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**20**  
YEARS  
of  
Tour Excellence

 Wendy Wu Tours

# INDIA

SRI LANKA | NEPAL | BHUTAN

2019-2020



Our Award-Winning Collection of Escorted Tours & Tailormade Holidays



# WELCOME TO INDIA

It's a pleasure to introduce you to this special anniversary edition of our India brochure. 2018 marks Wendy Wu Tours' 20th anniversary of providing extraordinary tour experiences to holidaymakers all over the globe. Since 1998, we have been pioneering travel to new destinations all over Asia and are now recognised as the leading touring specialist in the region.

Our extensive range of India tours will show you the very best this vibrant country has to offer. For 2019/20, we have launched eight brand new tours. You can now explore more of India's colourful north in our 16 day 'Northern India Discovery', discover laidback Kerala and the temples of Tamil Nadu in our 14 day 'Classic South India' plus a new tour dedicated to solo travellers, 10 day 'An Indian Experience'.

Let Wendy Wu Tours show you the real India – we look forward to welcoming you on tour very soon.



*Wendy Wu*  
Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

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# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE...



## UNRIVALLED EXPERTISE

We are proud to be recognised as the UK's leading specialist operator to Asia, a reputation we've been building since 1998. All our staff have travelled extensively throughout the region and are fountains of knowledge on all things Asia.



## SO MANY INCLUSIONS PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can just sit back and enjoy the experience. Your accommodation, most meals, touring, transport & expert guides - we include it all.



## LOCAL FLAVOURS

Our tours will give you a genuine taste of the regions you'll visit.



## COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF TOURS

Whether you're looking for a classic escorted tour experience, luxury journey or something more off-the-beaten-track, we've got a tour or tailor-made holiday for you.



## EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia for the last 20 years, building our local expertise and finding those rarely visited places and authentic cultural experiences that make your holiday truly special.



## BEST GUIDES IN THE BUSINESS

Through their local expertise, dedication and passion, our guides will make sure you don't miss a thing.



## FLY FROM YOUR LOCAL AIRPORT

For your convenience, on the majority of our tours you'll be able to fly from a UK airport near you, usually at no extra cost.



## SAFE AND SECURE

We are members of ABTA and our holidays are fully ATOL protected.





# You're in Safe Hands

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



"Our guide was charming, efficient and knowledgeable. Nothing was too much trouble for him, his professional competency and willingness to attend to the groups needs ensured the tour went smoothly."

## AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

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

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

## ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

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



# 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.



## Recommended by you

Awards are all well and good, but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us. We're proud of our 5-star Trip Advisor rating and the fact that so many of our customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family - that's all the accolade we need.

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





# CHOOSE A TOUR THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU...

## PHYSICAL RATING

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires the ability to walk around sights unaided. More active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating.



### LEVEL 1

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.



### LEVEL 3

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



### LEVEL 5

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

## TOUR STYLES

### CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. The tours are fully inclusive with all meals and a comprehensive touring programme.

### ACTIVE

Active tours combine the key sights with more energetic pursuits such as hiking and cycling. This allows us to explore more and discover the destination in greater depth. These tours are designed to provide a wide range of activities to ensure a varied and culturally immersive experience.

### FLEXIBLE

Ideal for those who want more choice in what they do. Flexible tours include all the main sights but allow some free time for your own exploration or relaxation. Optional excursions, often more active in nature, are available for those that want to discover more.

### GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. You will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. These tours take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime.

### EXCLUSIVE

The Exclusive Collection combines luxurious five-star accommodation with exclusive experiences. These hand-crafted tours feature high-class restaurants, money can't buy experiences and additional touches like VIP door-to-door home transfers. If you are looking for a truly distinctive journey, the Exclusive Collection is for you.

### SOLO

Designed exclusively for customers travelling solo, these tours provide a ready-made group of like-minded travellers to enjoy your holiday with. You will be looked after all the way by an expert guide who will involve you in the group activities discovering the sights and experiencing cultural activities. A room of your own is guaranteed with no supplement to pay.

### PRIVATE

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

### TAILORMADE

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

Please note that not all tour styles are available for all destinations.

## TOUR PACE

We're not going to deny it, on many of our tours you're going to be busy! But we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of extraordinary experiences means some early starts and late finishes, but you can be sure that you'll return home with some incredible memories! Take a look at our flexible tours if you are looking for a tour with a bit more free time included.

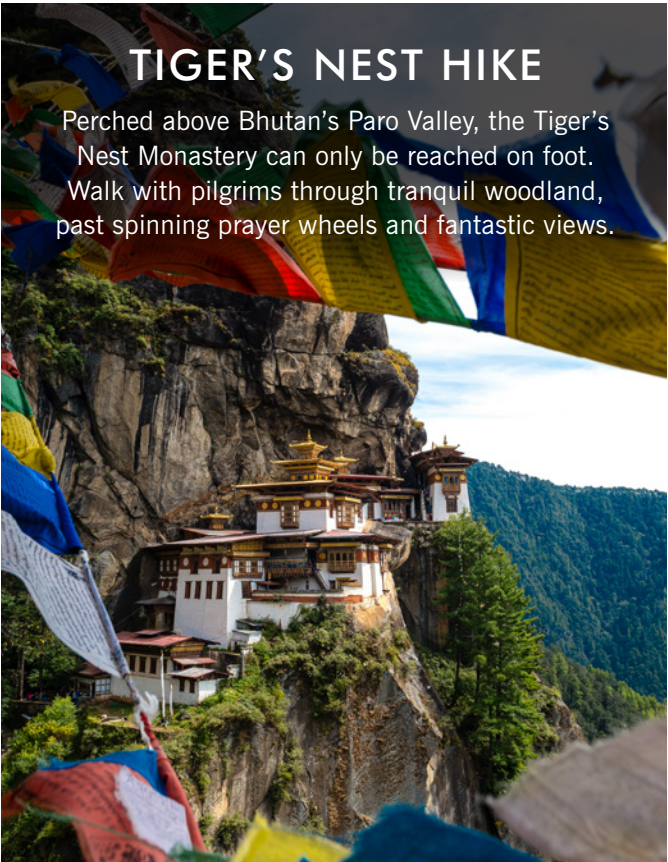
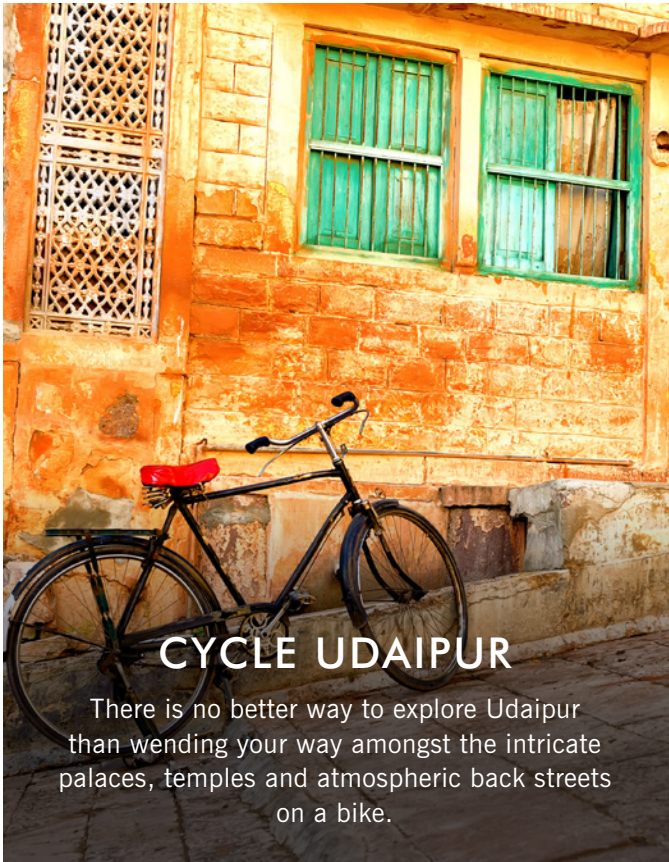
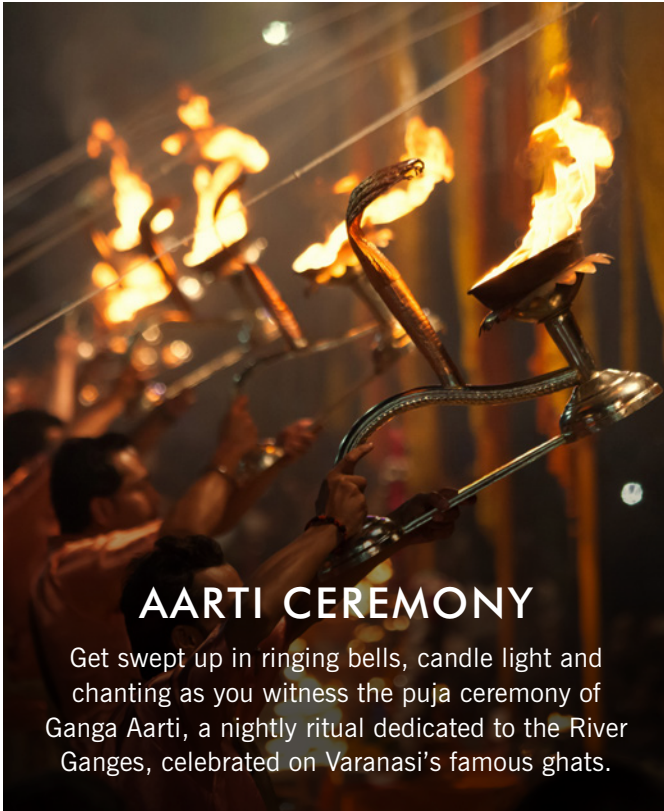
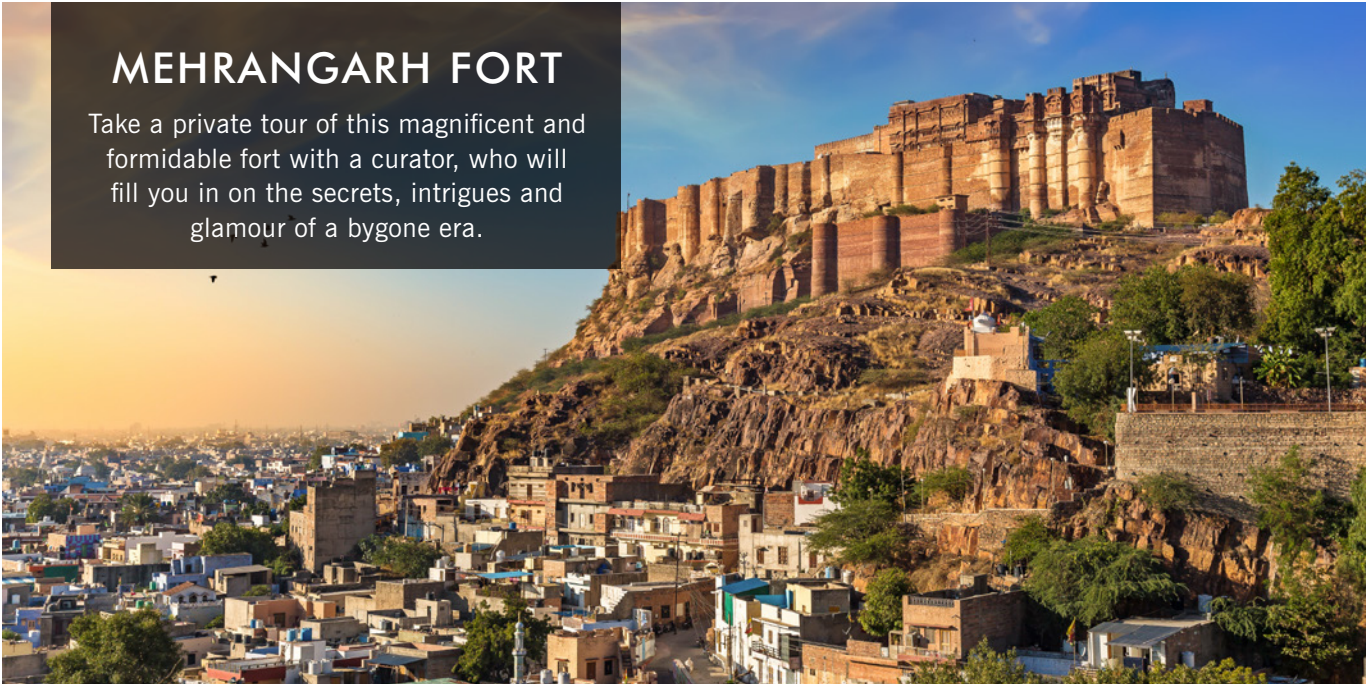
## ACCOMMODATION STYLES

Travelling with us, you can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the tour you are travelling on and the locations you'll visit. Our Classic Tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3\* to 4\* properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Active/Flexible/Go Beyond tours, you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit. Our Exclusive Collection features world class, luxury 5\* properties.



# 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. Here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...







# Discover India & beyond with Wendy Wu Tours

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

## WENDY'S TOP 8 INDIA SIGHTS

1

TIGERS

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

CULTURAL TRIANGLE, SRI LANKA

The heartland of ancient civilisations, the cultural triangle encompasses the treasures of Kandy, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa. Explore this on all of our Sri Lanka tours (page 56-63).

4

KERALA'S BACKWATERS

A network of lagoons, canals and rivers encased in verdant greenery, Kerala's backwaters are best explored by boat – do this on our South India tours (pages 40-43).

5

VARANASI

A sacred city and one of the world's oldest, Varanasi's ghats, lapped by the River Ganges, showcase humanity laid bare. See them on several tours, including Highlights of India (page 32).

6

DELHI

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

7

THIMPHU, BHUTAN

The capital of one of the world's most mysterious countries, Thimphu is an intriguing city with a rich and perfectly preserved heritage. Explore it on Himalayan Kingdoms (page 48).

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KATHMANDU, NEPAL

A vibrant capital city, Kathmandu is the hub of Nepal's cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era – see it for yourself on Journey to Kathmandu (page 46).





