

A woman wearing a vibrant red sari and a matching red headscarf stands with her back to the camera, looking into an ornate, multi-layered archway. The archway is painted in various shades of green and gold, featuring intricate carvings and a central niche with a small statue. The background is a deep blue with subtle patterns.

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WHY TRAVEL WITH INSIDER JOURNEYS...

At Insider Journeys we make it easy to holiday in Asia. Our private travel collection lets you experience Asia as an insider with the flexibility to explore at your own pace. Whether it's getting up early to beat the crowds, staying longer to watch that amazing sunset or spending time chatting with a local, it is this level of flexibility that makes all the difference.

We know that to truly experience Asia, you need to wander off the tourist trail occasionally. Our collection of private itineraries will provide you with experiences that a guidebook alone simply cannot offer. Whether you're travelling with your partner, family, a group of friends or solo, connecting you with Asia's heart is what we do best. Let us help you experience Asia as an insider!

PRIVATE ITINERARIES

Each of our unique, private itineraries are designed by our team of passionate Asia experts. Every itinerary includes the must-see highlights and genuine experiences. From the moment your trip begins, our private itineraries provide a seamless travel experience. To get a sense of the 'real' Asia, our itineraries take you off the tourist trail while ensuring you don't miss any of the essential places. With plenty of free time and the services of knowledgeable local guides in each destination, you'll really feel like an insider.



“Thank you for giving us such an amazing holiday. We can't even describe the experience we had in Bhutan and Nepal. We've never seen anything like that before and this was easily the best holiday of our lives!”

Mark & Kristin, Melbourne, Australia



OFF THE BEATEN PATH

An unforgettable experience starts with the unexpected. We'll make sure you see the most popular highlights of our destinations... but then we'll show you the places you wouldn't find on your own, and Asia is full of these hidden treasures. From conversations with local families, feasting in street food stalls, and shopping in hidden local markets, we'll make sure you go home with memories of an amazing connection to Asia.

“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.”

Anne & Bruce, New Zealand



SAFE AND RELIABLE

For more than 25 years, Insider Journeys has been safely and reliably sharing the beauty of Asia with travellers. We are the only Tour Operator with our own offices in several countries throughout Asia. Our local partners live and work in the destinations we serve, bringing you the perfect combination of local authenticity while still providing the high level of service and support you expect.

LOCAL EXPERTS

Your local guides are one of the most important elements of your trip. They are the people you see the most, the person who answers your questions, the person who helps to shape your impression of a destination. In recognition of this important relationship, our guides are truly passionate, local experts who are carefully selected and trained to look out for you, to share the history and knowledge that only a local can provide, and to expect the unexpected. Many of our guides have worked with us for years, and feel like a part of our family, just as they will soon feel like a part of yours.



BESPOKE ACCOMMODATION

A quality hotel is an essential element of an enjoyable holiday. We offer an extensive range of accommodation options and experiences, so you can customise your Asia holiday. Our hotels have been handpicked for charm, comfort, location and to provide you with an insight into the region. From the forts and palaces to beach resorts, we have accommodation options to suit all tastes and budgets.



INDEPENDENCE AND FLEXIBILITY

An ideal tour is a balance of activity and relaxation. We know sometimes you want to explore on your own, eat on your own, or relax on your own. We can include moments of leisure without any scheduled activities, where you have the freedom to be spontaneous, to choose your own meals, to choose your own experiences, and to enjoy your holiday as you see fit.

“Our guides were really good at making the history of India come alive. You could tell that they obviously love their country, and this comes across. We would definitely use Insider Journeys again.”

Henry & Lisa, Wellington, New Zealand

GETTING AROUND

We don't do 'bus tours'... we do Small Group Journeys. Whether it's a tuk-tuk, jeep safari, or bullet train, you'll get a local experience when it provides the best sightseeing or transport opportunity. Otherwise, road journeys are in our comfortable air-conditioned vehicles. We keep it small and never use large coaches.



TAILOR-MADE FOR YOU

You can use our Small Group Journey itineraries as inspiration, or you can create your own completely customised holiday. Either way, you will get a tailor-made holiday where you take control of your experience and we create a holiday exactly the way you want.



“I just returned from Sri Lanka and wished to say how much I enjoyed this trip! It was the first time I had used Insider Journeys and I was very impressed with the level of organisation, quality of the hotels, tour guides, vans, cyclos, etc. It was a truly memorable 12 days and thank you to the Insider Journeys team for organising it.”

Debbie, Wagga Wagga, Australia

SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

For guests who prefer to travel with others, we offer our popular Small Group Journeys. We limit these groups to a maximum of 16 people (and only 12 in Japan) so you can enjoy a personalised, authentic Asia experience. Smaller groups ensure more time with your local expert, more time to make new friends, less time waiting, and more time for you to enjoy the amazing destinations throughout your journey.

PRIVATE GROUPS

Asia is an ideal destination for private groups. Whether you're gathering your family for a reunion, your friends for a dream wedding, or your co-workers for a rewards trip, let us design the perfect custom itinerary for your group's needs. Large groups come with large expectations, and our dedicated Groups department specializes in these unique requirements. We offer advice and support at all times, so you have peace of mind that we are here for your group.



JOURNEY STYLES



CITY EXPLORER

Embark on an urban adventure and discover the many charms of South Asia's dynamic cities on a City Explorer. Take in architectural treasures, stroll through lively back alleyways and interact with locals, discovering their daily life, sampling local cuisine and making new friends.

HIGHLIGHTS

Well suited for travellers with a limited amount of time, our Highlights series explores the region's most famous sites and hand-picked must-sees in each of our destinations. Imagine packing several once in a lifetime experiences into one itinerary: Tigers Nest? Check! Taj Mahal? Check!



CULINARY

Discover extraordinary gastronomic experiences on a culinary journey in our destinations. Our expert foodies have designed itineraries that feature a delightful blend of authentic, culinary-based experiences that will give you a deeper understanding of their culture and traditions. You'll pair up with local chefs and visit lively markets to source ingredients for hands-on cooking classes, stroll down bustling city streets sampling famous street fare, and enjoy unforgettable home-cooked meals with local hosts.

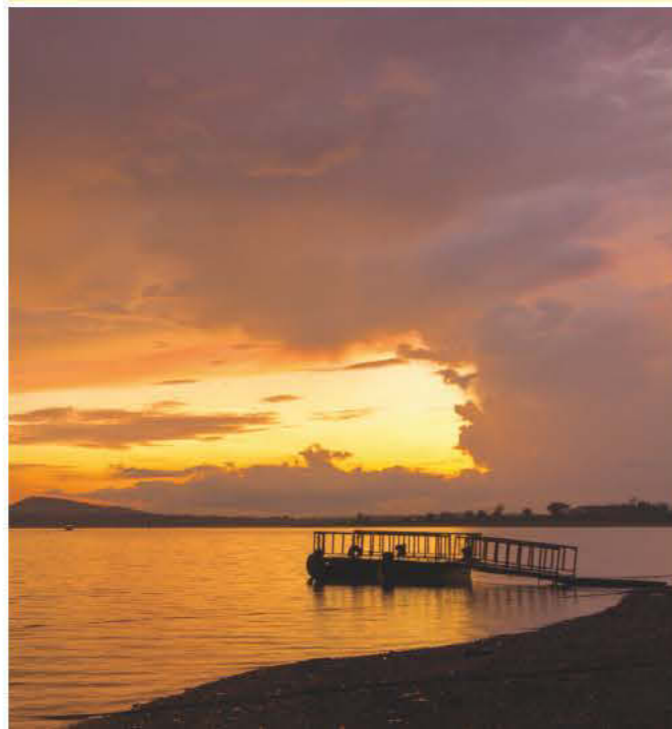
WELLNESS

Taking care of your personal health and wellness is one of the most important benefits of a holiday. Whether you want a Balinese resort with massages every day, or an Indian spa with ancient Ayurveda experiences, we can make it happen for you. Take some time to detach from the stress of emails, phone calls, and running errands, and let us design a wellness vacation that takes care of you.



CLASSIC

Classic tours feature itineraries with a perfect blend of famous sites, natural wonders and local cultures. Journey through our destinations at a more relaxed pace with ample time to gain rich insight into these amazing countries.



FAMILY

Our family tours cater to families of all shapes and sizes, with a focus on fun for all. Our carefully selected hotels all feature kids' clubs or activities and offer great value, with triple/quad share.



DELUXE

Travel in style, exploring architectural treasures and uncovering hidden gems. A medley of sightseeing, local interactions, and fine dining. With premium accommodations and impeccable service, you will uncover the very best South Asia has on offer.



CRUISE

Home to sacred rivers and jungle-lined waterways, you will see things from a different perspective by boat. Our itineraries feature cruise and boating activities that include shore excursions to town and villages along the riverbanks for immersion into the local life.



INDIA

A kaleidoscope of colour and activity, India is home to dramatic forts, deserts, spice plantations, 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.

Whether you're enjoying India's timeless experiences by embarking on a river cruise on the sacred Ganges or taking a train journey across the country, you will discover stunning scenery, meet smiling locals and visit fascinating villages and palaces.



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.

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.

WEATHER



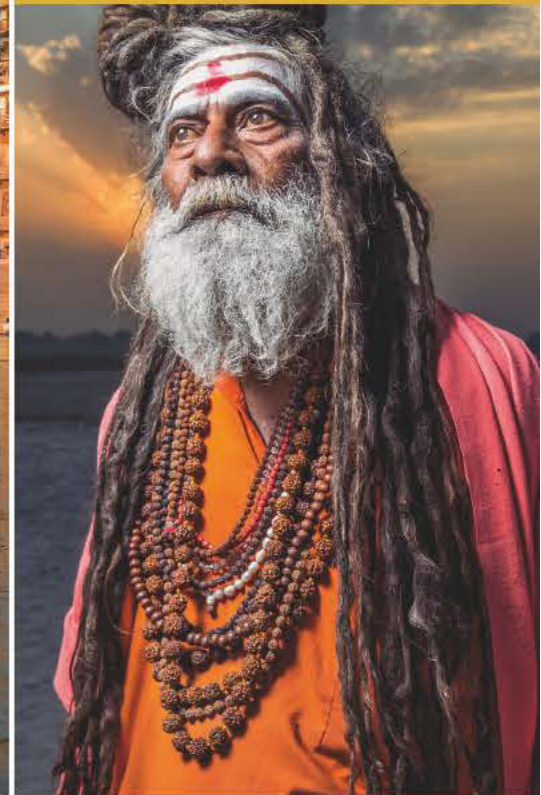
India's weather varies greatly throughout the country. In the north, from October to April warm, rain-free days make it a pleasant time to travel. Overnight temperatures are very cold during December and January while days remain beautifully mild.

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 most of the rainfall occurring during this time.

	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

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.



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.
- Immerse yourself amongst the locals as you wander through the colourful spice market.
- Take in the stunning sights of the historic Red Fort.

Day 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, be transferred to your hotel. During your stay, take in the sights of Old and New Delhi, whether it be through exploring the colourful bazaars of old Delhi by rickshaw or discovering the wide avenues and colonial architecture of New Delhi. Stay the next two nights at Maidens Hotel.

Day 2 Delhi

Discover the historic riches of this incredible city on a full day tour, starting with the elegant and spectacular Red Fort. This iconic monument was built in 1638 by the Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan. Later, take a rickshaw ride through the vibrant and chaotic streets of Old Delhi before arriving at a local spice market. Take some time to wander through the colourful aisles and gain an insight into local life. This afternoon, visit Humayuns Tomb to experience more of India's cultural and religious diversity. (B)

Day 3 Delhi

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

3 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 442* PER PERSON

Includes

- 2 nights at Maidens Hotel (Heritage Double room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
- Private Touring
- Local english-speaking guide
- Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)

UPGRADE

Shangri-La Delhi from \$ 109*
The Imperial from \$ 256*

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 Taj Ganges.

Day 2 Varanasi

Rise early as you experience the life of this ancient city on a peaceful boat ride and see the beauty of the rising sun on the Ganges. Experience the early morning rituals of the locals along the rivers edge, where people take a bath in the holy river believing they will be free from the circle of rebirth. After the spiritual boat ride, walk around the stunning ghats before enjoying a tea break along with a samosa (a fried pastry with a savoury filling, such as spiced potatoes). In the afternoon, enjoy a walking tour to an Ashram and interact with the religious Sadhu. (B)

Day 3 Varanasi

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

3 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 568* PER PERSON

Includes

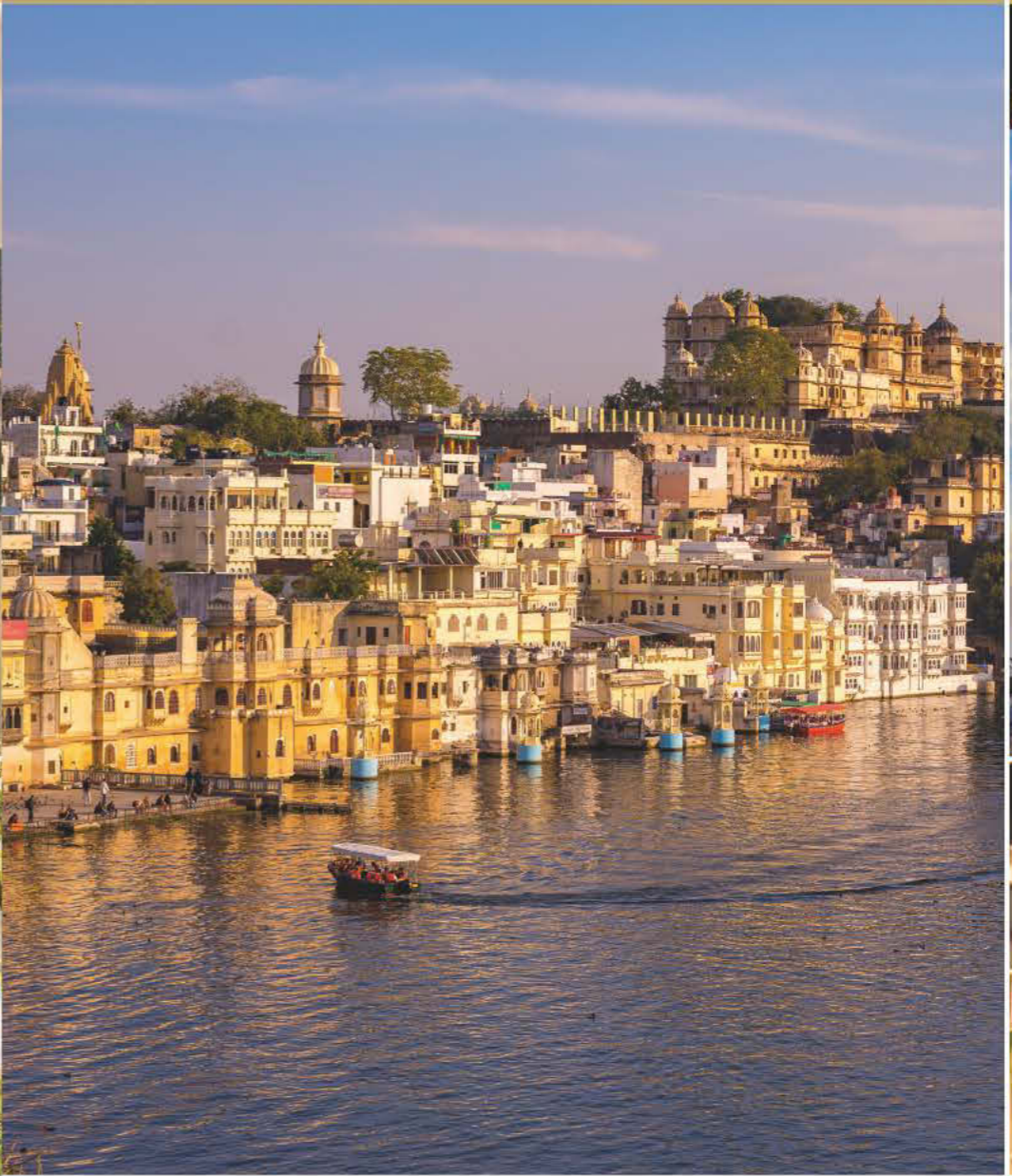
- 2 nights at Taj Ganges (Superior Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
- Private Touring
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)

UPGRADE

Brijrama Palace from \$ 306*
Taj Nadesar Palace from \$ 975*

HIGHLIGHTS

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



HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the incredible sights of Kolkata before getting lost wandering through it's winding lanes, which are bursting with atmosphere and delicious food.
- Wander through Asia's largest wholesale flower market and gain an insight into day to day life.
- Discover the beautifully proportioned festival of white marble which is the Victoria Memorial.

Day 1 Kolkata
On arrival in Kolkata, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Kenilworth Hotel.

Day 2 Kolkata
Today, explore the vibrant city of Kolkata starting with Howrah Bridge, located over the Hoogli River which is said to be the busiest bridge in the world. Later, venture to the colourful flower Market, underneath Howrah Bridge which is one of Asia's largest wholesale flower markets. Thousands of people gather here daily to buy and sell flowers and plants. Next, visit Victoria Memorial, a splendid architectural structure which was built in the early 20th Century in memory of Queen Victoria. (B)

Day 3 Kolkata
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

3 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 483* PER PERSON

- Includes**
- 2 nights at Kenilworth Hotel (Executive Room)
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
 - Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)

UPGRADE
Taj Bengal from \$ 99*
The Oberoi Grand Kolkata from \$ 115*

Day 1 Udaipur
On arrival in Udaipur, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Fateh Niwas.

Day 2 Udaipur
This morning, 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. The majestic palace is the largest palace complex in Rajasthan. (B)

Day 3 Udaipur
After a leisurely breakfast, visit Sajjangarh Palace (Monsoon Palace). The Monsoon Palace, formerly known as the Sajjan Garh Palace, is a hilltop palatial residence overlooking the quaint Lake Pichola. (B)

Day 4 Udaipur
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

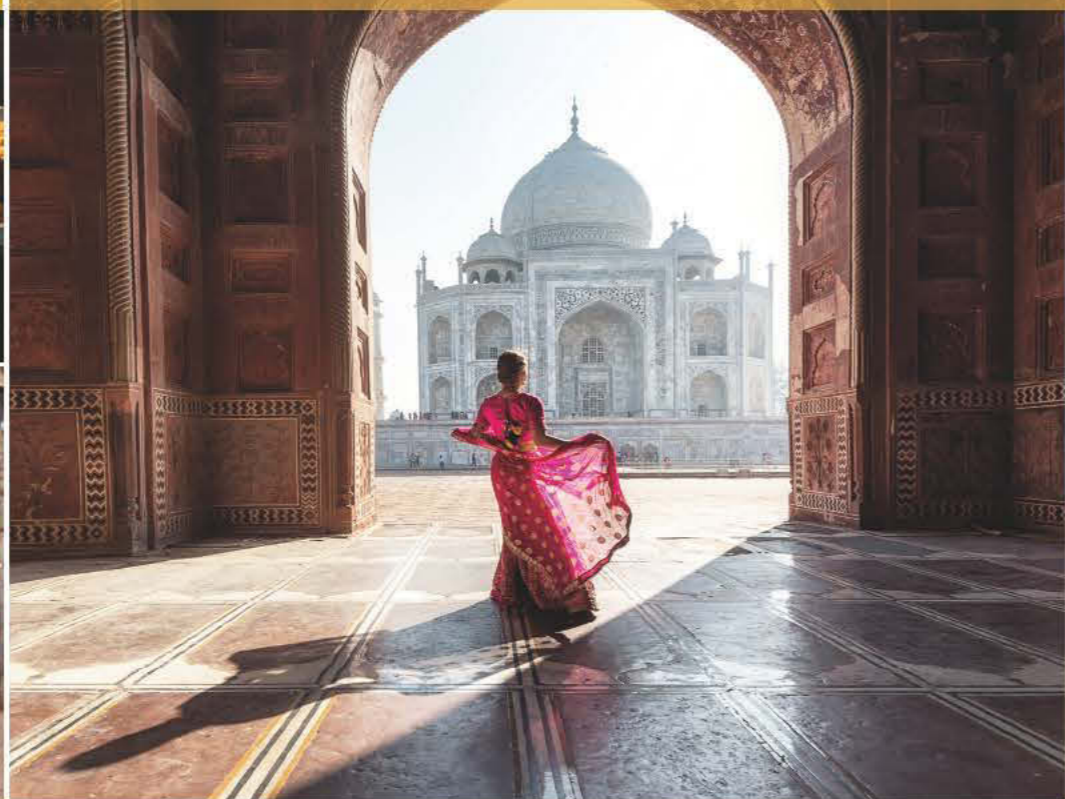
4 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 717* PER PERSON

- Includes**
- 3 nights at Fateh Niwas (Deluxe Room)
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
 - Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)

UPGRADE
Fatehgarh Udaipur from \$ 154*
Taj Lake Palace from \$ 1,566*

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit some of India's oldest temples, dating back to the Middle Ages, and marvel at the intricately designed architecture.
- Explore the Monsoon Palace as you over look the shimmering shores of Lake Pichola.
- You will be spellbound with the beauty of Lake Pichola in Udaipur while enjoying a beautiful boat ride.



Day 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Maidens Hotel.

Day 2 Delhi

Discover the historic riches of this incredible city on a full day tour, starting with the elegant and spectacular Red Fort. Take a rickshaw ride through the vibrant and chaotic streets of Old Delhi before arriving at a local spice market. Later, visit Humayuns Tomb 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. Agra is a historic city located on the banks of the Yamuna river and known for its many Mughal-era buildings. Later this afternoon, venture to the monument that inspired the construction of the Taj Mahal, the extravagant Itimad-ud-Daulah, also known as Baby Taj. Stay the next two nights at Tajview Hotel. (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, 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. Later this afternoon, visit the famous Agra Fort, with its superb Mughal architecture. Built between the 16th and 17th centuries by successive rulers of the Mughal Dynasty, the fort was built primarily as a military structure, but Shah Jahan upgraded it to a palace which later became his gilded prison for eight years after his son Aurangzeb seized power. (B)

Day 5 Agra to Delhi

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

5 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 885* PER PERSON

- Includes**
- 4 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local english-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
 - Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)



Day 1 Havelock

On arrival in Havelock, be transferred to your hotel. Spend the next three nights at Barefoot at Havelock.

