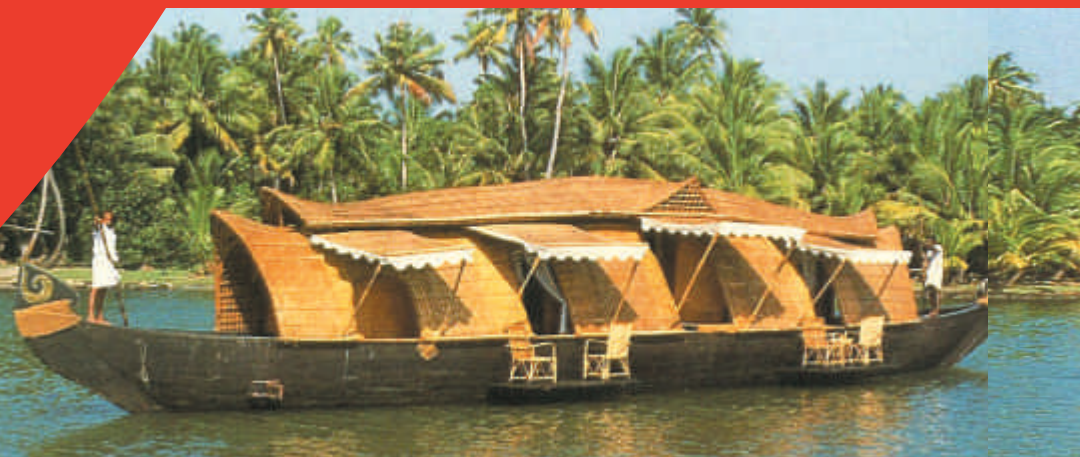


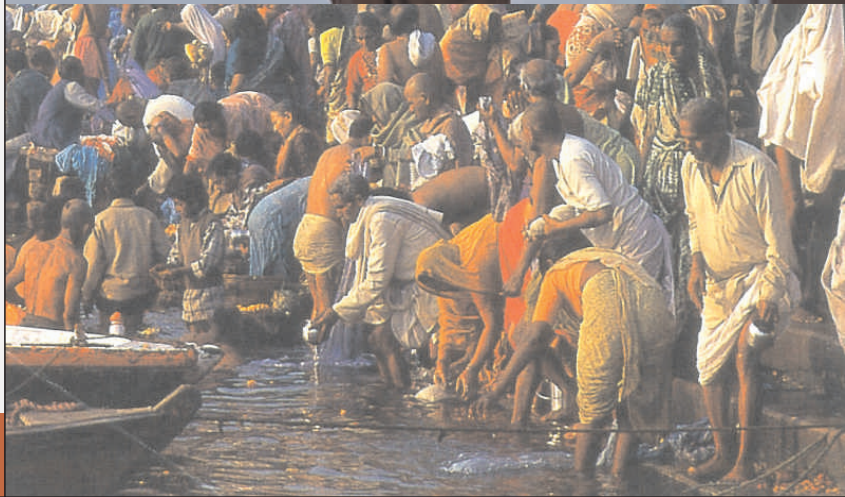
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Our Profile

India is undoubtedly one of the most diverse nations and is widely acclaimed world over as one of the most popular year-round destination. From the impressive sights of the north to the unhurried and relaxed charm of the south, India is but an adventure of blockbuster proportions. Every single day of your vacation in India will prove to be a sensory overload with new sights, new smells and new sounds. So be ready to melt into the painting that is India.

When it comes to discovering destination getaways and planning holidays, J M Mehta Travel & Tour Co.Pvt.Ltd. brings you closer to a million amazing moments. We specialise in package tours and tailor-made holidays for the discerning individual traveller as well as for groups. Having spent over a decade and half in the industry, we feel delighted to share the fruit of our labours with our clients and customers from all over the world.

We are headquartered in Mumbai and are Recognized by the Department of Tourism, Government of India. Our core team of travel professionals have in-depth knowledge of the country and over a decade of experience in catering to the needs of foreign visitors. We have our branch offices in Delhi, Bangalore & Pune backed up with a network of fifteen associate offices spanning the length & breadth of India.

We offer in-house foreign exchange services and a specialized cell for organizing Meetings, Conferences & Incentives. We are members of some of the highest standards of excellence like IATA, IATO, TAAI, TAFI, WTAAA & UFTAA which guarantee the quality of our services.

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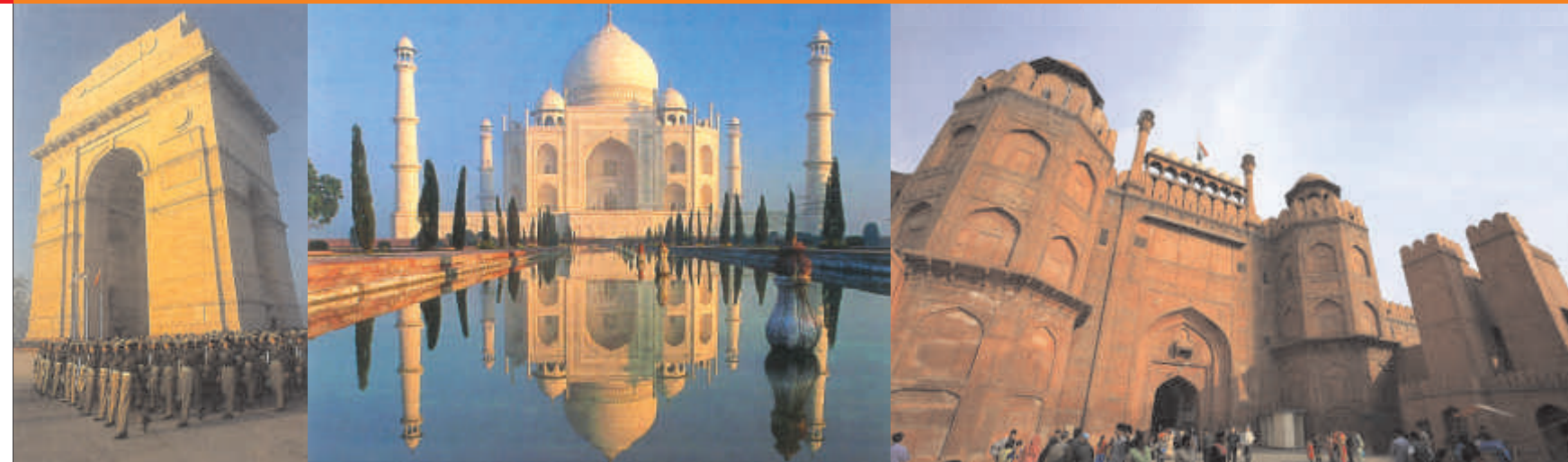
So if you enjoy delving into convoluted cosmologies or thrive on sensual overload, then India is one of the most intricate and rewarding dreams unfolding on earth and who better to unfold your picture perfect holidays then us, J M Mehta Travel & Tour Co.Pvt.Ltd.

