

SERENA CRAWFORD'S INDIA



INCREDIBLE INDIA

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ELIZABETH MORRISON



Serena Crawford and Elizabeth Morrison are delighted to announce their insider trip to Incredible India in February 2022.

Both Serena and Elizabeth are intrepid explorers with a passion for creativity and artisanal focused travel.

This trip is about sharing their many years of exciting exploration and introducing a select group of women from around the world to the wonders of India, a magnificent country rich in craft culture and artisanal splendor.

You will also experience the best of Indian hospitality throughout our ten day adventure, staying at some of the worlds most renowned hotels and meeting friends and colleagues of both Serena & Elizabeth.

You will be introduced to world class artisans who's fathers and forefathers have perfected their families trade over decades, be-it weaving, jewellery making, block printing or furniture making. Every aspect of the trip has been carefully curated to showcase India at its most fabulous, making this an exceptional once in a lifetime trip.

We are very much looking forward to sharing 'our' Incredible India with you.

Best Wishes

Serena & Elizabeth



ELIZABETH MORRISON FOUNDER AND CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF FROM JAIPUR WITH LOVE

My India story began nearly two decades ago when my Scottish born husband introduced me to the wonders of Incredible India. He had spent many happy years working and playing polo in Delhi, and on our first joint trip to India he proposed at the romantic Taj Mahal, a magnificent monument dedicated to love. And so began my love affair with India which was the catalyst for future adventures in a country I have grown to love.

My story is a story of love, a passion for creativity and beauty and an admiration for the incredible artisans I now work with. From a young age I had an interest in both design and tradition which were probably inspired by my Irish roots and upbringing.

Ireland, despite its location at the edge of Europe, its small size and population has been home to many globally renowned artists, playwrights, poets and creatives. This artistic tradition is perhaps what inspired me to see the potential in the artisans I met throughout the course of my travels in India.

My adventures in India came after another adventure which took me to the Middle East. I had been working at a global Advertising Agency in London, I was living my best life, or so I thought. As luck would have it, I was asked to move to the United Arab Emirates and be part of Middle Eastern news culture since the 1930's and now they wanted to launch a televised news channel, reporting Middle Eastern news, the excitement was palpable. Two years later we launched BBC Arabic Service, it was a huge success. We then launched Persian service in 2009 across Iran, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

It's these adventures which introduced me to the most remarkable people scattered around the world from London to Beirut from Dubai to Karachi to Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, Damascus, Amman, Colombo and many more.

Today I live between Dublin, Dubai and Megeve with my husband Elliot and our two wonderful children, India & Alexandra.

Keep Exploring!





SERENA CRAWFORD DESIGNER & WORLD TRAVELER

Travel has been my passion my entire life and I have been fortunate enough to live my dreams. I have lived in five countries: South Africa, UK, Italy, Australia and America. I now live between London and South Africa. I have travelled extensively due to my husband Murray's international business and our mutual curiosity about the world. Travel makes me feel more alive, it is like falling in love every time I go somewhere new. Travel has made my life so much richer and helps remind me that we live in the most amazing, vibrant, complex and fascinating world.

I have lived my life in the design world, it is my hobby, my passion, great interest and my career.

I could not be more excited than mixing all my passions together by co-leading insider tours of the countries I love and know best. I look forward to highlighting the design, arts and craft of each country. I love meeting new friends, having fun, travelling, having adventures and creating memories in stunning and fascinating places. I love learning new things, eating new food and seeing new sights. I believe it is now even more important to travel with meaning. And shop with meaning. I have visited India as a tourist, then on business regularly with my daughter Siena. We have made wonderful warm, generous and hospitable friends over the years in India. I look forward to introducing you to some of them.

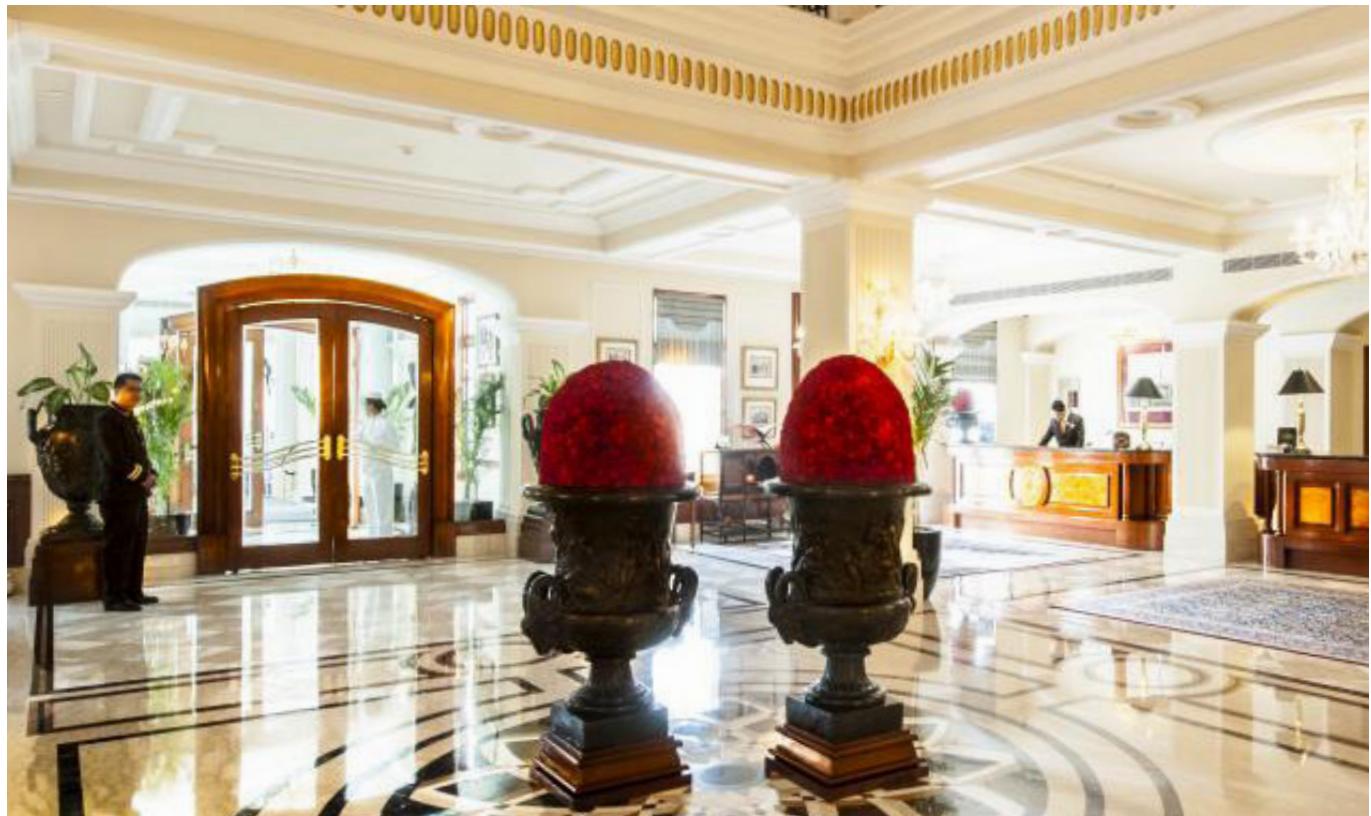
I'm delighted to have the marvellous designer, Elizabeth Morrison @fromjaipurithlove as my co-leader on this insider design focused trip. What a woman! So interesting, organised and a real insider with real depth of experience in this wonderful country. We have so enjoyed designing this trip together.