Day 2 Havelock

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by a free day at leisure. Perhaps venture to Elephant beach and observe the majestic animals as they frolic on the beach. (B)

Day 3 Havelock

After breakfast, visit Radhanagar Beach which is rated the 'Best Beach in Asia'. Later, journey back to your hotel and enjoy a free afternoon.(B)

Day 4 Havelock to Port Blair

This morning, board a ferry and transfer to your hotel in Port Blair. In the evening attend the enthralling Sound & Light Show

at Cellular Jail, where the heroic saga of the Indian Freedom Struggle is brought alive. Overnight at Hotel Sentinel. (B)

Day 5 Port Blair

Enjoy breakfast before transferring to the airport to board your onward flight. (B)

5 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 1,133* PER PERSON

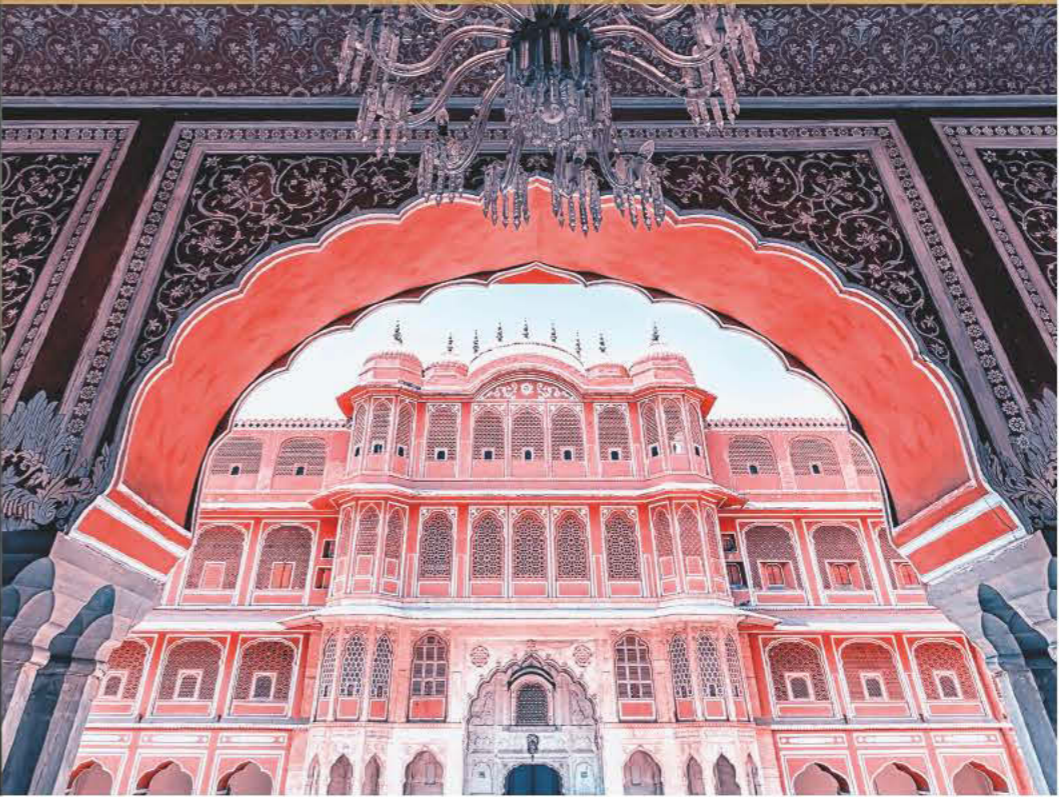
- Includes**
- 4 nights hotel accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
 - Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander through the chaotic streets of Old Delhi. Indulge your senses with an abundance of local cuisine and stunning architecture.
- Witness the astounding 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 tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah, also known as Baby Taj.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay in the fairytale Havelock and enjoy the coastal setting this island has to offer.
- Cruise along the picturesque waters to reach Port Blair.
- Discover the rich and vibrant rural life of villages along the waterway.



HIGHLIGHTS

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

Day 1 Cochin
On arrival in Cochin be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Xandari Harbour.

Day 2 Cochin
Spend the day exploring this fascinating 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 3 Cochin to Backwaters
Take a short journey to Alleppey town and enjoy a heritage walk. Later, continue the drive to board your own private Kettuvallam, a converted Kerala houseboat, and experience this watery wonderland. Overnight on Xandari Riverscapes. (BLD)

Day 4 Backwaters to Kumarakom
Enjoy breakfast on board before being transferred to Kumarakom. This afternoon is at leisure before your evening Ayurveda massage. Overnight at Coconut Lagoon. (B)

Day 5 Kumarakom to Cochin
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

5 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 1,168* PER PERSON

Includes

- 3 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- 1 night Houseboat accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
- Private Touring
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B= breakfast, L= lunch, D= dinner)

Day 1 Delhi
On arrival in Delhi be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Maidens Hotel.

Day 2 Delhi
You can get no better introduction to the country than from its capital Delhi. On a full day tour, visit the Red Fort, Shah Jahan's elegant citadel. Continue with a rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk and visit Khari Baoli before making your way to the chaotic Parathey Wali Gali to enjoy local snacks. Later visit the fascinating Humayuns Tomb 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. Agra is a historic city located on the banks of the Yamuna river and known for its many Mughal-era buildings. In the afternoon, visit the unforgettable Taj Mahal at sunset. This is a serene time with ample opportunity to explore the ornamental gardens. Overnight at Tajview Agra. (B)

Day 4 Agra to Jaipur
After breakfast, travel to the Pink city of Jaipur. This evening, enjoy dinner with a local family where you will get the chance to interact and gain an insight into Indian cuisine. Stay the next two nights at Alisar Haveli. (BD)

Day 5 Jaipur
Explore the vibrant, colourful history and culture of one of India's favourite cities, the Pink City of Jaipur. Start your day with a visit to the "milk market" commonly known as Doodh Mandi. Take a jeep ride along the 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. Later this evening, explore the city by Pink Rickshaw. (B)

Day 6 Jaipur
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

6 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 1,160* PER PERSON

Includes

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



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the bustling lanes of Old Delhi and find out why it's the best city to experience the diversity of India.
- Take in the sights and sounds of the Pink City of Jaipur, a labyrinth of fascinating bazaars, opulent palaces and historic sights.
- Visit the Taj Mahal, a symbol of love, where the love of a man for his wife is preserved in gleaming white marble.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness the remarkable Taj Mahal at sunset and wander through its peaceful gardens.
- Experience a camel cart ride through the local villages of Talabgaon.
- Venture to the hilltop Amber Fort and take in panoramic views of the surrounding area.

Day 1 Delhi
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Day 2 Delhi
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Day 3 Delhi to Agra
After breakfast, journey to Agra. In the afternoon, visit the unforgettable Taj Mahal at sunset. This is a serene time with ample opportunity to explore the ornamental gardens. Overnight at Tajview Agra. (B)

Day 4 Agra to Talabgaon
Travel to Talabgaon and enjoy a leisurely afternoon wandering through the historic city. Later this evening, experience a camel cart ride through the local surrounding villages. Overnight at Talabgaon Castle. (B)

Day 5 Talabgaon to Jaipur
After breakfast drive to the Pink City of Jaipur. This afternoon, explore the city in a Pink Rickshaw, stay the next two nights at Alsisar Haveli. (B)

Day 6 Jaipur
Explore the vibrant, colourful history and culture of one of India's favourite cities, the Pink City of Jaipur. Start your day with a visit to the "milk market" commonly known as Doodh Mandi. Take a jeep ride along the cobbled roads to the hilltop of Amber Fort. Crowning the crest of the hill, Amber Fort offers panoramic views of the surrounding desert hills and villages. Later this evening, explore the city with the all female owned Pink Rickshaw Company. (BD)

Day 7 Jaipur
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

7 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$ 1,383* PER PERSON

- Includes**
- 6 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
 - Meals as indicated (B= breakfast, D= dinner)

Day 1 Delhi to Gwalior
On arrival in Delhi, you will be transferred to Gwalior. Overnight stay at Taj Usha Kiran Palace.

Day 2 Gwalior to Orchha
Discover Gwalior's highlights on a full day tour including the majestic Gwalior Fort before continuing on to Orchha where you will discover the ancient monument of Orchha Fort. Overnight at Orchha Resort. (B)

Day 3 Orchha to Khajuraho
After breakfast, travel to Khajuraho – The Temple town. Head to the Eastern and Western Groups of Temples and enjoy a light and sound show. Overnight at Radisson Jass. (B)

Day 4 Khajuraho to Varanasi
This morning, journey to Varanasi via flight. Enjoy the remainder of the day free at leisure. Stay the next three nights at Taj Ganges. (B)

Day 5 Varanasi
Rise early as you experience the life of this ancient city on a traditional boat ride and see the beauty of the rising sun on the Ganges. Experience the early morning rituals of the Hindus along the rivers edge taking a bath in the holy river believing they will be free from the circle of rebirth. Later, discover Varanasi's highlights on a full day tour including the Bharat Mata Temple.

This afternoon, unwind as you indulge in a relaxing massage treatment on the Ghat. (B)

Day 6 Varanasi
This afternoon, enjoy a spiritual walking tour of an Ashram and interact with the religious Sadhu. Varanasi is well known as the knowledge core of Vedic wisdom, yoga and meditation with Ashrams being the place to experience these. (B)

Day 7 Varanasi to Delhi
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward flight to Delhi. (B)

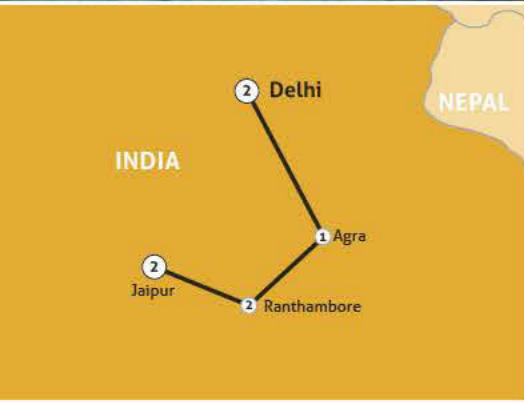
7 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$ 2,308* PER PERSON

- Includes**
- 6 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - All flights as specified in the itinerary.
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
 - Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)



HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise along the banks of the country's great river to see Hindu pilgrims bathe in the sacred waters.
- Venture on a spiritual walk to an Ashram where you will have the chance to interact with Sadhu.
- Visit India's temple town of Khajuraho and enjoy a spectacular light and sound show.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the exciting and rugged landscapes of Ranthambore National Park with a naturalist guide on an open-top jeep safari.
- Go in search of the majestic Bengal tigers.
- Take a jeep ride along the cobbled roads to the hilltop of Amber Fort. Crowning the crest of the hill, Amber Fort offers panoramic views of the surrounding desert hills and villages.

Day 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Maidens Hotel.

Day 2 Delhi

You can get no better introduction to the country than from its capital Delhi. On a full day tour, visit the Red Fort, Shah Jahan's elegant citadel. Continue with a rickshaw ride through Chandni chowk and visit Khari Baoli before making your way to the chaotic Parathay Wali Gali to enjoy local snacks. Later visit the fascinating Humayun's Tomb to experience more of India's cultural and religious diversity. (B)

Day 3 Delhi to Agra

From Delhi, travel to Agra and visit the unforgettable Taj Mahal at sunset. A sublime experience, The Taj transforms as the light changes and is framed magnificently by gardens, red sandstone mosques and the Yamuna River. Later this afternoon, explore Agra Fort, home to graceful Mughal architecture and views towards the nearby Taj Mahal. Overnight at Tajview Agra. (B)

Day 4 Agra to Ranthambore

Rise early to continue the journey onto Ranthambore. En route visit the iconic Chand Bawri Step well. Stay the next two nights at Tree Leaf Kipling Lodge. (BD)

Day 5 Ranthambore

This morning, embark on a jeep safari through the rugged national park in search of the much sought-after Bengal tiger, monkeys, jackal and more. (BD)

Day 6 Ranthambore to Jaipur

Depart Ranthambore for the journey to the Pink City of Jaipur. On arrival, spend the afternoon at leisure to wander the famous bazaars. This evening, explore the streets of Jaipur on a Pink Rickshaw. Stay the next two nights at Alsisar Haveli. (B)

Day 7 Jaipur

Delve into the vibrant, colourful history and culture of one of India's favourite cities, the Pink City of Jaipur. Start your day with a visit to the "milk market" commonly known as Doodh Mandi. Take a jeep ride along the cobbled roads to the hilltop of Amber Fort. Crowning the crest of the hill, Amber Fort offers panoramic views of the surrounding desert hills and villages. Later this evening, explore the city by Pink Rickshaw. (BD)

Day 8 Jaipur

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

8 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$1,698 PER PERSON

- Includes
- 7 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
 - Meals as indicated (B= breakfast, D= dinner)

Day 1 Delhi to Mandawa

On arrival in Delhi, be transferred to Mandawa. Overnight at Hotel Castle Mandawa.

Day 2 Mandawa to Bikaner

After breakfast take part in a tour of the historic Mandawa town, here you have the chance to discover the history of the town through old houses and the Haveli's. Later this afternoon, drive to Bikaner before continuing on to visit the intriguing Junagarh Fort. Overnight at Narendra Bhawan. (B)

Day 3 Bikaner to Jaisalmer

Today, venture to Jaisalmer from Bikaner. Along the way take in the sights this magnificent journey has to offer. This afternoon is free at leisure. Stay the next two nights at Hotel Rawalkot. (B)

Day 4 Jaisalmer

Experience the breathtaking Jaisalmer whilst touring the Jaisalmer Fort. It is one of the largest forts in the world. Enjoy a camel ride along the Golden Sand Dunes and witness the spectacular sunset behind the Golden desert. (B)

Day 5 Jaisalmer to Manvar

This morning, enjoy a scenic drive to Manvar. Later this evening venture out on a camel safari through the rugged Thar Desert. Overnight at Manvar Desert Camp. (BLD)

Day 6 Manvar to Jodhpur

After breakfast, enjoy a Jeep safari to explore the nearby villages. The journey into the desert is an opportunity to experience village life at close quarters. Later drive to Jodhpur, upon arrival visit Mehrangarh Fort.

The fort overlooks the rugged and rocky terrain of Jodhpur. Overnight at Radisson Jodhpur. (B)

Day 7 Jodhpur to Rohetgarh

Experience an interesting walk to explore the hidden heritage of the Medieval Jodhpur. This beautiful walk takes you into the heart of Jodhpur to discover the lesser known treasures of this enchanting city. After the visit, drive to Rohetgarh. This evening, join a jeep safari to the Bishnoi Villages. Overnight at Rohetgarh Fort. (B)

Day 8 Rohetgarh to Udaipur

Sit back and relax as you enjoy the scenic drive to Udaipur. En route visit a quiet and picturesque valley that runs into the western slopes of the Aravalli hills where you will find a remarkable complex of Jain temples at Ranakpur. Stay the next two nights at Fateh Niwas. (B)

Day 9 Udaipur

After a leisurely breakfast, visit the City Palace built on the bank of Pichola Lake. The impressive complex of several palaces is a blend of Rajput and Mughal influences. Later, board a traditional boat and enjoy a ride along shimmering waters of Lake Pichola. Later this evening, immerse yourself in a folk dance performance at Bagore ki Haveli and dinner at Karohi Ki Haveli. (BD)

Day 10 Udaipur

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Pass houses painted in all shades of blue as you wander through the ancient streets of Jodhpur.
- Venture on a jeep safari through Manvar as you immerse yourself into local life.
- Take in the incredible sights of Jaisalmer whilst enjoying a camel ride along the Golden sand dunes.

10 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$2,285* PER PERSON

- Includes
- 9 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
 - Meals as indicated (B= breakfast, L= lunch, D= dinner)



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.
- 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.
- Take in the magnificent views as you enjoy a Toy Train to Shimla.

Day 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Maidens Hotel.

Day 2 Delhi

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Day 3 Delhi to Chandigarh

Start your day with a drive to Chandigarh, which is also referred to as The City Beautiful due to its beautiful surroundings and central grid of gardens, each dedicated to different species of flora. On arrival in Chandigarh, transfer to hotel. This afternoon visit Chandigarh rock garden an epitome of creativity and innovation before driving past Le Corbusier's Capitol Complex which houses the seat of Government. Overnight in Lemon Tree Hotel. (B)

Day 4 Chandigarh to Shimla

Drive to Kalka railway station where you will board the UNESCO Toy Train for Shimla. On arrival in Shimla, transfer to the hotel and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Stay the next 2 nights at Clarkes Hotel. (B)

Day 5 Shimla

Explore the colourful history of Shimla whilst on a heritage walk. As we head towards the

ridge, a short trail leads past the High court building the Clarks Heritage Hotel and onto the Indra Gandhi sports complex, with its half-timbered British houses and many shops. (B)

Day 6 Shimla to Paragpur

This Morning, drive to Pragpur. Pragpur is India's first heritage village. Later this afternoon, enjoy a visit to the twin heritage village of Garli. Overnight at Judges Court. (B)

Day 7 Paragpur to Palampur

Depart Pragpur this morning and head to Palampur. Upon arrival venture to Baijnath and Mahakal Temple. The temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and considered centuries old. Overnight at WH Taragarh Palace. (B)

Day 8 Palampur to Dharamshala

After breakfast enjoy the scenic drive to Dharamshala, the home of the Dalai Lama. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. Spend the next two nights at Fortune Park Moksha. (B)

Day 9 Dharamshala

This morning, visit the Dalai Lama Temple. The temple complex is open from sunrise to sunset, and visitors are welcome to explore the peaceful ambience of the surroundings. Venture to the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts which preserves a wide number of musical, dance and theatrical traditions from Tibet. It is an educational and training institute to preserve and develop Tibetan arts and culture. (B)



Day 10 Dharamshala to Amritsar

Start your day with a drive to Amritsar. The most striking feature about Amritsar is its antiquity. Its central walled city has narrow streets mostly developed in the 17th and 18th century. The city is a peculiar example of an introverted planning system with unique areas called Katras. Stay the next two nights Ranjit Svasa. (B)

Day 11 Amritsar

Start your day with a visit to the Golden Temple. The Golden Temple is the holiest shrine in Sikhism and is a major pilgrimage destination for Sikhs. Later, visit Jallianwala Bagh, which is known for its most notorious massacre under British rule. (B)

Day 12 Amritsar

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

12 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 2,742* PER PERSON

Includes

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





HIGHLIGHTS

- Get a real insight for some of India's most well-known dishes.
- See the unique and stunning symmetry of the Taj Mahal at sunset before enjoying some of India's most iconic cuisine.
- Gain a deeper understanding for local living as you learn from expert home cooks.

Day 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Maidens Hotel.

Day 2 Delhi

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Day 3 Delhi to Agra

Sit back and relax as we journey to Agra by road. Agra was the seat of the imperial Mughal court during the 16th and 17th centuries before the capital was shifted to Delhi. Take an unforgettable journey to the Taj Mahal before making your way to Agra Fort. Overnight at Tajview, Agra. (BD)

Day 4 Agra to Jaipur

Travel to the picturesque city of Jaipur. Later this evening enjoy dinner with a local Indian family where you will get a chance to interact with locals and get to know the Indian cuisine up close and personal. Stay the next two nights in Alsisar Haveli. (BD)

Day 5 Jaipur

Explore the vibrant, colourful history and culture of one of India's favourite cities, the Pink City of Jaipur. Start your day with

a visit to the "milk market" commonly known as Doodh Mandi. Take a jeep ride along the cobbled roads to the hilltop of Amber Fort. Crowning the crest of the hill, Amber Fort offers panoramic views of the surrounding desert hills and villages. Later this evening, explore the city by Pink Rickshaw. (B)

Day 6 Jaipur to Cochin

Journey to Cochin and experience a Kathakali Dance Performance. Stay the next two nights at Brunton Boatyard. (B)

Day 7 Cochin

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

Day 8 Cochin to Periyar

Depart Cochin for the journey to Periyar. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Stay the next two nights at Spice Village. (B)

Day 9 Periyar

Enjoy a full day exploring the city of Periyar including a visit to the Spice plantation and a boat ride through Periyar tiger reserve. (B)

Day 10 Periyar to Kumarakom

Journey to Kumarakom and gain your first views of the exotic backwater hamlet endowed with thick lush greenery, paddy fields and mangrove forests. Stay the next two nights at Coconut Lagoon. (B)

Day 11 Kumarakom

Gain a fascinating insight into the city of Kumarakom as you explore the Philipkutty's Farm before joining a sunset cruise. (BL)

Day 12 Kumarakom to Mararikulam

This morning, journey to Mararikulam. Enjoy the remainder of your day free at leisure. Stay the next two nights at Marari Beach Resort. (B)

Day 13 Mararikulam

Today you can chose to do as little or as much as you please with a day at leisure. (B)

Day 14 Mararikulam to Cochin

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

14 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 4,098* PER PERSON

- Includes**
- 13 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience religious Aarti ceremony at Ram Raja Temple.
- Explore Chambal by boat as you cruise the waters and enjoy a river safari.
- See the unique and stunning symmetry of the Taj Mahal as the sun sets over this iconic monument.

Day 1 Delhi

On arrival in Delhi be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Maidens Hotel.

Day 2 Delhi

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Day 3 Delhi to Chambal

Journey to the picturesque Chambal. Later this evening, enjoy a walk around the lodge and explore the surrounding wildlife. Stay the next two nights at Chambal Safari. (B)

Day 4 Chambal

Rise early for a river safari on the Chambal to catch a glimpse of endangered wildlife such as Gharial, a long-snouted crocodile. Continue on to visit the historic Bateshwar Temple. (B)

Day 5 Chambal to Agra

This morning, travel to Agra. Later this afternoon, visit the unforgettable Taj Mahal at sunset. A sublime experience, the Taj transforms as the light changes and is framed magnificently by gardens, red sandstone mosques and the Yamuna River. This is a serene time with ample opportunity to

explore the ornamental gardens. Overnight at Tajview Agra. (B)

Day 6 Agra to Orchha

After breakfast transfer to Agra railway station to board the train to Jhansi. Upon arrival, venture to Orchha Fort. Later this evening experience the Aarti ceremony at Ram Raja Temple. Overnight at Orchha Resort. (B)

Day 7 Orchha to Khajuraho

Continue the journey from Orchha to Khajuraho. On arrival, spend the afternoon at leisure to explore this historic city. Overnight at Radisson Jass. (B)



Day 8 Khajuraho to Panna

Spend the morning exploring the Eastern and Western Groups of Temples in Khajuraho before continuing the drive to Panna. This evening, enjoy spotting an array of wildlife during a safari in Panna National Park. Overnight at Ken River Lodge. (BLD)

Day 9 Panna to Bandhavgarh

Travel from Panna to Bandhavgarh by road. Bandhavgarh National Park is known for its large population of bengal tigers as well as white tigers, leopards and deer. Stay the next two nights at Bandhav Vila. (BLD)

Day 10 Bandhavgarh

Enjoy an early morning and late evening safari at Bandhavgarh National Park, drive through remote hamlets in search of local wildlife. (BLD)

Day 11 Bandhavgarh to Kanha

Sit back and relax as you journey to Kanha. On arrival, spend the afternoon at leisure to wander the famous bazaars. Stay the next two nights at Chitvan Jungle Lodge. (BLD)

Day 12 Kanha

Enjoy an early morning and late evening safari at Kanha National Park in search of the much sought-after tigers, Sambar deer, Chital and more. (BLD)

Day 13 Kanha to Delhi

This morning, drive to Jabalpur airport for your onward flight to Delhi. This afternoon if free for you to do as little or much as you please, perhaps visit Qutab Minar or wander the chaotic streets of Delhi. Overnight at Novotel New Delhi Aerocity. (B)

Day 14 Delhi

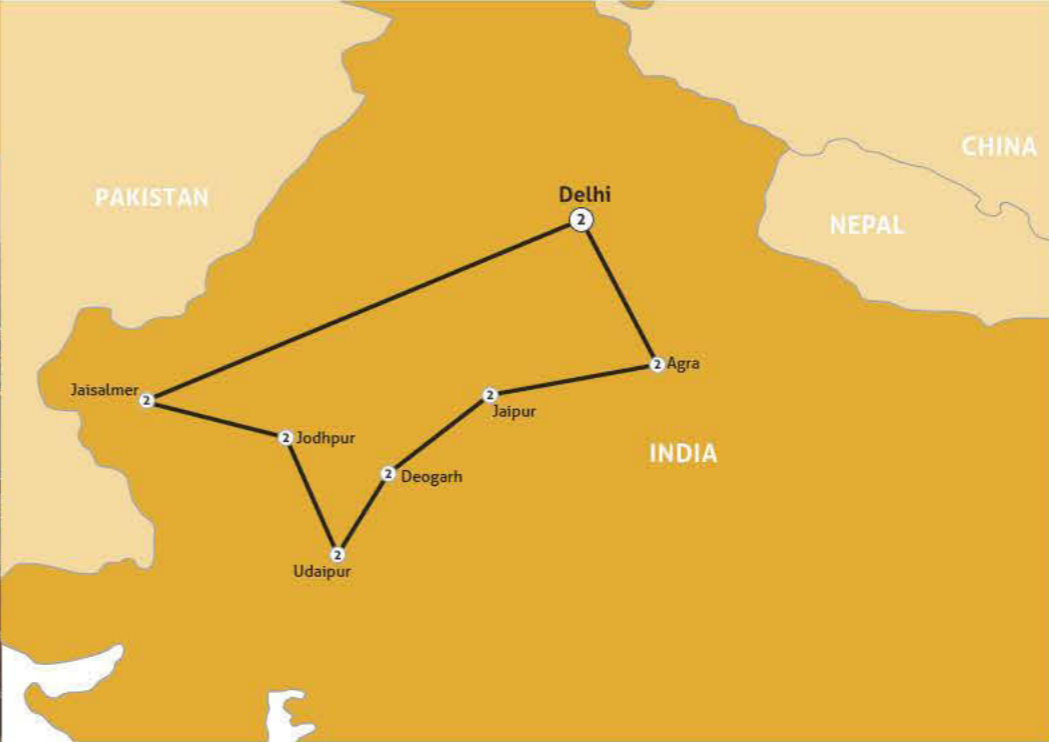
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14 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$ 4,083* PER PERSON

Includes

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





HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the incredible sights of the Blue City of Jodhpur before getting lost wandering through it's winding lanes.
- Cruise along Lake Pichola enjoying wonderful sunset views of the grand Lake Palace.
- Take a ride on a Pink Rickshaw in Jaipur. Founded to provide an opportunity to 200 women from low income households in Jaipur.