Cultural Tours

The Golden Quadrangle

08 days / 07 nights

Delhi • Gwalior • Agra • Jaipur



Day01 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to hotel. Delhi - capital of modern India. Many dynasties and rulers have flourished on its regal soil over the last 3000 years. The legacy still survives in many monuments varying from the 13th century mausoleum of the Lodi Kings to the buildings of British India's imperial past like the Parliament House and the Presidential Estate. Overnight at Delhi.

Day02 Tour Delhi

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Day03 Delhi - Gwalior

This morning transfer to railway station and board train to Gwalior. On arrival transfer to hotel and check in. Afternoon proceed on sightseeing tour of Gwalior, begin from the Fort which rises about 100 metre above the town and extends to about 3 km in length. One of the oldest in India, it is situated on an isolated hill of sandstone and is encircled by a 10 meter high and imposingly solid walls. Visit the Man Mandir Palace, built by Raja Mansingh with vast halls and carved stone screens, it was completed between 1486 and 1516 and was repaired in 1881. Proceed towards the Gujari Mahal, a marvel of 15th century architecture, the palace was Raja Mansingh's gift to his favourite queen Mriganayani, it is a turreted palace of stone and now an archaeological museum. A short distance away is the tomb of Mohammed Ghaus, a Muslim saint respected and revered by the Mughal rulers. Also visit the Tansen's Tomb, a memorial to the legendary singer who was one of the "Nine Jewels" in the court of Emperor Akbar. Overnight at Gwalior.

Day04 Gwalior - Agra (120 kms)

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magnificent fort and the building which so many people come to India solely to see - the Taj Mahal. On arrival check in. Overnight at Agra.

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Day06 Agra - Jaipur (220 kms)

This morning drive to Jaipur - the capital city of the state of Rajasthan is popularly known as the 'Pink City' of the terra-cotta colored lime plaster that coats the old part of the city's walls, buildings, and temples. Enroute visit Emperor Akbar's 16th century abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri, this ghost town is remarkably well preserved and presents a perfect synthesis of Muslim, Hindu and Jain architecture. The sculptured columns bear mute testimony to this gallant experiment to unite Hindus and Muslims. Continue your drive to Jaipur. Arrive and check in. Overnight at Jaipur.

Day07 Tour Jaipur

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Day08 Departure

Today we transfer to Delhi International airport (240 km) for your onward flight.



Cultural Tours

Northern Splendors

11 days / 10 nights

Delhi • Jaipur • Agra • Orchha • Khajuraho • Varanasi



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Day 02 Tour Delhi

This morning proceed on a guided tour of the Old Delhi includes the Red Fort, Raj Ghat - a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, Ashoka Pillar and the mile-long Chandni Chowk bazaar. Afternoon embark on a tour of New Delhi. Drive along Rajpath, the capital's broadest avenue, for a view of the Parliament House, the President's House and India Gate. Visit the Humayun's Tomb, Qutab Minar and Birla Temple. Evening is free for leisure / shopping activities. Overnight at Delhi.

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Day 04 Tour Jaipur

Morning, proceed for an excursion to Amber Fort - the original Palace was built by Raja Mansingh and later additions were made by Sawai Jai Singh. One of the finest example of Rajput architecture, it was the ancient capital of Kaishawah rulers. Enjoy the ascent to the Palace on the back of a brightly caparisoned elephant. Visit the multiple chambers and hallways of the palace which are famous for their design and decorations. This unique capital of the erstwhile warrior kings of Rajasthan is a must on every tourist itinerary to the state. Here you are transported back in time, riding royally atop elegantly draped and painted elephants to the mountain fortress of Amber.

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Day 06 Tour Agra

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Day 07 Agra - Khajuraho

Early morning transfer to railway station and board train to Jhansi. On arrival drive Khajuraho. Enroute tour Orchha - the erstwhile capital city of the Bundela rulers. The town is steeped in

history and is famous for its palaces and temples built in the 16th and 17th centuries. Visit Orchha fort complex, located on an island on River Betwa. Four-arched bridge leads to the fort complex on the island. The Jahangir Mahal, which was built by Bir Singh Deo in the early part pf the 17th century to mark the visit of the Mughal Emperor, is an important monument of this fort. Later continue your drive and check in. Overnight at Khajuraho.

Day 08 Tour Khajuraho

After breakfast tour of Khajuraho - visit to the famous Chandela Dynasty Temples, which are set in a lovely grass park. The existing temples are divided into three groups - western, eastern and southern. The western group is most famous, and it is designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. These temples are amazing - rising in many peaks and spirals intricately carved and designed with statues and friezes. The erotic carvings on these temple walls have made this one of the most talked about tourist site in the country and, perhaps, unmatched in the world. Overnight at Khajuraho.