# INDIA TOURS

## WHEN TO TRAVEL

It is possible to visit India all year round, but here are a few things to bear in mind: India's weather is extremely varied and the climate is dominated by the monsoon. Working northwards between May to October, it brings downpours, humidity and bursts of hot sunshine. The east coast gets more rain between October and December, but once this has passed, most of the country enjoys clear skies and good temperatures. Winter means cold winds in the north but is a scorcher in the south.



**APPROX FLYING TIME**  
9 Hours



**GMT**  
+5:30



**VISA REQUIRED**  
Yes



**CURRENCY**  
Rupee



# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

£1,890

 FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

 ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

✓ Feel the buzz of Delhi

✓ See the colossal Red Fort

✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal

✓ Explore the 'Pink City'

✓ Admire the Amber Fort

✓ Visit the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri



Enjoy the iconic Taj Mahal

**PRICE INCLUDES**

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

**NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?**

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

**Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.**



Visit India's largest mosque

**ITINERARY**

**DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI**  
Fly overnight to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

**DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI**  
A city of equal chaos and charm, Delhi grabs you and doesn't let go. Spend a full day exploring the sights of Old Delhi: drive past the colossal Red Fort, browse the bustling bazaar of Chandni Chowk, visit India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and take a rickshaw to Asia's largest spice market. Make a brief stop at India Gate and visit Humayun's Tomb.

**DAY 4: AGRA**  
Drive to Agra with an en route stop at Sikandra to see the marble and red sandstone tomb of third Mughal Emperor Akbar the Great.

**DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL**  
Rise early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. This afternoon visit Agra Fort, a hulking mass of red sandstone sat on the banks of the Yamuna River. The Fort was established in the 16th century but has been much added to over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles. After dark return to the fort to enjoy a spectacular sound and light experience.

**DAY 6: FATEHPUR SIKRI**  
Head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular array of Mughal palaces and temples. Continue to Chand Baori stepwell, a fascinating and exquisitely carved water

storage structure built over a thousand years ago. Arrive in Jaipur.

**DAY 7: AMBER FORT**  
Begin the day with a brief stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort. Built in 1592, this red sandstone and marble fort effortlessly blends Hindu and Muslim architecture. This afternoon, explore the Maharaja's City Palace, as well as the Jantar Mantar Observatory and learn about the local art of block printing.

**DAY 8: DRIVE TO DELHI**  
Return to Delhi and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

**DAY 9: FLY DELHI TO UK**  
Fly to the UK, arriving home later the same or following day.



Tour the spice markets





Learn about the stars at Jantar Mantar Observatory



### SHIMLA EXTENSION

4 DAYS FROM £560 PP

**DAY 9: TRAIN TO SHIMLA**  
Take the express train to Kalka, your driver will meet you here to continue the journey to Shimla, a stunning hill station which sprawls across a ridge deep in the Himalayan foothills. (B)

**DAY 10: EXPLORE THE HILL STATION**  
Today ride the famous Toy Train on the narrow gauge mountain railway. Return to Shimla and explore Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the highest point of the city, offering amazing views. Later visit one of northern India's oldest churches, Christ Church and the Himalayan Aviary. (B,L)

**DAY 11: SHIMLA TO DELHI**  
This morning admire the renaissance grandeur of the Vice Regal Lodge before driving back to Kalka. Take the train back to Delhi and transfer to your hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 12: DELHI TO UK**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

### GOA EXTENSION

5 DAYS FROM £660 PP

**DAY 9: TRAVEL TO GOA**  
Fly to Goa. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 10: EXPLORE GOA**  
Spend the day exploring two ornate Hindu temples, followed by a visit to a spice plantation. Later, discover the history of Old Goa, including the Basilica of Bom Jesus, before finishing the day at Goa's capital Panaji. (B,L)

**DAYS 11-12: GOA**  
Enjoy days at leisure. (B)

**DAY 13: FLY TO UK**  
Fly home to the UK, arriving the same or following day. (B)

### VARANASI EXTENSION

4 DAYS FROM £620 PP

**DAY 9: TRAVEL TO VARANASI**  
Fly to Varanasi. Take a rickshaw to the ghats on the river Ganges to witness the evening Puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti. (B)

**DAYS 10 -11: VARANASI TO DELHI**  
Rise early for a boat ride on the river Ganges and a brief city tour. Visit Banaras Hindu University and Sarnath. (B,L) Tomorrow fly back to Delhi. (B)

**DAY 12: DELHI TO UK**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE

### CLASSIC

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 Sunday

#### 2019 DATES

05 Jan - 13 Jan	£2,090	14 Sep - 22 Sep	£1,890
19 Jan - 27 Jan	£2,090	21 Sep - 29 Sep	£1,990
02 Feb - 10 Feb	£2,090	05 Oct - 13 Oct	£1,990
09 Feb - 17 Feb	£2,090	12 Oct - 20 Oct	£1,990
23 Feb - 03 Mar	£2,090	19 Oct - 27 Oct	£1,990
02 Mar - 10 Mar	£1,990	26 Oct - 03 Nov	£2,090
09 Mar - 17 Mar	£1,990	02 Nov - 10 Nov	£2,090
16 Mar - 24 Mar	£1,990	09 Nov - 17 Nov	£2,090
23 Mar - 31 Mar	£1,990	16 Nov - 24 Nov	£2,090
30 Mar - 07 Apr	£1,890	23 Nov - 01 Dec	£2,090
06 Apr - 14 Apr	£1,890	07 Dec - 15 Dec	£2,190

#### 2020 DATES

11 Jan - 19 Jan	£2,190	12 Sep - 20 Sep	£1,990
25 Jan - 02 Feb	£2,190	19 Sep - 27 Sep	£2,090
01 Feb - 09 Feb	£2,190	03 Oct - 11 Oct	£2,090
08 Feb - 16 Feb	£2,190	10 Oct - 18 Oct	£2,090
22 Feb - 01 Mar	£2,190	17 Oct - 25 Oct	£2,090
29 Feb - 08 Mar	£2,090	24 Oct - 01 Nov	£2,190
07 Mar - 15 Mar	£2,090	31 Oct - 08 Nov	£2,190
14 Mar - 22 Mar	£2,090	07 Nov - 15 Nov	£2,190
21 Mar - 29 Mar	£2,090	14 Nov - 22 Nov	£2,190
28 Mar - 05 Apr	£1,990	21 Nov - 29 Nov	£2,190
04 Apr - 12 Apr	£1,990	05 Dec - 13 Dec	£2,290

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,390 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £340
- Tipping paid locally US\$50



Take a tour of Sikandra

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VISIT [WENDYWUTOURS.CO.UK](http://WENDYWUTOURS.CO.UK) FOR A DETAILED TOUR DOSSIER

CALL 0808 274 2438 OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL TRAVEL AGENT

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NEW

# AN INDIAN EXPERIENCE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Delhi's spice markets
- ✓ See the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- ✓ Try block printing and carpet weaving
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Admire the Amber Fort
- ✓ Learn to cook like a local



Get a glimpse of local life in Jaipur

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

**Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.**

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



## AMRITSAR EXTENSION 4 DAYS FROM £420 PP

Travel to Amritsar on board the Shatadbi Express for a chance to visit the incredible Golden Temple and the infamous Jallianwala Bagh. Finish with another night in Delhi for some extra time to explore this bustling city.

Please speak to a reservations consultant for full details or visit [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk)

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

Fly overnight to India's capital, Delhi. On arrival at the airport you will be met by a member of the Wendy Wu Tours team and transferred to the hotel. Meet the group tonight for dinner and start getting to know your fellow travellers. (D)

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

Today we explore this vivacious city! Starting in Old Delhi, together we will embark on a rickshaw ride through the atmospheric streets, stopping at Jama Masjid, a Mughal masterpiece of a mosque. We'll then wander through a local market and learn about native herbs and spices as we go. Crossing into New Delhi we'll admire the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate. Tonight, there will be a welcome meal. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Journey to Agra by road, where we'll start our explorations with a tour of the magnificent Agra Fort. This mass of red sandstone sits on the bank of the Yamuna River, and from its ramparts we may catch a first glimpse of the magical Taj Mahal, just 2kms downstream. Next, we'll take a rickshaw tour of the city and visit a fascinating spice and ayurvedic herb market. (B,L)

### DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

We rise early to share an unforgettable experience; sunrise at the Taj Mahal. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun, the building looks magical. We'll then visit a marble inlay workshop to get an insight into the skills that made the Taj Mahal the beautiful building it is; before hitting the road to Ranthambore National Park, home of majestic Bengal tigers! (B,L,D)



Explore the exquisite Chand Baori Stepwell



Seek out monkeys in Ranthambore

### DAY 6: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

Together we will explore Ranthambore National Park in search of tigers, taking early morning and afternoon canter 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. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

Departing Ranthambore, travel by road to Jaipur, the 'Pink City'. En route we'll stop to admire the exquisitely carved and unique Chand Baori stepwell. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. (B,L)

### DAY 8: EXPLORE JAIPUR

The day begins with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds'. Next, we'll travel out of the city to admire the majestic

Amber Fort, the colossal 16th century yellow and pink sandstone fort just 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Back in the city, we'll try our hands at traditional artistry at a craft centre, including block printing and carpet weaving, before a stroll through the local bazaar at Choti Choper. (B,L,D)

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO DELHI

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

### DAY 10: FLY DELHI TO UK

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



Learn about native herbs and spices at the markets

AN INDIAN EXPERIENCE

SOLO

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the excitement of Delhi to the magnificence of the Taj Mahal and beyond to the wildlife-filled landscapes of Ranthambore National Park, take this journey with a friendly group of likeminded solo travellers.



Take a tour of the Taj Mahal

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Saturday

### 2019 DATES

21 Mar - 30 Mar	£2,490	07 Nov - 16 Nov	£2,690
10 Oct - 19 Oct	£2,590		

### 2020 DATES

23 Jan - 01 Feb	£2,790	08 Oct - 17 Oct	£2,690
27 Feb - 07 Mar	£2,690	05 Nov - 14 Nov	£2,790

### Flight and supplement information

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- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,990 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Tipping paid locally US\$70



See Delhi's impressive India Gate



NEW

# JEWELS OF INDIA

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Dine on decadent local delicacies
- ✓ Gaze on the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- ✓ Tour the impressive Amber Fort by night
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Admire opulent palaces in the 'Pink City'

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...

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### 5\* GOA 5 DAYS FROM £1120 PP

Fly to Goa, a little slice of paradise on the Arabian Sea. Stay in five star luxury, make the most of the stunning beaches and spend a day exploring Goa's rich Portuguese heritage.

See page 55 for more details, or speak to a reservations consultant.

Additional flight costs may apply.



Discover the wonder of Humayun's Tomb

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

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

### DAY 4: AMAZING AGRA

Leave Delhi and travel to the bustling city of Agra. Take a tour of Agra's lively streets by auto rickshaw and take in the sights and smells of the spice and ayurveda market. This afternoon, visit the hulking mass of Agra Fort, established in the 16th century. Within its huge two-kilometre-long walls you'll find the imperial city of the Mughal rulers, with intricate palaces and spacious audience halls to explore. This evening head to the rooftop for a view of the magnificent Taj Mahal and enjoy a glass of champagne.

### DAY 5: THE TAJ MAHAL

Rise early this morning to view India's most iconic sight and one of the world's most enchanting structures, the Taj Mahal. A building as beautiful as the stories say, witness the shifting colours of the white marble as the sun rises and discover the story of Shah Jahan and his third wife Mumtaz Mahal, for whom the Taj Mahal was built. This afternoon continue on to Ranthambore.

### DAY 6: RANTHAMBORE

Ranthambore National Park is home to many animals such as leopards, hyena, bears and most importantly, tigers. Today your group will have both morning and afternoon private canter safaris, for many opportunities to spot the magnificent wildlife.

### DAY 7: THE AMBER FORT

Travel to Rajasthan's colourful capital, Jaipur this morning. En route you will stop at one of the most ancient landmarks in the area- the Nikumbh dynasty era Chand Baori stepwell. This evening take a short trip outside the city to the spectacular Amber Fort for an exclusive night tour. Amber Fort is UNESCO-listed as one of the five great hill forts of Rajasthan, and its beautifully designed doors and windows are finely painted in traditional Rajasthani style.

### DAY 8: JAIPUR

Jaipur is a city of extravagant architecture and frenetic street life. A visit from the Prince of Wales in 1876 earned Jaipur the nickname



Try delicious local food



Gaze up at the imposing Agra Fort

the 'Pink City', as all the buildings were painted the colour of hospitality, pink, to welcome him. Today your day of sightseeing will include the Hawa Mahal the 'Palace of the Winds', named as such because of the latticed windows covering the façade, letting the breeze flow through the palace. Continue to the Maharaja's Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a collection of nineteen astronomical instruments including the world's largest sundial. This evening enjoy a cooking demonstration followed by dinner on the

rooftop of the beautiful, traditionally decorated and family owned Ikaki Niwas.

### DAY 9: DELHI

Journey back to Delhi and enjoy a farewell meal this evening in a beautiful old Mughal mansion.

### DAY 10: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly back to the UK, arriving the same or following day. On arrival you will be transported home by chauffeured transfer.



Search for tigers on safari

JEWELS OF INDIA

EXCLUSIVE

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

For those that like a touch of luxury. Journey India's incredible golden triangle and discover the delights of Ranthambore National Park whilst staying in unforgettable locations and indulging in exclusive experiences.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Monday

### 2019 DATES

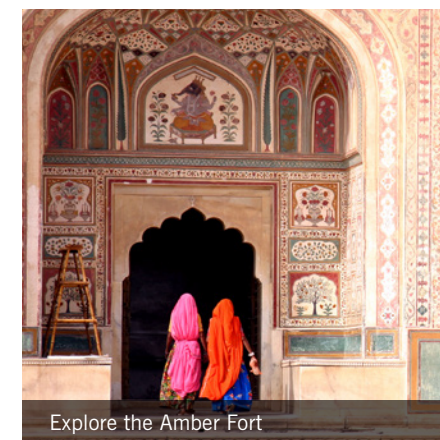
02 Mar - 11 Mar	£3,190	02 Nov - 11 Nov	£3,290
12 Oct - 21 Oct	£3,190		

### 2020 DATES

15 Feb - 24 Feb	£3,390	10 Oct - 19 Oct	£3,290
14 Mar - 23 Mar	£3,290	31 Oct - 09 Nov	£3,390

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,690 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally US\$65
- Single room for sole use included



Explore the Amber Fort



NEW

# INDIA EXPLORER

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore India's largest spice market
- ✓ See the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- ✓ Discover Agra by rickshaw
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Wander the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri
- ✓ Admire the Amber Fort

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### KERALA BACKWATERS 3 DAYS FROM £300 PP

Kerala is one of the most unique states in India and provides travellers with an insight into life by the water. Enjoy authentic Keralan food while drifting through the quiet canals and witness village life around the backwaters.