Day 1 Delhi
On arrival in Delhi be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at The Imperial.

Day 2 Delhi
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Day 3 Delhi to Jaisalmer
This morning, venture to Jaisalmer by air. Later this afternoon, exchange your seat on a 4x4 for a more natural ride on a camel. Watch the sun go down over the outlying countryside from the vantage of any one of the scattered dunes. Stay the next two nights at Sujan The Serai. (B)

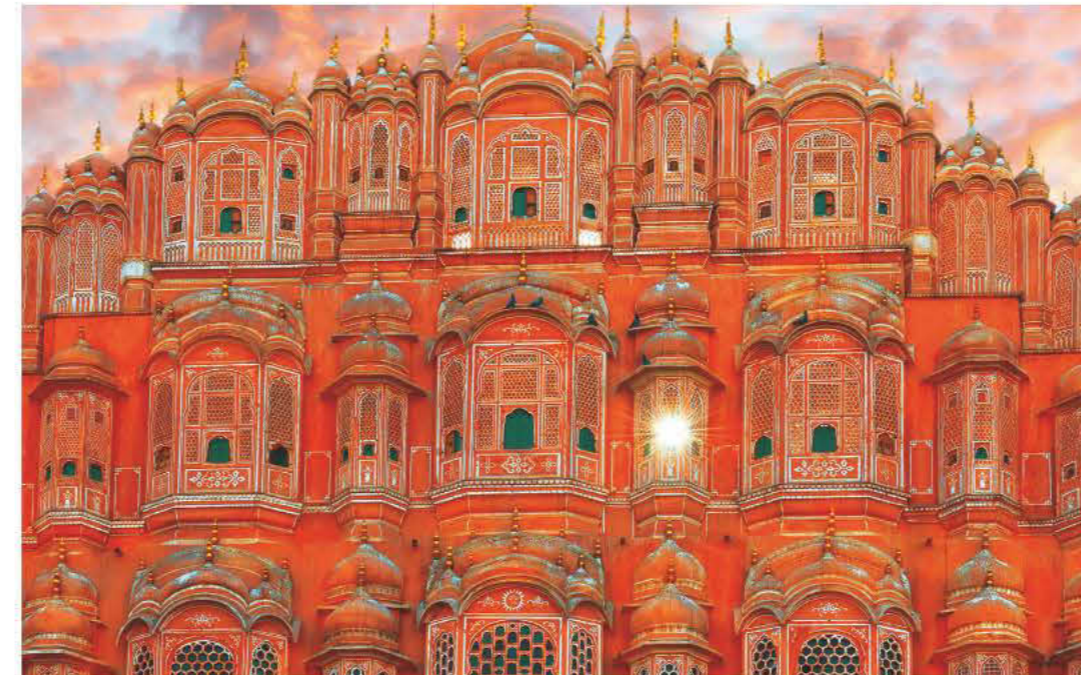
Day 4 Jaisalmer
Take a tour of Jaisalmer, India's golden city. Venture to Jaisalmer Fort, which is one of the largest forts in the world. This evening is free at leisure. (B)

Day 5 Jaisalmer to Jodhpur
Depart Jaisalmer for the journey to Jodhpur. Upon arrival in Jodhpur, this afternoon is free at leisure. Admire houses painted in all shades of blue as you wander through the ancient streets. Stay the next two nights at Umaid Bhawan Palace. (B)

Day 6 Jodhpur
Enjoy a full day tour exploring Jodhpur including the vast Mehrangarh Fort alongside a Museum Curator. (BD)

Day 7 Jodhpur to Udaipur
Travel through the scenic countryside to Udaipur. Stay the next two nights at The Oberoi Udaivilas. (B)

Day 8 Udaipur
Immerse yourself in the grandeur of Udaipur as you discover the grand City Palace on a morning tour. The afternoon is at leisure before your evening cruise along the remarkable Lake Pichola. (B)



Day 9 Udaipur to Deogarh
Continue to historic Deogarh. This afternoon, visit a traditional tea stall and interact with the locals over a cup of tea. Stay the next two nights at Dev Shree. (BD)

Day 10 Deogarh
Discover the highlights of Deogarh on a full day city tour including a rural train ride which allows you to walk in the shoes of a local and experience traditional lifestyles. (BD)

Day 11 Deogarh to Jaipur
Explore the vibrant, colourful history and culture of one of India's favourite cities, the Pink City of Jaipur. Stay the next two nights at Rambagh Palace. (B)

Day 12 Jaipur
Spend the day exploring Jaipur's highlights on a tour including the vast Amber Fort, the

photogenic Palace of the Winds façade and the history-laden City Palace Museum. (B)

Day 13 Jaipur to Agra
After a leisurely breakfast, journey through rural Rajasthan to Agra. Enjoy a free afternoon or perhaps gain a first glimpse of the mind blowing Taj Mahal. Stay the next two nights at The Oberoi Amarvilas. (B)

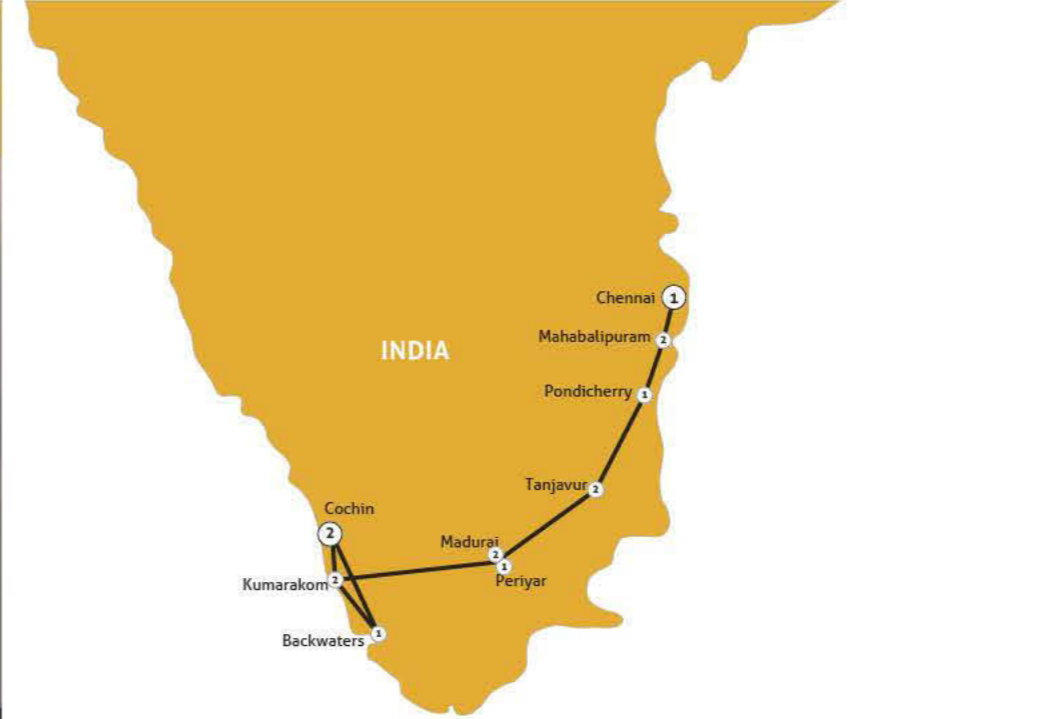
Day 14 Agra
Rise early to enjoy a sunrise tour of the unforgettable Taj Mahal. The sublime experience, the Taj transforms as the light changes and is framed magnificently by gardens, red sandstone mosques and the Yamuna River. Later this afternoon, venture to Agra Fort, home to graceful Mughal architecture and views towards the nearby Taj Mahal. Situated above the Yamuna River, spend time discovering the highlights within the massive red sandstone walls. (BD)

Day 15 Agra to Delhi
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

15 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 15,020** PER PERSON

- Includes
- 14 nights 5 star hotel accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Follow the meandering waterways of the Kerala backwaters on a Kettuvallam – a converted Kerala houseboat.
- Wander through the exciting city of Cochin and view the iconic Chinese fishing nets on the seashore.
- Immerse yourself in local culture as you attend a traditional ceremony in Madurai

Day 1 Chennai
On arrival in Chennai be transferred to your hotel. Overnight at Crowne Plaza Chennai Adyar Park.

Day 2 Chennai to Mahabalipuram
Discover the highlights of Chennai on a full day city tour including a visit to Fort St. George & Museum before continuing your journey on to Mahabalipuram. Stay the next two nights at Radisson Blu Resort Temple Bay. (B)

Day 3 Mahabalipuram
Take a full day tour exploring Mahabalipuram before relaxing on the beach later this afternoon. (B)

Day 4 Mahabalipuram to Pondicherry
Depart Mahabalipuram for the journey to Pondicherry. Along the way, visit Auroville – The City of Tomorrow. Overnight at Maison's Perumal. (B)

Day 5 Pondicherry to Thanjavur
Continue to Thanjavur, en route visit the Nataraj Temple. Stay the next two nights at Svatma. (B)

Day 6 Thanjavur
Explore the vibrant and diverse Thanjavur. Venture to Brihadishwara Temple & Fort – Built by great Chola king. (B)

Day 7 Thanjavur to Madurai
Travel to Madurai, along the way enjoy a visit to the Rockfort temple in Trichy. Rockfort temple stands tall on a magnificent hill which is believed to be 3 million years

old. Stay the next 2 nights at Courtyard by Marriott Madurai. (B)

Day 8 Madurai
Take a guided village walk and see the fascinating scenes of small town life. In the evening, visit Meenakshi Temple to attend the evening ceremony known as 'Bedtime of the God'. (B)

Day 9 Mandurai to Periyar
Travel to Periyar. Later this afternoon cruise through Periyar tiger reserve whilst on a public boat ride. Overnight at The Elephant Court. (B)

Day 10 Periyar to Kumarakom
Venture to the spice plantation in Periyar before continuing the drive to Kumarakom. Stay the next two nights at Coconut Lagoon. (B)

Day 11 Kumarakom
Gain a fascinating insight into Kumarakom as you explore philipkutty's farm. Immerse yourself in Indian culture as you prepare your own lunch as part of a cooking demonstration.(BL)

Day 12 Kumarakom to Backwaters
Take a short journey to the Backwaters and board your own private Kettuvallam, a converted Kerala houseboat, to experience this beautiful watery wonderland. Overnight on Xandari Riverscapes. (BLD)

Day 13 Backwaters to Cochin
Enjoy breakfast on board before being transferred to Cochin. Stay the next two nights at Xandari Harbour. (B))

Day 14 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 15 Cochin
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

15 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 3,868* PER PERSON

- Includes**
- 13 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
 - 1 night Houseboat accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
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MAIDENS HOTEL DELHI ◆◆◆◆

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.



TAJ GANGES VARANASI ◆◆◆◆

Located on the banks of Varuna River, Taj Ganges is a stylish hotel featuring modern arts and textiles. True to the city's timeless spirit, the hotel shifts gears from urbane luxury to spiritual epiphanies without missing a beat.



TAJ BENGAL KOLKATA ◆◆◆◆

Taj Bengal is a landmark hotel in downtown Kolkata, in the exclusive neighbourhood of Alipore at the heart of its cultural heritage. Genuine antiques, priceless art, and colours are impeccably woven together with contemporary style and modern amenities.



THE OBEROI KOLKATA ◆◆◆◆

Situated in a quiet, leafy suburban area, this heritage style hotel evokes the region's grand history with ornate décor and charming touches. Cosy bedrooms open into small sitting rooms with antique-styled chairs.



BRIJRAMA PALACE VARANASI ◆◆◆◆

Built in 1812, Brijrama Palace is one of the oldest landmarks on the banks of the River Ganga and the second oldest palace of Varanasi. The property features cosy heritage rooms, each unique in design and décor.



THE OBEROI AMARVILAS ◆◆◆◆

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.



TAJ NADESAR PALACE ◆◆◆◆

A former Governor's residence, the property retains an old-world ambience and style reflecting its history, with great location close to central Varanasi. Each room evokes a rich style of Rajasthan with a contemporary twist.



TAJVIEW HOTEL AGRA ◆◆◆◆

Located in the heart of Agra, this property offers views of the stunning Taj Mahal. Each room is modern in design and showcases a range of amenities. Set on extensive grounds with a relaxing pool.



ALSISAR HAVELI JAIPUR ◆◆◆◆

This stylish home has been converted into a classic Jaipur heritage hotel by its delightful ancestral owners, Maharao Shekhaji. Alsisar Haveli has an assortment of tastefully crafted and well equipped heritage style rooms.



RADISSON JODHPUR ◆◆◆◆

Radisson Jodhpur a boutique hotel that blends ancient-style architecture with modern amenities for a memorable stay in the Blue city.



MAISON'S PERUMAL PONDICHERRY ◆◆◆◆

This beautifully restored family mansion dates back to the French colonial times. The 'less-is-more' philosophy is reflected in Maison Perumal's minimalistic interiors that are adorned with a spare style, yet pay much attention to detail.



CHAMBAL SAFARI LODGE ◆◆◆◆

Nestled amongst sprawling acres of reclaimed woodland lies the Chambal Safari Lodge. Each spacious room is simple yet stylishly designed in true Indian style.

INSIDER HOTELS

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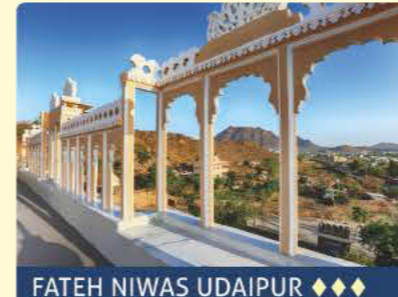
SHANGRI-LA DELHI ◆◆◆◆

The Shangri-La offers a combination of comfort, service and affordability not easily found in India's capital. Each well-appointed room is spacious with views overlooking the city. Cool off in the pool after a busy day of sightseeing.



THE IMPERIAL DELHI ◆◆◆◆

The Imperial is one of India's true colonial icons. The property boasts a palatial grand design which melds perfectly with the Raj-era history and modern luxury. Each room is spacious with lofty ceilings and old-world ambience.



FATEH NIWAS UDAIPUR ◆◆◆◆

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.



HOTEL FATEHGARH UDAIPUR ◆◆◆◆

Perched on a hilltop facing the city, this hotel is straight out of a fairy tale. Explore terraced courtyards, hidden halls and breezeways with frescoed walls and sumptuous antique guestrooms.



TAJ LAKE PALACE UDAIPUR ◆◆◆◆

Built for the Udaipur royal family, the Taj Lake Palace is 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 offer spectacular views. One of the true legendary hotels of the world.



Day 1 Kovalam
On arrival in Kovalam be transferred to Niraamaya Retreats Surya Samudra where you will spend the next 3 nights. Recognised as one of the best Ayurveda Resorts in India.

Day 2 Kovalam
Start your personalised path to rejuvenation in mind, body and soul. (B)

Day 3 Kovalam
Another day at your resort, maybe indulge in some long walks on the secluded beaches, or take a dip in the rock-cut infinity pool (B)

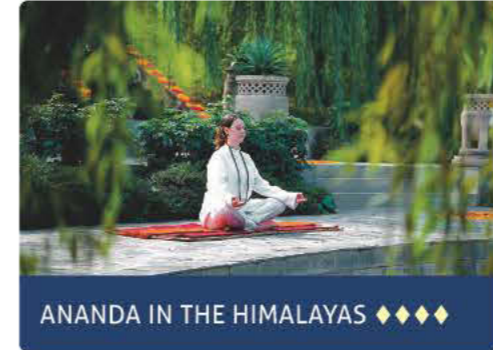
Day 4 Kovalam to Trivandrum
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

4 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$ 729* PER PERSON

Includes

- 3 nights at Niraamaya Retreats Surya Samudra (Heritage Classic)
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)

UPGRADE
Leela Kovalam from \$ 512*



Ananda in the Himalayas is one of the best Luxury Spa resorts in India, located in the foothills of the Himalayas in India, the birthplace of the ancient arts of Yoga, Ayurveda and Meditation. Set among 100 acres of virgin forest, Ananda is built around the majestic palace estate of the Maharaja of Tehri- Garhwal offering breathtaking views of the Himalayan Mountains.

ANANDA IN THE HIMALAYAS ♦♦♦♦

Somatheeram Ayurveda Resort is one of the most popular Ayurveda resorts in Kerala located at Chowara Beach on a hilltop 9 km south of the famous Kovalam Beach with over 15 acres of greenery. Here you can benefit from traditional Ayurvedic therapy as well as Yoga in a blissfully peaceful environment. Somatheeram, the world's first Ayurveda hospital set in a resort ambiance to provide Ayurveda treatments / programs for guests from all over the world.



SOMATHEERAM AYURVEDA VILLAGE ♦♦♦♦

NIRAAMAYA RETREATS ARADURA KOHIMA ♦♦♦♦



Overlooking the verdant pine forests, Niraamaya Retreats Aradura offers a countryside escape amidst some of the most beautiful scenery in the region. Invigorating therapies at the Niraamaya Spa rejuvenate the mind, body and spirit which complement the relaxing atmosphere while indulging in regional specialties and global cuisine.



Day 1 Bakal
Transfer to the Taj Bekal Resort & Spa, a luxury beach resort inspired by the design of the Ketuvallam houseboats. Spend the next 3 nights unwinding in the relaxed surroundings.

Day 2 Bakal
Revitalize with authentic Ayurveda therapies or opt for some personalised wellness menus at the Jiva Spa at Taj Bekal. This spa is internationally renowned for its treatments by the hands of skilled therapists. This is where you come to naturally align your mind, body and soul. (B)

Day 3 Bekal
Early birds can rise and shine and venture out for a 4-km walk on the borders of the resort, or just relax and enjoy time recharging. (B)

Day 4 Bekal to Mangalore
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

4 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$ 936* PER PERSON

Includes

- 3 nights at Taj Bekal Resort & Spa, Kerala (Superior Room)
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)

KUMARAKOM LAKE RESORT ♦♦♦♦



Kumarakom Lake Resort combines Kerala's traditional architectural charm with luxurious, modern comforts. Each room is a careful reconstruction of manas, the 16th century traditional homesteads of Kerala, and reassembled painstakingly by hand to create the luxurious abodes at Kumarakom Lake Resort. Discover harmony with nature through Yoga which isolate the ego from the body and mind are designed to sharpen your concentration, improve your health and assist you in attaining peace of mind.

SwaSvara is a gorgeous resort located just behind the famous OM beach. The villas are spacious and have a minimal rustic design, mixing more traditional elements of Konkan architecture with a touch of modern comfort. Villas have nice open-air bathrooms and modern facilities. During your stay you will have a comprehensive program which begins with an introduction to Yogic kriyas and continues with the asanas, Yoganidra Meditations and Pranayam.



SWASVARA WELLNESS RETREAT ♦♦♦♦

CARNOUSTIE AYURVEDA AND WELLNESS RESORT ♦♦♦♦



Set along a quiet stretch of beach, Carnoustie Ayurveda offers the perfect getaway allowing one to embark on your wellness journey with traditional Ayurveda treatments from ancient India. Amidst lush gardens and rustic courtyards, the atmosphere of serenity provides a sense of comforting luxury.



DELHI | Delhi by Cycle

Half Day / Join In
Behind every historical capital there is an iconic river. The route is an ode to this river that has been a silent witness to Delhi's history and is now a recurrent victim of its excesses. Starting from the little lanes of Shahjahanabad, while the city is still sleepy in its proverbial socks passing along the magnificently formidable walls of the Red Fort we find ourselves on the meditative quiet banks of the Yamuna at Nigambodh Ghat.

\$92* PER PERSON

DELHI | Cooking Class with local family

Half Day / 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.

\$122* PER PERSON



AGRA | Mohabbat The Taj Show

Half Day / Join In
Take a step back in time as you enjoy a live stage show depicting the saga of true love between Shahjahan and Mumtaz Mahal- his beautiful wife. The Taj Mahal was built by Emperor Shah Jahan for his beloved wife and is now described as 'The Jewel of Muslim art in India'.

\$61* PER PERSON



JAIPUR | Hot Air Balloon ride

Half day / Join in
Jaipur is one of the most remarkable sights in Asia, with ancient Forts crowning the hills. View this extraordinary site from the air on an exhilarating 60 minute sunrise flight by hot air balloon. This unforgettable flight is an incredible experience and offers a unique perspective of Jaipur and its surroundings

\$447* PER PERSON



MAHABALIPURAM | Cycling in Mahabalipuram

2 hours / Private
Begin your explorations of Mahabalipuram as you cycle the cobbled streets and discover the local surrounding villages which were reconstructed in 2004 due to a Tsunami. Discover the chaos of a local fish auction. Around midday, return to your hotel or continue exploring independently.

\$72* PER PERSON

PONDICHERRY | Heritage walk in Pondicherry

Half Day / Private
Discover the French Quarters of Pondicherry on a historic walk. This walk will include the various lesser known buildings and monuments including White town and the vibrant Hindu temple which is known for its elephant blessings, the Ganesha Temple.

\$132* PER PERSON



JAIPUR | Pink City Rickshaw Tour

Half Day / Private
Experience the medieval mystique of the walled city in these unique and custom designed, ecofriendly rickshaws driven by well trained women. Use this experience to soak in the local culture and explore Jaipur's most iconic sights.

\$41* PER PERSON



DELHI | Tea Tasting

30 minutes / 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!

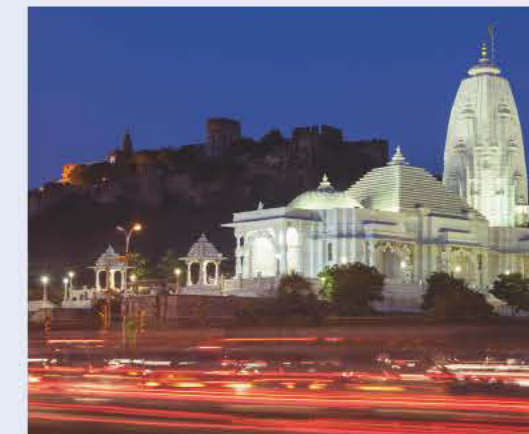
\$102* PER PERSON



JAIPUR | Evening Aarti Ceremony

1 hour / Join in
Take part in an unforgettable Aarti Ceremony at Narayan Temple. This is a modern temple built of white marble on top of a hill, dominating the skyline of south Jaipur. Gain a deeper understanding into local culture as you witness the religious ritual of worship.