Day 09 Khajuraho - Varanasi

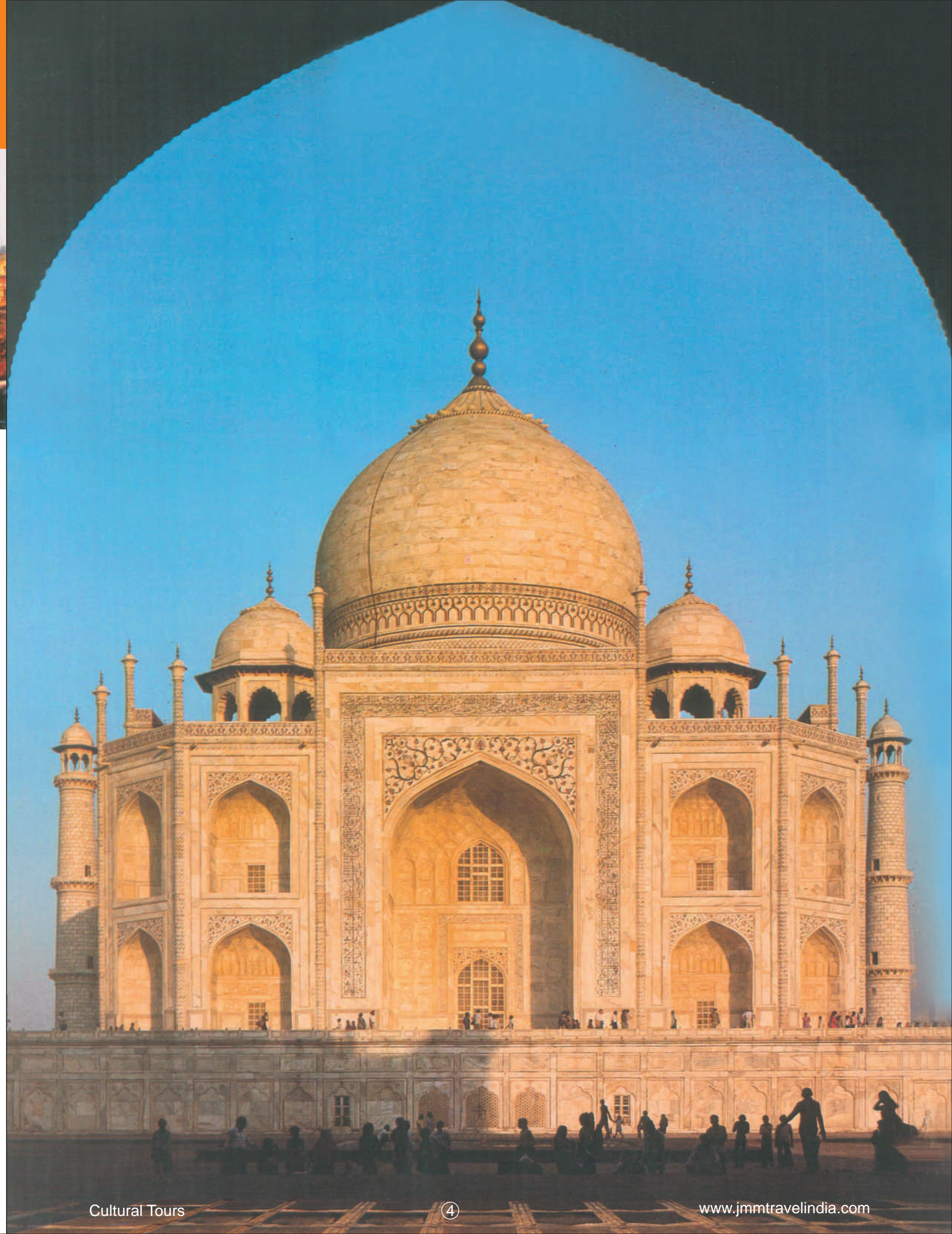
Today transfer to airport for flight to Varanasi - the eternal city on the banks of the holy river Ganges. Considered to be among the ancient cities of the world, centre of learning and civilisation for over 2000 years. On arrival transfer to the hotel and check in. Later proceed on a half day guided excursion to Sarnath - where Lord Buddha gave his first discourse after attaining enlightenment. Overnight at Varanasi.

Day 10 Tour Varanasi

Start the day with a boat ride on the river Ganges at sunrise, where multitudes of devotees pay homage to the Sun God. Cruise past the bathing ghats and crematoriums. Return for breakfast. Later proceed on a guided city tour of Varanasi visit Vishwanath temple, the Bharat Mata temple and Banaras Hindu University. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight stay in Varanasi.

Day 11 Departure

Today we transfer to Varanasi airport for your onward flight

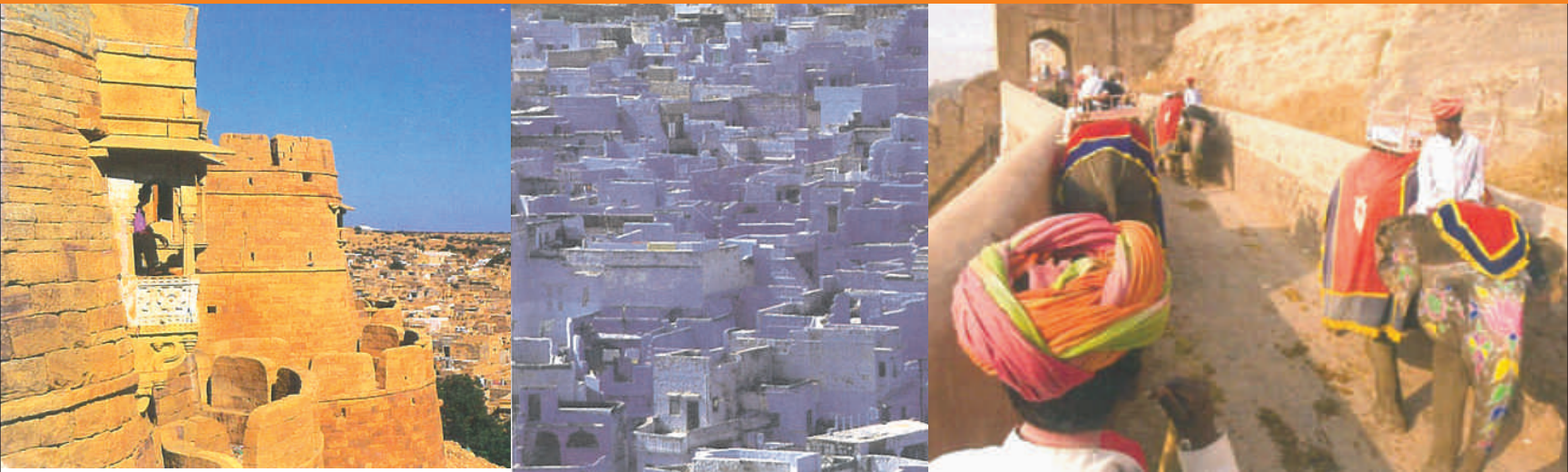


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Royal Rajasthan

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Delhi • Mandawa • Bikaner • Jaisalmer • Osian • Jodhpur • Udaipur • Jaipur • Agra



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Day 03 Delhi - Mandawa (260 kms)

This morning drive to Mandawa - a compact little town which, was settled in the 18th century. Fortified by the dominant merchant families, Mandawa houses some of the finest painted havelis in the region and the fort, dating back to 1760. On arrival check in. Later proceed on sightseeing tour, visit the most famous Bansidhar Newalia Haveli built in 1910 which has some curious paintings on its walls. The Gulab Rai Ladia Haveli, built in 1870 is also one of the finest in the region and has some of superb murals. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Mandawa.

