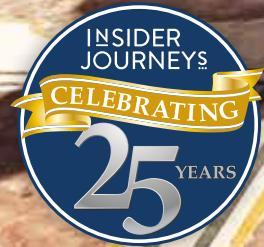


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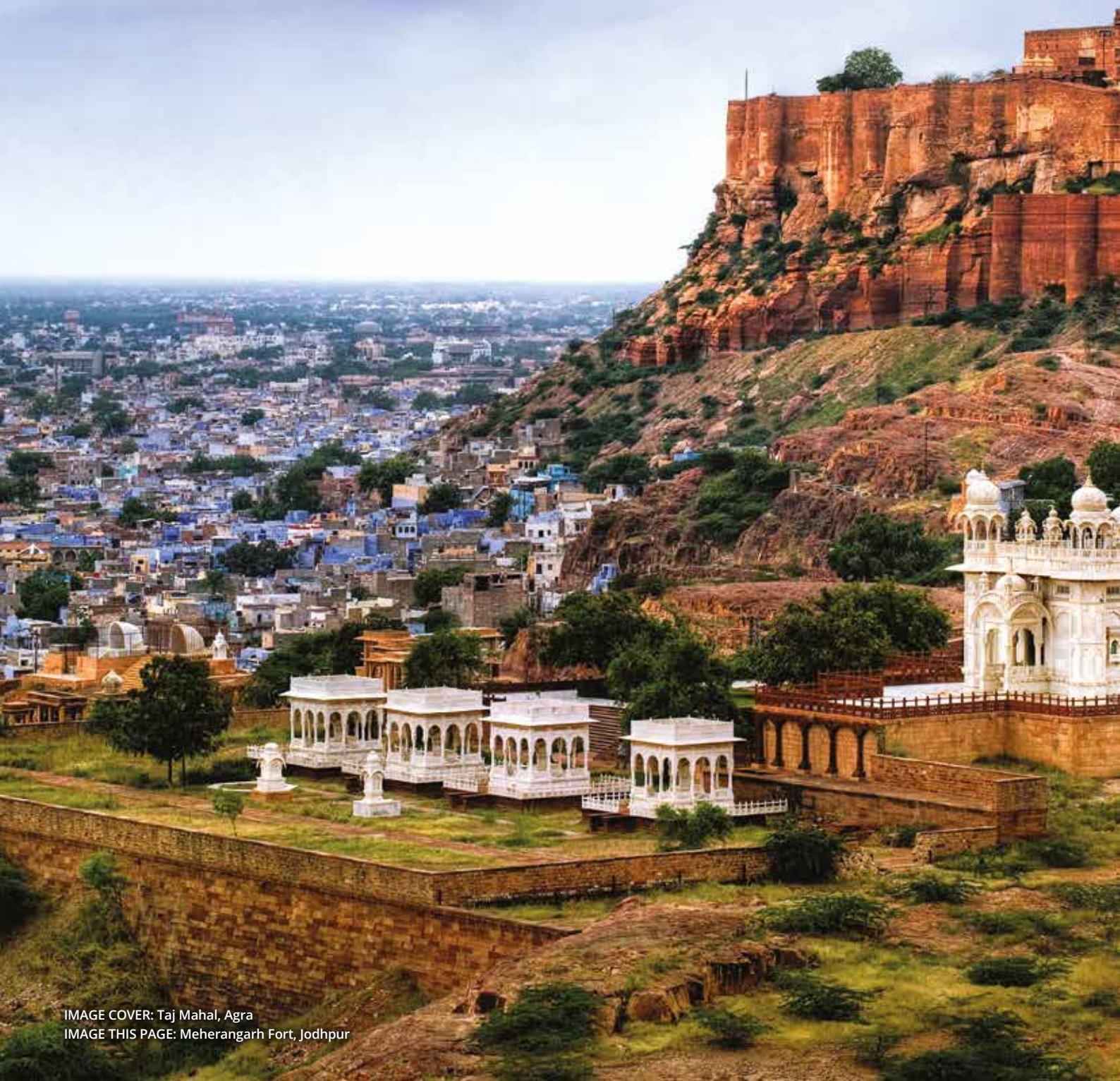
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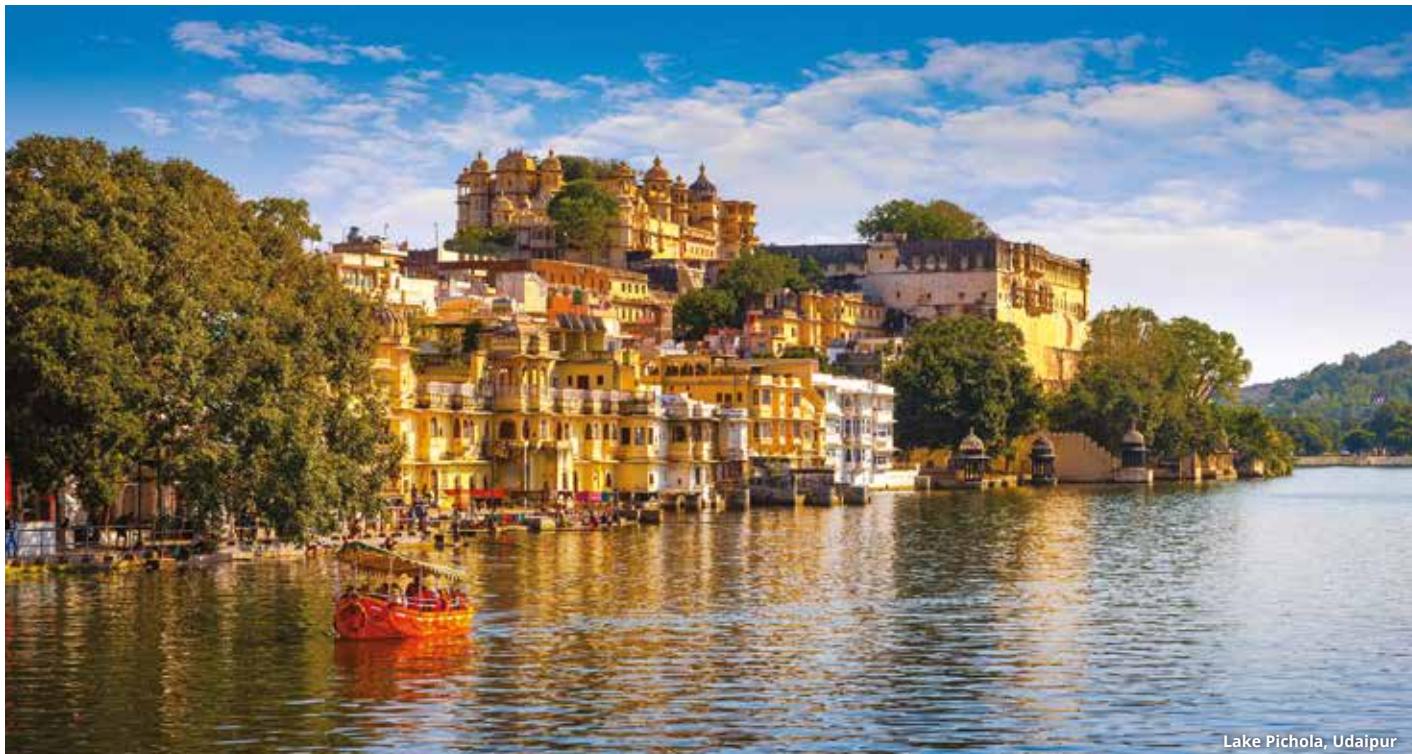


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# The Insider Journeys Experience

At Insider Journeys, we make it easy to holiday in Asia.



Lake Pichola, Udaipur

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## A word from our travellers...

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We thought the tour was absolutely amazing. All three of our guides were fabulous. Best of all – apart from the amazing places we went, the things we learnt and the sensational places that we stayed, we absolutely loved our driver!

AMANDA, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

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It is impossible to choose one highlight as we enjoyed everything so much. This was our fourth tour with Insider Journeys and we will have no hesitation in recommending the company to all our family and friends.

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Enjoy India's timeless experiences by embarking on a river cruise on the sacred Ganges, or taking a cultural trip on a train journey across the country. Discover stunning scenery, meet smiling locals and visit fascinating villages and palaces, with the convenience of your boutique river boat or luxury train at your fingertips.

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As well as our Ready to Book Private Itineraries, River Cruises and Rail Journeys, we offer an extensive range of accommodation options and experiences, so you can customise your Asia holiday.

Our hotels have been handpicked for comfort, location and to provide you with an insight into the region. Where possible, we have selected properties with great local colour.

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Whether it's exploring the colourful bazaars of Jaipur, seeing the magnificent Taj Mahal without the crowds, spotting wildlife on a jeep safari or relaxing on a houseboat on the Kerala Backwaters, Insider Journeys will connect you with the heart of Asia as only an insider can!



Ranthambore National Park



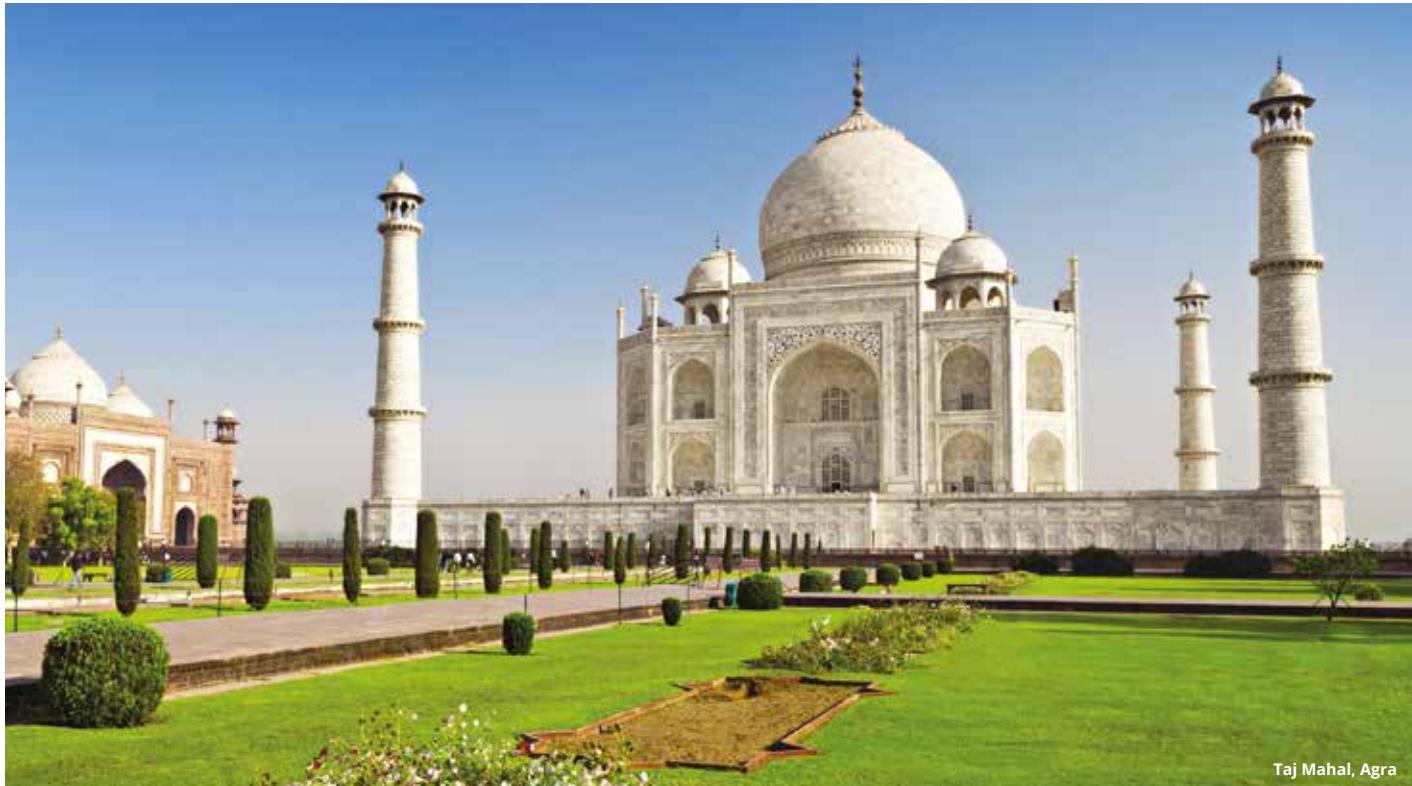
The Himalayas



Varanasi

# The Places We'll Take You

From its sheer beauty to the genuine warmth of its people, Asia has a wonderful way of getting under your skin. Let us introduce you to our favourite places in India.



Taj Mahal, Agra

## North India

Enjoy incredible travel experiences in North India, from forts, palaces and temples to villages, bazaars and deserts.



Darjeeling, The Himalayas

## The Himalayas

The Indian Himalayas are home to traditional villages, verdant tea-covered hills, dramatic scenery and peaceful monasteries.



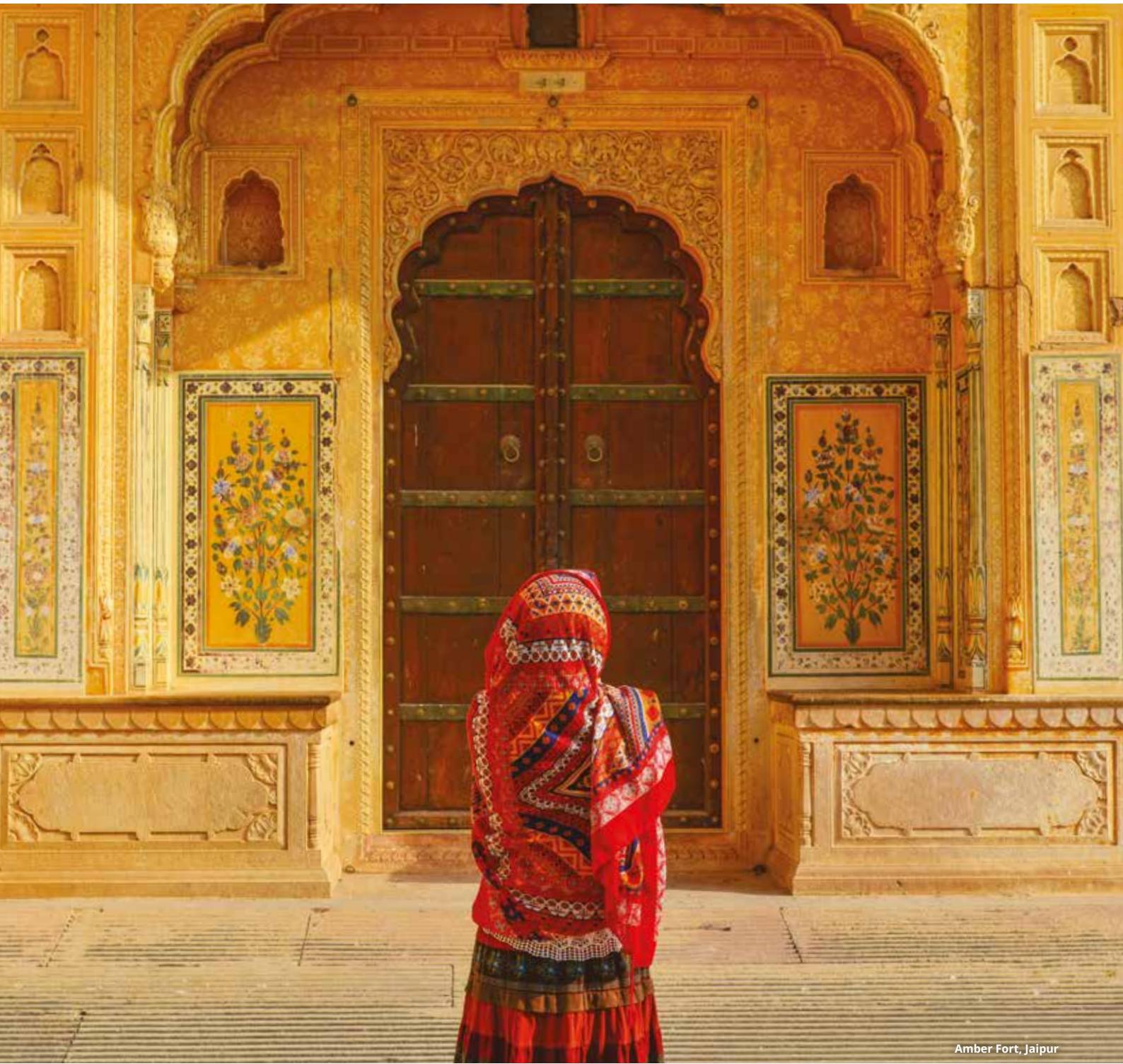
Cochin

## South India

India's tropical south is a blend of colour and culture, with fine beaches, a maze of waterways and a long trading history.

