

INDIA

BHUTAN, NEPAL & SRI LANKA

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OUR AWARD-WINNING COLLECTION OF ESCORTED TOURS AND TAILORMADE HOLIDAYS

The winner of 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 16 years running – Globe Travel Awards

Best Travel Company to Far East & Central Asia – British Travel Awards

WELCOME

Welcome to the Wendy Wu Tours India brochure for 2027/2028 – I'm so excited to share the wonders of this captivating country with you! Home to ethereal temples like the Taj Mahal, incredible wildlife and a rich, age-old heritage, from the lofty heights of the Himalayas to the beaches of Kerala this is a country with an endless number of wonders to explore.

Our meticulously crafted tours are designed to immerse you in authentic experiences, guided by experts who bring each destination to life. We also take care of every detail, so you can fully embrace each moment on a journey that captures the very essence of India in comfort and style. Whether you dream of spotting leopards in the wilds of Sri Lanka, experiencing the unfiltered humanity of Varanasi, or exploring Nepal or Bhutan under towering mountain peaks, your adventure awaits.

Thank you for choosing Wendy Wu Tours – whether it is your first visit to the sub-continent or your fifth, we can't wait for you to discover the magic of India with us.

Warmest regards,

 Wendy Wu

Founder, Wendy Wu Tours



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 Dedicated Solo Departures  Upgraded Departures



Trusted for over
25
YEARS

WENDY WU TOURS

EXPERIENCE THE EXTRAORDINARY

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

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



We Take Care of Everything

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



Award-winning Service

Voted for by the public, our partners and respected travel experts, Wendy Wu Tours has been the recipient of over 40 major awards in our history including 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 16 years running at the prestigious Globe Travel Awards.



Outstanding Tour Guides

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



Authentic Experiences

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



Fly from your Doorstep

Choose from quality airlines flying from your local airport. What's more, when you fly from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast, there's no flight supplement to pay! See page 96 for details.



Your Loyalty Matters

Entry into Wendy's Loyalty Club, our generous reward program, opens the door to significant savings every time you book, plus exclusive offers and news updates before anyone else. See page 102 for more details.



We Take Care of Everything

FULLY INCLUSIVE TOURING WITH WENDY WU TOURS

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

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

All Your Flights

All our tour prices include return international economy class flights from London, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester, Birmingham or Belfast, and any domestic flights you may need whilst on tour. We can also organise departures from other regional airports, often for little or no extra cost.

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

All Your Meals

On our Classic tours breakfast, lunch and dinner are included every day.

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

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

All Your Accommodation

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

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

All Your Guided Touring

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

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

All Your Immersive Experiences

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

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

All Your Local Transport

Most of your daily travels will be by air-conditioned coach, with plenty of space to stretch out thanks to our seat and a half per guest policy.

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

Even Your Visas

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

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

Please note that inclusions on our Go Beyond tours differ slightly. See page 18 for details.



Enjoy authentic experiences throughout your tour

Our Award-Winning Guides

YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS



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

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

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

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

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

OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS

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



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



Award-Winning Expertise

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



Globe Travel Awards

The Globe Travel Awards are the 'Oscars' of the travel world. We are extremely proud winners of the Globe Travel Awards 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' for the past 16 years.



British Travel Awards

The largest consumer voted travel awards in the UK, it is an absolute honour to win at the British Travel Awards. In 2025, we took home the Best Travel Company to Far East/Central Asia for the eleventh time.



Recommended by You

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



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

Joanna Solanki (Northern India Discovery – April 2024)

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

Marilyn Vertes (Inspiring India – April 2025)



Feefo

We're proud to be the holder of a feefo Platinum Trusted Service Award. Taken only from genuine customer feedback, independently verified by Feefo, only the businesses providing the best experience for their customers make the grade. That's all the accolade we need.



Tripadvisor

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

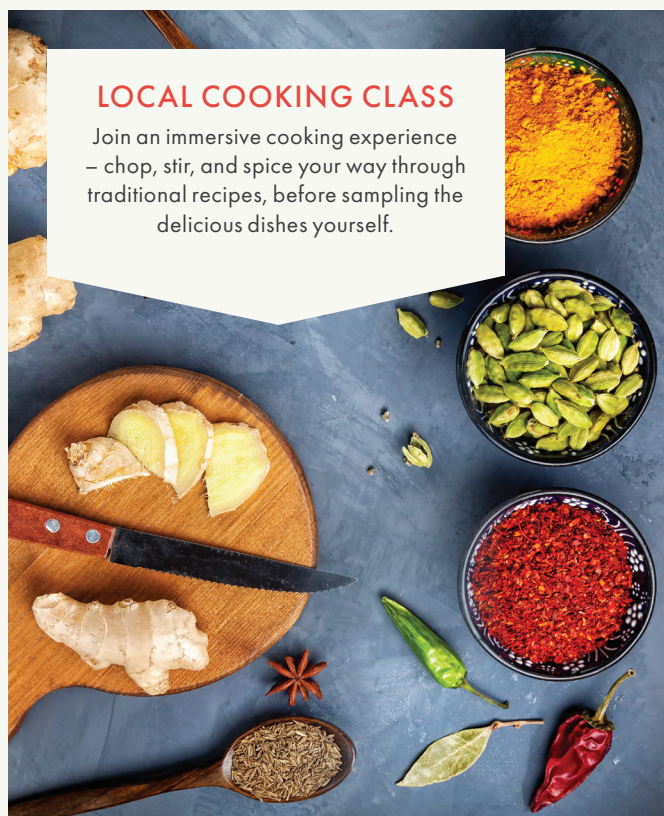
Cultural encounters, every step of the way

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



SHIMLA TOY TRAIN

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



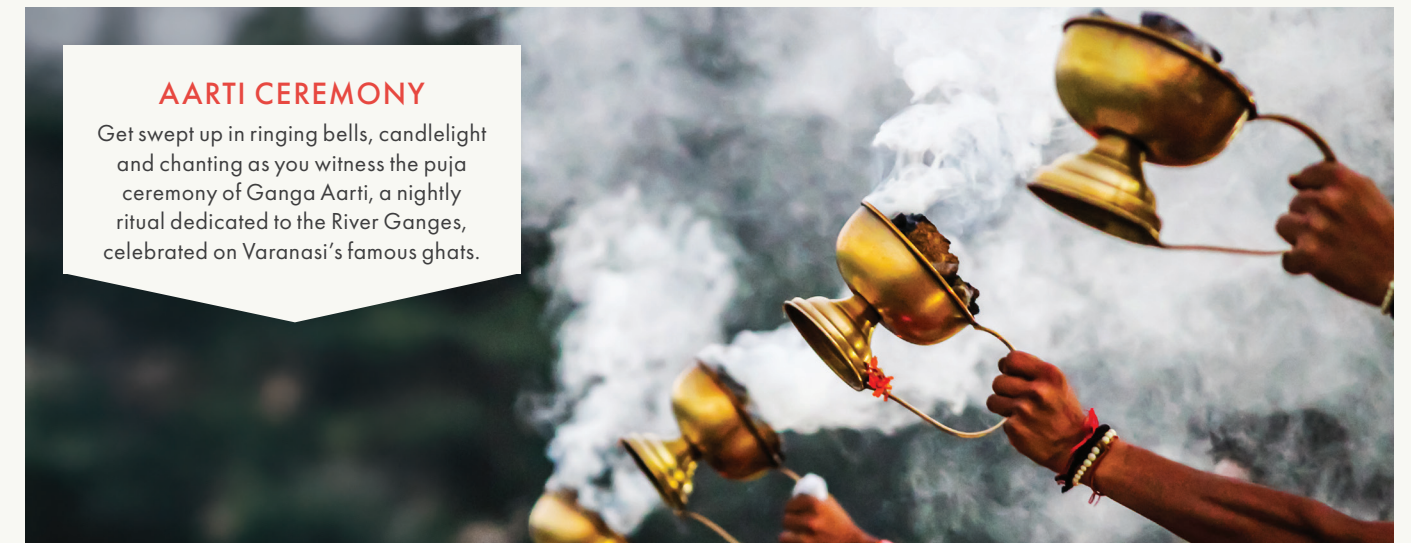
LOCAL COOKING CLASS

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



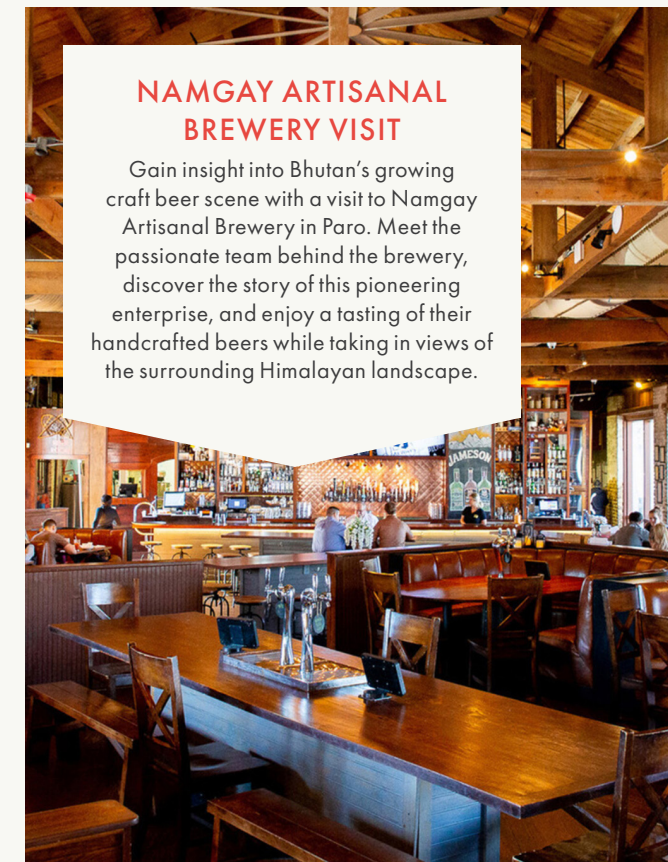
KATHAKALI DANCE PERFORMANCE

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



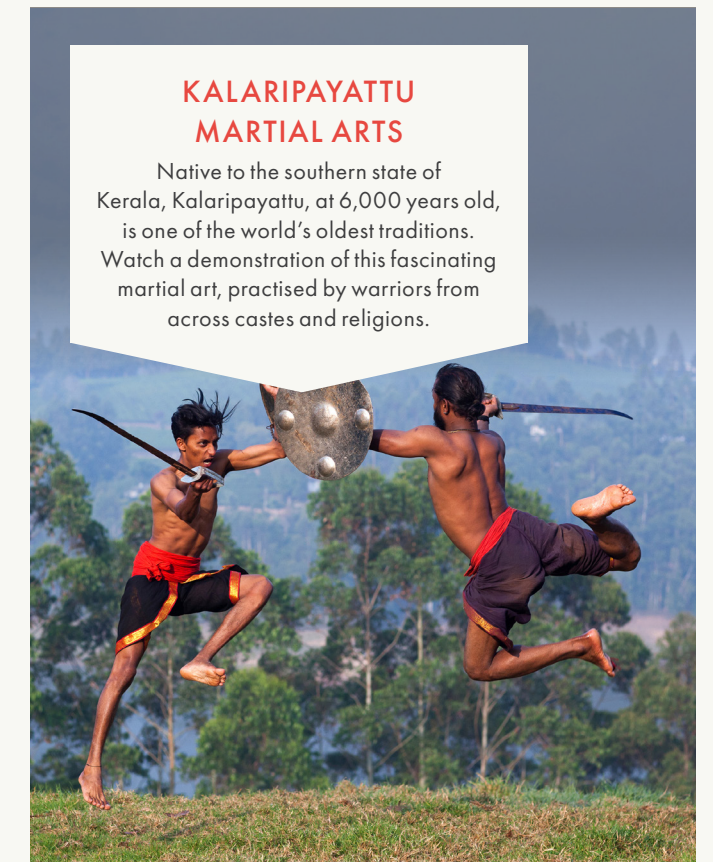
AARTI CEREMONY

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



NAMGAY ARTISANAL BREWERY VISIT

Gain insight into Bhutan's growing craft beer scene with a visit to Namgay Artisanal Brewery in Paro. Meet the passionate team behind the brewery, discover the story of this pioneering enterprise, and enjoy a tasting of their handcrafted beers while taking in views of the surrounding Himalayan landscape.



KALARIPAYATTU MARTIAL ARTS

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



MOMO-MAKING CLASS

Discover the flavours of Nepal as you learn how to make traditional momos, the country's much-loved dumplings. Guided by a local cook, master the techniques of preparing, filling and folding these delicious snacks before enjoying your freshly made creations.

Travelling Solo

CHOOSE THE WAY YOU TRAVEL WITH WENDY WU TOURS

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

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

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



TRAVELLING SOLO ON OUR GROUP TOURS

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

A Room of Your Own

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

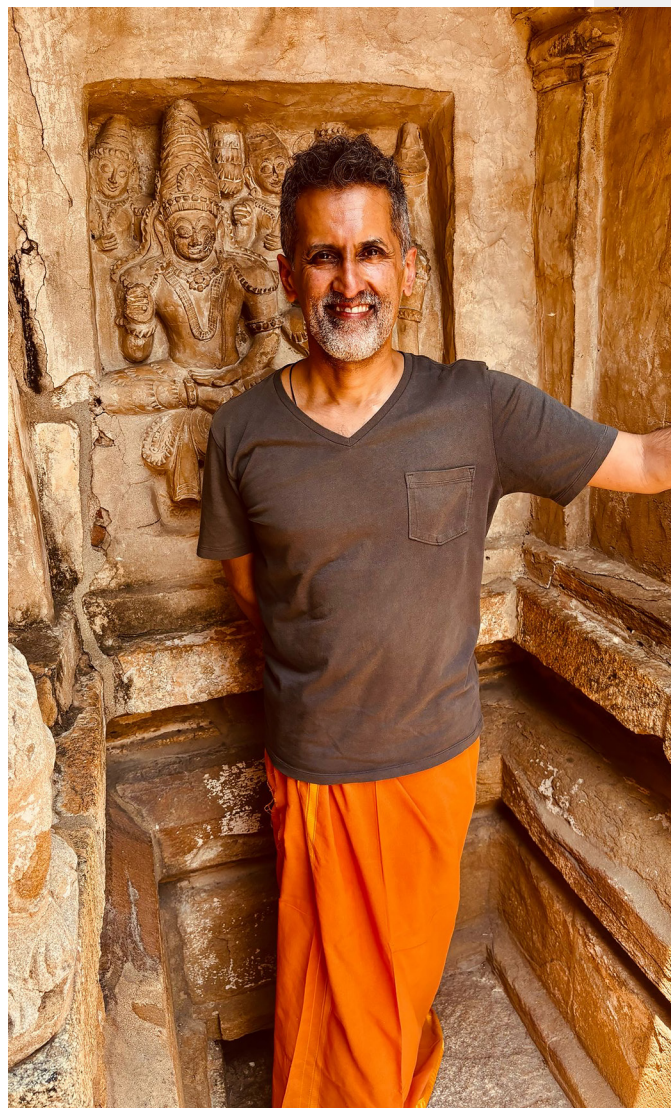
Happy to Share

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

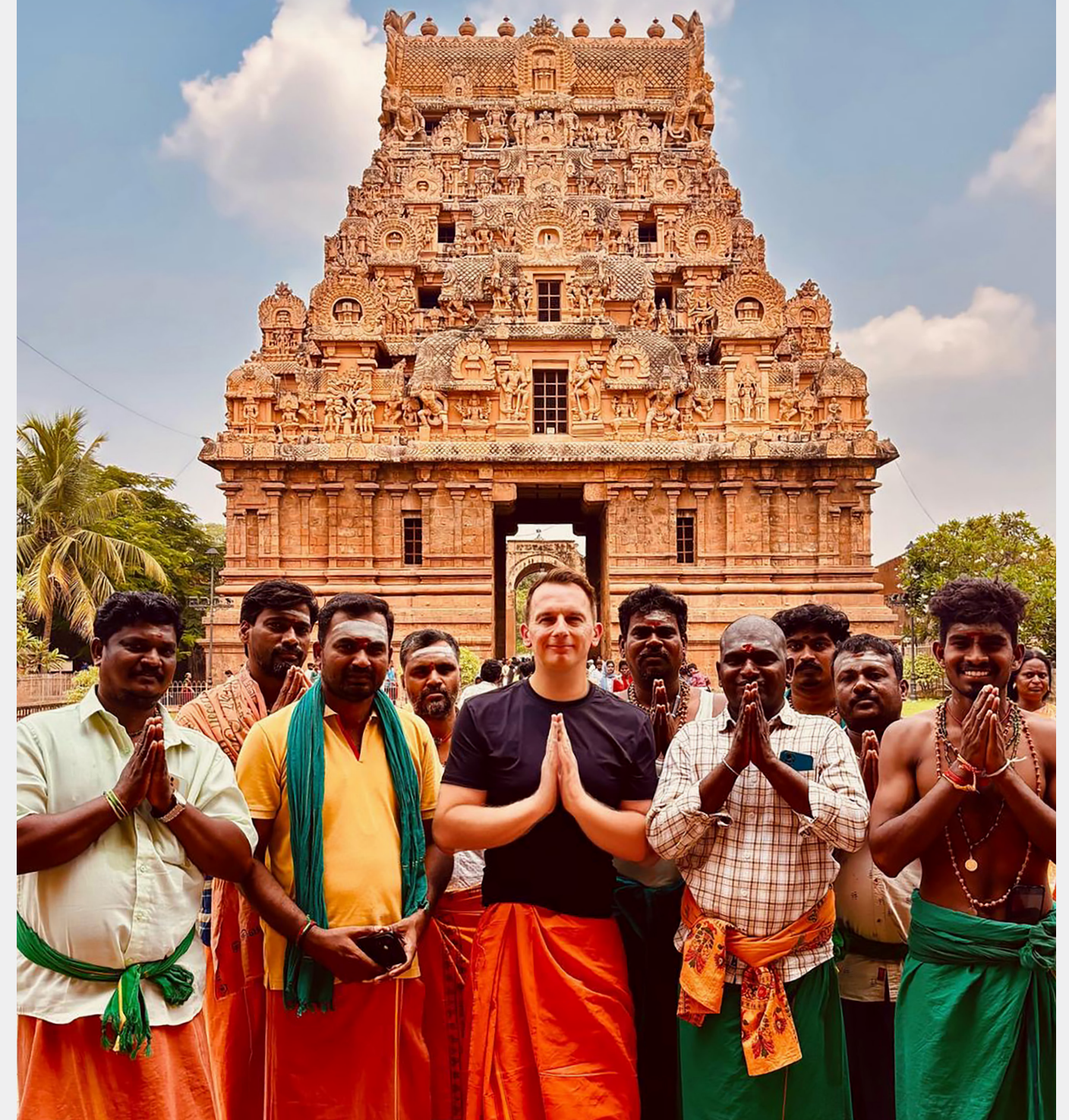
TRAVELLING SOLO ON OUR DEDICATED SOLO DEPARTURES

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

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



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



Upgraded Departures

SAME GREAT TOURS WITH FIVE STAR ACCOMMODATION

Our Upgraded Departures combine everything you already love about a Wendy Wu Tours holiday with the added comfort of upgraded accommodation.

Enjoy relaxed five-star hotels and overnight cruises with superior amenities and service. These departures are perfect for travellers who want to enhance an already incredible journey with extra comfort and refinement. Expect a variety of exceptional stays – from a centrally-located hotel in the heart of a city's historic district to an unforgettable river cruise experience.

There are a few destinations where the most rewarding stay isn't defined by its star rating. In such cases, we may opt for a unique or character-filled property.



Aamaghati Wildlife Resort, Ranthambore

INDULGENT PLACES TO STAY IN INDIA

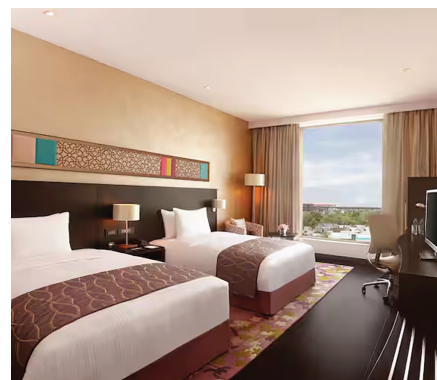
Here are just a few examples of the special places you will be enjoying on your Upgraded Departure.

AAMAGHATI WILDLIFE RESORT, RANTHAMBORE



Located close to Ranthambore National Park, Aamaghati Wildlife Resort combines traditional Rajasthani charm with modern comforts. The rooms offer a comfortable and stylish retreat, featuring contemporary amenities and a peaceful setting, perfect for relaxing after a day of wildlife safaris.

HILTON, JAIPUR



Located in the heart of Jaipur this hotel offers contemporary comfort, excellent facilities, modern amenities and easy access to the city's iconic attractions. Unwind by the rooftop pool, enjoy a choice of dining options and take in views of the Aravalli Hills from this modern city retreat.

THE CLARIDGES, NEW DELHI



A landmark hotel in the heart of New Delhi's Lutyens' district, The Claridges combines colonial charm with contemporary comfort. Surrounded by landscaped gardens and offering elegantly furnished rooms in a peaceful setting, while the city's iconic sights are just a short distance away.

ENJOY UPGRADED DEPARTURES ON THE FOLLOWING INDIA TOURS

Taj, Temples & Tigers | Inspiring India

Look for the highlighted dates on the tour page

Extend Your Tour

Make the most of your time away. Whether you want to delve deeper into a destination, discover somewhere completely new, or simply unwind on a beautiful beach, we've created a range of ways to help you stay a little longer and see a little more.

+ STOPOVERS

Break up your long-haul flight with a stay in one of the world's great gateway cities. Often available at no additional flight cost, it's an effortless way to add another destination to your holiday.



+ SHORT STAYS

Delve deeper with an expertly designed extension to complement your holiday. Whether you're exploring your main destination further or venturing somewhere entirely new, it's a seamless way to experience more of the world with us.



+ BEACH STAYS

Unwind in style at the end of your journey with a handpicked collection of coastal escapes. From serene shores to tropical hideaways, the ideal way to relax after your adventure.