See page 54.

Additional flight costs may apply.



Experience colourful local culture

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

A city of equal chaos and charm, Delhi grabs you and doesn't let go. Spend a full day exploring the sights of Old Delhi: browse the bustling bazaar of Chandni Chowk, visit India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and take a rickshaw ride to the spice markets. Make a brief stop at India Gate and visit Qutub Minar. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: AGRA

Drive to Agra and visit Agra Fort, a hulking mass of red sandstone sat on the banks of the Yamuna River. The Fort was established in the 16th century but has been much added to over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles. This afternoon take in the sights, smells and sounds of the Ayurveda market before returning to the fort after dark to enjoy a spectacular sound and light experience. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. This afternoon, enjoy some leisure time with an optional auto rickshaw tour through the bustling streets. (B,L)

### DAY 6: FATEHPUR SIKRI

Head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular array of Mughal palaces and temples before arriving in Ranthambore. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

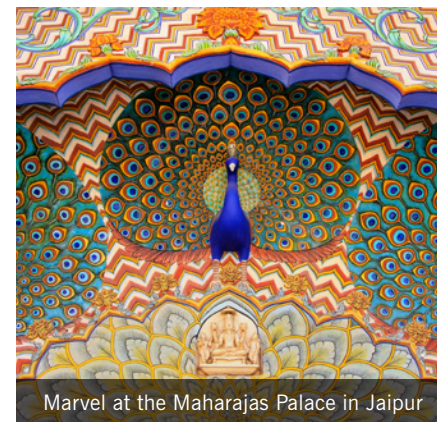
Enjoy both morning and afternoon canter safaris through the national park, keeping your eyes peeled for tigers! There are around 50 majestic Bengal tigers that are living amongst Ranthambore's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and over 3,000 species of bird. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: RANTHAMBORE TO JAIPUR

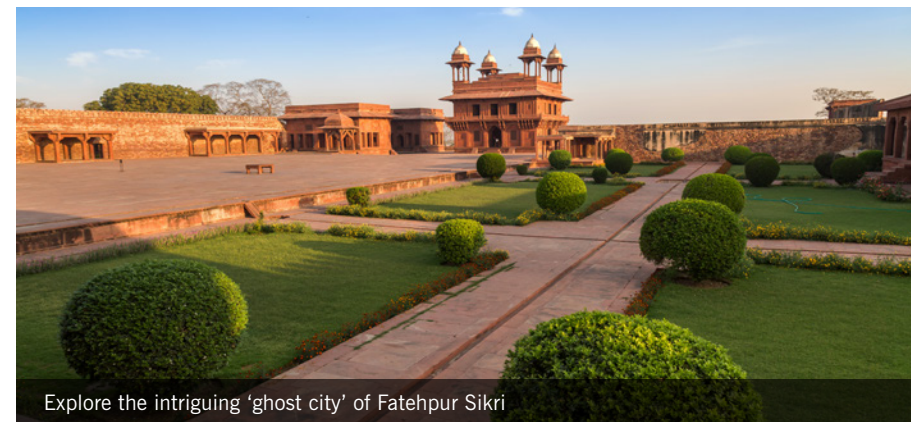
Take a morning at leisure, with the option to take an additional safari to spot more wildlife. This afternoon continue to Chand Baori stepwell, a fascinating and exquisitely carved water storage structure built over a thousand years ago, before arriving in Jaipur. (B,L)

### DAY 9: JAIPUR

Start today with a morning yoga session followed by an action packed day exploring more of the 'Pink City' and capital of Rajasthan state. Visit two of the city's top sights, the Maharaja's City Palace, still the home of the city's royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful instruments designed to measure the heavens. You will also get a chance for a brief photo stop at Hawa Mahal, the spectacular 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the



Marvel at the Maharajas Palace in Jaipur



Explore the intriguing 'ghost city' of Fatehpur Sikri

majestic Amber Fort, the colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort just 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Back in the city head to a craft centre to learn about traditional artistry such as block printing and carpet weaving before returning to the fort for a night tour. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: EXPLORE THE PINK CITY

Spend the day at leisure in Jaipur, with an opportunity to discover the city at your own pace. There will be an optional cycle to the Hindu Sun Temple this morning, perched on a hillside overlooking the city, it provides wonderful panoramic views. This

evening there is the option to join a cooking demonstration of local delicacies and dinner on the rooftop. (B)

### DAY 11: TRAVEL TO DELHI

Today is spent travelling back to Delhi by coach with an afternoon at leisure for the chance to see more of the buzzing Indian capital city. This evening enjoy a farewell meal hosted by a local family. (B,L,D)

### DAY 12: FLY DELHI TO UK

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



Observe the detailed façade of the Hawa Mahal

INDIA EXPLORER

FLEXIBLE

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A classic journey through India's Golden Triangle with exciting opportunities to spot tigers. This tour gives you plenty of time to explore independently or join in with optional excursions such as cycling tours and cooking classes.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Sunday

### 2019 DATES

06 Mar - 17 Mar	£2,190	02 Oct - 13 Oct	£2,290
27 Mar - 07 Apr	£2,190	13 Nov - 24 Nov	£2,390

### 2020 DATES

05 Feb - 16 Feb	£2,390	30 Sep - 11 Oct	£2,390
04 Mar - 15 Mar	£2,290	21 Oct - 01 Nov	£2,490
25 Mar - 05 Apr	£2,290	11 Nov - 22 Nov	£2,490

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,690 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £470
- Tipping paid locally US\$70



# INSPIRING INDIA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

Look for Bengal tigers in Ranthambore National Park

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



## AMRITSAR EXTENSION 4 DAYS FROM £420 PP

Take the Shatabdi Express Train to Amritsar for a chance to visit the incredible Golden Temple and experience the exciting evening closing ceremony of the border between India and Pakistan.

Please speak to a reservations consultant for full details or visit [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk)

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

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

### DAY 4: AGRA

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

### DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun –

seeing it is a magical experience. Depart Agra and head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular, abandoned array of Mughal palaces and temples. Continue by road to Ranthambore National Park.

### DAY 6: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

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

### DAY 7: BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

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

### DAY 8: CHITTOR FORT

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



Journey to the majestic Amber Fort

### DAY 9: DISCOVER UDAIPUR

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

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO PUSHKAR

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

### DAY 11: JAIPUR

Travel to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' and Rajasthan's capital. On arrival, visit two of the city's top sights, the Maharaja's City Palace,

still the home of the city's royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful instruments designed to measure the heavens.

### DAY 12: AMBER FORT

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

### DAY 13: DRIVE TO DELHI

Return to Delhi and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

### DAY 14: FLY DELHI TO UK

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



Take a cruise on Lake Pichola

INSPIRING INDIA

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Experience local Pushkar life

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Thursday

2019 DATES			
25 Jan - 07 Feb	£2,490	12 Apr - 25 Apr	£2,290
08 Feb - 21 Feb	£2,490	27 Sep - 10 Oct	£2,390
15 Feb - 28 Feb	£2,490	04 Oct - 17 Oct	£2,390
22 Feb - 07 Mar	£2,490	11 Oct - 24 Oct	£2,390
01 Mar - 14 Mar	£2,390	18 Oct - 31 Oct	£2,390
08 Mar - 21 Mar	£2,390	25 Oct - 07 Nov	£2,390
15 Mar - 28 Mar	£2,390	01 Nov - 14 Nov	£2,490
22 Mar - 04 Apr	£2,390	08 Nov - 21 Nov	£2,490
29 Mar - 11 Apr	£2,290	15 Nov - 28 Nov	£2,490
05 Apr - 18 Apr	£2,290	22 Nov - 05 Dec	£2,490

2020 DATES			
24 Jan - 06 Feb	£2,690	10 Apr - 23 Apr	£2,490
07 Feb - 20 Feb	£2,690	25 Sep - 08 Oct	£2,590
14 Feb - 27 Feb	£2,690	02 Oct - 15 Oct	£2,590
21 Feb - 05 Mar	£2,690	09 Oct - 22 Oct	£2,590
28 Feb - 12 Mar	£2,590	16 Oct - 29 Oct	£2,590
06 Mar - 19 Mar	£2,590	23 Oct - 05 Nov	£2,590
13 Mar - 26 Mar	£2,590	30 Oct - 12 Nov	£2,690
20 Mar - 02 Apr	£2,590	06 Nov - 19 Nov	£2,690
27 Mar - 09 Apr	£2,490	13 Nov - 26 Nov	£2,690
03 Apr - 16 Apr	£2,490	20 Nov - 03 Dec	£2,690

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,790 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £540
- Tipping paid locally US\$90



NEW

# NORTHERN INDIA DISCOVERY

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover the delights of Delhi and Dharamsala
- ✓ Watch the sunrise over the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Tour the incredible 'Pink City'
- ✓ Ride the famous Toy Train
- ✓ Explore the striking Golden Temple



Experience the Palki Sahib ceremony at the spectacular Golden Temple in Amritsar

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...

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## VARANASI EXTENSION 4 DAYS FROM £620 PP

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

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## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

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

### DAY 4: TRAIN TO AMRITSAR

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

### DAY 5: EXPLORE AMRITSAR

Enjoy a heritage walk of the city, taking in local markets and temples including Jallianwalla 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 and walk 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, and popping into the Dalai Lama Temple and the Tibetan Museum.

### DAY 8: YOGA EXPERIENCE

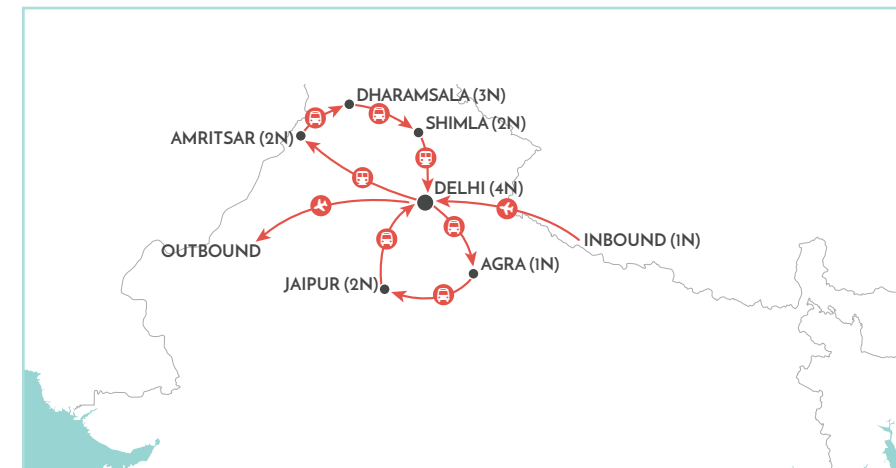
Start the day with a yoga and meditation session. Continue your explorations at the Kangra State Museum and St John's Church. Enjoy a demonstration on how to cook local dishes before spending some time at the Nobulingka Institute. A major centre for Buddhist learning, it also works to preserve Tibet's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

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA

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

### DAY 10: EXPLORE SHIMLA

The summer capital of British India, and nicknamed the 'Queen of Hill Stations', Shimla has a spectacular location. Start the day with a visit to Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the highest point of the city, offering amazing views. Continue to the Himachal State Museum and the Indian Institute of



Ride on the historic Toy Train

Advanced Studies. Enjoy a walking tour of Mall Road, Shimla's main street constructed during British colonial rule.

### DAY 11: TOY TRAIN

All aboard the famous Toy Train, a World Heritage railway built in 1903. One of India's most scenic train journeys, admire spectacular views as your wind your way down from the mountains. Transfer to Chandigarh and take the train back 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. This evening, after the sun has set, return for the nightly spectacle that is the sound and light show.

### DAY 13: TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is swathed

in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. Depart Agra for Jaipur, stopping en route to admire the symmetrical beauty of the Chand Baori stepwell. Arrive in the 'Pink City' and visit the City Palace and the fascinating Jantar Mantar observatory.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE JAIPUR

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

### DAY 15: DELHI

Return to Delhi by road. This evening, sit down to a final group dinner.

### DAY 16: FLY DELHI TO UK

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



Learn about Tibet's cultural heritage in Dharamsala

NORTHERN INDIA DISCOVERY

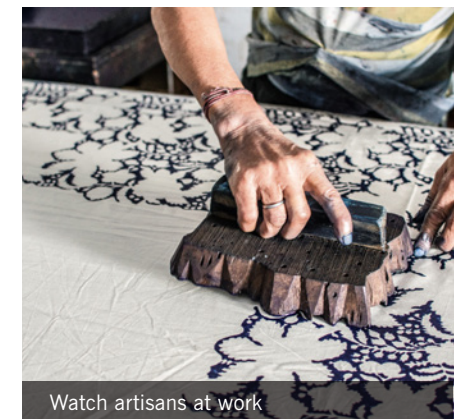
CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This exciting adventure takes you through the northern hill stations of the Himalayas to the fantastically iconic Golden Triangle of Agra, Jaipur, and Delhi, immersing you in North Indian culture.



Watch artisans at work

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

### 2019 DATES

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NEW

# DELHI TO MUMBAI

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,790

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

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## STOPOVER IN...



### DUBAI STOPOVER 3 DAYS FROM £190 PP

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful beaches. Dig a little deeper and you'll find a rich culture centered on the labyrinthine old city.