# India

A kaleidoscope of colour and activity, India is home to dramatic forts, deserts, spice hills, tranquil backwaters, thriving cities and snow-capped Himalayan peaks. Experience a land of vibrant colours, rich history and local cultures as you venture through this captivating country.



Amber Fort, Jaipur



## Historic Architecture

Best known for the Taj Mahal, India's architectural wonders offer a rich insight into the country's past. The hilltop forts, intricate royal palaces and ancient stepwells have stood the test of time and are truly awe-inspiring.

## When To Go

India's weather varies greatly throughout the country. In the north, from October to April warm, rain free days make it a pleasant time to travel. Overnight temperatures are very cold during December and January while days remain beautifully mild.

South of Mumbai the tropical climate brings hot, humid days except in the highlands where temperatures are cooler. From June to September, the country experiences the 'green' season with the majority of rainfall occurring during this time.

### Average min/max temperature (°C)

	MAR-MAY	JUN-AUG	SEP-NOV	DEC-FEB
DELHI	22°/37°	27°/36°	19°/32°	10°/23°
JAIPUR	23°/38°	25°/35°	20°/33°	11°/25°
COCHIN	26°/33°	24°/31°	24°/31°	23°/32°



## Local Colour

India is a land of dazzling colour. Beautiful flowing saris contrast against the desert sands, village walks reveal bustling markets and locals welcome you into their homes to sip chai. Be amazed at every corner.

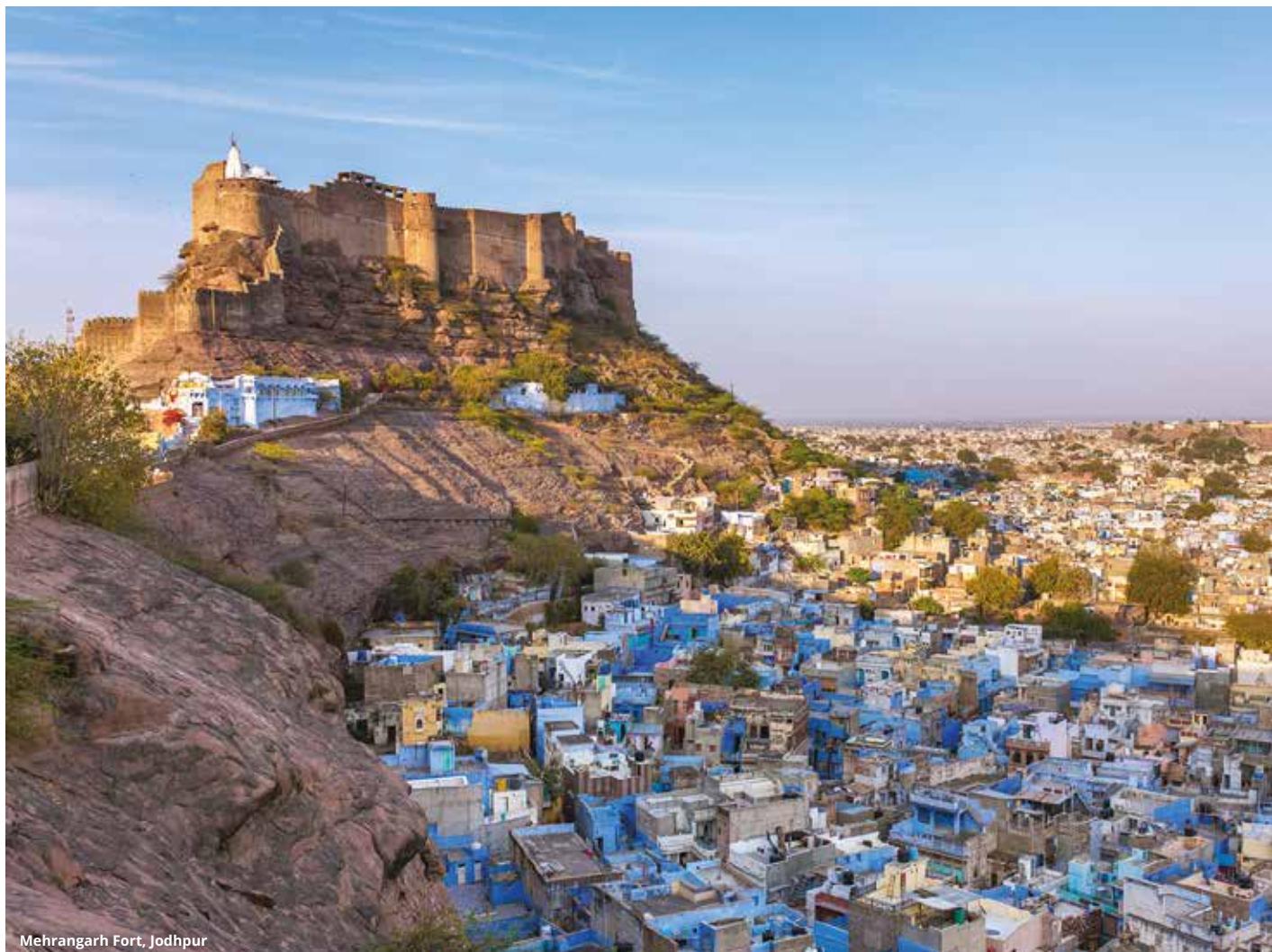
## Wildlife & Scenery

Spot tigers in Ranthambore National Park and elephants in Nagarhole National Park. Discover India's diverse natural scenery from the deserts of Rajasthan in the north to the lush Western Ghats of the south.



# North India

Combining a rich history, colourful culture and abundant natural attractions, India's north offers it all. While iconic sites such as the Taj Mahal and the Amber Fort may steal the limelight, it is often the local experiences that leave lasting impressions.



Mehrangarh Fort, Jodhpur



## Golden Triangle

Delhi, Agra and Jaipur combine to create the Golden Triangle. Delhi is both a bustling metropolis and a testament to India's history, Agra is famed for the Taj Mahal, while the Pink City of Jaipur offers bazaars and historic attractions.



## Wildlife Experiences

Relatively unknown for its wildlife, India is the last stronghold for species such as the Asian elephant, Asiatic lion, Indian one-horned rhinoceros and the tiger. Ranthambore National Park is a fantastic location to spot a tiger while on safari.



# Spirit of the Ganges

**3 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$459 PER PERSON\***



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Witness the traditional Ganga Aarti ceremony in the Ganges River. This powerful spiritual ritual is performed by Hindu priests every evening at dusk.
- 📍 Cruise along the banks of the country's great river to see Hindu pilgrims bathe in the sacred waters.
- 📍 Wander through the ancient cobbled lanes of Varanasi exploring local markets and taking in the city's over 2,000 temples and mosques.



## DAY 1 Varanasi

On arrival in Varanasi, be transferred to your hotel. Varanasi is Hinduism's great spiritual centre and is said to be among the oldest continuously-inhabited cities in the world. Nowhere else in India can you experience the spectacle of thousands of pilgrims immersing themselves in the Ganges than in the country's spiritual heart, Varanasi. Stay the next two nights at The Clarks Varanasi (or similar).

## DAY 2 Varanasi

Rise early and venture to the riverside. Each morning as the ghats come alive with the rising of the sun, thousands of pilgrims and locals bathe and pray in the holy Ganges. Simply being by India's great river, especially at dawn, is one of India's timeless experiences. Take an open boat trip along the banks of India's greatest river, the Ganges. View the incredible scenes along the river ghats where thousands of pilgrims converge daily to wash away their sins, pray or cremate their loved ones in the holy waters. This experience is not for the faint-hearted, but will give you a real insight into the Hindu rituals and something that will stay with you forever.

After a short trip along the river banks, return to the city itself and walk through the remarkable

maze of cobbled lanes of the old city and see colourful local trading as you wind your way throughout the city. In one of the oldest cities in the world, the narrow lanes are home to local markets, temples and mosques at every turn, residences and trading houses.

As evening approaches, return to the famous riverfront ghats for the powerful Aarti ceremony. Draped in saffron-coloured robes, Hindu priests (pandits) stage a spectacular ceremony with candles, chanting and songs in recognition of Mother Ganga.

The ceremony begins with the blowing of a conch shell and the waving of incense sticks, filling the air with the smell of sandalwood. Intricate patterns and circling motions of large flaming lamps, acquiring the power of the deity, create a bright hue against the evening sky. The gestures are synchronised to the rhythmic chants and clashes of cymbals. Devotees cup their hands over the flame and place their palms to their forehead to get the Goddess's purification and blessing. This must-see ritual is powerful and spiritual. (B)

## DAY 3 Varanasi

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

## INCLUDES:

- 2 nights 3 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Varanasi full day tour
- Aarti ceremony
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Varanasi accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



# Ranthambore Wildlife Safari

**3 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$685 PER PERSON\***



Ranthambore National Park



Ranthambore National Park



Ranthambore National Park

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Explore the exciting and rugged landscapes of the Ranthambore National Park with a naturalist guide on three open-top jeep safaris.
- 📍 Go in search of the majestic Bengal tiger and other big cats that call the national park home.
- 📍 Explore the ancient ruins of Ranthambore Fort, believed to have been built in the eighth century, with many surviving structures and temples dotting the hilly site.

## DAY 1 Ranthambore National Park

On arrival at Ranthambore National Park, be transferred to your lodge on the fringes of the park. Once the hunting grounds of the Maharajas of Jaipur, the national park is one of the biggest and renowned parks in Northern India. Spread over an area of close to 400 square kilometres, Ranthambore National Park is one of the best locations to see mighty predators in their natural environment.

This itinerary provides the excitement of adventurous wildlife safaris, combined with grand and exquisite royal experience.

The palace of Nahargarh in Ranthambore is magnificently positioned near the forest of dense trees and abundant wildlife. This royal retreat offers a tranquil experience of wilderness and regal indulgence. Stay the next two nights at Nahargarh Ranthambore.

## DAY 2 Ranthambore National Park

Wake at dawn for an early morning safari into the rugged jungle scrubs of India's largest national park. Ranthambore National Park is home to a healthy population of wild Bengal tigers living in their natural habitat.

Around 30 of these remarkable cats remain in the park and while sightings are not guaranteed, you have a grand opportunity to catch a glimpse of some of the other native wildlife that call the park home. As you're driven around the rough terrain in an open-top jeep, keep your eyes peeled for Spotted and Sambar deer, antelope, jackal, Honey badger, wild boar, Indian python, crocodiles and a rich diversity of resident and migratory birds. If you are lucky you may even catch a glimpse of two of India's shyest wild cats – the leopard and caracal.

The park is scenically magnificent with picturesque lakes and open woodlands ringed by arid hills, some crowned with ancient fort ruins.

Head back to the comfort of your lodge to rest before heading back out in the late afternoon for a sunset safari. This time of day brings with it new opportunities for wildlife spotting, while the setting sun creates a magnificent golden glow, sure to please. (B)

## DAY 3 Ranthambore National Park

Venture into the park on your final safari with the chance for further wildlife sightings. On your return to the lodge, enjoy a late breakfast before your journey ends. (B)

## INCLUDES:

- 2 nights lodge accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles (except jeep safaris)
- 3 open-top jeep safaris
- Private touring
- Park entrance and safari fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



Ranthambore National Park

# Delhi & Agra Explorer

5 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,125 PER PERSON\*



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Wander through the chaotic streets of Old Delhi. The vibrant city indulges all the senses with an abundance of local cuisine and stunning architecture.
- 📍 Witness the remarkable Taj Mahal as first dawn breaks and wander through its peaceful gardens.
- 📍 Visit the monument that inspired the construction of the Taj Mahal – the extravagant, Persian-inspired tomb of Emperor Humayun.



Chandni Chowk, Delhi



## DAY 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at The Suryaa, New Delhi (or similar)

## DAY 2 Delhi

Discover the historic riches of this incredible city on a full day tour, starting with the elegant and spectacular tomb of Emperor Humayun, a World Heritage Listed site set amid lovely gardens. Take a rickshaw ride through the vibrant and chaotic streets of Old Delhi, where crowded traders meet monuments such as the Jama Masjid and the Red Fort. Visit a local Sikh temple to experience more of India's cultural and religious diversity. (B)

## DAY 3 Delhi to Agra

Travel to Agra and explore the famous Agra Fort, with its superb Mughal architecture. Built and added to between the 16th and 17th centuries by successive rulers of the Mughal Dynasty, the fort was built primarily as a military structure, but Shahjahan upgraded it to a palace and later it became his gilded prison for eight years after his son Aurangzeb seized power. Catch your first glimpse of the Taj Mahal from the fort's ramparts. Stay the next two nights at Doubletree by Hilton Agra (or similar). (B)

## DAY 4 Agra

With a local guide, experience the unforgettable sight of the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Often considered the pinnacle of Mughal art in India, the Taj was built by Emperor Shah Jahan for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. When declaring it a world heritage site, UNESCO described it as 'the jewel of Muslim art in India'. There are few words that can describe the magnificence of this monument. Marvel as the lights and colours transform this stunning building in the beautiful dawn glow. This is a quiet, serene time with ample opportunity to explore the ornamental gardens without crowds. After lunch, discover the hilltop ruins of Fatehpur Sikri, the 16th century capital of the Mughal rulers which was abandoned due to water scarcity in the area. The great Mughal Emperor Akbar had a dream to build a beautiful capital city that the world would remember. The result was Fatehpur Sikri, built entirely of red sandstone about 40 kilometres from Agra. It was Akbar's capital for 15 years, abandoned after his death in 1585. (B)

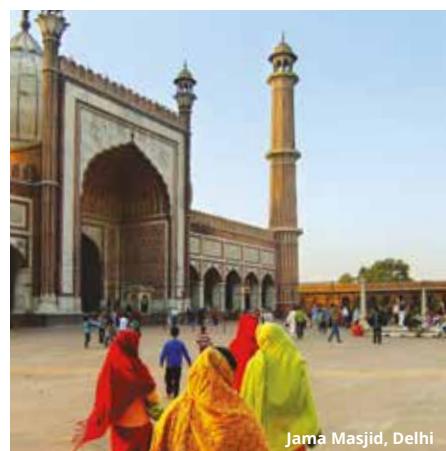
## DAY 5 Agra to Delhi

After breakfast, be transferred to Delhi airport. (B)

Note: Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays. In December/January, the Taj Mahal tour may be in the afternoon due to fog.