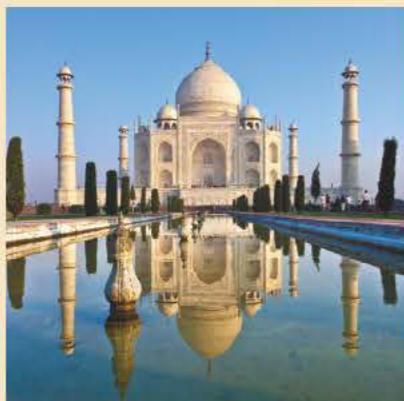
\$31* PER PERSON



JAIPUR | Dinner with Royal Family

Half Day / Join-in
As you are warmly welcomed into Sankotra Haveli, you will be greeted by local women in a traditional way by applying Tikka and flower garlands. Gain an insight into local history as you exchange life experiences over a locally prepared meal with the Royal Family.

\$183* PER PERSON



DELHI TO AGRA | Delhi to Agra by Gatimaan Express

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 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.

\$264* PER PERSON



MADURAI | Heritage Walk in Madurai

Half Day / Private
Madurai is a flourishing market town since the 2nd century, the centre of power for many dynasties and a seat of divinity from time immemorial. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through this ancient city and explore its iconic monuments.

\$132* PER PERSON



SRI LANKA



AMAZING WILDLIFE

Sri Lanka is home to an abundance of national parks rich with magnificent wildlife. Yala National Park is famous for having one of the highest leopard densities in the world, while Udawalawe is where you'll find the majestic Sri Lankan elephant.

ANCIENT WONDERS

Uncover vast remains of ancient Buddhist civilisations, clifftop palaces and hill caves in Anuradhapura, Dambulla and Sigiriya – the Cultural Triangle. Explore Galle Fort, with its ramparts fronting the Laccadive Sea and its quaint cobbled lanes.

SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka is an island paradise bursting with a rich variety of attractions, spicy cuisine, and warm, welcoming people. Featuring one of the most biodiverse forests in the world, its breathtaking coast and endless palm tree-lined beaches are a true tropical paradise. Beyond the coast discover ancient Buddhist cities, lush tea-covered hills, colourful temples, wildlife experiences and beautiful countryside.



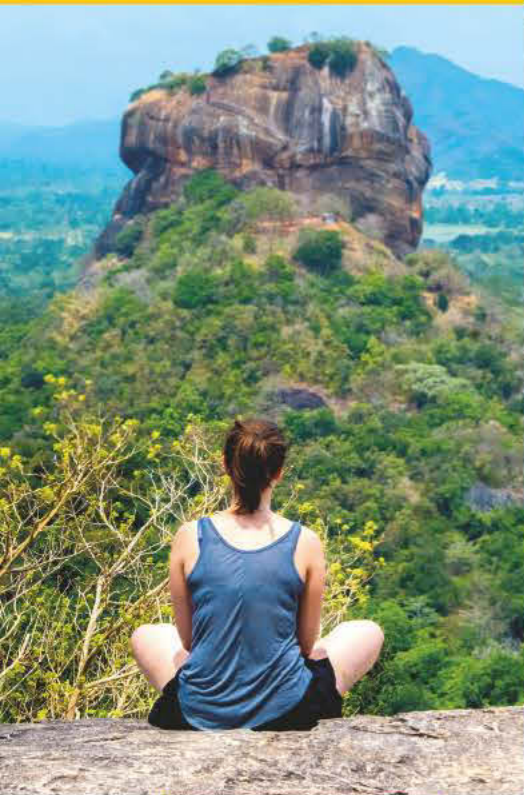
WEATHER

While mostly tropical, Sri Lanka's climate varies between regions. The best period for a round island visit is late January to early April when rainfall is minimal, but the island can be visited year-round. Lowland temperatures are pleasant all year, while it is colder in the highlands, especially at night.

	MAR – MAY	JUN – AUG	SEP – NOV	DEC – FEB
Colombo	22/31	25/32	25/30	24/30
Nuwara Eliya	9/15	11/18	13/17	12/16
Sigiriya	14/29	14/34	15/30	16/32

SUPERB BEACHES

From long stretches of sandy beach to intimate coves, the Sri Lankan coast is lined with stunning golden shores. Unwind in a seaside villa or a luxurious resort with plenty of wildlife, shopping and delicious cuisine right on your doorstep.



Day 1 Colombo to Negombo
On arrival in Colombo be transferred to Negombo. Overnight at Goldi Sands.

Day 2 Negombo to Anuradhapura
Travel to Anuradhapura and take a tour of the city's ancient ruins. Admire Sri Maha Bodhi, the oldest documented fig tree in the world. Overnight at Palm Garden Village Anuradhapura. (B)

Day 3 Anuradhapura to Sigiriya
This morning, venture to Sigiriya and enjoy a half day tour to the ancient town of Polonnaruwa. Stay the next two nights at Hotel Sigiriya. (B)

Day 4 Sigiriya
Drive to nearby Sigiriya, Sri Lanka's most iconic attraction. This dramatic rock fortress shelters some fine religious and royal artworks and architecture. Those fit enough to climb the 2,000 plus stairs to the top will enjoy sweeping views. Wander through the ancient ruins of the city that was. Later, venture to Hiriwadunna where you will trek through the archetypal village. (B)

Day 5 Sigiriya to Kandy
En route to Kandy, stop at Dambulla Cave Temple. The hilltop temple complex consists of five caves that have been converted to shrines. The temples offer spectacular views from the top and are filled with an array of Buddha statues and paintings. Stay the next two nights at OZO Kandy. (B)

Day 6 Kandy
Discover Kandy on a full day city tour including the beautiful Peradeniya Botanical Garden. Later this evening, visit one of the most important Buddhist artefacts at the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. (B)

Day 7 Kandy to Colombo
Venture through the beautiful countryside to Colombo. On arrival, discover the fascinating sites of Colombo as you take a half day tour through the commercial area of Fort, the noisy bazaar of Pettah or Pitakotuwa and the Wolvendaal Dutch Church. Drive through Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo's upmarket residential area. Overnight at OZO Colombo. (B)

Day 8 Colombo
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

8 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 1,792* PER PERSON

Includes

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

Day 1 Colombo to Nuwara Eliya
On arrival in Colombo be transferred to Nuwara Eliya. Stay the next two nights at Araliya Green Hills.

Day 2 Nuwara Eliya
Visit a tea factory and take a tour of the hillside city, Nuwara Eliya. (B)

Day 3 Nuwara Eliya to Yala
Travel to Sri Lanka's most popular National Park, Yala National Park. Explore the forests, rocky outcrops and grasslands of this diverse park. Stay the next two nights at Kithala Resort. (B)

Day 4 Yala
After breakfast, explore the national park by jeep on a morning safari. Yala has one of the highest leopard densities in the world so your chances of spotting one are high. You may also catch a glimpse of sloth bears, jungle cats, mongoose, deer, buffalo, crocodiles and elephants, as well as more than 130 species of birds. (B)

Day 5 Yala to Galle
Journey along the south coast to Galle. Enjoy a walking tour of this historic fortress, exploring cobbled streets and admiring the incredibly well-preserved colonial architecture. Visit bastions, temples and the grand clock tower which dates back to 1707. Stay the next two nights at Fort Printers. (B)

Day 6 Galle
Spend the day exploring Galle Fort and its surrounding city. Galle is a beautiful colonial town along the Southern Coast of Sri Lanka,

still well known for hand-made lace. People from all different walks of life can appreciate Galle through its beautiful colonial architecture or Maritime Museum. (B)

Day 7 Galle to Colombo
This morning, begin your drive to Colombo. Upon arrival, explore the city by tuk tuk. Visit Fort, the former British administrative centre and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmith's quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where there is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. Overnight at OZO Colombo.

Day 8 Colombo
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

8 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 2,066* PER PERSON

Includes

- 7 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
- Private Touring
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the breathtaking views of Sigiriya rock, often referred to as the eighth wonder of the world.
- See some of the world's most majestic and rare creatures as you trek through Hiriwadunna.
- Admire the perfectly preserved architecture in the ancient city of Polonnaruwa.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a safari at Sri Lanka's oldest National Park and catch a glimpse of wildlife including leopards, elephants and monkeys.
- Wander through the cobbled streets and admire ancient landmarks in the fortress town of Galle.
- Explore the bustling streets, coastline and aromatic food markets in colourful Colombo.



Day 1 Colombo to Udawalawa

On arrival in Colombo be transferred to Udawalwa. Overnight at Grand Udawalwa Safari.

Day 2 Udawalawa to Yala

After breakfast enjoy a safari in Udawalawa National Park. The national park was created to provide a sanctuary for wild animals displaced by the construction of the Udawalawa Reservoir on the Walawe River, as well as to protect the catchment of the reservoir. Udawalawa is an important habitat for water birds and Sri Lankan elephants. After the safari drive to Yala, Sri Lanka's oldest



Day 3 Yala

Rise early as you enjoy a Jeep safari in Yala National Park. The terrain is varied, flat plains alternating with rocky outcrops. The vegetation ranges from open parkland to dense jungle a must for any wildlife enthusiast with the specialty being the large number of Elephants, Deer, Wild Boar and Sāmbhar. (B)

Day 4 Yala to Sinharaja

After breakfast drive to Sinharaja. Sinharaja is a rainforest and national park in the southern province of Sri Lanka. Stay the next two nights at The Rain Forest Eco Lodge. (B)

Day 5 Sinharaja

Start your day with a trek in Sinharaja Rainforest. Trek through the quaint paths of Sinharaja where placid undergrowth lie in wait for the appreciation of all who wish to indulge in an adventure to the tranquil wilderness. (B)

Day 6 Sinharaja to Bentota

Rise early to embark on the journey to Galle. The walled city has stood since the early sixteenth century through the colonial periods. Enjoy a visit to Galle Fort and its surrounding city, before continuing on to Bentota. Stay the next two nights at Avani Bentota. (B)

Day 7 Bentota

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by a free day at leisure to relax and recharge on the beach or by the pool. (B)

Day 8 Bentota to Colombo

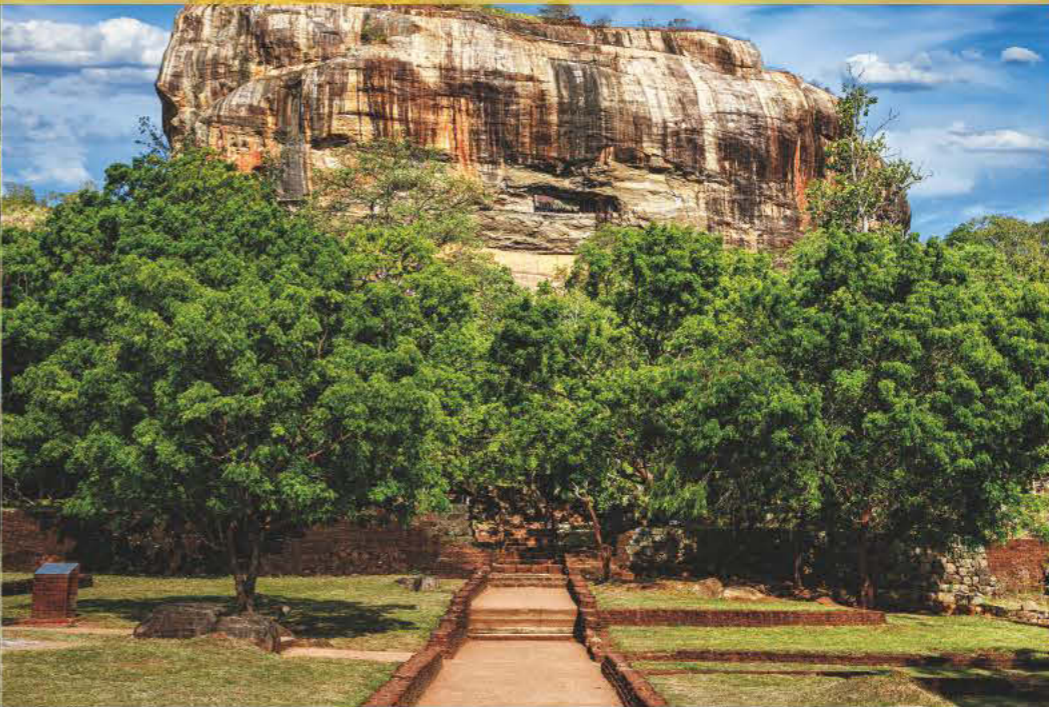
Venture from Bentota to Colombo, the country's capital. In the afternoon, experience the hustle and bustle of the commercial area of Fort and drive past the noisy bazaar area of Pettah. Visit the Wolvendaal Dutch Church, built in 1749, and drive through the Cinnamon Gardens. Overnight at OZO Colombo. (B)

Day 9 Colombo

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

9 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 2,253* PER PERSON

- Includes**
- 8 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - Local English-speaking guide
 - Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
 - Return airport transfers to accommodation
 - Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)



Day 1 Colombo to Negombo

On arrival in Colombo be transferred to Negombo. Overnight at Goldi Sands.

Day 2 Negombo to Sigiriya

Venture into the Cultural Triangle, stopping en route at the Dambulla Cave Temple, a gallery of Buddhist art set in a series of hilltop caves. Settle into your beautiful resort-style accommodation nestled around a series of lakes. Stay the next two nights at Hotel Sigiriya. (B)

Day 3 Sigiriya

Drive to nearby Sigiriya, Sri Lanka's most iconic attraction. This dramatic rock fortress shelters some fine religious and royal artworks and architecture. Wander through the ancient ruins of the city. Go on a jeep safari through Minneriya National Park where you may catch a glimpse of Asian elephants. (B)

Day 4 Sigiriya to Passikudha

Today, visit Sigiriya Lion Rock and Polonaruwa, the Island's medieval capital before spending two nights at The Calm Resort and Spa located on the beach on Passikudha. (B)

Day 5 Passikudha

Journey to Batticaloa. In Batticaloa visit the Tamil territory and enjoy traditional Tamil cuisine with a local family. (B)

Day 6 Passikudha to Ella

Travel to Ella. Later this afternoon, enjoy a visit to a Tea factory in Ella. Stay the next two nights at Oakray Ella Gap. (B)

Day 7 Ella

This morning, enjoy a hill train ride into the heart of the tea country where pure Ceylon Tea is being processed. Enjoy your surroundings as your train will journey through dense vegetation, narrow tunnels while cutting through mountains hissing its way to a picture-perfect serenity among the lush green mountains. (B)

Day 8 Ella to Gampola

Travel from Ella to Nuwara Eliya. On arrival in Nuwara Eliya, enjoy a visit of a local Tea factory & Tea plantation, before continuing the journey to Gampola. Overnight at Mount Havana Hotel. (B)

Day 9 Gampola to Kandy

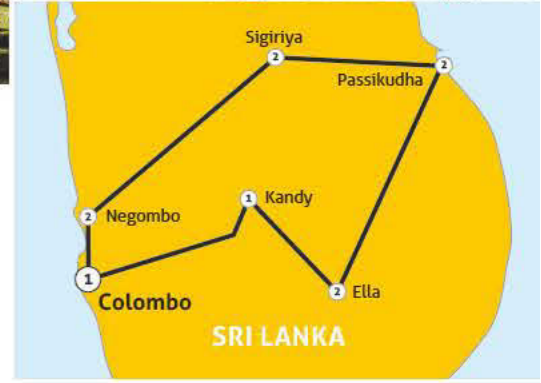
En route to Kandy, visit a dairy farming & coffee garden. This evening, enjoy a traditional cultural Show. Overnight at OZO Kandy. (B)

Day 10 Kandy to Colombo

Venture from Kandy to Colombo, the country's capital. In the afternoon,

11 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 2,651* PER PERSON

- Includes**
- 10 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
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 - Private Touring
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Day 11 Colombo

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Traverse the wide open spaces of Yala National Park and spot leopards, elephants and sloth bears.
- Admire the perfectly preserved colonial architecture in the ancient fort city of Galle.
- Unwind as you sit back and relax on the beach of Bentota.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience an exciting and scenic train journey in Ella.
- Visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy which houses the tooth of the Buddha.
- Enjoy traditional Tamil cuisine with a local family in Passikudha.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey through the picturesque countryside, taking in the stunning scenery and rolling tea-covered hills along the way.
- Experience a thrilling safari in Yala National Park where you may discover elephants roaming in the wild.
- Explore the sacred city of Anuradhpura and discover the surrounding ancient ruins.

Day 1 Colombo to Kotugoda

On arrival in Colombo be transferred to Kotugoda. Overnight at Watura Resort.

Day 2 Kotugoda to Anuradhapura

This morning visit the Lellama fishing village near the Old Dutch Gate. The large open air fish market is the second largest in the country. Later, continue on to Anuradhapura. Stay the next two nights at Ullagalla. (B)

Day 3 Anuradhapura

Explore the sacred city and tour the ancient ruins of the 4th century BC capital. Visit the Sri Maha Bodhi, said to be the oldest documented tree in the world. (B)

Day 4 Anuradhapura to Sigiriya

Today you will travel to Sigiriya, also known as the 8th wonder of the world via the ancient city of Polonnaruwa - The Island's medieval capital. Stay the next two nights at Water Garden Sigiriya. (B)

Day 5 Sigiriya

Explore the iconic Sigiriya Lion Rock - a fortress complex of a ruined palace and one of the World Heritage sites declared by UNESCO. Undoubtedly the most treasured historical monument in Sri Lanka and probably the most visited tourist destinations in Sri Lanka. Later, enjoy a jeep safari in Minneriya National Park - a national park in the North Central Province of Sri Lanka. The park was declared a wild life sanctuary in order to protect the watershed of Minneriya tank and the wildlife of the surrounding area. (B)

Day 6 Sigiriya to Kandy

Explore the rock cave temples of Dambulla before travelling to Kandy. Enjoy a cultural show and visit the temple of the sacred tooth relic. Stay the next two nights at Elephant Stable. (B)

Day 7 Kandy

Discover Kandy on a full day city tour including beautiful Peradeniya Botanical Garden. This evening, enjoy a traditional cultural Performances. (B)

Day 8 Kandy to Hatton

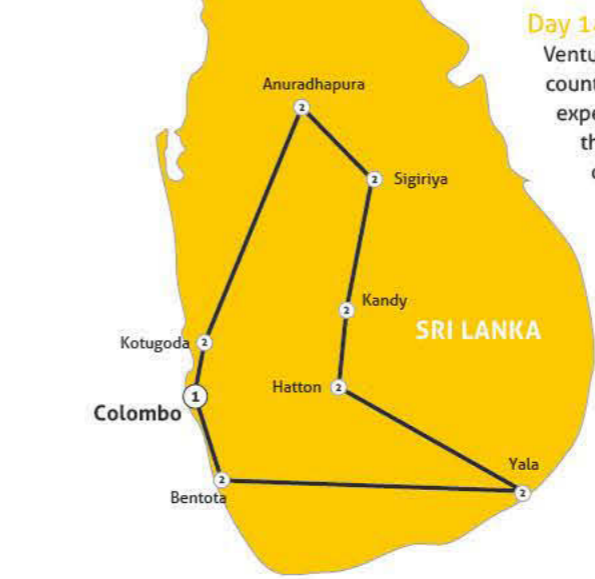
Travel to Hatton by road. Almost every available hillside is bright with tea bushes trimmed so neatly that, from a distance, the hills look as if they're covered with a thick-pile rug. Providing cool relief from the heat of the plains, the mornings are usually veiled in a mist that slowly dissipates to reveal the curious pyramidal bulk of Adam's Peak to the southwest. Stay the next two nights at Ceylon Tea Trails. (B)

Day 9 Hatton

Enjoy the Tea trails experience tour and learn about the region's tea growing industry and living heritage of Sri Lanka. (B)

Day 10 Hatton to Yala

Travel to Yala, Sri Lanka's oldest national park which is located in the south-east corner of Sri Lanka. Stay the next two nights at Wild Coast Tented Lodge. (B)



Day 14 Bentota to Colombo

Venture from Bentota to Colombo, the country's capital. In the afternoon, experience the hustle and bustle of the commercial area of Fort and drive past the noisy bazaar area of Pettah. Visit the Wolvendaal Dutch Church, built in 1749, and drive through the Cinnamon Gardens. Overnight at Uga Residence. (B)

Day 15 Colombo

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

Day 11 Yala

Rise early as you enjoy a Jeep safari in Yala National Park - The terrain is varied, flat plains alternating with rocky outcrops. The vegetation ranges from open parkland to dense jungle a must for any wildlife enthusiast with the specialty being the large number of Elephants, Deer, Wild Boar and Sāmbhar. (B)

Day 12 Yala to Bentota

This morning, embark on the journey to Galle. The walled city has stood since the early sixteenth century through the colonial periods. Enjoy a visit to Galle Fort and its surrounding city, before continuing on to Bentota. Stay the next two nights at Saman Villas. (B)