We look forward to meeting you in the lobby of THE IMPERIAL in New Dehli in February 2022.

Lots of love
Serena xxx

THE IMPERIAL HOTEL
NEW DEHLI





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NEW DEHLI

Day 1 Wednesday 23 of February 2022



OVERNIGHT

The Imperial Hotel

MEALS INCLUDED

- Drinks
- Finger Food

MORNING & AFTERNOON

VIP Meet and Greet. You will be escorted from the Airplane through customs and immigration to your car and driver.

Arrive at the Imperial Hotel (*I will be there the previous day getting over jetlag . . . a strong suggestion. I will do a few very light expeditions to interesting shops, and anyone is welcome to join me.*)

If you arrive there before lunch on the day the tour starts, we will do a shopping trip in the afternoon to a luxury shopping centre selling high fashion Indian contemporary and traditional clothes.

EVENING

Welcome drinks at 7:00 pm

We will all meet each other in the Polo Bar at the Imperial Hotel for our welcome drinks. Elizabeth and I will be so excited to meet you. We will also have some of our local friends join us.

Including MALIKA VERMA

The founder of Border & Fall. Malika has been a vocal advocate for India's design and craft communities. She will give us a short talk on saris and how she is preserving and documenting the many ways of draping them.



NEW DEHLI

Day 2 Thursday 24 of February 2022



MORNING

We will meet Manoj, our cultural guide who will escort us during the whole trip. He will be in charge of the drivers and will be able to help you with any concerns during the trip.

You will be introduced to your driver.

Having a car gives you flexibility to return to the hotel, stay in a place longer or return later to see something you were interested in. You will have a car at your disposal with another person throughout the trip.

We will visit one of the most famous couture embroidery studios belonging to a friend of mine.

AFTERNOON

We will travel to the fascinating old city with its famous markets. The old city has many alleyways dedicated to different crafts and Indian specialities. We will take you to our favourite shops in the Kahn market.

Everything we visit is curated to be the best of the best or the most fun and interesting.

After lunch we will visit Elizabeth's friends who make evocative campaign furniture and beautiful colonial trunks.

EVENING

Private Dinner with the owner and design director of Raw Mango, an amazing Indian clothing brand that specialises in using artisanal textiles and design. Also the traditional arts specialists Malika Verma, (*writer for VOGUE India and founder of Border and Fall*). They will tell us about the artisanal textiles Raw Mango uses in their beautiful designs. They will invite people they think will interest us.



OVERNIGHT

The Imperial Hotel

MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast
- Lunch in The Kahn Market

RAW MANGO

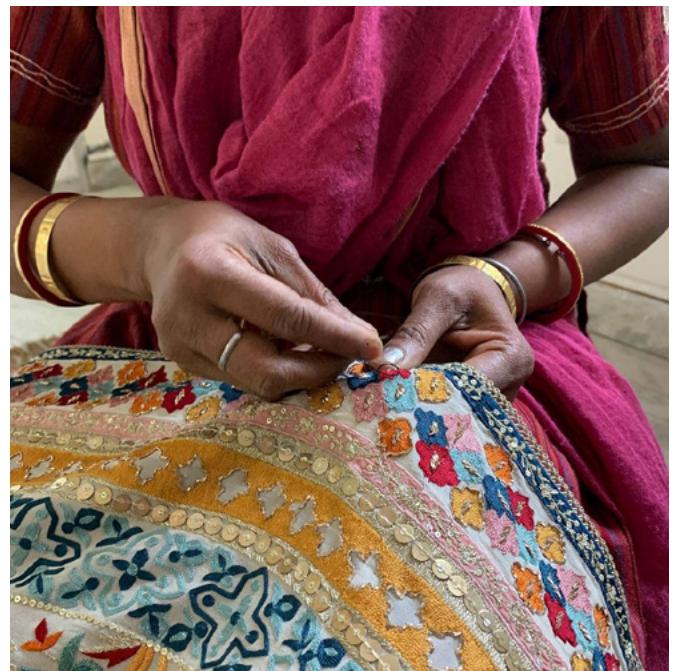
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EMBROIDERY ATELIER





JAIPUR

Day 3 Friday 25 of February 2022



MORNING & AFTERNOON

Meet for breakfast and then leave for the airport to fly to Jaipur.