Day 04 Mandawa - Bikaner (200 kms)

After breakfast drive to Bikaner - tucked away in the desert of western Rajasthan and characterized by its beautiful sandstone architecture. Frequented by the legendary caravans that strung out across the desert of West Asia & Africa. Upon arrival check in. Later tour the "Junagarh Fort" built between 1588 and 1593 built by Raja Jai Singh who was a general in the army of the Mughal emperor, Akbar. The fort has a 986 meter long wall with 37 bastions and 2

entrances, it is famous for the super quality of stone carvings. Visit the fascinating "Karni Mata Temple in Deshnok, an incarnation of the goddess Durga. The huge silver gate and marble carvings donated by Maharaja Ganga Singh, lead you into the sea of swarming rodents who are considered auspicious. Devotees throng this temple to make offerings to the rats. Other places of interest include the famous camel breeding farm just outside the town. Overnight at Bikaner.

Day 05 Bikaner - Jaisalmer (300 kms)

Today we drive to the Golden City of Jaisalmer - awaits you with desert fortress whose stone ramparts glint like gold by the setting sun. A city that is unrivalled in its magic, romance and exotic beauty. Upon arrival check in. Overnight at Jaisalmer.

Day 06 Tour Jaisalmer

Morning tour of Jaisalmer Fort, built in 1156 by Rawal Jaisal, the fort crowns 80 meter high on the Trikuta hill. Still inhabited, there are palaces and bazaars with in the fort walls, which have 99 bastions around the circumference. Also visit the Havelis, wealthy merchants built these exquisite havelis with profusely carved stone facades. The famous ones are the Patwon ki Haveli, Salim Singh ki Haveli and Nathmal ki Haveli. Post lunch proceed to the Sam Sand Dunes, experience a camel safari and gaze the sunset overlooking the golden sands. The ripples on the wind-caressed dunes and the numerous musicians and dancers are a photographer's delight. Overnight at Jaisalmer.

Day 07 Jaisalmer - Osian (230 kms)

Today we drive to Osian - oasis in Thar Desert, where you enjoy your stay in a luxurious tented camp and experience a night in the desert. Experience a camel safari and gaze the sunset overlooking the golden sand dunes. Dine al fresco tonight under a canopy of stars, with entertainment including folk dancing and indigenous music. Overnight at Osian.

Day 08 Osian - Jodhpur (90 kms)

After breakfast we drive to Jodhpur - known as the blue city, this land of royalty is a glittering jewel set in the golden sands of barren desert landscape.

The light that reflects of the golden sands engulf a land renowned for its vibrant colours, people in the bright clothes and beautiful jewellery, living in city dotted and dominated by towering fort and palaces that rise from sand like a mirage. On arrival check in.

Later proceed on tour of Meherangarh Fort with its graceful palaces, a spectacular setting for the rich past and culture of the imperial city. Jaswant Thada - a white marble memorial built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant II in 1899. Umaid Bhawan Palace - made of marble and pink sandstone, the construction of the Umaid Bhawan started in 1929 and it took 16 years to complete it. It is believed that the palace was constructed to give employment to the famine-struck population. Overnight at Jodhpur.

Day 09 Jodhpur - Udaipur (260 kms)

This morning drive to Udaipur - an enchanting and enthralling place of limpid lakes, verdant forests, palaces, gardens, temples, aesthetically surrounded by the Aravalli hills. Founded in 1559 AD by Maharaja Udai Singh, this is popularly known as the City of Lakes and also as the Venice of the east. Moreover, this is well eminent for the performing arts, crafts and miniature paintings throughout India. Enroute tour the beautifully sculpted 15th century Jain temples of Ranakpur, its 29 halls are supported by 1444 pillars, none of which are alike. The temple abounds with intricate friezes and sculptures. Continue your drive and check in. Overnight at Udaipur.

Day 10 Tour Udaipur

Morning tour City Palace, at this complex one will marvel at the rooms with mirrored walls and ivory doors, windows with colored glass, inlaid marble balconies and the peacock courtyard. Also visit the lovely Sahelion-ki-bari gardens, the Jagdish temple and the local museum. In the afternoon, enjoy a motor launch cruise on the placid waters of the beautiful lake Pichola, enlarged by Maharana Udai Singh after he founded the city. From the boat you will be able to view the city of Udaipur as it rises majestically above the lake in the middle of the Rajasthan desert. You can also visit the Jag Mandir Palace - which is a lovely

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Day 15 Departure

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Cultural Tours

Classic Kerala

10 days / 09 nights

Kochi • Munnar • Thekkady • Kumarakom • Houseboat • Kovalam



Day01 Arrive Kochi

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to hotel. Kochi - formerly known as Cochin in the coastal state of Kerala. With a natural harbour that has always been one of the finest in the world. Overnight at Kochi.

Day02 Tour Kochi

Morning, Kochi tour begins from "The Dutch Palace" also known as Mattancherry Palace, built by Portuguese in 1555, which is famous for its murals depicting scenes from the Ramayana and the puranic legends. Adjacent to the palace is the Jewish Synagogue built in 1568. Also visit the St. Francis Church, established by the Portuguese Franciscan friars in 1503. Vasco Da Gama was buried in the courtyard of this European church built in India. The tour also includes a visit to the seaside where one can still see the, nearly a century old Chinese fishing nets which are still in use. Evening witness a Kathakali, a traditional dance form depicting Indian epics (Ramayana and Mahabharata). The dancers are dressed in very colorful and elaborate costumes. Their faces are painted to depict various characters of these epics. This dance has a lot of facial expressions and brisk, yet articulate body movements. Overnight at Kochi.

Day03 Kochi - Munnar (140 kms)

Today drive to Munnar - Kerala's principle tea growing area, driving uphill through cardamom plantations and undulating tea fields. This is a great opportunity to take some photos of a unique landscape, and hopefully see the tea pickers at work. On arrival check in. This afternoon you will have time to enjoy the cool air of the hills and take a guided walk through the plantations. Overnight at Munnar.