## INCLUDES:

- 4 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Delhi City full day tour
- Agra & Taj Mahal full day tour
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



Jama Masjid, Delhi

# Land of Maharajas

**5 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$775 PER PERSON\***



Jain Temples, Ranakpur



Jodhpur

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Take in the incredible sight of the Blue City of Jodhpur before getting lost wandering through its winding lanes, which are bursting with atmosphere and delicious food.
- 📍 Visit some of India's oldest temples, dating back to the Middle Ages, and marvel at the intricate designs of the ancient architecture.
- 📍 Cruise along Lake Pichola enjoying wonderful sunset views of the grand Lake Palace.



## DAY 1 Jodhpur

On arrival in Jodhpur, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Umaid Bhawan Palace (or similar).

## DAY 2 Jodhpur

Begin your exploration of this atmospheric city with a visit to the imposing Meherangarh Fort. Perched high on a rise overlooking Jodhpur, Meherangarh is one of Rajasthan's great forts, truly remarkable in size. The winding cobbled road leading through the massive gates opens a world of Rajasthani legend, and inside is a fine museum housing many royal pieces. From fort ramparts and terraces, enjoy spectacular views of the Blue City, dotted with the pale blue-washed houses of the Brahmin community. Meander through Jodhpur's famous bazaar with its crowded lanes and colourful shops selling an incredible array of goods from local leather and jewellery to delicious milk sweets and samosas. (B)

## DAY 3 Jodhpur to Udaipur

Depart Jodhpur by road, travelling through some of southern Rajasthan's fine scenery, where rugged hills are topped with temples and forts. Stop at the superb temples of Ranakpur, an important pilgrimage site for members of the Jain

community, one of India's oldest religious groups. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the superb white marble temples are exquisite in detail and design, with almost 1,500 intricately carved pillars connecting the many worship halls. Continue on to Udaipur, arriving in the late afternoon. Stay the next two nights at Taj Lake Palace (or similar). (B)

## DAY 4 Udaipur

Take a tour of Udaipur, Rajasthan's most romantic and celebrated city set on the shimmering shores of Lake Pichola and surrounded by the picturesque Aravalli Hills. Visit the rambling City Palace, former home of the great rulers of Udaipur, the Maharanas, and take in the breathtaking views over the lake as you explore the many towers, domes and arches. This majestic palace is the largest palace complex in Rajasthan.

Explore the narrow alleyways of old Udaipur, a treasure trove of architecture and vibrant street scenes, photographic and shopping opportunities. This evening, take a sunset cruise on Lake Pichola, viewing the fairytale Lake Palace and the whitewashed lakeside buildings at their best. (B)

## DAY 5 Udaipur

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

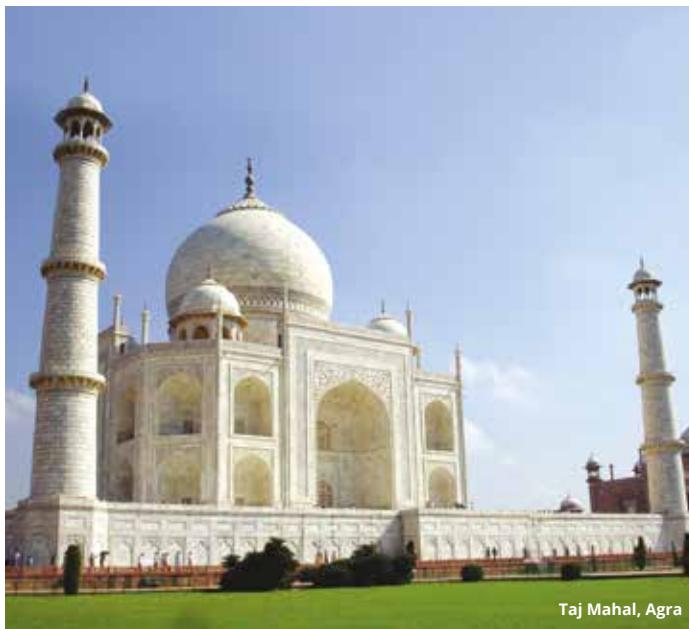
## INCLUDES:

- 4 nights 5 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



# Golden Triangle

**6 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,079 PER PERSON\***



Taj Mahal, Agra



Delhi

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Explore the colourful and chaotic streets of Old Delhi. See the Red Fort and Jama Masjid for a window into the past and soak in the sights and sounds of some of the oldest market places in India.
- 📍 See the unique and stunning symmetry of the Taj Mahal as dawn's first light brings this iconic monument to life.
- 📍 Venture to hilltop Amber Fort and take in beautiful views of the surrounding area.



## DAY 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Colonel's Retreat (or similar).

## DAY 2 Delhi

You can get no better introduction to India than from its capital of Delhi. On a full day tour, visit the spectacular tomb of Emperor Humayun, a World Heritage listed site set amid lovely gardens before stopping at India Gate and the Parliament buildings. Continue to the vibrant and chaotic streets of Old Delhi, where crowded traders meet monuments including the Jama Masjid and the Red Fort. In the afternoon, visit the fascinating Sikh temple, Bangla Sahib Gurudwara, to experience more of India's cultural and religious diversity. (B)

## DAY 3 Delhi to Agra

Depart Delhi for an approximate 3½ hour journey to Agra. Explore Agra Fort, home to graceful Mughal architecture and views towards the nearby Taj Mahal. Situated above the Yamuna River, spend time discovering the highlights within the massive red sandstone walls, and enjoy river and Taj views. Overnight at Crystal Sarovar Premiere (or similar). (B)

## DAY 4 Agra to Jaipur

Rise early to experience the Taj Mahal at sunrise. A sublime experience, the Taj transforms as the light changes and is framed magnificently by gardens, red sandstone mosques and the Yamuna River. After a late breakfast at your hotel, travel to Jaipur. In Jaipur, spend an afternoon wandering the atmospheric streets and markets at your leisure. Stay the next two nights at Shahpura House (or similar). (B)

## DAY 5 Jaipur

Explore the vibrant, colourful history and culture of one of India's favourite cities, the Pink City of Jaipur. Take a jeep ride along cobbled roads to the hilltop Amber Fort. Crowning the crest of the hill, Amber Fort offers panoramic views of the surrounding desert hills and villages. See the honeycombed Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) and visit the history-laden City Palace Museum. (B)

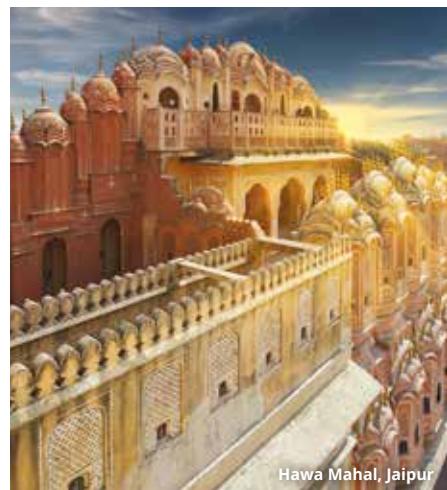
## DAY 6 Jaipur

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

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## INCLUDES:

- 5 nights 3 to 5 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



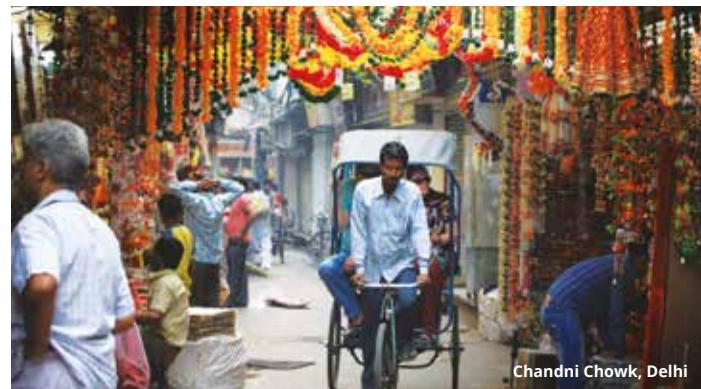
Hawa Mahal, Jaipur

# Golden Triangle Fort Experience

**8 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,849 PER PERSON\***



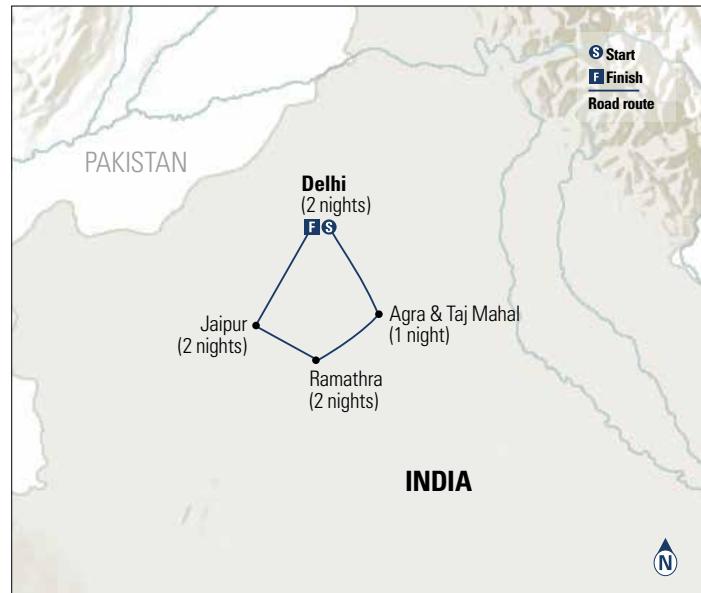
Amber Fort, Jaipur



Chandni Chowk, Delhi

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Take in the sights and sounds of the Pink City of Jaipur, a labyrinth of fascinating bazaars, opulent palaces and historic sights.
- 📍 Witness the first light of the day bursting onto the Taj Mahal and marvel at its breathtakingly perfect symmetry.
- 📍 Ride through the bustling lanes of Old Delhi and find out why it's the best city to experience the diversity of India.



## DAY 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at The Suryaa, New Delhi (or similar).

## DAY 2 Delhi

Start your full day tour with a stop at India Gate and Parliament buildings before visiting the beautifully restored grandeur of Humayun's Tomb. In Old Delhi, take a rickshaw ride through the narrow, colourful lanes of the old city before visiting a welcoming Sikh temple. (B)

## DAY 3 Delhi to Agra

After breakfast, journey to Agra, an historic city located on the banks of the Yamuna and along the Grand Trunk Road. Visit the historic Agra Fort and get your first glimpse of the Taj Mahal. Overnight at Doubletree by Hilton (or similar). (B)

## DAY 4 Agra to Ramathra

Experience the breathtaking wonder of the Taj Mahal as the sun rises before travelling to Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri. Finish today's journey at the fantastic hilltop fort of Ramathra. This spectacular fort was built in the 17th century by the royal family and sits high above Kalisil Lake in the arid hills of Rajasthan. Stay two nights at Ramathra Fort. (BD)

## DAY 5 Ramathra

Enjoy a day exploring and experiencing rural India – the country's heartland. Take a village walk into farming communities before setting off on an afternoon boat ride where you may spot fishermen at work and flocks of waterbirds. (BLD)

## DAY 6 Ramathra to Jaipur

Travel to Jaipur and enjoy a leisurely afternoon wandering through the colourful bazaars of the city. Visit a traditional milk market or marvel at the ornate honeycombed exterior of Hawa Mahal, Jaipur's famous Palace of Winds. Stay the next two nights at Shahpura House (or similar). (B)

## DAY 7 Jaipur

Start your day in the Pink City with a visit to Amber Fort, offering a panoramic view of the historic town below, before exploring the City Palace and Observatory. (B)

## DAY 8 Jaipur to Delhi

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to Delhi. (B)

Note: Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays. In December/January, the Taj Mahal tour may be in the afternoon due to fog.

## INCLUDES:

- 7 nights 3 to 4½ star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



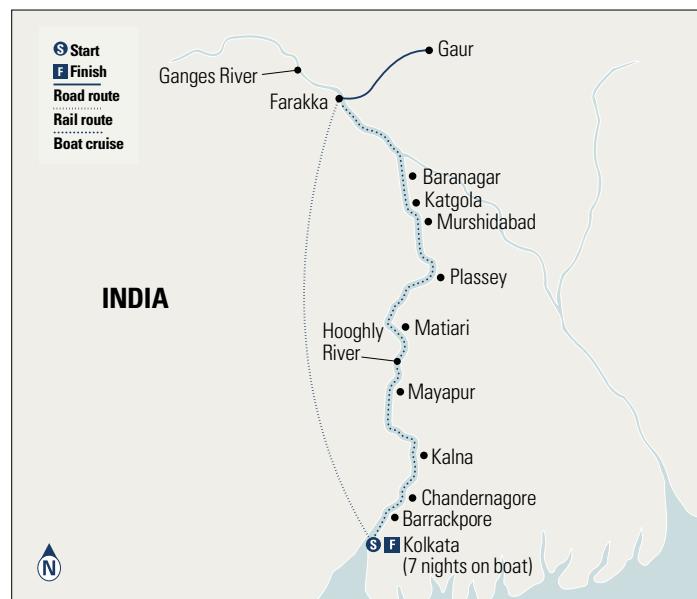
# The Lower Ganges River Cruise

**8 DAYS FROM \$4,595 PER PERSON\***



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Spend eight days cruising through the lush countryside of West Bengal on one of the most sacred rivers in the world, the Lower Ganges (Hooghly River).
- 📍 Take a cycle rickshaw to the terracotta temples and unique Shiva temple at Kalna.
- 📍 Discover the rich and vibrant rural life of villages along the waterway.



## DAY 1 Kolkata to Barrackpore

Be transferred from your hotel to embark and sail at midday. Sail to Barrackpore to land and take a walk through the cantonment – past the Semaphore Tower, Government House, the Temple of Fame and Flagstaff House. Stay the next seven nights on board RV Orient Pandaw. (D)

## DAY 2 Chandernagore & Hooghly

Sail up to Chandernagore and visit the 18th century church and Dupleix's House. Sail upstream past the old Dutch settlement of Chinsura before landing to visit the imposing Imambara at Hooghly. Sail into the night to a mooring near Kalna. (BLD)

## DAY 3 Kalna & Mayapur

After breakfast, land at the country town of Kalna and take cycle rickshaws to see a group of some of Bengal's most attractive terracotta temples, as well as the unique Shiva temple with concentric rings made up of 108 lesser shrines. Sail on through the night to a mooring near Matiari. (BLD)

## DAY 4 Matiari & Plassey

This morning, visit the brass-working village of Matiari and meet the locals. Later, cruise on and visit the battlefield of Plassey. Moor close to Murshidabad for the night. (BLD)

## DAY 5 Murshidabad & Katgola

This morning, walk to the Khushbagh, a peaceful Mughal-style garden. Continue a little way upstream to where the great Hazarduari Palace dominates the waterfront. Carry on to visit the great Katra Mosque and Nashipara Palace before driving out to see the Katgola Palace. Moor overnight on the riverbank across from town. (BLD)

## DAY 6 Baranagar

This morning, walk through the fields of the delightfully sleepy village of Baranagar to visit its three gorgeous miniature terracotta temples. This is rural India at its most idyllic. Continue up the Lower Ganges (or the Hooghly). Moor close to the Farakka Barrage. (BLD)

## DAY 7 Gaur

During breakfast, cruise to a mooring by the Farakka lock. Disembark and go on a full day excursion to Gaur, a quiet, deserted place that was once one of India's great cities. Rejoin the ship in the evening to continue your cruise upstream. (BLD)

## DAY 8 Farakka to Kolkata

Journey four hours by train from Farakka to Kolkata and be transferred to your hotel. (B)

## INCLUDES:

- 7 nights on board RV Orient Pandaw
- Train from Farakka to Kolkata
- Join-in touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guides
- Gratuities to crew
- Return transfers from accommodation to ship
- Soft drinks, mineral water, local beer and local spirits
- Tea and coffee
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



## UPGRADE

Upgrade to RV Katha Pandaw.  
Contact us for details.

