 May	£4,890	01 Oct - 21 Oct	£4,990				

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▲ PUNAKHA DZONG



▲ ONE HORNED RHINO



▲ KALIMPONG MONASTERY



▲ TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY

## IMMERSE YOURSELF

### DAY 12: 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 13: GORUMARA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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

### DAY 14: INTO BHUTAN

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

### DAYS 15-16: DISCOVER THIMPHU

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

### DAY 17: TRAVEL TO GANGTEY

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

### DAY 18: RURAL BHUTAN

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

### DAY 19: DISCOVER PUNAKHA

This morning visit the magnificent temple complex at Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang nunnery. 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 of the Kingdom. Paro is surrounded by some of Bhutan's oldest temples and monasteries, visit Ta Dzong and Rinpung Dzong.

### DAY 21: TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY

Taktsang (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: HAA VALLEY

Rise early and take a day trip to Haa Valley, stopping en route to admire the views. Enjoy a picnic lunch and explore the lush green valley, visiting the white and black temples before returning to Paro for the night.

### DAY 23: FLY TO KOLKATA

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

### DAY 24: FLY KOLKATA TO UK

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

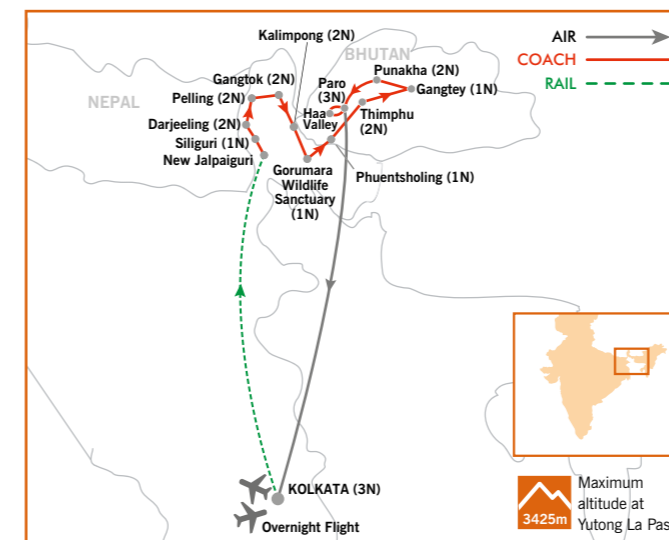
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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Kolkata
- Feel small before colossal Mt Kanchenjunga
- Spot rhinos and elephants
- Soak up Bhutan's culture
- Walk to Tiger's Nest Monastery

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KOLKATA

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

### DAY 3: 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 4: TRAIN TO NEW JALPAIGURI

Get up early to visit a fragrant flower market and view the cantilever Howrah Bridge. Stop by Kumhartuli, the artisan colony and see a Jain temple. Later board a train to New Jalpaiguri before driving to Siliguri to spend the night.

### DAY 5: DRIVE TO DARJEELING

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

### DAY 6: EXPLORE DARJEELING

Rise before the sun to catch it rising over Mt Kanchenjunga from Tiger Hill, which you'll reach by jeep. On the way back to Darjeeling visit Yiga Choling Monastery. Later, all

aboard the famous 'Toy Train' which winds its way through the lush green hills and plantations before enjoying the Himalaya Mountaineering Institute.

### DAY 7: INTO SIKKIM

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

### DAY 8: KHECHEOPALRI LAKE

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

### DAYS 9-10: 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 to enjoy exotic flowers and mountain panoramas. The next day visit the Enchey Monastery, the Sikkim Research Institute of Technology.

### DAY 11: RUMTEK MONASTERY

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

## DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Sunday

2018 DATES				2019 DATES			
13 Apr - 06 May	£5,490	12 Oct - 04 Nov	£5,190	02 Nov - 25 Nov	£5,190	12 Apr - 05 May	£5,990
						11 Oct - 03 Nov	£5,690
						01 Nov - 24 Nov	£5,690

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- Knowledgeable National Escorts
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- Champagne moments
- UK chauffeur transfers
- Visa applications and fees
- Mid-tour laundry service

## THE KEY TO OUR TOURS

Our Exclusive Collection tours are graded as comfortable to reflect the level of fitness required. Just look for the icons on the page.

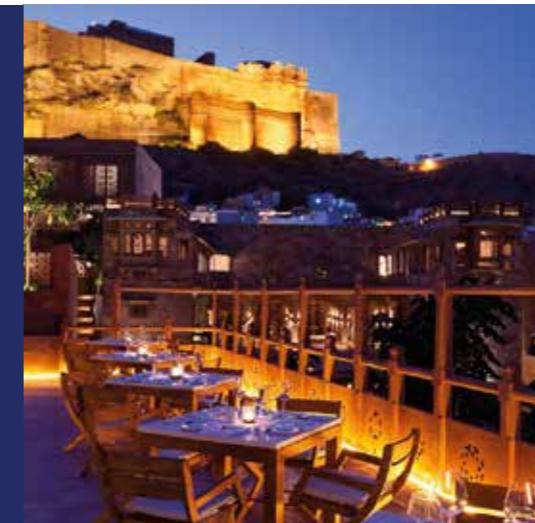
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➤ Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. Tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.

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## LUXURY HOTELS

All of the hotels used for the Exclusive Collection are five-star and have been handpicked to compliment the high quality of experiences on the tour.



## IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

The exclusive experiences on these tours are designed to truly immerse you in India. Learn about local dishes in a cooking demonstration, drink tea with a shepherd community and witness a Puja ceremony on the Ganges.



## INDULGE

It's the unique, indulgent extras that take these tours to the next level – a sunrise cruise down the Ganges, a colourful Bollywood performance or a glass of champagne at the impressive Mehrangarh Fort.



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Join our Glimpse of India tour, ideal for a first-time encounter of the classic Golden Triangle route, whilst indulging in our exclusive experiences. Venture further afield with Essence of India, to see more of the country's extraordinary highlights. Use the table below to decide which of the two is the one for you.

EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION	DAYS	PAGE	DELHI	TAJ MAHAL	WILDLIFE	VARANASI	JAIPUR	JODHPUR	UDAIPUR
Glimpse of India	9 days	58	•	•			•		
Essence of India	19 days	60	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

# EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

All of our Exclusive Collection tours include a range of unique experiences, designed to immerse you in some of the world's most iconic locations and to give you a greater insight into local culture and history.



## MOHABBAT THE TAJ

Set in 16th-century India, this epic stage production tells the story of the emperor Shah Jahan and his beloved during the reign of the Mughal Empire. Capturing perfectly the grandeur and lavish lifestyle of the elite, 'Mohabbat the Taj' is a mesmerising show of colours, dance and music, back dropped with a stunning replica of the Taj Mahal; the most iconic symbol of India.



## PRIVATE, CURATORIAL TOUR OF MEHRANGARH FORT

One of the most impressive and formidable structures in Rajasthan, Mehrangarh comprises magnificent palaces, meticulously carved panels and latticed windows known as Jharokas. On arrival, enjoy a walk around the Fort with a curator who will tell you stories of splendour and glamour in a bygone era. Finish with an exclusive dinner in part of the fort which is not open to the general public.



## COOKING DEMONSTRATION, JAIPUR

Hosted on the roof terrace of Ikaki Niwas, a traditional Rajasthani house, you will take part in a cooking demonstration learning how to make rotis (Indian bread) and other local dishes. 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.



## RAWLA NARLAI VILLAGE

For an authentic taste of rural, traditional Rajasthan, a wander through Rawla Narlai is unsurpassed. You'll be welcomed into the house of a local shepherd, who over a cup of tea will tell you more about living in this colourful village. Take a very exclusive, candle-lit dinner in the nearby stepwell – a truly one-off and unforgettable experience.

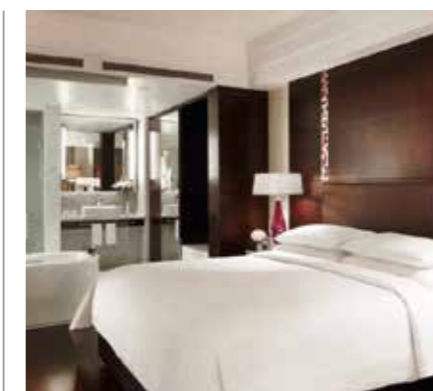
# LUXURY HOTELS

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## THE LALIT, NEW DELHI

Located at the very heart of the action in the grand colonial Connaught Place, the five-star Lalit New Delhi is surrounded by buzzing cafes, bazaars, and shops. Spacious rooms have elegant Indian touches as well as all the modern conveniences. There are seven restaurants to choose from and a spa for ultimate relaxation.



## JAIPUR MARRIOTT, JAIPUR

The layout of the Jaipur Marriott is designed to reflect the opulent and historical character of the 'pink city' with its marble interior, spacious bedrooms and exotic style outdoor pool. Equipped with high-speed internet, in-room entertainment and complimentary fruit plate, the Jaipur Marriott goes to lengths to make your stay all the more pleasant.