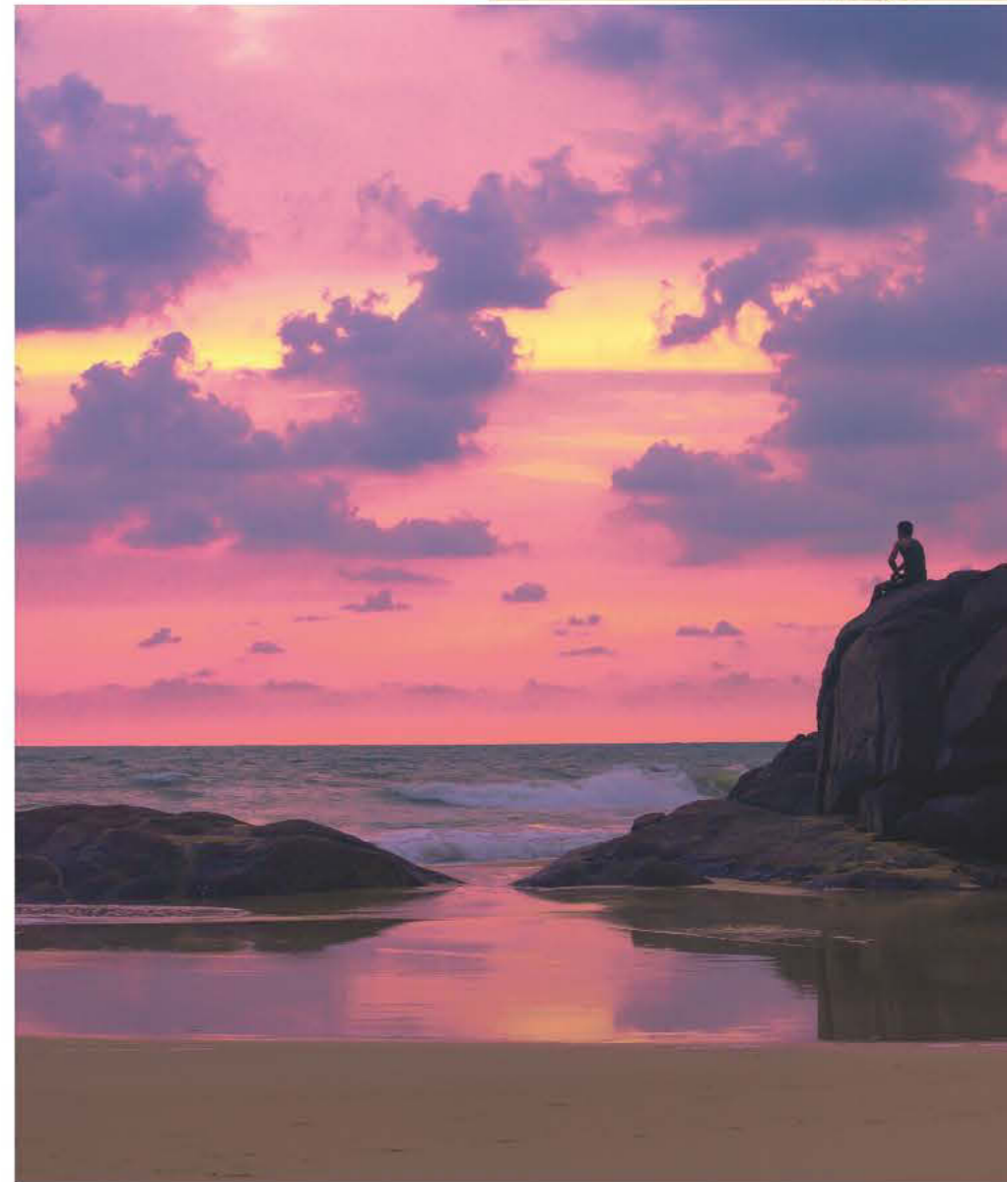
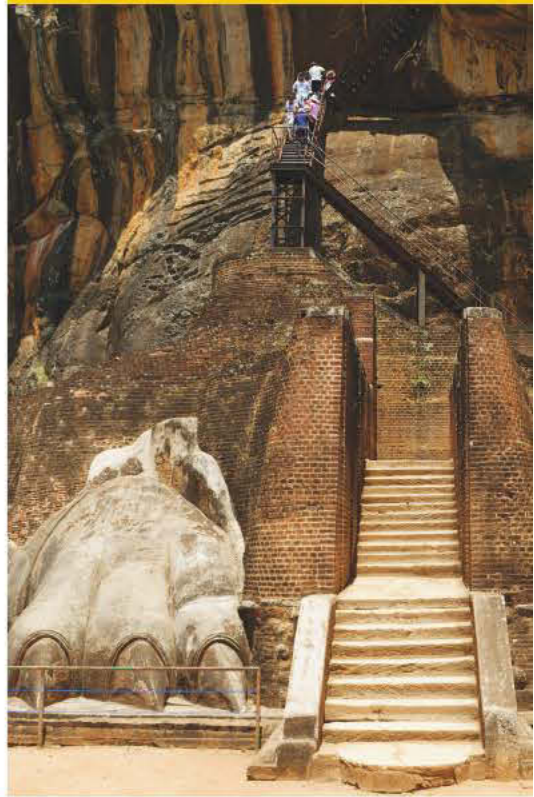
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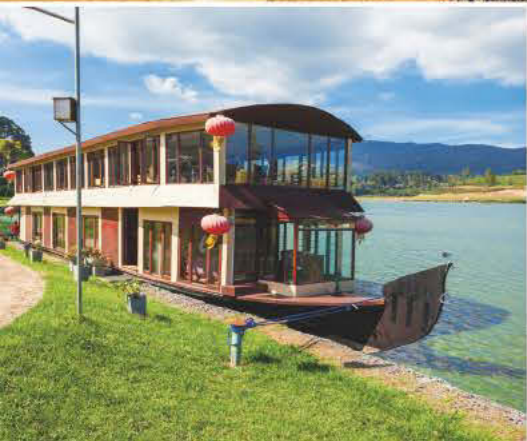
Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by a free day at leisure in your spectacular beach resort. (B)

15 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 10,418* PER PERSON

Includes

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





HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a scenic train journey from Nuwara Eliya to Ella, passing stone cliffs, emerald mountains and waterfalls.
- See some of the world's most majestic and rare creatures on wildlife safari in Yala.
- Explore the iconic natural hot springs of Trincomalee.

Day 1 Colombo to Negombo

On arrival in Colombo be transferred to Negombo. Overnight at Goldi Sands.

Day 2 Negombo to Anuradhapura

Travel to Anuradhapura and take a tour of the city's ancient ruins. See Sri Maha Bodhi, the oldest documented tree in the world. Stay the next two nights at Palm Garden Village. (B)

Day 3 Anuradhapura

Discover the city of Anuradhapura on a full day tour. Anuradhapura is the home of two World Heritage sites and is the most celebrated of Sri Lanka's ancient ruined cities. (B)

Day 4 Anuradhapura to Trincomalee

Start your day with a drive to Trincomalee. Visited by many Hindu and Buddhist devotees. The famous hot springs, whale watching, clean and shallow beaches are encourage visitors to Trincomalee. Stay the next two nights at Trinco Blue By Cinnamon. (B)

Day 5 Trincomalee

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by a free day at leisure. (B)

Day 6 Trincomalee to Sigiriya

This morning, venture to Sigiriya, also known as the 8th wonder of the world. Later enjoy an excursion to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa – The Island's medieval capital. Stay the next two nights at Hotel Sigiriya. (B)

Day 7 Sigiriya

Venture to Sigiriya Lion Rock and admire the most treasured historical monument in Sri Lanka. Later drive to Hiriwadunna where you will begin a trek through the archetypal Sri Lankan village. You can see the amazing birdlife, butterflies and possible sightings of crocodile only add to the charm of the trek. If you are lucky you can see the villagers as they go about their morning tasks of fishing or washing clothes at the periphery of the lake. Later, you can enjoy a catamaran ride, bullock cart ride and finally a tasty Sri Lankan meal made at home by the villagers. (B)

Day 8 Sigiriya to Kandy

Explore the rock cave temples of Dambulla before travelling to Kandy. Stay the next two nights at OZO Kandy. (B)

Day 9 Kandy

Discover Kandy on a full day city tour including the beautiful Peradeniya Botanical Garden before enjoying an evening cultural show. (B)

Day 10 Kandy to Nuwara Eliya

Travel from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya by road. Nuwara Eliya is a city in the hill country of the Central Province in Sri Lanka. The city is considered to be one of the most important locations for tea cultivation and well known for its cool climate being the coolest area in Sri Lanka. Stay the next two nights at Araliya Green Hills. (B)

Day 11 Nuwara Eliya

Visit a tea factory and take a tour of the hillside city. (B)



Day 12 Nuwara Eliya to Yala

This morning, drive to Nanu Oya railway station to board a train for Ella. This will be a journey that will rattle you straight into the heart of the tea country where pure Ceylon Tea is being processed. On arrival in Ella, continue the drive to Yala, Sri Lanka's oldest national park. Stay the next two nights at Kithala Resort. (B)

Day 13 Yala

Rise early as you enjoy a Jeep safari in Yala National Park - The terrain is varied, flat plains alternating with rocky outcrops. The vegetation ranges from open parkland to dense jungle a must for any wildlife enthusiast with the specialty being the large number of Elephants, Deer, Wild Boar and Sāmbhar. (B)

Day 14 Yala to Sinharaja

This morning, travel to Sinharaja. Sinharaja is located in Southern provinces of Sri Lanka and is home to a variety of endangered mammal, birds, reptiles, butterflies including leopards. Stay the next two nights at The Rain Forest Eco Lodge. (B)

Day 15 Sinharaja

Start your day with a trek in Sinharaja Rainforest. Trek through the quaint paths of Sinharaja where placid undergrowth lies in wait for the appreciation of all who wish to indulge in an adventure to the tranquil wilderness. (B)

Day 16 Sinharaja to Bentota

Rise early as you continue on to Galle. The walled city has stood since the early sixteenth century through the colonial periods. Enjoy a visit to Galle Fort and its surrounding city. Later this afternoon, enjoy a high tea before continuing the journey onto Bentota. Stay the next two nights at Avani Bentota. (B)

Day 17 Bentota

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by a free day at leisure. (B)

Day 18 Bentota to Colombo

Venture from Bentota to Colombo, the country's capital. In the afternoon, experience the hustle and bustle of the commercial area of Fort and drive past the noisy bazaar area of Pettah. Visit the Wolvendaal Dutch Church, built in 1749, and drive through the Cinnamon Gardens. Overnight at OZO Colombo. (B)

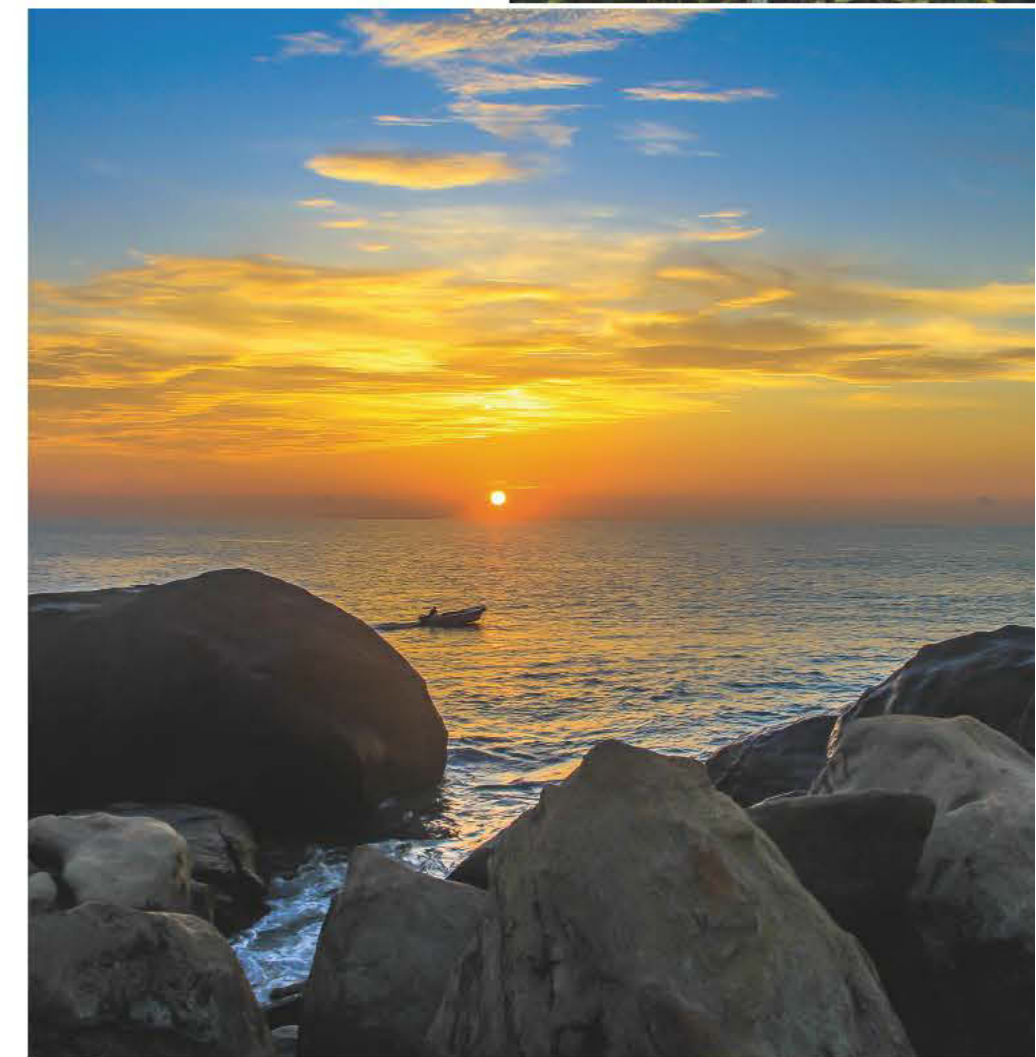
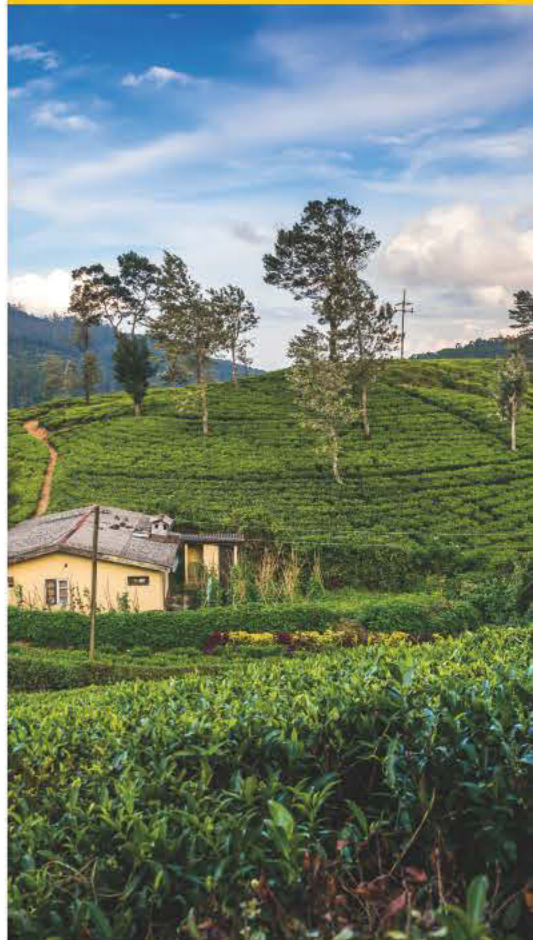
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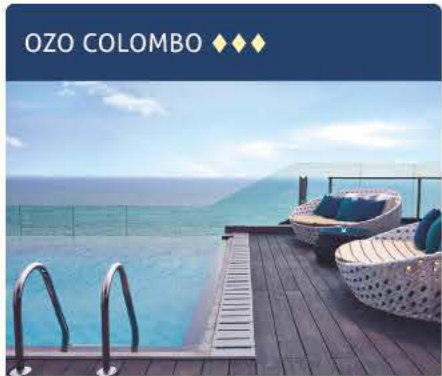
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

19 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 4,408* PER PERSON

Includes

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





OZO COLOMBO ♦♦♦♦

This waterfront property features contemporary rooms with excellent facilities. Wellawatta Beach is a short stroll from the hotel – the perfect spot to relax at the end of the day and watch the sun set over the ocean.



Taj Bentota Resort and Spa ♦♦♦♦♦

Taj Bentota Resort & Spa is situated along one of the finest beaches on the south west coast, less than two hours from Colombo. Spacious rooms offer plenty of natural light and overlook the lush gardens or the Indian Ocean.



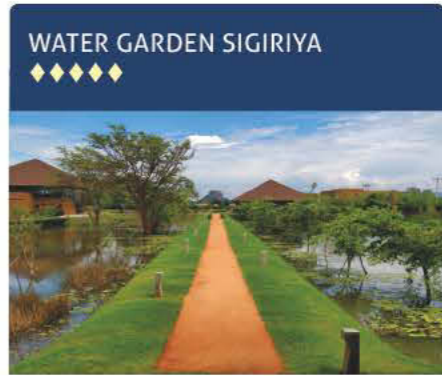
Avani Bentota Resort and Spa ♦♦♦♦

Designed by famous architect, Geoffrey Bawa, this delightful hotel has a refreshing contemporary design with 18th century Dutch influences.



Hotel Sigiriya ♦♦♦♦

Located under the shadow of Sigiriya, within the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Sigiriya Nature Reserve and in the heart of the Cultural Triangle, Hotel Sigiriya is the perfect vantage point for travellers. Gaze up at the dramatic rock from the perfectly positioned pool surrounded by lush gardens



Water Garden Sigiriya ♦♦♦♦♦

The Water Garden Sigiriya is where luxury meets nature, surrounded lakes and water streams. Spacious rooms offer plenty of natural light and overlook the lush gardens surrounding.



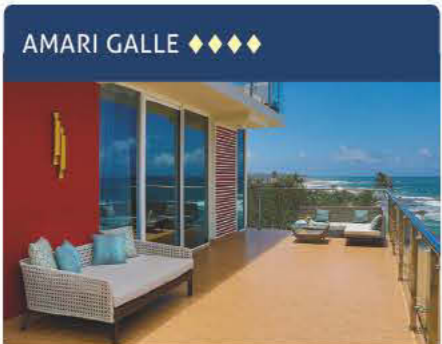
Avani Kautara Resort ♦♦♦♦♦

Wrapped by water on three sides, Avani will allow guests to live the tropical island jungle life where colonial charm blends with sophisticated style. Enjoy a candlelit dinner for two on the beach or indulge in traditional cuisine in one of four dining options.



Anantara Kalutara ♦♦♦♦♦

Boasting a secluded beachfront setting on the picturesque south west coast, less than two hours south of Colombo, Anantara Kalutara Resort offers an elegant holiday paradise. Spacious guest rooms feature a balcony or terrace so you can enjoy the lush nature, ocean waves or lagoon beauty.



Amari Galle ♦♦♦♦♦

Amari Galle occupies a beautiful location on the Galle beachfront. Rooms are a sanctuary of calm and seclusion. Inspired by Sri Lanka's colonial heritage, each room has been designed with the stunning seascape in mind.



Cape Weligama ♦♦♦♦♦

Cape Weligama is one of the most celebrated resorts along the fabled island's palmfringed shores. Offering stunning panoramic views, Cape Weligama is the perfect place to relax in peace.



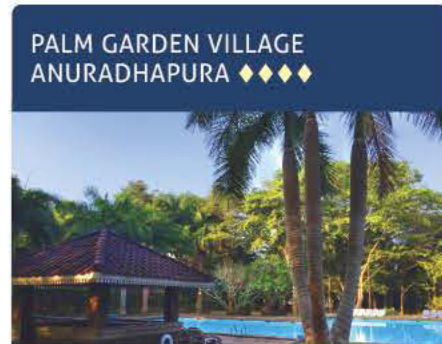
Kithala Resort Yala ♦♦♦♦♦

Surrounded by vast paddy fields and a plethora of natural beauty, the Kithala Resort is a true piece of haven as one explores the magnificence of southern Sri Lanka.



Wild Coast Tented Lodge Yala ♦♦♦♦♦

Adjacent to Yala National Park lies Wild Coast Tented Lodge. The unique design of this property sees man made structures blending seamlessly into the surrounding landscape.



Palm Garden Village Anuradhapura ♦♦♦♦♦

This property evokes the history and style of Anuradhapura in every way. The Palm Garden Village was once a chena cultivation, it has since been restored into an elegant private hotel with intimate and understated heritage rooms.



Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort ♦♦♦♦♦

Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort sits on a rocky outcrop near the old fort town of Tangalle, a two hour drive from Galle. The resort offers 152 spacious, modern rooms located on a golden hued beach fringed by coconut palms close to historical, natural and cultural highlights.



OZO Kandy ♦♦♦♦♦

Nestled between the mist-covered hills and the tropical tea plantations is the OZO Kandy Sri Lanka. Cosy guest rooms offer a modern, clean and crisp design creating the perfect place to retire to after a day of exploration. End your day at the rooftop lounge accompanied by the refreshing mountain breeze.



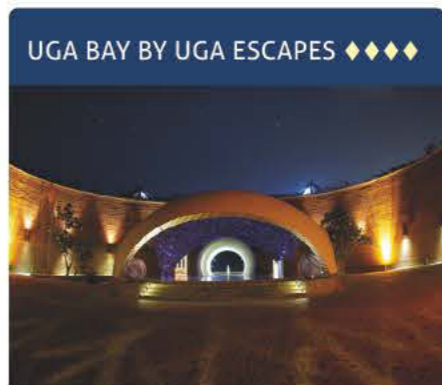
Heritage Tea Factory ♦♦♦♦♦

Perched high in the Sri Lankan countryside surrounded by tea-covered hills, Heritage Tea Factory is a unique accommodation experience. The converted tea factory is a proud presentation of elegance and charm with colonial interiors offering views of the rolling hills.



The Villas Wadduwa ♦♦♦♦♦

Set on the quiet shores of Wadduwa beach, The Villas Wadduwa offers a lavish gateway to a culturally rich seaside town. Luxuriate in the dazzling pool, soothe your senses at the lavish day spa or sweat it out in the state-of-the-art gym.



UGA Bay by UGA Escapes ♦♦♦♦♦

Set in a low rise building, each bright, contemporary room offers views of the sparkling blue waters of Passikudah Bay. This property features an ocean facing pool and a range of beachside amenities.



Chena Huts by UGA Escapes ♦♦♦♦♦

Set amongst the golden dunes and the lush greenery in Yala. Chena Huts blends Sri Lanka's most celebrated features. Rejuvenate in your private pool or indulge in a variety of refreshing blends with a spa treatment.



COLOMBO | Colombo City tour by Tuk-Tuk

Half Day / Private
Discover the city of Colombo as you race down the streets in a tuk tuk tour. Explore the city's commercial heritage and learn how the colonisation of the Portuguese, Dutch and English influenced the Sri Lankan way of life; from their accent to their business and their unique palette. Visit Fort, the former British administrative center and military garrison before continuing to Sea Street, the Goldsmith's quarters in the heart of Pettah.

\$82* PER PERSON



GALLE | Galle Fort Walking tour

Half Day / Private
Discover Galle Fort on a walking tour and learn about everything from its Dutch architecture to its local traditions. The fort is surrounded by thick-walled ramparts and encompasses straight, narrow lanes that will take you back to the 17th century.

\$69* PER PERSON

INSIDER EXCURSIONS

KANDY | Cooking Experience in Kandy

Half Day / Private
Learn about the culinary flavours of Sri Lanka as you enjoy a hands on cooking class in Kandy. In your cooking class, you will learn how to combine different spices to create enhancing aromas and rich flavours. Cook up a storm and create a wonderful array of tasty Sri Lankan rice, curries, sambals and salads using clay pots and handmade coconut utensils. Enjoy your home cooked meal for lunch.

\$92* PER PERSON



KANDY | Cultural Show in Kandy

Half Day / Join In
Experience the vibrant Kandy Cultural Show. Watch traditional dancers perform to the rhythm of drums and marvel at the fire walking show where artists walk barefoot through a fire pit covered with red hot charcoal.

\$30* PER PERSON

INSIDER EXCURSIONS

MIRISSA | Mirrisa Whale Watching

Half Day / Private
Between October and April, sperm and blue whales pass through the beautiful Sri Lankan waters and the Mirissa area is one of the best places to see them. Cruise through the open waters accompanied by a naturalist who will be on the lookout for these gentle marine giants, and will be able to tell you all about the mammals.

\$114* PER PERSON



NUWARA ELIYA | Tea Factory Visit

Half Day / Join In
Nuwara Eliya, known for producing a significant share of the world's best tea. With views of Sri Lanka's highest mountain, Pidurutalagala (8,282 feet high), the area is the site of one of the finest 18-hole golf courses of South Asia. Visit a tea garden where you'll learn about the process of tea manufacturing.

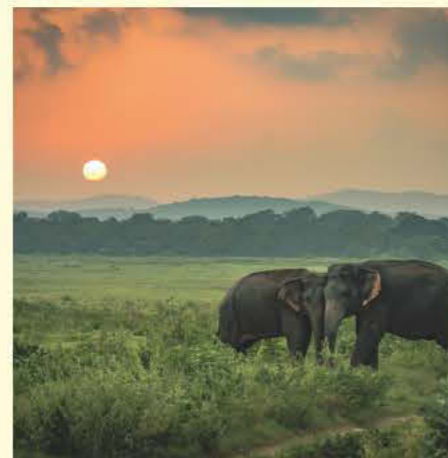
\$34* PER PERSON



MATALE | Spice Garden Visit

Half Day / Join In
Start your spice garden tour under the watchful eyes of an in-house specialist who will take you through a journey entwining with spices and their herbal values. Later, enjoy a traditional herbal cup of tea to warm your heart.