# Indian Odyssey Rail Journey

**8 DAYS FROM \$7,699 PER PERSON\***



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Spend seven luxurious nights on board the Deccan Odyssey. Enjoy fine Indian cuisine and exceptional service.
- 📍 Visit the Grover Zampa vineyards for an exclusive tour and a sumptuous lunch. Walk through vines laden with Chenin, Chardonnay and Shiraz grapes.
- 📍 At the Ellora Caves, visit rock-cut shrines dating back to the fourth and fifth centuries. These shrines represent Buddhist, Jain and Hindu art.



## DAY 1 Mumbai to Nashik

This evening arrive at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus and board the Deccan Odyssey on a mesmerising voyage through the Maratha heartland. Receive a traditional Indian welcome and enjoy a refreshing welcome drink as you check in. Stay the next seven nights on board Deccan Odyssey. (D)

## DAY 2 Nashik to Aurangabad

Begin the day at the holy city of Nashik and spend the morning walking along the Godavari Ghats. Travel to the Grover Zampa vineyards for an exclusive tour of one of the finest Indian wine producing facilities. After a sumptuous lunch, return to the Deccan Odyssey and continue to Aurangabad. (BLD)

## DAY 3 Ellora Caves

Proceed to visit Ellora Caves – a World Heritage Listed site. A unique artistic creation, with sanctuaries devoted to Buddhism, Hinduism and Jainism, it illustrates the spirit of tolerance that is characteristic of ancient India. (BLD)

## DAY 4 Ajanta Caves

Arrive at Jalgaon railway station and enjoy a scenic drive to the World Heritage Listed Ajanta Caves. These caves feature ancient murals and sculptures depicting the life of Buddha. (BLD)

## DAY 5 Kolhapur

Today you'll enjoy the day in Kolhapur, a multifaceted city with a mythical past. Visit the New Palace, the Manhattan Temple and the Town Hall Museum and wander through the local market. Witness a traditional martial arts performance known as 'Mardani Khel'. (BLD)

## DAY 6 Goa

Arrive into Goa, widely known for its beaches, churches and temples. Enjoy a tour of Old Goa visiting the ruins of St Augustine Church and the Basilica of Bom Jesus. Take in the colourful Portuguese architecture as you walk through the old Latin Quarters known as Fontainhas before feasting on a traditional Goan lunch at a spice plantation. (BLD)

## DAY 7 Ratnagiri

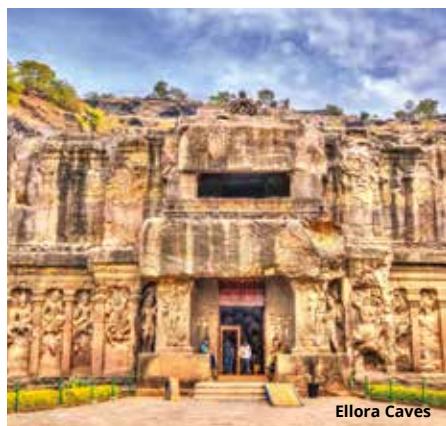
Continue to Ratnagiri – the jewel of the Konkan Coast. Head to the Ganpatiphule temple and have a relaxed morning at the beach. Make your way to a mango and cashew plantation and visit the local markets. (BLD)

## DAY 8 Mumbai

Early this morning, after breakfast, you will disembark at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Railway Station, Mumbai. (B)

## INCLUDES:

- 7 nights on board Deccan Odyssey (Deluxe Cabin)
- Join-in touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Meals as Indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Ellora Caves

Other train journeys also available.  
Contact us for details.

# Delhi to Udaipur

**10 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,889 PER PERSON\***



Amber Fort, Jaipur



Lake Pichola, Udaipur

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Visit a lively Sikh temple in Delhi and see their huge communal kitchen which prepares free meals daily for thousands of visitors of all faiths to the temple.
- 📍 Pass houses painted in all shades of blue as you wander through the ancient streets of Jodhpur.
- 📍 Cruise on picturesque Lake Pichola in the romantic city of Udaipur.



## DAY 1 Delhi

On arrival, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Colonel's Retreat (or similar).

## DAY 2 Delhi

Discover Delhi's highlights on a full day tour including the majestic grandeur of Humayun's Tomb, navigate the chaotic streets of Old Delhi on a rickshaw and visit a Sikh temple which serves thousands of meals to pilgrims on a daily basis. (B)

## DAY 3 Delhi to Agra

From Delhi, travel to Agra and explore the imposing Agra Fort which offers your first glimpse of the Taj Mahal in the distance. Overnight at Crystal Sarovar Premiere (or similar). (B)

## DAY 4 Agra to Jaipur

Rise early to enjoy a sunrise tour of the unforgettable Taj Mahal. After a late breakfast at your hotel, travel to the Pink City of Jaipur. The afternoon is at leisure. Stay the next two nights at Shahpura House (or similar). (B)

## DAY 5 Jaipur

Spend the day exploring Jaipur's highlights on a tour including the vast Amber Fort, photogenic Palace of the Winds and the history-laden City Palace Museum. (B)

## DAY 6 Jaipur to Jodhpur

After a leisurely breakfast, journey most of the day through rural Rajasthan to the Blue City of Jodhpur. Stay the next two nights at Ratan Villas (or similar). (B)

## DAY 7 Jodhpur

Gain a fascinating insight into the desert city of Jodhpur as you explore the colourful bazaar and magnificent hilltop Meherangarh Fort on a full day tour. (B)

## DAY 8 Jodhpur to Udaipur

After breakfast, travel to the white-washed lake city of Udaipur via the Jain temples at Ranakpur. Situated on Lake Pichola, the romantic city of Udaipur is surrounded by the Aravali Hills and a maze of timeless streets. Stay the next two nights at Udaikothi (or similar). (B)

## DAY 9 Udaipur

Immerse yourself in Udaipur as you discover the grand City Palace on a morning tour. The afternoon is at leisure before your evening cruise on Lake Pichola. (B)

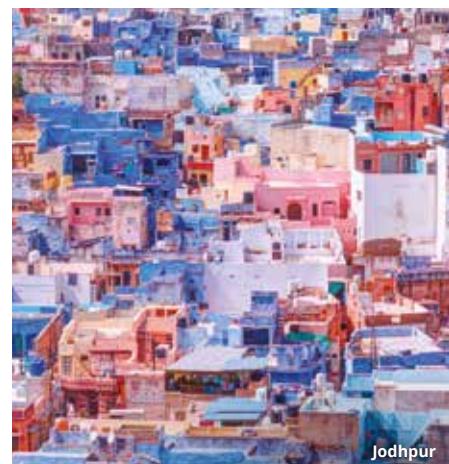
## DAY 10 Udaipur

After breakfast, be transferred to the airport. (B)

Note: Taj Mahal is closed on Fridays. In December/January, the Taj Mahal tour may be in the afternoon due to fog.

## INCLUDES:

- 9 nights 3 to 5 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Lake Pichola cruise
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



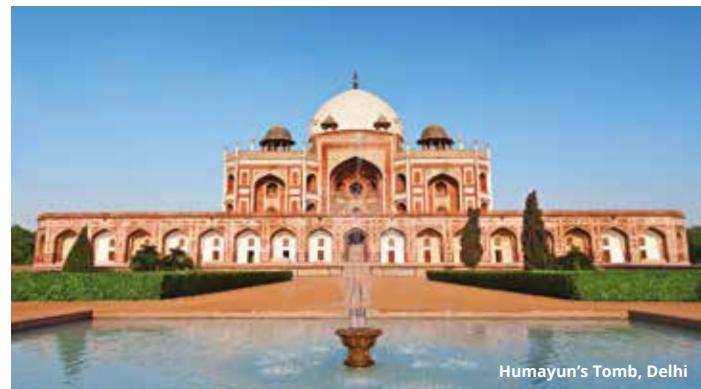
Jodhpur

# Golden Triangle & Beyond

11 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,325 PER PERSON\*



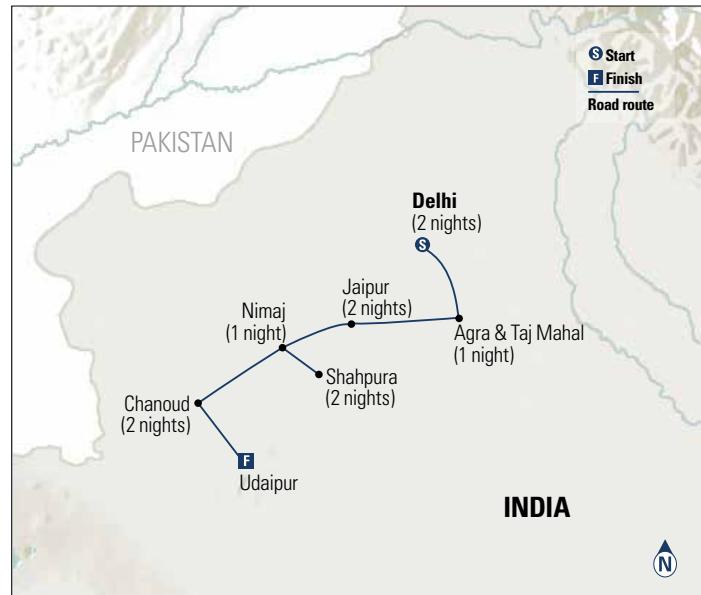
Amber Fort, Jaipur



Humayun's Tomb, Delhi

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Sleep in a traditional Rajasthani tent overlooking a breathtaking lake in Chhatra Sagar, participate in family activities and indulge in a feast prepared by your hosts.
- 📍 Watch the sun rise and set behind the glorious Taj Mahal. Take your time to notice the intricate details and perfect symmetry and marvel as the light changes.
- 📍 Visit an atmospheric Sikh temple and learn about India's many religions by welcoming local devotees.



## DAY 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at The Suryaa, New Delhi (or similar).

## DAY 2 Delhi

Explore vibrant and diverse Delhi. Take a rickshaw ride through the chaotic streets of Old Delhi before discovering some of the country's historic sites including Jama Masjid, Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb and a Sikh temple. (B)

## DAY 3 Delhi to Agra

Travel to Agra. In the afternoon, tour Agra Fort and end the day at Mehtab Bagh to enjoy sunset views of the Taj Mahal. Overnight at DoubleTree by Hilton Agra (or similar). (B)

## DAY 4 Agra to Jaipur

Enjoy an unforgettable sunrise tour of the Taj Mahal. This is a quiet, serene time with ample opportunity to explore the ornamental gardens without the crowds. Travel to the Pink City of Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri. Stay the next two nights at Samode Haveli (or similar). (B)

## DAY 5 Jaipur

Visit the Amber Fort, Palace of the Winds and the City Palace Museum and explore the city's colourful bazaars. (B)

## DAY 6 Jaipur to Nimaj

Journey to Nimaj and your comfortable tented accommodation. After lunch, take a jeep safari before a traditional Rajasthani dinner. Overnight at Chhatra Sagar. (BLD)

## DAY 7-8 Nimaj to Shahpura

Travel to Shahpura, and stay in a 120 year old mansion for the next two nights. Your hosts will take you on a tour of the Shahpura farmlands and village. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore further or visit the family fortress at sunset. Stay two nights at Shahpura Bagh. (2B)

## DAY 9 Shahpura to Chanoud Garh

Continue to historic Chanoud Garh. Take a guided tour of the property and enjoy evening drinks by the fire with your hosts. Stay the next two nights at Chanoud Garh. (BD)

## DAY 10 Chanoud Garh

Take a guided village walk and see fascinating scenes of small town life. In the evening, enjoy a sunset jeep safari into the countryside. (BLD)

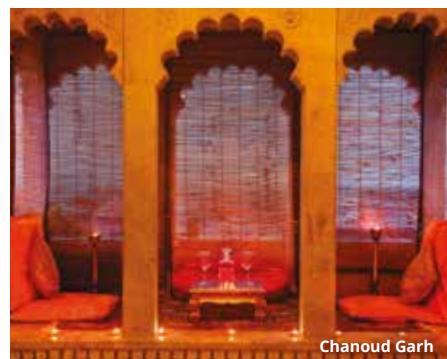
## DAY 11 Chanoud Garh to Udaipur

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to Udaipur for your onward journey. (B)

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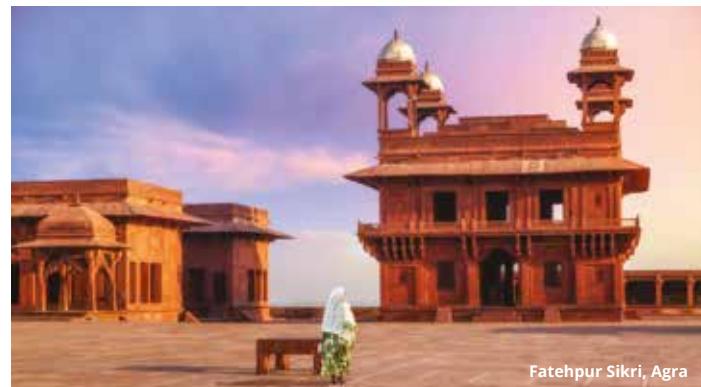
- 9 nights 3 to 4½ star hotel accommodation
- 1 night comfortable tented accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles (except jeep safaris)
- Private touring
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
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Chanoud Garh

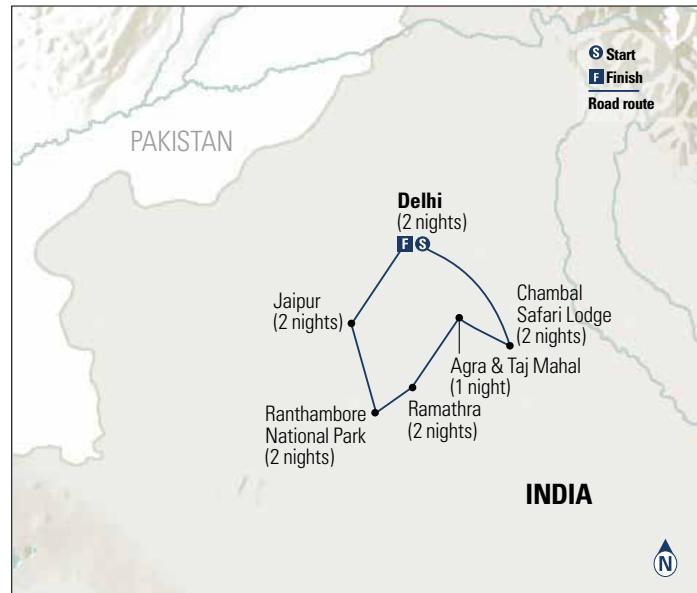
# Golden Triangle Wildlife Experience

12 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$3,539 PER PERSON\*



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Explore the Chambal River by boat on an early morning safari where you can spot crocodiles, waterbirds, otters, jackals and hyenas.
- 📍 View the magnificent Taj Mahal at sunrise. The Taj has been described as 'a vision, a dream, a poem and a wonder'.
- 📍 Discover the lively and eclectic lanes and bazaars of the Pink City, Jaipur, where you can find arts, crafts and delicious food.