+ EXTRA NIGHTS

Arrive relaxed, settle in sooner, or linger longer. Simply add extra nights before or after your tour, and we'll take care of your hotel, breakfast, and airport transfers.



For more inspiration, we have highlighted some of our most popular short stays and stopovers throughout this brochure. See page 76 for our full range or talk to our reservations team to discuss your options.

Tour Styles Explained

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

CLASSIC	GO BEYOND
Our Classic tours take care of everything, allowing you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. Travelling in a group of no more than 28 guests, these tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme including authentic cultural experiences.	Our Go Beyond tours take you a little further from the comforts of home, uncovering lesser-visited sights. Limited to just 18 passengers, these tours allow you to delve even deeper into local culture while offering more time for independent exploration.

	CLASSIC	GO BEYOND
 Visa fees for UK & Irish passport holders	✓	✓
 Domestic transportation	✓	✓
 Meals	All	All or Most
 Accommodation	✓	✓
 International economy airfares and taxes	✓	✓
 Sightseeing	All	All or Most

PRIVATE & TAILORMADE TOURS	CRUISE & TOUR
Experience our award-winning itineraries with your own private, experienced local guide, perfect for families and friends who enjoy added flexibility. For the ultimate bespoke holiday, our expert consultants will help you design a tour that’s uniquely yours, with your choice of destinations, accommodation and experiences.	Combining an ocean cruise with an escorted group tour packed with top sights and unforgettable experiences, our ‘Cruise & Tour’ options offer the best of both worlds. Including flights, cruise, stopovers and full Wendy Wu tour with expert guide, all meals and visas (where applicable), prepare for the adventure of a lifetime.

SPECIAL GROUPS	SHORT STAYS & STOPOVERS
If you’re travelling with a group of ten or more, we can create a tailor-made Special Group tour just for you. Whether it’s friends, family, a club or association, we’ll shape any itinerary around your group’s interests, offering a unique, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of planning it yourself.	Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. A short stay will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way to not only break up your journey, but a great way to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.



PHYSICAL RATING

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

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

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



Discover India and beyond with Wendy Wu Tours

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

WENDY'S TOP 9 SIGHTS

1

RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

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



2

TAJ MAHAL

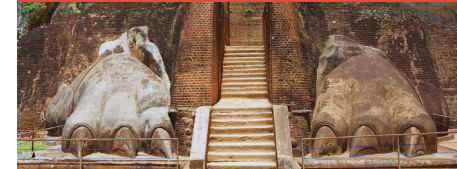
There have been many words used to describe it, yet few do it justice. We suggest you go and see the Taj Mahal for yourself, that's why it is featured on most India tours.



3

SIGIRIYA ROCK, SRI LANKA

Explore the ruins of the ancient Sri Lankan fortress atop Sigiriya, or 'Lion Rock'. As you ascend, be rewarded with breathtaking views. Discover it on our Highlights of Sri Lanka tour (page 46) and Southern India & Sri Lanka tour (page 50).



4

KERALA'S BACKWATERS

A network of lagoons, canals and rivers enveloped in verdant greenery, Kerala's backwaters are best explored by boat – see our Kerala & the Southern Highlights tour (page 32) and Southern India & Sri Lanka tour (page 50).



5

GHATS OF VARANASI

A sacred city and one of the world's oldest, Varanasi's ghats, lapped by the River Ganges, showcase humanity laid bare. See three of our tours (pages 28, 34 & 40).



6

GOLDEN TEMPLE

Amritsar's spectacular Golden Temple is a sight to behold – see for yourself on our India by Rail tour on (page 28) or our Northern India Discovery tour (page 30).



7

TIGER'S NEST

Perched above Bhutan's Paro Valley, hike with pilgrims through tranquil woodlands to reach this spectacular monastery. See it on our Himalayan Kingdoms tour (page 38) and Wonders of Nepal & Bhutan tour (page 44)



8

JAISALMER FORT

Wander the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, where residents still live within the 12th-century walls, and admire the elaborately carved yellow sandstone of its Jain temples. Included on our Rajasthan Panorama tour (page 36) and Grand Tour of India (page 40).



9

CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Discover the wildlife-rich habitats of Chitwan National Park, where you may spot one-horned rhinoceros, deer and crocodiles. Chitwan combines natural beauty, wildlife encounters and cultural experiences. Visit here on our Wonders of Nepal & Bhutan tour (page 44).



TAJ, TEMPLES & TIGERS

- 10 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £1,990
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Admire Delhi's Jama Masjid
- ✓ Uncover Mughal history at Agra Fort
- ✓ Explore the world-famous Taj Mahal
- ✓ Search for elusive tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Discover Jaipur's royal heritage
- ✓ Explore magnificent Amber Fort

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Tour the spice markets

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

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

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Journey to Agra where on arrival you will tour the magnificent Agra Fort. This mass of red sandstone sits on the banks of the Yamuna River; from its ramparts you may catch a first glimpse of the magical Taj Mahal, just two kilometres downstream. Tonight enjoy the musical drama show, Mohabbat the Taj.

DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

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

DAY 6: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

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

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

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



Explore Agra Fort



Spot tigers in the wild at Ranthambore National Park

DAY 8: EXPLORE JAIPUR

The day begins with a photo stop at the extraordinary Hawa Mahal, 'Palace of the Winds'. Built in pink-painted sandstone, it was built to allow the ladies of the royal household to watch life on the streets below. Next, travel out of the city and hop in a jeep to reach the magnificent Amber Fort, a colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort just outside Jaipur. Back in the city, explore the lavish Maharaja's Palace and the fascinating instruments of Jantar Mantar. Then, head deep into the backstreets of the old town to view traditional artistries like block printing and carpet weaving at a workshop.

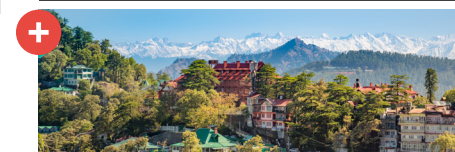
DAY 9: TRAVEL TO DELHI

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

DAY 10: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Escape to the cool mountain air of Shimla, India's most famous hill station. Ride the iconic Toy Train through the Himalayan foothills, admire colonial-era architecture, and enjoy sweeping mountain views as you explore this charming former summer capital of British India.

SHIMLA SHORT STAY

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Discover Jaipur's Amber Fort

CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Monday

2026 DATES

10 Oct - 19 Oct	£2,690	14 Nov - 23 Nov	£2,690
17 Oct - 26 Oct	£2,690	21 Nov - 30 Nov	£2,690
07 Nov - 16 Nov	£2,690	28 Nov - 07 Dec	£2,690

2027 DATES

16 Jan - 25 Jan	£2,690	09 Oct - 18 Oct	£2,690
23 Jan - 01 Feb	£2,690	16 Oct - 25 Oct	£2,690
06 Feb - 15 Feb	£2,690	23 Oct - 01 Nov	£2,690
20 Feb - 01 Mar	£2,690	30 Oct - 08 Nov	£3,390
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03 Apr - 12 Apr	£2,390	20 Nov - 29 Nov	£2,690
17 Apr - 26 Apr	£1,990	27 Nov - 06 Dec	£2,690
25 Sep - 04 Oct	£1,990	04 Dec - 13 Dec	£2,690
02 Oct - 11 Oct	£2,390		

2028 DATES

15 Jan - 24 Jan	£2,790	07 Oct - 16 Oct	£2,490
22 Jan - 31 Jan	£2,790	14 Oct - 23 Oct	£2,790
05 Feb - 14 Feb	£2,790	21 Oct - 30 Oct	£3,490
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23 Sep - 02 Oct	£2,090	09 Dec - 18 Dec	£2,790
30 Sep - 09 Oct	£2,490		

Flight and supplement information

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Upgraded departures

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INSPIRING INDIA

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TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Browse Pushkar's bustling market

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Immerse yourself in local life with a walking tour through Pushkar's bustling market, admiring the enormous range of fresh produce, colourful textiles and interesting souvenirs!
- Experience the magic of Mohabbat The Taj, a live Bollywood-style musical that brings the legendary love story of Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal to life through dazzling dance, vibrant costumes, and dramatic performances.
- Admire the magical city of Udaipur, full of glorious, romantic architecture, from the perfect vantage point – a boat cruising the waters of Lake Pichola.



Admire Udaipur's City Palace

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE DELHI

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

DAY 3: DELHI

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

DAY 4: DELHI TO JAIPUR

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

DAY 5: JAIPUR

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

DAY 6: JAIPUR TO PUSHKAR

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

DAY 7: PUSHKAR TO UDAIPUR

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

DAY 8: UDAIPUR

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

DAY 9: UDAIPUR TO BUNDI

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



Explore Agra Fort



Wander the awe-inspiring Amber Fort

DAY 10: BUNDI TO RANTHAMBORE

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

DAY 11: RANTHAMBORE

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



See tigers in Ranthambore

DAY 12: RANTHAMBORE TO AGRA

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

DAY 13: AGRA

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

DAY 14: FLY DELHI TO UK

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight home.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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17 Mar - 30 Mar	£3,690	17 Nov - 30 Nov	£3,090
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31 Mar - 13 Apr	£2,790	01 Dec - 14 Dec	£3,090

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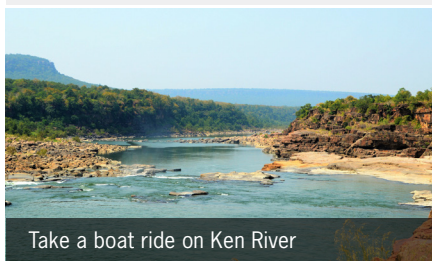
ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Old and New Delhi
- ✓ Admire the iconic Taj Mahal
- ✓ Wander the Temples of Khajuraho
- ✓ Search for elusive Bengal tigers
- ✓ Explore Panna National Park
- ✓ Visit a local tribal village

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 12 Dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Take a boat ride on Ken River

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Search for tigers in Bandhavgarh National Park

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

Fly overnight to Delhi, India's bustling capital. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where you have the remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

Discover the contrasts of Old and New Delhi. Drive past the mighty Red Fort before visiting Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques. Hop aboard a cycle rickshaw and weave through the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk, where colourful markets and centuries-old traditions collide. Continue through the grand boulevards of New Delhi, passing India Gate, Parliament House and the Presidential Palace, before visiting Gandhi Smriti and the elegant Humayun's Tomb, a masterpiece of Mughal architecture.

DAY 4: DELHI TO AGRA

Early this morning travel by train to Agra. Explore the impressive Agra Fort, once the seat of Mughal power, before visiting the breathtaking Taj Mahal. Built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a tribute to his beloved wife, this iconic monument remains one of the world's greatest expressions of love.

DAY 5: AGRA TO KHAJURAHO

Continue by train to Khajuraho. This afternoon, explore the UNESCO-listed Khajuraho Temples, renowned for their extraordinary stone carvings, intricate sculptures, and remarkable architectural achievements. Discover intricately carved sculptures depicting Hindu deities, dancers, musicians, and warriors.

DAY 6: EXPLORE PANNA NATIONAL PARK

Travel to nearby Panna National Park. Cruise along the tranquil Ken River, keeping watch for crocodiles and birdlife along the banks, before heading into the park on a jeep safari through forests and grasslands in search of wildlife including deer, antelope and predators.

DAY 7: KHAJURAHO TO BANDHAVGARH

Journey into the heart of central India to Bandhavgarh National Park, home to one of the country's highest concentrations of Bengal tigers. After settling into your lodge, join a talk with a resident naturalist and learn about the park's wildlife, habitats and ongoing conservation efforts.

DAY 8: BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a relaxed morning or join a guided nature walk around the lodge grounds, learning about the region's plants, birds and smaller wildlife. Later, venture into Bandhavgarh on a jeep safari, exploring its dense forests, bamboo thickets and open meadows in search of tigers, leopards and deer.



Spot Indian gaur in Kanha



Spot open billed storks on the Ken River



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

DAY 9: BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

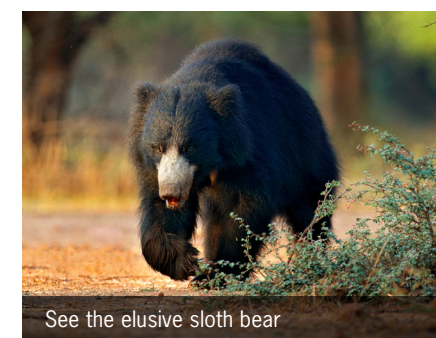
Head into the park at dawn, when the forest is at its most active. Track wildlife through Bandhavgarh's varied landscapes and look out for the elusive Bengal tiger. This afternoon, return to the reserve for a second safari, offering further opportunities for memorable wildlife encounters.

DAY 10: BANDHAVGARH TO KANHA

Travel through rural Madhya Pradesh to Kanha National Park, the inspiration behind Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. Settle into your lodge before joining an informative wildlife presentation by a resident naturalist.

DAY 11: TRIBAL TRADITIONS

Set out on an early morning safari through Kanha's forests and grasslands, keeping watch for tigers, barasingha deer, jackals and an abundance of birdlife. Later, visit a local tribal village to gain an insight into the customs, traditions and daily lives of the communities that have lived alongside the forest for generations.



See the elusive sloth bear

DAY 12: KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Spend a full day exploring Kanha's rich wildlife habitats. Join morning and afternoon safaris through the park's vast grasslands and sal forests, where excellent wildlife viewing and beautiful scenery combine to create one of India's finest safari experiences.

DAY 13: KANHA TO DELHI

Transfer to the airport and fly to Delhi. Enjoy a final evening, reflecting on the unforgettable wildlife experiences of central India.

DAY 14: FLY DELHI TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight, arriving home the same day.



Glimpse the impressive barasingha

GO BEYOND

INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Saturday

2027 DATES

14 Mar - 27 Mar	£4,290	07 Nov - 20 Nov	£4,290
17 Oct - 30 Oct	£4,290		

2028 DATES

12 Mar - 25 Mar	£4,390	05 Nov - 18 Nov	£4,390
15 Oct - 28 Oct	£4,390		

Flight and supplement information

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- Land Only from £3,690 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £890
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+ EXTEND YOUR STAY...

Ranthambore National Park is one of India's premier wildlife reserves. Enjoy multiple safaris through its lakes, forests and ancient ruins, keeping watch for Bengal tigers, leopards and a wealth of birdlife.

RANTHAMBORE SHORT STAY

4 days from £475pp

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INDIA BY RAIL

- 15 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £4,490
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- ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Witness the Ganga Aarti ceremony
- ✓ Visit the historic Residency complex
- ✓ Capture the beauty of Taj Mahal
- ✓ Explore magnificent Amber Fort
- ✓ Ride the toy train in Shimla
- ✓ Admire the spiritual Golden Temple

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Discover local Artisan traditions

▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Enjoy a hands-on pottery session and a fascinating gem-cutting demonstration, where you'll meet skilled local artisans and gain insight into the traditional techniques passed down through generations.
- ▶ Travel aboard the iconic toy train, winding through pine forests, hillside villages and spectacular scenery, offering a memorable glimpse into the beauty of the Himalayan foothills.
- ▶ Witness the mesmerising Ganga Aarti on the banks of the Ganges. As the sun sets, priests perform this sacred ritual with chanting, bells and flaming oil lamps before flower offerings and flickering lamps are released onto the river.



Ride Shimla's toy train

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: DELHI TO VARANASI

Explore the vibrant streets of Old Delhi, passing the impressive Red Fort before visiting the historic Jama Masjid, one of the country's most revered mosques. Discover the sights and sounds of Chandni Chowk on a traditional cycle rickshaw ride, then drive through the grand boulevards of New Delhi, passing India Gate, Parliament House and the Presidential Palace. Later, fly to Varanasi, one of Hinduism's holiest cities.

DAY 4: DISCOVER VARANASI

Begin the day with a sunrise boat cruise on the sacred Ganges, watching pilgrims gather along the ghats as the city comes to life. Continue with a visit to Bharat Mata Temple before travelling to nearby Sarnath, where Buddha delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment.



Travel from Varanasi to Lucknow by train

This evening, witness the captivating Ganga Aarti ceremony, as priests perform rituals along the riverbank amid chanting, music and flickering lamps.

DAY 5: VARANASI TO LUCKNOW

Board the train and travel to Lucknow, the refined capital of Uttar Pradesh. On arrival, explore The Residency, whose atmospheric ruins tell the story of the 1857 Indian Rebellion.

DAY 6: LUCKNOW TO AGRA

Discover Lucknow's architectural treasures, beginning at the grand Bara Imambara before visiting the ornate Chota Imambara. Later, continue by train to Agra, home of India's most famous monument.

DAY 7: AGRA

Explore the mighty Agra Fort, once the principal residence of the Mughal emperors. Enjoy some free time before visiting the magnificent Taj Mahal, the ivory-white marble mausoleum, housing the tomb of Mumtaz Mahal.



Marvel at the magnificent Taj Mahal

DAY 8: AGRA TO JAIPUR

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Agra before boarding the train to Jaipur, the colourful capital of Rajasthan. On arrival, transfer to your hotel and settle into the Pink City.

DAY 9: JAIPUR

Visit the magnificent Amber Fort, ascending to the hilltop citadel by jeep. Explore its ornate palaces, peaceful courtyards and glittering Hall of Mirrors before returning to the city with a pottery workshop and gem-cutting demonstration en route. Continue to the City Palace and the UNESCO-listed Jantar Mantar Observatory before ending the day with a home-hosted dinner and an insight into local family life.

DAY 10: JAIPUR TO SHIMLA

Fly to Chandigarh and continue by road into the Himalayan foothills. Arrive in Shimla, the former summer capital of British India, renowned for its colonial architecture and mountain scenery.

DAY 11: SHIMLA

Board the famous toy train for a scenic journey through pine-clad hills and mountain landscapes. On your return drive to Shimla, you will visit Sankat Mochan Temple. Later, discover the city's colonial heritage at the Voice Regal Lodge and Gaiety Theatre, stroll along the bustling Mall Road and enjoy free time to browse local markets.

DAY 12: SHIMLA TO AMRITSAR

Journey through the foothills to Amritsar, the spiritual heart of Sikhism. This evening, join the moving Palki Ceremony at the

Golden Temple, where the Sikh holy book is carried in a candlelit procession.

DAY 13: AMRITSAR

Visit the shimmering Golden Temple and the poignant Jallianwala Bagh memorial. Discover the city's rich culinary traditions on a guided food walk, sampling local specialities while learning about their origins. Later, visit the fascinating Partition Museum, which tells the human stories behind the division of India in 1947.

DAY 14: AMRITSAR TO DELHI

This morning you will be returning to Delhi by train. Spend the afternoon at leisure, perhaps relaxing at your hotel or enjoying some final exploration of the capital.

DAY 15: FLY DELHI TO UK

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving home the same day.



Experience a Ganga Aarti ceremony

CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Thursday

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NORTHERN INDIA DISCOVERY

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & IE passport holders



Be dazzled by Mohabbat the Taj

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Experience the magic of Mohabbat the Taj, a dazzling show that brings the love story behind the Taj Mahal to life through vibrant dance, music, and stunning costumes. This theatrical performance immerses you in the romance, history, and grandeur of Mughal India.
- Experience rural Punjabi life on a village visit near Amritsar. Enjoy a traditional welcome with lassi, try a turban-tying session, take a tractor ride through the village and learn about local cuisine during a cooking demonstration.
- Visit the Golden Temple in the evening when, beautifully illuminated, you can witness the Palki Sahib ceremony with its chanting and careful 'putting to bed' of the Guru Granth Sahib, the religious scripture.



Admire the Golden Temple in Amritsar

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT 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

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

DAY 4: TRAIN TO AMRITSAR

Transfer to Delhi station and hop on a train travelling north to Amritsar. Step beyond the city and visit a traditional village, where you'll gain an insight into rural life, local customs and age-old traditions. Meet members of the community, learn about daily life and experience the warm hospitality for which Punjab is renowned.

DAY 5: EXPLORE AMRITSAR

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

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO DHARAMSALA

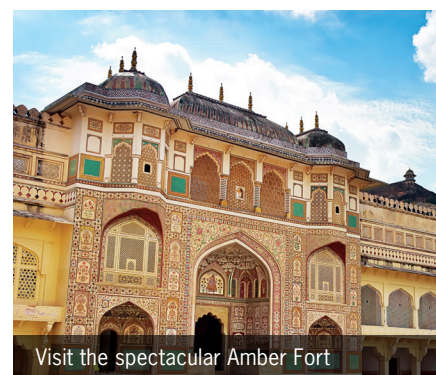
Ascend into the Himalayas to Dharamsala, a former British hill station that has become the home of the Tibetan Government-in-exile. This afternoon, visit the Tibetan Library and the Tibetan Medical Institute.

DAY 7: EXPLORE DHARAMSALA

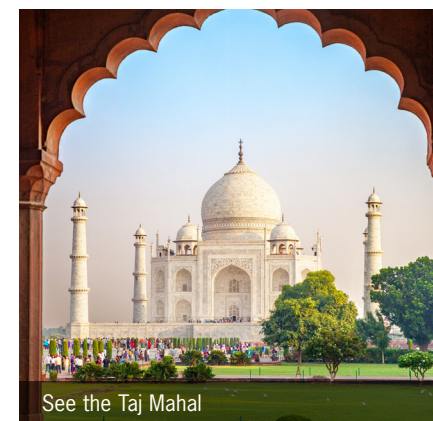
Start the day at Bhagsunag, a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva before exploring McLeod Ganj, a town with a distinctly Tibetan feel. Explore the town, visiting Buddhist temples and local markets, as well as the Dalai Lama Temple and the Tibetan Museum.

DAY 8: YOGA EXPERIENCE

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



Visit the spectacular Amber Fort



See the Taj Mahal



Travel on the iconic Toy Train in Shimla

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA

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

DAY 10: TOY TRAIN

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

DAY 11: SHIMLA TO DELHI

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

DAY 12: AGRA FORT

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

DAY 13: TAJ MAHAL

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

DAY 14: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Start with a photo stop this morning at Hawa Mahal, the Palace of the Winds, before heading out of the city to admire the spectacular Amber Fort. Later, in the backstreets of Jaipur's old town, visit a craft centre to watch artisans at work, practicing traditional crafts like block printing and carpet weaving. This afternoon you will visit Maharaja's City Palace and the Jantar Mantar Observatory.