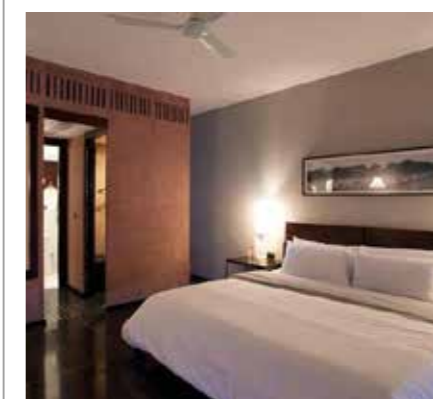
## KHEM VILLAS, RANTHAMBORE

A small family-owned, eco resort located on the edge of Ranthambore National Park, Khem Villas has been designed with sophistication and simplicity. A library and a plunge pool both offer luxurious spaces to relax between safaris and guests can enjoy delicious vegetarian home cooking for every meal. Khem Villas focuses on the personal touch.



## RADISSON BLU, AGRA

Located within minutes of the fabled Taj Mahal and the Mughal Agra Fort, the Radisson Blu is nestled in the centre of this exciting city. With calming colours, upscale amenities and comfortable beds, Radisson Blu is a tranquil relaxation spot to unwind in luxury after a day of sightseeing. Don't forget to check out the extensive range of bars and restaurants, both inside and out.



## RAAS HOTEL, JODHPUR

With unrivalled views of the majestic Mehrangarh Fort, the RAAS Hotel takes you right to the historical and cultural core of the 'blue city'. As Jodhpur's first boutique hotel, the RAAS is designed to mirror the stone-coloured look of neighbouring Mehrangarh and offers stunning vistas over Jodhpur.



## GATEWAY GANGES, VARANASI

Exuding old world charm but bursting with modern amenities, the Gateway Ganges has spacious, comfortable rooms in a fantastic location for exploring the ancient temple city of Varanasi. Offering an outdoor pool and a spa, the hotel also has 24-hour room service and two restaurants to choose from, with both local and international cuisine.

# GLIMPSE OF INDIA

This tour is a classic introduction to India, perfectly showcasing the sprawling and fascinating cities of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. On this journey you will discover colourful bazaars and historic monuments whilst staying in unforgettable locations.

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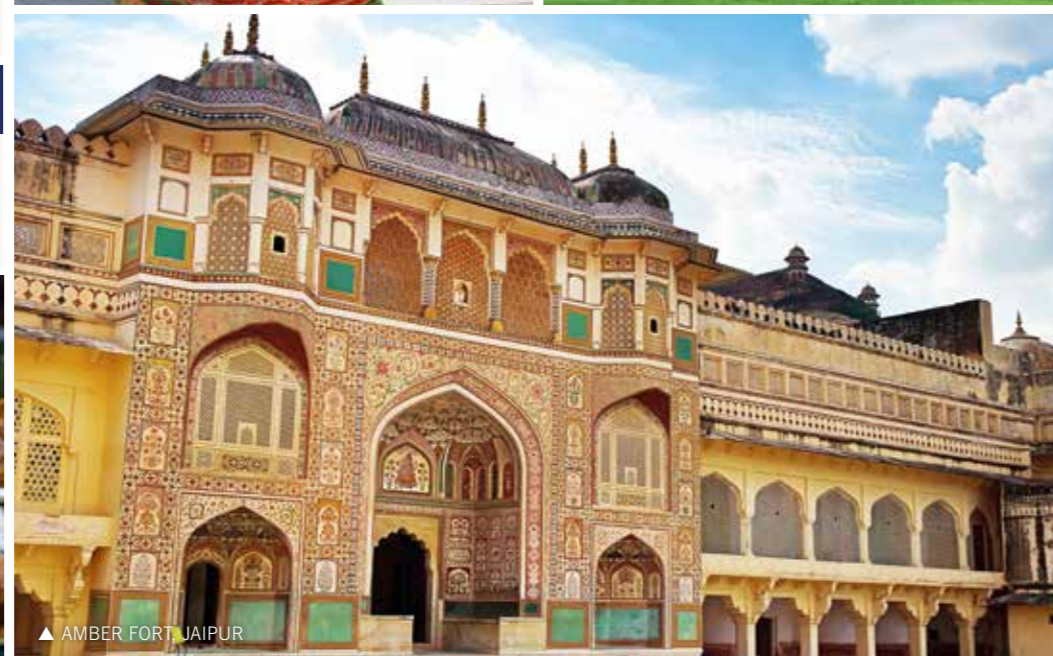
▲ TAJ MAHAL, AGRA



▲ BOLLYWOOD PERFORMANCE



▲ HUMAYUN'S TOMB



▲ AMBER FORT, JAIPUR

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the opulence of New Delhi
- Gaze on the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- Tour the impressive Amber Fort by night
- Indulge in a colourful Bollywood performance

## ITINERARY

### 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)

### 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)

### 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)

### 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)

### 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



▲ CHAND BAORI STEPWELL

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. (B,L,D)

### 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 façade, 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)

### 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 complex 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)

### 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)

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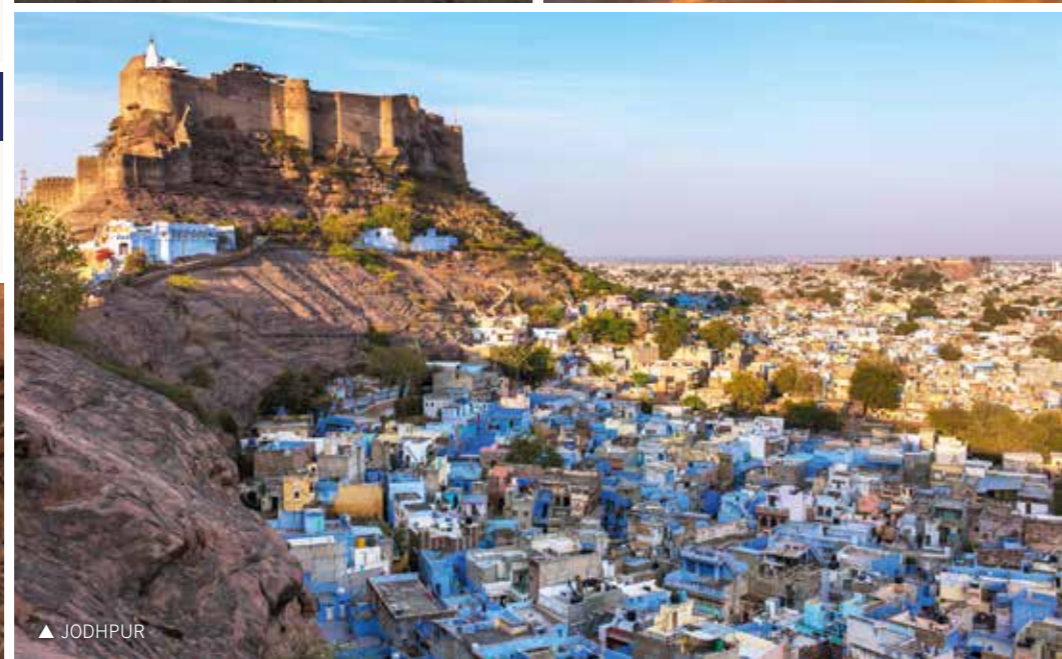
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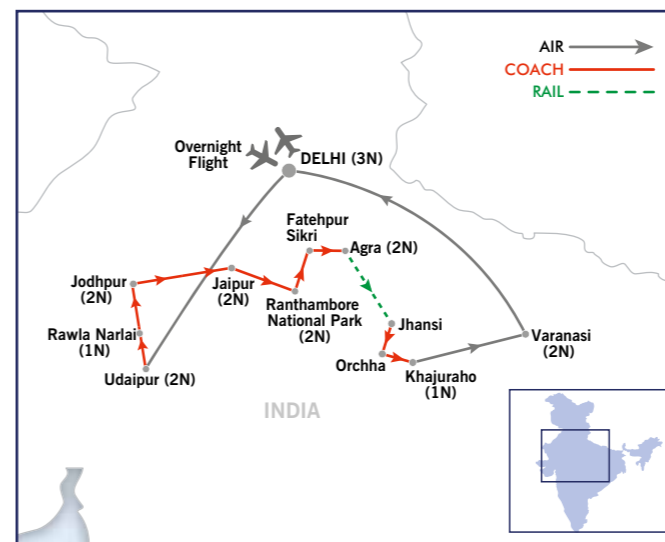
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▲ CITY PALACE, LAKE PICHOLA



▲ JODHPUR



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Dine in the majestic Mehrangarh Fort
- Marvel at Khajuraho's intricate carvings
- Witness a puja ceremony on the River Ganges
- Cruise Udaipur's tranquil Lake Pichola

## ITINERARY

### 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)

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

Delhi is a whirlwind of sensory experiences. Pass by the Red Fort, and stroll along Chandni Chowk, Old Delhi's main thoroughfare, before heading into the maze of old alleyways to admire the magnificent Jama Masjid followed by Lakshmi Narayan Temple. Cross into New Delhi and take the Rajpath past India Gate to see Rashtrapati Bhavan and Qutub Minar. This evening, dine at the Olive Bar & Kitchen, housed in a beautiful Mughal mansion. (B,L,D)

### 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)

### 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)

### 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)

### 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)

### 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)

### 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 market, before enjoying a cooking demonstration and dinner at Ikaki Niwas. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: JAIPUR

Your day of sightseeing will include Hawa Mahal – the Palace of the Winds, the Maharaja's Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory as well as the formidable Amber Fort, draped over a hillside above the town. You will return to the fort this evening for a specially arranged night tour before dining at the 1135 AD restaurant, exclusively located inside the fort's highest ramparts. (B,L,D)

### 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 morning and afternoon safaris, more opportunities to spot the magnificent wildlife. (B,L,D)

### 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 the show 'Mohabbat the Taj' this evening. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: THE TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to view India's most iconic sight, the Taj Mahal. Witness the shifting colours of the white marble as the sun rises and discover the story of Shah Jahan and his third wife

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Mumtaz Mahal. Visit a marble inlay workshop before heading along the river to UNESCO-listed Agra Fort, a Mughal monument built in the 16th century. Take a rickshaw ride through Agra's vibrant streets and browse the exotic spices of a local market. (B,L)

### 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)

### DAY 16: KHAJURAHOO 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)

### 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)

### DAY 18: TRAVEL TO DELHI

This morning is at leisure, before travelling to the airport to fly back to Delhi. (B)

### DAY 19: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

## DEPARTURES – Departing Friday returning Tuesday

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## WHY TAILORMADE?