See pages 70-71 for details. Additional flight costs may apply.



Journey to the striking Gateway of India in Mumbai

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Travel from Delhi to Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal! Pay a visit to the beautifully intricate Itimad-ud-Daulah tomb, also known as the Baby Taj, before exploring the mammoth Agra Fort. The imperial city of the Mughal rulers, within its mighty walls you'll find magnificent palaces, audience halls and mosques.

### DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

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

### DAY 6: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

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eyes peeled for tigers! There are around 50 majestic Bengal tigers that are living amongst Ranthambore's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and over 3,000 species of bird.

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### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

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

### DAY 10: MEHRANGARH FORT

Sat high above the city on a sandstone plinth, the Mehrangarh Fort is one of Rajasthan's most impressive sights. Spend the morning strolling through its palaces, temples and gardens before visiting Jaswant Thada



Visit the majestic Mehrangarh Fort

Memorial and the museum in the magnificent Umaid Bhawan Palace. Later, travel by jeep to visit the villages of the Bishnoi tribe.

### DAY 11: RANAKPUR TEMPLES

Drive to Udaipur, a city of lakes, palaces and temples, stopping en route at the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur. On arrival, enjoy a spot of local shopping.

### DAY 12: UDAIPUR

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

### DAY 13: DRIVE TO AHMEDABAD

Travel to the heritage-rich city of Ahmedabad. Admire the innovative architecture of the 15th-century Adalaj stepwell before visiting the elegant Hutheesingh Jain Temple, an edifice of white marble built in 1848 and carved exquisitely by traditional artisans.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE AHMEDABAD

Embark on a heritage walk through the narrow streets of Ahmedabad's old town to admire centuries-old architecture, before savouring the tranquillity of Sabarmati Ashram. This peaceful place by the river was Gandhi's headquarters during India's struggle for independence; here you can learn about his life and teachings. Take a train to Mumbai.

### DAY 15: EXPLORE MUMBAI

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

### DAY 16: FLY MUMBAI TO UK

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

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### AJANTA AND ELLORA EXTENSION 3 DAYS FROM £330 PP

Travel onwards from Mumbai to Aurangabad for a fascinating insight into the ancient Ajanta and Ellora caves, numerous rock-cut shrines showcasing an array of Buddhist, Hindu and Jain art.

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DELHI TO MUMBAI

## CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey on this classic route between the two renowned cities of Delhi and Mumbai and enjoy two weeks of exploring beautiful palaces and temples, wonderful wildlife and buzzing cities.



Shop at the colourful Sadar market

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

### 2019 DATES

09 Mar - 24 Mar	£2,790	19 Oct - 03 Nov	£2,890
28 Sep - 13 Oct	£2,890	16 Nov - 01 Dec	£2,990

### 2020 DATES

25 Jan - 09 Feb	£3,190	26 Sep - 11 Oct	£2,990
29 Feb - 15 Mar	£3,090	17 Oct - 01 Nov	£3,090
21 Mar - 05 Apr	£2,990	14 Nov - 29 Nov	£3,190

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,290 (Delhi - Mumbai)
- Single room from £690
- Tipping paid locally US\$125



Take an exciting safari



NEW

# INDIAN ADVENTURE

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,790

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Stay in a magnificent fort
- ✓ Explore rural villages
- ✓ Learn to cook like a local
- ✓ Discover colourful bazaars
- ✓ Tour Delhi on a rickshaw
- ✓ Visit the iconic Taj Mahal

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### SHIMLA 4 DAYS FROM £560 PP

Take the renowned Toy Train to Shimla, the 'Queen of Hill Stations' and enjoy a visit to the such gems as the Vice Regal Lodge and the long-standing Christ Church.

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Watch the sunrise over the iconic Taj Mahal

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: RICKSHAW RIDE THROUGH OLD DELHI

Starting in Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride through the atmospheric streets, visiting Jama Masjid. Venture into a local market to learn about the local herbs and spices. Cross into New Delhi to view the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: JAIPUR

Journey from Delhi to Jaipur before enjoying a free afternoon. (B,L)

### DAY 5: AMBER FORT BY JEEP

Enjoy an early morning yoga session. Head just out of the city to the colossal Amber Fort, stopping en route to admire the exquisite façade of Hawa Mahal, or 'Palace of the Winds'. The Amber Fort is built of yellow and pink sandstone and white marble, and its opulent halls are full of intricate carvings and stained glass. This afternoon, explore the City Palace, part of which is still home to Jaipur's royal family, and visit a block printing workshop. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: BRAHMA TEMPLE OF PUSHKAR

Head onwards to the holy city of Pushkar, a sacred site for Hindu pilgrims. Visit the Brahma temple and take time to wander around the market on a walking tour with a chance to shop for souvenirs. Finish the day

watching the beautiful sunset over magnificent Pushkar Lake. (B,D)

### DAY 7: CYCLING IN UDAIPUR

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

### DAY 8: EXPLORE THE CITY PALACE

Delve deeper into the cultural wonders of Udaipur starting at the spectacular City Palace. Started in 1599, over the years many a maharani has added his bit, making this Rajasthan's largest palace. Visit Jagdish temple, and later journey to Shilpgram to visit a rural arts and crafts village. Here you can learn about the tribal people of India's western regions and see their traditional architecture, crafts and rural lifestyle. (B,L)

### DAY 9: TEMPLES OF RANAKPUR

Travel from Udaipur to Sardargarh, stopping at the magnificent Jain temples of Ranakpur en route. Built in the 15th century, these marble temples feature some of India's most beautiful carvings and are a major pilgrimage for followers of the Jain religion. Round off the day with stunning lakeside views at sunset. Stay overnight in one of Rajasthan's most impressive forts. (B,L,D)



Learn about traditional crafts in rural villages

### DAY 10: JEEP RIDE AROUND SARDARGARH

Take a jeep out to the remote villages around Sardargarh. Meet with the locals, see life in a rural Rajasthani village and take part in art workshops. Later this afternoon, drive to Biyaynagar. (B,L,D)

### DAY 11: RURAL RAJASTHAN BY BULLOCK CART

After breakfast climb aboard a bullock cart for a leisurely guided tour of the rural villages around Bijainagar. Take the opportunity to interact with the friendly villagers and catch them going about their daily lives. Return to Bijainagar for a cooking class, learning about local cuisine and enjoying a delicious lunch. Later witness the sunset over the lake as you take High Tea on the shore. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 12-13 : RANTHAMBORE

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

### DAY 14: AGRA RICKSHAW TOUR

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



Explore Agra by rickshaw

### DAY 15: THE TAJ MAHAL

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

### DAY 16: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

INDIAN ADVENTURE

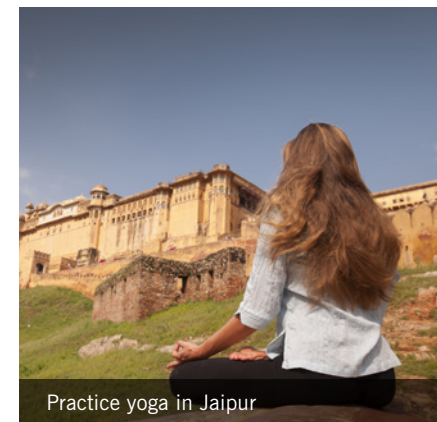
## GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Tick off the top sights in the big cities and get off the beaten track immersing yourself in Rajasthan with local cooking lessons, backstreets bike rides and tiger safaris.



Practice yoga in Jaipur

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

### 2019 DATES

16 Mar - 31 Mar	£2,790	26 Oct - 10 Nov	£2,990
05 Oct - 20 Oct	£2,890		

### 2020 DATES

29 Feb - 15 Mar	£2,990	03 Oct - 18 Oct	£2,990
14 Mar - 29 Mar	£2,890	24 Oct - 08 Nov	£3,090

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,290 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £690
- Tipping paid locally US\$120



Cook with local ingredients



# HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK 3 DAYS FROM £440 PP

Continue your journey in Nepal to explore the beauty and diversity of Chitwan National Park with the help of activities such as Jeep safaris, canoe rides, village walks and jungle walks.

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Additional flight costs may apply.



Take a cruise on the holy river Ganges

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DELHI

Explore Old Delhi; drive past the Red Fort, walk through Chandni Chowk Bazaar to Jama Masjid (India's largest mosque) and take a rickshaw to discover Asia's largest spice market. After lunch, view India Gate before visiting Gandhi Smriti and Qutub Minar, the 12th-century, handcarved, 73m-tall iron pillar.

### DAY 4: JAIPUR

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

### DAY 5: JAIPUR

Start with a photo stop this morning at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) before visiting the majestic Amber Fort, a colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort. Later this afternoon, visit a craft centre to learn about traditional artstries such as block printing and carpet weaving before browsing the local bazaar at Choti Choper.

### DAY 6: JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur. Have the afternoon at leisure before taking a walking tour to explore the local vegetable and spice market in the evening.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE JODHPUR

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

### DAY 8: CHITTOR FORT

Drive to Udaipur, stopping en route at Chittor Fort. One of the largest forts in India, Chittor sprawls across a hilltop overlooking the town of Chittorgarh. Continue to Udaipur, a city of lakes, palaces and temples. Relax on a cruise along Lake Pichola, admiring the city's palaces from the water.

### DAY 9: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

Today, explore the city, starting with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake. Stop at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens. Later, visit the magnificent City Palace, which is still home to Maharana Udai Singh's descendants who remain rulers of this independent state.

### DAY 10: BUNDI

Drive to Bundi and take a stroll through the town, discovering the unique stepwells.

### DAY 11: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 12: RANTHAMBORE SAFARIS

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



Spot tigers in Ranthambore

### DAY 13: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Depart for Agra and visit Agra Fort, a hulking mass of red sandstone sat on the banks of the Yamuna River. The Fort was established in the 16th-century but has been much added to over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles.

### DAY 14: TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. Later, take a train to Jhansi station stopping in Orchha en route. Travel onwards to Khajuraho.

### DAY 15: KHAJURAHOO

Today, tour the Eastern and Western groups of Khajuraho's impressive temples. This afternoon fly to Varanasi and take a rickshaw to the ghats of the River Ganges to witness the Puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti.

### DAY 16: RIVER GANGES

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

### DAY 17: DELHI

Fly 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 or following day.

## + KEEP EXPLORING...

### NEPAL 6 DAYS EXTRA FROM £900pp

#### DAY 18: JOURNEY TO NEPAL

Fly to Kathmandu. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel to settle in – the rest of the day is free to help you acclimatise to the higher altitude.

#### DAY 19: KATHMANDU – PATAN

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

#### DAY 20: KATHMANDU

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

#### DAY 21: KATHMANDU TO DHULIKHEL

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

#### DAY 22: DHULIKHEL TO KATHMANDU

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

#### DAY 23: KATHMANDU TO UK

Transfer to Kathmandu airport for your flight to the UK.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

## CLASSIC

## PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Explore the Blue City of Jodhpur

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Monday

2019 DATES			
18 Jan - 04 Feb	£3,590	27 Sep - 14 Oct	£3,590
01 Feb - 18 Feb	£3,590	11 Oct - 28 Oct	£3,590
08 Feb - 25 Feb	£3,590	25 Oct - 11 Nov	£3,590
22 Feb - 11 Mar	£3,490	01 Nov - 18 Nov	£3,690
08 Mar - 25 Mar	£3,490		
2020 DATES			
17 Jan - 03 Feb	£3,790	25 Sep - 12 Oct	£3,790
31 Jan - 17 Feb	£3,790	09 Oct - 26 Oct	£3,790
07 Feb - 24 Feb	£3,790	23 Oct - 09 Nov	£3,790
21 Feb - 09 Mar	£3,690	30 Oct - 16 Nov	£3,890
06 Mar - 23 Mar	£3,690		

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,990 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £690
- Tipping paid locally US\$100



# EXQUISITE INDIA

19 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 17 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 5\* Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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## STOPOVER IN...



## 5\* DUBAI 3 DAYS FROM £290 PP

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful beaches. Dig a little deeper and you'll find a rich culture centered on the labyrinthine old city.

See pages 70-71 for more details. Additional flight costs may apply.



Witness a holy Puja ceremony in Varanasi

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

Take a stroll along Chandni Chowk and the maze of old alleyways to admire the magnificent Jama Masjid followed by Lakshmi Narayan Temple. Cross into New Delhi and take the Rajpath past India Gate to see Rashtrapati Bhavan and Qutub Minar. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 4-5: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

Transfer to the airport to fly to Udaipur. The city is set on the shores of Lake Pichola and is considered India's most romantic. (B,L). The following day drive around Fateh Sagar Lake before visiting the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and the city and lake palaces and Sahelion Ki Bari garden. Dinner will be on the Sunset Terrace at the Fateh Prakash Palace, which has perfect views across Lake Pichola. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: RAWLA NARLAI

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

### DAY 7: MEHRANGARH FORT

Transfer to Jodhpur. The city is dominated by the mighty Mehrangarh Fort, which perches on a sandstone plinth in the centre of the old town. This evening you will visit for a private walking tour followed by a glass of champagne and dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: JODHPUR

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

### DAYS 9-10: JAIPUR, THE PINK CITY

Drive to Jaipur. The 'Pink City' is a place of extravagant architecture and frenetic street life. Head into the old town to browse the local market, before enjoying a cooking demonstration and dinner at Ikaki Niwas. The next day, sightseeing will include Hawa Mahal – the Palace of the Winds, the Maharaja's Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, as well as the formidable Amber Fort. Return there this evening for a night tour before dining at the 1135 AD restaurant, inside the highest ramparts. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 11-12: RANTHAMBORE

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



Dine on decadent local dishes



Journey to medieval Orchha

### DAY 13: FATEHPUR SIKRI

Depart Ranthambore and transfer to Agra via the ghost city, Fatehpur Sikri. Continue to Agra and enjoy dinner and the show 'Mohabbat the Taj' this evening. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: THE TAJ MAHAL

Today view India's most iconic sight, the Taj Mahal. Witness the shifting colours of the white marble at sunrise and discover the story of Shah Jahan and his third wife Mumtaz Mahal. Visit a marble inlay workshop before heading to UNESCO-listed Agra Fort, a Mughal monument built in the 16th century. Take a rickshaw ride and browse the exotic spices of a local market. (B,L)

### DAY 15: MEDIEVAL ORCHHA

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

### DAY 16: KHAJURAHOO TEMPLES

The intricately carved temples of Khajuraho, built between the 10th and 12th centuries, display some of the finest temple art in the world. Next, fly to the sacred city of Varanasi, and take an atmospheric evening rickshaw ride through the narrow streets and witness a Puja ceremony. (B,L)

### DAY 17: VARANASI

An early morning cruise on the Ganges reveals the buzz of activity on the ghats at sunrise.