DAY 15: RETURN TO DELHI

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

DAY 16: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and spirituality of Varanasi. Cruise along the sacred Ganges at sunrise, explore important religious sites and witness the atmospheric Ganga Aarti ceremony, a captivating display of devotion that has taken place on the riverbanks for centuries.

VARANASI SHORT STAY

4 days from £885pp

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CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

2027 DATES

20 Mar - 04 Apr	£3,990	09 Oct - 24 Oct	£3,990
10 Apr - 25 Apr	£3,990	16 Oct - 31 Oct	£3,990
17 Apr - 02 May	£3,990		

2028 DATES

18 Mar - 02 Apr	£4,090	07 Oct - 22 Oct	£4,090
08 Apr - 23 Apr	£3,990	14 Oct - 29 Oct	£4,090
15 Apr - 30 Apr	£3,990		

Flight and supplement information

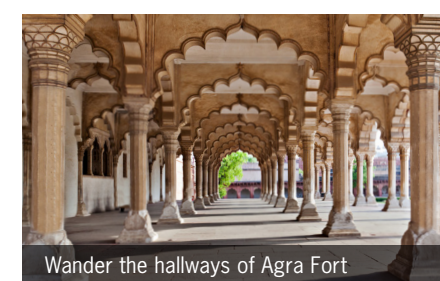
- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £3,390 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £930
- Tipping paid locally USD\$120



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Wander the hallways of Agra Fort

KERALA & THE SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Experience a martial arts demonstration

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO CHENNAI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER MAMALLAPURAM

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Mamallapuram, where you will discover the extraordinary rock-cut temples and intricate stone carvings that reveal centuries of Pallava artistry and devotion. Wander among the famous Shore Temple, Arjuna's Penance, and ancient cave sanctuaries as expert insights bring each masterpiece to life.

DAY 4: CHENNAI CITY

Discover Chennai's highlights starting with Marina Beach, one of the world's longest urban beaches, explore the historic Fort St. George and St Mary's Church. Continue to the vibrant Kapaleeswarar Temple, an example of Dravidian architecture and living tradition.

DAY 5: TRAIN TO BANGALORE

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

DAY 6: MYSORE

Head to Mysore, stopping at Srirangapatna Fort en route. Visit the magnificent Maharaja's Palace and drive to Chamundi Hill to admire the 12th-century Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and Nandi Bull.

DAY 7: DRIVE TO OOTY

Today you will journey to the hill station of Ooty, one of three Nilgiri stations, that sits high above the southern plains. The road twists through hairpin bends, misty forests, and tea plantations and offers breathtaking views. You have the rest of the afternoon to relax and enjoy your surroundings.

DAY 8: TOY TRAIN TO COONOR

All aboard the miniature, popular 'Toy Train' to Coonoor, where you will be surrounded with spectacular mountain views. Visit a botanical gardens, created in 1847 and is home to many tree species, including a 20-million-year-old fossilized tree.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO COIMBATORE

Drive to Coimbatore. On arrival, explore the sights of the city, taking in Sri Svetambra Vimalanther Jain Temple, St Michael's Cathedral and the Athar Jamid Mosque.

DAY 10: 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 11: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY

Today explore Eravikulam National Park where you will have the opportunity to spot the local wildlife (closed Feb-Apr, when a tour of Munnar will be offered instead). Continue your journey to Thekkady, home of Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary.

DAY 12: PERIYAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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



See the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram



Ride the 'Toy Train' to Coonoor

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

DAY 13: DRIVE TO KOCHI

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

DAY 14: EXPLORE KOCHI

Set off on a full day tour of Kochi. Start at St. Francis Church, the first European church built in India, before a visit to Santa Cruz Basilica. Nearby, see the Chinese fishing nets – the fishermen will demonstrate how they work while your guide explains the mechanics.

DAY 15: BACKWATERS CRUISING

Travel to Alleppey, stopping en route at Kumbalangi, a village created to highlight the lifestyle of fisher-folk in the area. Later board your houseboat, a converted rice barge known as a 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 before spending a comfortable night on the water.



Visit Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary

DAY 16: DISCOVER TRIVANDRUM

Have breakfast onboard before disembarking and heading for the beach town of Kovalam. Stop on the way in Kerala's capital Trivandrum to explore. Visit the Observatory and Sri Chitra Art Gallery to name a few.

DAY 17: RELAX IN KOVALAM

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

DAY 18: FLY TRIVANDRUM TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Kovalam welcomes you with its crescent-shaped beaches, swaying coconut palms, and gentle Arabian Sea waves. Discover vibrant seaside life, enjoy sun-soaked days by the shore, and explore its blend of local culture and coastal charm as you relax.

KOVALAM BEACH STAY

5 days from £425pp

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CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Saturday

2026 DATES

21 Oct - 07 Nov	£4,290	11 Nov - 28 Nov	£4,290
28 Oct - 14 Nov	£4,290		

2027 DATES

13 Jan - 30 Jan	£4,290	20 Oct - 06 Nov	£4,290
27 Jan - 13 Feb	£4,290	27 Oct - 13 Nov	£4,290
10 Feb - 27 Feb	£4,290	10 Nov - 27 Nov	£4,290
03 Mar - 20 Mar	£4,290	01 Dec - 18 Dec	£4,190
15 Sep - 02 Oct	£3,990		

2028 DATES

12 Jan - 29 Jan	£4,390	11 Oct - 28 Oct	£4,390
26 Jan - 12 Feb	£4,390	25 Oct - 11 Nov	£4,390
16 Feb - 04 Mar	£4,390	08 Nov - 25 Nov	£4,390
08 Mar - 25 Mar	£4,390	02 Dec - 19 Dec	£4,290
20 Sep - 07 Oct	£4,090		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £3,290 (Chennai - Trivandrum)
- Single room from £1,130
- Tipping paid locally USD\$100



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HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See colourful produce at local markets

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Explore Mehrangarh Fort

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT 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: EXPLORE DELHI

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

DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL

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

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO KHAJURAHO

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

DAY 6: DISCOVER KHAJURAHO

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

DAY 7: RIVER GANGES

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

DAY 8: EXPLORE JAIPUR

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

DAY 9: AMBER FORT

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

DAY 10: TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

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

DAY 11: EXPLORE JODHPUR

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



Visit Khajuraho's Western temples



Explore Varanasi, one of the holiest cities in Hinduism

DAY 12: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

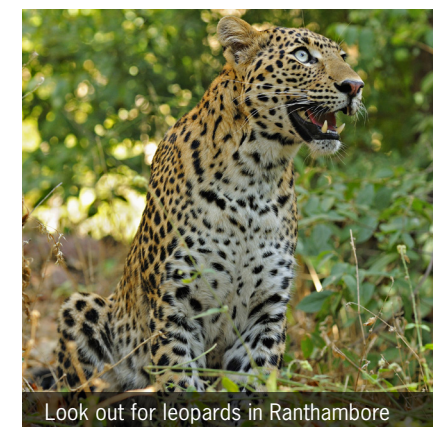
The long drive from Jodhpur to Udaipur stretches through deserts, ancient forts, and villages. Enjoy some leisure time upon arrival.

DAY 13: UDAIPUR

Today, explore the city, starting with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake. Stop at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens. Later, visit the flamboyant City Palace and admire its delightful infusion of Rajasthani and Mughal styles. End the day cruising on Lake Pichola, admiring the city's palaces from the water.

DAY 14: BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

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



Look out for leopards in Ranthambore

DAY 15: RANTHAMBORE

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

DAY 16: RANTHAMBORE SAFARIS

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

DAY 17: RETURN TO DELHI

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

DAY 18: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Explore Amritsar, the spiritual and cultural centre of Punjab. Admire its iconic landmarks, discover fascinating stories from India's past, and soak up the vibrant atmosphere of this welcoming city, renowned for its rich heritage, colourful traditions, and exceptional cuisine.

AMRITSAR SHORT STAY

3 days from £415pp

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CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Monday

2026 DATES			
25 Sep - 12 Oct	£4,490	16 Oct - 02 Nov	£4,690
02 Oct - 19 Oct	£4,690		
2027 DATES			
22 Jan - 08 Feb	£4,690	24 Sep - 11 Oct	£4,490
12 Feb - 01 Mar	£4,690	01 Oct - 18 Oct	£4,690
26 Feb - 15 Mar	£4,690	15 Oct - 01 Nov	£4,690
05 Mar - 22 Mar	£4,690	22 Oct - 08 Nov	£4,690
19 Mar - 05 Apr	£4,690		
2028 DATES			
21 Jan - 07 Feb	£4,790	22 Sep - 09 Oct	£4,590
25 Feb - 13 Mar	£4,790	29 Sep - 16 Oct	£4,790
03 Mar - 20 Mar	£4,790	13 Oct - 30 Oct	£4,790
17 Mar - 03 Apr	£4,790	20 Oct - 06 Nov	£4,790

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £3,890 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally USD\$100



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RAJASTHAN PANORAMA

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Bikaner

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Admire Udaipur's City Palace

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: ALSISAR HERITAGE TOWN

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

DAY 4: EXPLORE BIKANER

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

DAYS 5-6: DISCOVER JAISALMER

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

DAY 7: THAR DESERT SAFARI

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

DAYS 8-9: JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur, where you'll spend two days exploring. Known as the 'Blue City', much of Jodhpur's old town is painted a vivid blue, something that is best admired from the towering Mehrangarh Fort. You'll also visit Jaswant Thada and a small museum housed in the magnificent Umaid Bhawan Palace.

DAYS 10-11: EXPLORE UDAIPUR

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

DAY 12: RAJASTHAN COUNTRYSIDE

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



Visit magnificent Jaisalmer Fort



See majestic Bengal tigers in Ranthambore

DAY 13: EXPLORE PUSHKAR

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

DAY 14: JAIPUR

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

DAY 15: AMBER FORT

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

DAYS 16-17: RANTHAMBORE

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

DAY 18: TRAVEL TO AGRA

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

DAY 19: THE TAJ MAHAL

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

DAY 20: TRAVEL TO DELHI

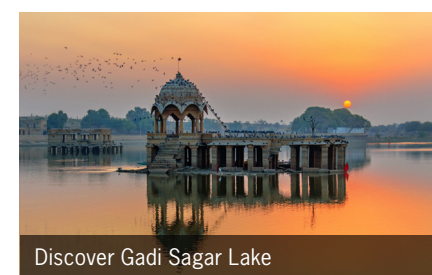
Travel by road back to Delhi. India's capital, it is a city of equal chaos and charm, the sort of place that grabs you and doesn't let go! This afternoon, begin your explorations with old and new visiting the UNESCO-listed 12th-century Qutab Minar, and the impressive Lotus Temple built in the 1980s.

DAY 21: VIBRANT DELHI

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

DAY 22: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same day.



Discover Gadi Sagar Lake

CLASSIC
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Wednesday

2026 DATES

07 Oct - 28 Oct £3,990

2027 DATES

13 Jan - 03 Feb	£3,990	15 Sep - 06 Oct	£3,790
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03 Mar - 24 Mar	£3,990	13 Oct - 03 Nov	£3,990
17 Mar - 07 Apr	£3,990	03 Nov - 24 Nov	£3,990

2028 DATES

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01 Mar - 22 Mar	£4,190	11 Oct - 01 Nov	£4,190
15 Mar - 05 Apr	£4,190	01 Nov - 22 Nov	£4,190

Flight and supplement information

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- Land Only from £3,190 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £1,040
- Tipping paid locally USD\$115



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EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Experience the spiritual heart of India in Varanasi, one of the world's oldest living cities. Cruise along the sacred Ganges at sunrise, explore temples and ghats, and witness the mesmerising Ganga Aarti ceremony.

VARANASI SHORT STAY

4 days from £885pp

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HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS

24 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON
£7,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE
FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Kolkata's culture
- ✓ Ride the toy train in Darjeeling
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Kanchenjunga
- ✓ Explore monasteries in Sikkim
- ✓ Discover Buddhist heritage in Thimpu
- ✓ Hike to Tiger's Nest Monastery



Explore the cliffside Tiger's Nest Monastery

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Darjeeling's iconic Toy Train

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Darjeeling Toy Train, offers a memorable journey through the Himalayan foothills as it winds its way up to Ghoom. Pass through misty mountain slopes, hillside villages, and lush tea gardens before reaching Ghoom.
- Follow a well-trodden trail, festooned with colourful prayer flags and the occasional prayer wheel, to reach one of Bhutan's most magnificent sights, Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched 900 metres up the steep side of the spectacular Paro Valley.
- Explore Kolkata's traditional potters' quarter, Kumortuli, where you'll see the skilled artisans sculpting idols of gods and goddesses for festivals.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KOLKATA

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE KOLKATA

Start your day at a colourful flower market beneath the iconic Howrah Bridge. Visit the magnificent Victoria Memorial and experience the spiritual atmosphere of Kalighat Temple, one of Kolkata's most revered shrines.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO DARJEELING

Enjoy a relaxed morning before flying to Bagdogra, where you will stop for lunch before continuing into the Himalayan foothills. Travel through scenic tea-growing regions and winding mountain roads as you make your way to Darjeeling, a charming hill station renowned for its colonial heritage, panoramic views, and world-famous tea.

DAY 5: TOY TRAIN RIDE

Today's highlight is a ride on the famous Toy Train through the Himalayan foothills to Ghoom Monastery. Afterwards, visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, then continue to the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park.

DAY 6: EXPLORE DARJEELING

Rise early for a visit to Tiger Hill (weather permitting) to watch the first rays of sunlight illuminate the snow-capped Himalayan peaks. Visit a renowned tea estate to learn about Darjeeling's world-famous tea industry, stroll through the picturesque plantations, and enjoy a tea-tasting experience, before relaxing this afternoon.

DAY 7: INTO SIKKIM

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

DAY 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 than Gangtok to enjoy exotic flowers and mountain panoramas. The next day visit the Enchey Monastery and proceed to Tashi viewpoint for spectacular views.

DAY 11: RUMTEK MONASTERY

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

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: TRAVEL TO BHUTAN

After breakfast, continue to the border town of Jaigaon, then cross into Bhutan. Later, explore the tranquil town of Phuentsholing with a visit to Zangtho Pelri Lhakhang.



Visit Buddhist monasteries in Thimphu



Explore glorious Punakha Dzong

DAY 14: CONTINUE TO THIMPU

Continue your drive towards Thimphu, Bhutan's capital, with a visit en route to Kharbandi Gumpa, perched on a hilltop near Phuentsholing.

DAYS 15-16: DISCOVER THIMPHU

Discover the cultural heart of Thimphu, beginning with the National Library of Bhutan, the Zorig Choesum, National Institute of Traditional Medicine, and the National Memorial Chorten. The next day, explore Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang), Textile Museum, and conclude at Tashichho Dzong.

DAY 17: TRAVEL TO GANGTEY

Drive through the dramatic Dochu La mountain pass (3,088m) admiring the views as you travel to the Phobjikha Valley. Visit Gangtey Gumpa, the only Nyingmapa monastery in the region, exploring Gangtey Village and the surrounding valley.

DAY 18: GANGTEY AT LEISURE

Enjoy a relaxing day at leisure in the valley, with the option to take a gentle hike and soak in sweeping views of the surrounding Himalayan landscape.



Discover the delights of Gangtey Monastery

DAY 19: RURAL BHUTAN

Depart for Punakha, with a visit en route to Chimi Lhakhang, widely known as the "Temple of Fertility." Continue to the magnificent Punakha Dzong, an architectural masterpiece located at the confluence of the Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers.

DAY 20: DISCOVER PUNAKHA

Set out on a rewarding hike to Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten, a striking hilltop temple overlooking the Punakha Valley. Continue to the Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang temple complex, beautifully positioned with sweeping views over the Punakha and Wangdue Phodrang valleys.

DAY 21: TRAVEL TO PARO

Drive to Paro, stopping en route at the Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress in the kingdom. Discover Paro's picturesque surroundings and explore Ta Dzong and Rinpung Dzong.

DAY 22: TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY

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

DAY 23: 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.

GO BEYOND

INDIA & BHUTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

2027 DATES

12 Mar - 04 Apr	£7,490	15 Oct - 07 Nov	£7,490
02 Apr - 25 Apr	£7,490	05 Nov - 28 Nov	£7,490

2028 DATES

10 Mar - 02 Apr	£7,590	15 Sep - 08 Oct	£7,590
07 Apr - 30 Apr	£7,590	03 Nov - 26 Nov	£7,590

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £6,890 (Kolkata - Kolkata)
- Single room from £1,590
- Tipping paid locally USD\$160



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TOUR TICKLIST

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

Discover the magnificent Kailasa Temple, Ellora

PRICE INCLUDES

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



See a Kathakali dance performance

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Witness an exuberant performance of the traditional dance-drama that is Kathakali. Kerala's best-known performing art, it is an extravagant retelling of Hindu epics complete with colourful costumes and elaborate make up.
- Not well known outside of India, discover the magnificent artistic treasures of the Ajanta and Ellora Caves, a series of caverns full of intricate frescoes and carvings created by Buddhist, Hindu and Jain monks.
- Embark on a camel cart ride out into the starkly beautiful landscapes of the Thar Desert – though it may appear barren, you'll find the desert is surprisingly full of things to see.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

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

DAYS 4-5: DISCOVER VARANASI

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

DAY 6: EXPLORE KHAJURAHO'S TEMPLES

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

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO AGRA

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

DAY 8: TAJ MAHAL

Admire the stunning white marble architecture, intricate carvings, and timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal, that continues to inspire awe around the world.

This afternoon visit the colossal 16th-century Agra Fort, before enjoying a vibrant stage performance as you watch the musical drama of Mohabbat the Taj.

DAYS 9-10: RANTHAMBORE

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

DAYS 11-12: JAIPUR

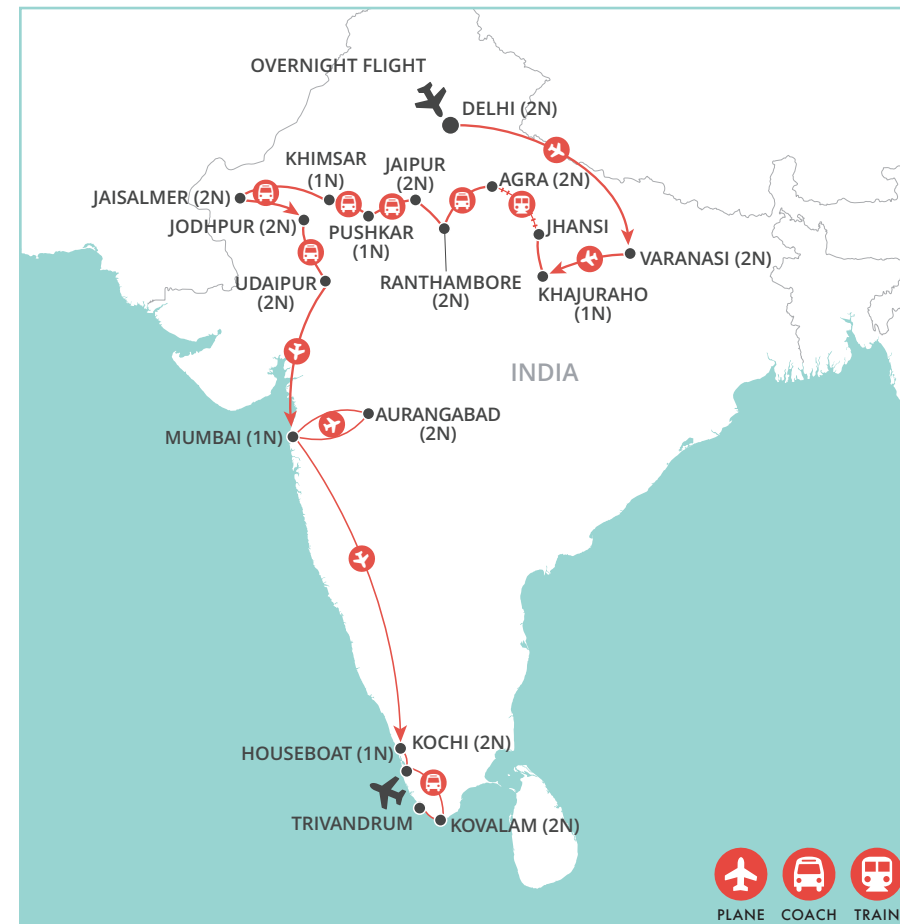
Journey to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur for a two-night stay. While here your explorations will include a photo stop at Hawa Mahal, exploring the majestic Amber Fort, the Maharaja's City Palace, and Jantar Mantar, the largest stone and marble-crafted observatory in the world.

DAYS 13-14: PUSHKAR AND KHIMSAR

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

DAYS 15-16: DISCOVER JAISALMER

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



DAYS 17-18: JODHPUR & AROUND

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

DAYS 19-20: UDAIPUR

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

DAY 21: AURANGABAD

Enjoy this morning at leisure before boarding a flight to Aurangabad.

DAYS 22-23: AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

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



Search for tigers in Ranthambore

DAY 24: DISCOVER MUMBAI

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

DAY 25: EXPLORE KOCHI

Fascinating Kochi is strung across the islands and peninsulas of the Malabar coast. Visit the Dutch Palace and Fort Kochi. This evening enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.

DAY 26: KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Visit Kochi's synagogue, before heading out of the city to Allepey to board your houseboat, for the night. On this converted rice barge, or 'kettuvallam', you will drift along the peaceful backwaters. Lunch and dinner are served onboard.

DAY 27: TRAVEL TO KOVALAM

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

DAY 28: VISIT TRIVANDRUM

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

DAY 29: FLY TRIVANDRUM TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same day.