## DAY 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Colonel's Retreat (or similar).

## DAY 2 Delhi

Discover the highlights of Delhi on a full day city tour. (B)

## DAY 3 Delhi to Chambal Safari Lodge

Travel to Chambal Safari Lodge via picturesque Bateshwar. Stay the next two nights at Chambal Safari Lodge. (BLD)

## DAY 4 Chambal Safari Lodge

Rise early for a river safari on the Chambal to see the endangered Gharial, a long-snouted crocodile, as well as other wildlife. Enjoy a jeep safari through remote hamlets and habitations. (BLD)

## DAY 5 Chambal Safari Lodge to Agra

Journey to Agra and visit Agra Fort. Gain your first views of the stunning Taj Mahal. Overnight at Crystal Sarovar Premiere (or similar). (B)

## DAY 6 Agra to Ramathra

See the incredible Taj Mahal as the sun rises. Later head to Fatehpur Sikri before continuing to the hilltop fort of Ramathra in remote Rajasthan. Stay the next two nights at Ramathra Fort. (BD)

## DAY 7 Ramathra

Take a village walk and Kalisil Lake cruise. (BLD)

## DAY 8 Ramathra to Ranthambore National Park

Travel through the countryside to Ranthambore National Park. Stay the next two nights at Nahargarh Ranthambore. (BLD)

## DAY 9 Ranthambore National Park

Go on a jeep safari through the rugged national park in search of the much sought-after Bengal tiger, deer, monkeys, jackal and more. (BLD)

## DAY 10 Ranthambore National Park to Jaipur

Depart Ranthambore for the journey to Jaipur. On arrival, spend the afternoon at leisure to wander the famous bazaars. Stay the next two nights at Shahpura House (or similar). (B)

## DAY 11 Jaipur

Enjoy a full day tour exploring the Pink City of Jaipur including the vast Amber Fort, the Palace of the Winds and the City Palace Museum. (B)

## DAY 12 Jaipur or Delhi

Be transferred to the airport or Delhi for your onward journey. (B)

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## INCLUDES:

- 7 nights 3 to 5 star hotel accommodation
- 4 nights lodge accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles (except jeep safaris)
- Private touring
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



## DELHI HOTELS



Standard Room

**COLONEL'S RETREAT**

Located in a popular and quiet, leafy suburb of Delhi, Colonel's Retreat features brightly decorated rooms with comfortable furnishings, a range of amenities and complimentary wireless internet. Relax on the rooftop terrace overlooking the surrounding area or explore the range of shops and restaurants nearby. This property is a great choice if you are seeking comfort on a budget.

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Deluxe Room

**THE SURYAA, NEW DELHI**

Situated in Delhi's south, The Suryaa New Delhi offers a combination of comfort, service and affordability not easily found in India's capital. The 244 rooms are aesthetically designed with modern furnishings and minimalist interiors, providing the ultimate in comfort and convenience. All rooms feature plasma televisions, wireless internet, spacious bathrooms and views over the city.

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**MAIDENS HOTEL**

This heritage hotel boasts a sweeping driveway and a grand façade – a glorious illustration of old-world European charm. Spacious rooms and suites are centrally air-conditioned, with amenities such as a mini bar, tea and coffee maker, LCD television with satellite channels and wireless internet. Elegant restaurants retain the old-world charm and showcase the true essence of the Colonial era. Savour the best of Indian cuisine as well as dishes from around the world.

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**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Standard Room)
- Full breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Delhi Airport

**from \$179\*** 2 nights per person



The Claridges Room

**THE CLARIDGES**

This luxurious hotel combines old-world charm and hospitality with contemporary convenience. The Claridges is centrally located within a five minute drive of the National Museum and Lodhi Garden. Each elegantly-decorated room is spacious with a colonial style and features a mini bar, complimentary wireless internet and plasma televisions. Relax by the lovely pool or with a massage, and dine on North Indian or Mediterranean cuisine at one of the great restaurants.

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Heritage Room

**THE IMPERIAL**

The Imperial is one of India's true colonial icons. The property boasts a palatial grand design which melds perfectly with Raj-era history and modern luxury. Each room is spacious with lofty ceilings and an old-world ambience. A variety of restaurants offer a range of cuisines from South-East Asian and Pan-Indian to Italian. Each restaurant has an interesting tale to tell on account of its origin or inspiration. The two bars feature an impressive and extensive range of beverages.

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**TAJ MAHAL HOTEL**

Located in the heart of Delhi, the Taj Mahal Hotel is an architectural delight offering old-world elegance with modern comforts. Each of the 292 rooms, designed with the perfect balance of traditional accents and contemporary style, offers stunning aerial views of Delhi's historic skyline. Be treated to exquisite hospitality at one of the hotel's six restaurants, each offering an authentic and innovative dining experience. Rejuvenate at the hotel's day spa or relax by the pool surrounded by lush gardens.

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**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Deluxe Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Delhi Airport

**from \$299\*** 2 nights per person

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Imperial Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Delhi Airport

**from \$439\*** 2 nights per person

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Double Deluxe Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Delhi Airport

**from \$499\*** 2 nights per person

## DELHI EXPERIENCES



### **Tea Tasting** 2 Hours / Private

Join Mr Mittal, a tea sommelier who founded his own tea company, on an incredible journey about tea. Learn about the art of creating the perfect cup of tea.

Tea is an important commodity in India. The tea leaf was responsible for pioneering trade links, driving global commerce, establishing colonies, encouraging piracy, sparking off a revolution, and finding curative uses for everything from love bites to aging!

from **\$65\*** per person  
Minimum 2 people

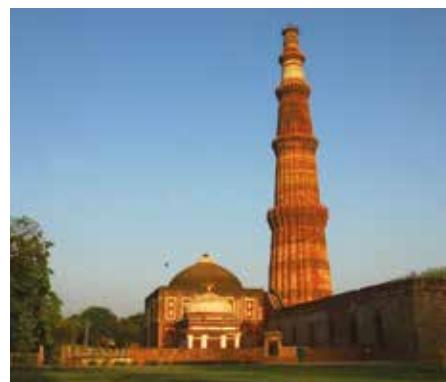


### **Yoga with an Expert** 2 Hours / Private

Experience a personalised Yoga session as you are guided through various postures, breathing techniques and philosophical essence.

Yoga comprises of techniques that lead to harmony between the inner self and the eternal environment, between thought and action, between the individual and the world. While the practice has spread far and wide, Yoga in India is an enriching experience for all age groups.

from **\$107\*** per person



### **Delhi Qutab Minar & Hauz Khas** Half Day / Private

Discover one of Delhi's most ancient and fascinating sites, the Qutab Minar. Built in the 13th century by Delhi's first Muslim rulers, the victory tower is surrounded by ruins of other historic structures in beautiful park-like surroundings.

Travel to the nearby bohemian-style village suburb of Hauz Khas, with its numerous galleries, boutiques, cafés and restaurants. Spend time shopping, enjoy a meal or relax with a coffee.

Note: This tour is best experienced during the afternoon.

from **\$112\*** per person



### **Cooking with a Local Family** 3 Hours / Private

Take part in an unforgettable cooking class and learn about the wonderful flavours of Indian cuisine.

Join your host and prepare some simple, homely fare. Gain an insight into the daily life of a local family, write down secret home recipes, help with the preparations or simply chat with your welcoming hosts. Smell, taste and use some of the ingredients that you will find in the cuisine as you travel through the country, and learn the rich legacy of spices.

from **\$161\*** per person



### **Agra by Train** Full Day / Private

Rise early and travel approximately two hours by train from Delhi to Agra. On arrival in Agra, meet your local English-speaking guide and explore Agra Fort which is testament to the power and family intrigue of the Mughals.

Visit the unforgettable Taj Mahal, a universal symbol of love built from white marble. Dating from the 17th century, explore the fine gardens, domes and terraces for ever-changing views of the Taj. Return to Delhi on an express train.

from **\$388\*** per person



### **Golden Temple City Stay** 3 Days / Private

Amritsar is home to the Golden Temple, the centre of Sikh faith. Spend time at the temple which is framed by a holy pond creating a sense of timeless serenity. Soak up the magical atmosphere of the Sikh religion's most revered temple as prayers are read from the holy book. Visit Jalianwallah Bagh, and stop at the Partition Museum.

Travel to the India-Pakistan border for an unusual ceremony where border guards face off as flags are lowered.

from **\$424\*** per person

## AGRA HOTELS



**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON AGRA** PAGE 12  
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Located in the heart of Agra, this property offers views of the stunning Taj Mahal from the pool area. Each room is modern and stylish in design and showcases a range of amenities. Enjoy fine dining at the four restaurants which offer cuisine from around the world, relax with a drink by the infinity pool or indulge with a treatment at the day spa.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Guest Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Agra Airport

from **\$139\*** 2 nights per person



**COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT** PAGE 12  
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Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Agra at Courtyard by Marriott. Located minutes from the magnificent Taj Mahal, the resort offers modern comforts in a city bursting with historic wonders. With four unique restaurants dishing up a diverse dining experience, guests can indulge in fine wines, cocktails and delicious cuisine. Refresh by the sparkling pool or keep your workout routine at the state-of-the-art fitness centre.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Double Deluxe Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Agra Airport

from **\$169\*** 2 nights per person



**THE GATEWAY HOTEL** PAGE 12  
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Set on six acres of magnificently manicured gardens, The Gateway Hotel offers beautiful views of the iconic Taj Mahal. Guests can indulge in authentic Indian massages at the hotel's day spa or enjoy the spectacular views and culinary delights at the rooftop restaurant. The outdoor pool is a standout feature of the hotel with traditional shapes and bold tiles offering the ideal place to relax after exploring nearby landmarks.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Standard Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Agra Airport

from **\$199\*** 2 nights per person



**TRIDENT AGRA** PAGE 12  
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Beautifully landscaped gardens and flowing water fountains welcome you to the charming Trident Agra.

Built in beautiful red stone, reminiscent of the Mughal era, the hotel features 135 rooms overlooking the courtyard and lush gardens. Soak up picturesque views of the history-rich city or indulge in fine dining and luxurious spa therapies.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Deluxe Garden View Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Agra Airport

from **\$225\*** 2 nights per person



**ITC MUGHAL** PAGE 12  
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Sprawled over 35 acres of luxurious gardens, and in close proximity to the Taj Mahal, ITC Mughal is a fitting tribute to the great Mughal builders of the past. Opulent rooms and suites are full of splendour and perfection, which was the hallmark of the Mughal Dynasty. Enjoy the recreational facilities including jogging tracks, two stunning swimming pools and children's play area. Indulge with a range of fine dining options or a luxurious treatment at the day spa.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Chamber of Emperor Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Agra Airport

from **\$229\*** 2 nights per person



**OBEROI AMARVILAS** PAGE 12  
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Oberoi Amarvilas is the only hotel in Agra to offer uninterrupted views of the Taj Mahal from each of its luxurious rooms.

With cascading fountains, lush gardens and traditional Indian architecture surrounding reflection pools and pavilions, elements of the resort's layout and design pays homage to the nearby Mughal splendour.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Premier Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Agra Airport

from **\$1,209\*** 2 nights per person

## JAIPUR HOTELS

**SHAHPURA HOUSE**

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Situated in a quiet, leafy suburban area only minutes from the old city, this heritage-style hotel evokes the region's grand history with its traditional Rajput architecture. Cosy bedrooms open onto small sitting rooms with antique-styled chairs and stained glass panels. Rooms are dressed in a Haveli style and feature marble bathrooms. Relax by the small courtyard pool and enjoy dining on the rooftop terrace or in the colourful ground floor restaurant and bar.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Suite)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jaipur Airport

**from \$209\*** 2 nights per person

**TRIDENT JAIPUR**

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Located en route to the famous Amber Fort, Trident Jaipur offers stunning views of the Mansagar Lake and Jal Mahal. Tastefully appointed, the rooms are well-lit and airy, and offer all modern amenities such as an LCD television, a personal bar and complimentary high speed internet. An intimate 'jharkha' window, at the end of each room is perfect to take in panoramic views. Hotel facilities include a kids' club, two restaurants and a bar.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Deluxe Garden View Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jaipur Airport

**from \$265\*** 2 nights per person

**DERA MANDAWA**

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This stylish historic home has been converted into a classic Jaipur heritage hotel by its delightful ancestral owners, Durga Singh and his wife. Set around a garden courtyard with terraces and lounge areas, this all-suite heritage hotel is a personalised and peaceful escape from bustling Jaipur. Suites are individually-styled with unique furnishings, beautiful arches and local fabrics. Cuisine is home-style and superb, with interactive cooking demonstrations a feature.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Suite)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jaipur Airport

**from \$345\*** 2 nights per person

**JAI MAHAL PALACE, JAIPUR**

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A former Governor's residence, the property retains an old-world ambience and style reflecting its 300 year history. With a great location in the heart of the Pink City, the hotel is close to shopping areas and historical sites. Each room evokes the rich style of Rajasthan with a contemporary twist, and is equipped with all modern day comforts. Rooms offer unbeatable views of the city and palace gardens. Savour the best flavours at the two restaurants, enjoy a cocktail or indulge at the day spa.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Luxury Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jaipur Airport

**from \$439\*** 2 nights per person

**ALILA FORT BISHANGARH,  
NEAR JAIPUR**

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Perched upon a granite hill, this 230 year old warrior fort has been recreated into one of India's most unique heritage properties. Rooms come with expansive bathrooms, bathtubs and large daybeds. Turrets, cellars and secret passages have been turned into bars and lounges. Spa Alila, carved out between granite rocks in the old dungeon, provides an atmospheric setting for relaxation. Down the hill is the Haveli, offering a pool, bar, fitness centre and kids' club.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Heritage Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jaipur Airport

**from \$479\*** 2 nights per person

**RAMBAGH PALACE**

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Built in 1835, Rambagh Palace is one of India's royal icons offering an opulent experience of historic India. Sitting on 47 landscaped acres, impressive public areas give way to historic rooms, each with excellent facilities and a style reflecting the royal era. Relax in the tented spa or at the indoor and outdoor pools. Enjoy drinks or tea overlooking the manicured terrace lawns.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Palace Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jaipur Airport