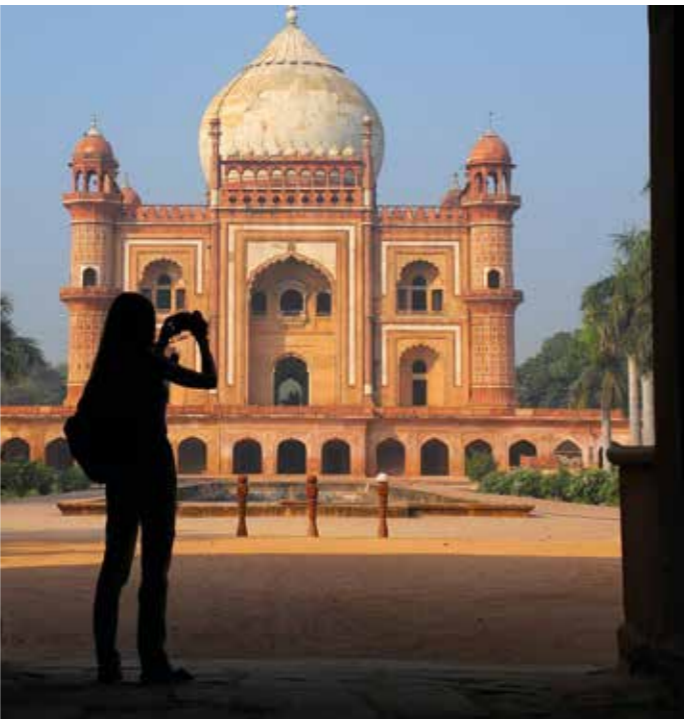
With a tailor-made itinerary you can travel where, when and at the pace you want, for as long as you want. You can pick your accommodation and add all the extras you like, from meals to guides to excursions. You can indulge your interests, whether it's tigers or meditation, and miss anything that doesn't hold much appeal. You have complete control.

## WHAT WE DO:

Our team of dedicated tailor-made Asia experts will help to design your perfect, unique itinerary, or to tweak one of our group tours, so you can have a holiday that fits all of your wants and needs. On the following pages you will find a number of example itineraries that will show you exactly the sort of things you can do, themed around family travel, nature-lovers, foodies and so on.

## 1. PERSONAL SERVICE & EXPERTISE

The creation of your perfect itinerary is a combination of your ideas and desires, and our expertise. Your dedicated tailor-made consultant will listen to what you are looking for, make recommendations and work with you to create a holiday that fulfils all your wants and needs. They are ready on the end of the line from enquiry to departure, so any questions you have, tweaks you want to make, things you want to talk through, just call.



## 2. INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORT

You can travel around your destination any way you like, be it by train, plane or car, but we will always provide you with your own vehicle and driver to make sure that you get the most out of your time exploring. This way you can stop where and when you like, linger by that favourite sight a little longer and have complete control over your holiday time.



## 3. LOCAL FLAVOURS

Asia is home to a wealth of different people and cultures, each offering their own characteristic and delicious cuisines. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, so we include regional specialities to our itineraries, curry and dal for example, but also leave you plenty of space to get out and discover the most flavourful offerings for yourself.



## 4. ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across India ranges from desert camps to grand old palaces. The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you. You can just give us the number of stars that you are comfortable with for us to recommend ones that suit your needs and requirements, or you can peruse through the wide range of hotel options that we have online and pick the ones that appeal to you most.



## 5. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel – immersing yourself in a new culture and different way of life are one of its greatest perks. By tailormaking your trip you can take this a step farther and do something a bit different – a camel safari in the desert, a cooking class in Jodhpur, a meditation class in Thimphu or living like a maharaja in Rajasthan are just a few of your many options.



## 6. PRIVATE GUIDING

There is no better way to really experience your destination than with your very own local expert. Not only will you learn more about the sights and culture but will get the inside knowledge on local life. And we only use the best guides, the ones who are both passionate and knowledgeable about their country and have a desire to share it.

## FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Just because you are a family, it doesn't mean it is just beach holidays and camping on your horizon; there is a whole world of experiences out there for you all to share. India is the perfect place to encounter together – whether your kids are 5 or 15, it is easy to have a seriously fun adventure.

**These are just a few of the many experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer for the family:**



### RICKSHAW RIDE, DELHI

The streets of Old Delhi are a bustling maze of temples, homes, bazaars and chai shops – an exciting, sensory overload! Delve right in to their vibrant chaos on an exciting rickshaw ride that gives the whole family the chance to see the local people going about their days. You'll really feel the atmosphere of Delhi's oldest streets, in a fun and interactive way.



### CAMEL SAFARI

Pushkar may be known for its huge annual Camel Fair, held in November, but you can meet these desert beasts here at any time, and ride them through the surrounding desert! Jog amongst the towering sand dunes and admire the starkly beautiful landscapes of the Thar Desert, where you'll also get to see life in the desert as you pass remote communities.



### RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Ranthambore is one of India's most popular and best known national parks, and for good reason. There are about 40 Bengal Tigers that call the park's untouched jungle home, and as the park is quite small and the tigers easy-going, you have a good chance of spotting one as you pass through on safari. Other wildlife here includes leopards, jackals, sloth bears and a lot of birds.



### DESERT CAMPS

The camps that dot the vast stretches of Rajasthan's desert offers some serious excitement for the whole family. With many camps within easy reach of the major cities, sleeping out in a tent, listening to the sounds of the desert, dining around the camp fire and joining in desert activities is a must – especially when the tents have all the modern conveniences too!

## WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

**DAYS 1-2:** Depart UK and arrive in Delhi

**DAYS 3-4:** Delhi: Rickshaw ride, Lodi Gardens, Jama Masjid, Red Fort

**DAYS 5-6:** Agra: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri

**DAYS 7-8:** Ranthambore National Park: tiger safari

**DAYS 9-11:** Pushkar: Desert Camp, camel safari

**DAYS 12-13:** Jaipur: Amber Fort, Hawa Mahal, Jantar Mantar

**DAY 14:** Depart Delhi for UK

**Guide price: £13,400 per family**

(based on a family of four in two twin share rooms)

## FOR THE FOODIE

Food is a gateway into the culture of a nation, and India, where the focus is on the freshest, most delicious seasonal produce, spices and ingredients, this is particularly poignant. For the adventurous eater who'll munch on anything there are more than enough exciting delicacies to keep you taste buds excited for days.

**These are just a few of the many tasty experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer:**



### SAMPLE WAZWAN, DELHI

Wazwan, a huge, multi-course meal, is a tradition of Kashmiri cuisine, but Delhi also does it well. In Kashmiri culture, the preparation of each dish is considered an art – you'll sit down to a spread of delicious, often spicy dishes, all crying out for you to nibble on. Dishes include many exotic spices, including aniseed, turmeric and asafoetida. Prepare for a taste sensation.



### FOOD TOUR, JODHPUR

A food tour not only gives you the opportunity to try out the food venues that your fellow travellers wouldn't usual find - the ones that the locals frequent – but it also gives you a more authentic view of the city. Wrap your taste buds around a wide range of street food – you'll find the Rajasthani's have a penchant for sweets and their savoury dishes are typically sweet and spicy.



### COOKING CLASS, JAIPUR

The perfect curry; something that every self-respecting foodie strives to achieve. Taking a cooking class in Jaipur, you'll learn the tips and secrets needed to do just that. You can choose to specialise in the flavours of any region of India from Rajasthan to Kerala, working under the guidance of a chef who will help you to prepare a range of delicious treats. Then you get to eat the results. Yum.



### PREPARE THALI, UDAIPUR

Thali is the traditional Rajasthani dish that just keeps giving. Served up on a big platter, the multiple dishes offer a range of different flavours, textures and colours. Learn to create this masterpiece of eating in a cooking class. Primarily vegetarian, you'll pick up tips on how to combine sweets, ghee and spices. Dishes may include pilau, bhindi curry, chapatti and matar paneer.

## WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

**DAYS 1-2:** Depart UK and arrive in Delhi

**DAYS 3-4:** Delhi: Lodi Gardens, Jama Masjid, Red Fort, wazwan

**DAYS 5-6:** Agra: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri

**DAYS 7-8:** Jaipur: Amber Fort, Hawa Mahal, cooking class

**DAYS 9-10:** Jodhpur: Mehrangarh Fort, food tour

**DAYS 11-12:** Udaipur: Lake Pichola, palaces, thali class

**DAY 13:** Depart Udaipur for UK

**Guide price: £3,090 per person**

(based on two sharing a twin room)

## FOR THE EXPLORER

Bhutan's epic landscapes offer nothing but excitement and they remain, thanks to tight restrictions, relatively undiscovered. Bearing this in mind, Bhutan is just calling out to be explored by someone who is willing to experience all sides of this fascinating country, from authentic activities to downright luxury.

**These are just a few of the many experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer the explorer:**



### MEDITATION CLASS, THIMPHU

Bhutan's untouched culture is very much rooted in the teachings of Mahayana Buddhism - about 75% of the country's population practices it. Meditation has long been a central pillar of the Buddhist religion, so if you feel that it is about time to introduce a little more zen into your life, there is no better place to learn the basics than in Bhutan's capital city.



### UMA BY COMO, PUNAKHA

A lodge situated in the lush Punakha Valley, the Uma mixes classical elegance with Bhutanese design to create wonderfully decadent accommodation. Set in a Bhutanese rural idyll amongst rice paddies and orchards - every room has sweeping views of these incredible surroundings - there is even a retreat offering massages and therapies nestled in a nearby woodland glade.



### RAFTING, PARO

Bhutan boasts six crystal clear rivers formed by glacial melt water high up in the mountains - they offer both a thrilling white-water ride and the opportunity to get out and explore Bhutan's untouched wilderness. Each river has a variety of white-water levels, so whether you are a complete beginner or a rafting pro, there will be somewhere that you can take to the water.



### HIKE TO TIGER'S NEST, PARO

Bhutan's best known and most impressive monastery, Tiger's Nest can only be reached on foot. Hiking up through the Paro Valley, passing fragrant forest, viewpoints (perfect to catch your breath!) and lines of colourful prayer wheels, you'll spot the monastery long before you reach it, perched precariously on a ledge halfway up a cliff face, a sight that will stay with you always.

## WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

**DAYS 1-2:** Depart UK and arrive in Paro

**DAYS 3-4:** Thimphu: meditation, Tashi Chhose Dzong

**DAYS 5-7:** Punakha: dzong, Chimi Lhakhang, Uma by COMO

**DAYS 8-9:** Paro: Tiger's Nest hike, dzong, National Museum

**DAY 10:** Depart Paro for UK

**Guide price: £2,890 per person**  
(based on two sharing a twin room)

## FOR THE WILDLIFE LOVER

India has a vast network of national parks filled with unique wildlife that are more than enough to inspire the average wildlife lover. From Bengal Tigers and Asiatic Lions, to a wealth of bird species, this is the place to find nature with the wow-factor. Go on safari through some of India's very best, and lesser known parks.

**These are just a few of the many experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer the wildlife lover:**



### KEOLADEO NATIONAL PARK

This manmade wetlands, established 250 years ago, has become one of the world's richest bird areas. Also a World Heritage Site, the vast mix of habitats, including grasslands and woodland swamps, attracts thousands of bird species, especially during the migration when they drop by to breed and spend the winter, but there are 350 species that are residents year round.



### GIR FOREST NATIONAL PARK

The sole home of the endangered Asiatic lions, Gir Forest National Park is one of the most important protected areas in the whole of Asia. Once a hunting ground, where the lions were hunted to the verge of extinction, it was declared protected in 1900 by the Maharaja - there are now around 523 lions living here, alongside leopards, hyenas, honey badgers and 300 species of birds.



### PENCH NATIONAL PARK

Located in an area where it is said that Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book' was set, Pench National Park has been a tiger reserve since 1992. There are around 40 Bengal Tigers in the park but it is also rich in other wildlife including sloth bears, leopards, antelope and barking deer. All live together in habitats consisting of moist sheltered valleys and dry forest, amongst much endangered flora.



### TADOBA NATIONAL PARK

One of India's 'Project Tiger' parks, Tadoba has about 80 resident big cats and is still relatively off-the-beaten-track, with much lower visitor numbers than reserves such as Ranthambore. The tigers roam through a habitat of cliffs, marshes and lakes and it is said that you have a reasonably high chance of seeing at least one as you safari your way through.

## WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

**DAYS 1-2:** Depart UK and arrive in Delhi

**DAYS 3-4:** Delhi: Lodi Gardens, Jama Masjid, Red Fort

**DAYS 5-6:** Agra: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort

**DAYS 7-9:** Keoladeo National Park

**DAYS 10-12:** Gir Forest National Park

**DAYS 13-15:** Pench National Park

**DAYS 16-18:** Tadoba National Park

**DAYS 19-20:** Mumbai: Marine Drive, Fort area, museums

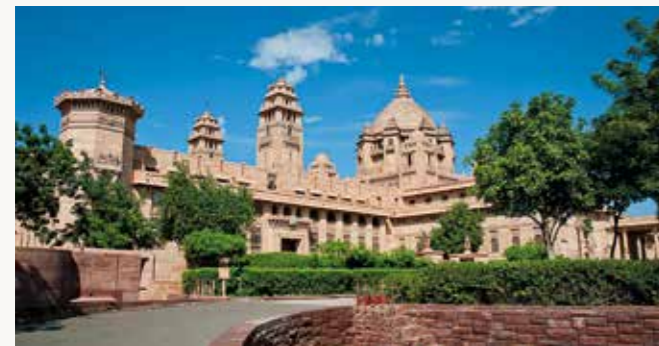
**DAY 21:** Depart Mumbai for UK

**Guide price: £5,490 per person**  
(based on two sharing a twin room)

## FOR THE ASPIRING RAJA

We've all dreamt of living in a palace, but it all crashes down when the reality of all the cleaning hits. In Rajasthan they have plenty of palaces; many of them are now world-class hotels. Problem solved! Whether you just splash out for one night or go palaces all the way, you will get the full Rajasthani Raja experience.

**These are just a few of the many heritage hotels that Wendy Wu Tours can offer:**



### UMAID BHAWAN PALACE, JODHPUR

One of the world's largest private residences, the Umaid Bhawan Palace is split into three sections. Part luxury hotel, part royal abode and part museum, the palace was built by Henry Lanchester in 1928. Sat on a hill above Jodhpur, the 64 Art Deco-inspired rooms are opulent, there are two swimming pools and the service is incredibly attentive.



### SAMODE PALACE, SAMODE

A wonderland of a hotel, once you've entered the mirror-tiled hallways of the Samode Palace, you won't want to leave. Indo-Saracenic in style, this 475-year-old palace does contemporary luxury with ease, whilst the excellent service is straight out of the golden age of the Raj. Make the most of the many desert-based activities on offer.



### TAJ LAKE PALACE, UDAIPUR

A heritage hotel housed in the former pleasure palace of Maharana Jagat Singh II, the Taj Lake Palace floats majestically on the waters of Lake Pichola. Built in 1743 from white marble, rooms are furnished with finely-carved wood furniture and sumptuous silks whilst a private butler is on hand 24 hours a day to see to your every whim.



### RAMBAGH PALACE, JAIPUR

First a royal guesthouse, then a maharaja's residence and now a luxury heritage hotel, the Rambagh Palace oozes opulence. Elegant rooms are draped in rich fabrics and decorated with wall motifs whilst the perfectly symmetrical ornamental gardens are ideal for a post-dinner stroll. Sit back and enjoy the hospitality of the Rajput.

## WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

**DAYS 1-2:** Depart UK and arrive in Delhi

**DAYS 3-4:** Delhi: Red Fort, Old Delhi, New Delhi

**DAYS 5-6:** Udaipur: Taj Lake Palace, Lake Pichola, City Palace

**DAYS 7-8:** Jodhpur: Umaid Bhawan Palace, Mehrangarh Fort

**DAYS 9-10:** Samode: Samode Palace

**DAYS 11-12:** Jaipur: Rambagh Palace, Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar

**DAYS 13-14:** Agra: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort

**DAY 15:** Depart Delhi for UK

**Guide price: £3,500 per person**  
(based on two sharing a twin room)

## FOR THE CULTURIST

Sri Lanka's culture combines many influences – together they make a unique and fascinating heritage that just cries out to be explored. For the full-on culture vulture, hop from ancient civilisations to pilgrimage sites to the bustling districts of Colombo, each offering a new and exciting experience.

**These are just a few of the many cultural experiences that Wendy Wu Tours can offer:**



### PUJA CEREMONY, KANDY

The Temple of the Tooth is Sri Lanka's most sacred place of worship. Built to house, you guessed it, a tooth – Buddha's own. Three times daily the tooth is taken from its chamber in its golden case and brought before devotees and tourists alike to worship. The rhythmic drumming and incense really bring the ritual and tradition home.



### ADAM'S PEAK

A spectacular peak and place of pilgrimage, for over 1,000 years this 2,243 metre mountain has been ascended by those seeking out the depression at its summit, believed to be the footprint of Buddha by Buddhists, of Adam by Muslims and of Shiva by Hindus. Mostly a Buddhist place of worship, join the pilgrims in climbing the peak and ringing the bell at the top.



### BUDURUWAGALA, ELLA

Passing through some beautiful nature, reaching Buduruwagala is a breathtaking experience. Centred around a standing Buddha – at 15 metres, it is Sri Lanka's tallest. There are seven 1,000-year-old statues here – all based on the Mahayana school of thought. You can even see the bright colours that the sculptures used to be.