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Cruise on Lake Pichola

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Wednesday

2026 DATES

30 Sep - 28 Oct £6,990

2027 DATES

17 Feb - 17 Mar £6,990 29 Sep - 27 Oct £6,990
10 Mar - 07 Apr £6,990 27 Oct - 24 Nov £6,990

2028 DATES

16 Feb - 15 Mar £7,090 20 Sep - 18 Oct £6,990
08 Mar - 05 Apr £7,090 18 Oct - 15 Nov £7,090

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £6,290 (Delhi - Trivandrum)
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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Try the art of turban tying

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Be captivated by the Taj Mahal on Christmas Day

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE DELHI

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

DAY 3: DELHI

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

DAY 4: DELHI TO JAIPUR

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

DAY 5: JAIPUR

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

DAY 6: JAIPUR TO PUSHKAR

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

DAY 7: PUSHKAR TO UDAIPUR

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

DAY 8: UDAIPUR

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

DAY 9: UDAIPUR TO BUNDI

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



Visit the ghats at Pushkar



Admire Udaipur's City Palace

DAY 10: BUNDI TO RANTHAMBORE

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

DAY 11: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 12: CHRISTMAS EVE IN AGRA

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

DAY 13: CHRISTMAS DAY IN AGRA

Wake on Christmas Day and head straight to the spellbinding Taj Mahal – what a wonderful way to start such a special day. Enjoy some time to explore this magnificent monument at

your leisure. Next, visit Agra Fort, a majestic red sandstone fortress built by Emperor Akbar in the 16th century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After enjoying a Christmas lunch feast filled with lots of entertainment and celebrations, you will be taken to a rooftop restaurant to sip on a glass of chilled champagne as you watch the pinks, yellows and reds of the sun set shift across the marbled surface of the Taj Mahal. To conclude this magical Christmas Day, enjoy a live musical drama – Mohabbat the Taj – a show depicting the romantic love story of Emperor Shahjahan and his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. This is a true Bollywood experience.

DAY 14: DRIVE TO DELHI

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

DAY 15: FLY DELHI TO UK

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home.



Marvel at Fatehpur Sikri

CLASSIC INDIA



PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Spot tigers in Ranthambore National Park

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

2027 DATES

13 Dec - 27 Dec £4,090

2028 DATES

13 Dec - 27 Dec £4,190

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land Only from £3,290 (Delhi - Delhi)
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TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Kathmandu's Durbar Square
- ✓ Discover Boudhanath Stupa
- ✓ Safari in Chitwan National Park
- ✓ Admire Punakha Dzong
- ✓ Climb Tiger's Nest Monastery

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Enjoy making authentic momos

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Step into a Nepali home and learn to prepare momos, the country's beloved dumplings. It's a relaxed, hands-on experience that offers a glimpse into everyday cooking traditions, shared meals, and the warmth of local hospitality.
- Explore a traditional Tharu village on foot, learning about indigenous life in the Terai region before a lively stick dance performance brings the community's heritage to life through rhythm, movement, and celebration.
- Enjoy an intimate encounter with daily life in rural Bhutan as you visit a working farmhouse, where you'll sample home-cooked dishes and pick up traditional cooking methods from your warm and welcoming hosts.



Discover Boudhanath Stupa, one of the world's largest stupas

ITINERARY

DAY 1-2: FLY TO KATHMANDU

Fly overnight to Kathmandu, Nepal's vibrant and historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to relax and begin soaking up the atmosphere of this fascinating Himalayan city.

DAY 3: EXPLORE KATHMANDU

Begin in the historical heart of the old city, Kathmandu Durbar Square, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander through ancient courtyards and temples before exploring the bustling alleyways of Thamel on foot. Later, visit sacred Pashupatinath Temple, one of the most important Hindu pilgrimage sites in the world, followed by the magnificent Boudhanath Stupa, where colourful prayer flags flutter in the mountain breeze. This evening, enjoy a traditional Nepali dinner accompanied by a lively cultural dance performance.

DAY 4: JOURNEY TO POKHARA

Cross scenic countryside to reach spectacular Pokhara, a town on the shores of Lake Phewa, backed by the towering peaks of Annapurna. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. As the sun begins to dip behind the mountains, perhaps join your guide at the lakeside to witness the atmospheric sunset aarti ceremony.

DAY 5: LAKES & MOUNTAIN CULTURE

Spend the morning cruising across the serene waters of Lake Phewa soaking up magnificent Himalayan scenery. Later, delve into Nepal's proud mountain heritage at the Gorkha Memorial Museum and the International Mountain Museum before enjoying a hands-on momo making experience with a local family,

learning the art of crafting Nepal's famous dumplings.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

On a scenic journey, descend from the hills into the lush flats of the Terai and Chitwan National Park. Later, take a guided walk through a traditional Tharu village before an evening talk from a naturalist who will introduce the incredible flora and fauna of the national park.

DAY 7: SAFARI IN CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Embark on an exciting jeep safari through Chitwan National Park in search of one-horned rhinoceros, deer, wild elephants and an array of birdlife. Visit the Crocodile Breeding Centre before returning to the lodge for lunch. Later, glide peacefully along the Rapti River by canoe and, this evening, enjoy a traditional Tharu Stick Dance performance.

DAY 8: JUNGLE ADVENTURES

Explore deeper into Chitwan National Park on a thrilling guided jungle walk accompanied by an experienced naturalist. This afternoon, embark on another jeep safari through the park's dense forests and grasslands, keeping watch for elusive wildlife including one of the estimated 128 Royal Bengal tigers that call this wilderness home.

DAY 9: RETURN TO KATHMANDU

Depart the jungles of Chitwan and return to Kathmandu, travelling through dramatic mountain scenery and charming rural villages. The evening is at leisure to relax or perhaps explore the lively streets around your hotel.



Hike Tiger's Nest Monastery, Paro, Bhutan

DAY 10: FLY TO PARO (BHUTAN)

Bid farewell to Nepal and fly to your second Himalayan kingdom, arriving in Paro, Bhutan. Travel onwards to Thimphu, stopping en route at Tachogang (Tachog) Lhakhang, a beautiful 15th-century temple steeped in legend. Later, discover the impressive Trashichodzong, a magnificent monastery-fortress that serves as the seat of Bhutan's government and monarchy.

DAY 11: DISCOVER THIMPHU

This morning, enjoy a scenic hike from Sangaygang to Wangtse Monastery, passing fluttering prayer flags and enjoying panoramic views across Thimphu Valley. In the afternoon, visit Pangrizampa Astrology Institute, where Buddhist monks' study traditional astrology, a practice deeply woven into Bhutanese culture and spirituality.

DAY 12: INTO THE VALLEY OF GANGTEY

Travel east through spectacular mountain scenery, crossing the dramatic Dochu-La (3,088m), a pass adorned with colourful prayer flags and chortens. Continue into the beautiful Gangtey Valley, one of Bhutan's most peaceful and picturesque regions.

DAY 13: SPIRITUAL BHUTAN

Explore the serene landscapes of Gangtey with a gentle nature walk, stopping at Kewa Lhakhang, a 15th-century temple. This afternoon, visit the revered Gangtey Monastery, the largest Nyingmapa monastery in western Bhutan, where you may be able to witness monks chanting during evening prayers.



Safari in Chitwan National Park

DAY 14: TRAVEL TO PUNAKHA

Journey to Punakha, stopping en route at Chimi Lhakhang, the famous 'Temple of Fertility', beautifully situated amid rice paddies. Continue to Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang, a peaceful hilltop monastery with glorious views over the Punakha Valley. Here, meet resident nuns and join them in the lighting of traditional butter lamps.

DAY 15: PUNAKHA DZONG

Visit the magnificent Punakha Dzong, spectacularly positioned at the confluence of the Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers. Afterwards, enjoy an authentic Bhutanese experience at a rural farmhouse, tasting local cuisine and enjoying a demonstration of traditional cooking methods. Continue to Paro before visiting the Namgay Artisanal Brewery for a tasting of locally crafted beers.

DAY 16: TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY

Make an early start for one of Bhutan's most iconic experiences — the hike to Taktsang Monastery, better known as Tiger's Nest. Follow a well-trodden trail past fluttering prayer flags and creaking prayer wheels to one of the Himalaya's most extraordinary sights, a monastery perched 900 metres up the steep side of the Paro Valley. Return to Paro and enjoy a traditional Bhutanese dinner accompanied by local dance performances.

DAY 17: RETURN TO KATHMANDU

Fly back to Kathmandu. Visit the neighbouring city of Bhaktapur and explore the intricately carved medieval temples and palaces of its Durbar Square, also UNESCO-listed.

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Journey through the soaring peaks and tranquil valleys of the Himalaya, on an extraordinary adventure through Nepal and Bhutan.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Tuesday

2027 DATES

15 May - 01 Jun **£5,590** 09 Oct - 26 Oct **£5,790**

2028 DATES

15 Apr - 02 May **£5,990** 14 Oct - 31 Oct **£5,990**

06 May - 23 May **£5,790** 04 Nov - 21 Nov **£5,790**

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £4,690 (Kathmandu - Kathmandu)
- Single room from £930
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TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star - 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & IE passport holders



Visit Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Discover the ancient fortress of Sigiriya

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO COLOMBO

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA

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

DAY 4: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

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

DAY 5: ANURADHAPURA

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

DAY 6: DAMBULLA ROCK TEMPLE

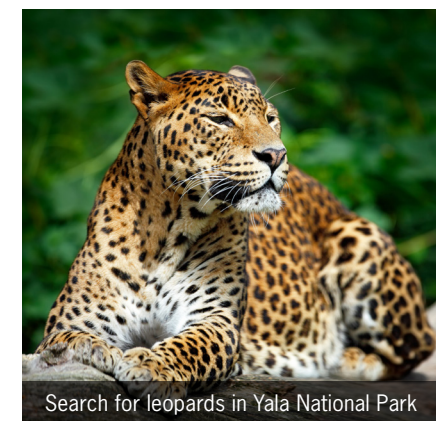
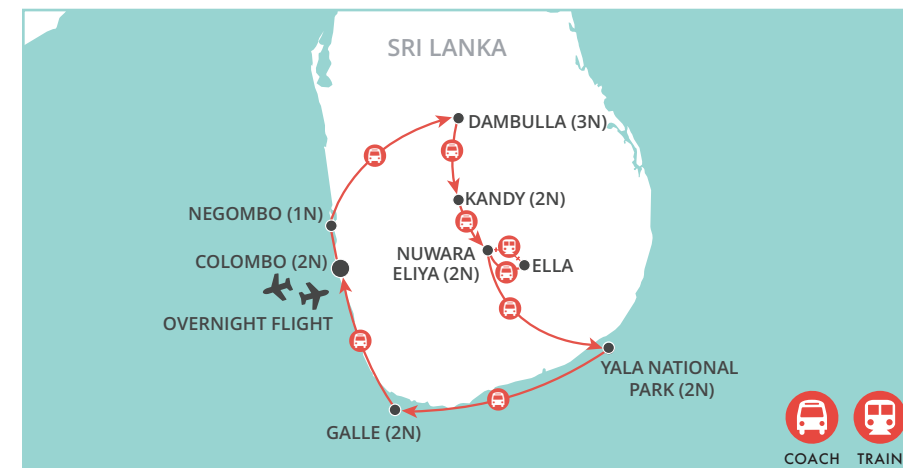
After breakfast, travel to Dambulla where you will tour the Rock Temple. Dating back to the 1st century BC, the temple is made up of five cave sanctuaries where you'll find some of Sri Lanka's most important Buddha images. Visit a spice garden in Matale where you can see cinnamon, cardamom, pepper creepers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

DAY 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. Stolen at Buddha's funeral, the tooth was smuggled into Sri Lanka hidden in the hair of a princess who fled from India. Explore the remains of the Royal Palace, now a museum. This evening you will watch a colourful cultural dance performance.

DAY 8: TEA PLANTATION

Travel into picturesque hill country to Nuwara Eliya. Along the way, visit a tea plantation and factory to discover how world-famous Ceylon tea is grown, processed and graded, before enjoying a tasting. Explore the town's colonial landmarks, including the Hill Club, racecourse, Gregory Lake and Sita Amman Kovil. Indulge in a traditional afternoon high tea.



Search for leopards in Yala National Park

DAY 9: SCENIC TRAIN RIDE

Board one of Sri Lanka's most scenic train journeys, travelling through emerald tea plantations, misty mountains and picturesque hill country, to Ella. Take a tuk tuk to the iconic Nine Arch Bridge, and enjoy lunch before returning to Nuwara Eliya by coach.

DAY 10: UDAWALAWE

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

DAY 11: YALA NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 12: DRIVE TO GALLE

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

DAY 13: OLD GALLE

Explore the enchanting city of Galle, Sri Lanka's finest colonial treasure. See the lighthouse, the old town and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dutch Fort,

before wandering charming streets lined with colonial villas, museums, cafes and antique shops.

DAY 14: KOSGODA TURTLE HATCHERY

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

DAY 15: EXPLORE COLOMBO

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

DAY 16: FLY COLOMBO TO UK

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



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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Saturday

2026 DATES

23 Oct - 07 Nov £4,790

2027 DATES

15 Jan - 30 Jan	£4,990	09 Apr - 24 Apr	£4,990
05 Feb - 20 Feb	£4,990	15 Oct - 30 Oct	£4,990
19 Feb - 06 Mar	£4,990	22 Oct - 06 Nov	£4,990
05 Mar - 20 Mar	£4,990	05 Nov - 20 Nov	£4,990
19 Mar - 03 Apr	£4,990	12 Nov - 27 Nov	£4,990
02 Apr - 17 Apr	£4,990	19 Nov - 04 Dec	£5,990

2028 DATES

14 Jan - 29 Jan	£5,190	07 Apr - 22 Apr	£5,190
04 Feb - 19 Feb	£5,190	13 Oct - 28 Oct	£5,190
18 Feb - 04 Mar	£5,190	20 Oct - 04 Nov	£5,190
03 Mar - 18 Mar	£5,190	03 Nov - 18 Nov	£5,190
10 Mar - 25 Mar	£5,190	10 Nov - 25 Nov	£6,290
17 Mar - 01 Apr	£5,190	17 Nov - 02 Dec	£5,090
31 Mar - 15 Apr	£5,190		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £4,190 (Colombo - Colombo)
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CHRISTMAS IN SRI LANKA

17 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Explore Medieval Polonnaruwa
- ✓ Discover Udawattakele Rainforest
- ✓ Enjoy safaris in Yala National Park
- ✓ Visit the colonial quarter of Galle Fort
- ✓ Tour the vibrant streets of Colombo

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Discover authentic Sri Lankan cuisine

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Spot elephants in Yala National Park

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: ARRIVE COLOMBO

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

DAY 3: SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS

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

DAY 4: POLONNARUWA

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

DAY 5: ANURADHAPURA

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

DAY 6: DAMBULLA

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

DAY 7: KANDY

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

DAY 8: CHRISTMAS EVE – NUWARA ELIYA

Journey into the hill country, stopping at a tea plantation to dress in traditional tea-plucker attire and try your hand at harvesting the island's world-famous Ceylon tea. Learn the art of tea tasting and sample a selection of distinctive blends. On arrival in Nuwara Eliya, enjoy an elegant afternoon high tea before celebrating Christmas Eve with a festive dinner.

DAY 9: CHRISTMAS DAY – NUWARA ELIYA

Experience one of the world's most scenic train journeys as you travel through Sri Lanka's lush hill country to Ella. On arrival, take a tuk tuk to the iconic Nine Arch Bridge, a striking example of colonial-era railway engineering, before returning to the hotel for a scrumptious Christmas lunch and plenty more celebrations.



Admire the beautiful tea plantations



Explore Sigiriya Rock Fortress



Travel on Sri Lanka's most scenic railway

DAY 10: UDAWALAWE

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

DAY 11: YALA NATIONAL PARK

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

DAY 12: HIKKADUWA

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

DAY 13: GALLE FORT

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

DAY 14: KOSGODA TURTLE SANCTUARY

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

DAY 15: TRAVEL TO COLOMBO

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

DAY 16: COLOMBO

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

DAY 17: FLY COLOMBO TO UK

Before your flight, you can explore the vibrant city of Colombo further at your leisure. Later, transfer to the airport to board your onward flight home.



Visit Galle Fort

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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing days of the week vary

2027 DATES

17 Dec - 02 Jan £5,790

2028 DATES

17 Dec - 02 Jan £5,990

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,790 (Colombo - Colombo)
- Single room from £1,590
- Tipping paid locally US\$160

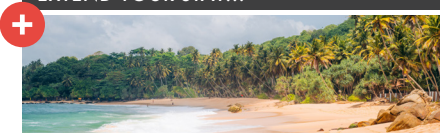


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ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star - 5 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & IE passport holders



Cruise Kerala's calm backwaters

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KOCHI

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

DAY 3: DISCOVER KOCHI

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

DAY 4: CRUISE THE BACKWATERS

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

DAY 5: EXPLORE KOLLAM

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

DAY 6: SCENIC DRIVE TO KOVALAM

This morning, travel to the beautiful seaside resort of Kovalam. The rest of the day will be at leisure – take a walk along the palm-lined beach or relax with a rejuvenating Ayurvedic treatment, for which the region is famous.

DAY 7: EXPLORE TRIVANDRUM

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

DAY 8: FLY TO SRI LANKA

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

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO HABARANA

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

DAY 10: SIGIRIYA & POLONNARUWA

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



Visit Santa Cruz Basilica



Discover Galle Fort

Maiden frescoes before reaching the summit for panoramic views. Later, head out to explore the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. Wander through the fascinating collection of palaces, stupas and statues to discover the story of a glorious era.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO KANDY

This morning, travel to Kandy, stopping en route at the Dambulla Cave Temple. Dating back to the 1st century BC, the temple is made up of five cave sanctuaries where you'll find some of Sri Lanka's most important Buddha images. On arrival in Kandy, visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic, one of the country's most revered Buddhist sites. Later, join a guided food walk through the city to sample authentic local cuisine from bustling street stalls.

DAY 12: JOURNEY TO NUWARA ELIYA

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

DAY 13: SCENIC TRAIN RIDE

After an early breakfast, board the train for a scenic journey once used during the British colonial era. On arrival in Ella, continue by tuk tuk to the Nine Arch Bridge for a closer view of this architectural marvel. Continue by road to Hikkaduwa, a coastal town known for its golden sandy beaches, and take some time to unwind at the end of this wonderful day.

DAY 14: EXPLORE GALLE

Enjoy a leisurely morning before travelling to Galle. En route, visit the Handunugoda Tea Estate, a historic plantation renowned for producing the rare Virgin White Tea. Continue to the historic Galle Fort and stroll through its atmospheric streets, Dutch-era churches, and charming colonial buildings as the fort comes alive with local culture and history.

DAY 15: RETURN TO COLOMBO

Journey back to Colombo, the bustling capital city, where colonial heritage meets modern urban life. You have the rest of the day to explore at leisure.

DAY 16: FLY COLOMBO TO UK

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



Explore Kerala's history at the Napier Museum

CLASSIC
SRI LANKA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Friday

2027 DATES			
18 Feb - 05 Mar	£5,390	30 Sep - 15 Oct	£5,390
18 Mar - 02 Apr	£5,390	11 Nov - 26 Nov	£5,390
23 Sep - 08 Oct	£5,390		
2028 DATES			
17 Feb - 03 Mar	£5,590	12 Oct - 27 Oct	£5,590
16 Mar - 31 Mar	£5,590	09 Nov - 24 Nov	£5,590
21 Sep - 06 Oct	£5,590		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £4,490 (Kochi - Colombo)
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Marvel at the Taj Mahal

YOUR GROUP TOUR ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

Arrive in India's bustling capital, Delhi. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel where the rest of the day is yours to relax or begin exploring. (D)

DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

Begin in the vibrant heart of Old Delhi, passing the imposing Red Fort and entering the magnificence of Jama Masjid. Ride on a traditional rickshaw before sampling a range of tasty street foods on a walk through Chandni Chowk's fragrant spice market. Cross into New Delhi, driving past iconic landmarks like India Gate and Parliament House, pausing at Gandhi Smriti. This afternoon, admire the Mughal architecture of Humayun's Tomb. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TRAIN TO AGRA

This morning, visit the golden-domed Sikh temple Gurudwara Bangla Sahib then, after lunch, board a train to Agra. On arrival, wander the Mughal garden of Mehtab Bagh; directly across the river from the Taj Mahal, it offers magnificent views of this most magnificent building. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

Spend the morning viewing the Taj Mahal, following pathways through the gardens to enjoy it from all angles. Considered one of the world's most beautiful buildings, learn more about the story behind its construction and enjoy the way its façade reflects the moods of the sky. Later, visit Agra Fort and take a tour of colonial Agra. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

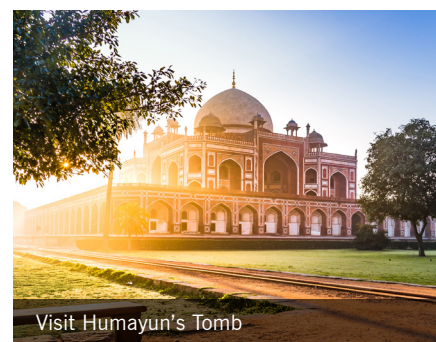
Travel by road to the 'Pink City', Jaipur, capital of the vivid state of Rajasthan. Later, after some time to relax, visit a block printing workshop to learn more about this centuries-old craft. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Start the day at the magnificent, hilltop Amber Fort, strolling through courtyards and admiring the famous Hall of Mirrors. En route back to the city meet local artisans for a pottery workshop and gem-cutting demonstration. This afternoon is at leisure. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: MORE JAIPUR

Explore the City Palace and the fascinating Jantar Mantar with its 18th century astronomical instruments. Visit the Elephant Poo Paper Workshop, where artisans are turning elephant dung into eco-friendly paper; join them and create your own sheet to take home. (B,L,D)



Visit Humayun's Tomb



Stroll the golden sands of Goa

YOUR BEACH STAY

DAY 9: FLY TO GOA

Bid farewell to northern India and fly south to the paradisaical beaches of Goa. An alluring blend of Indian and Portuguese culture, there is so much more to Goa than simply sun-soaked sands – spice plantations, bustling markets, wildlife sanctuaries and towns full of striking colonial architecture, ready and waiting for those looking to explore more.

Meet your guide and embark on a tour of Old Goa city, visiting colonial sights like Se Cathedral and Basilica of Bom Jesus before discovering the bustling Panjim City and taking a walk through the vibrant Latin Quarter. Then transfer to your beach resort for four blissful days on the coast. (B,L)

DAYS 10-13: GOA AT LEISURE

The next four days are yours to spend relaxing at the resort, on the beach or exploring independently with no escorted touring included. In Goa, it is easy to embrace the

coastal rhythms and authentic local charm, slowing down the pace as you immerse yourself in the wide, uncrowded beaches, lush greenery and laidback way of life. You're staying right on Cavelossim Beach, particularly picturesque thanks to its pristine white sand scattered with black lava rocks; from here you can enjoy relaxing under a swaying palm, taking part in a range of watersports and, at the end of the day, wonderfully vivid sunsets.