After arriving at Oberoi, we will have a casual lunch on the terrace.

LATE AFTERNOON

Elizabeth will give a talk on her business creating beautiful handwoven carpets in India. Her artisans will come and show us what is involved in the whole process. We will get ready for the evening, and go and visit Siena's stone dealer at who supplies stones to the Royal Families of India. He will explain why India and in particular Jaipur is the centre of jewellery making and stone cutting in the world.

EVENING

At 5:45 pm we go and have tea /drinks at Rajmahal Palace hotel to look at the decorating. *It's one of the palaces of the Princess of Jaipur.*

Dinner will be hosted at the hotel at Suyra Mahal, in Oberoi, with interesting friends of ours who live in Jaipur.

OVERNIGHT

OBEROI, RAJ Vilas

MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast/Lunch
- Drinks
- Dinner



JAIPUR

Day 4 Saturday 26 of February 2022



MORNING

9:00 am we will visit Brigitte Singh, a wonderful French woman who has lived in India for many years. She is a very famous block print artist and her work and products are of exceptional quality. She has helped preserve these skills and the historic wood blocks of this ancient art. Block printing of fabric is one of India's most loved decorative crafts.

We will do a special private tour of Lady Bamford's Nila House (of Daylesford fame) her amazing charitable foundation in Jaipur. Nila House is an initiative that is preserving the traditional crafts of India, and in particular Jaipur.

AFTERNOON

Light Lunch at 47 Jobnah Bach. It's the best home cooked Indian food, a place I have often stayed in the past. The owner is adorable and a great friend of ours. Visit Amrampali, the world-renowned award-winning jewellers in India. I also love their costume jewellery section.

We will be taken on a private tour of their famous shop and museum by one of the directors.

Visit the Gem Palace and have a private tour of this world-famous jewellers. It really is an experience. We get to try on pieces of extraordinary Indian jewellery. And meet the present generation who own this iconic historic shop.

EVENING

Back to hotel to get ready for our gala evening at the Rambagh Palace. We will have interesting friends who live in Jaipur to join us for this amazing evening in the Royal Dining Room.