Day04 Munnar - Thekkady (110 kms)

Morning at leisure. Explore the town and visit the Tea museum. Later drive to the spice capital Thekkady, located on the Tamil Nadu - Kerala border. This unique wildlife sanctuary is about 300 square miles and centered on an artificial lake fed by the Periyar River. Upon arrival check in. Overnight at Thekkady.

Day05 Tour Thekkady

This morning game viewing is on board boats, which carry you along convoluted waterways and afford sightings of elephant, bison, deer and occasionally tiger. This tropical habitat makes it

one of the premiere reserves of southern India with all manner of flora and fauna in abundance. Return for breakfast, later visit spice plantation where you can learn about pepper, cardamom, cinnamon and vanilla among many other spices and plants. Overnight at Thekkady.

Day06 Thekkady - Kumarakom (120 kms)

Today drive to Kumarakom - is an emerald peninsula of paddy fields, meandering lagoons and backwaters that juts out into lake Vembanad. Perhaps more famously known as the Backwaters this area is unique being made up of labyrinth of canals and lakes that stretch between the capital Cochin and Quilon in the south. Upon arrival check in. Overnight at Kumarakom.

Day07 Board Houseboat

After breakfast proceed to boat jetty to board House Boat, cruise the backwaters on one of these beautifully crafted vessels with your attentive crew - a relaxing and romantic way to explore this remarkable area. You will spend the remainder of your day cruising around the serene backwaters, a vast network of lakes, lagoons, rivers and canals and watch life go by. Overnight on board.



Day08 Alleppey - Kovalam beach (170 kms)

This morning you will disembark your houseboat after breakfast at Alleppey. Drive to Kovalam - India's one of the best beaches for the travelers in the south of India. It consists of a number of small, palm fringed bays separated by rocky headlands. On arrival check in. Day is free for leisure. Overnight stay at Kovalam.

Day09 In Kovalam

Day at leisure. You might like to try a local ayurvedic body massage that will leave you feeling relaxed and rejuvenated. It is believed that human being consists of the five elements, air, water, fire and earth. Ayurveda the traditional form of Indian medicine was developed by ancient sages whose astute observations led to the development of constitutional medicine. It was the duty of the vaidya (physician) to harmonize this imbalance of the body - mind environment. Overnight at Kovalam.

Day10 Departure

Today we transfer to Trivandrum airport for your onward flight.



Cultural Tours

13 days / 12 nights

Bangalore • Mysore • Wayanad
• Kochi • Thekkady • Marari

Sandalwood and Spices



Day 01 Arrive Bangalore

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to hotel. Bangalore - India's "garden city" is a delightful mix of the traditional and modern. Housing many fascinating legacies of richly carved temples, imposing mosques and trappings of a royal past. Bangalore today is a major industrial and commercial center and, is also well known for being the "Silicon Valley" of India because of the concentration of major IT companies here. Overnight at Bangalore.

Day 02 Tour Bangalore

Today tour of Bangalore - visit the Government Museum and Venkatappa Art Gallery – one of the oldest in the country, established in 1886, which is endowed with relics from prehistoric Mohenjodaro period. The tour concludes with a drive past the Vidhana Soudha, the High Court and the Nandi Bull Temple. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Bangalore.

Day 03 Bangalore - Mysore (150 kms)

After breakfast we drive to Mysore. Enroute tour Srirangapatnam, once the summer palace of Tipu Sultan, is known for its fortress and tomb of the famous Warrior King. Continue your drive and check in. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Mysore.

Day 04 Tour Mysore

Today proceed for a sightseeing tour of Mysore. Upon a hill overlooking the city is the temple to Chamundeswari, its patron goddess. The major tourist attraction is the "Mysore Palace", the beautiful profile of this walled Indo-Saracenic Palace, the seat of the Maharajas of Mysore, graces the city skyline, rebuilt in 1912. The Mysore Arts and Crafts Centre is famous for its fine craftsmanship in wood, ivory, sandalwood and silk. The tour also includes a visit to the Zoological Gardens and the St. Philomena's church, one of the largest churches in the country, built in the Victorian Gothic style. This evening drive 10 miles from Mysore to enjoy the beautiful and exquisitely illuminated Brindavan Gardens, sprawling amid gorgeous cascading fountains. Overnight at Mysore.

Day 05 Mysore - Wayanad (120 kms)

Today we drive to Wayanad - the green paradise is nestled among the mountains of the western ghats forming the border world of the greener part of Kerala. Clean and pristine, enchanting and hypnotizing, this land is filled with history and culture. On arrival check in. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Wayand.

Day 06 In Wayanad

Day is free for leisure, witness the vast stretches of mist clapped mountains, green meadows of valleys, white water springs, blue water lakes and wild forests express the splendid natural beauty of Wayanad. Its pretty image not withstanding, perhaps what the visitor find most endearing about this quaint little hill station is its large tribal population of about fifty-strong tribes and their fascinating lifestyle. Overnight at Wayanad.

Day 07 Wayanad - Kochi (300 kms)

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Day 08 Tour Kochi

Morning, Kochi tour begins from "The Dutch Palace" also known as Mattancherry Palace, built by Portuguese in 1555, which is famous for its murals depicting scenes from the Ramayana and the puranic legends. Adjacent to the palace is the Jewish Synagogue built in 1568. Also visit the St. Francis Church, established by the Portuguese Franciscan friars in 1503. Vasco Da Gama was buried in the courtyard of this European church built in India. The tour also includes a visit to the seaside where one can still see the nearly a century old Chinese fishing nets which are still in use. Evening witness Kathakali, a traditional dance form depicting Indian epics (Ramayana and Mahabharata). The dancers are dressed in very colorful and elaborate costumes. Their faces are painted to depict various characters of these epics. This dance has a lot of facial expressions and brisk, yet articulate body movements. Overnight at Kochi.

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After breakfast drive to the spice capital Thekkady, located on the Tamil Nadu / Kerala border. This unique wildlife sanctuary is about 300 square miles and centered on an artificial lake fed by the Periyar River. Upon arrival check in. Overnight at Thekkady.

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Day 11 Thekkady - Marari beach (160 kms)

After breakfast we drive to the coast of Marari - an endless vista of sand and surf. An authentic experience of the world of Kerala's traditional fishing villages, and a recreation of an ancient, harmonious way of life. On arrival check in. Overnight at Marari.