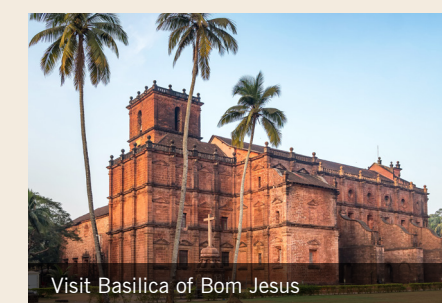
For those who want to explore more, try a peaceful river cruise (you may spot dolphins) or a visit to local villages where you'll discover historic churches and local markets. Around the resort you'll also encounter a varied dining scene, with a mix of Goan favourites and international options – you'll find the fresh seafood particularly good. (B)

DAY 14: FLY GOA TO UK

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



Admire Se Cathedral



Visit Basilica of Bom Jesus

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

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2027 DATES

14 Mar - 27 Mar	£3,490	17 Oct - 30 Oct	£3,490
11 Apr - 24 Apr	£3,190	14 Nov - 27 Nov	£3,490
26 Sep - 09 Oct	£3,190		

2028 DATES

16 Jan - 29 Jan	£3,590	24 Sep - 07 Oct	£3,390
13 Feb - 26 Feb	£3,590	15 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,590
05 Mar - 18 Mar	£3,590	05 Nov - 18 Nov	£3,590
16 Apr - 29 Apr	£3,390		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
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- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Explore Sigiriya Rock Fortress

YOUR GROUP TOUR ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO COLOMBO

Fly overnight to Colombo, Sri Lanka's charming capital, and transfer to your hotel in Negombo. Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (D)

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO SIGIRIYA

Travel inland to Sri Lanka's UNESCO-rich Cultural Triangle. Immerse yourself in the charms of Sevanagama Village, experiencing authentic local culture and rural life as you enjoy a scenic catamaran cruise followed by a tractor ride into the village to discover lush paddy fields and vibrant flower gardens. You'll also get to spend time with the villagers, learning to cook local dishes and taking a pottery class. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS

Travel to the 5th-century UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rock Fortress, 'Lion Rock'. Explore the gardens, admire the world-renowned Heavenly Maidens frescoes and, if you are feeling fit, pass between a pair of colossal lion's paws to climb to the top for panoramic views. Then, embark on an adventurous jeep safari in Minneriya National Park, looking out for large herds of elephants, sloth bears, leopards and more wonderful wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO KANDY

Travel to Dambulla, where you will tour the Rock Temple which dates from the 1st century BC. Visit a spice garden in Matale before continuing through majestic hill country to the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka's cultural hub.

Visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic then, this evening, enjoy a cultural show of folk dancing and music. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: TRAIN TO NUWARA ELIYA

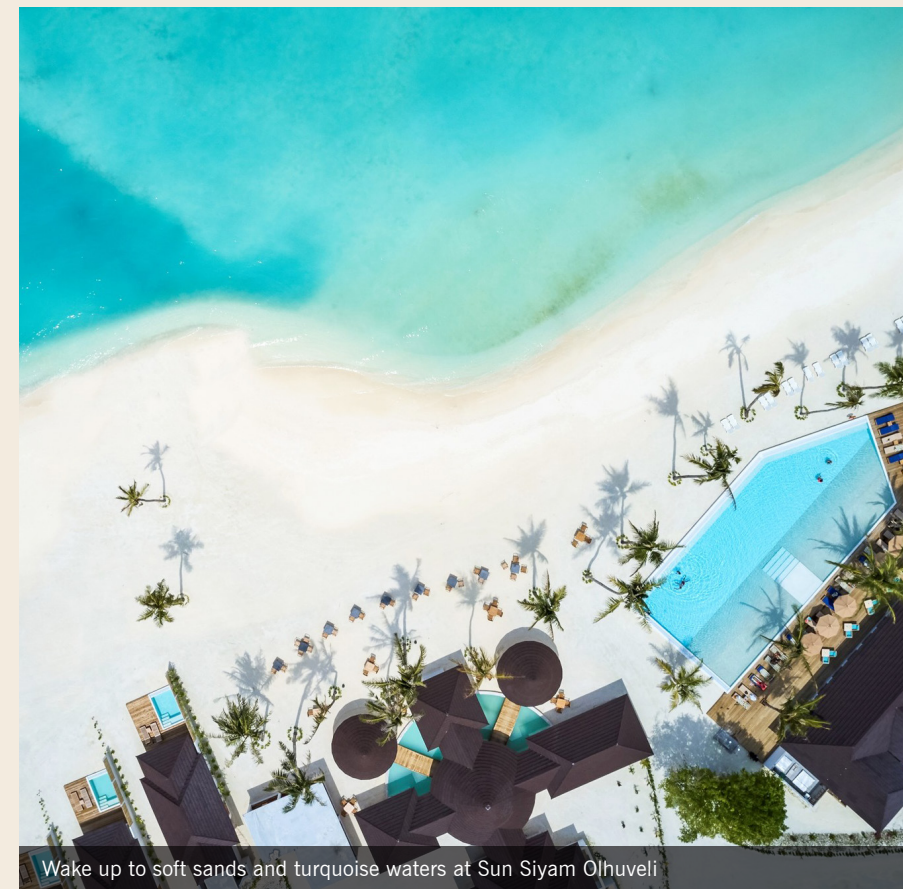
Board a train bound for Nanu Oya, passing through rolling tea plantations backed by mist-covered mountains and cascading waterfalls. Continue to Nuwara Eliya where, this evening you'll take a tuk tuk ride through the town. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: EXPLORE NUWARA ELIYA

Begin the day at a tea factory, learning about the process of picking, processing and packaging tea leaves. Then, enjoy a high tea experience at the Grand Hotel Nuwara Eliya with freshly brewed Ceylon teas and views over the hillsides. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: RETURN TO COLOMBO

Descend from the highlands back to Colombo. Take a tour of the city, visiting the Colombo Museum, Independence Square, Pettah's vibrant markets and the scenic Galle Face Green promenade. Embark on a guided street food tour, visiting some of the city's best local food spots, sampling a variety of authentic Sri Lankan snacks and delicacies. (B,L,D)



Wake up to soft sands and turquoise waters at Sun Siyam Olhuveli

YOUR BEACH STAY

DAY 9: FLY TO THE MALDIVES

Bid farewell to your guide, transfer to the airport and fly to the capital city of the Maldives, Malé. On arrival you will be met and escorted to your boat transfer which will take you directly to the resort. The next few days will be at leisure with no escorted touring involved. (B,L,D)

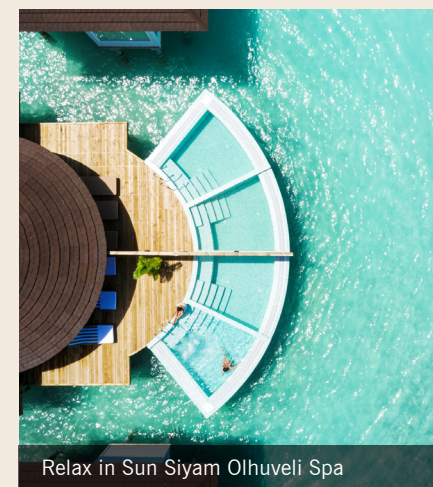
DAYS 10-13: MALDIVES AT LEISURE

In the Maldives, you'll be immersed in a paradisaical, sun-drenched world of turquoise lagoons, powder-soft white sands and the unhurried pace of island life. Your time here can be spent exactly as you wish – that may

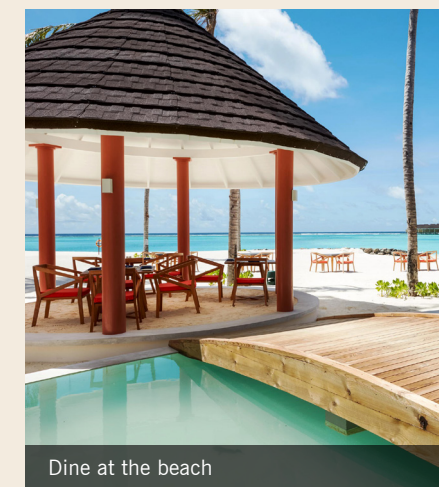
be moving with the sun from the pool to the beach to the bar, exploring the house reef with a snorkel, or taking part in some of the many activities that are available at your hotel. With its calm lagoon, the Sun Siyam Olhuveli has plenty of watersports options, or you can indulge in a treatment at the spa. As the daylight fades, grab your favourite drink and find yourself the perfect spot to watch the sun dip gently into the ocean before dining at one of the hotel's range of restaurants. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: FLY MALDIVES TO UK

After breakfast, travel by boat back to Male and transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving home the same day. (B)



Relax in Sun Siyam Olhuveli Spa



Dine at the beach

CLASSIC SRI LANKA & MALDIVES BEACH

SUN SIYAM OLUVELI

Spread across three islands in the South Male Atoll, a 45-minute speedboat transfer from the airport, Sun Siyam Olhuveli provides all the trappings of paradise – white sand beaches, turquoise lagoon and swaying palms. Sunbathe by the longest pool in the Maldives, or within the laidback, rustic chic decor of your beach pavilion or enjoy some of the many activities and entertainment options available. Snorkel over the kaleidoscopic house reef, visit the dive school or watersports centre, or simply find a good spot on the beach, and relax.

This 4-star relaxing escape features:

- Eight swimming pools
- Two spas
- Over 14 restaurants and bars
- All-inclusive basis
- Beachfront location

Upgrade options are available on request.



PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Thursday

2027 DATES

15 Jan - 28 Jan	£5,790	02 Apr - 15 Apr	£5,190
19 Feb - 04 Mar	£5,790	19 Nov - 02 Dec	£4,990
05 Mar - 18 Mar	£5,790	03 Dec - 16 Dec	£4,990

2028 DATES

14 Jan - 27 Jan	£6,390	20 Oct - 02 Nov	£5,490
04 Feb - 17 Feb	£6,390	03 Nov - 16 Nov	£5,490
17 Mar - 30 Mar	£6,390	17 Nov - 30 Nov	£5,490
14 Apr - 27 Apr	£5,690	01 Dec - 14 Dec	£5,490

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £4,190 (Colombo - Maldives)
- Single room from £1,770
- Tipping paid locally USD\$85



MORE INFORMATION
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RIVER CRUISE & TOUR

Our best-selling itineraries with a luxury cruising experience.

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- International airfares
- Four-star accommodation
- Seven night cruise on board ABN's Charaidew II or Sukapha
- All meals
- Drinks on board the cruise at lunch & dinner
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees, guides and touring as stated
- Visa fees as stated for UK & EU passport holders

EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

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

NATIONAL ESCORTS

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

ONBOARD YOUR CRUISE

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

CHRISTMAS WITH A DIFFERENCE

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

Our Christmas Departure includes:

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



ABN Charaidew II

All aboard: ABN Sukapha ABN Charaidew II

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

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



YOUR STATEROOM

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

FACILITIES ON BOARD

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

WINE & DINE

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



YOUR STATEROOM

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

FACILITIES ON BOARD

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

WINE & DINE

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



ABN Charaidew II Sundeck



ABN Charaidew II



ABN Sukapha



ABN Sukapha Top Deck

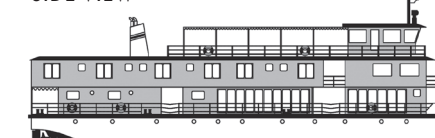
YOUR JOURNEY

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

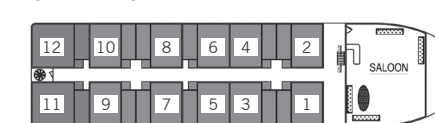
On this seven-night cruise you'll be sailing upstream from Kaziranga to Jorhat, either aboard the ABN Sukapha or the ABN Charaidew II, depending on your departure date. Both ships offer the opportunity to really get to know the river and its people as you observe wildlife on an intrepid safari, visit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

ABN SUKAPHA

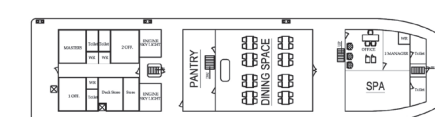
SIDE VIEW



UPPER DECK

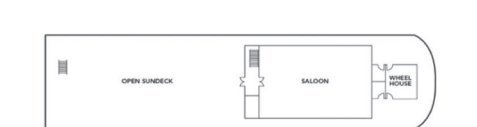


MAIN DECK



ABN CHARAIDEW II

SUN DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



BEYOND THE BRAHMA-PUTRA

- 18 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £6,790
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS

TOUR TICKLIST

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



Cruise the Brahmaputra on board ABN Charaidew II

PRICE INCLUDES

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



Ride the 'Toy Train' from Darjeeling

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KOLKATA

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE KOLKATA

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day tour of Kolkata, visiting the sacred Kalighat Kali Temple, the grand Victoria Memorial and St. Paul's Cathedral. Learn about India's influential leaders at Rabindranath Tagore and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, before visiting Dakshineswar Kali Temple and Belur Math. This evening, take a stroll along vibrant Park Street.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO GANGTOK

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Bagdogra. Upon arrival, travel through the scenic Himalayan foothills to Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim, surrounded by forested mountains and spectacular views of the eastern Himalayas.

DAY 5: EXPLORE GANGTOK

Today you will explore it, visiting the 18th century Rumtek, the region's most spiritually significant monastery, Enchey Monastery with its colourful prayer hall, the Tashi Viewpoint, where you'll get spectacular views of Mount Khangchendzonga and more. You'll also fly your way up the cable ropeway for panoramic views of the city and its surroundings.

DAY 6: TRAVEL GANGTOK TO DARJEELING

After breakfast, journey to Darjeeling, one of India's most famous hill stations. En route, visit Buddha Park in Ravangla, home to an

impressive statue of Lord Buddha set against a backdrop of mountain scenery. Built to commemorate the 2550th birth anniversary of Gautama Buddha, the park is an important pilgrimage and cultural site.

DAY 7: KANCHENJUNGA SUNRISE

Rise before dawn and travel up Tiger Hill to watch the sun rising (weather dependent) over Kanchenjunga which, at 2,590 metres, is the world's third highest mountain. The rest of the morning is at leisure before an afternoon ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway's Toy Train from Darjeeling to Ghoom. Visit Ghoom Monastery before returning to Darjeeling to tour the Padmaja Naidu Zoological Park, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and Tibetan Refugee Center. This evening, enjoy a stroll through the market.

DAY 8: DARJEELING TO SILIGURI

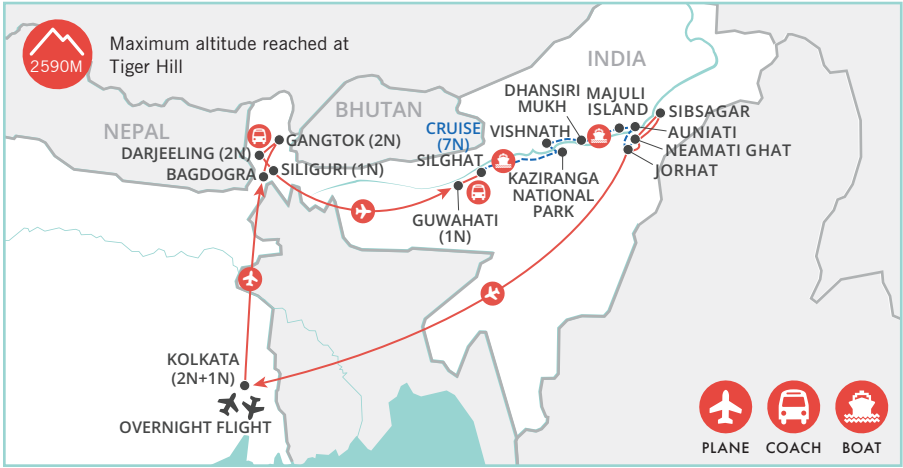
After a leisure breakfast, descend from the Himalayan hills to Siliguri, the gateway to northeast India. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY 9: FLY TO GUWAHATI

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

DAY 10: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Transfer to Silghat, a port on the Brahmaputra River, where you'll board your river cruise vessel. With a spa, saloon, and spacious sun deck along with cool and roomy cabins with floor-to-ceiling sliding windows for optimum views, there is no better way to explore the rich riverbanks of the mighty Brahmaputra. Cast off and begin your upstream cruise, enjoying lunch and dinner onboard.



View the sacred Rumtek Monastery

DAY 11: KAZIRANGA SAFARI

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

DAY 12: TEA ESTATE

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

DAY 13: BISWANATH VILLAGE

Head into the village, where there is a rich, cultural heritage to explore. Biswanath's ghat is home to a cluster of temples dedicated to different gods, including an Ahom-era Shiva temple – discover these and have a wander through the town, soaking up the beautiful riverside and rural surroundings. Continue cruising through Kaziranga National Park, keeping a look out for wild elephants. Then, spend the afternoon up on the ship's sun deck where you may be lucky enough to

spot a member of a small population of the endangered Ganges River dolphins.

DAY 14: DAY OF CRUISING

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

DAY 15: MAJULI ISLAND

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

DAY 16: VISIT SIBSAGAR

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

DAY 17: RETURN TO KOLKATA

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

DAY 18: FLY KOLKATA TO UK

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

CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Catch sight of the endangered one-horned rhinoceroses in Kaziranga National Park

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

2027 DATES	Ship	
09 Jan - 26 Jan	ABN Sukapha	£7,590
11 Feb - 28 Feb	ABN Charaidew II	£7,490
05 Apr - 22 Apr	ABN Charaidew II	£6,790
28 Oct - 14 Nov	ABN Charaidew II	£7,590
20 Dec - 06 Jan	ABN Sukapha	£6,990

2028 DATES	Ship	
31 Jan - 17 Feb	ABN Sukapha	£7,790
17 Feb - 05 Mar	ABN Charaidew II	£7,790
09 Apr - 26 Apr	ABN Charaidew II	£6,790

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades on request
- Land Only from £6,290 (Kolkata - Kolkata)
- Single room from £900
- Tipping paid locally USD\$176



MORE INFORMATION

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Please refer to our website for further information on our 'Christmas Beyond the Brahmaputra' tour

CHRISTMAS TOUR INCLUSIONS

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



CRUISE & TOUR

For those looking for the ultimate combination

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

SAIL IN STYLE

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

EXPERIENCE EXTRAORDINARY TOURING

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED

On your Wendy Wu Cruise & Tour holiday everything you need for an unforgettable holiday is included, beginning with return flights from the UK and all connecting transfers. Cruises include outside staterooms, dining, drinks and onboard entertainment. Your Wendy Wu Tour includes four-star hotels, all meals, touring with guides, sightseeing and entrance fees. You'll only need to budget extra for a range of optional shore excursions from the ship whilst cruising.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Royal Caribbean International has been innovating at sea since 1969, with each new ship pushing the boundaries of design and technology. Today, it offers adventurous travellers an elevated experience with exciting onboard activities, exceptional dining, impressive entertainment, and top-tier accommodations.

NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE (NCL)

NCL has been providing an award-winning onboard experience for over 57 years with a wide range of activities, entertainment, and relaxation options for every type of traveller. Guests should be ready to experience MORE, with more to see and more to enjoy from live shows to spa treatments, with added perks when combining their cruise with a Wendy Wu tour.

CELEBRITY CRUISES

Celebrity Cruises offers a uniquely elevated holiday experience, combining the intimacy and service of smaller ships with the variety and excitement of larger ones. Guests can enjoy exceptional experiences and exclusive onboard benefits when booking together with a Wendy Wu tour.

AZAMARA

Since 2010, Azamara has offered immersive travel experiences with smaller ships that access unique ports and allow longer, often overnight stays. This approach lets guests explore destinations more deeply and connect with local cultures in a way larger cruise lines can't.

HOLLAND AMERICA

With 150+ years of exceptional service, Holland America offers a refined cruising experience, blending classic elegance with modern comfort. Known for its mid-sized ships, diverse dining, and enriching onboard programs, it allows guests to explore the world in style while enjoying attentive service and thoughtfully curated itineraries.

STAR CLIPPERS

Star Clippers offers an authentic sailing experience aboard elegant tall ships, combining the romance of traditional seafaring with modern comforts. With access to smaller ports and a relaxed, intimate atmosphere, guests can enjoy a more authentic and adventurous way to explore the world.

PRINCESS

Princess Cruises is one of the best-known names in cruising and offers a premium experience focused on personalised service and immersive travel. Sailing to hundreds of destinations worldwide, they combine innovative onboard features with world-class dining, entertainment, and culturally rich experiences that bring each destination to life.

HX EXPEDITIONS

With small, purpose-built ships and expert expedition teams, guests can experience wildlife, culture and nature up close. Science, sustainability and exploration are at the heart of every journey.

INDIA BY LAND, SOUTHEAST ASIA BY SEA

CRUISE & TOUR

- 26 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £8,390
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- ALL MEALS
- 12 NIGHT CELEBRITY CRUISE

TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

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



CELEBRITY SOLSTICE

A ship with star power, the Solstice was the first of Celebrity's stylish Solstice-class ships. Known for its "Lawn Club" on the top deck, there are also pools, a theatre, plenty of food options and the spectacular Sky Lounge with its huge bank of windows.

Your Cruise Features

- ▶ Classic Drinks package including alcohol
- ▶ Balcony cabins as standard
- ▶ All meals onboard



Admire the Taj Mahal

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

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

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

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

DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL SUNRISE

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

DAY 6: EXPLORE RANTHAMBORE

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

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

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

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

DAY 8: EXPLORE JAIPUR

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

DAY 9: RETURN TO DELHI

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

DAY 10: FLY TO SINGAPORE

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

DAY 11: EXPLORE SINGAPORE

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



DAY 12: BOARD THE CELEBRITY SOLSTICE

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

DAY 13: CRUISE – AT SEA

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

DAY 14: CRUISE – EXPLORE KOH SAMUI

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

DAY 15: CRUISE – EXPLORE BANGKOK

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

DAY 16: CRUISE – BANGKOK

Spend today at port in Bangkok.