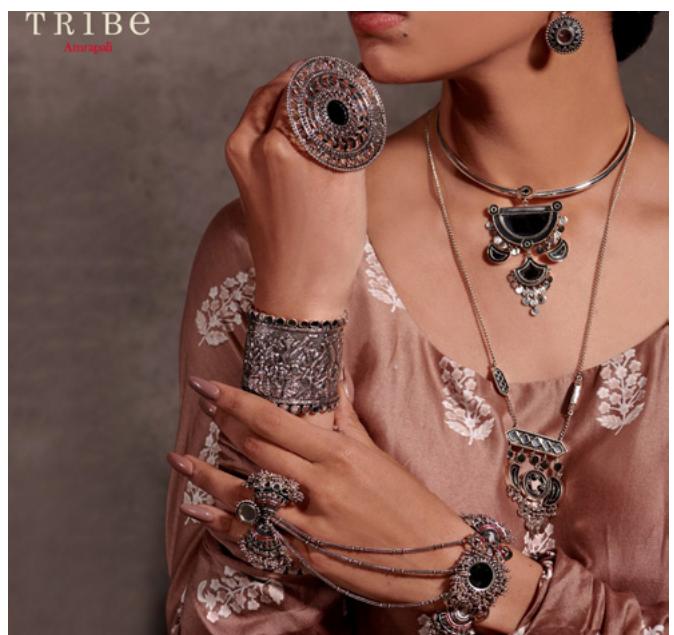


OVERNIGHT

OBEROI, RAJ Vilas

MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner





JAIPUR



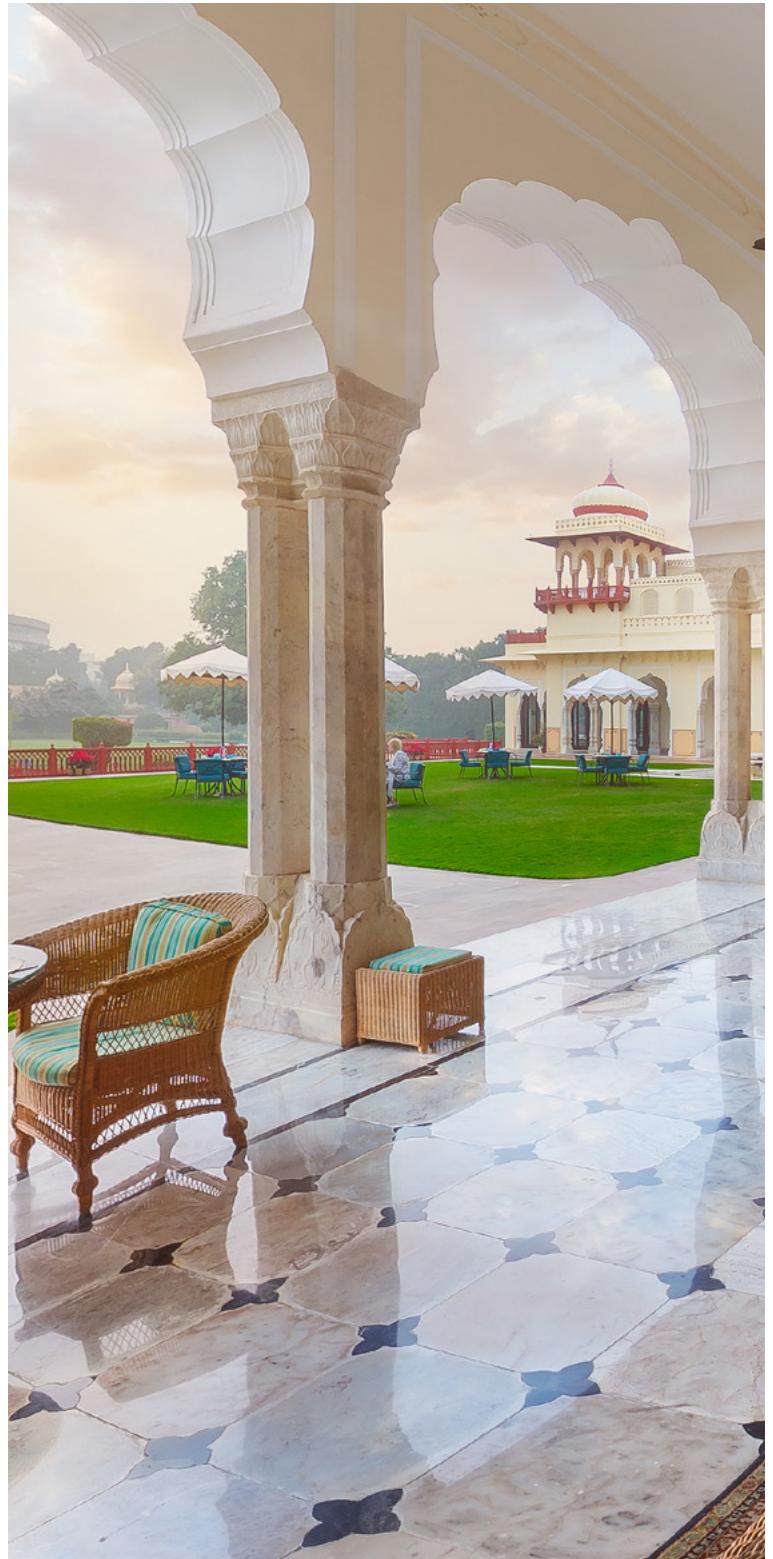
JAIPUR



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**BAR PALLADIO
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JAIPUR

Day 5 Sunday 27 of February 2022



MORNING

Late Breakfast.

Go to a beautiful and interesting private havelli of a wonderful Indian family who are great personal friends of Elizabeth's for morning tea. This will be a fascinating insight into one of these beautiful, traditional town-house mansions of architectural and historical significance.

Tea will also be served by the Oberoi.

AFTERNOON

Lunch at Rambagh Palace on the terrace.

We will then go to a private viewing of the City Palace, the personal home of the Princess of Jaipur, with access to some of the private rooms that are not open to the public, the Blue room with its amazing views and the famous mirror room (*Sheesh Mahal*).



LATE AFTERNOON & EVENING

Tour through some of the local markets and look at some very interesting shops in the area.

Back to hotel to refresh and go and have drinks and light snacks at the iconic Bar Palladio.

OVERNIGHT

OBEROI, RAJ Vilas

MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast/Lunch
- Morning Tea
- Light Finger Food

JAIPUR - COUNTRYSIDE

Day 6 Monday 28 of February 2022



MORNING

For those of you who want to get up early at 5:30 am we will visit the wholesale food and flower market. On the way home we will go to an amazing viewing point where we will stop to see the Palace of the Winds.

Breakfast, then we will leave at 10:30 am

AFTERNOON

Set up and drive to the tented camp RAAS Chhatrasagar (*4 hour drive*).

A packed lunch will also be set up and provided by Oberoi.

LATE AFTERNOON & EVENING

Afternoon relax in the countryside.

Al fresco dinner in the countryside under the stars.

OVERNIGHT

Tented Camp (RAAS)