Day 12 In Marari

Day is free to unwind. You might like to try a local ayurvedic body massage that will leave you feeling relaxed and rejuvenated. Overnight at Marari.

Day 13 Departure

Today we transfer to Kochi airport (60 kms) for your onward flight.



Cultural Tours

15 days / 14 nights

Bangalore • Mysore • Hassan • Hampi • Badami
• Bijapur • Aurangabad

Architectural Delights



Day 01 Arrive Bangalore

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to hotel. Bangalore - India's "garden city" is a delightful mix of the traditional and modern. Housing many fascinating legacies of richly carved temples, imposing mosques and trappings of a royal past. Bangalore today is a major industrial and commercial center and, is also well known for being the "Silicon Valley" of India because of the concentration of major IT companies here. Overnight at Bangalore.

Day 02 Tour Bangalore

Today tour of Bangalore - visit the Government Museum and Venkatappa Art Gallery – one of the oldest in the country, established in 1886, which is endowed with relics from prehistoric Mohenjodaro period. The tour concludes with a drive past the Vidhana Soudha, the High Court and the Nandi Bull Temple. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Bangalore.

Day 03 Bangalore - Mysore (150 kms)

After breakfast we drive to Mysore. Enroute tour Srirangapatnam, once the summer palace of Tipu Sultan, is known for its fortress and tomb of the famous Warrior King. Continue your drive and check in. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Mysore.

Day 04 Tour Mysore

Today proceed for a sightseeing tour of Mysore. Upon a hill overlooking the city is the temple to Chamundeswari, its patron goddess. The major tourist attraction is the "Mysore Palace", the beautiful profile of this walled Indo-Saracenic Palace, the seat of the Maharajas of Mysore, graces the city skyline, rebuilt in 1912. The Mysore Arts and Crafts Centre is famous for its fine craftsmanship in wood, ivory, sandalwood and silk. The tour also includes a visit to the Zoological Gardens and the St. Philomena's church, one of the largest churches in the country, built in the Victorian Gothic style. This evening drive 10 miles from Mysore to enjoy the beautiful and exquisitely illuminated Brindavan Gardens, sprawling amid gorgeous cascading fountains. Overnight at Mysore.

Day 05 Mysore - Hassan (170 kms)

Today drive to Hassan. Enroute tour Sravanabelagola - the monk of the White Pond, the 17m tall naked statue of Bahubali said to be the world largest monolithic statue. It is one of the oldest Jain pilgrimage centres. Continue your drive and check in. Overnight at Hassan.

Day 06 Tour Belur & Halebidu

After breakfast proceed on sightseeing tour of Belur - a star shaped temple with hand lathe-turned filigreed pillars and sculptures will take

your breath away. It is the only Hoysala temple still in active worship. Friezes of charging elephants, each different from the other, mythological figures, military scenes, dancers and musicians, and elaborate decorative motifs charge the imagination. Later visit Halebeedu (Halebid) - 17 kms away the ancient capital of the Hoysalas, the temple perched on a star shaped base amidst lawns. Its walls are richly carved with an endless variety of Hindu deities, sages, stylised animals, birds, and friezes depicting the life of the Hoysala kings. Later return for overnight at Hassan.

Day 07 Hassan - Hampi (300 kms)

Today we drive to Hampi - was the capital city of the powerful south Indian Vijayanagar Empire who ruled the south India during 14th to 16th century AD. The ruins of Hampi, as it is known today, is a vast open museum. There were opulent palaces, marvellous temples massive fortifications, baths, markets, aquaducts, pavilions, stables for royal elephants, and elegantly carved pillars. On arrival check in. Overnight at Hampi.

Day 08 Tour Hampi

After breakfast visit to Hampi ruins - was the capital city of the powerful South Indian Vijayanagar Empire. The ruins of these historical monuments have stood the ravages of man and time and still evoke memories of the grandeur of a bygone era. There were opulent palaces, marvellous temples, massive fortifications, baths, markets, aquaducts, pavilions, stables for royal elephants, and elegantly carved pillars. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight at Hampi.

Day 09 Hampi - Badami (180 kms)

Today we drive to Badami - picturesquely situated at the mouth of a ravine between two rocky hills, the exquisite sculptures and the rust red sandstone cliffs of Badami tell many a tale of yore. It was the ancient capital of the early Chalukya kingdom. A number of richly carved monuments and caves belonging to Chalukyas, dating back to the 6th and 7th centuries can be found here. On arrival check in. Later visit rock cut cave temples, gateways, forts, inscriptions, sculptures that seem to come alive before your eyes. Climb a flight of steps to reach the ancient caves - all hewn out of sand stone on the precipice of a hill. Also a must see are Bhutanatha temples that lend their names to the lake just beneath the cave temples. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Badami.

Day 10 Tour Aihole & Pattadakal

After breakfast proceed on an excursion to Aihole witness the evolution of Hindu temple architecture from the early shrines of the Lad Khan Temple to more complex structures like that of the Meguti Temple. In the centre of the village is the famous Durgigudi temple, known for its semicircular apse

and the outstanding carvings that crowd the colonnaded passageway. Later tour Pattadakal - another developing ground for Hindu temple architecture, was the second capital of the Badami Chalukyans, used specially for royal coronations. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Badami.

Day 11 Badami - Bijapur (150 kms)

Today we drive to Bijapur - the one time capital of the Adil Shahi kings (1489-1686) is dotted with mosques, mausoleums, palaces, fortifications, watchtowers, and strong gateways, with the massive Gol Gumbaz dominating the landscape for miles around. On arrival check in. Overnight at Bijapur.

Day 12 Tour Bijapur

Early today we tour Gol Gumbaz - gaze in wonder at this magnificent mausoleum of Mohammed Adil Shah in Bijapur. It houses the world's second largest dome, in unsupported by pillars - an aqestic and architectural wonder. Ibrahim Raza - said to have inspired by the Taj Mahal in Agra this palatial Mosque and tomb in Bijapur is very impressive. Malik-e-Maidan - This mammoth cannon, fourteen feet long and weighing about 55 tons, is an awe-inspiring sight. The Jumma Masjid spreading over an area of 116300 square feet is regarded as one of the finest mosques in India. The masjid carefully preserves a Quran with verses inscribed in letters of gold. Overnight stay at Bijapur.