DAY 17: CRUISE – AT SEA

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

DAY 18: CRUISE – EXPLORE SAIGON

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

DAY 19: CRUISE – AT SEA

Continue exploring the many things to do and see onboard, as you cruise along Vietnam's coastline.

DAY 20: CRUISE – EXPLORE HUE

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

DAY 21: CRUISE – EXPLORE HANOI

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

DAY 22: CRUISE – HANOI

Spend today at port in Halong Bay.

DAY 23: CRUISE – AT SEA

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

DAY 24: ARRIVE IN HONG KONG

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

DAY 25: EXPLORE HONG KONG

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

DAY 26: FLY HONG KONG TO UK

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

INDIA BY LAND, SOUTHEAST ASIA BY SEA

CRUISE & TOUR

INDIA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND,
VIETNAM, HONG KONG

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departure days of the week vary

2027 DATES	Balcony
27 Jan - 21 Feb	£8,390
20 Feb - 17 Mar	£8,390

Flight and supplement information

- Based on London and selected regional airport departures (see page 96 for details)
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Single room outside from £3,990
- Land only from £7,690
- Tipping paid locally from USD 80 + SGD 15 + HKD 100
- Gratuities on cruise from USD 216



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Balcony cabin, Celebrity Solstice®

▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Rise early to stand before the fabled Taj Mahal as the sun rises. Watch this ethereal icon emerge from the dawn mists, the sun's rays dancing across its marbled surface, shifting through a spectrum of colours in the most magical way.
- ▶ Discover Singapore's secret GPO Tunnel, once used for running mail to ships waiting at the pier. From Merlion Park follow it under Fullerton Road and into the five-star, heritage Fullerton Hotel, where a delicious afternoon tea will be waiting.
- ▶ Part of the ancient Chinese ritual of yum cha ('drink tea'), dim sum are the little bites that are eaten with Chinese tea, often served in bamboo baskets or plates with three or four steamed, fried or baked bitesize pieces designed to be shared. There is no experience more 'Hong Kong' than feasting on these delights!



TAILORMADE & PRIVATE TOURING

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

PRIVATE TOURS

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

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

TAILORMADE

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

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

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

PRIVATE TOURING FOR LARGER GROUPS

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

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

Led by Glen Thomas, an award-winning group organiser with 30 years of travel experience, including 10 years as a specialist in group tours, our team brings a wealth of knowledge to the table. We'll create something truly special and ensure the entire process runs seamlessly from start to finish.

For more information talk to our Special Groups Team on 07852 759567.

CLASSIC INDIA

PRIVATE TOUR

- 8 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON £3,590
- FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK
- MEALS AS STATED
- PHYSICAL RATING

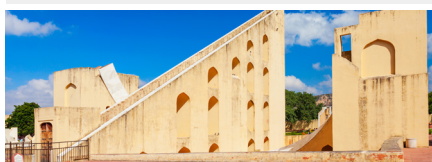
PRIVATE TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

- 6 breakfasts (B)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fee
- Visas for UK & EU passport holders

Based on London Heathrow departures, regional UK departures available. Flight upgrades and solo pricing available on request. Tipping is at your own discretion.



Visit Jantar Mantar Observatory

▶ AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Explore the 'Pink City' of Jaipur

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

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



Wander the rows of India's oldest spice market

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

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



Immerse yourself in the grandeur of Agra Fort

DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

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



Admire the Taj Mahal

DAY 6: JAIPUR

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

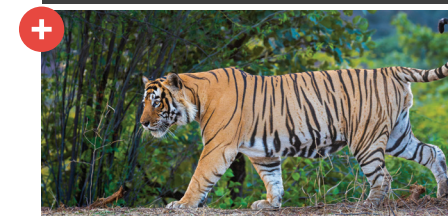
DAY 7: RETURN TO DELHI

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

DAY 8: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



Ranthambore is one of India's most celebrated wildlife reserves, where you can venture into a landscape of rugged hills, ancient ruins and dense forests in search of the elusive Bengal tiger. As you explore the park on a thrilling safari, keep an eye out for leopards, sloth bears, crocodiles and a wealth of birdlife, all thriving in this remarkable natural sanctuary.

RANTHAMBORE SHORT STAY

4 days from £475pp

Visit page 76 to learn more about all of our short stays and stopovers.

TAILORMAKE YOUR TOUR

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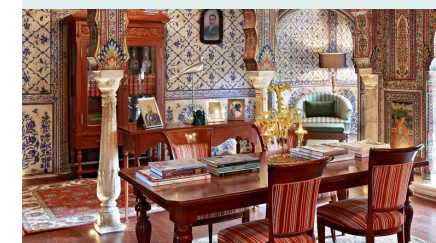
- Change the route
- Alter how long you stay in each place
- Choose different hotels
- Change the sightseeing
- Add in more or less free time
- Include more immersive experiences

Here are a few suggestions to enhance your tour:



EXPLORE RANTHAMBORE

Discover the spiritual heart of India in Varanasi, one of the world's oldest living cities. Wander its ancient lanes, witness the mesmerising Ganga Aarti on the banks of the sacred Ganges and soak up the city's timeless atmosphere, where centuries-old traditions continue to shape daily life.



UPGRADE TO A HERITAGE HOTEL

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



MOHABBAT THE TAJ

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

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

JEWELS OF INDIA

PRIVATE TOUR

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MEALS AS STATED

PHYSICAL RATING

PRIVATE TOUR TICKLIST

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

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L) & 3 dinners (D)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visas for UK & EU passport holders

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Sail on Pichola Lake

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Cruise on Lake Pichola enjoying a serene experience as you sail past magnificent palaces on the shore and the water. There's no more romantic and peaceful way to see Udaipur's architecture from a unique perspective.
- A Ranthambore safari takes you on an adventure through diverse landscapes, from dense forests to tranquil lakes, as you embark on an exhilarating search for elusive Bengal tigers and other wonderful wildlife.
- Carpet weaving in India is a centuries-old tradition that showcases the country's rich craftsmanship and artistic heritage. See it practiced first hand in a traditional craft centre in Jaipur.



Visit Jaipur's fabulous Palace of the Winds

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

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

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

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

DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

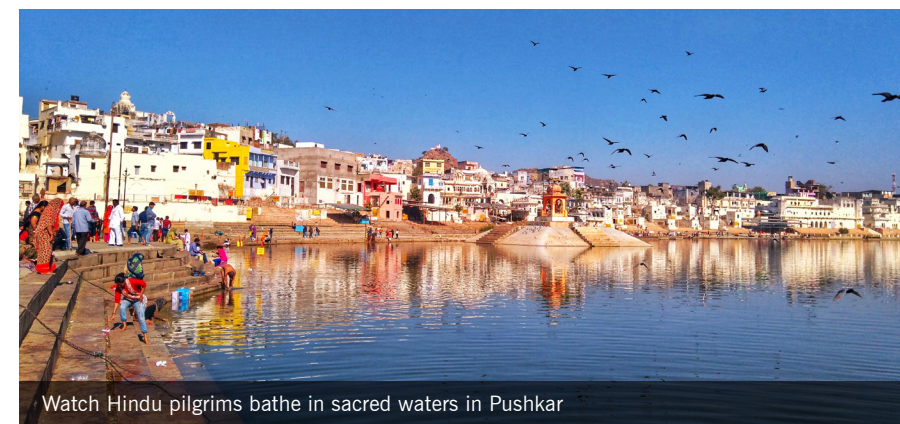
Visit the iconic Taj Mahal, standing in awe as this spectacular monument reflects the ever-changing moods of the sky in its sublime white marble surface. After your visit, leave Agra and journey to the enigmatic ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a mesmerising, abandoned ensemble of Mughal palaces and temples.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

DAY 6: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK SAFARIS

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



Spot tigers in Ranthambore



Watch Hindu pilgrims bathe in sacred waters in Pushkar

DAY 7: BUNDI

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

DAY 8: CHITTORGARH FORT

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

DAY 9: CRUISE LAKE PICHOLA

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

DAY 10: DISCOVER PUSHKAR

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

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

DAY 11: DRIVE TO JAIPUR

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

DAY 12: JAIPUR

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

DAY 13: RETURN TO DELHI

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

DAY 14: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

TAILORMAKE YOUR TOUR

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- Change the route
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- Change the sightseeing
- Add in more or less free time
- Include more immersive experiences

Here are a few suggestions to enhance your tour:



EXPLORE AMRITSAR

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



TAKE THE TRAIN TO VARANASI

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



TRAVEL DURING HOLI

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

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

TREASURES OF SRI LANKA

PRIVATE TOUR

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MEALS AS STATED

PHYSICAL RATING

PRIVATE TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Visit the locals at Vedda Village
- ✓ Enjoy breakfast at Sorabora Lake
- ✓ Take a tuk-tuk to Nine Arch Bridge

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

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Sample Colombo's rich flavours

► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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



Enjoy a cultural dance show in Kandy

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO COLOMBO

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

DAY 3: EXPLORE COLOMBO

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

DAY 4: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

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

DAY 5: VISIT SIGIRIYA

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

DAY 6: MAHIYANGANAYA

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

DAY 7: MADURU OYA

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

DAY 8: KANDY

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

DAY 9: KANDY TO ELLA

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



Enjoy views of Sorabora Lake



Explore Vedda Village

DAY 10: EXPLORE ELLA

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

DAY 11: NINE ARCH BRIDGE

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

DAY 12: ELLA TO YALA

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

DAY 13: UNAWATUNA

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

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

DAY 14: KARUNA'S COOKERY CLASS

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

DAY 15: FLY COLOMBO TO UK

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



Visit the fishing village of Unawatuna

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- Alter how long you stay in each place
- Choose different hotels
- Change the sightseeing
- Add in more or less free time
- Include more immersive experiences

Here are a few suggestions to enhance your tour:



DISCOVER JAFFNA

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



WHALE AND DOLPHIN WATCHING

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



WELLNESS RETREAT

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

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SHORT STAYS & STOPOVERS

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

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

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- NEW Ranthambore National Park
- 82 NEW Ajanta & Ellora caves
- NEW Delhi Short Stay
- 83 Chennai Short Stay
- Mumbai Short Stay
- 84 Shimla & Amritsar
- 85 NEW Kerala Short Stay
- 86 Bhutan Short Stay
- Nepal Short Stay
- 87 NEW Wilpattu National Park
- NEW Trincomalee Beach Stay
- 88 Jaffna Short Stay
- Bentota Beach Stay
- 89 NEW Tangalle Beach Stay
- Yala National Park
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AMRITSAR SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✔ Visit the magnificent Golden Temple
- ✔ Witness a Palki Ceremony
- ✔ Explore Jallianwala Bagh
- ✔ Enjoy Punjabi hospitality



See the Golden Temple (Sri Harmandir Sahib) in Amritsar

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£415	£695
Deluxe	£435	£730

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (2 nights Amritsar)
 - Return transfers
 - Return train tickets
 - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
 - Monument entrance fees
 - English speaking local guides

DAY 1: DELHI TO AMRITSAR

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

DAY 2: AMRITSAR

After breakfast, take a heritage walk through the old streets of Amritsar, discovering traditional crafts, historic architecture and the vibrant atmosphere. Enjoy tea and homemade snacks with a local Punjabi

family before continuing to Durgiana Temple. Visit the magnificent Golden Temple, the spiritual heart of Sikhism, set amidst the tranquil waters of the Amrit Sarovar. Lastly, explore Jallianwala Bagh, a poignant memorial commemorating a significant moment in India's history.

DAY 3: AMRITSAR TO DELHI

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

SHIMLA SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✔ Ride the famous Toy Train
- ✔ Visit the hilltop Jakhoo Temple
- ✔ See wildlife at Himalayan Aviary
- ✔ Stroll along Scandal Point



Take a ride on the famous Shimla Toy Train

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£665	£1,180
Deluxe	£750	£1,365

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

DAY 1: TRAIN TO SHIMLA

Rise early to meet your guide at your Delhi hotel to transfer to the station. Take the express train to Chandigarh. Transfer to Shimla, nicknamed the 'Queen of Hill Stations', sprawling across a ridge deep in the Himalayan foothills.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SHIMLA

Start the day with a walk to Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the highest point of the city, offering incredible views. Board the famous Toy Train to Kandaghat, travelling on this narrow gauge mountain railway as you admire the scenic views. Later discover Shimla's most important sights including the old Christ Church and Scandal Point.

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

DAY 3: SHIMLA TO DELHI

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

DAY 4: DEPART DELHI

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

KERALA BACKWATERS

3 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✔ Cruise Kerala's Backwaters
- ✔ Discover waterways and lagoons
- ✔ Watch life unfold by the water
- ✔ Enjoy fresh Kerala cuisine onboard



Cruise on a 'kettuvalam'

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£530	£1,055
Deluxe	£660	£1,315

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (2 nights on AC Houseboat)
 - Return transfers
 - Meals as stated (B,L,D)

Please note: This excursion is not recommended June to August due to monsoon season

Excludes flights to Kochi.

DAY 1: FLY TO KOCHI – ALLEPPEY

On arrival at Kochi airport, you will transfer to Alleppey, to board your houseboat and cruise the backwaters of Kerala. Enjoy authentic local food as you drift through the quiet canals, sitting back, relaxing and witnessing the bucolic way of life on the riverbanks. (L,D)

DAY 2: BACKWATER CRUISING

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

DAY 3: ALLEPPEY – KOCHI

Disembark your houseboat this morning in Alleppey and transfer approximately two-hours to Kochi, where your arrangements will end. (B)

VARANASI SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✔ Enjoy a rickshaw ride to the Ghats
- ✔ Cruise along the sacred River Ganges
- ✔ Discover the spiritual heart of Varanasi
- ✔ Step into history at sacred Sarnath



Visit the ghats of Varanasi

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£885	£1,315
Deluxe	£1,010	£1,550

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (2 nights Varanasi / 1 night Delhi)
 - Return flights
 - Return transfers
 - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
 - English speaking local guides

DAY 1: ARRIVE VARANASI

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

DAY 2: VARANASI

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

DAY 3: VARANASI TO DELHI

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Varanasi airport for your flight back to Delhi.

Once settled at your hotel you have the day at leisure to explore Delhi. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART DELHI

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward flight. (B)

GOA BEACH STAY

5

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

✓

Relax on Goa’s palm-fringed beaches

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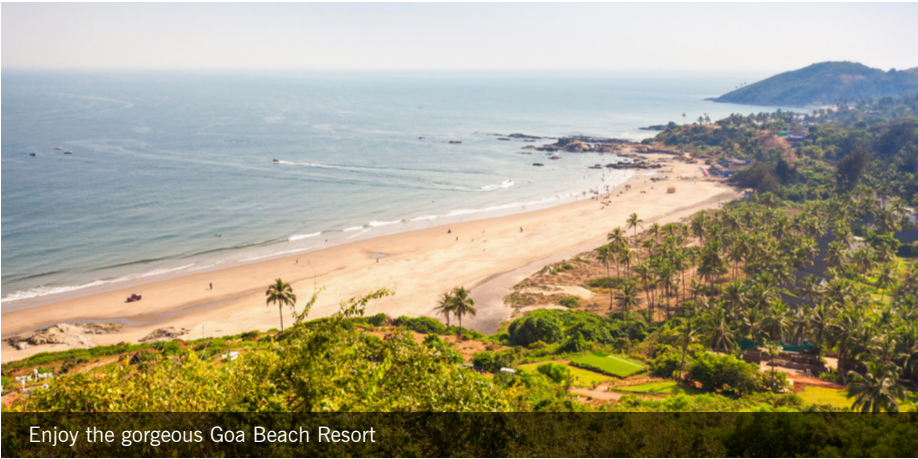
Enjoy Goa’s laid-back atmosphere

✓

Witness spectacular sunsets

✓

Taste Goa’s Indian-Portuguese cuisine



Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£755	£1,405
Deluxe	£1,100	£2,200

Price includes:

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Accommodation (4 nights Goa)

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Return transfers

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Meals as stated (B,L,D)

Excludes flights to Goa.

DAY 1: ARRIVE GOA

On arrival in Goa you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: GOA

Discover the cultural heart of Goa as you visit its ornate Hindu temples before heading to a traditional spice plantation. Enjoy a warm Goan welcome, savour a local buffet lunch served on a banana leaf and explore fragrant gardens filled with spices, tropical fruits and medicinal plants. Continue to the UNESCO-listed churches of Old Goa, including the magnificent Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral, before exploring the Portuguese-influenced streets of Panaji. End the day with time to browse

local shops and soak up the city's relaxed atmosphere. (B)

DAYS 3-4: GOA AT LEISURE

Spend the next two days at leisure, either relaxing on the beach, participating in the resort activities or sightseeing further, the choice is yours. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART GOA

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

KOVALAM BEACH STAY

5

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

✓

Relax on golden beaches

✓

Sample Kerala’s renowned cuisine

✓

Explore India’s beloved seaside town

✓

Rejuvenate beside the Arabian Sea



Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£425	£835
Deluxe	£835	£1,600

Price includes:

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Accommodation (4 nights Kovalam)

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Return transfers

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Meals as stated (B,L,D)

Excludes flights to Trivandrum.

DAY 1: ARRIVE KOVALAM

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

DAY 2: TRIVANDRUM

Today you travel to Trivandrum, where you will visit the magnificent Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple before exploring the city's fascinating museums, including the Napier Museum and Sri Chitra Art Gallery, renowned for their collections of Indian art and royal artefacts. Wander through the peaceful zoological gardens, admire the elegant architecture of Kanakakunnu Palace and visit the historic observatory and Sree Moolam Thirunal Shashti Poorthi Memorial, offering an insight into the city's royal and cultural legacy. (B)

DAY 3: KOVALAM

Spend the day relaxing on the beach, at the pool or take time to explore the local area. Why not enjoy a Ayurvedic massage, a cultural extravaganza or splurge a little on a shopping spree. (B)

DAY 4: KOVALAM

Another day to relax and soak up your surroundings or to explore as you feel fit. There are various options to fill your time so why not visit the rural countryside, take a boat ride on a freshwater lake, visit the aquarium or walk along Lighthouse Beach. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART KOVALAM

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

MARARI BEACH STAY

4

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

✓

Relax on a peaceful stretch of coastline

✓

Experience a traditional fishing village

✓

Sample fresh local seafood

✓

Enjoy unspoilt scenery



Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£540	£1,070
Deluxe	£660	£1,315

Price includes:

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Accommodation (3 nights Mararikulam)

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Return transfers

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Meals as stated

Excludes flights to Kochi.

DAY 1: ARRIVE MARARI

On arrival in Kochi, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax and settle into your surroundings.

DAY 2-3: MARARI BEACH AT LEISURE

Spend your time unwinding on the beach, relaxing by the pool or indulging in a rejuvenating Ayurvedic treatment.

For those wishing to explore, take a stroll through the local fishing villages, watch fishermen bring in the day's catch or hire a bicycle to discover the surrounding countryside at your own pace. You may also choose to sample Kerala's renowned cuisine, enjoy fresh seafood by the sea or simply

soak up the serenity of this idyllic stretch of coastline. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART MARARI BEACH

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.(B)

RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

4

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

✓

Keep a lookout for Bengal tigers

✓

Explore a landscape of forests and lakes

✓

Spot wildlife including sloth bears



Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£475	£770
Deluxe	£645	£1,040

Price includes:

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Accommodation (2 nights Ranthambore / 1 night Delhi)

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Return train tickets from Delhi

•

Return transfers

•

3 shared canter safaris

•

Meals as stated

DAY 1: DELHI TO RANTHAMBORE

Transfer early to Delhi Railway Station to board your train to Ranthambore National Park. On arrival transfer to your hotel and enjoy some time at leisure before setting out on a shared canter safari. Explore the park's rugged terrain of forests, lakes and ancient ruins as you search for its most famous resident, the elusive Bengal tiger. Other wildlife found here includes leopards, sloth bears, hyenas, sambar deer and a rich variety of birdlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 2: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Today, enjoy two shared canter safaris through the park. Head out early this morning when the wildlife is at its most active, before returning to your hotel to relax

during the heat of the day. This afternoon, venture back into the reserve for another opportunity to spot tigers and other wildlife. With its dramatic landscapes and thriving ecosystem, every safari offers a unique experience. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: RANTHAMBORE TO DELHI

After an early breakfast, travel by train back to Delhi. On arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps relax at your hotel or explore a little of India's vibrant capital independently. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART DELHI

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

3

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore the ancient Ajanta Caves
- ✓ Discover the UNESCO-listed Ellora Caves
- ✓ Marvel at the Kailash Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£390	£730
Deluxe	£470	£900
Price includes:		
• Accommodation (2 nights Aurangabad) • Return transfers • Meals as stated • English speak local guide		
Excludes flights to Aurangabad.		



DAY 1: ARRIVE AURANGABAD
On arrival at Aurangabad Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Aurangabad is a thriving city rich in history and culture. Best known as the gateway to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed caves of Ajanta and Ellora, it provides the perfect base from which to explore some of India's greatest artistic and architectural treasures.

DAY 2: DISCOVER AJANTA CAVES
Today, enjoy a full-day excursion to the spectacular Ajanta Caves, located northeast of Aurangabad. Carved into a horseshoe-shaped cliff overlooking the Waghora River, these remarkable Buddhist cave temples date from around 200 BC to 650 AD. (B,L)

DAY 3: EXPLORE ELLORA CAVES
This morning, visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ellora Caves, comprising 34 rock-cut monasteries and temples. The highlight of the complex is the awe-inspiring Kailash Temple, an immense monolithic structure carved from a single rock face. Later this afternoon, transfer to the airport where your arrangements conclude. (B,L)

DELHI SHORT STAY

3

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Old Delhi's bustling bazaars
- ✓ Visit Jama Masjid Mosque
- ✓ Discover Humayun's Tomb
- ✓ Experience the landmarks of New Delhi

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£420	£805
Deluxe	£505	£970
Price includes:		
• Accommodation (2 nights Delhi) • Return transfers • Meals as stated • English speaking local guides		
Excludes flights to Delhi.		