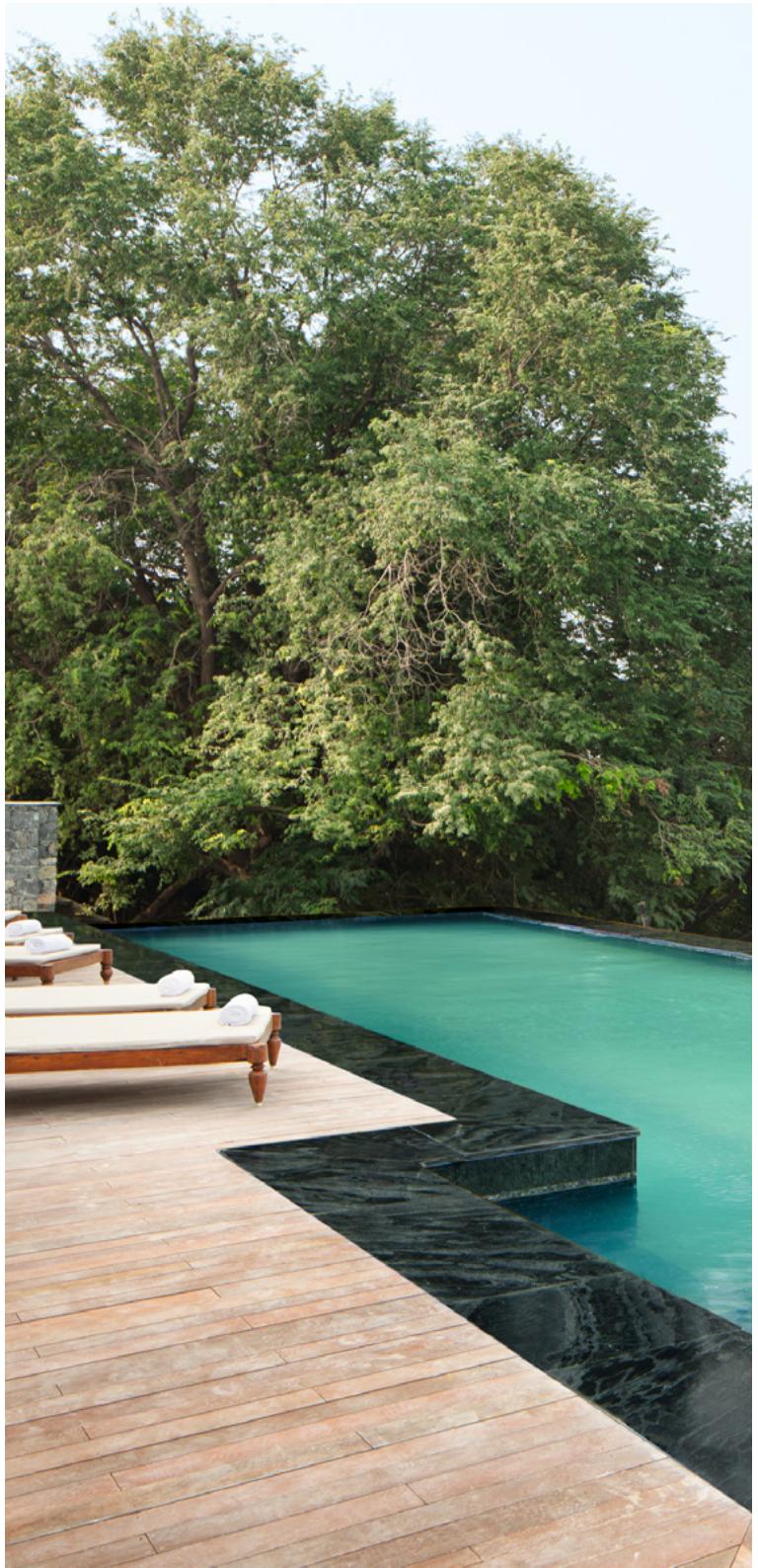
MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast
- Packed Lunch
- Dinner





TENTED CAMP RAAS
JAIPUR



JODHPUR

Day 7 Tuesday 1 of March 2022



MORNING

After a leisurely breakfast we will drive to Jodphur, also known as [the Blue City](#). This drive will take around (2.5 hours).

AFTERNOON

Packed Lunch will be provided by RAAS tented camp. We will then arrive at the RAAS Hotel, in the heart of the old city at the foot of the Mehrangarh Fort. After we have settled in, we will visit the warehouses on the edge of the city, the antique furniture, and homeware warehouses along with the Maharani Arts store. This is a city that specialises in amazing textiles. Afterwards we will visit a famous artisanal Kashmir shawl shop.

LATE AFTERNOON & EVENING

Heading back to RAAS Hotel for drinks, where some of our friends will join us on the roof of the hotel to watch the sunset set over this spectacular fort.

Dinner at the hotel on the terrace dining room.