### PETTAH WALKING TOUR, COLOMBO

Colombo's most vibrant district, Pettah perfectly showcases the city's blend of people, cultures and religions. This bazaar district feels more strongly Tamil Muslim than the rest of the city, but alongside are Hindu temples and colonial churches. Still in a traditional bazaar layout, wander the streets of overflowing shops and stalls and soak up the atmosphere.

## WHY NOT ENJOY THESE EXPERIENCES ON THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

**DAYS 1-2:** Depart UK and arrive in Colombo

**DAYS 3-6:** Cultural Triangle: Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa, Anurandhapura, Dambulla

**DAYS 7-8:** Kandy: Puja ceremony, Temple of the Sacred Tooth

**DAYS 9-10:** Nuwara Eliya: Adam's Peak, tea plantations

**DAYS 11-12:** Ella: Buduruwagala

**DAYS 13-14:** Galle: Fort, beaches

**DAYS 15-16:** Colombo: Pettah, Fort district, museums

**DAY 17:** Depart Colombo for UK

**Guide price: £3,590 per person**  
(based on two sharing a twin room)



# 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 or extension will allow you to delve even deeper into the region or explore a whole other country, whilst a stopover is an easy way to add somewhere such as Dubai to your travel itinerary.

# SHIMLA EXTENSION

4 DAYS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Narrow gauge railway
- 'Queen of Hill Stations'
- Himalayan landscapes
- Jakhoo Temple hike

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE SUPPLEMENT
Standard	£560	£420
Superior	£590	£490
Deluxe	£760	£590

### Price includes

- Three nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Private touring as stated with an English-speaking guide
- All transportation



▲ HIMALAYAN MONAL

### DAY 1: TOY TRAIN TO SHIMLA

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

### DAY 2: EXPLORE SHIMLA

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

Church, northern India's second oldest church and Scandal point. Visit the Himalayan Aviary this afternoon, home to the Himalayan Monal amongst many other species of birds. (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)

# NEPAL SHORT STAY

6 DAYS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Iconic Himalayas
- Patan Durbar Square
- Bodnath and Swayambhunath Stupas
- Cooking like the locals

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE SUPPLEMENT
Standard	£520	£360
Superior	£620	£420
Deluxe	£790	£560

### Price includes

- Five nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Private touring as stated with an English-speaking guide
- All transportation



▲ PATAN'S DURBAR SQUARE

### DAY 1: EXPLORE BHAKATPUR

Meet your guide at your Kathmandu hotel and transfer to Bhaktapur, where you will explore the 9th-century town. Continue on to Nagarkot, a mountainous resort village. (L)

### DAY 2: HIMALAYAS

Today is at leisure. Depending on weather conditions, you may wish to rise early to view the sun rise over the Himalaya range. You will have the opportunity to explore a local village with a guide this afternoon. (B,L)

### DAY 3: NAGARKOT TO KATHMANDU

Wander down to Bastola Village with a Local Guide and spend time strolling through the village. Meet a local family and delight in a

cooking lesson, followed by lunch. Drive back to Kathmandu. (B,L)

### DAY 4: DISCOVER PATAN

Tour Patan, including the former Royal Palace and Patan's Durbar Square. Return to Kathmandu and visit two of the most significant sights in Nepal, the Bodhnath 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 for your onward flight. (B)

# SRI LANKA SHORT STAY

10 DAYS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Elephant Safari
- Kandy's Sacred temple
- Lush Tea Plantations

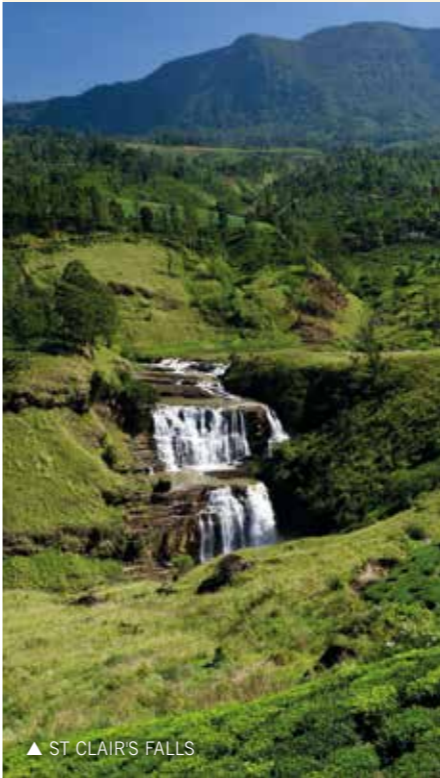
Journey through Sri Lanka's extensive history, culture and nature discovering the ruins of ancient civilisations, spotting exotic wildlife and soaking up the spectacular landscapes as you go.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE SUPPLEMENT
Standard	£1,320	£760
Superior	£1,690	£990
Deluxe	£1,920	£1,060

### Price includes

- 9 nights' accommodation
- Meals as listed
- Private touring as stated with an English-speaking guide
- All transportation



▲ ST CLAIR'S FALLS



▲ POLONNARUWA

### DAY 1: ARRIVE COLOMBO

On arrival at Colombo airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the coastal town of Negombo, a short drive from Colombo. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (D)

### DAY 2: TRAVEL TO SIGIRIYA

Transfer to the heart of Sri Lanka's 'Cultural Triangle', Sigiriya. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA

Discover the 5th century UNESCO-listed Rock Fortress, also known as 'Lion Rock', the spectacular citadel of King Kassappa, built on top of a rocky outcrop towering over the plain. Continue to Polonnaruwa, also UNESCO, a ruined city that was the capital of Sri Lanka in the 11th and 12th century which is full of magnificent stupas, frescoes and statues. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK

Take a morning safari through Minneriya National Park, home to elephants and many other native species. Explore Dambulla Rock Temple, a place of worship since the 1st century BC, and transfer to cultural capital Kandy. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: EXPLORE KANDY

Tour this vibrant hill city, with a visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of the most revered Buddhist sites in the world. This evening you will watch a cultural dance performance. (B,L)

### DAY 6: TRAIN TO NUWARA ELIYA

Transfer to Peradeniya and board the train to Nanu Oya for the hill station Nuwara Eliya. One of the most spectacular stretches of scenic railway in the world, pass through mountain valleys and lush tea plantations. Arrive in Nanu Oya, and transfer to Nuwara Eliya via a tea plantation. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: ST CLAIR'S FALLS

Journey into the spectacular landscapes around Nuwara Eliya to see St Clair's Falls, one of the most unique waterfalls in Sri Lanka. You can view the waterfalls from the road above or walk along a trail that winds through tea plantations to take a closer look. Return to the hotel and enjoy High Tea this afternoon. (B,L)

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO COLOMBO

Travel from Nuwara Eliya to Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital city, stopping for lunch en route. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: DISCOVER COLOMBO

Spend the morning exploring Colombo's Fort District and the surrounding merchant streets in the heart of Pettah. Visit a Hindu temple to see the elaborate stone carvings and the historic Dutch Wolveendaal Church. The rest of the day will be free for you to explore at leisure. (B,L)

### DAY 10: DEPART COLOMBO

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

GOA

4 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £440

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

Your hotel

The *O Resort and Spa*, sits right on Candolim Beach. Overlooking the Arabian Sea, the lush tropical gardens that surround the hotel give it a wonderfully secluded feel. There is a spa, an infinity pool and two restaurants, whilst bedrooms are light and airy with sea panoramas.

Upgrade your experience

Set in ten acres of riverside paradise, the *Resort Rio* is perfectly located for a number of northern Goa's best beaches. Rooms are cool and spacious. Hang out at the vibrant café and bar, relax by the pool or on the nearby beach.

On Goa's south coast, marooned amongst lush paddy fields and the Arabian Sea, the *Alilia Diwa* is a resort that exudes peace and tranquillity. Each room is a sanctuary of contemporary elegance, a space of Goan design, with a private terrace or balcony and free-standing bathtub.

Adding this on

There are many direct flights into Goa from all over India. Flying time is approximately 2 hours 30 mins from Delhi and just over an hour from Mumbai. All of our airline partners will get you home from Goa with Qatar Airways routing via Doha instead of connecting again through India.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ O Resort and Spa	£440	£320
4★ Resort Rio	£470	£340
5★ Alilia Diwa	£640	£540

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 4 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers
- One day tour of Goa with lunch

MARARI

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £290

On a stretch of the exotic Malabar coast, Marari beach is one of India's hidden gems. The area has a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere and is close to Alleppy and Kerala's famous backwaters.

Your hotel

Overlooking Marari Beach, the *Abad Turtle Beach* has a sun deck and infinity pool. Spacious beach cottages, spread through gardens that stretch to 13 acres, decked out with white-and-wood cuttings with tile floors, provide light and airy accommodation, with a private patio.

Upgrade your experience

A small boutique hotel, with cottages right on the sand, *A Beach Symphony* perfectly combines contemporary design with a traditional Kerala feel. The resort has an outdoor swimming pool, and dinner is freshly prepared and served on your private veranda.

With a focus on relaxation, the *Marari Beach Resort* is set right on the beach. This is eco-friendly luxury with plenty of activities on offer, from yoga to volleyball.