**from \$1,085\*** 2 nights per person

## RAJASTHAN HOTELS

**LAKSHMAN SAGAR, NIMAJ**PAGE 12  
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Lakshman Sagar, a historic hunting lodge, is spread over 32 acres along a lake in picture-perfect surroundings. Rooms are nestled into the contours of the hills and their design takes influence from local village life and culture. Interiors are brightly decorated and each room opens onto a private splash pool. Activities include nature walks, local experiences such as goat herding and dining on traditional cuisine that includes special hunting recipes of the Raipur family.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Luxury Cottage)
- Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner daily

from **\$659\*** 2 nights per person

**RATAN VILAS, JODHPUR**PAGE 12  
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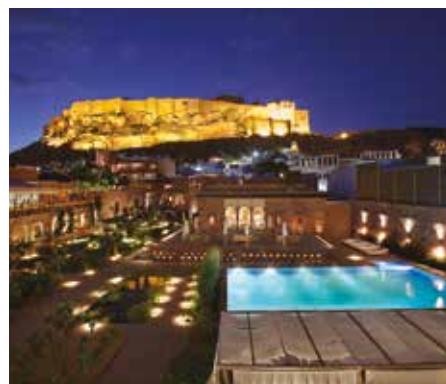
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Ratan Vilas is situated in a leafy setting just two kilometres from Jodhpur's old city. Rooms are decorated with period furniture, charming Indian fabrics, delicate hand block prints and interesting family photographs. Inviting, spacious and well-appointed, rooms offer an eternal old world charm blended with all modern amenities and an emphasis on quality. Explore the sprawling gardens and relax by the swimming pool.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Courtyard Standard Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jodhpur Airport or Station

from **\$179\*** 2 nights per person

**RAAS JODHPUR, JODHPUR**PAGE 12  
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Sitting at the foot of the mighty Meherangarh Fort, this luxury hotel combines old and new in a unique blend. Its ancient red stone and jali screens contrast with modern, streamlined interiors. Each room features a balcony or terrace, most with fort views. Relax by the heated swimming pool or at the superb Baradari Cafe, refresh in the enchanting spa or explore the adjoining beautifully restored stepwell.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Garden View Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jodhpur Airport or Station

from **\$405\*** 2 nights per person

**UMAID BHAWAN PALACE,  
JODHPUR**PAGE 12  
MAP REF.

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A landmark property overlooking Jodhpur, this large Art Deco Umaid Bhawan Palace is truly impressive. It features sprawling gardens, opulent, traditional décor, a stunning rooftop restaurant and luxurious facilities including its own museum. Rooms are a treat for the senses and are designed for comfort. Exquisitely embellished with a blend of original décor from princely times and the latest convenience, the unique rooms also boast great views.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Palace Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jodhpur Airport or Station

from **\$995\*** 2 nights per person

**ROHET GARH, NEAR JODHPUR**PAGE 12  
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Built in 1622, this charming family-run heritage retreat is located close to Jodhpur. In a small town on the Jodhpur-Udaipur road, this property features cosy heritage rooms, each unique in design and décor, set around a leafy garden courtyard. Relax by the swimming pool and find a quiet place for relaxation. Home-style cuisine is delectable and activities include village safaris and horse riding.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Super Deluxe Room)
- Full breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jodhpur Airport or Station

from **\$305\*** 2 nights per person

**MIHIR GARH, ROHET GARH,  
NEAR JODHPUR**PAGE 12  
MAP REF.

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Discover exclusivity set against a wild desert backdrop near Rohet Garh. Indulge in this modern fortress, boasting just nine suites, each featuring a private plunge pool or Jacuzzi, and a terrace with views across the untamed plains. Pamper yourself at Vilasa spa or rejuvenate by the pool while watching the endless deserts meditate with the horizons. The delectable cuisines from traditional to continental also aim to please.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Alishan Suite)
- À la carte breakfast daily

from **\$1,109\*** 2 nights per person

## RAJASTHAN HOTELS



**SHAHPURA BAGH, SHAHPURA** PAGE 12  
MAP REF. 7

This historic home turned luxurious countryside guesthouse is a Rajasthan favourite. Set in extensive gardens adjoining a lake, the bagh remains family-run and a charming experience of rural India. Each room is spacious and beautifully decorated, and the pool is a welcome feature on warmer autumn and spring days. Enjoy home-style dinners and the opportunity to mingle with your hosts and fellow guests. Visits to the family farm and fort are included.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Suite)
- Light breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jaipur

from **\$719\*** 2 nights per person



**THE GULAL HAVELI,  
JAISALMER** PAGE 12  
MAP REF. 8

Set in a quiet location, this boutique property is close to Jaisalmer's old town. The hotel is built of Jaisalmer golden sandstone and is adorned with traditional furniture and Rajasthani textiles. Carved stonework is featured throughout the property with each room offering bay windows or small terraces. The rooftop restaurant offers a view of the fort, and specialises in Indian Rajasthani and international cuisine. The swimming pool and spa offers an additional delight.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Deluxe Room)
- Light breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jaisalmer Station

from **\$205\*** 2 nights per person



**SURYAGARH, JAISALMER** PAGE 12  
MAP REF. 8

Built in the style of a desert palace in golden sandstone, this opulent hotel is a short distance from Jaisalmer and features fine Rajasthani design elements, colours and fabrics. Stay in a comfortable palace room or a lavish suite boasting modern luxuries with local flourishes. Indulge with a delicious meal at the Indian or international restaurants nestled around a courtyard garden.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Palace Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jaisalmer Station

from **\$349\*** 2 nights per person



**CHANOUD GARH, CHANOUD** PAGE 12  
MAP REF. 9

A heritage home-stay is the perfect place to break the drive from Jodhpur to Udaipur. Each spacious room is unique with ornate original features and a modern bathroom. Enjoy being hosted by the delightful Chanoud family at meals and fireside evening drinks. Tours of the local village and farmlands are a highlight, with warm welcomes from the local people. This really is one of those 'only in Rajasthan' experiences.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Deluxe Suite)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Jodhpur

from **\$629\*** 2 nights per person



**FATEH NIWAS, UDAIPUR** PAGE 12  
MAP REF. 10

Built in local architectural design, this property is set in a leafy area on the outskirts of Udaipur. Each generously sized room is stylish and classic with huge windows, many of which offer lovely views of the local area. Featuring wooden interiors and marble flooring, rooms are a true portrayal of the royal class of living and offer a blend of urban comfort. Enjoy a royal gourmet experience at the ground floor and rooftop restaurants. Many activities are on offer including jeep safaris, horse riding and private dining options.

**Includes:**

- 2 nights accommodation (Deluxe Room)
- Light breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Udaipur Airport

from **\$235\*** 2 nights per person



**TAJ LAKE PALACE, UDAIPUR** PAGE 12  
MAP REF. 10

Built in 1746 for the Udaipur royal family, the Taj Lake Palace is beautifully set on the waters of Lake Pichola with views across to Udaipur. Each opulent guestroom is rich in history and royal Mewari style, and elegant bathrooms often boast spectacular views. Laze by the pool or dine on exquisite regional specialties, then explore the ornamental gardens and daybeds dotting the grounds. This property is one of the world's most iconic hotels.

**Includes:**

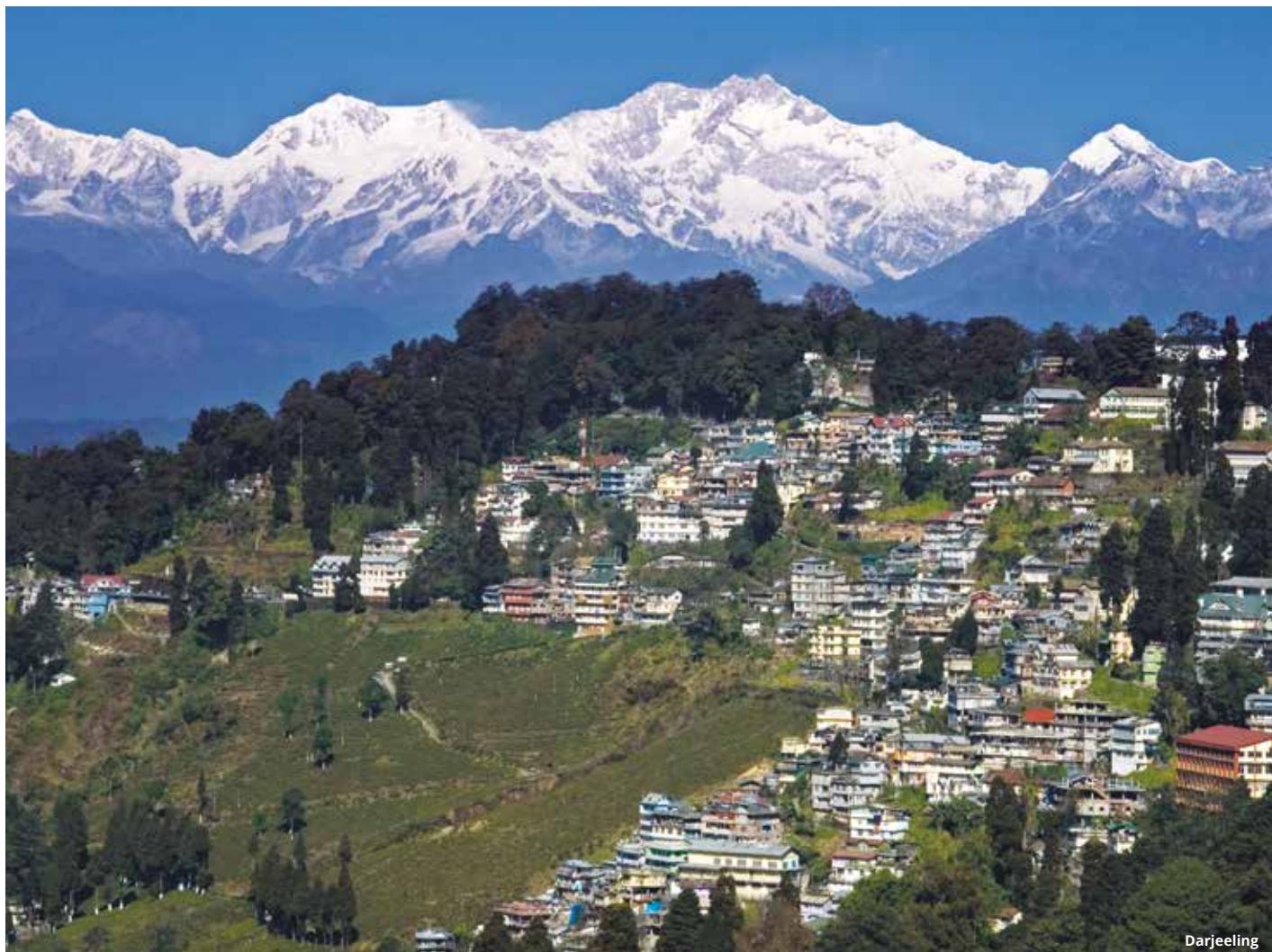
- 2 nights accommodation (Luxury Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Udaipur Airport

from **\$1,105\*** 2 nights per person

# The Himalayas

Spectacular landscapes and beautiful hill scenery are all highlights of the Indian Himalayas.

This stunning region is home to some of India's great experiences including quaint, Raj-era towns, traditional villages and enlightening Buddhist centres.



Darjeeling



## Darjeeling

With its steep tea-covered hillsides set against some of the world's highest peaks, the Darjeeling region offers Himalayan beauty at its best. Stay in the town itself, or outside on the magnificent Glenburn Tea Estate.

## Amritsar

Amritsar is home to the Harmandir Sahib, Sikhism's holiest shrine. A visit here offers an incredible experience with the reflection of the golden temple over the water and the sight of visiting pilgrims unforgettable.

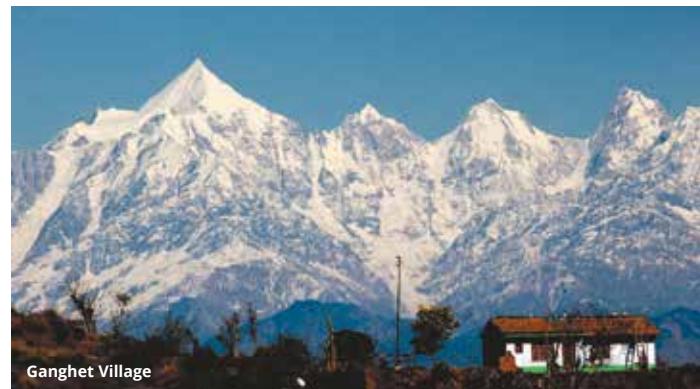


# Itmenaan Himalayas & Villages

5 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,429 PER PERSON\*



Almora



Ganghet Village

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit Chitai Temple, dedicated to Golu Devta, the God of Justice. People come to make a wish seeking justice, and once fulfilled, they hang a brass bell.
- Enjoy two days of walking through rhododendron and pine forests, along ridges with beautiful views and past local temples and villages.
- Stay in the fairytale Itmenaan Estate and enjoy the peaceful rural setting of the Kumaon Himalayas.

## DAY 1 Delhi to Itmenaan Estate

Early this morning, board the train at New Delhi Railway Station bound for Kathgodam. On arrival, journey to Itmenaan Estate. Set in a peaceful rural setting in the Kumaon Himalayas, the 10 acre estate includes virgin pine, oak and rhododendron trees; terraced fields laden with seasonal fruits and vegetables; and a small private perennial natural spring. The estate offers panoramic views of the Himalayas including the majestic Nanda Devi. Overnight at Itmenaan Estate. (LD)

## DAY 2 Itmenaan Estate to Thikalna Village House

After a leisurely breakfast, travel to Almora town, stopping briefly at the charming Chitai Temple. At Almora town, situated at an altitude of 1,650 metres, enjoy the interesting bazaar and good views of the mountains. Overnight Thikalna Village House. (BLD)

## DAY 3 Thikalna Village House to Ganghet Village House

After a leisurely breakfast, walk along the ridge towards Bridh Jageshwar temple complex (2,229 metres) with views of the Nanda Devi range on your left. Spend some time at the temple, lesser known than the Jageshwar temples, but

as equally stunning. The next hour of the walk journeys through forest, with the occasional uphill and downhill stretches before the climb down to the ridge of Naini. Continue walking to the Temple of Jageshwar (1,780 metres) for another one hour. The temples at Jageshwar are believed to have been constructed between the eighth century and the 18th century. Enjoy a picnic lunch, followed by an hours' uphill walk to the villages of Gurdabaj and Ganghet. Spend the evening by the bonfire. Overnight at Ganghet Village House. (BLD)

## DAY 4 Ganghet Village House to Itmenaan Estate

After breakfast, walk downhill to the temple of Jhankarsim. The temple is one of the most famous temples of the region dedicated to deity Siam. The next two hour downhill stretch will take you through multiple villages in the area and will provide an excellent opportunity to interact with the locals. Enjoy a picnic lunch before a two hour uphill trek bringing you to Itmenaan Estate. Overnight at Itmenaan Estate. (BLD)

## DAY 5 Itmenaan Estate to Delhi

This morning, depart the estate and be transferred to Kathgodam for your return train to Delhi. (BL)

Note: A reasonable level of fitness is required.



## INCLUDES:

- 4 nights village stay accommodation
- Return train from Delhi to Kathgodam
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Guided walks with porters
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Jageshwar

# Glenburn Darjeeling Experience

5 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,875 PER PERSON\*



Glenburn Tea Estate, Suite



Darjeeling

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Discover where some of the world's best tea is grown in the beautiful hillside city of Darjeeling. View the rolling green hills backdropped by the Himalayan mountains.
- 📍 Visit the lively and vibrant bazaar of Chowrastha in Darjeeling to browse the shops and taste local cuisine.
- 📍 Spot Tibetan wolves, Red pandas, Snow leopards and other rare Himalayan animals at India's largest high altitude zoo in Darjeeling.



## DAY 1 Bagdogra to Glenburn Tea Estate

On arrival, be transferred to Glenburn Tea Estate, a delightful plantation retreat on a hilltop above the River Rungtee in the eastern Himalayas. Home to generations of tea planters, the Glenburn Tea Estate was originally established in 1860 and remains today a working tea estate, owned and run by the Prakash family.