OVERNIGHT

RAAS Hotel

MEALS INCLUDED

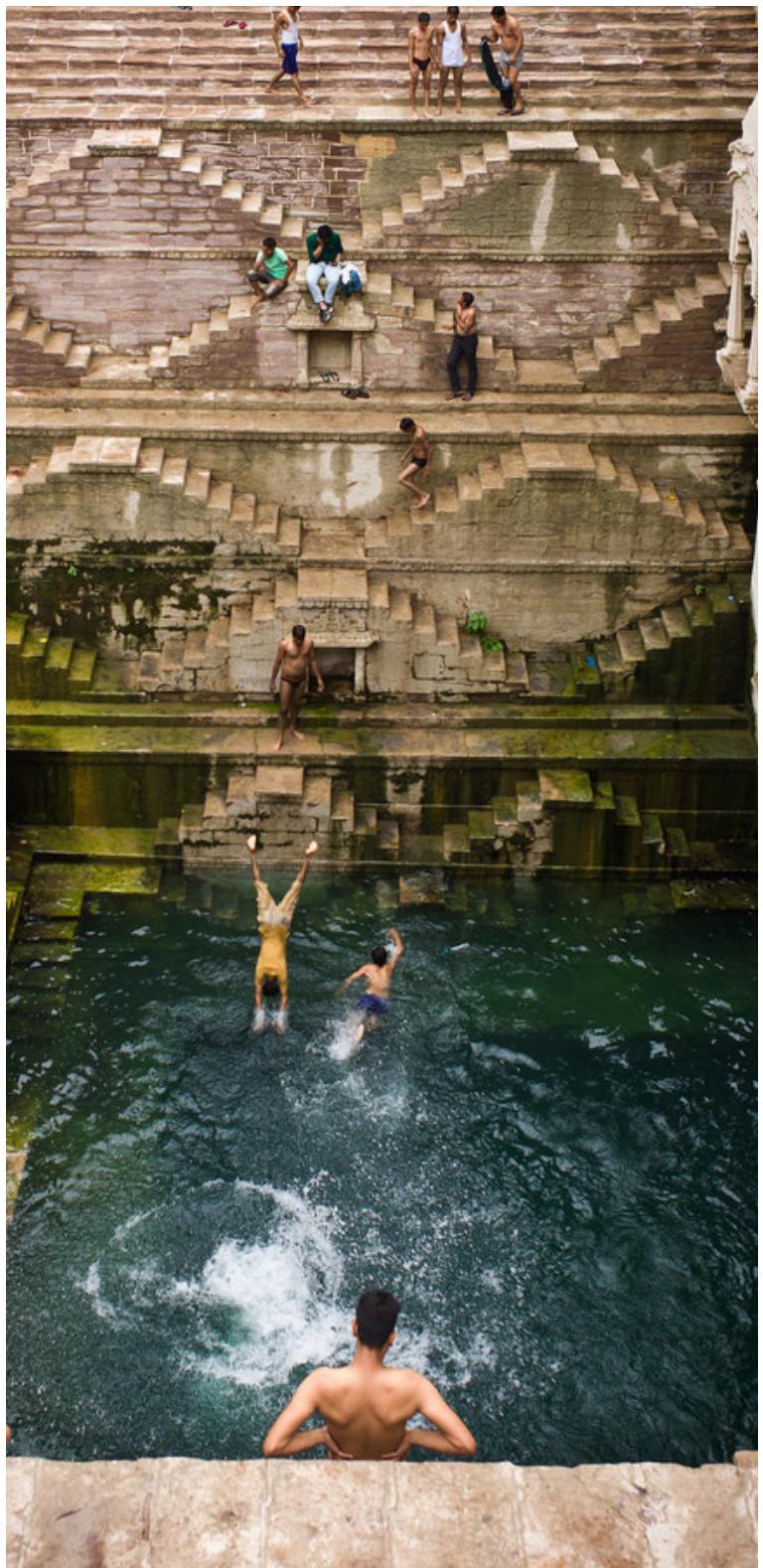
- Breakfast
- Picnic Lunch
- Dinner





**STEPWELL CAFE
JOHDPUR**





JODHPUR

Day 8 Wednesday 2 of March 2022



MORNING

Early breakfast.

Accompanied by an early morning tour of Jodhpur by Tuk Tuk. See the marketplace opening up and see this beautiful blue ancient city in a close-up and personal way.

It is a special experience to see ancient traditions collide with the contemporary world. We will go in our Tuk Tuks to visit the Merangarh Fort. It is the most extraordinary Fort and the onetime palace of the Jodhpur Royal Family and it dominates the city.

AFTERNOON

Lunch at the historic and recently restored Stepwell Café.

Later in the afternoon we will visit the many different ancient marketplaces of Jodhpur. You can walk around freely as it is such a lovely intimate city.



Free afternoon .

EVENING

Dinner on terrace of Raas hotel.

OVERNIGHT

RAAS Hotel

MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

JODHPUR - MUMBAI

Day 9 Thursday 3 of March 2022



MORNING

Breakfast at Raas.

Afterwards we will leave at 12:00 pm to catch a flight to Mumbai / Bombay via Air India. We will arrive at 13:35 pm.

AFTERNOON

Packed lunch given to us by RAAS Hotel to eat on the airplane.

Arrive and transfer to Taj Mahal Palace hotel.

Unpack and refresh and go to look at some amazing shops nearby.

EVENING

Drinks party with International interior designer who lives in Bombay and does work for the Royal Families of India.

OVERNIGHT

Taj Mahal Palace
hotel

MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast
- Packed Lunch
- Drinks
- Light Finger Food



MUMBAI

Day 10 Friday 4 of March 2022



MORNING

We visit specialist shops of this amazing city and have an overview of the incredible architecture of Mumbai.

During the morning we will see the Tiffin Wallahs, where they deliver their tin lunch boxes on their bicycles all over the city, one of the most unique and fascinating experiences of this unforgettable city. (*Watch the movie The Lunch Box on Netflix*).

AFTERNOON

Lunch at The Table and afterwards we will visit some more fascinating and extraordinary shops.

EVENING

Farewell Dinner at our personal friend's incredible home. She and her husband are one of the most glamourous couples in Bombay and featured often in *INDIAN VOGUE*.

This will be a fascinating insight into the personal life of an exciting, sophisticated Indian family in Mumbai.

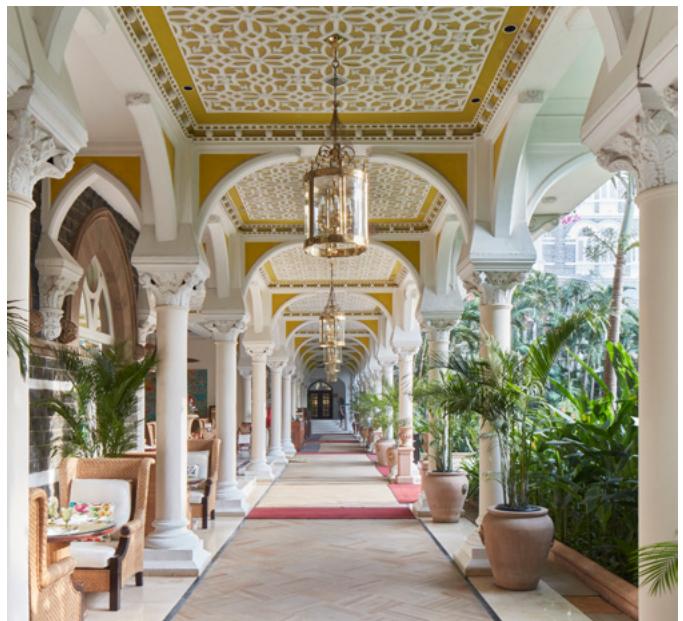
OVERNIGHT

Taj Mahal Palace
hotel

MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner





MUMBAI

Day 11 Saturday 5 of March 2022



MORNING

We will be taken on a dawn tour of Mumbai. It has always been so interesting to see the most exciting city in India wake up.