Visit the Buddhist sights of Sarnath, a series of magnificent stupas, temples and ruins to explore dating from the 3rd century BC. Return to Varanasi to discover some of the city's many temples and learn about the art of silk weaving. (B,L)

### DAY 18: TRAVEL TO DELHI

This morning is at leisure, before travelling to the airport to fly back to Delhi for a farewell meal. (B,D)

### DAY 19: FLY DELHI TO UK

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



Visit the tallest minaret in the world

EXQUISITE INDIA

EXCLUSIVE

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A luxury journey through royal Rajasthan, discovering ancient sites and learning about royal traditions. This tour shows you the highlights of this spectacular region in style.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Tuesday

### 2019 DATES

15 Mar - 02 Apr £5,990 18 Oct - 05 Nov £6,190

### 2020 DATES

13 Mar - 31 Mar £6,290 16 Oct - 03 Nov £6,490

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,490 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £1,690
- Tipping paid locally US\$125



Take a tour of the Taj Mahal



# RAJASTHAN PANORAMA

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

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
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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Visit the local Bishnoi villages



Venture through the sand dunes of the Thar desert

## ITINERARY

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

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

### DAY 3: ALSISAR HERITAGE TOWN

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

### DAY 4: EXPLORE BIKANER

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

### DAY 5-6: DISCOVER JAISALMER

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

### DAY 7: THAR DESERT SAFARI

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

### DAY 8-9 : JODHPUR

Today, drive to Jodhpur. Much of the old town is a vivid blue, earning it the moniker the 'Blue City'. Take a tour visiting Jaswant Thada, the royal cremation grounds, and explore the magnificence of Mehrangarh Fort. Head to the little museum housed in the imposing Umaid Bhawan Palace then hop on a rickshaw to lunch. Browse through Subzi Mandi, the local vegetable and spice market, before having the rest of the day at leisure.

### DAY 10-11: EXPLORE UDAIPUR

Travel to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur. India's most romantic city, Udaipur is perched on Lake Pichola and surrounded by wooded hills; a maze of palaces, temples and colourful alleyways. This afternoon take a cruise, passing the magical Lake Palace. Explore the city, starting with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake and stop at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Garden. Later visit the ornate City Palace and take a stroll through the local shops.



Experience the majesty of the Mehrangarh Fort

### DAY 12: RAJASTHAN COUNTRYSIDE

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

### DAY 13: EXPLORE PUSHKAR

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

### DAY 14: JAIPUR

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

### DAY 15: HAWA MAHAL & AMBER FORT

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

### DAYS 16-17: RANTHAMBORE

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

### DAY 18: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Today travel to Agra, stopping en route at the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri.

### DAY 19: THE TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to see the sun rise over one of the world's most perfect buildings. At dawn the Taj Mahal is swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. Stop at a traditional marble workshop. This afternoon visit the hulking mass of Agra Fort.

### DAY 20: DELHI

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

### DAY 21: VIBRANT DELHI

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

### DAY 22: FLY DELHI TO UK

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

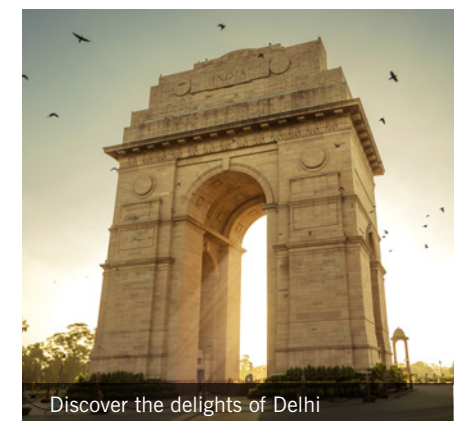
## CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Discover the delights of Delhi

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Wednesday

2019 DATES			
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## Flight and supplement information

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- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,690 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally US\$115



# ENTICING INDIA

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the buzz of vibrant Delhi
- ✓ Explore ancient Varanasi
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ See Rajasthan's hill forts
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Admire the majestic Amber Fort



Discover the magnificent Amber Fort

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches & 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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Tour the Taj Mahal at sunrise

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

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

### DAYS 4-5: DISCOVER VARANASI

Transfer to the airport and 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 watch the ghats come to life as the sun rises. Explore the city with your guide, later hop on a rickshaw to the ghats and witness the puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE KHAJURAHO'S TEMPLES

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

### DAY 7: TRAIN TO AGRA

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

### DAY 8: TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to see the sun rise over one of the world's most perfect buildings. At dawn the Taj Mahal is swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. Stop at a traditional marble workshop. This afternoon visit the hulking mass of Agra Fort, established in the 16th-century.

### DAYS 9-10: RANTHAMBORE

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

### DAY 11: JAIPUR

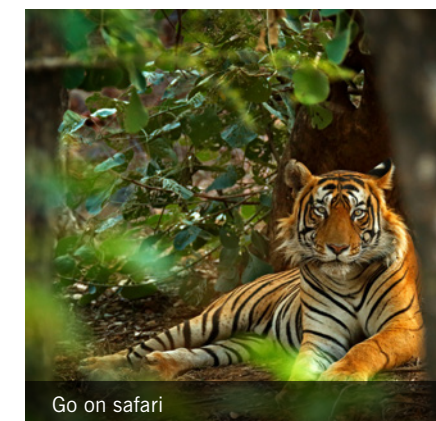
Journey to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur for a two night stay.

### DAY 12: HAWA MAHAL & AMBER FORT

Begin the day with a brief stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort. Back in Jaipur visit the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Mantar, the largest stone and marble crafted observatory in the world. Later browse the local bazaar at Choti Choper before a traditional dinner.

### DAYS 13-14: PUSHKAR AND KHIMSAR

Travel to Pushkar. Sat on the banks of one of India's most sacred lakes, there are 52 ghats used for worship by Hindu pilgrims. This afternoon visit the lake and the Brahma Temple before a camel cart ride to witness the



Go on safari



Take a sunset cruise on Lake Pichola

sunset in the desert. The next day continue on to Khimsar, perched on the edge on the great Thar Desert in the heart of rural India. Stay overnight in a magnificent heritage property.

### DAYS 15-16: DISCOVER JAISALMER

Rising like a mirage 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 spend some time amongst the magnificence of Jaisalmer's 12th-century fort, one of the largest forts in the world. Later, travel to the Sam Sand Dunes where you can ride a camel through the desert and view the sunset.

### DAYS 17-18: JODHPUR & AROUND

Drive to Jodhpur. Take a tour of the city, exploring the magnificence and splendour of Mehrangarh Fort, visiting the museum of Umaid Bhawan Palace and browsing through the local vegetable and spice market. The next day jump into a jeep and drive through the

desert to Rohetgarh to meet the people of the Bishnoi Tribe.

### DAYS 19-20: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

Drive to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur. Arrive in Udaipur and take a cruise on the shimmering waters of Lake Pichola, passing the magical Lake Palace. The next day explore the city, starting with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake with stops at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Garden. Later visit the ornate City Palace and take a stroll through the local market.

### DAY 21: RETURN TO DELHI

Return to Delhi and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

### DAY 22: FLY DELHI TO UK

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



Discover the desert in Jaisalmer

ENTICING INDIA

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on an unforgettable adventure across northern India. Through ancient Varanasi, to the colourful characters and hillforts of Rajasthan, witnessing time-honoured tradition and rituals as you go.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Wednesday

2019 DATES			
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29 Jan - 19 Feb	£4,590	07 Oct - 28 Oct	£4,490
26 Feb - 18 Mar	£4,490	28 Oct - 18 Nov	£4,590
30 Sep - 21 Oct	£4,490		

## Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,790 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £840
- Tipping paid locally US\$120



NEW

# CLASSIC SOUTH INDIA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover ancient rock carvings at Mamallapuram
- ✓ Ride a rickshaw through Pondicherry
- ✓ Witness an atmospheric Aarti ceremony
- ✓ Look for elephants in Periyar
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's backwaters



Tour Tamil Nadu's colourful temples

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



## MARARI BEACH STAY 4 DAYS FROM £320 PP

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

Please speak to a reservations consultant for full details or visit [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk)

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHENNAI

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

### DAY 3: DISCOVER MAMALLAPURAM

Start the day soaking up the history of Fort St George, founded by the British in 1644, before journeying to the coastal town of Mamallapuram to view the fascinating 7th and 8th century rock carvings. Continue on to Pondicherry.

### DAY 4: EXPLORE PONDICHERRY

Visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram; founded in 1926 this vibrant community has almost 1200 members! Then, browse the delights of the Pondicherry Museum. Later, take a rickshaw ride through the charming French Quarter and enjoy some free time to explore.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO THANJAVUR

Depart Pondicherry by road for Thanjavur, stopping en route at Kumbakonam for a traditional South Indian lunch. Thanjavur, once called Tanjore, was the capital of the Chola empire and is full of reminders of its great past, one of which you'll explore - the Brahadeeswara Temple, a magnificent example of Tamil architecture.

### DAY 6: TRICHY'S TEMPLE

Travel to the bustling city of Trichy and visit Sriangam to gaze on one of southern India's most illustrious temples. Continue to the temple town of Madurai.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE MADURAI

One of India's oldest cities, Madurai's most celebrated sight is the magnificent Meenakshi Amman Temple, which you'll visit this morning. Continue to admire the Italianate influence at Tirumala Nayakar Palace, built in 1636. This evening, witness an atmospheric Aarti ceremony.

### DAY 8: TEA PLANTATIONS

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

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY

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

### DAY 10: PERIYAR WILDLIFE RESERVE

Though designated a tiger reserve in 1978, the Periyar Wildlife Reserve is best known for its elephants. Take a walk through the reserve, keeping an eye out for its resident elephant population, as well as wild dogs, barking deer, mouse deer and the elusive Bengal tiger. Visit a spice village and local market before enjoying a traditional Kalaripayattu (martial art) show this evening.

### DAY 11: BACKWATERS CRUISE

Travel to Kumarakom where you'll board your houseboat, a converted rice barge, known as a kettuvallam. Sit back and watch life on



Stay overnight on a converted rice barge

the water and the surrounding, untouched wilderness as you cruise unhurriedly along the canals. A delicious dinner of traditional cuisine will be served on board and you'll spend a comfortable night on the water.

### DAY 12: COASTAL KOCHI

After breakfast on the boat, disembark at Pallathuruthy and head for Kochi via Kumbalangi, a village created to highlight the lifestyle of fisher-folk in the area. This evening, enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.

### DAY 13: EXPLORE KOCHI

Enjoy a tour of Kochi. Start at St Francis Church, the first European church built in India, before a visit to Santa Cruz Basilica, where you can get excellent views of the Chinese fishing nets. Finish by admiring the synagogue in the heart of the Jewish Quarter and a stroll around the nearby markets.

### DAY 14: FLY KOCHI TO UK

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



Tour the tea museum in Munnar

CLASSIC SOUTH INDIA

## CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Travel through laid-back South India on a classic journey of wildlife, temples and magnificent coastline, soaking up the incredible culture along the way.



Try the local cuisine

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Friday

### 2019 DATES

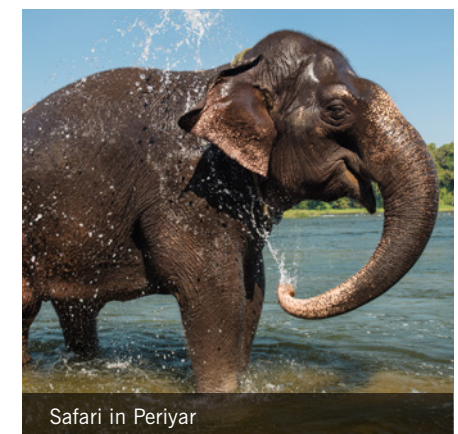
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05 Oct - 18 Oct	£2,590	16 Nov - 29 Nov	£2,690

### 2020 DATES

18 Jan - 31 Jan	£2,890	03 Oct - 16 Oct	£2,790
08 Feb - 21 Feb	£2,890	24 Oct - 06 Nov	£2,890
07 Mar - 20 Mar	£2,790	14 Nov - 27 Nov	£2,890

### Flight and supplement information

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- Land only from £1,990 (Chennai - Kochi)
- Single room from £590
- Tipping paid locally US\$95



Safari in Periyar



# KERALA & THE SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,890

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

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## STOPOVER IN...



## DUBAI 3 DAYS FROM £190 PP

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination full of futuristic architecture and cosmopolitan nightlife fronted by beautiful beaches. Dig a little deeper and you'll find a rich culture centered on the labyrinthine old city.

See pages 70-71 for details. Additional flight costs may apply.



Cruise Kerala's peaceful backwaters

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHENNAI

Fly overnight to the city of Chennai and transfer to the coastal temple town of Mamallapuram. The rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER MAMALLAPURAM

Take a tour of the fascinating 7th and 8th-century rock carvings including the magnificent Shore Temple and the impressive Varaha Cave.

### DAY 4: CHENNAI CITY

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

### DAY 5: TRAIN TO BANGALORE

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

### DAY 6: MYSORE

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

### DAY 7: COONOO HILL STATION

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

### DAY 8: OOTY NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY

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

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO COIMBATORE

Descending from the highlands there are a plethora of spectacular panoramas to admire as you travel to Coimbatore. Spend the afternoon exploring this cosmopolitan city including an impressive Jain Temple, St. Michael Xavier Church and Athar Jamid, the city's oldest mosque.