The historic estate bungalow has been stylishly restored and decorated, with wonderfully cosy guest rooms each with unique features, including a four-poster bed, large rain shower and hand embroidered bed linens. Meals are a highlight with delicious fresh ingredients and home-style cooking. Sample a range of cuisine, from local and traditional Indian dishes, to exotic South East Asian delicacies and a variety of European dishes. Stay the next three nights at Glenburn Tea Estate. (D)

## DAY 2 Glenburn Tea Estate

After breakfast, explore the beautiful estate with its acres of tea fields and private forests, and enjoy the breathtaking mountain scenery and serenity. Wander through a local village and end the morning with a visit to the tea factory. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure. (BLD)

## DAY 3 Glenburn Tea Estate

Enjoy a free day at the estate today. There is plenty to do including walking, trekking, fishing, bird watching or simply relaxing on the verandah enjoying the Himalayan views with a good book. (BLD)

## DAY 4 Glenburn Tea Estate to Darjeeling

This morning travel to the hill station of Darjeeling, located in the West Bengal Hills. Darjeeling is world famous for its tea production which dominates the landscape around the town as well as the local economy. Created by the British as a military and administrative centre to escape the heat of the plains, it retains a special ambience to this day. Visit Chowrastha, a crowded and colourful bazaar, before heading to the Himalayan Institute, a centre for mountaineer training established after Tenzing Norgay climbed Everest. Afterwards, marvel at high altitude wildlife including Snow leopards, Red pandas, Tibetan wolf and yak at the Zoological Park. Overnight at Winderemere Hotel (or similar). (B)

## DAY 5 Darjeeling to Bagdogra

Enjoy breakfast before travelling from Darjeeling to Bagdogra where your journey ends. (B)

## INCLUDES:

- 4 nights 3 to 4 star hotel/estate accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Tea Plantation

# Himalayan Foothills Explorer

**9 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,949 PER PERSON\***

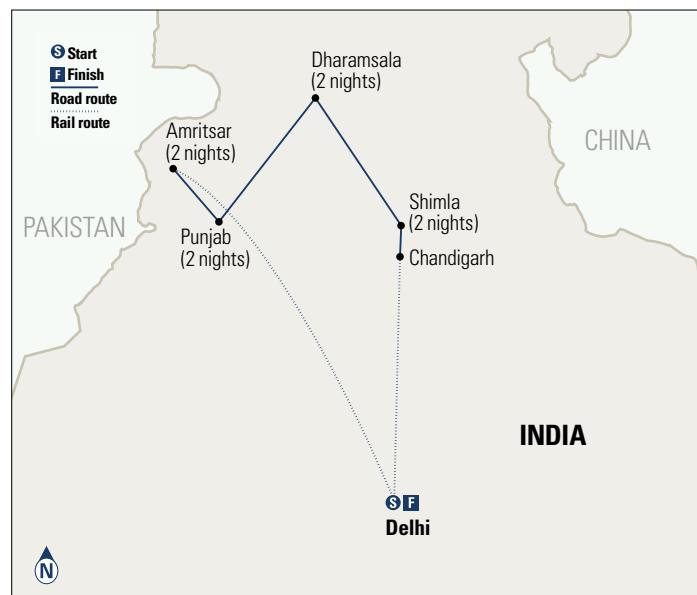


## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Hop on board one of India's greatest train experiences, the Himalayan Queen toy train. Enjoy the scenery as you wind around the scenic mountainside.
- 📍 Experience the way of life of the Tibetan monks at the Tsuglag Khang Complex and Namgyal Monastery, home of the Dalai Lama.
- 📍 Wander through rows of citrus trees and savour the serene lifestyle of rural Punjab at a family farm stay.



Toy Train, Shimla



## DAY 1 Delhi to Shimla

Be transferred to the station and travel by train to Chandigarh, then travel by road through the hills to the small village of Shimla. Stay the next two nights at Oberoi Clarks (or similar). (B)

## DAY 2 Shimla

This morning, board the Himalayan Queen toy train which passes through 103 tunnels and over 969 bridges from Shimla to Kalka. The historic train has a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the greatest narrow-gauge engineering marvel in India, with 48 tunnels between Shimla and Kandaghat. At Kandaghat, travel back to Shimla by road and visit the stately Viceregal Lodge. In the evening, visit Gaiety Theatre and Christ Church followed by a leisurely walk on the Mall Road, flanked by rows of half-timbered buildings with a profusion of restaurants, bars and colourful shops. End your evening at the highest point, Scandal Point. (B)

## DAY 3 Shimla to Dharamsala

Travel to picturesque Dharamsala, the spiritual centre of Tibetan Buddhism in India, and enjoy the spectacular snow-capped peaks and surrounding thick cedar trees. Stay the next two nights at Fortune Park Moksha (or similar). (B)

## DAY 4 Dharamsala

Wander through the Dalai Lama Temple decorated with its colourful prayer flags, perfect for a serene walk or morning meditation with chanting monks. Visit the Tsuglag Khang Complex and Namgyal Monastery, which is the home of the Dalai Lama and the largest Tibetan temple outside Tibet.

## DAY 5 Dharamsala to Punjab

Travel to Punjab and enjoy a farm stay in India's richest farming state. Stay the next two nights at Citrus Country (or similar). (BLD)

## DAY 6 Punjab

Take a guided walk through a citrus farm and see life in the local village. (BLD)

## DAY 7 Punjab to Amritsar

Travel to Amritsar and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Stay the next two nights at Country Inn & Suites (or similar). (B)

## DAY 8 Amritsar

In Amritsar, visit the stunning Golden Temple, spiritual centre of the Sikh religion. (B)

## DAY 9 Amritsar to Delhi

Travel by train from Amritsar to Delhi where your journey ends. (B)

## INCLUDES:

- 6 nights 3 to 4 star hotel accommodation
- 2 nights comfortable tented accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Prayer Wheels, Dharamsala

# Himalayas & Central India Explorer

18 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$4,895 PER PERSON\*



Golden Temple, Amritsar



Varanasi

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Visit the Golden Temple in Amritsar, possibly the most sublime of India's countless places of worship and the holiest shrine of the Sikh religion.
- 📍 In Varanasi, see pilgrims bathing in the holy River Ganges at dawn and witness an Aarti ceremony.
- 📍 Go in search of tigers and other wildlife on a jeep safari in Bandhavgarh National Park.



## DAYS 1-2 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, be transferred to your hotel. The following day, see Humayun's Tomb, Jama Masjid and more on a city tour. Stay the next two nights at Colonel's Retreat (or similar). (B)

## DAYS 3-4 Delhi to Shimla

Travel by train to Chandigarh, then travel by road to Shimla. Enjoy a ride on the Himalayan Queen toy train and walk on Mall Road, featuring some of the town's beautiful colonial architecture. Stay two nights at Oberoi Clarks (or similar). (2B)

## DAYS 5-6 Shimla to Dharamsala

Travel most of the day to Dharamsala. Visit the Dalai Lama Temple, the Tsuglag Khang Complex and Namgyal Monastery. Stay two nights at Fortune Park Moksha (or similar). (2B)

## DAYS 7-8 Dharamsala to Punjab

Descend to the farming plains of Punjab and take a guided walk through a farm. Stay two nights at Citrus Country (or similar). (2B,2L,2D)

## DAYS 9-10 Punjab to Amritsar

Journey to Amritsar, home to the Golden Temple. Travel to the Wagah border post to see the flag-lowering ceremony. Stay two nights at Country Inn & Suites (or similar). (2B)

## DAYS 11-12 Amritsar to Varanasi

Fly to Varanasi via Delhi. Witness an evening Aarti ceremony. Rise early for a sunrise cruise on the Ganges to watch the ghats (river steps) come to life. Stay two nights at The Clarks Varanasi (or similar). (2B)

## DAYS 13-14 Varanasi to Bandhavgarh National Park

Fly from Varanasi to Khajuraho, before continuing on to Bandhavgarh National Park. Enjoy two safaris in search of wildlife. Stay two nights at Kings Lodge (or similar). (2B,1L,2D)

## DAY 15 Bandhavgarh National Park to Khajuraho

Enjoy a final safari before heading to Khajuraho to visit the erotic temples. Overnight at Hotel Radisson (or similar). (BL)

## DAY 16 Khajuraho to Orchha

Travel to Orchha. Overnight at Amar Mahal (or similar). (B)

## DAYS 17-18 Orchha to Agra via Gwalior

Explore the Jehangir Palace and Raja Mahal. Travel to Gwalior and visit the imposing fort before heading to Agra for your onward journey. Overnight at Hotel Landmark (or similar). (2B)

## INCLUDES:

- 15 nights 3 to 5 star hotel accommodation
- 2 nights comfortable tented accommodation
- Train from New Delhi to Chandigarh
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Bandhavgarh National Park jeep safaris
- Wagah Border toy train ride
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Shimla

# South India

India's verdant southern region is criss-crossed with tropical waterways and backed by tea, spice and rainforest-covered hills. Add to this, coastal towns, home to arguably the mainland's finest beaches.



Kovalam



## Goa Beaches

Laze away your days on the beautiful beaches of Goa and soak up the relaxed atmosphere of your beachside resort.

Apart from its fine ocean beaches, Goa features Portuguese architecture, cuisine and religion.



## Kerala Backwaters

The Kerala Backwaters are a maze of canals, rivers, lakes and tropical waterways. Take a private kettuvallam – a converted barge-style houseboat – and cruise in comfort as you sample delicious Keralan dishes.

### HOTEL REF.

⑤ Goa

### INDIA

- Mangalore ✈ • Bangalore ✈
- Bekal ⑥ Nagarhole
- National Park
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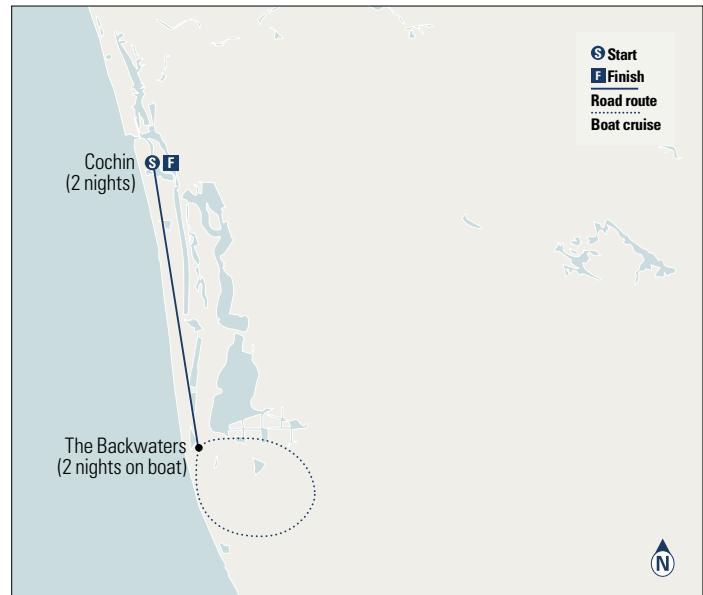
# Cochin & The Backwaters

**5 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$659 PER PERSON\***



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Enjoy a leisurely two day cruise on the Kerala Backwaters, a chain of brackish lagoons and lakes lying parallel to the Arabian Sea coast of Kerala.
- 📍 View the long Chapakulam Chundan (snake boats) used for the Champakulan Moolam Boat Race. Each boat belongs to a village and villagers worship the boat like a deity.
- 📍 Wander through the exciting city of Cochin and view the famous Chinese fishing nets on the seashore.



## DAY 1 Cochin

On arrival in Cochin, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Tea Bungalow (or similar).

## DAY 2 Cochin

Enjoy a leisurely walk through this historic cosmopolitan city. Built around a saltwater lagoon of the Arabian Sea, Cochin is a collection of narrow islands and peninsula and is the main trading centre for spices and seafood.

While the mainland boasts concrete shopping malls and upmarket apartment buildings, the Fort area has an old-world charm with its blend of Dutch, Portuguese and English bungalows and quaint narrow streets. Visit the charming Pardesi Synagogue and surrounding antique and spice trading streets. (B)

## DAY 3 Cochin to The Backwaters

Travel by road to the Backwaters and board your houseboat just after noon. Sit back and relax as you travel along the peaceful and picturesque palm-lined network of lagoons, lakes and canals. Begin cruising to C' Block Kayal and Mancombu, enjoy a village walk and visit Mancombu Sri Bhagavathy Temple.

Continue cruising to your anchor point for the night. Stay the next two nights on board a houseboat. (BLD)

## DAY 4 The Backwaters

After breakfast, begin cruising to Champakulam, a riverside rice village on the banks of the Pampa River, resplendent in green paddy fields, coconut groves and water fowl. Visit Champakulam Chundan, the village boat used in the famous backwater snake boat races, as well as St Mary's Ferona Church, built in 1870 making it the oldest Syrian Church in India, before hunting for a bargain at the village market.

After lunch, cruise through the villages of Thakazhy and Thottappally before reaching the sleepy village of Karumadi. Here, visit the Karumadi Kuttan temple, dedicated to the Lord Buddha, which holds an 11th century granite statue of the idol which locals believe has healing power. Karumadi is an area of serenity and calmness, take a stroll around the whole region and soak up the beauty of the village. Cruise towards anchor point for the night. (BLD)

## DAY 5 The Backwaters to Cochin

After breakfast, cruise to Pallathuruthy to disembark and be transferred to Cochin. (B)

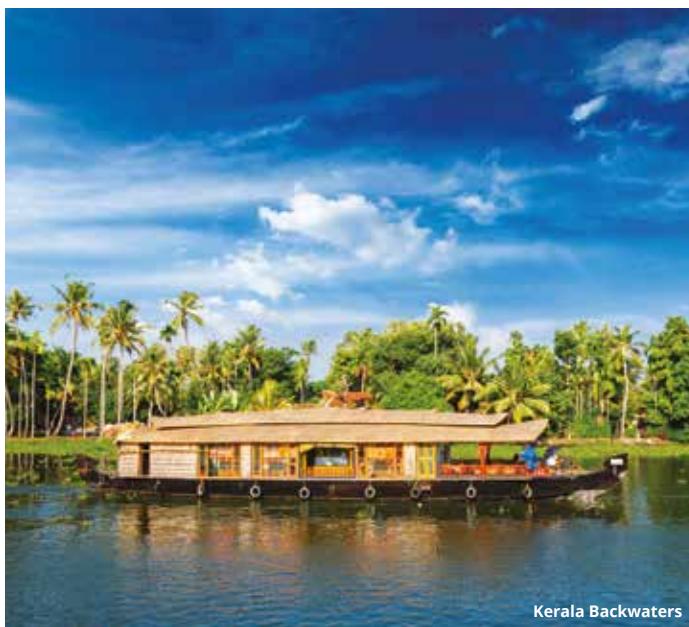
## INCLUDES:

- 2 nights 3 ½ hotel accommodation
- 2 nights houseboat accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Cochin City full day tour
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



# Mysore to The Backwaters

12 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$3,099 PER PERSON\*



Kerala Backwaters



Nagarhole National Park

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Visit the colourful markets of Mysore, and explore the surrounding areas which are home to magnificent temples and Hindu art.
- 📍 Follow the meandering waterways of the Keralan backwaters on a kettuvalam – a converted Keralan houseboat.
- 📍 Discover India's largest elephant herd at Nagarhole National Park.



## DAY 1 Bangalore to Mysore

Travel to Mysore stopping en route at the former capital of Srirangapatnam. Stay the next two nights at Hotel Metropole (or similar).