DAY 1: ARRIVE DELHI
Upon arrival at Delhi Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. India's vibrant capital is a fascinating blend of old and new. From the bustling lanes and colourful bazaars of Old Delhi to the grand boulevards and colonial architecture of New Delhi, the city offers a captivating introduction to India's rich history and culture.

DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI
Spend today exploring the highlights of both Old and New Delhi. Begin in Old Delhi, passing the iconic Red Fort before exploring the lively streets of Chandni Chowk. Take a walking tour to Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques, renowned for its

impressive architecture and vast courtyard. Continue to Lakshmi Narayan Temple, a beautiful Hindu temple dedicated to the Goddess of Wealth. Later, stop at India Gate, a striking war memorial commemorating Indian soldiers who served during World War I. This afternoon, visit Humayun's Tomb, a masterpiece of Mughal architecture and the inspiration behind the design of the Taj Mahal. (B,L)

DAY 3: DEPART DELHI
After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

CHENNAI SHORT STAY

5

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Chennai's colonial landmarks
- ✓ Wander Pondicherry's French Quarter
- ✓ Visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram
- ✓ Explore Mamallapuram temples

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£770	£1,440
Deluxe	£865	£1,635
Price includes:		
• Accommodation (1night Chennai / 2nights Pondicherry / 1night Mamallapuram) • Return transfers • Meals as stated (B,L,D) • Monument entrances • English speaking local guide		
Excludes flights to Chennai.		



DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENNAI
Arrive in Chennai where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2: CHENNAI
Enjoy a city tour after breakfast, visiting Kapaleeswarar Temple and St Mary's Church before travelling to Pondicherry where you will check in at your hotel. (B,L)

DAY 3: PONDICHERRY
Once a French colonial outpost, Pondicherry today has a relaxed and bohemian vibe. Visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram and the gothic-style church of Eglise De Sacre Coeur De Jesus before continuing to an old French-style village. (B,L)

DAY4: MAMALLAPURAM
Travel to Mamallapuram, once a port of Pallava rulers. Tour Shore Temple, Panch Pandava Rath and the Varaha Cave. (B,L)

DAY5: DEPART CHENNAI
Check out of your hotel after breakfast and transfer back to Chennai where your arrangements end.(B)

MUMBAI SHORT STAY

3

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore the UNESCO Elephanta Caves
- ✓ Visit Mumbai's iconic Getaways of India
- ✓ Experience Crawford Market
- ✓ Discover Gandhi's legacy at Mani Bhavan

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£475	£835
Deluxe	£530	£990
Price includes:		
• Accommodation (2 nights Mumbai) • Return transfers • Meals as stated (B,L,D) • Touring • English speaking local guides		
Excludes flights to Mumbai.		



DAY 1: ARRIVE MUMBAI
Arrive into Mumbai's airport, where you will be met and transferred to your city hotel. The rest of the day will be at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: EXPLORE MUMBAI
Begin your day with a ferry ride to Elephanta Island (closed on Mondays) to explore ancient rock-cut temples. Wander through impressive Hindu and Buddhist caves, and marvel at the towering six metre Sadhashiva statue**. Return to the city and visit the iconic Gateway of India, built in 1924. Drive past Victoria Terminus, Maharashtra Secretariat, and along scenic Marine Drive, known as the Queen's Necklace. At Churchgate Station, watch the famous

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

DAY 3: DEPART MUMBAI
Check out after breakfast and be transferred to Mumbai airport where your arrangements come to an end. (B)

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

SHIMLA & AMRITSAR

5 DAYS

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

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stroll along Scandal Point
- ✓ Ride the famous Toy Train
- ✓ Visit the magnificent Golden Temple
- ✓ Explore Jallianwala Bagh



Visit Jakhoo Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£875	£1,510
Deluxe	£950	£1,665

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



Admire Amritsar's Golden Temple

ITINERARY

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA

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

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

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

DAY 2: EXPLORE SHIMLA

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

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

DAY 3: SHIMLA TO AMRITSAR

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

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

DAY 4: EXPLORE AMRITSAR

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

DAY 5: DEPART AMRITSAR

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

KERALA SHORT STAY

7 DAYS

Discover the highlights of Kerala, journeying through historic cities, tranquil backwaters and palm-fringed beaches. Explore the colonial heritage of Kochi, search for wildlife in Periyar National Park, cruise aboard a traditional houseboat through the famous Kerala Backwaters and unwind in the coastal resort of Kovalam, while experiencing the region's rich culture, cuisine and natural beauty.

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Amritsar's historic old quarter
- ✓ Admire the ornate architecture of the old city
- ✓ Discover the history of Jallianwala Bagh

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£995	£1,825
Deluxe	£1,675	£3,170

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (2 nights Kochi, 1 night Periyar, 1 night Houseboat, 2 nights Kovalam)
 - Return transfers
 - Meals as stated
 - Monument entrances
 - English speaking local guides

Excludes flights to Kochi.



Cruise Kerala's backwaters



Explore Periyar National Park

NEW



Discover Santa Cruz Basilica, Kochi

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE KOCHI

On arrival in Kochi, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Set on the Malabar Coast, Kochi is one of Kerala's most charming and historic cities. Shaped by centuries of trade and cultural exchange, the city blends Indian, Portuguese, Dutch, Jewish and British influences, creating a unique and cosmopolitan character.

DAY 2: DISCOVER KOCHI

Today, explore the rich heritage of Kochi. Visit the Dutch Palace, the historic Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church and the magnificent Santa Cruz Basilica. Drive along the harbour waterfront to see Kochi's iconic Chinese fishing nets, before continuing to Fort Kochi, where colonial-era buildings and narrow streets offer a fascinating glimpse into the city's past. This evening, enjoy a traditional Kathakali dance performance, one of Kerala's most celebrated art forms. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: KOCHI TO THEKKADY

After breakfast, travel to Thekkady, home to Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary. Nestled among the hills of the Western Ghats, Periyar is one of southern India's most renowned wildlife reserves. This afternoon, join a boat cruise on Periyar Lake accompanied by a local naturalist. Keep watch for wildlife including elephants, gaur, sambar deer, wild boar and a variety of birdlife as you explore this beautiful natural environment. (B,L)

DAY 4: THEKKADY TO KERALA BACKWATERS

This morning, visit a local spice plantation to learn about the cultivation of Kerala's famous spices before continuing to Nedumudy. Board a traditional Kerala houseboat and begin cruising through the tranquil backwaters. Relax on board as you glide past coconut groves, villages and lush waterways. Enjoy authentic Keralan cuisine while observing daily life unfold along the banks of the backwaters. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: ALLEPPEY TO KOVALAM

Disembark your houseboat this morning and travel to the coastal resort town of Kovalam. Renowned for its golden beaches, swaying palms and laid-back atmosphere, Kovalam has long been one of Kerala's most popular seaside destinations. The remainder of the day is free to relax and enjoy the beach at your leisure. (B)

DAY 6: TRIVANDRUM TOURING

Today, visit nearby Trivandrum, the capital of Kerala. Explore the sacred Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, one of India's most important Hindu temples, before visiting the elegant Kuthiramalika Palace. Continue to the Sree Chithra Art Gallery and the Napier Museum. (B,L)

DAY 7: DEPART KOVALAM

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

BHUTAN

SHORT STAY

5

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

✓

Discover Bhutan’s capital, Thimphu

✓

Visit the fortress of Trashi Chhoe Dzong

✓

Hike Tiger’s Nest Monastery

✓

Explore Paro’s ancient dzongs



Admire Taktang Monastery

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,550	£2,185
Deluxe	£2,000	£3,100

Price includes:

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Accommodation (2 nights Thimphu, 2 nights Paro)

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Return transfers

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Meals as stated (B,L,D)

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Bhutan visa fee

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English speaking local guides

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

DAY 1: PARO TO THIMPHU

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

DAY 2: THIMPHU

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

DAY 3: THIMPHU TO PARO

Head back to Paro and visit Simtokha Dzong en route. Upon arrival, explore Ta Dzong, an ancient watch tower and walk down a hillside trail to Rinpung Dzong, home of the Paro Festival. (27–31 Mar) (B,L,D).

DAY 4: PARO

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

DAY 5: DEPART PARO

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

WILPATTU

NATIONAL PARK

3

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

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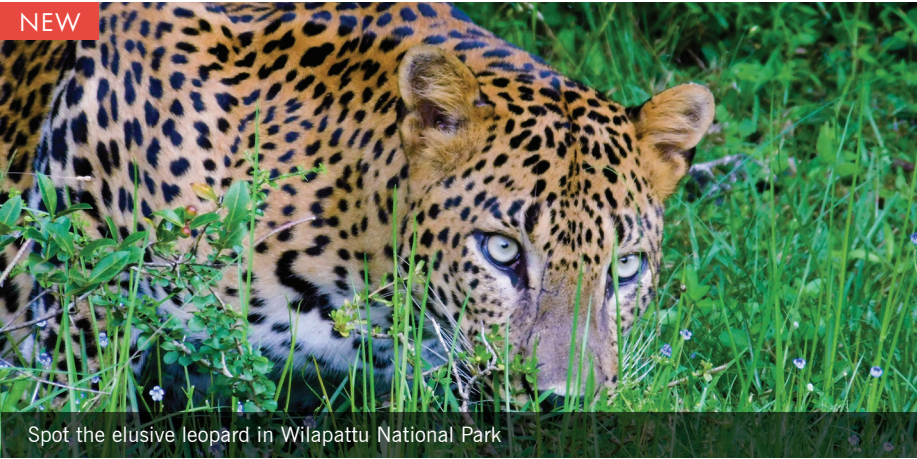
Search for elusive leopards

✓

Discover forests and diverse birdlife

✓

Explore Sri Lanka’s largest national park



Spot the elusive leopard in Wilapattu National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£960	£1,290
Deluxe	£1,790	£2,490

Price includes:

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Accommodation (2 nights Wilpattu National Park)

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Return transfers

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Meals as stated

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Two safaris

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English speaking local guides

DAY 1: ARRIVE WILPATTU

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Wilpattu National Park, Sri Lanka’s largest and oldest national park, is renowned for its diverse wildlife and unique natural lakes known as ‘villus’, Wilpattu offers some of the best opportunities to spot elusive leopards, sloth bears, elephants and a variety of birdlife.

DAY 2: WILPATTU SAFARIS

Today, enjoy morning and afternoon jeep safaris in Wilpattu National Park. Accompanied by an experienced tracker, explore the park’s forests, grasslands and lakes in search of its abundant wildlife. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: DEPART WILPATTU

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

NEPAL

SHORT STAY

6

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

✓

Enjoy sunrise views from Nagarkot

✓

Taste traditional cooking in Bastola

✓

Explore ancient temples and squares

✓

Visit Nepal’s iconic stupas



See the Boudhanath in Kathmandu

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£675	£1,155
Deluxe	£875	£1,430

Price includes:

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Accommodation (3 nights Kathmandu, 2 nights Nagarkot)

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Return transfers

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Meals as stated (B,L,D)

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English speaking local guides

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

DAY 1: KATHMANDU TO NAGARKOT

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

DAY 2: NAGARKOT

Depending on weather conditions, you may wish to rise early to view the sun rise over the magnificent Himalayas. Later, take a lengthy walk (approx. 2 hours) down to the villages of Bastola with a local guide and spend some time exploring the village. Meet a local family and take part in a cooking class, dining on the results for lunch. Transfer back to your hotel by car. (B,L)

DAY 3: KATHMANDU

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

DAY 4: KATHMANDU TO PATAN

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

DAY 5: KATHMANDU

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

DAY 6: DEPART KATHMANDU

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

TRINCOMALEE

BEACH STAY

4

DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

✓

Explore the historic harbour city

✓

Visit the clifftop Koneswaram Temple

✓

Discover the heritage of Fort Frederick

✓

Relax on the beautiful northeast coast



Wander through sacred Koneswaram Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£720	£1,200
Deluxe	£1,170	£1,750

Price includes:

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Accommodation (3 nights Trincomalee)

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Return transfers

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Meals as stated

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Day Tour

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English speaking local guides

Best time to visit is February, March and April.

DAY 1: ARRIVE TRINCOMALEE

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Situated on Sri Lanka’s picturesque northeast coast, Trincomalee is renowned for its natural deep-water harbour, beautiful beaches and rich cultural heritage. The town has long been an important trading port and is home to a fascinating blend of Hindu, Buddhist and colonial influences. (B)

DAY 2: DISCOVER TRINCOMALEE

Today, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Trincomalee. Visit the sacred Koneswaram Temple, dramatically perched atop Swami Rock overlooking the Indian Ocean.

DAY 3: TRINCOMALEE AT LEISURE

Enjoy a free day to relax and explore at your own pace. Perhaps unwind on the golden sands of Nilaveli Beach, take in the coastal scenery or simply enjoy the facilities of your hotel. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART TRINCOMALEE

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Explore the historic Fort Frederick, originally built by the Portuguese and later occupied by the Dutch and British. (B)

JAFFNA SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Journey through Sri Lanka by rail
- ✓ Visit Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil
- ✓ Discover the holy springs of Keerimalai
- ✓ Explore Casuarina Beach and Point Pedro

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£635	£920
Deluxe	£700	£1,355

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (3 nights Jaffna)
 - Return train tickets
 - Return transfers
 - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
 - Jaffna day tour
 - English speaking local guide



Visit the sacred Dāmbakola Patuna

DAY 1: COLOMBO TO JAFFNA
You will be picked up from your hotel and taken to Colombo's railway station to board the train to Jaffna. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. (B)

DAY 2: JAFFNA
Start the day at the ancient port of Dambakola Patuna before heading to Keeramallai town, the site of the holy bathing ponds, famous for their healing powers. Later visit Casuarina Beach, where the water is so shallow you can walk for miles into the sea and make a photo stop at Point Pedro, Sri Lanka's most northerly point. Back in Jaffna, visit the ancient Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil Temple for the nightly puja ceremony. (B)

DAY 3: JAFFNA
After breakfast spend a day at leisure exploring some more of this fascinating area. (B)

DAY 4: JAFFNA TO COLOMBO
You will be transferred back to Jaffna railway station to board the train back to Colombo. On arrival, your arrangements end. (B)

BENTOTA BEACH STAY

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Cruise Madu River's scenic wetlands
- ✓ Relax on Bentota's golden beaches
- ✓ Discover the tranquil Brief Garden
- ✓ Visit the Galapatha Raja Maha Vihara

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£695	£1,080
Deluxe	£1,025	£1,625

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (3 nights Bentota)
 - Return transfers
 - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
 - Madu River boat ride
 - English speaking local guides



Soak up the sun on Kovalam Beach

DAY 1: ARRIVE BENTOTA
Transfer from Colombo to Bentota and check in at your hotel for a two night stay.

DAY 2: BENTOTA
Enjoy a boat ride through Madu River, Sri Lanka's second largest wetland. The rest of the day is at leisure. Your hotel offers palm-fringed shores, clear blue waters, and a range of water sports activities for you to choose from. (B)

DAY 3: BENTOTA
Boasting a rich cultural heritage, with nearby attractions like the Brief Garden and the Galapatha Raja Maha Vihara temple, you have the option to explore the cultural treasures of Bentota or simply relax on the beach. (B)

DAY4: DEPART BENTOTA
After breakfast transfer back to Colombo, where your arrangements end. (B)

TANGALLE BEACH STAY

5 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Unwind on the South's golden beaches
- ✓ Savour authentic Sri Lankan cuisine
- ✓ Discover cultural communities
- ✓ Enjoy deciding how to spend your days

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£955	£1,870
Deluxe	£1,270	£2,505

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (4 nights Tangalle)
 - Return transfers
 - Meals as stated



Relax on sandy beaches in Tangalle

DAY 1: ARRIVE TANGALLE
On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Located along Sri Lanka's scenic southern coastline, Tangalle and Hambantota offer a blend of golden beaches, wildlife-rich landscapes and cultural attractions.

DAY 2: EXPLORE THE SOUTH COAST
Today is free for you to discover the region at your own pace. Relax on the beach, enjoy your hotel's facilities or choose from a range of activities available locally, including wildlife safaris, whale watching (seasonal), village visits, or cultural sightseeing. (B)

DAY 3-4: TANGALLE
Enjoy two full days at leisure to further explore Sri Lanka's southern coast. The surrounding region offers a wealth of attractions, from national parks and bird sanctuaries to ancient temples, local markets and scenic beaches. You may wish to relax by the ocean, venture into the countryside, discover nearby heritage sites or simply soak up the laid-back atmosphere of the south coast. (B)

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

YALA NATIONAL PARK

4 DAYS

TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Enjoy immersive game drives
- ✓ Search for Sri Lanka's elusive leopard
- ✓ Spot elephants and sloth bears

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	£1,125	£1,920
Deluxe	£2,265	£3,245

- Price includes:
- Accommodation (3 nights Yala)
 - Return transfers from Colombo
 - Meals as stated (B,L,D)
 - English speaking local guides



Search for Leopards in Yala National Park

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO YALA NATIONAL PARK
Your adventure begins with a scenic journey from Colombo to the southeastern edge of the island. Make your way to Tissamaharama – the tranquil lakeside town that serves as the gateway to the park. After check-in enjoy your first dinner surrounded by the sounds of the wilderness. (D)

DAY 2: WILDLIFE OF YALA
At first light, you head towards the park gates, entering just as the sun rises over the horizon. The golden hour brings the bush to life. With an expert guide and tracker at your side, embark on your first game drive through diverse landscapes – open plains, rocky outcrops, and dry forest teeming with life. Keep your eyes peeled for Sri Lanka's

Big Five: the elusive leopard, majestic elephant, shaggy-coated sloth bear, powerful buffalo, and stealthy crocodile. (B,D)

DAY 3: SAFARI
Your second day of safari brings a deeper sense of connection. With greater awareness of the terrain and its hidden signs, venture further into the park. Your guide watches for fresh tracks in the dust and scans the treetops for resting predators. Every rustle, every birdcall hints at something just beyond view. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART FOR COLOMBO
After breakfast you will be transferred back to Colombo for your onward flight. (B)

MALDIVES BEACH STAYS

6 DAYS

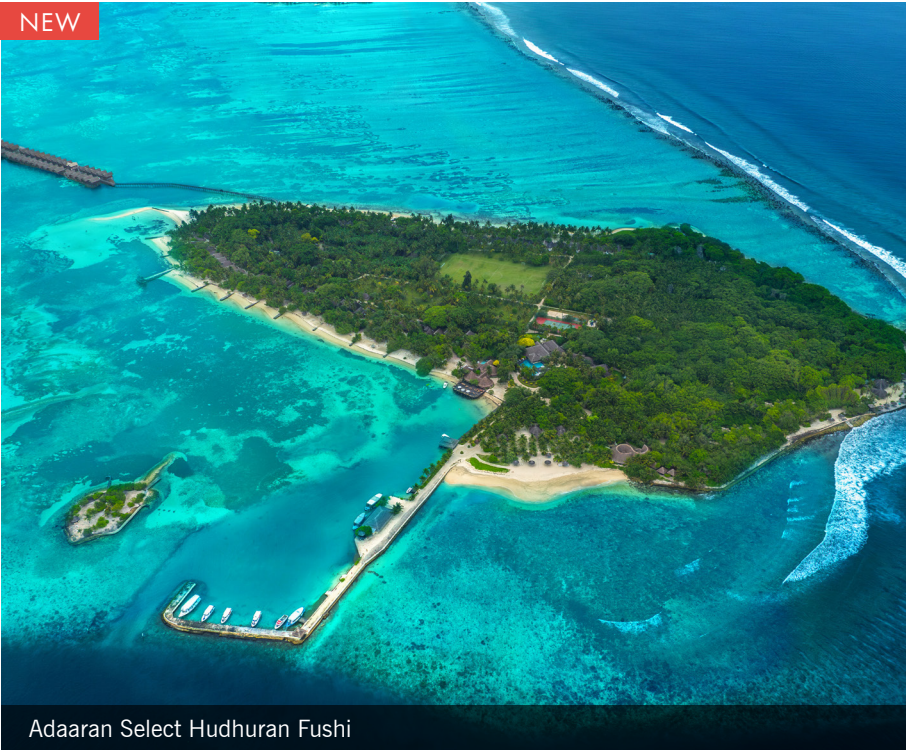
Well known for powdered sugar beaches, swaying palms and turquoise-hued lagoons, there is no more memorable, and blissfully relaxing, way to extend your tour than a few days on the beaches of the Maldives. Unwind in this pure tropical paradise with an all-inclusive short stay, designed to offer the perfect balance of relaxation, comfort and paradise island vibes. Spend your days snorkelling over coral reefs, soaking up the sun, indulging in spa treatments or simply watching the sunset melt into the Indian Ocean, bringing your journey to a magical close.

Choose between three hand-picked island resorts, each offering a choice of three beautifully appointed room types, from elegant beach villas set just steps from the sand to iconic overwater villas suspended above crystal-clear lagoons. Enjoy seamless private return transfers, warm Maldivian hospitality and the ease of all-inclusive dining and drinks, allowing you to relax completely from the moment you arrive.

- Price includes:
- Return shared shuttle service from Malé airport to speed boat/sea plane terminals
 - Return speed boat/sea plane transfers to your chosen hotel
 - Hotel accommodation with ‘all inclusive’ package
 - Compulsory Maldives Green tax



Adaaran Select Meedhupparu



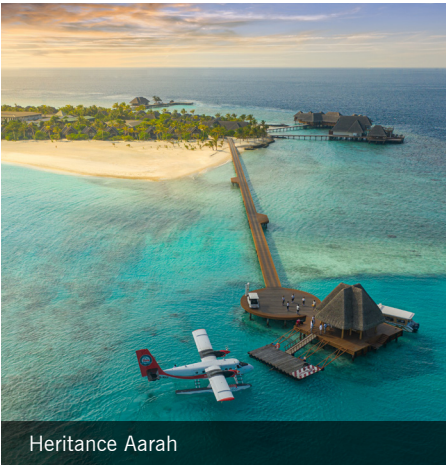
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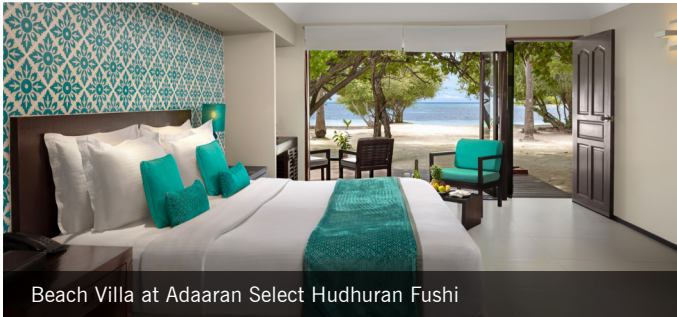
Sunset Restaurant at Adaaran Select Hudhuran Fushi



Relax in Sun Siyam Olhuveli Spa



Heritage Aarah



Beach Villa at Adaaran Select Hudhuran Fushi

ADAARAN SELECT HUDHURAN FUSHI

Set on a beautifully landscaped private island in the North Malé Atoll, Adaaran Select Hudhuran Fushi offers the perfect blend of tropical tranquillity, adventure, and all-inclusive comfort. Surrounded by powder-white beaches, swaying palms, and a shimmering turquoise lagoon, this vibrant resort is just 25 minutes by speedboat from Malé International Airport,

allowing guests to begin their Maldivian escape almost immediately.