Adding this on

Marari is approximately a two hour drive from Cochin, which is accessed via numerous direct flights from all over India. This is the ideal extension if you are on our 'Kerala & The Southern Highlights' or 'Discover Kerala' tours which finish in Cochin. All of our airline partners will get you home from Cochin, with Emirates, Qatar Airways and Etihad routing via the Middle East instead of connecting again through India.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ Abad Turtle Beach	£290	£260
4★ A Beach Symphony	£400	£390
5★ Marari Beach Resort	£530	£460

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers

KOVALAM

4 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £260

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.

Your hotel

Located close to the beauty of the palm-fringed Light House Beach, the *Soma Palmshore* is set on its own private beach. Full of local tradition and culture, you'll find an Ayurveda spa and outdoor pool, as well as opportunities to practice yoga on the beach. Each room has a balcony with a sea view.

Upgrade your experience

Just 15 metres from the sea on Kovalam Beach, the *Uday Samudra Beach Hotel* is surrounded by spacious lawns and coconut groves.

Set on top of a rocky promontory, overlooking a private sandy bay, the *Leela Kovalam* is one of Kerala's

most decadent properties.

Rooms have garden or beach views and are resplendent in traditional Kerala décor – all have private sun decks. The best spot for sunset is sitting in the rooftop bar.

Adding this on

Kovalam is a 30 minute drive from Trivandrum, which is accessed via numerous direct flights from all over India. This is the ideal extension if you are on our 'Grand Tour of India' tour which finishes in Trivandrum. All of our airline partners will get you home from Trivandrum, with Emirates, Qatar Airways and Etihad routing via the Middle East instead of connecting again through India.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ Soma Palmshore	£260	£230
4★ Uday Samudra Beach Hotel	£400	£340
5★ Leela Kovalam	£750	£710

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 4 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers
- One day city tour of Trivandrum

BENTOTA

3 NIGHTS FROM PER PERSON £340

Within easy reach of Colombo, Bentota is dedicated to all things sea and sand. Whether you just want to relax or take part in a water sport, this is the place for some pre-or-post tour beach time.

Your hotel

Designed to look like a Dutch seaside village, by renowned local architect Geoffrey Bawa, the *Avani Bentota* exudes a tropical, laidback vibe. Rooms feature cool and contemporary décor with a private balcony that gives views over the beach and Indian Ocean. Find relaxation in the spa, make use of the excellent facilities and dine in two excellent restaurants in a wonderfully quiet spot on Bentota beach.

Upgrade your experience

Housed in a concept building designed by Geoffrey Bawa, the *Bentota Beach* sits on the bank of the Bentota River, located just 10 minutes' drive

from the Sea Turtle Hatchery. Accommodation offers a private balcony with scenic views and the hotel has plenty of recreational activities. For utmost indulgence, try the *Vivanti by Taj – Bentota*, which sits in luxuriant tropical gardens right beside the beach. From your private designer bathroom in the light and airy bedrooms, to the cuisine served at the four restaurants, this vibrant, relaxing resorts exudes contemporary luxury.

Adding this on

Located just 65 kilometres from Colombo, it is incredibly easy to add this Bentota beach extension onto any of our Sri Lanka tours.



Prices per person from		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE SUPPLEMENT
3★ Avani Bentota	£340	£220
4★ Bentota Beach	£380	£260
5★ Vivanti by Taj	£480	£290

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers
- Boat trip on Madu Ganga

## DUBAI STOPOVER

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.



▲ BURJ AL ARAB

### DUBAI HOTELS



**MARCO POLO HOTEL**  
★★★★

Close to the airport and in easy reach of shopping malls and public transport, the Marco Polo is also located for those who want to explore the more historical side of the city. There is a pool to relax around and award-winning restaurants to dine at.



**HILTON DUBAI, THE WALK**  
★★★★

On 'The Walk' and close to the new 'The Beach' mall, this Hilton offer modern and tasteful décor. With easy access to the sand, many rooms have views of the beachfront and facilities including kitchenette and seating area.



**JA OCEAN VIEW HOTEL**  
★★★★

Across the road from Jumeirah Beach on lively 'The Walk', the JA Ocean View is comfortable and modern. All rooms have sea views from their spacious balconies, and there are seven restaurants, and a beautiful infinity pool.



**AMWAJ ROTANA, JUMEIRAH BEACH**  
★★★★+

The Amwaj Rotana boasts the largest guest rooms of the Jumeirah Beach Residence, each tastefully furnished and with a spacious balcony. This is the hotel for those looking for fun-filled entertainment in the evenings.



**MÖVENPICK HOTEL JUMEIRAH BEACH**  
★★★★★

Located on 'The Walk', the Mövenpick is well situated for shopping and entertainment. A chic and modern property, contemporary rooms have balconies with partial or full views of the Gulf, and there is an outdoor pool and wellness centre.



**SHERATON JUMEIRAH BEACH RESORT**  
★★★★★

Sat on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Sheraton has excellent facilities, including a spa and water sports. The combination of the contemporary hotel and its expansive landscape gardens creates a modern paradise.

## ESSENTIAL DUBAI

**2 NIGHTS FROM** PER PERSON **£230**

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

On arrival into Dubai Airport, be met by your driver and get taken by car to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Enjoy a half day tour of the city, which takes in both traditional and modern Dubai. Make a stop for photos at the Burj Al Arab and Jumeirah Mosque, pass the Zabeel Palace and explore the Al Fahidi Cultural Neighbourhood and art district and the Dubai

Museum. It's then time to take a step back in time, and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra, or water taxi, to wander through the vibrant Spice and Gold souks in the old part of the city – the wares here have been the same for centuries. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI

After checkout, transfer back to the airport for your onward flight to the UK. (B)



### Prices per person from

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£230	£140
4+★ Amwaj Rotana	£320	£240
5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£350	£250

*Flight supplements may apply*

### Price includes

- 2 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English speak guide
- Entrance fees
- Breakfast daily

## DUBAI & THE DESERT

**3 NIGHTS FROM** PER PERSON **£390**

Dubai sits within the Arabian Desert, and with this stopover you can experience it on an adventurous and magical evening tour. Explore the sand dunes and dine on delicious Arabian fare under the stars. You'll also experience the city itself on a half day city tour.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

On arrival into Dubai Airport, be met by your driver and be taken by car to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

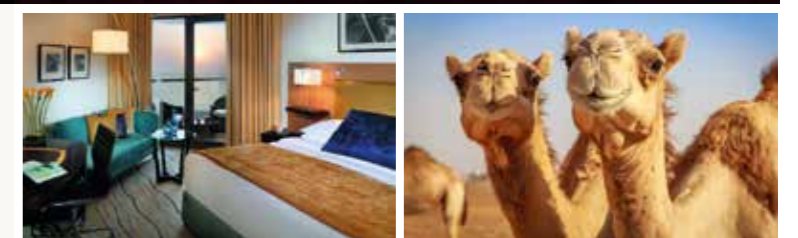
Enjoy a half day tour of the city, which takes in both traditional and modern Dubai. Stop for photos at the Burj Al Arab and Jumeirah Mosque, and explore the Al Fahidi Cultural Neighbourhood and art district and the Dubai Museum. Cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra and wander through the vibrant Spice and Gold souks. 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 in the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet within unlimited selected beverages. You can also try your hand at camel riding and sandboarding, included in the price, whilst here. (B,D)

### DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

After checkout, transfer back to the airport for your onward flight to the UK. (B)



### Prices per person from

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£390	£180
4★ Hilton Dubai The Walk	£540	£360
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£570	£390

*Flight supplements may apply*

### Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Airport transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English speak guide
- Entrance fees
- Breakfast daily

# AIRLINES

A good flight starts your holiday off right and ends it on a high. Below you'll find information on our favourites airlines but we work with everyone so if your choice isn't here, you just have to ask. With such a range of airlines and options to upgrade, you can be sure you will travel in comfort and style.

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# HOTELS

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town.