## DAY 2 Mysore

Visit the Devaraja Market famed for its colourful displays of fresh flowers, fruits and dyes. Explore the Mysore City Palace and Chamundi Hill with its famous statue of Nandi, the giant bull. (B)

## DAYS 3-4 Mysore to Nagarhole National Park

Journey to Nagarhole National Park and stay at a lakeside safari lodge. Enjoy spotting an array of wildlife including elephants and tigers during a boat cruise and a sunrise jeep safari. Stay two nights at The Serai Kabini (or similar). (2B,2L,2D)

## DAY 5 Nagarhole National Park to Coonoor

Explore the beautiful Nilgiri Hills as you travel to the British-colonial tea town of Coonoor. Stay the next two nights at Hotel Teanest (or similar). (B)

## DAY 6 Coonoor

This morning, board the Nilgiri Queen toy train up to Ooty. Explore St Stephens Church and the Botanical Gardens. Be transferred back to Coonoor. (B)

## DAY 7 Coonoor to Pollachi

Journey to Pollachi and visit either an organic farm or handloom weaving village. Overnight at Coco Lagoon by Great Mount (or similar). (BLD)

## DAY 8 Pollachi to Cochin

Journey to the coastal lowlands of Kerala, and on to Cochin. Stay the next two nights at The Malabar House (or similar). (B)

## DAY 9 Cochin

Spend the day exploring this wonderful town, from St Francis' Church to the beautiful 17th century synagogue. Discover streets lined by old traders' mansions and local markets. See the iconic Chinese fishing nets. (B)

## DAY 10 Cochin to The Backwaters

Take a short journey to the Backwaters and board your own private kettuvalam, a converted Keralan houseboat, to experience this beautiful watery wonderland. Overnight on board a houseboat. (BLD)

## DAY 11 The Backwaters to Kumarakom

Enjoy breakfast on board before being transferred to Kumarakom. Overnight at Coconut Lagoon. (B)

## DAY 12 Kumarakom

Enjoy breakfast before your journey ends. (B)

## INCLUDES:

- 10 nights 3½ to 4 star hotel accommodation
- 1 night houseboat accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Nagarhole National Park boat cruise & jeep safari
- Spice Plantation tour & toy train ride
- Entrance fees (except camera fees)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Cochin

## COCHIN, KUMARAKOM &amp; MARARI BEACH HOTELS

**TEA BUNGALOW, COCHIN**PAGE 35  
MAP REF.

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A delightful option on the boutique hotel scene in the Fort Cochin area, this homely bungalow is set within small tropical gardens. Each spacious room is simple yet stylishly designed in true Cochin style. Most rooms feature high ceilings, some open to a small, semi-private garden and others onto the open-air lobby lounge area. Enjoy a home-style menu on the terrace or relax by the courtyard swimming pool.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Heritage Deluxe Room)
- Light breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Cochin Airport

**from \$259\*** 3 nights per person

**EIGHTH BASTION, COCHIN**PAGE 35  
MAP REF.

1

A heritage hotel in a quiet location, this property combines modern and heritage elements. Built by blending contemporary and colonial styles, each room has a distinct appeal. Rooms emphasise comfort combined with plenty of natural sunlight and air, and offer views of the fine surrounding streets and mansions of Fort Cochin. Dining at the resort is a fusion of old Indian favourites with a Dutch influence. Other activities include cycling around town or simply relaxing by the swimming pool.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Standard Room)
- Light breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Cochin Airport

**from \$499\*** 3 nights per person

**FORTE KOCHI, COCHIN**PAGE 35  
MAP REF.

1

A beautiful heritage hotel, Forte Kochi was once part of the palatial home of an eminent Jew family and has been resorted to its former glory. Enchanting visitors with glimpses of life once known centuries ago, the hotel is located in Cochin's cultural district and just a walk to many attractions. The 27 heritage rooms feature timber and wicker furniture and colonial styling. Enjoy the hotel's facilities including a centrally located pool, library, wireless internet and restaurant and in room dining options.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Classic Double Room)
- Light breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Cochin Airport

**from \$825\*** 3 nights per person

**COCONUT LAGOON,  
KUMARAKOM**PAGE 35  
MAP REF.

2

Perched on the banks of picture-perfect Vembanad Lake in Kumarakom, Coconut Lagoon is an idyllic, eco-friendly property only accessible by boat. The tiled bungalows and thataravads sit amongst extensive tropical gardens and canals, and the open-air dining and lagoon pool are a delight. Local cuisine is superb with many dishes showcasing the products of the resort's organic garden. Enjoy a sunset cruise during your stay.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Heritage Bungalow)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Cochin Airport

**from \$425\*** 3 nights per person

**KUMARAKOM LAKE RESORT,  
KUMARAKOM**PAGE 35  
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2

Located in the Kottayam district in Kerala, the resort is set amongst large green gardens and meandering lotus-strewn canals. Rooms, suites and villas are a perfect blend of Kerala's traditional architectural charm with modern comforts. All rooms are of generous proportions and some feature direct lagoon pool access, Jacuzzis or private pools. Dining is a pleasure at the resort. Activities include watersports on the lake, treatments at the spa and cultural activities.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Meandering Pool Villa)
- Light breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Cochin Airport

**from \$985\*** 3 nights per person

**MARARI BEACH RESORT,  
MARARI BEACH**PAGE 35  
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3

A world away from nearby Cochin city on a long stretch of sand, Marari Beach Resort offers a seaside village experience. Set on 30 acres with coconut groves, lily ponds, fruit trees and a large organic farm, the resort's guest cottages echo the dwellings of the local fisherfolk in their style and character. Cuisine at the resort reflects the culinary subtleties of the local people who are influenced by the charms and challenges of the oceans.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Garden Villa)
- Light breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Cochin Airport

**from \$419\*** 3 nights per person

## KOVALAM, GOA &amp; BEKAL HOTELS



TRAVANCORE HERITAGE HOTEL, KOVALAM

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MAP REF.  
**4**

On a sea-facing hillside, this property overlooks a spectacular palm-fringed beach and the Arabian Sea beyond. Each room combines Keralan style with modern comforts. Qualified Ayurvedic practitioners can tailor a programme for you or recommend one-off treatments. With a mix of traditional and modern styles and a spectacular beach location, this is the perfect place for a classic Keralan beach break.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Heritage Home Room)
- Breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Cochin

**from \$569\*** 3 nights per person



NIRAAMAYA RETREATS SURYA SAMUDRA, KOVALAM

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Located in tropical gardens on a palm-shaded hillside facing the Arabian Sea, this property enjoys one of the finest sites of any Kerala resort. Comfortable bungalows are scattered over the hillside, each with a terrace, and most with sea views through the gardens. Enjoy the tropical sunsets from the small lagoon pool and restaurant, or indulge in a classic Ayurvedic treatment at the spa.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Heritage Classic Room)
- Light breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Cochin

**from \$855\*** 3 nights per person



TAJ GREEN COVE RESORT &amp; SPA, KOVALAM

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Nestled in the lap of Kovalam's pristine beach, this sprawling resort is located away from the city to give you the privacy you need. Treat your eyes to the charming rooms and suites that are sure to appeal with their Indo-Balinese décor. With several dining options on offer, relish a host of delightful cuisines with authentic flavours with calming sea views. At the spa, rejuvenating traditional Indian spa therapies will leave you feeling like a renewed version of yourself.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Superior Cottage Garden View Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Trivandrum Airport

**from \$855\*** 3 nights per person



SONESTA INNS, GOA

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MAP REF.  
**5**

Located at Candolim Beach, this property is a short drive from Goa's charming capital, Panjim. Each standard room is well-sized, cool and comfortable with small balconies, while the three bedroom villas are perfect for family stays. All rooms are well-appointed and feature all modern amenities. Relax by the swimming pool nestled in the palm-filled gardens, have a drink at the poolside bar and enjoy great dining options at the coffee shop and restaurant.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Luxury Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Goa Airport

**from \$455\*** 3 nights per person



ALILA DIWA GOA, GOA

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Set back from Majorda Beach with ocean views through the verdant rice paddies, this unique resort is a sanctuary of contemporary elegance. Rooms are designed to flow out towards the natural environs. Simply and elegantly furnished, rooms feature classic Goan touches and all modern comforts. Enjoy cultural activities, wellness programs, outdoor sporting pursuits or culinary arts at the resort. Also on offer are several dining options, kids club, day spa and mini theatre.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Terrace Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Goa Airport

**from \$559\*** 3 nights per person



TAJ BEKAL RESORT &amp; SPA, KERALA, BEKAL

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This resort is spread across 26 acres offering solitude, wellness and even adventure. Superbly designed, this property features curved thatched roofs and carved stone in a tribute to the local architectural style. Stunning rooms resemble Kerala's own kettuvallams or houseboats. Scattered leisurely all over the property, rooms offer views of the sea, swaying palms, lush gardens or the Backwaters.

**Includes:**

- 3 nights accommodation (Superior Charm with Balcony Room)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Mangalore Airport

**from \$795\*** 3 nights per person

# Stopovers

Break up your journey or see more of Asia's most dynamic cities with a stopover in Singapore, Bangkok or Hong Kong. Whether you need one night at an airport hotel for flight connections or two nights in the city complete with airport transfers and sightseeing, we have an incredible range of accommodation and touring options available. We've included some suggestions on the following page or ask your travel agent to tailor-make a stopover that best suits your needs.



Singapore



## Singapore

From diverse cultures and culinary delights to excellent shopping and modern architecture, Singapore is one of Asia's most dynamic cities. Stay overnight before continuing to your destination or extend your stay and explore the stunning Gardens by the Bay.

### Singapore Stopover

Stay in Singapore for the night at Village Hotel Changi, a 15 minute drive from Changi Airport.

#### INCLUDES

- 1 night 4 star accommodation at Village Hotel Changi in a Superior Room
- Late check-out until 3pm
- FREE return shared airport transfers

1 night from **\$89** per person\*  
Valid Fri to Sun, 1 Apr - 11 Sep, 23 Sep 19 - 31 Mar 20.

### Singapore City Explorer

Stay a little longer in Singapore on the way to your destination.

#### INCLUDES

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- Gardens by the Bay Bundle Package
- Late check-out until 6pm
- Return shared airport transfers
- **BONUS** Free night offer: Stay 3 nights, pay for 2, valid 1 Jul - 11 Sep, 23 - 30 Sep, 1 - 23 Dec 19, 2 Jan - 10 Feb, 17 - 29 Feb 20.

2 night from **\$409** per person\*  
Valid Fri to Sun, 1 Apr - 11 Sep, 23 Sep 19 - 31 Mar 20.



## Bangkok

Uncover the thriving energy of Bangkok, an intriguing mix of history, world-class nightlife, outstanding shopping and renowned cuisine. Break up your journey and stretch your legs with a stopover in Bangkok – stay for a night or for two nights to experience the city.

### Bangkok Stopover

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#### INCLUDES

- 1 night 4 star accommodation at Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel in a Superior Room
- Breakfast daily

1 night from **\$155** per person\*  
Valid 1 Apr 19 - 30 Mar 20.

### Bangkok City Explorer

Extend your stay and experience Bangkok's highlights. Discover the city and its temples.

#### INCLUDES

- 2 nights 4.5 star accommodation at Pathumwan Princess Hotel in a Superior Room
- Breakfast daily
- City & Temples half day tour
- Return shared airport transfers
- **BONUS** Free night offer: Stay 3 nights, pay for 2, valid 1 Apr - 31 Oct 19.

2 night from **\$279** per person\*  
Valid 1 Apr - 31 Oct 19.



## Hong Kong

Experience the best of Hong Kong with its stunning harbour vistas, lofty mountain peaks and bustling markets. On the way to your destination, spend the night in Hong Kong or choose to stay a little longer and discover the highlights of Hong Kong Island.

### Hong Kong Stopover

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#### INCLUDES

- 1 night 4.5 star accommodation at Regal Airport Hotel, Hong Kong in a Superior Room

1 night from **\$159** per person\*  
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### Hong Kong City Explorer

Enjoy a taste of Hong Kong as you make your way to your destination. Explore Hong Kong Island and join a walking tour.

#### INCLUDES

- 2 nights 4 star accommodation at Eaton HK in a Deluxe Room
- Hong Kong Island half day tour
- FREE Temple Street & Jade Market walking tours
- Return shared airport transfers

2 night from **\$409** per person\*  
Valid Sun to Thu, 1 May - 10 Sep 19, 30 Jan - 29 Feb 20.

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## Cancellation by the traveller

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  - for cancellations made within 10 days of the scheduled date of travel arrangements – a cancellation fee of 100% applies.

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## Travel documents

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Requests for specific bedding types must be made at the time of booking, however, cannot be guaranteed. Note that double rooms can be fitted with either double or twin beds, and note also that single rooms are often smaller than other rooms. Triple rooms usually comprise a twin bed room with an additional sofa bed, roll-away bed or a fold-away bed for a third person.

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Where a child stays for free in a room sharing with two paying adults, generally the hotel will expect the child to

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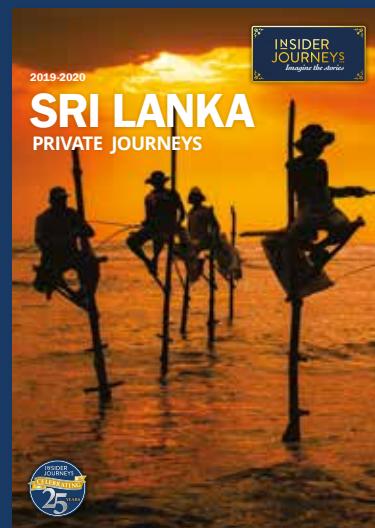
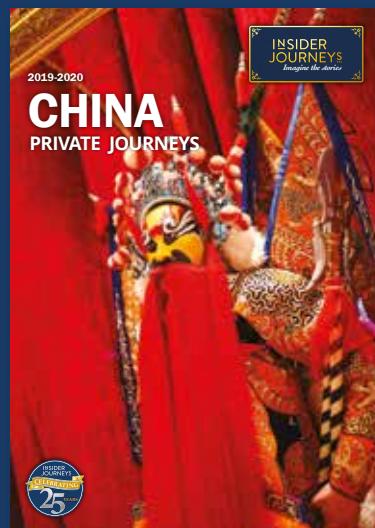
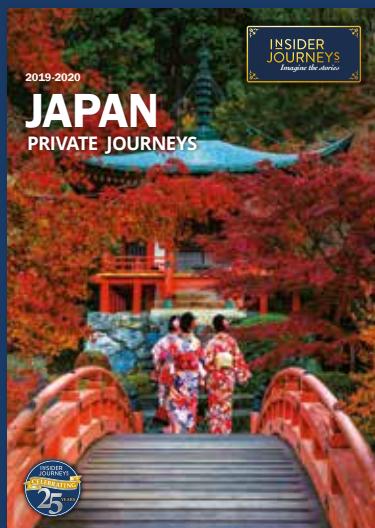
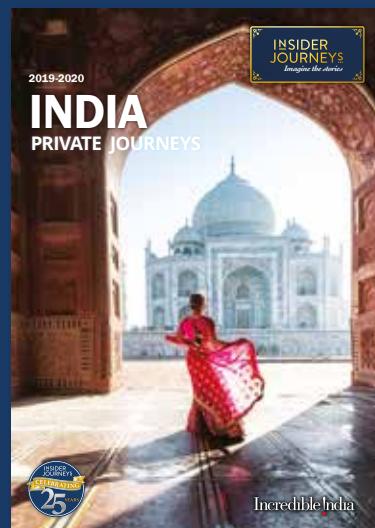
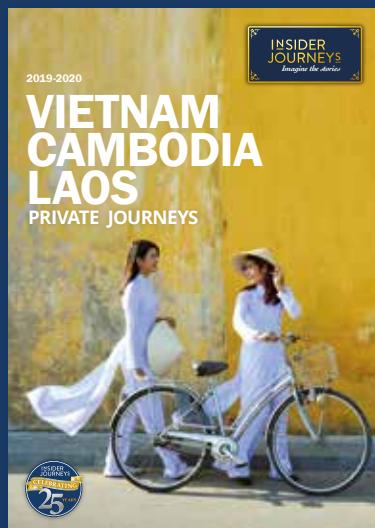
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