### DAY 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, an alternative light trek will be available). Continue your journey to Thekkady, home of Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary.



Discover ancient rock carvings



Soak up the scenery in Munnar

### DAY 12: PERIYAR WILDLIFE RESERVE

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### DAY 13: DRIVE TO KOCHI

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

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

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### DAY 16: DISCOVER TRIVANDRUM

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

### 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, until a farewell dinner this evening.

### DAY 18: FLY TO UK

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



Visit the Nandi bull

## KERALA & THE SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

CLASSIC

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

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## Flight and supplement information

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- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,290 (Chennai - Trivandrum)
- Single room from £790
- Tipping paid locally US\$96



# HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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Explore ancient Bhaktapur



Walk around Bodhnath Stupa

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CHENGDU

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

### DAY 3: GIANT PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's most famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through People's Park to Matchmaker's Corner, where parents come to look for suitors for their children and visit a traditional teahouse.

### DAY 4: LHASA

Fly to Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. The afternoon is free to relax and acclimatise to the altitude.

### DAY 5: DEBATING MONKS

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

### DAY 6: THE POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city. The former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, it houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Tibetan dance performance.

### DAY 7: SHIGATSE

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala, Shigatse is Tibet's second city and the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama. Take a stroll through the local market and browse the wares on sale.

### DAY 8: TASHILHUNPO MONASTERY

Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, the hilltop complex that is the monastic seat of the Panchen Lama. From here, drive to New Tingri, also known as Shegar. When crossing the Gyatso-la Pass, admire small Tibetan villages and ruins of ancient dzongs along the way.

### DAY 9: MOUNT EVEREST

Rise early to make the final assault across the Gue-La Pass to Rongbuk, a monastic village festooned in colourful prayer flags. With the Himalayas dominating the horizon, stop en route at the world's highest post office, then continue to Everest Base Camp Boundary Monument. Situated under the gaze of Everest's north face, the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed (weather permitting). A total of 4-5 hours will be spent on foot today.

### DAY 10: GYANTSE KUMBUM

Drive to the pleasant town of Gyantse which was once an integral stop on the historic trade route between India and Tibet. Located inside the Pelkor Monastery, visit the Gyantse Kumbum which is home to the largest chörten in Tibet and houses exquisite sculptures and paintings that rise 35 metres over four floors. Stay overnight in the town.



Impressive Potala Palace



Phewa Lake in Pokhara

### DAY 11: YAMDROK LAKE

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

### DAY 12: INTO NEPAL

Fly to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. The tiny Kingdom of Nepal sits atop the Himalayas wedged between India, Tibet and China. Upon arrival, meet your Nepalese guide and transfer to Dhulikhel to see the traditional Nuwari houses and browse the local market.

### DAY 13: BHAKTAPUR

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

### DAYS 14-15: POKHARA

Fly to Pokhara. The town sits on the verdant banks of Phewa Lake with virtually uninterrupted views of the majestic Annapurna and Manaslu ranges. Take a walking tour, admiring the views. The next day, visit the Old Bazaar, Bindyabasini Temple, Gupteshwor Cave and Devi's Fall before looking around the International Mountain Museum.

### DAYS 16-17: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Rise early to visit a Hindu Temple before departing for Chitwan National Park. The next day, take an early morning nature walk and visit the elephant stables. Later, enjoy a serene trip down the Rapti River to view the animals on the river banks. Observe an elephant bath and this evening enjoy a traditional Tharu Stick dance performed by local farmers.

### DAY 18: DAMAN

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

### DAY 19: LAMA BLESSING

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

### DAY 20: SWAYAMBHUNATH

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

### DAY 21: FLY KATHMANDU TO UK

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

## GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on a journey of extremes, striking across the starkly beautiful landscapes of Tibet and Nepal. Some days are spent at altitude with long periods of driving. A good level of fitness is required for this tour.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Monday

### 2019 DATES

07 May - 27 May £4,290 01 Oct - 21 Oct £4,390

### 2020 DATES

05 May - 25 May £4,490 06 Oct - 26 Oct £4,590

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,590 (Chengdu - Kathmandu)
- Single room from £740
- Tipping paid locally RMB 540 (China) & USD 70 (Nepal)



Marvel at Mount Everest



NEW

# JOURNEY TO KATHMANDU

22 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Experience the holy Ganga Aarti ceremony
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Watch the sun rise over the Himalayas
- ✓ Explore the jungle in Chitwan National Park
- ✓ Learn the local crafts in Nepal



Explore medieval Bhaktapur

## PRICE INCLUDES

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Discover the birthplace of Buddha

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

Starting in Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride through the atmospheric streets, visiting Jama Masjid. Venture into a local market to learn about the local herbs and spices. Cross into New Delhi to view the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and Qutub Minar, finishing the day at India Gate.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

Journey by road to Jaipur, the 'Pink City'.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Enjoy an early morning yoga session. Head just out of the city to the colossal Amber Fort, stopping en route to admire the exquisite façade of Hawa Mahal, or 'Palace of the Winds'. The Amber Fort is built of yellow and pink sandstone and white marble, and its opulent halls are full of intricate carvings and stained glass. This afternoon, explore the City Palace, part of which is still home to Jaipur's royal family, and visit a block printing workshop.

### DAYS 6-7: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Travel by road to Ranthambore, the best place in India to see tigers! The park is also home to leopards, hyena and bears, and you'll have two canter safaris, in the early morning and afternoon, to spot them.

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Head to Agra. Explore the magnificent Agra Fort before enjoying some free time to relax at the hotel. This evening, return to the fort to marvel at the Agra Fort Sound and Light Show.

### DAY 9: TAJ MAHAL

Rise early to see the sun rise over one of the world's most perfect buildings. At dawn the Taj Mahal is swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – an unforgettable sight. Get some insight into how the beauty of the Taj Mahal was achieved at a marble inlay workshop before transferring to Delhi.

### DAY 10: FLY TO VARANASI

Transfer to the airport and fly to the ancient city of Varanasi. After settling into the hotel, take a rickshaw to the famous ghats and witness the atmospheric puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti.

### DAY 11: GANGES CRUISE

Rise early to cruise on the Ganges and watch the ghats come to life as the sun rises. Take a city tour before visiting Sarnath, where Buddha is said to have delivered his first sermon. Later visit a silk weaver to learn about the craft.

### DAY 12: INTO NEPAL

Today will be a long drive from Varanasi to India's border with Nepal. After completing the border formalities continue on to Lumbini.



Safari in Chitwan National Park

### DAY 13: EXPLORE LUMBINI

Take a rickshaw tour of this Buddhist pilgrimage site, passing numerous stupas, monasteries and temples as you go. Visit Maya Devi Temple, the exact spot where Siddhartha Gautama, better known as Buddha, was born and enjoy the tranquility of the Monastery of World Peace.

### DAY 14: TRAVEL TO CHITWAN

Drive to Chitwan National Park. On arrival, check into your jungle lodge and spend the rest of the day taking part in park activities.

### DAY 15: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Spend the day at Chitwan taking part in activities such as jeep safaris, canoe rides, village walks and jungle walks.

### DAY 16: TRAVEL TO BANDIPUR

Drive from Chitwan to Bandipur, a typical Newari mountain town – untouched by modernisation, it is full of old houses and temples from the medieval era.

### DAY 17: SUNRISE HIKE

Rise early to hike up Gurungche Hill for glorious sunrise views of the surrounding landscapes. Depart for the lakeside town of Pokhara, with its majestic views of the Annapurna and Manaslu ranges.

### DAY 18: HIKING IN POKHARA

Drive to Khade Khola from where you'll head out on foot into the beautiful landscapes. Hike up to a local village where you'll meet the friendly villagers and visit the local school and coffee farm.

### DAY 19: FLY TO KATHMANDU

Transfer to the airport and fly to Nepal's vibrant capital city, Kathmandu. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish.

### DAY 20: EXPLORE KATHMANDU

Kathmandu is a hub of culture and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. Visit Swayambhunath Temple and Durbar Square before taking a rickshaw ride through the chaotic streets. Head to Boudhnath Stupa for a special Lama blessing, before finishing the day at Pashupatinath Temple.

### DAY 21: EXPLORE BHAKTAPUR

Bhaktapur is a wonderfully preserved and atmospheric medieval city. Visit the home of a Newari family before wandering to Durbar Square to admire the beautiful architecture. Finally, head to Potters' Square to visit a ceramics workshop to learn traditional pottery skills from a master potter.

### DAY 22: FLY KATHMANDU TO UK

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

JOURNEY TO KATHMANDU

GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Showcasing the highlights of India and Nepal on an adventurous three-week itinerary exploring mountain villages, exciting jungle walks and a hike for spectacular sunrise views. Expect long journeys on this tour however the scenery will be worth every minute.



Enjoy sunrise over the holy river Ganges

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Tuesday returning Tuesday

### 2019 DATES

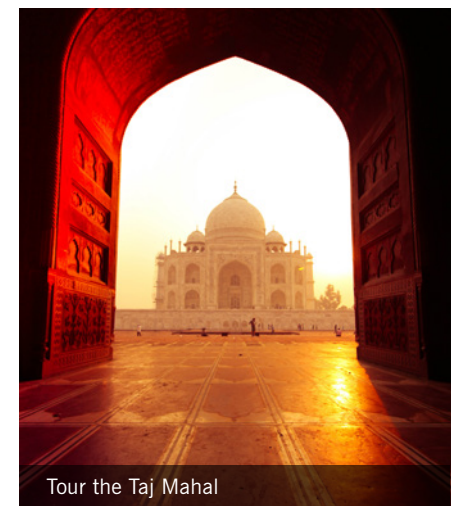
05 Nov - 26 Nov £4,490

### 2020 DATES

18 Feb - 10 Mar £4,690 03 Nov - 24 Nov £4,790

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,790 (Delhi - Kathmandu)
- Single room from £1,190
- Tipping paid locally US\$120



Tour the Taj Mahal



# HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS

24 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Kolkata's culture
- ✓ Feel small before colossal Mt Kanchenjunga
- ✓ Spot rhinos and elephants
- ✓ Soak up Bhutan's culture
- ✓ Walk to Tiger's Nest Monastery
- ✓ Journey through tea plantations in Darjeeling

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 22 breakfasts, 21 lunches & 22 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size is 18 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Visit Kalimpong monastery



Hike to Tigers Nest

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KOLKATA

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE KOLKATA

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

### DAY 4: TRAIN TO NEW JALPAIGURI

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

### DAY 5: DRIVE TO DARJEELING

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

### DAY 6: EXPLORE DARJEELING

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

### DAY 7: INTO SIKKIM

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

### DAY 8: KHECHEOPALRI LAKE

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

### DAYS 9-10: DISCOVER GANGTOK

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

### DAY 11: RUMTEK MONASTERY

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

### DAY 12: KALIMPONG AT LEISURE

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

### DAY 13: GORUMARA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

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

### DAY 14: INTO BHUTAN

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



Soak up panoramic views in Darjeeling

### DAYS 15-16: DISCOVER THIMPHU

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

### DAY 17: TRAVEL TO GANGTEY

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

### DAY 18: WALKING IN GANGTEY

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

### DAY 19: RURAL BHUTAN

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

### DAY 20: DISCOVER PUNAKHA

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

### DAY 21: TRAVEL TO PARO

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

### DAY 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: FLY TO KOLKATA

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

### DAY 24: FLY KOLKATA TO UK

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



Discover beautiful Punakha Dzong

## HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS

## GO BEYOND

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Find rhinos in Gorumara

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

### 2019 DATES

12 Apr - 05 May	£5,490	01 Nov - 24 Nov	£5,190
11 Oct - 03 Nov	£5,190		

### 2020 DATES

10 Apr - 03 May	£5,790	06 Nov - 29 Nov	£5,490
09 Oct - 01 Nov	£5,490		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,590 (Kolkata - Kolkata)
- Single room from £1,290
- Tipping paid locally US\$155



# GRAND TOUR OF INDIA

29 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the buzz of Delhi
- ✓ Explore ancient Varanasi
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ See Rajasthan's hill forts
- ✓ Admire Ajanta & Ellora caves
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's backwaters



Experience the beauty of Jama Masjid

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 27 breakfasts, 26 lunches & 27 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

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Discover the Ellora caves

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

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

Transfer to the airport to fly to Khajuraho and see the intricately carved, erotic imagery. This evening enjoy a cultural dance display.

### DAY 7: TRAIN TO AGRA

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

### DAY 8: TAJ MAHAL

Watch the sun rise over the Taj Mahal as it is swathed in mist and tinged pink – a magical experience. This afternoon visit the hulking mass of the 16th-century Agra Fort.

### DAYS 9-10: RANTHAMBORE

Drive to Ranthambore National Park, home to many animals such as leopards, hyena, bears and tigers. The next day enjoy both an early morning and afternoon canter safari.

### DAYS 11-12: JAIPUR

Journey to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur for a two-night stay with a brief stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds'. Admire the majestic Amber Fort then visit the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Mantar, the largest stone and marble crafted observatory in the world. Later browse the local bazaar at Choti Choper before a traditional dinner and dance performance.

### DAYS 13-14: PUSHKAR AND KHIMSAR

Travel to Pushkar, where there are 52 ghats used for worship by Hindu pilgrims. This afternoon visit the sacred lake and the Brahma Temple before a camel cart ride in the desert. The next day visit Khimsar, perched on the edge on the great Thar Desert.

### DAYS 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 head to the magnificent Jaisalmer fort, and ride a camel through the Sam Sand Dunes.

### DAYS 17-18: JODHPUR & AROUND

Take a tour of the city, exploring the magnificence of Mehrangarh Fort, visiting the museum of Umaid Bhawan Palace and browsing through the spice market. The next day drive through the desert by jeep to meet the people of the Bishnoi Tribe.



Admire Jaipur's impressive Hawa Mahal

### DAYS 19-20: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

Drive to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur. Upon arrival take a cruise on the shimmering Lake Pichola. 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 stroll through the local market.