## INDIA, SRI LANKA & NEPAL HOTELS



▲ A WARM WELCOME



▲ HOTEL THE ROYAL PLAZA, DELHI



▲ THE FERN RESIDENCY, JODHPUR



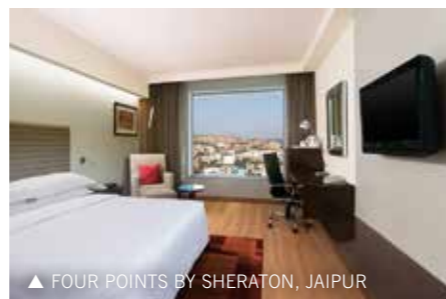
▲ HOTEL HILLTOP PALACE, UDAIPUR



▲ TIGER DEN RESORT, RANTHAMBORE



▲ MANVAR DESERT CAMP



▲ FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, JAIPUR

## INDIA

### Delhi

**The Surya**  
New Friends Colony,  
New Delhi,  
110025

**The Royal Plaza**  
19 Askoka Road, Janpath Lane  
Connaught Place, New Delhi  
110001

### Agra

**Clark Shiraz**  
54, Taj Road, Agra Cantt  
Idgah Colony, Agra  
282001

**Mansingh Palace**  
Fatehabad Road,  
Tajganj, Agra  
282001

### Jodhpur

**The Fern Residency**  
1B/A, Police Line,  
Subhash Chowk, Ratanada,  
Jodhpur,  
342001

### Jaipur

**Four Points by Sheraton**  
City Square, Vasundhara Colony  
Tonk Road, Jaipur  
302018

**Holiday Inn City Centre**  
22 Godam Circle,  
Sardar Patel Road,  
Jaipur,  
302001

### Varanasi

**The Amaya**  
The Mall Rd, Varanasi Cantt,  
Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh,  
221002

### Khajuraho

**Ramada Khajuraho**  
Airport Road, Khajuraho  
Madhya Pradesh, 471606

## Shimla

**Woodville Palace**  
Raj Bhawan Road, Shimla,  
171002

## Udaipur

**Hotel Hilltop Palace**  
5, Ambavgarh  
Fatehsagar, Udaipur  
313001

## Ranthambore National Park

**Tiger Den Resort**  
Khilchipur,  
Ranthambhore Road,  
Rajasthan

**Abhyaran Ranthambore**  
Ranthambhore Road, Ranwal,  
Rajasthan 322029

## Manvar

**Manvar Desert Camp**  
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National Highway 114, Khyansariya  
342025

## SRI LANKA

### Sigiriya

**Camellia Resort & Spa**  
Audangawa, Kibissa  
Sigiriya 21120

**Hotel Sigiriya**  
Sigiriya

## Nuwara Eliya

**Grand Hotel**  
Grand Hotel Road,  
Nuwara Eliya

## Kandy

**Amaya Hills**  
16 Heerassagala Peradeniya  
Kandy

## Negombo

**Jetwing Sea Hotel**  
Ethukale, Negombo

## Yala National Park

**Jetwing Yala**  
Jetwing Yala Road  
Palatupana

## NEPAL

### Kathmandu

**Radisson Hotel Kathmandu**  
Kathmandu 44600

### Dhulikhel

**Mirabel Resort**  
Araniko Highway,  
Dhulikhel 45200

**Dhulikhel Mountain Resort**  
Khawa, Dhulikhel

## Bhaktapur

**Hotel Heritage**  
Bhaktapur Road,  
Bhaktapur 21164

## Pokhara

**Mount Kailash Resort**  
Ammot Lakeside-6  
Pokhara

## Chitwan

**Tiger Land Safari Resort**  
Jagatpur, 25751

*Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the UK and the Indian Subcontinent.*

*Our Exclusive Collection hotels can be found on page 57.*

**Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents**

# YOUR 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 we will send your confirmation documents.

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

**A.** We will send you a detailed Tour Dossier, which provides a straightforward description of the physical activities involved on each day of your itinerary. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. It is essential that you read the relevant Tour Dossier before booking, which you can find on [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk), or we can arrange for one to be sent to you.

You will also receive a Travel Guide and Phrasebook as well as a suggested Packing List with your final documents.

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

**A.** Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. See pages 82-83 for examples of hotels we usually use. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

**Q. How do I get my visa?**

**A.** The cost of your visa for India is included in the price of your tour (UK & EU passports only). Simply send by post a clear colour photocopy of your passport page which shows your photo and passport information along with a passport sized photo and the completed Wendy Wu tours Indian Visa information form. Please send this information eight weeks prior to your departure. Once your visa has been approved we will send you a copy of the completed visa by email for you to print out and take with you when you travel to India.

Please note that Visa regulations for India can change at any time.

For Sri Lanka the cost of your visa is included in the price of your tour (UK & EU passports only). Simply send by post a clear colour photocopy of your passport page which shows your photo and passport information, along with the completed Sri Lanka visa form. Please send this information eight weeks prior to your departure. Once your visa has been approved we will send you a copy of the completed visa by email for you to print out and take with you when you travel to Sri Lanka. Please note that Visa regulations for Sri Lanka can change at any time.

For other destinations featured in this brochure please contact us for visa application information.

**Q. Do I need Travel insurance?**

**A.** Your protection and safety are our main priority. That's why having adequate Travel Insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to. Contact us for details of our recommended policies.

**Q. What vaccinations do I need?**

**A.** We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you.

	Recommended
India	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Bhutan	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Nepal	Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Diphtheria & Tetanus. Malaria tablets in some regions.
Sri Lanka	Hepatitis A, Typhoid & Tetanus.

*This information is given as a guide only and no responsibility can be taken for any errors or omissions. Source: [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk). Always seek your doctor's advice.*



## Q. How fit do I need to be?

**A.** Our Group Tours are graded on each page to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice.

Our range of Private Tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

**COMFORTABLE**  
Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. Tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.

**MODERATE**  
Tours require a higher level of fitness and may include longer periods of sightseeing. Easy walking, longer journeys and travel to areas with fewer western facilities may feature.

**ACTIVE**  
Tours require a good level of fitness, as they are physically more demanding. They may involve hiking, and travel to remote or high altitude areas where tourist facilities are less developed.

**Please contact us if you require any advice.**

**Q. What size are your tour groups?**

**A.** The maximum group size varies depending on the tour, but is usually between 8 and 29 passengers. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort. On our Immerse Yourself Tours and Exclusive Collection the maximum group size is 18 passengers.

**Q. Do you run Guaranteed Departures?**

**A.** Our Group Tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers.

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

**A.** You can avoid paying a single supplement on most of our tours to the Indian Subcontinent if you are willing to share with another tour member of the same gender. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival. Willing to share is not available on our Exclusive Collection tours and is on request when booking closer than 75 days to departure. To arrange a guaranteed private room our single room option is available at an extra cost.



**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

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

**A.** Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 15kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights.

**Q. What currency should I take?**

**A.** We recommend you take US Dollars as well as the local currency and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras. Tipping must be in US dollars. See page 86.

**Q. Can you arrange Airport Lounges, Parking & Hotels?**

**A.** Yes – we are always looking for ways to make your holiday that little bit more comfortable and convenient for you. See page 91 for details.

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

**A.** India, Sri Lanka and Nepal are year-round destinations. While October – March are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists. See page 87.

## WHILE ON TOUR

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 on your Group Tours?**

**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.

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

**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. When are Indian and Sri Lankan public holidays?**

**A.** There are too many public holidays in India and Sri Lanka to list and most are only observed on a regional basis. Major holidays include the Holi Festival (02 March 2018 and 21 March 2019) and Independence Day (15 August). If your tour coincides with a major holiday some businesses and attractions may be closed, you may encounter crowds, and the availability of certain food and drink may be restricted.





## WHILE ON TOUR

### Q. Are meals included?

**A.** All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our Group Tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas, meals may be basic or repetitive. Meals included in Private Tours are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. Meals on our Group Tours start with dinner on the normal day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

### Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

**A.** Tipping is expected in the Indian Subcontinent. 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 Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts. **The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.**

### Q. Is portage included?

**A.** Portage is included on our Classic and Immerse Yourself Group Tours to India (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel).

For Exclusive Collection tours portage is included from the coach to your hotel room.

### Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

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

### Q. Can special requests be arranged?

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

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

**A.** Approx. 8 hours (if flying direct to India) or 11 hours to Sri Lanka or Nepal.

### Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

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

### Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

**A.** Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of British and Australian clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

### Q. What is the average age on your group tours?

**A.** The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.



### Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

**A.** They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures.

## 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, the Wendy Wu Tours team carries 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 the UK. 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.

# INDIA & BEYOND FOR ALL SEASONS

Our tours cover the length and breadth of the Indian Subcontinent. Depending on the time of year and where you are travelling, you may experience two or more seasons as you go.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Delhi

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

## Jaipur

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

## Kochi

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

## Mumbai

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

## Kolkata

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

## Darjeeling

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

## Colombo

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

## Kathmandu

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

Wendy Wu Tours Booking Conditions

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, 47-49 Tooley St, London SE1 2QG, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and tour dossier and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditons to “holiday”, “booking”, “contract”, “package”, “tour” or “arrangements” mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated.

For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Asia Inspirations brochure and terms and conditions or visit [www.asiainspirations.co.uk](http://www.asiainspirations.co.uk).

In these booking conditions, “you” and “your” means all persons named on the booking (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 Limited.

1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking (“lead name”) must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made.

After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 “Payment” 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 dispatch this invoice to the ‘lead name’ or your Travel Agent. We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us (“claim”) (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 14) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation 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 Clause 8).

2. Your financial protection

We hold an Air Travel Organiser’s Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (ATOL number 6639). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday\* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists the flight, accommodation, car hire and/or other services that are financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

\*The flights and flight-inclusive holidays we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk). We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your holiday does not include flights, ABTA will financially protect your holiday by ensuring you receive a refund or, if your arrangements include return travel to the UK (other than flights) you are returned to the UK in the event that your holiday cannot be provided as a result of our insolvency. Please go to [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com) for a copy of the guide to ABTA’s scheme of Financial Protection.

ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA’s Code of Conduct.

For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint (see clause 14), contact ABTA at 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ or see [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com).

3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking.

The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 1.305USD and £1 to 8.80CNY on 17 July 2017 .

We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking.

Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, then subject to the correction of errors, we will only increase the price in the following circumstances. Price increases after booking will be passed on by way of a surcharge. A surcharge will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, in the event of any change in our transportation costs or in dues, taxes or fees payable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or airports or in the any fluctuation in exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday.