\$30* PER PERSON



YALA | Yala National Park

Half Day / Private
Embark on an exciting safari through the Yala National Park in search of the lords of the jungle, the leopards. Yala has the highest leopard density in the world, so keep our eyes peeled. Along the way catch a glimpse of the plethora of animals that call the park home, including sloth bears, jungle cats, mongoose, wild boar, sambar deer, buffalo and Asian elephants. You can also spot a number of crocodiles near rivers and pools, as well as turtle species near the coastal areas.

\$102* PER PERSON



KANDY TO NANU OYA | Train from Kandy to Nanu Oya

Half Day / Join In
This will be a journey that will rattle you straight into the heart of the tea country where pure Ceylon Tea is being processed. Enjoy your surroundings as your train will journey through dense vegetation, narrow tunnels while cutting through mountains hissing its way to a picture-perfect serenity among the lush green mountains. Get off the train with a bag full of memories and head to your next stop.

\$34* PER PERSON

HIRIWADUNNA | Hiriwadunna Village Experience

Half Day / Private
Explore the rural village of Hiriwadunna. Start with a leisurely ride on a bullock cart along a dirt track, passing through rice paddies on your way to the picturesque Hiriwadunna lake. The adventure continues with a scenic boat ride on the lake with a large variety of birdlife, views of the surrounding forest and vegetable plots of local farmers. Upon arrival at the village you will be greeted by a local family who will show you around their home and their village. Enjoy a local lunch prepared using traditional methods of cooking.

\$35* PER PERSON



NUWARA ELIYA | Nuwara Eliya Heritage Walk

Half Day / Private
Discover the city of Nuwara Eliya on this leisurely walking tour. Explore the city's commercial heritage and learn about tea production as you visit a working tea factory.

\$41* PER PERSON



POLONNARUWA | Cycle in Polonnaruwa

Half Day / Private
Cycling tours in Polonnaruwa are an excellent way to spend the day if you are looking for a lovely ride through the lush countryside and a nice change from the main attractions of Sri Lanka. Pass through local villages and paddy valleys making a leisurely and interesting ride. It is a great opportunity to see some of the inland areas of Sri Lanka and get a feel for the Sri Lankan way of life.

\$35* PER PERSON





BHUTAN

The mystical vibrancy of Bhutan is inescapable. Rated as the “world’s happiest country” this unique destination is still relatively isolated compared to its neighbors, making this a perfect time to explore an authentic local experience unchanged by the outside world. The spirituality practiced here is genuinely unique and you will not find it anywhere else in the world.

ANCIENT TEMPLES

The iconic Tiger’s Nest temple hangs from the side of a mountain like a scene from an adventure movie, challenging would-be pilgrims and trekkers to scale its heights and be rewarded with a once-in-a-lifetime view over the majestic Paro Valley.

BLOOMING VALLEYS

In the spring, an explosion of colour spreads across the valleys as wildflowers bloom. In particular the red, pink, and white rhododendrons around Dochula on the way to Punakha create a postcard-worthy picture you won’t forget.

WEATHER



January and February are cold, but the weather stays dry until April. May and June see the heat and humidity increase as the monsoon rains arrive. Fresh, clear air and sunny skies from October to December make these months a great time to visit Bhutan.

	MAR – MAY	JUN – AUG	SEP – NOV	DEC – FEB
Paro	12/-6	18/4	18/9	16/-5
Thimphu	16/-3	24/7	25/15	21/-1
Punakha	5/-8	9/2	15/7	10/0

DIVINE DANCES

The many celebrations that take place in dzongs (temples) and goembas (monasteries) throughout the nation often include colourful dances with costumes and painted masks, acting out the local legends of heroes and villains, both human and divine.



Day 1 Paro to Thimphu
On arrival in Paro be transferred to Thimphu. Overnight in Thimphu. Stay the next two nights at Hotel Namgay Heritage.

Day 2 Thimphu
Embark on a scenic walk to Tango monastery which is situated north of Thimphu. Continue on to Folk Heritage Museum, the Museum is dedicated to connect people with the rich Bhutanese Folk heritage through exhibits, and educational programs. (BLD)

Day 3 Thimphu to Punakha
Travel on the scenic east-west National Highway crossing Dochula, the first of several Himalayan passes on your journey through Bhutan. The scenery on these winding roads is superb with rhododendron forests and terraced fields. Stay the next two nights at Meri Puensum Resort. (BLD)

Day 4 Punakha
Embark on a walking tour to Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten, built to remove negative forces and promote peace. Later, visit Chimi Lhakhang. This temple is also known as the temple of fertility. It is widely believed that couples who do not have children and pray at this temple will be blessed with a child. (BLD)

Day 5 Punakha to Paro
After a leisurely breakfast, drive to Paro. The beautiful valley of Paro encapsulates a rich culture, scenic beauty and hundreds of myths and legends. Upon arrival, visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum of the Kingdom. Afterwards, walk down a hillside trail to visit Rinpung Dzong before visiting a traditional farm house. Stay the next two nights at Tashi Namgay Resort. (BLD)

Day 6 Paro
Venture to Paro Taktsang, also known as the Tiger Nest, which is one of the most famous of Bhutan's monasteries, perched on a cliffs edge. (BLD)

Day 7 Paro
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

7 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 2,519* PER PERSON

Includes

- 6 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
- Private Touring
- Local English-speaking guide
- Bhutan Visa
- Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B= breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

Day 1 Paro
On arrival in Paro be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Tashi Namgay Resort.

Day 2 Paro
Venture to Paro Taktsang, also known as the Tiger Nest, which is one of the most famous of Bhutan's monasteries, perched on a cliffs edge. (BLD)

Day 3 Paro to Thimphu
This morning, journey to Thimphu, the capital town of Bhutan. Stay the next two nights at Hotel Namgay Heritage. (BLD)

Day 4 Thimphu
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Day 5 Thimphu to Punakha
Travel on the scenic National Highway crossing Dochula, the first of several Himalayan passes on your journey through Bhutan. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Stay the next two nights at Meri Puensum Resort. (BLD)

Day 6 Punakha
Embark on a walking tour to Chimi Lhakhang – This temple is also known as the temple of fertility. (BLD)

Day 7 Punakha to Gangtey
Continue the drive to Gangtey. The valley of Gangtey is one of the most beautiful spots in Bhutan. This evening visit Gangtey Goenpa which is perched on a ridge overlooking the picturesque valley. Overnight at Hotel Dewachen. (BLD)

Day 8 Gangtey to Bumthang
Continue your journey to Trongsa. Upon arrival, visit Trongsa Dzong, built in 1648 it was the seat of power over central and eastern Bhutan. Stay the next two nights at Wangdicholing Resort. (BLD)

Day 9 Bumthang
Enjoy a full day tour exploring Bumthang including Jakar valley and Jakar Dzong, the impressive fortress which also serves as the administrative centre of the region. (BLD)

Day 10 Bumthang to Mongar
Travel through the countryside to Mongar. This journey from Bumthang to Mongar is one of the most beautiful in the Himalayas. Overnight at Hotel Wangchuk. (BLD)

Day 11 Mongar to Trashigang
Venture east as you drive to Trashigang. Overnight at Lingkhari Lodge. (BLD)

14 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 5,333* PER PERSON

Includes

- 13 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
- Private Touring
- Local English-speaking guide
- Bhutan Visa
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Day 12 Trashigang to Samdrup Jongkhar
Travel to Samdrup Jongkhar and enjoy a visit to a bustling local market. Overnight at Hotel TLT. (BLD)

Day 13 Samdrup Jongkhar to Delhi
After a leisurely breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Delhi. Overnight at Novotel New Delhi. (B)

Day 14 Delhi
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the villages and monasteries of the most environmentally friendly country in the world.
- Visit the iconic Paro Taktsang or Tigers Nest perched on the cliffs of the upper Paro Valley.
- Admire the Chimi Lhakhang temple, and gain a deeper understanding of this spiritual country.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey over several of Bhutan's scenic passes, and witness spectacular Himalayan views.
- Drive out of Paro to the highest road pass in the country at nearly 4,000 meters above sea level, enjoying superb scenery, villages and monasteries.
- Take short rural walks into villages and scenic areas of mountain valleys.

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NEPAL



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Spectacular landscapes and beautiful mountain scenery will fulfil your sense of adventure in this stunning region, home to quaint towns, traditional villages, enlightening Buddhist centres, and the snow-capped Himalaya mountains – the highest mountains in the world. Nestled between the huge influences of China and India, Nepal has managed to preserve its rich heritage and colourful cities.

MYSTICAL MOUNTAINS

The highest mountains in the world, including Mount Everest, the highest mountain of all. Hike or helicopter up to Everest Base Camp, passing the colourful prayer flags strung across the snowy expanse.

GOLDEN TEMPLES

Buddhist and Hindu architecture mixes with Tibetan monasteries in the capital city Kathmandu which still feels the same as it did centuries ago. The golden stupa of the Swayambhunath Temple dominates the pinnacle of the nearby hill.

WEATHER



Temperatures drop in January and February, especially at night, but the weather stays dry until April. Heat and humidity begin building in May, in anticipation of the monsoon rains from June to September. Clear skies and spectacular views await you in October through December.

	MAR – MAY	JUN – AUG	SEP – NOV	DEC – FEB
Kathmandu	21/2	28/8	19/29	28/7
Pokhara	22/8	30/12	30/20	29/11
Namche Bazaar	7/-8	14/-3	16/8	15/-3

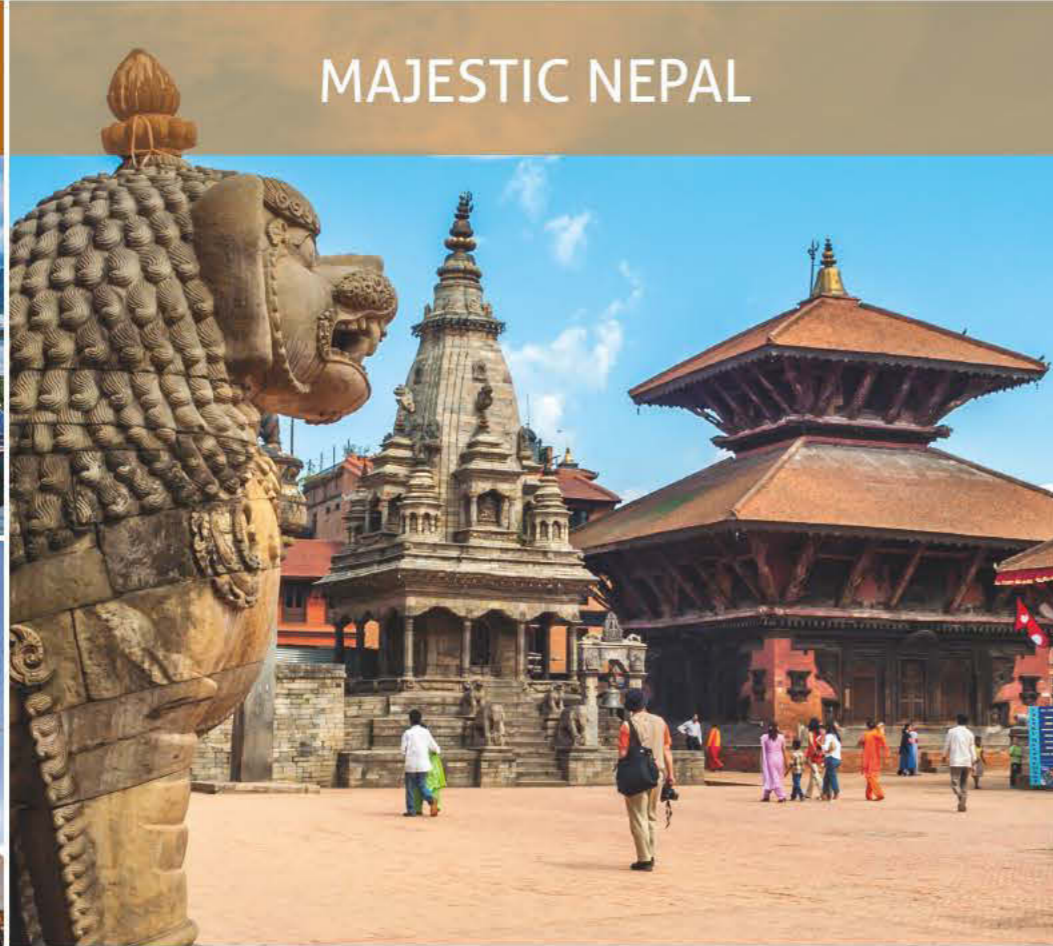
ROYAL CITIES

Monasteries, temples, and monuments await you in the royal city of Patan. The stunning architecture of the palace, the important Krishna Temple, and the rare Durbar Square will complete your cultural exploration.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Go in search of elephants and other wildlife on a jeep ride in Chitwan.
- Explore the historic corners of Kathmandu as you visit Pashupatinath.
- Immerse yourself in local traditions as you cruise around Phewa Lake.



MAJESTIC NEPAL

Day 1 Kathmandu to Dhulikhel
On arrival in Kathmandu be transferred to Dhulikhel. Overnight at Dhulikhel Mountain Resort.

Day 2 Dhulikhel to Kathmandu
Rise early to enjoy sunrise views in Dhulikhel before setting out on the scenic journey to Kathmandu. Stay the next three nights at Vivanta Kathmandu. (B)

Day 3 Kathmandu
This morning, visit Pashupatinath which is one of the holiest Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. (B)

Day 4 Kathmandu
Explore Kathmandu Durbar Square which used to be the palace of the kings. Delve deeper into Hindu traditions as you interact with Ex-Kumari of Patan. (B)

Day 5 Kathmandu to Chitwan
Fly to Bharatpur before continuing the drive to Chitwan. On arrival a naturalist will explain the schedule for your upcoming stay. Stay the next two nights at Jungle Villa Resort. (BLD)

Day 6 Chitwan
Gain a fascinating insight into Chitwan as you drive through the rugged trails of the jungle on a jeep ride. Continue on a local village walk and experience a local ethnic cultural dance. (BLD)

Day 7 Chitwan to Pokhara
Travel to Pokhara. Pokhara is a remarkable place for its natural beauty as well as most dramatic sceneries in world. Stay the next two nights at Temple Tree Resort.

Day 8 Pokhara
Rise early to visit Sarangkot and be amazed as the sun rises over the Himalayas. Later, visit Bindhyabasini temple. This is one of the oldest temples in Pokhara. Cruise the waters of Phewa Lake on a traditional boat. (B)

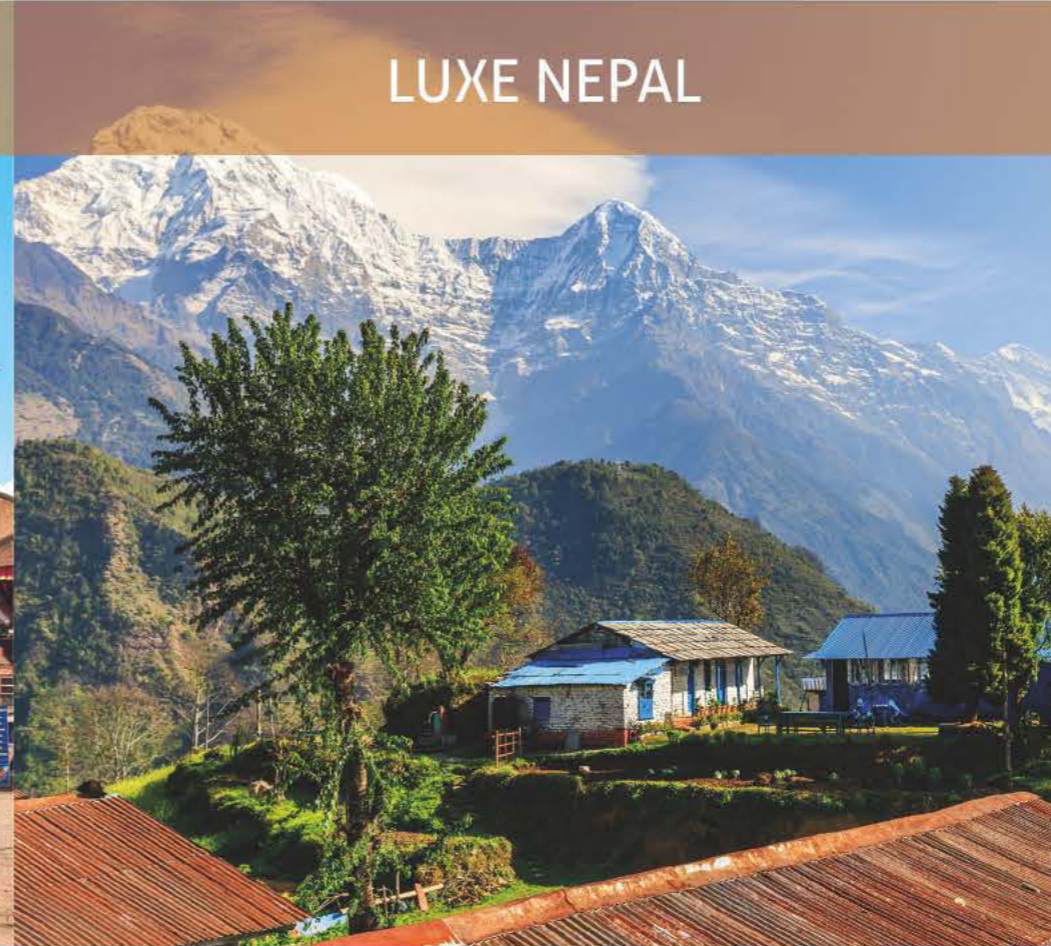
Day 9 Pokhara to Kathmandu
Fly to Kathmandu, before enjoying an afternoon at leisure. Overnight at Vivanta Kathmandu. (B)

Day 10 Kathmandu
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

10 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 2,629* PER PERSON

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 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - All flights as specified in the itinerary
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LUXE NEPAL

Day 1 Kathmandu to Dhulikhel
On arrival in Kathmandu be transferred to Dhulikhel. Stay the next two nights at Dwarika's Resort.

Day 2 Dhulikhel
Rise early to enjoy sunrise views in Dhulikhel before setting out on the scenic journey to Namobuddha, which is one of the most important religious sites in Nepal. This afternoon, indulge in a spa session at your hotel. (B)

Day 3 Dhulikhel to Kathmandu
This morning, enjoy a scenic drive to Kathmandu. Stay the next three nights at Vivanta Kathmandu. (B)

Day 4 Kathmandu
Set out on a helicopter ride to Kala Patthar to view the iconic Mt. Everest. This afternoon, explore Kathmandu's Durbar Square which used to be the palace of the kings. (B)

Day 5 Kathmandu
See the incredible Boudhanath Stupa, one of the biggest in the world of its kind before you gain a deeper understanding into Hindu traditions and local culture. (B)

Day 6 Kathmandu to Pokhara
Fly to Pokhara. On arrival, spend the afternoon exploring this historic city. Stay the next three nights at Tiger Mountain Lodge.

Day 7 Pokhara
Immerse yourself in local culture as you wander through the local Brahmin village. (B)

Day 8 Pokhara
Take a guided hike to Gurung Village and explore the ridgeline to the east of the lodge takes you through Kalikasthan. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 9 Pokhara to Chitwan
This morning, fly to Chitwan. Upon arrival a naturalist will explain the schedule for your upcoming stay. Stay the next two nights at Meghauri Serai. (BLD)

Day 10 Chitwan
Gain a fascinating insight into Chitwan as you drive through the rugged trails of the jungle on a jeep ride. Continue on a local village walk and experience a local ethnic cultural dance. (BLD)

12 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY
FROM \$ 12,017* PER PERSON

- Includes**
- 11 nights 5 star hotel accommodation
 - Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
 - Private Touring
 - All flights as specified in the itinerary
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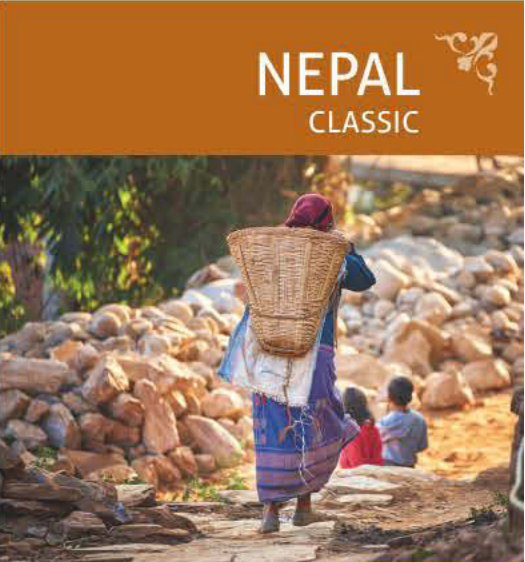
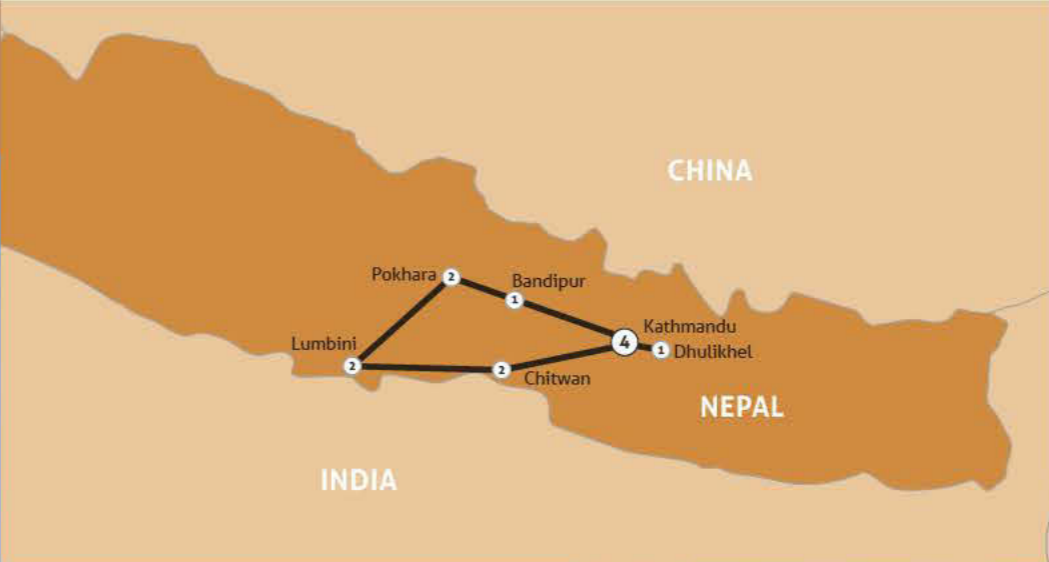


Day 11 Chitwan to Kathmandu
After a leisurely breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Kathmandu. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight at Vivanta Kathmandu. (B)

Day 12 Kathmandu
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Kathmandu from the sky as you enjoy a helicopter ride over the famous Mt Everest.
- Visit some of Nepal's oldest Stupas, dating back to the middle ages, and marvel at the intricate designs of the ancient architecture.
- Discover the rich and vibrant rural life of local villages and gain an insight into local communities.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a jungle stay in Chitwan and explore the impressive jungle by jeep.
- Discover the lively and eclectic lanes and bazaars of Kathmandu, where you can find arts, crafts and delicious food.
- Visit one of the holiest Hindu temples in Kathmandu dating back to the fifth century.

Day 1 Kathmandu to Dhulikhel
On arrival in Kathmandu be transferred to Dhulikhel. Overnight at Dhulikhel Mountain Resort.