A variety of accommodation options cater to both relaxation seekers and adventure lovers alike. Wake to the soft glow of the lagoon, explore vibrant reefs, and linger over sunset cocktails — a place to reconnect, recharge and rediscover the rhythm of island life.

Prices are from per person, based on low season.		
ROOM TYPE	DOUBLE SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Beach Villa	£1,820	£3,120
Sunset Beach Villa	£2,020	£3,420
Sunset Ocean Villa	£2,720	£4,670

International flights excluded.



Beach Villa at Adaaran Select Meedhupparu

ADAARAN SELECT MEEDHUPPARU

Nestled on the pristine Raat Atoll in the heart of the archipelago, Adaaran Select Meedhupparu is sprawling, lush and deeply tranquil. This gorgeous all-inclusive resort invites guests to slow down from the moment of arrival; easily done under the shade of banyan trees with soft white sand between your toes and a turquoise lagoon complete with

teeming house reef just metres away.

Located approximately 136km north of Malé, the resort is reached by a scenic 45-minute seaplane journey. A place of effortless luxury, there are also things worth moving off a sun lounger for – a serene spa, fitness centre and exceptional dive sites, to name just a few.

Prices are from per person, based on low season.		
ROOM TYPE	DOUBLE SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Beach Villa	£2,500	£3,950
Jacuzzi Beach Villa	£2,700	£4,350
Prestige Water Villa	£4,150	£6,900

International flights excluded.



Beach Pavilion Room

SUN SIYAM OLUVELI

Set amidst the turquoise waters of the South Malé Atoll, Sun Siyam Olhuveli is a vibrant island retreat offering a perfect blend of relaxation, adventure and Maldivian hospitality.

Surrounded by powder-soft white sands and crystal-clear lagoons, the resort is renowned for its extensive range of accommodation. Whether you're snorkelling amongst colourful marine life, indulging in a spa

treatment, enjoying water sports or simply soaking up the tropical surroundings, every day can be tailored to your own pace.

A short speedboat transfer from Malé International Airport, Sun Siyam Olhuveli combines contemporary comforts with breathtaking natural beauty. With multiple dining venues, stunning beaches and endless ocean views, it is the ideal setting for a memorable Maldivian getaway.

Prices are from per person, based on low season.		
ROOM TYPE	DOUBLE SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Beach Pavilion	£2,480	£3,600
Water Villa	£2,990	£4,620
Grand Water Villa with Pool	£3,750	£6,090

International flights excluded.



Beach Villa at Heritage Aarah

HERITANCE AARAH

Located amidst the pristine waters of Raat Atoll, Heritage Aarah is an elegant all-villa retreat offering a refined all-inclusive experience.

Surrounded by the vivid blues of the crystal-clear Maldivian lagoons, the resort blends contemporary design with traditional island influences to create a stay that feels both sophisticated and effortlessly relaxed. Here, time is unhurried, and the only decisions you need

to make are whether you want to sit by the pool or on the beach, what spa treatment to have next and where you'd like to eat later – the very essence of a relaxed getaway.

A scenic 45-minute seaplane flight from the airport, Heritage Aarah offers an unforgettable island escape where elegance, comfort, and natural beauty come together effortlessly. Every detail is crafted to elevate your time in paradise, so much so that you'll never want to leave.

Prices are from per person, based on low season.		
ROOM TYPE	DOUBLE SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Beach Villa	£4,510	£7,410
Ocean Villa	£4,860	£8,010
Sunset Pool Beach Villa	£5,310	£8,860

International flights excluded.

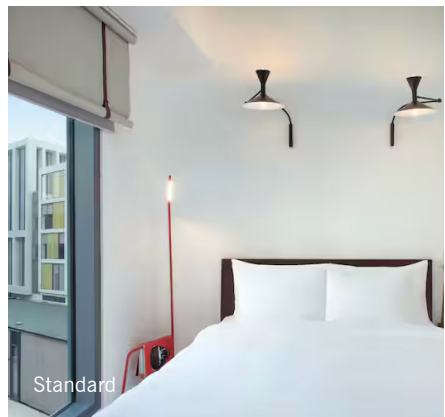
DUBAI STOPOVERS

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination – a city full of cutting-edge architecture, epic shopping malls, the finest of the world’s luxury hotels and a cosmopolitan nightlife, all topped off with excellent beaches. As modern and extravagant as Dubai might be, there is still plenty of rich and traditional culture to be found, particularly amongst the labyrinthine alleys of the old city.



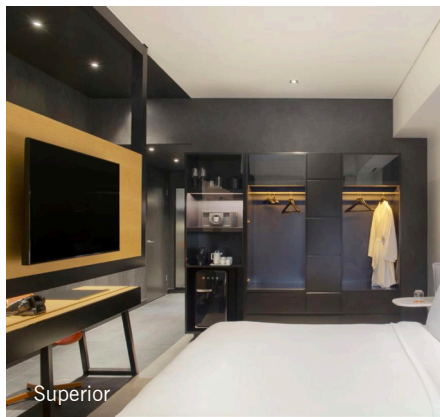
Admire the ultra-modern architecture of downtown Dubai

DUBAI HOTELS



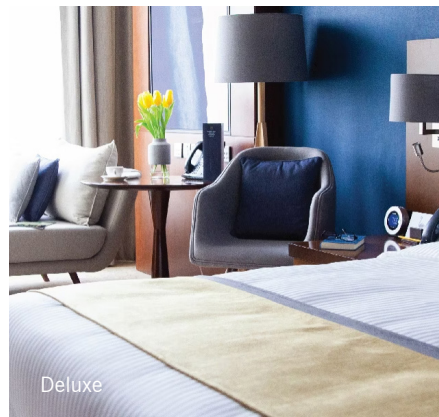
Standard

HAMPTON BY HILTON AL SEEF ★★ ★
This hotel sits along Dubai Creek in the heart of old Dubai. It is surrounded by restaurants and shops, making it the perfect base for exploring the city’s historic and cultural sites, with the Museum of Illusions nearby.



Superior

CANOPY BY HILTON DUBAI AL SEEF ★★ ★ ★
Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef is a contemporary new hotel located beside Dubai Creek, steps away from the boardwalk, which means you are spoilt for choice of shops and restaurants. The view from the rooftop pool is simply superb.



Deluxe

VOCO HOTEL DUBAI ★★ ★ ★ ★
Located minutes away from top attractions. The hotel sits a short drive from Mall of the Emirates and offers quick access to Dubai Marina, Palm Jumeirah, and the Al Barsha Metro Station.

ESSENTIAL DUBAI

3 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai’s old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.

DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI

Enjoy a half day shared tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Begin in Bastakiya’s historic heart, home to the 225-year-old Fort Al Fahidi. Next, take a step back in time and cross Dubai Creek

by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks – where the wares have been the same for centuries – and haggle for a bargain or two! Drive by the iconic Burj Al Arab before a photo stop at Jumeirah Mosque, an architectural landmark. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£240	£420
Superior	£270	£480
Deluxe	£280	£590

Price includes:

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

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

DUBAI & THE DESERT

4 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides insight into Dubai’s rich history. Also included is a desert safari where you spend the evening enjoying the entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars at a traditional Bedouin-style camp.

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DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE

The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop at the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style barbeque dinner accompanied by live entertainment including an enchanting belly dance and Tannoura performance. (B,D)

DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Head deep into the spectacular desert for a magical experience

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£360	£580
Superior	£400	£660
Deluxe	£430	£720

Price includes:

- Accommodation (3 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Shared touring with guides and entrance fees

Please note the live entertainment is limited during the holy month of Ramadan in observance of local traditions and customs.

This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.



DUBAI BEACH STAY

With its year-round warm weather, huge choice of excellent hotels and resorts, and glorious stretches of beach, Dubai is the ideal choice for a sun-soaked stopover. Whether you're looking for relaxation, recreation or a mix of the two, you'll find it on and beyond these soft white sands and glittering turquoise seas.

Relax on the golden beaches of Dubai



Stroll along Jumeirah Beach



Wrapped in desert and fronted by the calm waters of the Persian Gulf, Dubai brings an evocative combination of urban and beach. Beneath that shimmering skyline you'll find a culture that blends ultramodernity with profound tradition, while the sands beyond, be they beach or desert, offer full-on adventure or all-out relaxation.

Choosing to stay by the beach gives you access to it all – spend your days with sand between your toes, venture into the city's air-conditioned mega-malls, explore the atmospheric old town, or head out to the desert for adrenaline-fuelled activities and

experience timeless desert traditions. Your time spent here is whatever you want it to be.

Beyond its iconic skyline, Dubai is home to a vibrant culinary scene, drawing flavours and influences from across the globe, alongside lively beachfront promenades and tranquil waterfront escapes. Traditional souks sit alongside contemporary attractions, offering a glimpse into both the past and the future of this ever-evolving destination.

Seasonal events, cultural festivals, and year-round sunshine further enhance its appeal, making it a place that can be enjoyed in every season.



Unwind on pristine beaches

RADISSON BEACH RESORT PALM JUMEIRAH

NEW

5 DAYS



Enjoy poolside lounging with Arabian Gulf views

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
ROOM TYPE	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Premium Room Sea View	£920	£1,830
Price includes:		
• 4 star accommodation (4 nights) • Breakfast included daily • Return airport transfers		

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Relax at the stylish beach club

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Premium Room with Sea View

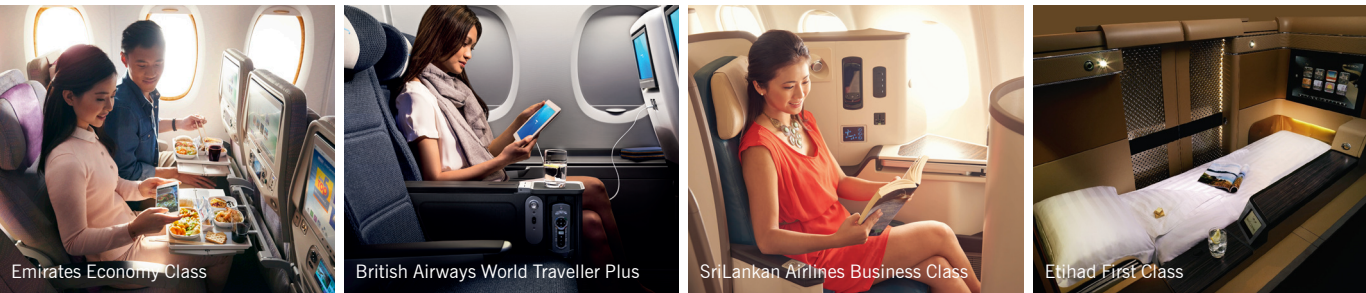


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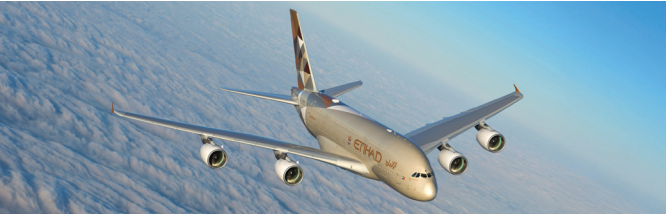
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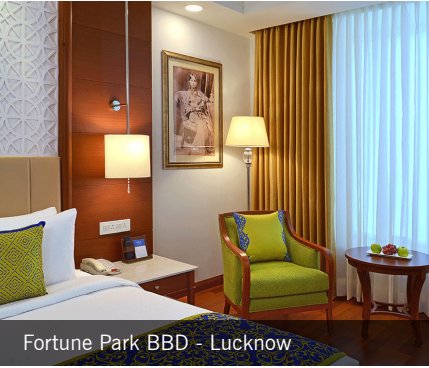
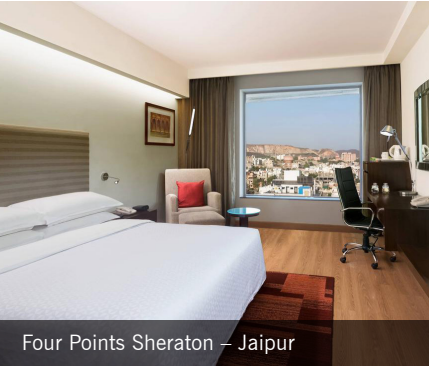
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Hotels

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

Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

SAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT



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 Indian Subcontinent. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

Indian Subcontinent for all seasons

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

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

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

Delhi

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

Kochi

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

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

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

Mumbai

Although the monsoon sweeps through Mumbai between June to late September, the city generally enjoys stable weather due to its location on the coast and within the tropics. The coolest month in Mumbai is January.

Darjeeling

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

COLOMBO			
	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	19	14
Feb	4	22	18
Mar	8	26	35
Apr	12	29	61
May	16	29	124
Jun	19	29	236
Jul	20	28	376
Aug	20	28	334
Sep	19	28	205
Oct	13	27	50
Nov	7	23	8
Dec	3	20	7

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 at an altitude of approximately 1,400 metres above sea level, Kathmandu enjoys a pleasant climate for much of the year. Spring (March to May) brings warm temperatures and blooming landscapes, while autumn (October to November) offers clear skies and excellent mountain views.

PARO			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	-5	9	7
Feb	-2	12	20
Mar	2	16	39
Apr	6	20	72
May	10	22	126
Jun	13	24	233
Jul	15	25	373
Aug	15	24	320
Sep	12	23	180
Oct	6	20	47
Nov	0	15	8
Dec	-4	11	5

LUCKNOW			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	8	22	18
Feb	11	26	15
Mar	16	33	8
Apr	22	39	6
May	26	41	18
Jun	28	39	95
Jul	27	34	280
Aug	26	33	260
Sep	25	34	180
Oct	20	34	35
Nov	14	29	5
Dec	9	24	8

Paro

Located at an altitude of approximately 2,200 metres above sea level, Paro enjoys a cool mountain climate with four distinct seasons. Spring (March to May) brings mild temperatures and colourful rhododendron blooms, while autumn (September to November) offers crisp air, clear skies and spectacular Himalayan views.

Lucknow

Located in the fertile plains of northern India at an altitude of approximately 123 metres above sea level, Lucknow experiences a subtropical climate with hot summers, a monsoon season and mild winters. The most pleasant time to visit is from October to March, when cooler temperatures and lower humidity make it ideal for exploring.

Your Indian Subcontinent questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



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

A. Once we have received your deposit payment, we will send you a confirmation invoice within 24 hours.

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

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

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

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

Q. How do I get my visa?

A. When you make your booking, we will advise you on the latest visa requirements for your destination. Our operations team will get in touch with you nearer the time of your departure with full information on how to obtain your visa.

Q. Do I need travel insurance?

A. 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.

Q. What vaccinations do I need?

A. Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up to date information please refer to www.travelhealthpro.org.uk and always seek your doctor's advice.

Q. What size are your tour groups?

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

Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

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

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

A. We offer several options for single travellers joining our tours. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travellers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (plus free access to an airport lounge and a welcome cocktail on arrival) or, if you prefer, you can pay the single room supplement on a regular departure and have a private room reserved for you. Another possibility is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option where, if we can find you a share partner of the same gender, your Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure.

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

A. If your tour includes internal flights your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights. If there are no internal flights on your tour then your allowance is the international flight limit.

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.

Q. How fit do I need to be?

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

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



Q. What does escorted touring mean?

A. Every Group Tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from when you land at the airport to when you depart. On multi-country tours different National Escorts are used in each country. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable Local Guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private Tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable Local Guides in each location.

Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

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

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

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

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

Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?

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

Q. Are meals included?

A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas, meals may be simple and choices limited. Meals included in Private Tours are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. If you book a fully inclusive Classic Tour your first meal will be dinner on the day of arrival and will end with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

WHILE ON TOUR

Q. Are there any optional excursions?

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

Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

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

Q. Can special requests be arranged?

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

Q. What are the flying times to India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Nepal?

A. Flights to India are approx. 8 hours, to Sri Lanka approx. 11 hours, Bhutan approx. 13 and Nepal approx. 11 hours.

Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

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

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

A. Our groups are generally made up of travellers from the UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. 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 or to visit sights at the best time of day.



Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, our local partners carry out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions; and works with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in 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.

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 Short Stays, we will advise recommended amounts. The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

Travel with purpose

For the last 25 years we've been taking groups of travellers to unique and spectacular places, and know full well how impactful, inspiring and horizon-broadening exploring the world can be. Over the years we have been building as many mutually beneficial, sustainable and responsible relationships as possible in the destinations that we visit, so they too are able to thrive.



Local Economic Empowerment

We believe travel should positively benefit the communities we visit. That's why we prioritise locally-owned restaurants, hotels, and experiences that support local businesses and create sustainable livelihoods.

When traveling with us, you help empower local artisans, entrepreneurs, guides, drivers and so many others, ensuring that tourism leaves a positive, lasting impact.

Respectful Cultural Experiences

We are committed to fostering meaningful, authentic, and respectful interactions with the communities we visit. Our tours are designed to celebrate local traditions, honour cultural heritage, and support experiences led by local experts. We encourage travellers to engage with an open mind, follow local customs, and contribute to the preservation of cultural identity in a responsible way.

Lower Impact Travel

We are reducing our environmental impact by building more rail journeys into our itineraries, and promoting low-season travel. Trains offer a greener alternative to flying, lowering carbon emissions while providing a more immersive travel experience. By promoting more departures in the low season, we also help ease pressure on popular destinations, support local economies year-round, and create a more sustainable way to explore the world.

Sustainable Tourism Education

We believe responsible travel starts with awareness. That's why we provide our travellers with practical tips on reducing their environmental impact and supporting communities in a meaningful way. Through pre-departure resources and on-tour guidance, we empower our travellers to make informed, sustainable choices that help protect the destinations we visit for future generations.

Your loyalty matters

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

WENDY'S LOYALTY CLUB

Our Wendy Wu Tours loyalty scheme will get you exclusive offers and updates before anyone else plus you'll move up membership levels with every new trip you take – which means bigger savings!

Bronze

Enjoy £100pp off your next booking after completing your first tour with us.

Silver

Receive £150pp off your 3rd and 4th bookings once you've travelled with us twice.

Gold

Save £200pp off your 5th and 6th bookings after four tours with us.

Platinum

Unlock £250pp off every booking once you've travelled with us six times.

These exceptional discounts can even be combined with any special offer.



RECOMMEND A FRIEND

Recommend us to a friend, and if they book, we'll give you an extra £50 off your next booking with us as a token of our appreciation.



Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

Essential Booking Information

Before you book with Wendy Wu Tours, please take a moment to read this summary along with the Detailed Tour Itinerary for your tour and our full Booking Conditions (available on our website). When you book with us it's on the understanding that you've read and understood these.

Your Financial Protection

Your holiday is in safe hands. For flight-based holidays, we hold an ATOL licence (No. 6639), issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, meaning your money is protected if anything goes wrong. You'll receive an ATOL Certificate when you book, clearly outlining exactly what's covered.

For non-flight package holidays, we're a proud member of ABTA (No. W7994), providing further peace of mind through a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association.

Book With Confidence

Your holiday also falls under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, meaning we are fully responsible for the proper performance of your entire package. In the unlikely event of insolvency, your payments are protected and – where transport is included – your safe return home is guaranteed.

Book with confidence. Your holiday is protected every step of the way.

Payment

To secure your booking, we ask for a non-refundable deposit of £350 per person. The remaining balance is due at least 75 days before departure. In some cases (for example flight upgrades) a higher deposit may be needed.

Travel Documents

For most destinations, you'll need a passport with at least 6 months' validity and two blank pages. While we assist and cover the cost of pre-arranged travel visas for UK and Irish passport holders (unless otherwise specified), you are ultimately responsible for ensuring you have the correct passport and visas to travel.

Health & Travel Insurance

Please arrange any recommended vaccinations in good time before your trip. You'll also need suitable travel insurance in place before booking.

Changing Your Booking

If you need to make changes before paying your balance, there's a £50 admin fee plus any additional costs incurred, such as non-refundable flights or cruise deposits.

Cancelling Your Booking

If you need to cancel, the following charges usually apply:

- 75+ days before departure: loss of deposit
- 42–74 days: 30%
- 28–41 days: 60%
- 15–27 days: 90%
- 14 days or less: 100%

Some parts of your trip may be non-refundable – if this is the case, we will explain it to you when you book.

If We Need to Change Your Holiday

Occasionally, we may need to make changes to your holiday. If this happens, we'll let you know as soon as possible. If it's a major change, you can choose a different holiday or receive a full refund.

Special Requests

If you have any special requirements (such as dietary needs), please let us know before booking. We'll do our best to accommodate them, though we can't guarantee every request.

Fitness & Medical Conditions

Each tour has a 'physical rating' and the activity levels are described in the tour's Detailed Tour Itinerary. It is your responsibility to check these carefully and be sure you can participate without adverse effect on the group.

Booking Conditions

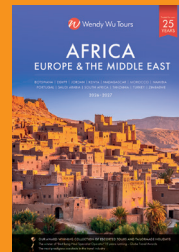
You can find the full Booking Conditions on our website or via the QR code. They include important additional details, so please read them carefully before booking.



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- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Outstanding guides
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Extensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
- Depart from many regional UK airports
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- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA
- Winner of industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 16 years in a row

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