### DAY 21: AURANGABAD

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

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

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

### DAY 24: DISCOVER MUMBAI

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

### DAY 25: EXPLORE KOCHI

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

### DAY 26: KERALA'S BACKWATERS

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

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

### DAY 27: TRAVEL TO KOVALAM

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

### DAY 28: VISIT TRIVANDRUM

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

### DAY 29: FLY TRIVANDRUM TO UK

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



Enjoy traditional Kathakali dance

## GRAND TOUR OF INDIA

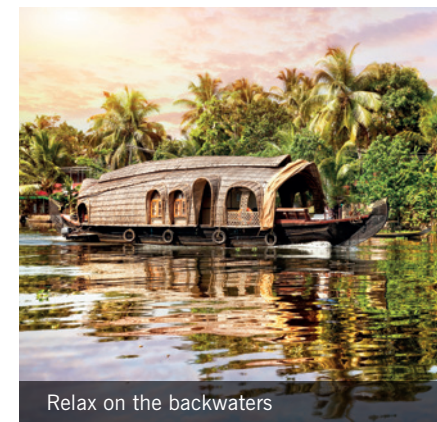
## CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

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



Relax on the backwaters

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Wednesday

### 2019 DATES

30 Jan - 27 Feb	£5,790	09 Oct - 06 Nov	£5,690
27 Feb - 27 Mar	£5,790	30 Oct - 27 Nov	£5,790
02 Oct - 30 Oct	£5,690		

### 2020 DATES

29 Jan - 26 Feb	£5,990	07 Oct - 04 Nov	£5,890
26 Feb - 25 Mar	£5,990	28 Oct - 25 Nov	£5,990
30 Sep - 28 Oct	£5,890		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,090 (Delhi - Trivandrum)
- Single room from £1,190
- Tipping paid locally US\$180



# INDIA EXTENSIONS

An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into the region or explore a whole other country. We've handpicked exciting experiences for the adventurer or relaxing beach stays for those looking to fully unwind.

## NEPAL SHORT STAY

**5 NIGHTS FROM £520 PP**

Famous for its incredible landscapes, the small Kingdom of Nepal is bordered by India and Tibet and is home to eight of the world's tallest mountains.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£520	£850
Superior	£620	£1040
Deluxe	£790	£1350

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes

- 5 nights accommodation
- All transportation
- Meals as listed
- English speaking local guides



Explore vibrant Kathmandu

### DAY 1: KATHMANDU TO NAGARKOT

You will be met at your Kathmandu hotel and transferred to Nagarkot, a mountainous resort village (L).

### DAY 2: NAGARKOT

Depending on weather conditions, you may wish to rise early to view the sun rise over the Himalaya range. Later, wander down to Bastola Village with a Local Guide and spend time strolling through the village. Meet a local family and delight in a cooking lesson, followed by lunch. Later this afternoon enjoy some time at leisure to relax or hike the surrounding area (B,L).

### DAY 3: NAGARKOT TO KATHMANDU

Travel back to Kathmandu, visiting the temple of Changu Narayan and the 9th-century-built town 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 most significant sights in Nepal, 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).

## BHUTAN SHORT STAY

**4 NIGHTS FROM £990 PP**

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£990	£1190

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes

- 4 nights accommodation
- All transportation
- Meals as listed
- Bhutan visa fee
- English speaking local guides



Hike to Tiger's Nest monastery

### 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 Taktsang Monastery, known as 'Tiger's Nest'. The moderate hike will take you past the cafeteria located halfway up the trail where you will enjoy lunch. Visit the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong and 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 where your arrangements end (B).



# KERALA BACKWATERS

2 NIGHTS FROM £300 PP

Kerala is one of the most unique states in India and provides travellers with an insight into life by the water. Enjoy authentic Keralan food while drifting through the quiet canals and witness village life around the backwaters.



Experience Kerala on a traditional houseboat

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOUSEBOAT	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£300	£580
Superior	£380	£700
Deluxe	£480	£900

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 2 nights accommodation aboard a traditional houseboat
- All transportation
- Meals as listed
- English speaking local guides

DAY 1: KOCHI TO ALLEPPEY

You will be met at your Kochi hotel and transferred to Alleppey to board your houseboat for a two-night stay. Cruise the backwaters of Kerala, enjoying authentic Keralan cuisine while relaxing on board (L,D).

DAY 2: BACKWATER CRUISING

Continue cruising through parts of the 900km network of waterways that fringe the coast. You will see small villages, temples, schools and witness the very different lifestyle of the people living around the Kerala Backwaters (B,L,D).

DAY 3: ALLEPPEY TO KOCHI

Disembark your houseboat this morning in Alleppey. You will then be transferred to your Kochi hotel where your arrangements end (B).

# KERALA SHORT STAY

6 NIGHTS FROM £740 PP

Observe the Keralan lifestyle as you visit temples, cruise the backwaters and absorb the culture.



Tour a spice plantation

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£740	£1360
Superior	£780	£1460
Deluxe	£1020	£1900

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

- 1 night accommodation aboard a traditional houseboat
- 5 nights hotel accommodation
- All transportation
- Meals as listed
- English speaking local guides

DAY 1: ARRIVE KOCHI

Make your own way to your Kochi hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAYS 2-3: KOCHI TO THEKKADY

Enjoy a tour of Kochi, including a visit to St. Francis Church, the Santa Cruz Basilica, the unique cantilevered Chinese fishing nets and the Jewish Synagogue. This evening watch a Kathakali dance performance (B,L,D). Tomorrow, drive to Thekkady. In the afternoon, take a boat ride on Lake Periyar (B,L).

DAY 4: THEKKADY TO NEDUMUDY

Visit a spice plantation before driving to Nedumudy to board your

overnight houseboat to cruise along the Kerala backwaters (B,L,D).

DAY 5: ALLEPPEY TO KOVALAM

Disembark your houseboat this morning and transfer to Kovalam. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure (B).

DAY 6: KOVALAM – TRIVANDRUM

Enjoy a tour around Trivandrum visiting the Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Kuthiramalika Temple, Sree Chitra Art Gallery and Napier Museum. This afternoon, walk through a local fruit and vegetable market before returning to Kovalam (B,L).

DAY 7: DEPART KOVALAM

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning (B).

# GOA BEACH

4 NIGHTS FROM £440 PP

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



Discover the delights of Goa

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£440	£820
Superior	£480	£920
Deluxe	£640	£1480

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

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

YOUR HOTEL

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

UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Set in ten acres of riverside paradise, the Resort Rio is perfectly located for a number of northern Goa's best beaches. Rooms are cool and spacious. Hang out at the vibrant café and bar, relax by the pool or on the nearby beach. On Goa's south coast, marooned amongst lush paddy fields and the Arabian Sea, the Alilia Diwa

is a resort that exudes peace and tranquillity. Each room is a sanctuary of contemporary elegance, a space of Goan design, with a private terrace or balcony and free-standing bathtub.

ADDING THIS ON

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

# KOVALAM BEACH

4 NIGHTS FROM £260 PP

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



Relax on Kovalam's beaches

Prices are from per person, based on low season		
HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
3★ Soma Palmshore	£260	£490
4★ Uday Samudra	£400	£740
5★ Leela Kovalam	£750	£1460

Flight supplements may apply

Price includes

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

YOUR HOTEL

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

UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Just 15 metres from the sea on Kovalam Beach, the Uday Samudra Beach Hotel is surrounded by spacious lawns and coconut groves. Set on top of a rocky promontory, overlooking a private sandy bay, the Leela Kovalam is one of Kerala's most decadent properties. Rooms have garden or beach views and are

resplendent in traditional Keralan décor – all have private sun decks. The best spot for sunset is sitting in the rooftop bar.

ADDING THIS ON

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





# SRI LANKA TOURS

## WHEN TO TRAVEL



It is possible to visit Sri Lanka all year round, but here are a few things to bear in mind: For a not particularly big island, Sri Lanka's weather is a little complicated but it's reasonably safe to assume that there is good weather somewhere, year-round. Temperatures are constant, averaging 26° to 30°. Between May and August, the west and southwest of the island is hit by the southwest monsoon, whilst between October and January the east is hit by the northeast monsoon.



**APPROX FLYING TIME**  
11 Hours



**GMT**  
+5:30



**VISA REQUIRED**  
Yes



**CURRENCY**  
Rupee



# HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

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

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 28 passengers

## NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Looking for a different date? Would you like something a little more personal or to rearrange the touring to suit your needs?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

## STOPOVER IN...



## BENTOTA 3 DAYS FROM £390 PP

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

Please speak to a reservations consultant for full details or visit [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk)



See stilt fisherman practicing their unique traditions

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO COLOMBO

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

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA

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

### DAY 4: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

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

### DAY 5: ANURADHAPURA

Drive to celebrated Anuradhapura. The city's greatest treasures are its dagobas; domes enshrining sacred relics. The most notable is the Ruvanveliseya Dagoba, dating back to the 2nd century BC, which you will visit today along with the Thuparamaya, said to contain the collarbone of Buddha. Discover the city's

most renowned relic, the 2,250-year-old sacred Bo Tree. Emperor Asoka's daughter brought to Anuradhapura a branch of this tree under which Buddha is said to have gained enlightenment.

### DAY 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 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: NUWARA ELIYA

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



Visit the tea plantations



Take a tour of Colombo

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

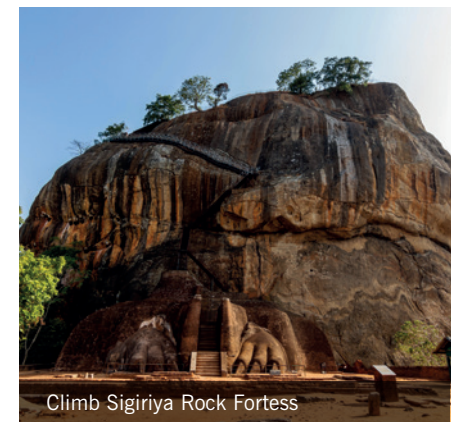
## CLASSIC

## 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 seaside beauty of Galle.



Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress

### DAY 9: UDAWALAWE

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

### DAY 10: YALA NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 11: STILT FISHERMEN

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

### DAY 12: OLD GALLE

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

### DAY 13: KOSGODA TURTLE HATCHERY

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

project, established in 1981 to protect Sri Lanka's turtles.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE COLOMBO

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

### DAY 15: FLY COLOMBO TO UK

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



Go on safari

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

2019 DATES			
08 Mar - 22 Mar	£3,390	09 Aug - 23 Aug	£3,590
22 Mar - 05 Apr	£3,390	25 Oct - 08 Nov	£3,290
05 Apr - 19 Apr	£3,490	29 Nov - 13 Dec	£3,290
14 Jun - 28 Jun	£3,290		
2020 DATES			
07 Feb - 21 Feb	£3,590	19 Jun - 03 Jul	£3,490
06 Mar - 20 Mar	£3,590	07 Aug - 21 Aug	£3,790
20 Mar - 03 Apr	£3,590	23 Oct - 06 Nov	£3,490
03 Apr - 17 Apr	£3,690	27 Nov - 11 Dec	£3,490

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,690 (Colombo - Colombo)
- Single room from £820
- Tipping paid locally US\$75



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# SRI LANKA EXPLORER

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## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore lush tea plantations
- ✓ Learn to cook like a local
- ✓ Discover the delights of Colombo
- ✓ Visit Kandy's sacred temple
- ✓ Look for leopards on safari
- ✓ See Galle's historic fort
- ✓ Relax on the beach in Mirissa

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size 18 passengers

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### JAFFNA 4 DAYS FROM £490 PP

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

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Spot leopards on safari in Yala National Park

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO COLOMBO

Fly overnight to Colombo. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (D)

### DAY 3: EXPLORE COLOMBO

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

### DAY 4: WILPATTU NATIONAL PARK

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

### DAY 5: ANCIENT SIGIRIYA

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

### DAY 6: EXPLORE POLONNARUWA

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress, the heart of King Kassappa's kingdom between 477 and 495AD. Climb to the top of the fortress for spectacular views. Visit the Heavenly Maiden's frescoes before driving to the ancient kingdom of Polonnaruwa, also a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. Tour the ruins of the Royal Palace and Gal Vihara, a 12th-

century rock temple. This afternoon, there will be an optional excursion to the local Hiriwadunna village, and get an insight into how this rural community live. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7: DAMBULLA ROCK TEMPLE

Travel to Dambulla and tour the Dambulla Rock Temple. Dating back to the 1st century BC, the temple is made up of five cave sanctuaries, containing around 150 Buddha statues and colourful frescoes. Continue to Kandy, a sacred Buddhist city, visiting a spice garden in Matale for lunch and a cooking class en route. This evening you will be treated to a cultural dance performance. (B,L,D)

### DAY 8: DISCOVER CULTURAL KANDY

Explore the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens, which were created as leisure gardens for a Sinhala king and the Royal Palace. Later visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of the most sacred Buddhist sites in the world. This afternoon will be free for your explore independently. (B,L)

### DAY 9: NUWARA ELIYA

Leave Kandy this morning and travel by train to the lush hillside town of Nuwara Eliya, known as the 'Little England' of Sri Lanka. Visit a tea plantation for a tour and to taste the produce enroute. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10: ENCHANTING ELLA

Today enjoy a morning at leisure or rise early for an optional sunrise walk at Horton Plains. Set on a high-altitude plateau, Horton Plains encompasses an eco-system so unique and fascinating that it is a part of the UNESCO World Heritage site that covers the whole of



Explore Dambulla cave



Tour the historic town of Galle

Sri Lanka's Central Highlands. Later drive to the spectacularly-set hill village of Ella. (B,L,D)

### DAY 11: EXPLORE ELLA

Today you will have a chance to explore more of the wonderful town of Ella with a whole day at your leisure. Perhaps take a walk through the trails, tea plantations, paddy fields and dense forest. For those feeling more adventurous join an optional hike to Little Adams peak for breathtaking views over the lush highlands. (B)