Day 2 Dhulikhel to Kathmandu
Rise early to enjoy sunrise views in Dhulikhel before setting out on the scenic journey to Kathmandu. Stay the next three nights at Vivanta Kathmandu. (B)

Day 3 Kathmandu
This morning, visit Pashupatinath which is one of the holiest Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. (B)

Day 4 Kathmandu
Explore Kathmandu Durbar Square which used to be the palace of the kings. Delve deeper into Hindu traditions as you interact with Ex-Kumari of Patan. (B)

Day 5 Kathmandu to Chitwan
Fly to Bharatpur before continuing the drive to Chitwan. On arrival a naturalist will explain the schedule for your upcoming stay. Stay the next two nights at Jungle Villa resort. (B)

Day 6 Chitwan
Gain a fascinating insight into Chitwan as you drive through the rugged trails of the jungle on a jeep ride. Continue on a local village walk and experience a local ethnic cultural dance. (BLD)

Day 7 Chitwan to Lumbini
This morning, drive to Lumbini. Lumbini is the place where the Buddha, known as the Tathagata was born. Stay the next two nights at Lumbini Hokke. (B)

Day 8 Lumbini

Venture to Lumbini Garden, this sacred garden is a small complex lying at the southern end of Lumbini. It marks the place where the Buddha is reputed to have been born. (B)

Day 9 Lumbini to Pokhara

Travel to Pokhara. Pokhara is a remarkable place for its natural beauty as well as most dramatic sceneries in world. Stay the next two nights at Temple Tree Resort. (B)

Day 10 Pokhara

Rise early to visit Sarangkot and be amazed as the sun rises over Himalayas. Later, visit Bindhyabasini temple. This is one of the oldest temples in Pokhara. Cruise the waters of Phewa Lake on a traditional boat. (B)

Day 11 Pokhara to Bandipur

Rise early and drive to Bandipur. Bandipur has miraculously preserved its old time cultural atmosphere with passage of time. Overnight at Old Inn Bandipur. (B)

Day 12 Bandipur to Kathmandu

Start your day with a drive to Kathmandu. This afternoon is free at leisure. Overnight at Vivanta Kathmandu. (B)

Day 13 Kathmandu

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



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BANGLADESH

For the experienced traveller wanting to truly get off the beaten track, there is nowhere better than Bangladesh. The many rivers and mangrove forests mean that one often travels by boat, providing an interesting alternative perspective. Tourism here is still a novelty, and you will never need to worry about hotspots being crowded with other tourists. The local people are genuinely warm and welcoming, and they will greet you like a friend. Travel here happens at a relaxed pace is perfect for those who want to experience a destination slowly.



WILD TIGERS

One of the most popular inhabitants of Bangladesh is the famous Bengal tiger of Sundarbans National Park. This rare and elusive animal has seen its numbers declining, but this is still the largest population of tigers on the planet.

MIGHTY MANGROVES

The largest mangrove forest in the world is also one of the most biodiverse, serving as a home to hundreds of species – large and small – including tigers, crocodiles, dolphins and turtles. The density of the forest makes it almost impenetrable, which has protected it from development and deforestation.

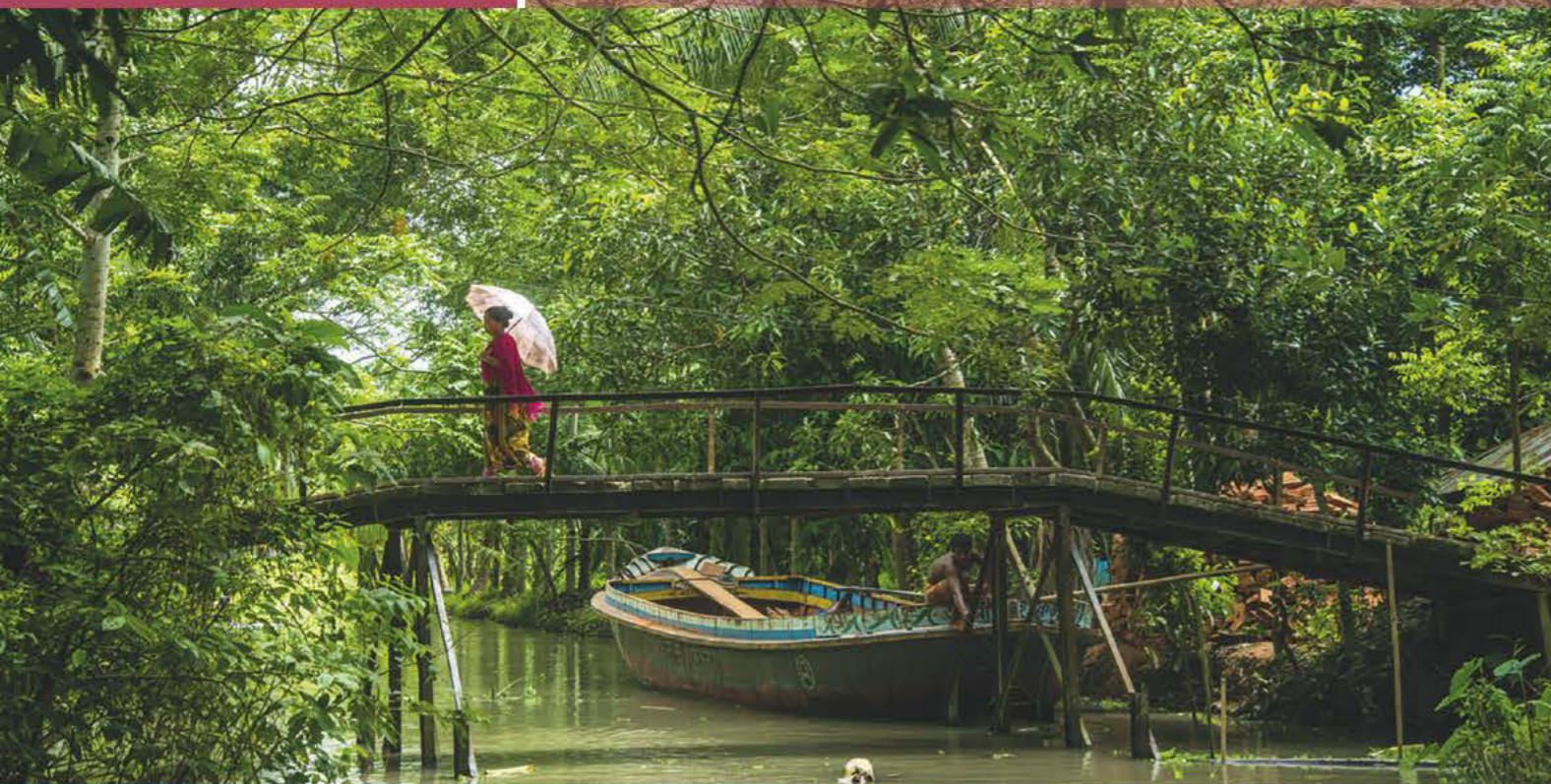
WEATHER

Temperatures are warm and pleasant during the “winter” between late November and March. The heat and humidity start to build in March and April, with a long and rainy monsoon season from May until October.

	MAR – MAY	JUN – AUG	SEP – NOV	DEC – FEB
Dhaka	32/13	34/24	32/26	32/14

WORLD HERITAGE

The country hosts several UNESCO World Heritage listed sites, including the ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur and the historic mosques and mausoleums of Bagerhat, dating all the way back to the 15th century.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise the picturesque Buriganga River in the historic city of Dhaka.
- Spend three unforgettable days relaxing on the longest natural sea beach in the world.
- Go in search of the majestic Bengal tiger and other wildlife that call Sundarbans National park home.

Day 1 Dhaka

On arrival in Dhaka be transferred to your hotel. Overnight at Golden Tulip The Grandmark Dhaka.

Day 2 Dhaka to Sundarbans

Fly to Jessore before continuing the drive to Khulna and board your cruise to explore this beautiful watery bliss. Sail towards the largest mangrove in the world, Sundarbans. Stay the next three nights onboard M.V Mawali Cruise. (BD)

Day 3 Sundarbans

Enjoy breakfast on board, followed by a free day at leisure. (BLD)

Day 4 Sundarbans

Disembark and go on a full day excursion to Sundarbans. Perhaps, get adventurous and enjoy creek surfing or explore the surrounding jungle by foot. As you explore the rough terrain, keep your eyes peeled

for the Bengal tiger, fishing cat, leopard cat, Macaque and a rich diversity of resident and migratory birds. (BLD)

Day 5 Sundarbans to Barisal

After a leisurely breakfast, disembark your cruise and begin the journey towards Bagerhat. Bagerhat is commonly known as the Mosque City, due to its many historic Mosques. Later, continue the drive to Barisal where you can enjoy the afternoon free at leisure. Overnight at Grand Park Barisal. (B)

Day 6 Barisal to Dhaka

This morning, explore the famous Barisal backwater – crisscrossed with numerous rivulets & canals, which are actually the lifelines of Barisal. Later this afternoon, cruise the waters from Barisal to Dhaka on board AC Catamaran. Stay the next three nights at Golden Tulip The Grandmark Dhaka. (B)

Day 7 Dhaka

Discover the vivacious city of Dhaka on a full day tour, starting with a visit to Kawran Bazar where you will gain an insight into local living as you wander through one of the biggest marketplaces in Bangladesh. Later visit the Puran Dhaka, which is known for its history and ancient architectures. Later cruise along the stunning Buriganga River and view the bustling city from the water. (B)

Day 8 Dhaka

With a local guide, experience the ancient capital Sonargaon. Explore this mesmerizing abandoned town as you visit The Folk Art and Craft Museum. Later return to the vibrant Dhaka for a free evening. (B)

Day 9 Dhaka to Bandarban

This morning, fly to Chittagong from Dhaka. Chittagong is a fairly big, spread out town, and the largest international seaport in the country. Like Dhaka, the streets are filled with masses of rickshaws, though the city puts in a little more effort to keep its streets and sidewalks clean. On arrival enjoy a guided tour through the Ethnological Museum of Chittagong. Later, continue the drive to Bandarban. Stay the next two nights at Sairu Hill Resort. (B)

Day 10 Bandarban

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to the Buddha Dhatu Jadi, commonly known as the Golden Temple. Dhatu are the material remains of a holy person, and in this temple's relics belong to Buddha. Next, cruise along the picturesque Shangu River on a traditional wooden boat. Later this evening, visit a local village and gain a deeper understanding into local living as you interact tribal with communities. (B)

Day 11 Bandarban to Cox's Bazar

After breakfast, drive to Ramu Buddhist Village before continuing along the picturesque marine drive to Cox's Bazar. Stay the next two nights at Hotel The Cox Today. (B)

Day 12 Cox's Bazar

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by a free day at leisure to relax or walk along the longest natural sea beach in the world. (B)

Day 13 Cox's Bazar to Dhaka

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

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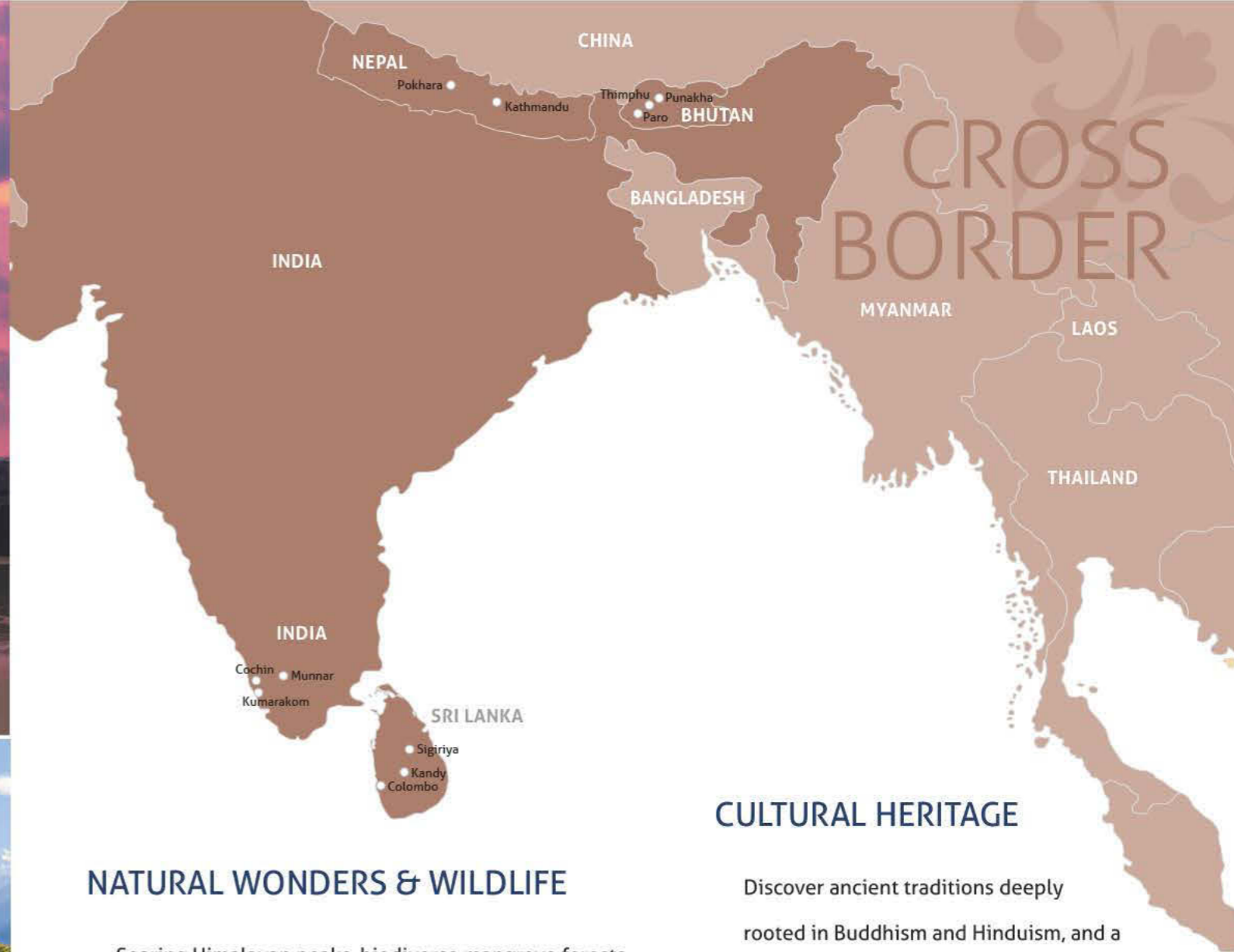
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CROSS BORDER

Steeped in history, with vibrant cultures and spectacular natural beauty, South Asia delivers unparalleled, once in a lifetime experiences at every turn. The wild medley of colours, smells and ethnic diversity of India, the serene beauty of Bhutan's Himalayan landscapes, where happiness abounds. One day you're in Nepal staring up at the roof of the world from Everest Base camp, or you're in Bangladesh spotting Bengal tigers at Sundarbans National Park, another day you're strolling through Sri Lanka's lush tea plantations or chilling out on its breathtaking beaches. Whichever journey you choose, an exciting adventure awaits.



CULTURAL HERITAGE

Discover ancient traditions deeply rooted in Buddhism and Hinduism, and a kaleidoscope of ethnicities and vibrant cultures. Immersive and inspiring, our itineraries put you up close and personal with locals for rich insight into their daily lives and cultures.

NATURAL WONDERS & WILDLIFE

Soaring Himalayan peaks, biodiverse mangrove forests, UNESCO-listed National Parks, endless palm-lined beaches, natural wonders abound in South Asia. See wild elephants and tigers on a safari journey, ply the back waters of Kerala, or trek through scenic mountain valleys. This geographically diverse region is the perfect tableau for crafting unforgettable experiences.

ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES

Explore hilltop forts and monasteries, sprawling palaces and sacred temples and learn about their compelling stories and histories. From India's iconic labour of love, the Taj Mahal, to Bhutan's astounding Tiger's Nest, and Sri Lanka's towering rock fortress, Sigiriya, South Asia's iconic sites are not to be missed.



Day 1 Cochin
On arrival in Cochin be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Xandari Harbour.

Day 2 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 3 Cochin to Munnar
Take a short journey to Munnar. Stay the next two nights at Fragrant Nature. (B)

Day 4 Munnar
Embark on a walking tour through the famous tea plantations. Later, visit a local Tea Factory. (B)

Day 5 Munnar to Kumarakom
This morning, drive to Kumarakom. Enjoy a free afternoon at your leisure. Stay the next two nights at Coconut Lagoon. (B)

Day 6 Kumarakom
Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by a free day at leisure. (B)

Day 7 Kumarakom to Cochin
After breakfast, drive to Cochin. This afternoon is free at leisure. Overnight at Xandari Harbour. (B)

Day 8 Cochin to Sigiriya
Fly from Cochin to Colombo, before continuing on to Sigiriya. Stay the next three nights at Hotel Sigiriya. (B)

Day 9 Sigiriya
Explore the iconic Sigiriya rock, before venturing to Hiriwadunna where you will trek through the archetypal village. (B)

Day 10 Sigiriya
Travel to nearby Polonnaruwa to see the remains of the ancient capital and the famous reclining Buddhas. Wander through the ruins of temples, palaces, art and spiritual structures. (B)

Day 11 Sigiriya to Kandy
En route to Kandy, visit Dambulla Cave Temple. Stay the next two nights at OZO Kandy. (B)

Day 12 Kandy
Discover Kandy on a full day city tour including the beautiful Peradeniya Botanical Garden before enjoying an evening cultural show. (B)

Day 13 Kandy to Colombo
Venture through the beautiful countryside to Colombo. On arrival, enjoy a city tour by tuk tuk. Overnight at OZO Colombo. (B)

Day 14 Colombo
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

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Day 1 Kathmandu
On arrival in Kathmandu be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Vivanta Kathmandu.

Day 2 Kathmandu
This morning, visit Kathmandu's Durbar Square, which was formally known as the palace of the kings. From here, venture to Swayambhunath before experiencing an interaction with an Ex-Kumari of Patan. (B)

Day 3 Kathmandu
Today, visit Pashupatinath which is one of the holiest Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva in Bhaktapur. Later get your hands dirty as you enjoy a pottery class at Pottery Square. (B)

Day 4 Kathmandu to Pokhara
Fly from Kathmandu to Pokhara, before enjoying an evening walk along the stunning lake side. Stay the next two nights at Temple Tree Resort. (B)

Day 5 Pokhara
Rise early to visit Sarangkot and be amazed as the sun rises over Himalayas. Later, visit Bindhyabasini temple. This is one of the oldest temples in Pokhara. Cruise the waters of Phewa Lake on a traditional boat. (B)

Day 6 Pokhara to Kathmandu
Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before flying to Kathmandu and enjoying an evening free at leisure. Overnight at Vivanta Kathmandu. (B)

Day 7 Kathmandu to Thimphu
Fly to Paro before continuing the drive to Thimphu, the capital town of Bhutan with an en

route stop at Chuzom. Stay the next two nights at Hotel Namgay Heritage (B)

Day 8 Thimphu
Embark on a scenic walk to Tango monastery which is situated north of Thimphu. Continue on to Folk Heritage Museum, the Museum is dedicated to connect people with the rich Bhutanese Folk heritage through exhibits, and educational programs. (B)

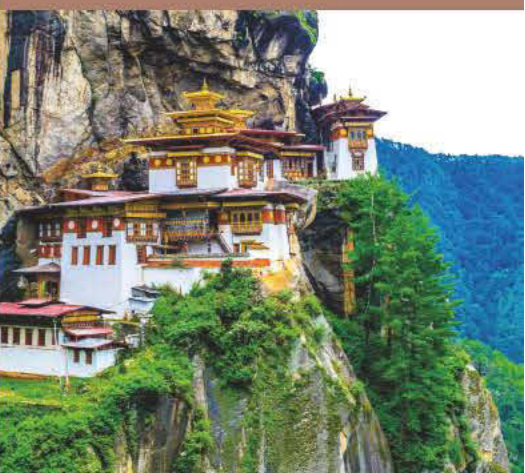
Day 9 Thimphu to Punakha
Travel to Punakha with a quick stop at Dochula pass and admire the chorten, mani wall, and prayer flags which decorate the highest point on the road. Later enjoy a visit to the famous Punakha Dzong. Overnight at Damchen Resort. (B)

Day 10 Punakha to Paro
After exploring Panukhu continue the journey to Paro. This evening, immerse yourself amongst the locals as you enjoy dinner with a local Bhutanese family. Stay the next three nights at Tashi Namgay.

14 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$ 4,768* PER PERSON

Includes

- 13 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicle
- Private Touring
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance Fees (except camera fees)
- Bhutan Visa
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B= breakfast)



Day 11 Paro
After a leisurely breakfast, visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum of the Kingdom. Later this afternoon visit a traditional farmhouse and interact with a local family. (B)

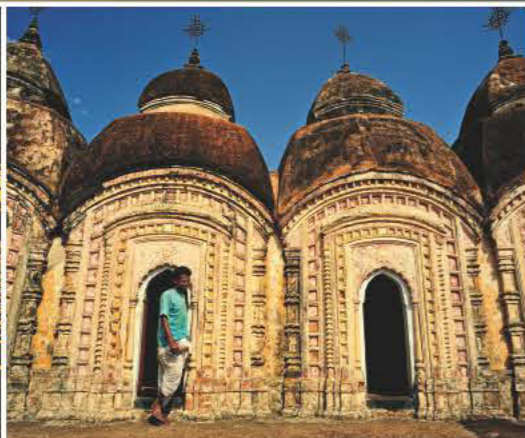
Day 12 Paro
Venture to Paro Taktsang which is one of the most famous of Bhutan's monasteries, perched on a cliffs edge. (B)

Day 13 Paro to Kathmandu
Fly from Paro to Kathmandu. Enjoy the remainder of your stay free at leisure. Overnight at Vivanta Kathmandu. (B)

Day 14 Kathmandu
Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Get your hands dirty as you take part in a traditional pottery class.
- Gain a deeper understanding into the history of Bhutan as you visit Folk Heritage Museum.
- Understand local living as you visit a Bhutanese family and enjoy a traditional home prepared meal.



RIVER CRUISE

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

We offer a range of river cruises from which to choose. Our selection of river cruises include accommodation on board, all meals and fascinating sightseeing with local English-speaking guides.

A FLOATING HOTEL

Check-in to your cabin and unpack just once as the sights and sounds of the river come to you. Relax in your spacious, air-conditioned cabin with a private balcony on some cruises. Enjoy excellent service and onboard facilities.

AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Explore small villages and markets for an authentic experience as you sail to places that larger ships simply can't reach. In some cases, you can choose your shore excursion so you can do as much or as little as you like.



ONBOARD SERVICE

Many of the staff on board are internationally trained, offering you the type of service you would expect in a four to five-star hotel. Your every need is personally attended to with high staff to passenger ratios.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Built – 2011
- Ship length – 55 metres
- Ship width – 10 metres
- Number of decks – 5 decks
- Gross tonnage – 675 tonnes
- Cruising speed – 10 knots
- Capacity – 46 passengers
- Cabins – 23 cabins
- Crew- 30 crew members

DESIGN

Assam is one of India's most fascinating and diverse states and the MV Mahabaahu is the perfect way to relax and enjoy the beauty of this oft-forgotten region.



ON SHORE

With the MV Mahabaahu taking a maximum of 46 passengers, your onshore experience is intimate and authentic. The MV Mahabaahu offers a cruise concierge desk and shore butler, giving you a truly bespoke experience.

ONBOARD FACILITIES

Stay fit on board at the gym, then relax in the steam room/sauna or practise Yoga each morning on deck. Laze by the pool after sightseeing or indulge in the luxurious spa. Soak up the warmth of Asia and your stunning surrounds from the sundeck.



CABINS

MV Mahabaahu boasts 23 cabins with modern amenities, and a combination of modern and colonial design. Cabins are air-conditioned with a luxurious bed, stylish en-suite bathroom and mini bar.