Day 13 Bijapur - Aurangabad (410 kms)

After breakfast we drive to Aurangabad. On arrival check in. Evening is leisure. Overnight at Aurangabad.

Day 14 Tour Ajanta & Ellora Caves

Today proceed on a full day excursion to Ajanta caves - one of India's most impressive archaeological sites. Here Buddhist art attained its peak. The frescoes and wall paintings reveal a fascinating lifestyle. Thirty caves are carved out of a rocky gorge dating back to the 3rd century. The ornate facades and interior chambers are illuminated at all times of the day. Post lunch tour Ellora group of rock cut caves, the most magnificent is the Kailashanatha Temple (Cave 16), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The temple has actually been sculpted out of a single mountain, and it depicts Mount Kailasa, the sacred abode of Lord Shiva. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Aurangabad.

Day 15 Departure

Today we transfer to Aurangabad airport for your onward flight.

Cultural Tours

Southern Temple Trails

09 days / 08 nights

Chennai • Mahabalipuram • Pondicherry • Tanjore • Trichy • Madurai



Day 01 Arrive Chennai

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to hotel. Chennai - India's fourth largest city and the capital of the state of Tamil Nadu was the site of the East India company's first settlement founded in 1639 on land given by the Raja of Chandragiri, the last representative of the Vijaynagar rulers of Hampi. Overnight at Chennai.

Day 02 Tour Chennai

Morning tour the 'St. Mary's Church', built in 1678 - 80, was the first English Church in Chennai. The Saint Thomas Cathedral, built in 1504, then rebuilt in neo - gothic style in 1893, this Roman Catholic Church is said to house the remains of St. Thomas the Apostle. Also visit the Kapaleeshwarar Temple, an ancient Shiva Temple, constructed in pure Dravidian style. The Sri Parathasarathy Temple, dedicated to Lord Krishna, built in 8th century during the reign of the Pallavas. Other attractions include the National Art Gallery and Museum, which houses some beautiful temple friezes, the bronze gallery and archeological section. Drive past the High Court Building, Fort St. George and the famous film studios. Overnight at Chennai.

Day 03 Chennai- Mahabalipuram (70 kms)

Today drive to Mahabalipuram. Enroute tour Kanchipuram - is the golden city of thousand temples and one of the seven sacred cities of India. Its many gopurams can be seen while approaching the city from a long way off. Today, it is known not only for its temples but also for its handwoven silk fabrics. Visit Ekambareshwar Temple, Kailashnath Temple, Kamakshi Temple, the Vaikunthaperumal Temple, all built in the 7th and 8th centuries. Continue your drive and check in. Overnight at Mahabalipuram.

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Day 05 Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry (110 kms)

Today we drive to Pondicherry - formerly a French colony settled early in the 18th century, it became part of the Indian Union in the early 50's when the French voluntarily relinquished control. On arrival check in. Later visit the Botanical Gardens, Eglise De Sacre Coeur De Jesus, The Promenade, Government Park, Manakula Vinayagar Temple, Roman Rolland Library, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, French Institute and other museums and art galleries. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Pondicherry.

Day 06 Pondicherry - Tanjore (200 kms)

After breakfast drive to Tanjore - the capital of the powerful Chola dynasty. Today, it is the little town set amidst the lush green rice fields of the Cauvery delta. Magnificent temples still bear witness to the splendour of Chola architecture. Enroute visit Nataraj Temple at Chidambaram and also visit the temples at Kumbakonam. Upon arrival check in. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight at Tanjore.

Day 07 Tanjore - Trichy (60 kms)

Today proceed on a guided tour of Tanjore, visiting Brihadeeswara Temple, the palace, Sangeetha Mahal, Saraswati Mahal, Library, Raja Museum, Temple Museum and Schwarz Church. Later drive to Trichy - situated on the banks of the river Cauvery is the fourth largest city in Tamil

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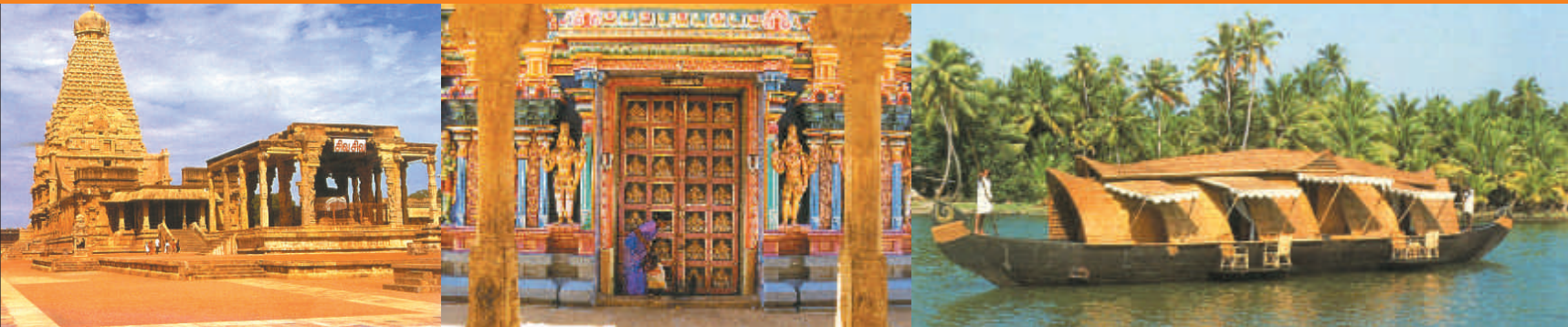


Cultural Tours

15 days / 14 nights

Coromandel to Malabar

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Day11 Thekkady - Kumarakom (140 kms)

Today drive to Kumarakom - is an emerald peninsula of paddy fields, meandering lagoons and backwaters that juts out into lake Vembanad. Perhaps more famously known as the Backwaters this area is unique being made up of labyrinth of canals and lakes. Upon arrival check in. Overnight at Kumarakom.

Day12 Board Houseboat

After breakfast proceed to boat jetty to board House Boat, cruise the backwaters on one of these beautifully crafted vessels with your attentive crew - a relaxing and romantic way to explore this remarkable area. You will spend the remainder of your day cruising around the serene backwaters, a vast network of lakes, lagoons, rivers and canals and watch life go by. Overnight on board.