### DAYS 12-13: YALA NATIONAL PARK

Today head to Yala National park and enjoy an afternoon jeep safari. It is home to elephants, deer and the elusive leopards, of which one of the world's largest populations can be found. The next day, spot more wildlife on another jeep safari in the morning, with the option for an additional drive in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

### DAY 14: HUMMANAYA BLOW HOLE

Drive to the Hummanaya Blow Hole, the second largest of its kind in the world. After lunch, continue to Dikwella Wewurukannala Temple dominated by an image of a seated Buddha that is over 48m high. Continue the drive along the coastline to the beautiful beachside town of Mirissa. (B,L,D)

### DAY 15: MIRISSA

Soak up the sun today with some beach time at the charming Mirissa town. Between September to April, you may want to join an optional whale watching trip to catch a glimpse of these magnificent creatures. (B)

### DAY 16: GALLE FORT

Travel south to the city of Galle, Sri Lanka's greatest colonial treasure, and once the greatest port in Ceylon. See the lighthouse and the Old Town and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dutch Fort, before exploring narrow streets dotted with Dutch colonial villas, museums and antique shops on a walking or cycling tour. Finish the day in Bentota, Sri Lanka's favourite beach destination (B,L)

### DAY 17: RIVER SAFARI

Today visit Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery, home to Sri Lanka's pioneering conservation project, established in 1981 to protect Sri Lanka's sea turtles. Later enjoy a safari on the river Madu to journey through winding waters lined with Mangrove trees ending in the Madu Lagoon on its way to the Indian Ocean. This wetland area is well known for its biodiversity and you can spot many of the 300 species of wildlife discovered in the region so far. This evening, enjoy a wonderful farewell dinner with your group. (B,L,D)

### DAY 18: DEPART FOR UK

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

SRI LANKA EXPLORER

CLASSIC

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover the wonders of Sri Lanka on this laid-back journey with plenty of time to explore for yourself. Travel to ancient temples, beautiful beaches and spot elephants and leopards on this wildlife packed itinerary.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Sunday

### 2019 DATES

11 Apr - 28 Apr £3,690 21 Nov - 08 Dec £3,690

### 2020 DATES

20 Feb - 08 Mar £3,890 19 Nov - 06 Dec £3,890

09 Apr - 26 Apr £3,990

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional departures available across the UK
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,090 (Colombo - Colombo)
- Single room from £1,190
- Tipping paid locally US\$75



Take a scenic train ride



# SRI LANKA EXTENSIONS

An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into the region. We've handpicked exciting experiences for the adventurer or relaxing beach stays for those looking to fully unwind.

## BENTOTA BEACH

**3** NIGHTS FROM £340 PP

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

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£340	£560
Superior	£380	£640
Deluxe	£480	£770

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes

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



Relax on Bentota's beaches

### YOUR HOTEL

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

### UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE

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

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

### ADDING THIS ON

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

## JAFFNA EXTENSION

**3** NIGHTS FROM £490 PP

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

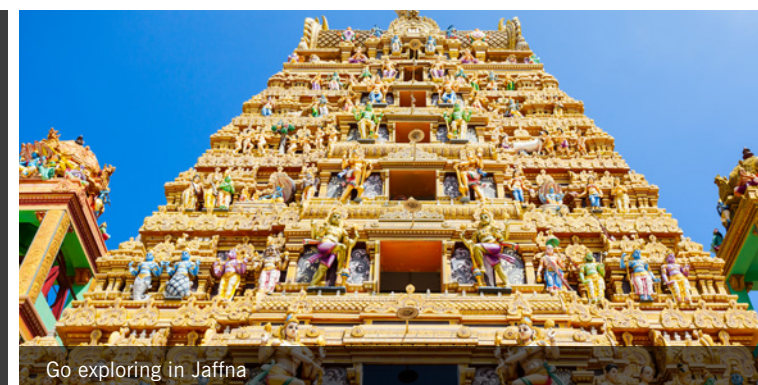
Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£490	£880

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes

- 3 nights accommodation
- Return train to Jaffna
- All transportation
- Breakfast daily
- One day tour of Jaffna



Go exploring in Jaffna

### DAY 1: COLOMBO TO JAFFNA

You will be picked up from your hotel in Colombo and be taken to The Colombo Railway Station to board the train to Jaffna. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel.

### DAY 2: JAFFNA

Start your day at Dambakola Patuna, an ancient port and depart for Keeramallai town, the site of the holy bathing ponds, regarded for their healing powers. Later visit Casuarina Beach, where the water is so shallow, you can walk for miles into the sea. Enjoy a photo stop at Point Pedro, the most northern point of Sri Lanka before returning to Jaffna. This evening, visit the ancient and religiously significant NalluraKandaswamy

Kovil temple for the evening holy puja ceremony.

### DAY 3: JAFFNA

After breakfast spend a day at leisure exploring some more of the fascinating area.

### DAY 4: JAFFNA TO COLOMBO

You will be transferred back to Jaffna railway station to board the train back to Colombo.



# TAILORMADE INDIA & SRI LANKA

If you want your own personal adventure, visiting exactly the places you want to go and including just the things you want to do then a tailor-made holiday is for you. Whatever your interests, whoever you want to travel with, whatever you'd like to experience, we can help you create your perfect trip to India and Sri Lanka.

The following pages showcase just some of the activities and experiences that we can include on your dream itinerary – it's completely flexible and designed especially for you.

## Why choose Tailormade?

TAILORMADE INDIA  
& SRI LANKA

### 1. PERSONAL SERVICE & EXPERTISE

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

### 2. EFFICIENT TRANSPORT

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

### 3. LOCAL FLAVOURS

Both India & Sri Lanka are home to an abundance of gastronomic delights with a great selection of regional and seasonal varieties. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, so we suggest adding regional specialities to your itinerary, a thali in India for example, but also leave you plenty of space to get out and discover the most flavourful offerings for yourself.

### 4. ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across India & Sri Lanka ranges from desert camps to breath-taking heritage properties to modern, five-star luxury. The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you. You can just give us the number of stars that you are comfortable with for us to recommend ones that suit your needs and requirements, or let us know if there are any particular places you'd like to stay.



### 5. DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel – immersing yourself in a new culture and different way of life are one of its greatest perks. With a tailor-made tour, you can truly indulge this and do almost anything you like! Whether that's to do with food, culture, wildlife or simple flat-out relaxing on beach, all you have to do is ask.

### 6. PRIVATE GUIDING

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





# Tailormade Touring

## ELLORA & AJANTA CAVES

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

## SHIMLA

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

## BRAHMAPUTRA CRUISE

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

## BEACHES

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

## COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's big city offers a wealth of fun and exciting activities – try artisanal tea tasting, cooking classes with local ingredients and local food tastings.

## GALLE

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

## PONDICHERRY

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

## KANDY

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

## NATURE

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



# STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by adding a stopover en route; an easy way to not only break up your trip, but a great way to add somewhere such as Dubai to your travel itinerary.



# DUBAI STOPOVER

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination – a city full of cutting edge architecture, epic shopping malls, the finest of the world’s luxury hotels and a cosmopolitan nightlife, all topped off with excellent beaches. As modern and extravagant as Dubai might be there is still plenty of rich and traditional culture to be found, particularly amongst the labyrinthine alleys of the old city.



Burj Al Arab

## DUBAI HOTELS



### MARCO POLO HOTEL

★★★★

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



### JA OCEAN VIEW HOTEL

★★★★

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



### HILTON DUBAI, THE WALK

★★★★

Located on ‘The Walk’ and close to ‘The Beach’ mall, this hotel offers modern and tasteful décor. With easy access to the beach, many rooms have views of the beachfront and some offer a kitchenette and seating area.



### AMWAJ ROTANA, JUMEIRAH BEACH

★★★★+

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



### MÖVENPICK HOTEL JUMEIRAH BEACH

★★★★★

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



### SHERATON JUMEIRAH BEACH RESORT

★★★★★

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

# ESSENTIAL DUBAI

## 2 NIGHTS

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 coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai’s rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. 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 - the wares here have been the same for centuries and haggle a bargain or two! 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)



Dubai Creek

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£190	£110
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£260	£190
5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£290	£210

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private tour with guides and entrance fees

# DUBAI & THE DESERT

## 3 NIGHTS

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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 buffet within unlimited select beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding, sandboarding and have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

### DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



Dubai Desert

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
4★ The Marco Polo	£340	£140
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£440	£260
5★ The Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Resort	£480	£330

Flight supplements may apply

### Price includes

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private tour with guides and entrance fees



# AIRLINES

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

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Fly twice a day from London Heathrow and daily from Manchester via Muscat and onwards to India and Sri Lanka



Economy seats have a generous 34" seat pitch.



Experience unmatched luxury when flying Oman Air in business class.



Complementary Chauffeur drive for Business class passengers.



Board in Birmingham, Glasgow, London Gatwick and Heathrow, Manchester and Newcastle, flying via Dubai.



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Many Emirates aircrafts have free wi-fi onboard to keep you connected.



Enjoy a range of films on the award-winning entertainment system.



Departing from 16 Regional airports, including Belfast, Bristol, Inverness and Norwich!



Part of Europe's largest airline group with Air France.



Introducing New World Business Class. Truly feel at home on board.



There is an option to order your meal a la carte, as long as you do it before you fly.

## UPGRADE & TRAVEL IN STYLE

Let us upgrade your flight to India so you can breeze through the airport, fly in comfort and arrive fresh and raring to go. Whether you're after a little extra in Premium or all-out luxury in First, just say the word and we'll let you know how much it will cost, for whichever airline you prefer.





# Your questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A.** Your protection and safety are our main priority.

That's why having adequate Travel Insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to. Contact us for details of our recommended policies.

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

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

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

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

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

**A.** The maximum group size varies depending on the tour, but is usually between 8 and 28 passengers. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. Where available, on our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in comfort. On our Solo, Flexible, Go Beyond and Exclusive tours the maximum group size is 18 passengers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A.** There are too many public holidays in India and Sri Lanka to list and most are only observed on a regional basis. Major holidays include the Holi Festival (21 March 2019 and 10 March 2020) and Independence Day (15 August). If your tour coincides with a major holiday some businesses and attractions may be closed, you may encounter crowds, and the availability of certain food and drink may be restricted.



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

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

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

## WHILE ON TOUR

**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 on your Group Tours?**

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

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

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

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

**Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?**

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

**Q. Are meals included?**

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

**Q. Are there any optional excursions?**

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

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

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

**Q. Can special requests be arranged?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A.** Tipping is expected in the Indian Subcontinent. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each Group Tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts. The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

## WeCare – Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover.

Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, the Wendy Wu Tours team carries out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions; and works with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in the UK. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.





# INDIA & BEYOND FOR ALL SEASONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Delhi

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

## Jaipur

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

## Kochi

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

## Mumbai

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

## Kolkata

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

## Darjeeling

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

## Colombo

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

## Kathmandu

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

# BOOKING YOUR TRIP

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

## 1. CHOOSE YOUR TOUR

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

## 2. SPEAK TO AN EXPERT

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

## 3. MAKE A BOOKING

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay a deposit and secure your booking from £350pp. Final payment is usually due 60 days before departure.



## 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.

### RECOMMEND A FRIEND

We'll send you a gourmet hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.

### LOYALTY DISCOUNT

When you book your second holiday with us, you'll save £100pp.

### WELCOME HOME DISCOUNT

Book another tour with us within 1 month of returning home, we'll give you a £200pp discount.

### BECOME A WENDY WU TOURS VIP

When you book your third tour or more, we'll give you £250pp off the total cost of your holiday.

Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.



## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

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

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

For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Wendy Wu Tailor Made brochure and terms and conditions, or visit our website.

In these booking conditions, “you” and “your” means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. “We”, “us” and “our” means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

### 1. Your Holiday Contract

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

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

Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so.

If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See Clause 8).

### 2. Your financial protection

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

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

ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA’s Code of Conduct.

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

### 3. Your Holiday Price

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

The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 1.33USD and £1 to 8.80CNY on 9 July 2018.

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

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

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

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

Where applicable, you have 14 days from the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice to tell us if you want to choose option (b) or (c) as set out in clause 9 below. If you do not tell us that you wish to choose either of these options within this period of time, we are entitled to assume that you do not wish to do so and will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of the holiday or within 14 days of the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice, whichever is the later.

Please note that arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your holiday due to contractual and other protection in place.

### 4.Payment

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

The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 60 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent.

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

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

### 5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of travel, and contains a minimum of two blank pages, is required for travel for all countries in our programme. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK British Citizen passport holders travelling on a fully inclusive group packages with the exception of holidays to Laos. If you hold any other British passport (British Subject, British National Overseas) or you are a non-UK passport holder or you reside outside of the UK you will be required to obtain your own visas at your own expense. Failure to forward passports to Wendy Wu Tours 8 weeks prior to departure could result in a delay to your visa application and you may incur further charges to cover the expedited visa processing. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned approximately 4 weeks after receipt. A charge will be made for the express visa service. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK British Citizen passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. Passports and applications should be sent by tracked delivery or in person. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. Failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full.

Wendy Wu Tours does not guarantee that you will be issued a visa for your holiday as each passenger has different personal circumstances, the decision to approve a visa is down to the relevant embassy and Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party with no influence on the visa decision.

Wendy Wu Tours will continue to offer the visa service until such time it is no longer possible due to changes in Embassy Regulations, should this occur we will notify you in writing.

### 6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

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

Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre [www.nathnac.org](http://www.nathnac.org). Information on health can be found at

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk). For holidays in the EU / EEA you should obtain an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) prior to departure from the Department of Health ([www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk)). Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

### 7. If you wish to change your booking

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

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

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

### 8. If you wish to cancel your booking

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

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

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

### 9. If we change or cancel your holiday

We start planning the holidays we offer many months in advance. Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to change airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure. Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements.

Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 10. Our liability to you

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 11. Force Majeure

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

### 12. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have

no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury.

We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

### 13. Complaint procedure

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

### 14. Arbitration

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

### 15.Conditions of Suppliers

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

### 16. Behaviour

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

### 17. Special Requests

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

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

### 18. Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

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

If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your

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

### 19. Flights

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

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

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

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

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

### 20. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

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

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

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



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