Farewell late breakfast at the hotel. It will be the end of our lovely trip. It will be time to say goodbye.

AFTERNOON

When your flight is booked you will be taken to the airport by your driver.

It is a lovely way to farewell one of the most exciting and complex countries in the world by leaving from one of the most stunningly designed contemporary airports in the world.

MEALS INCLUDED

- Breakfast






SABYASACHI
CALCUTTA

YOUR HOTELS



THE IMPERIAL

This white-pillared colonial building was constructed as an ode to India's independence and has been transformed into an award-winning heritage hotel. It was designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens when he redesigned Delhi in 1933. The Imperial is located in Janpath, the city's main business and shopping area. The building is a mixture of Victorian and old colonial styles, creating the aura of a 19th century English manor, with an extensive collection of art.

This exceptional old, colonial hotel is undoubtedly Delhi's finest hotel. The rooms overlook beautiful gardens. There is also a huge new Imperial spa inspired by Moghul influenced architecture if you want a massage to overcome jet lag.

www.theimperialindia.com



OBEROI RASVILAS JAIPUR

Experience a sincerely warm and most special welcome when you stay at Elizabeth's favourite hotel in India, the Oberoi Rajvilas Jaipur. Spread over 32 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, with traditional architecture, flaming mashaal torches and reflection pools.

Exquisite accommodation, including luxury tents inspired by the era of Maharajas, fine restaurants serving authentic Rajasthani and international cuisines, all served with their unique standards of hospitality.

www.oberoihotels.com

YOUR HOTELS



RAAS CHHATTISGARH

By early twentieth century Chhatra Sagar had developed into a lush green oasis after a dam was built by a member of one of the noble families of Jodhpur. With its wide open spaces and enchanting views, it became the entertainment venue of choice. To capture the outdoor “big sky” feel of the place, permanent construction was deliberately kept to a minimum. A fresh luxury tented camp was created for each party. For many dignitaries visiting Nimaj, Chhatra Sagar” was the highlight.

Legendary sporting parties with high tea and exotic dinners became a regular feature.

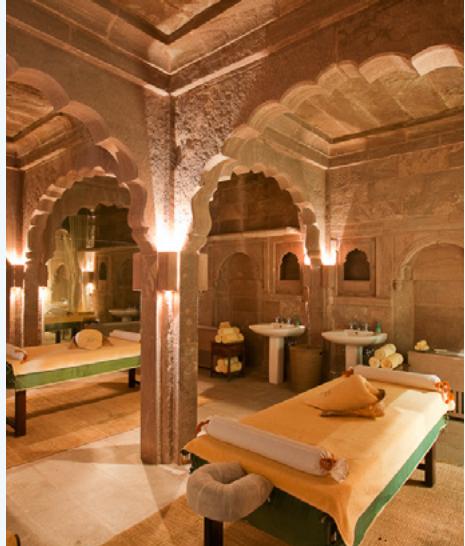
RAAS took over Chhatra Sagar on April, 2019 and now will be known as RAAS Chhatrasagar. Adding on facilities like Heated Swimming Pool, World class Spa, Yoga on request, Multi-cuisine restaurant with a Bar, Special / Private dining options and outdoor activities like Nature walks and Farm visits would be the key highlights of the guests’ experience.

Due to its location, surrounded by farmland and small villages it will be a chance to experience rural Rajasthan.

It's lovely to have sundowners gazing out on the 100 year-old dam.

www.raashotels.com

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RAAS

RAAS is Jodhpur's first boutique hotel - its signature look was born from the fusion of modern and ancient styles and the courtyard has become a tranquil haven away from the bustle of Jodhpur's old town.

The hotel comprises four original buildings with three additional contemporary structures, influenced by and contributing to its cultural past as part of the Walled City. The magnificent pool, along with the staff quarters and guardhouse, makes a stunning entry to the hotel.

The whole complex is overlooked by Mehrangarh, an awe-inspiring 15th century fort looming 400 feet above the Jodhpur skyline. When lit up in the evenings, the views are simply breath-taking and almost every room in the hotel enjoys the most spectacular view of the fort.

N.B. you are situated in the heart of the Old City, and will hear the prayer calls from the local mosque.

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YOUR HOTELS

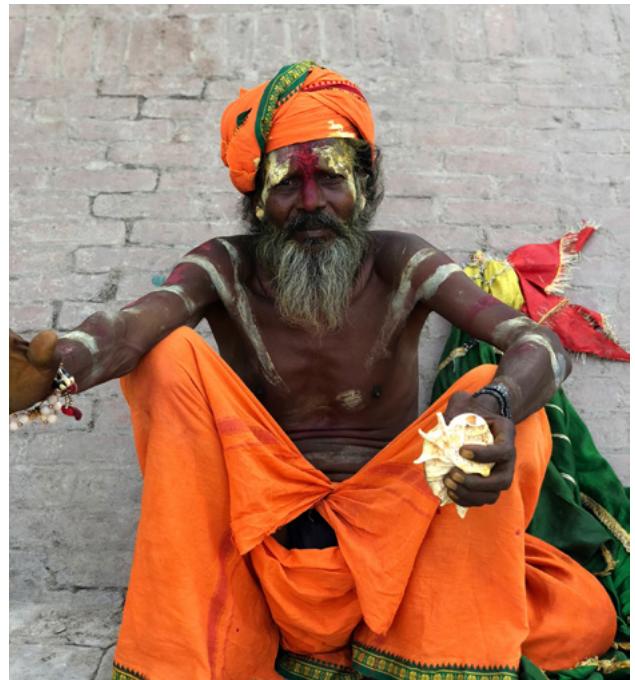


TAJ MAHAL PALACE HOTEL

The Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai was established in 1903, this magnificent and iconic hotel resides in the heart of Mumbai. Art lovers will love the collection of paintings and artefacts everywhere. There is a marvellous blend of decorative styles from Belgian chandeliers to works of legendary Indian painters. I'm never bored in this hotel. There is always something exciting going on.