QUALITY SERVICE

While on MV Mahabaahu, 30 attentive staff will take care of your every need ensuring a relaxed and luxurious cruising experience.



Day 1 Kolkata

On arrival in Kolkata be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Taj Bangal.

Day 2 Kolkata

Today, explore the vibrant city of Kolkata starting with Howrah Bridge, located over the Hoogli River is said to be the busiest bridge of the world. Later, venture to the flower Market, underneath Howrah Bridge and one of the Asia's largest wholesale flower markets. Thousands of people gather here daily to buy and sell flowers and plants. Next, Victoria Memorial, a splendid architectural structure which was built in the early 20th Century in memory of Queen Victoria. (B)

Day 3 Kolkata to M.V Mahabaahu Cruise

This morning, fly to Guwahati, upon arrival visit Kamakhya Temple before continuing on to Pandu Port where you will embark the MV Mahabaahu River cruise. Stay the next seven nights on board M.V Mahabaahu cruise. (BD)

Day 4 M.V Mahabaahu Cruise

This morning, sail up to Assam and visit a local village, here you will gain a deeper knowledge for its geographical location in the national and international context and how it is acclaiming recognition. Return to the boat for a free afternoon. (BLD)

Day 5 M.V Mahabaahu Cruise

Enjoy a leisurely morning before reaching Silghat. Take a short drive to Kaliabor Tea Estate which is a vast expanse of undulating estate with tea bushes, watching the tribal women pick tea leaves. After an early dinner aboard we retire for the evening. (BLD)

Day 6 M.V Mahabaahu Cruise

Disembark the cruise and enjoy a jeep safari at Kaziranga National Park. Take this time to search for local wildlife perhaps spot a one-horned rhinoceros or a wild buffalo. Later, return to the cruise and continue to the shores of Biswanath Ghat. Enjoy a walk through the local village and see how this suburban village thrives. Overnight onboard M.V Mahabaahu. (BLD)

Day 7 M.V Mahabaahu Cruise

This morning, sail towards the Eastern Range of Kaziranga for a boat Safari, gain an insight into local wildlife and that exists alongside the river. This evening enjoy a Cooking Demonstration as well as sample the snacks followed by a leisurely evening on a deserted island with along with a bonfire. (BLD)

Day 8 M.V Mahabaahu Cruise

After breakfast, land at the country village of Mishing. The Mishings live on the bank of river in 'Chang ghars', houses with a raised

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- Includes**
- 7 nights on board M.V Mahabaahu Cruise (Superior cabin)
 - 3 nights at Taj Bangal (Deluxe room)
 - Join in touring
 - All flights as specified in the itinerary.
 - Entrance fees
 - Local English-speaking guides
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platform. Enjoy a traditional Assamese evening on board. (BLD)

Day 9 M.V Mahabaahu Cruise

After breakfast, proceed to a scenic corner of a Satra for an interesting cultural performance by Satriya singers and dancers. Continue with a drive through the countryside to reach Sibsagar, the ancient city of the Ahom Kings. Enjoy a afternoon free at leisure on board the cruise. (BLD)

Day 10 M.V Mahabaahu Cruise to Kolkata

This morning, go for a nature walk along the swamps before disembarking your cruise for your onward flight to Kolkata. Overnight at Taj Bangal. (B)

Day 11 Kolkata

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend 8 days cruising through the lush countryside on one of the most sacred rivers in the world.
- Discover the rich and vibrant rural life of the villages along the waterway.
- Take a boat safari in Kaziranga and discover natural wildlife along the waters edge.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Built – 2014
- Ship length – 50 metres
- Ship width – 10 metres
- Number of decks – 3 decks
- Gross tonnage – 899 tonnes
- Cruising speed – 10 knots
- Capacity – 44 passengers
- Cabins – 22 cabins featuring private balconies
- Crew – 28 crew members



DESIGN

Inspired by the French-colonial age, the design of the ABN RajMahal evokes the era, combined with subtle modern touches.

ON SHORE

An innovative touring program ensures that you will make the most of every port of call. Experienced local English-speaking guides will show you the best of the compelling communities that call the Ganges home.

ABN RAJMAHAL

ONBOARD FACILITIES

Dine in the richly decorated restaurant, with classical dance performances in the evening, or relax in the Bar.

Visit the luxurious spa, or try a massage under the stars.

Soak up the warmth of your stunning surrounds from the sundeck or practise Yoga on the deck each morning.

QUALITY SERVICE

Service on board The ABN RajMahal is impeccable, with 28 attentive staff ensuring a relaxed and luxurious cruise experience.

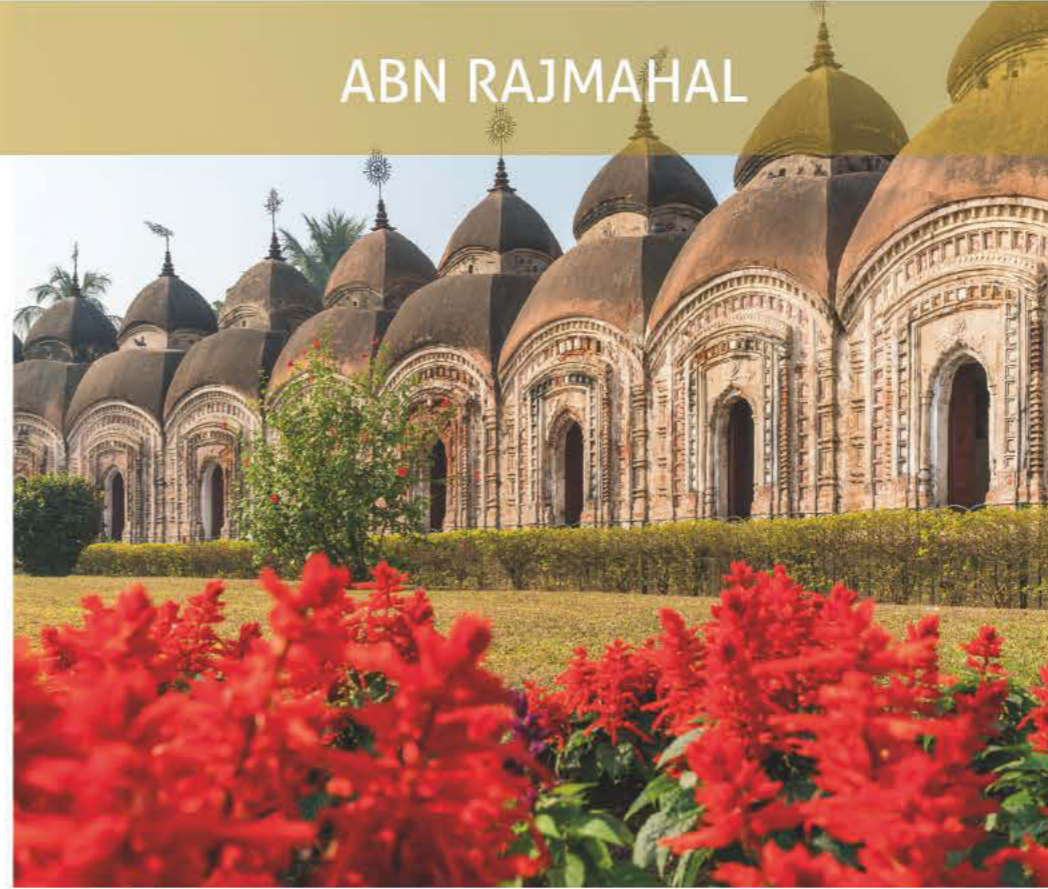
CABINS

Each of the ABN RajMahal 22 spacious cabins feature floor to ceiling sliding doors which open onto a private balcony. Each cabin features, double or twin beds, mini bar, air conditioning and en-suite bathroom.



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ABN RAJMAHAL



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Day 3 Kolkata to ABN RajMahal Cruise

Be transferred from your hotel to embark and sail at midday. Sail past the old Danish colony of Serampore to Barrackpore land and take a walk through the cantonment past the Semaphore Tower. Stay the next seven nights on board ABN RajMahal. (BLD)

Day 4 ABN RajMahal Cruise

Visit the 18th century church and Dupleix's House containing a small museum then later reboard your ship and cruise upstream leaving the urban sprawl behind. (BLD)

Day 5 ABN RajMahal Cruise

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. Sail on through the night to a mooring near Matiari. (BLD)

Day 6 ABN RajMahal Cruise

This morning visit the brass working village of Matiari where you can see the whole

primitive process of beating out brass water pots and other vessels. Later cruise on and visit the battlefield of Plassey where in 1757 Clive's defeat of Siraj-ud-Daulah changed the course of Indian history. (BLD)

Day 7 ABN RajMahal Cruise

Today, walk to the Khushbagh, a peaceful Moghul-style garden enclosing the tombs of Siraj-ud-Daulah and his family. Continue a little way upstream to where the Nawab's great Hazarduari Palace, built by an English architect. (BLD)

Day 8 ABN RajMahal Cruise

Admire the delightful sleepy village of Baranagar with three gorgeous miniature terracotta temples to which you walk through the fields. Continue up the Hooghly, here a charming waterway twisting and turning between banks lined with mustard fields and mango orchards. (BLD)

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- Join in touring
- All flights as specified in the itinerary.
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guides
- Return transfers from airport to accommodation.
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

* Prices are per person twin share based on low season and will vary depending on date of travel, unless otherwise stated. Pricing does not include airfare from Australia. Please contact us for an air-inclusive quote. Refer to our booking conditions for full pricing and payment information. For more information call 1300 365 355, visit InsiderJourneys.com.au or see your travel agent.



Day 9 ABN RajMahal Cruise

Disembark and take a full day excursion by road to Gaur. This quiet, deserted place was once one of India's great cities home to plentiful remains of mosques, palaces and gateways. (BLD)

Day 10 ABN RajMahal Cruise to Kolkata

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

Day 11 Kolkata

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend 8 days cruising through the lush countryside of West Bengal on one of the most sacred rivers in the world.
- Take a cycle rickshaw to the terracotta temples and unique Shiva temple in Kalna.
- Explore the deserted town of Gaur, which was once one of India's great cities.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Please read these conditions carefully as they set out the basis upon which we accept all bookings. We reserve the right to amend our booking conditions from time to time. Please check with your travel consultant for our up to date booking conditions, which are also available on insiderjourneys.com.au before making a booking.

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1. Insider Journeys acts as an agent for the Suppliers (transport, tour, event or accommodation providers) who provide the various goods and/or services (Products). All bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by each Supplier. It is therefore important for you to obtain and read the applicable Supplier's terms and conditions as they may limit or exclude their liability to you. In producing this brochure, we have used information provided by Suppliers. Irrespective of any measures taken by us to ensure the information contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of printing, Insider Journeys disclaims and will be exempt from liability in respect of anything misleading, false, incomplete or inaccurate and any errors, inaccurate description and all associated disappointment, loss, expense, damage, inconvenience, delay, death, shock, illness or injury, however caused. Insider Journeys does not control the manner in which Products featured within this brochure are provided. Insider Journeys disclaims and will be exempt from liability for anything to do with the supply of such Products. This includes liability (whether as a matter of contract, tort, statute, restitution, or otherwise) for any direct, indirect or consequential loss, liability, claim, cost, expense, proceeding, demand, penalty, disappointment, death, injury, illness, shock, inconvenience or delay. This limitation of liability also applies irrespective of the cause, including negligence of us or a Supplier, withdrawal, cancellation or failure to provide a Product, delay, any variation in the Product, the provision of substitute Products or a change in the Supplier. Without limitation, Insider Journeys will not be responsible if the Product is not available due to inclement weather conditions or other acts of God, civil disturbances, fire, floods, acts of Government or any other authorities, accident to or failure of machinery or equipment or industrial action.

PRICES FOR TRAVEL PRODUCTS

2. All pricing is reflected in Australian Dollars unless otherwise specifically denoted and is valid at time of publication but is subject to change. 'From' prices represent land only and low season twin share prices (unless otherwise clearly stated). Unless otherwise stated, prices include all government levies and airport taxes as at the date of publication. Dates, itineraries and prices are indicative only. Private Travel and Asia River

Cruising prices are valid for travel during low season and will vary depending on date of travel. We will use our reasonable efforts to notify you of changes in prices. The Third-Party Travel Provider may be required to impose surcharges depending on currency fluctuations, surcharges or other variables outside of its control. You acknowledge and agree that you shall be responsible for the prompt payment of all surcharges and price increases. A fee will apply for payments made by debit and credit cards. Please check this fee with us or your travel consultant when booking.

MINIMUM BOOKING REQUIREMENT & SERVICE FEES

3. The following minimum booking requirement and service fees will apply to a booking:

- A service fee of A\$35 per booking will be charged for train and internal Asia sectors booked without other land arrangements (excludes Japan);

- To book international airfares and products not contracted there is a minimum requirement of 4 nights' accommodation;

- Ticket delivery fees may be charged if a flight or train is the first service in a booking.

DEPOSIT & FULL PAYMENT

4. A non-refundable deposit of A\$200 per person and passenger names as per passport are required 7 days after issuance of an invoice. Additional deposits may be required depending on the policies of the Third-Party Travel Provider. Any additional deposits will be advised at the time of booking or on the invoice. Full payment is due and payable to us 65 days prior to the scheduled date of departure from Australia and will be notified to you in your confirmation of booking.

5. We are not responsible for any changes made by a Third-Party Travel Provider to the balance due date and prices are not guaranteed until payment has been made in full and documents have been processed and issued to you. Failure to pay a deposit within 7 days from the date of confirmation or in full by the due date may result in the automatic cancellation of your booking without refund of monies paid, unless you have been unable to complete the booking and pay the balance by the due date, due to our fault.

6. Bookings made within 35 days of scheduled departure require full payment on request.

7. To avoid automatic cancellation of domestic flights and regional flights in Asia, full payment must be received before requesting booking. All bookings are subject to availability at time of booking.

8. Groups – a deposit of 10% of the overall booking is due within 7 days of confirmation, which includes a non-refundable administration fee of \$500. Final payment is due by 65 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION BY THE TRAVELLER

9. All cancellations must be received in writing. No refunds will be made for unused services. Cancellations will be subject to the following cancellation fees applied per person, per confirmed booking:

- for cancellations made more than 65 days before the scheduled date for departure from Australia – no refund of deposit;

for cancellations made between 10-65 days before the scheduled date for departure from Australia – a cancellation fee of 25%;

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

Additional cancellation charges may apply according to the terms and conditions of the Third-Party Travel Provider.

10. We will not charge a cancellation fee if:

- you cancel your booking due to a breach by us of any of our obligations to you or due to our fault; or

- the Third-Party Travel Provider cancels your booking for no fault on your part.

11. Notwithstanding clause 9, cancellation of air, cruising, rail and other Third-Party Travel Provider arrangements may be subject to fees in accordance with the terms you agree with the Third-Party Travel Provider, which are separate to our cancellation fees. Refunds will not be given for unused or cancelled services after your arrangements have commenced.

AMENDMENTS BY THE TRAVELLER

12. Once itineraries are confirmed with a deposit on file, one amendment free of charge is permitted provided the amendment is made 65 days prior to departure. All amendments within 65 days prior to departure are subject to a A\$50 per booking amendment fee plus any additional fees charged by the Third-Party Travel Provider.

CANCELLATION & AMENDMENTS BY THIRD PARTY TRAVEL PROVIDER

13. If the Third Party Travel Provider changes any part of your booking for reasons beyond its control, for example, if a Third Party Travel Provider changes its schedules, overbooks, or if there are any changes in applicable surcharges, fees or taxes, we will use our reasonable endeavours to notify you. If any such changes result in your Travel Product costing more or otherwise being materially different, then you may cancel the Travel Product and we will refund any monies already paid less any fees charged by us under these terms and conditions and by the Third Party Travel Providers under the terms and conditions you agreed with them. Please check with your consultant before cancelling or amending a Travel Product in these circumstances as some Third-Party Travel Providers may charge cancellation fees up to 100% of the Travel Product's price as per their terms and conditions.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

14. Travel documents will be issued after final payment has been received. Travel documents may include special conditions including restrictions such as baggage size and weight limits. Travel documents are not transferable. All airline tickets must be issued in the name of the passport holder and some carriers will deny carriage if the name varies and the booking may be cancelled. We have no responsibility for any loss or damage arising from the incorrect entry of a passenger's name or as a result of the Third-Party Travel Provider's policies. It is your responsibility to collect all travel documents prior to travel.

AIRFARES – CANCELLATIONS & AMENDMENTS

15. Prices displayed in this brochure or provided by us, do not include airfares from or to your departing destination, unless specified. All flights bookings are subject to the carrier's conditions of carriage. Cancellation and refund policies associated with airfares vary according to airfare terms and conditions and the relevant airline. It is your responsibility to understand the terms and conditions that relate to your airfare and contact the relevant airline if you require further information. It is your responsibility to contact the airline prior to departure to ensure there is no change to the scheduled departure time. Please ensure all flight details are correct prior to ticketing as we cannot assume responsibility for incorrectly issued flights. We do not offer advice on Frequent Flyer eligibility on flights.

OTHER CANCELLATION & AMENDMENTS

16. A Third-Party Travel Provider may cancel, reschedule or amend any itinerary in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control. This includes alterations to cruise itineraries and schedules including change of embarkation and disembarkation points. We are not responsible for any other travel arrangement affected due to the Third-Party Travel Provider's cancellations or amendments. Amendments beyond the Third-Party Travel Provider's control may involve a surcharge for the additional or amended services.

ACCOMMODATION RATINGS

17. The ratings featured in this brochure will provide a general indication of the standard of accommodation and may alter throughout the year due to a change of circumstance. These are our views and are not related to any other rating system. We recommend checking with your travel consultant to find the accommodation that best suits your needs and budget.

PUBLICITY

18. You agree that we may use images of you taken during the trip and any comments made in writing by you regarding the trip, without recourse to you and without compensation to you, for publicity and promotion purposes only through whatever medium we choose.

ERRORS & OMISSIONS

19. We reserve the right to correct any errors in rates or content quoted or calculated for any package, with immediate effect. We will use our reasonable endeavours to notify you of such corrections.

PRIVACY

20. You acknowledge and agree that we may disclose some of or all your personal information as outlined in our Privacy Policy. The terms of our Privacy Policy are incorporated into these terms. A copy of our Privacy Policy is available on www.insiderjourneys.com.au.

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21. This brochure and all matters arising out of or in connection with it and all terms are governed by the laws applicable in the State of New South Wales. By acquiring the Booking and Advisory Services from us, you consent and submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of New South Wales.

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"Travel Product" means the service or product provided by a Third-Party Travel Provider, for example, an airline or a hotel.

ANNEXURE TRAVEL TIPS FOR TRAVEL PRODUCTS

These tips are not legally binding terms and conditions. You should obtain and read the Third-Party Travel Provider's terms and conditions which are legally binding on you.

Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend you take out appropriate travel insurance to cover your travel arrangements.

Passports, Visas & Health Requirements

Visas, including transit visas, are the passenger's own responsibility. For more information please log on to: www.dfat.gov.au or www.smarttraveller.gov.au. Please check with the respective Embassy or Consulate of each country that you are travelling to, as many destinations require visas for both Australians and non-Australian passport holders. For more information, log on to www.visalink.com.au. You need to ensure that you have at least 6 months validity on your passport from the date of your departure return. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are aware of any health requirements for your travel destinations. Vaccinations are strongly recommended for certain destinations. You need to contact your local doctor who will advise you of these requirements. Please note that vaccinations may be recommended some period in advance of travelling.

Ticketing

For international and domestic departure, e-tickets will be issued upon payment and completion of the booking process. In some instances, an e-ticket on the flights or fares selected may not be able to be issued. Bookings that cannot be issued as an e-ticket will have to be changed to comply with e-ticket regulations. All other travel documentation, such as hotel, car hire, transfer and tour vouchers will be emailed to you as an e-document. Should the Third-Party Travel Provider issue paper vouchers, these will be posted to you.

Accessibility

Travellers with a physical or mental disability that may require assistance during their trip must advise us of their needs upon booking and declare all pre-existing medical conditions. This enables us to ensure the suitability of each booking to the individual traveller.

Bedding configuration

Requests for specific bedding types must be made at the time of booking, however, cannot be guaranteed. Please note that double rooms can be fitted with either double or twin beds and 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.

Travelling with children

Where a child stays for free in a room sharing with two paying adults, generally the hotel will expect the child to share the parent's bed and will not provide an extra bed. Additional charges may be levied for child meals. Where a child rate is provided in this brochure, an extra roll or fold-away bed is usually provided. Children are charged an adult rate if staying in a room without adults.

River Cruises – shore excursions & water levels

The nature of some shore excursions in Asia means that for some excursions there are no formal jetties. While staff are always on hand to assist, those with limited mobility may find these areas difficult to access. Due to the unpredictable nature of weather and its effect on river conditions and water levels, it may on occasions be necessary to complete some elements of the itinerary by land, rather than by boat, or to alter the route of the vessel including substituting some planned stops for others. Such changes can occur at any time without prior notice or warning and no refunds will be given in this instance. On the lower Mekong River between Siem Reap and Phnom Penh, large seasonal variations in water levels necessitate low-water and high-water itineraries. The only significant difference is a vehicle transfer to/from Siem Reap in place of cruising across Tontle Sap Lake. As a guide, low water itineraries are applied typically from January to early July, but this may vary depending on rainfall across the river catchments.

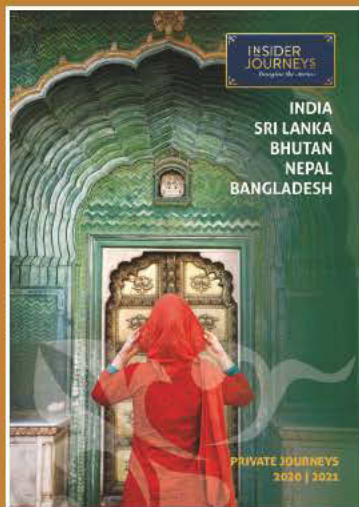
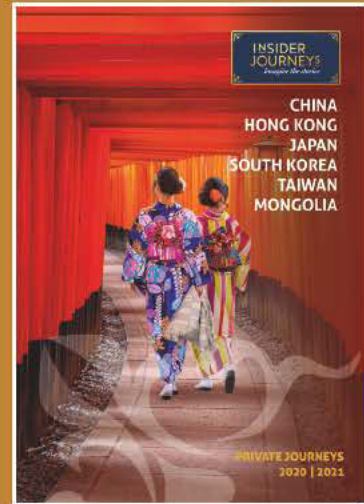
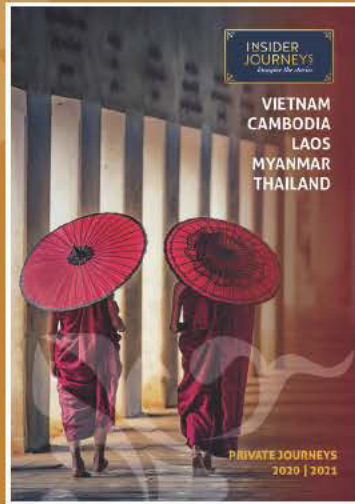
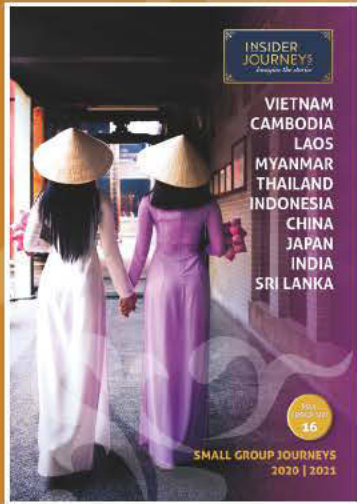
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