Even in the above cases, we will only levy a surcharge if the amount of any increase in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges). If any surcharge is greater than 10% of the cost of your holiday (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to

us (except for any amendment charges) or alternatively purchase another holiday from us as referred to in clause 9 “If we change or cancel your holiday”. Although insurance (where purchased through us) does not form part of your contract with us or of any “package”, we will consider an appropriate refund of any insurance premiums you have paid us if you can show you are unable to use/reuse or transfer your policy in the event of cancellation or purchase of an alternative holiday.

Where applicable, you have 14 days from the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice to tell us if you want to choose option (b) or (c) as set out in clause 9 below. If you do not tell us that you wish to choose either of these options within this period of time, we are entitled to assume that you do not wish to do so and will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of the holiday or within 14 days of the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice, whichever is the later. Please note that arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your holiday due to contractual and other protection in place.

In any event, we promise not to levy a surcharge within 30 days of departure.

4.Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 60 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights tickets, accommodation or other services. If you wish to purchase the insurance policy we offer, all applicable premiums must also be paid at the time of booking (you must be insured – please see clause 6 on the subject of insurance).

The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 60 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent. Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by cash, bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above - you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). No charge will be made for deposits and balances paid by Debit Card/Switch/Delta. However, in line with most major operators, we will make a charge of 2% for deposits and balances paid by credit card. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date.

Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent’s obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of Travel, and contain a minimum of two blank visa pages, is required for travel for all countries in our programme. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK and EU passport holders in all fully inclusive group packages with the exception of holidays to Laos. Non UK passport holders will incur Visa fees at their own expense. Failure to forward passports to Wendy Wu Tours by the date specified on your confirmation invoice so that we can process your Visa application may incur further charges to cover expedited Visa processing. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned approximately 4 weeks after receipt by Royal Mail Special Delivery. A charge will be made for faster processing. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK and EU passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a Visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued.

Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. Passports and applications should be sent by tracked delivery or in person. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post.

It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full.

6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances.

Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre [www.nathnc.org](http://www.nathnc.org). Information on health can be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [www.fittoftravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fittoftravel.nhs.uk). For holidays in the EU /EEA you should obtain an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) prior to departure from the Department of

Health ([www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk)). Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

7. If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeavour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include:

- Minor amendments to the tour booked - £20
- Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure - £30
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date - £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 60 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets - £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket
- Once a booking is confirmed no name transfers are permitted within 60 days of departure and will be regarded as a cancellation and cancellation fees apply

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package: any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply.

8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

61 or more days	Retention of deposit
60 – 42 days	30% including deposit
41 – 28 days	60% including deposit
27 – 15 days	90% including deposit
14 days or less	100% including deposit

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

9. If we change or cancel your holiday

We start planning the holidays we offer many months in advance. Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to change airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure. Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

- (a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or
- (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If this holiday is in fact cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other then available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean your paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or
- (c)cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us

In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not due to ‘force majeure’ (see clause 10 “Force Majeure”), you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us	Credit/Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)	
	Scale A	Scale B
0 – 7 days	£50	£25
8 – 14 days	£40	£20
15 – 28 days	£30	£15
29 – 42 days	£20	£10
43 – 56 days	£10	£5

No compensation will be payable and the above options will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

10. Our liability to you

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- ‘force majeure’ as defined in clause 11 below

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 12 “Excursions”. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract – and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10(1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us.

Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings.

For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

11. Force Majeure

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we will not accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of “force majeure”. In these booking conditions, “force majeure” means any event, or the consequences of which, we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are not limited to but may include actual or threatened war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, volcanic activity, seismic activity, fire, pandemics, epidemics and all similar events, natural or man made, outside our control or that of our agents or suppliers.

12. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

13. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 07984 041625. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

14. Arbitration

Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer in respect of costs. Full details will be provided on request or can be obtained from the ABTA website ([www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com)). The scheme does not apply to claims for an amount greater than £5,000 per person. There is also a limit of £25,000 per booking. Neither does it apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. The scheme can however deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your application for arbitration and other required documents must be received by ABTA within 18 months of your return from the holiday. Outside this time limit arbitration under the scheme may still be available if we agree, although the ABTA Code does not require such agreement. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA mediation procedure and we have the option to agree to this. Where we act as agent, please bear in mind that your contract is with the supplier of the arrangements concerned. Unless the supplier is also a member of ABTA, only disputes relating to our actions as agent can be dealt with by the arbitration scheme or mediation procedure and not complaints about the arrangements themselves or the acts / omissions of the supplier.

15.Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier’s liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

16. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party’s full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

17. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours.

We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfillment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as “standard” bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

18. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that China and the surrounding regions is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated ‘tour pace’ is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependant on your own

health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have.

If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 16.

19. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a “Community list” which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm).

In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s)) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible.

If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 “If we change or cancel your holiday” will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time.

Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs.

Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

20. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc.

We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements.

If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline’s obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 020 7453 6888 or by e-mail to [passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk](mailto:passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk) or see [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk) - referring your complaint to the CAA.

Data protection

In order to process your booking and meet your requirements, we must pass your personal details on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. We would also like to hold your information (including any email address), where collected by us, for our own future marketing purposes (for example, to inform you of promotional/ competition offers or to send you our brochure).

Wendy Wu Tours Ltd. may wish to contact you by post, e-mail and/or telephone with news, information and offers on its holidays we may have available and for market research purposes.

If you prefer not to be contacted for the purposes set out above then please contact the Consumer Data Controller, Marketing Department, Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons

# TRAVEL INSURANCE

We want you to experience a holiday that relaxes, fascinates and fills you with a lifetime of glorious memories. However, not everything is within our or indeed your control. So for complete peace of mind, you should always prepare for the unexpected before or during your holiday.

## FLEXIBLE LEVELS OF TRAVEL INSURANCE



We work with Holiday Extras to provide cancellation cover, medical protection and a range of other benefits. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, Holiday Extras have been awarded the title 'best travel insurance provider' for the past six years at the Travel Weekly Globe Awards. Our standard policies provide cover up to 85 years of age.

As an added bonus, Holiday Extras insure that under 18's go free with a paying adult on selected policies, making our insurance the perfect choice for families.

Choose either single trip insurance or a yearly multi-trip policy.

## SINGLE TRIP POLICIES

Our single trip policies will cover you for any destination and tour in this brochure up to a total of 31 days (this can be extended to 60 days if under 64 years of age with no medical conditions).

Length of trip	Adult up to 50	Adults 51-60
Up to 17 days	£57.34	£63.71
18-24 days	£60.14	£66.82
25-31 days	£65.50	£72.78
+ extra weeks	£11.75	£13.06

*Prices are based on cover for travellers aged up to 60 years. Supplements will apply if between 61 and 85. All prices are subject to change.*

## ANNUAL MULTI-TRIP POLICIES

These are ideal if you plan to travel abroad more than once in the year. Annual multi-trip policies provide worldwide protection for any number of trips up to 23 days duration up to a total of 183 days per year for adults aged 64 or under.

Length of separate trip	Price
23 days	£123.00

Summary of Silver Cover	Maximum
Medical emergency expenses	£5,000,000
Personal liability	£2,000,000
Personal accident	£5,000
Cancellation	£1,500
Curtailment	£1,500
Missed departure	£300
Travel delay	£60
Personal baggage	£1,500
Delayed baggage	£100
Catastrophe	£1,000
Personal money	£200
Passport	£200
Dental emergency	£150
Personal assistance	£250
Legal expenses	£25,000

## LATITUDE – FOR THOSE WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

As well as those flexible policies, Holiday Extras is home to the Latitude policy. This means that almost everyone up to the age of 89 with pre-existing medical conditions can get comprehensive travel insurance at a great price. In fact, 97% of all conditions can be covered.

For pre-existing medical conditions insurance enquiries, please call  
Holiday Extras on 0800 781 4086  
quoting W7994.



# BOOKING YOUR TRIP

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.

## BOOKING MADE EASY

### 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
- Our exciting Immerse Yourself Tours
- Deluxe Exclusive Collection
- 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 the back of the brochure.

### 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.

### REGIONAL FLIGHTS AND UPGRADES

Enjoy the freedom to choose who you fly with and where you fly from. We work with most major airlines and offer flights from regional airports across the UK – often with no additional supplement.

All of our tour prices are based on flying Economy Class, but if you fancy a little bit of luxury and lots more legroom, we have specially negotiated rates on Premium Economy and Business Class fares. Depending on your budget you can upgrade one way or for the entire return trip.

## STOPOVERS & EXTENSIONS

Why not break your trip to the Indian Subcontinent 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 and Abu Dhabi are just a few of the options available between Asia and the UK. See pages 74-79 for inspiration. If you want to stay longer in Delhi, Kerala or wherever your trip starts or finishes, we are able to add extra nights onto your trip for a small supplement.



### ADD FINISHING TOUCHES

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

- ✓ **Airport Lounges** from £25
- ✓ **Airport Parking** from £6 per day
- ✓ **Airport Hotels** from £40 per night
- ✓ **Travel Insurance** Contact us for details of our recommended policy

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

## 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.*



# TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Over 20 years' experience
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
- Depart from many regional UK airports
- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Quality hotels and comfortable transport
- Outstanding customer satisfaction
- Award winning guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Authentic dining and delicious local cuisine
- Hassle-free visa service included
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA



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To see our full range of holidays in Asia visit [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk)



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