It is also an architectural wonder, combining Moorish, Oriental and Florentine styles. It is fun wandering the many corridors before settling into your room with its amazing views. The Iva spa is very famous and is surrounded by a swimming pool. It also offers Indian rejuvenation therapies and holistic healing treatments.

www.tajhotels.com



Introducing our agents for INDIA

February 23 - March 05, 2022



We have two agents. One is our on the ground Indian agency. Our cultural tour guide, Manoj who will accompany us throughout the trip has been intimately involved with the planning the trip from the beginning. He is the agency's top guide with over twenty years' experience planning serious trips throughout India for international guests..

Our other agent for the trip for Serena's India Tour hosted by Serena Crawford & co-hosted Elizabeth Morrison will be operated by Unique Luxury Tours in Ireland.

Darina Slattery will introduce herself and her company below.



Who We Are

We are Japan Ireland Travel Limited, trading as Unique Japan Tours and Unique Luxury Tours with a registered address at 54 Dawson Street, 3rd Floor, Dublin 2, Ireland. Our contact telephone number is +353-(0)1-6787008 and office email info@uniqueluxurytours.com. We are the organiser of your package holiday. We are responsible for the proper performance of all travel services included in the booking.

Financial Protection

Unique Luxury Tours is a member of Total Payment Protection who fully guarantee and protect financial transactions between you and Unique Luxury Tours. Your tour is fully protected no matter what country you are paying from. Full details of this will be clearly explained in our [terms and conditions](#).
[\[Incredible India by Serena Crawford & Elizabeth Morrison\]](#)

Tour Prices

Double/Twin Occupancy: USD14,000 per person

Solo Travellers / Single Room: USD16,500 per person

Tour Inclusions are listed on the website: www.uniqueluxurytours.com. Please specify your room type at time of booking.

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How to Book

To secure your place on our tour, we require a 15% non-refundable deposit. This amounts to approx. USD2,500 for Inside Incredible India Tour. We accept bank transfers or online payments. Details will be provided on your invoice. We accept all major credit cards. No credit card fees apply. When making a bank transfer, be sure to include your name in full. Once deposit is paid, your price will not change.

BOOK NOW

Payment Dates

Full Tour balance is due 60 days prior to the tour start date on December 23, 2021. You can pay this off in instalments to suit. If we do not receive your payment by this date, we reserve the right to cancel your place. You will be sent reminders in advance.

Our Packages

Price Inclusions

All inclusions for Inside Incredible India are listed on the website www.uniqueluxurytours.com.

Tour Standard Inclusions:

- Airport transfers
- Accommodations
- Meals, entrance fees, transfers, guides as per itinerary
- Local Tour Leader throughout
- Gratuity, Services Charges and Taxes
- Unique Luxury Tours Live Travel App / Travel Pack

Tour Standard Exclusions:

- International Flights
- Transport, fees, or meals not included in your itinerary
- Drinks not stated in itinerary
- Hotel Charges such as room service, mini-bar, telephone etc.

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Hotels Lists

The hotels listed on your tour itinerary are fixed. If, under extraordinary circumstances beyond our control, we need to change any hotel after you pay your deposit or final balance, you will be notified for the reasons why, and an alternative property of choice. Any change will be replaced with the same category of hotel. We choose our hotels with great care and attention.

International Flights

You are responsible for booking your own international flight. We are not responsible for your flights in/out of India.

Cancellations

If you need to cancel your booking you may do so at any time before the start of your holiday in return for payment of the cancellation fees detailed in our full terms and conditions [Clause 5]. The date of cancellation shall be decided on the date of receipt by us, in writing, of your instruction to cancel the booking.

Deposits are non-refundable. Check with your travel insurance provider in the event you need to cancel. You may be entitled to reclaim these charges. Claims must be made directly with your insurance provider.

Covid-Cancellations

The safety and well-being of our clients is our number one priority. In the event we cannot operate this tour due to Covid-19 restrictions remaining in place, we will notify you at least 60 days prior. If this is the case, you will be entitled to:

1. Remain on our tour, on a different date decided by us.
2. Free name change.
3. Receive a full refund (less booking deposit) if you cannot accept (1) & (2).

If restrictions are in place at time of final payment due date (December 23, 2021), the tour will be postponed to a later date in 2022. You will be notified of this prior to making any further payments.

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Travel Insurance

It is essential you take out adequate travel insurance to cover you in the event of Covid cancelation, medical, lost luggage, missed flight, and so on. You will be required to give your travel insurance policy details to us before you make any final payments. You should take this out at the same time you pay your deposit, or at least before making any final payments.

Passports, Visas, Passenger Names

Don't forget to check with the Indian Embassy and/or Consulate of your country for your specific passport, visa and immigration requirements. Most countries require passports to be valid for at least **6 months** after the date of your return. We will request your passport number and passport names in advance of travel.

Health Formalities

Please check with your GP/doctor about vaccinations & medication needed for your trip to India. You should do this at least 3 months prior to your travel dates.

Terms & Conditions

We accept your deposit on the understanding that you have read and agreed to our terms and conditions, available [here](#).