Day13 Alleppey - Kochi (70 kms)

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Cultural Tours

12 days / 11 nights

Heritage of Central India

Delhi • Mandu • Indore • Bhopal • Orchha
• Khajuraho • Gwalior • Agra



Day01 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to hotel. Delhi - capital of modern India. Many dynasties and rulers have flourished on its regal soil over the last 3000 years. The legacy still survives in many monuments varying from the 13th century mausoleum of the Lodi Kings to the buildings of British India's imperial past like the Parliament House and the Presidential Estate. Overnight at Delhi.

Day02 Delhi - Indore - Mandu (100 kms)

Today transfer to Delhi airport for flight to Indore. On arrival drive to Mandu - offers number of sites to visit like the palaces, tombs, temples and a fort that was the monsoon retreat of the Mughal emperors. Over 40 monuments which are divided into three broad groups : the central village, the royal enclave and the Rewa Kund. Champa Baoli, the huge 15th-century Jami Masjid, the beautiful Jahaz Mahal (ship palace), the Hindola Mahal or swing palace, the romantic Baz Bahadur's Palace, Roopmati's Pavilion and the Hoshang Shah's Tomb are some of the unique and must see tourist spots. On arrival check in. Overnight at Mandu.

Day03 Mandu - Indore (100 kms)

After breakfast visit the magnificent Jahaz Mahal (Ship Palace), Hindola Mahal (Swing Palace), Hoshang's Tomb, Ashrafi Mahal and Rupmati's Pavilion. Post lunch drive to Indore - located in the Narmada river valley was built by the famous Rani Ashilya Bai of the Holkar dynasty. A nice blend of industry and architecture preserved over centuries in the city's temples and palaces. On arrival check in. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Indore.

Day04 Tour Indore

Today tour the Rajwada or the Old Palace, a major centre of attraction, Lalbagh palace, Kanch Mandir a marvellous Jain temple, Chattri Bagh the memorial with some canopies and the Bada Ganapati the largest lord Ganesha statue in the world. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Indore.

Day05 Indore - Bhopal (190 kms)

After breakfast drive to Bhopal - capital of Madhya Pradesh combines scenic beauty, history and modern urban planning situated on the site of an 11th century city. The old city with its teeming market places, fine old mosques and palaces still bear the aristocratic imprint of its former rulers; among them the succession of powerful Begums who ruled Bhopal from 1819 to

1926. Equally impressive is the new city with its verdant, exquisitely laid out parks and gardens, broad avenues and streamlined modern edifices. On arrival check in. Overnight at Bhopal.

Day06 Tour Bhopal

Today tour some important museums like Bhopal Bharat Bhawan, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (National Museum of Mankind), Laxmi Narayan or Birla Temple and Taj-ul-Masjid. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight at Bhopal.

Day07 Tour Sanchi & Bhimbetka

Today, we take you on a full day tour to Sanchi and Bhimbetka, the two most important sites. Visit the majestic stupas and museums of Sanchi, the famous pilgrimage site for Buddhists. Bhimbetka (46 km south of Bhopal) is equally popular for the spectacular paintings found in over 500 caves that beautifully portray the pre-historic times and the life of cave dwellers. Later return for overnight stay at Bhopal.

Day08 Bhopal - Jhansi - Khajuraho (190 kms)

Today transfer to Bhopal railway station and board train to Jhansi. On arrival tour Orchha - is the erstwhile capital city of the Bundela rulers. The town is steeped in history and is famous for its palaces and temples built in the 16th and 17th centuries. Visit Orchha fort complex, located on an island on River Betwa. Four-arched bridge leads to the fort complex on the island. The Jahangir Mahal, which was built by Bir Singh Deo in the early part of the 17th century to mark the visit of the Mughal Emperor, is an important monument of this fort. Later continue your drive and check in. Overnight at Khajuraho.

Day08 Tour Khajuraho

After breakfast tour of Khajuraho - visit to the famous Chandela Dynasty Temples, which are set in a lovely grass park. The existing temples are divided into three groups - western, eastern and southern. The western group is most famous, and it is designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. These temples are amazing - rising in many peaks and spirals intricately carved and designed with statues and friezes. The erotic carvings on these temple walls have made this one of the most talked about tourist site in the country and perhaps, unmatched in the world. Overnight at Khajuraho.

Day09 Khajuraho - Gwalior (280 kms)

Early morning drive to Gwalior - a multitude of reigning dynasties of the great Rajput clans of the Pratiharas, Kacchwahas and Tomars have left

indelible etchings of their rule in this city of palaces, temples and monuments. Gwalior's tradition as a royal capital continued until the formation of present day India. The magnificent mementoes have been preserved, giving Gwalior an appeal unique and timeless. On arrival check in. Overnight at Gwalior.

Day10 Gwalior - Agra (120 kms)

After breakfast tour the majestic Gwalior fort - one of the largest and mightiest forts in India. Also visit Sas-Bahu temples are 11th-century temples of Lord Vishnu while Teli-ka-Mandir is a 300-metre-high Vishnu temple of the 9th Century, visiting Jai Vilas Palace, Usha Kiran Palace, Gwalior fort, Man Mandir, Gujri Mahal and the tomb of Mohammad Ghaus. Post lunch drive to Agra - in the 16th and 17th centuries, was the capital of Mughal India and its superb monuments date from that era. It has a magnificent fort and the building which so many people come to India solely to see – the Taj Mahal. On arrival check in. Overnight at Agra.

Day11 Tour Agra

At sun rise visit Taj Mahal - the mausoleum of Empress Mumtaz Mahal, the beloved spouse of Shah Jahan, who died in 1630. Considered the finest example of Mughal architecture - a style that combines elements of Persian, Turkish, Indian and Islamic elements. An early morning visit to the Taj Mahal presents an opportunity to admire this dream in marble as it welcomes the rising sun. Return to hotel for breakfast. Continue your tour to the Agra Fort, the original red sandstone fort built by Mughal Emperor Akbar in 1565. The Forts maze of courtyards, its marble mosque and lavish private chambers reflect the grandeur of the Mughal Empire. Visit Akbar's Mausoleum at Sikandra, which is a fusion of Hindu and Muslim architecture, like the emperor himself. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Agra.

Day12 Departure

Today we transfer to Delhi airport (210 kms) for your onward flight.

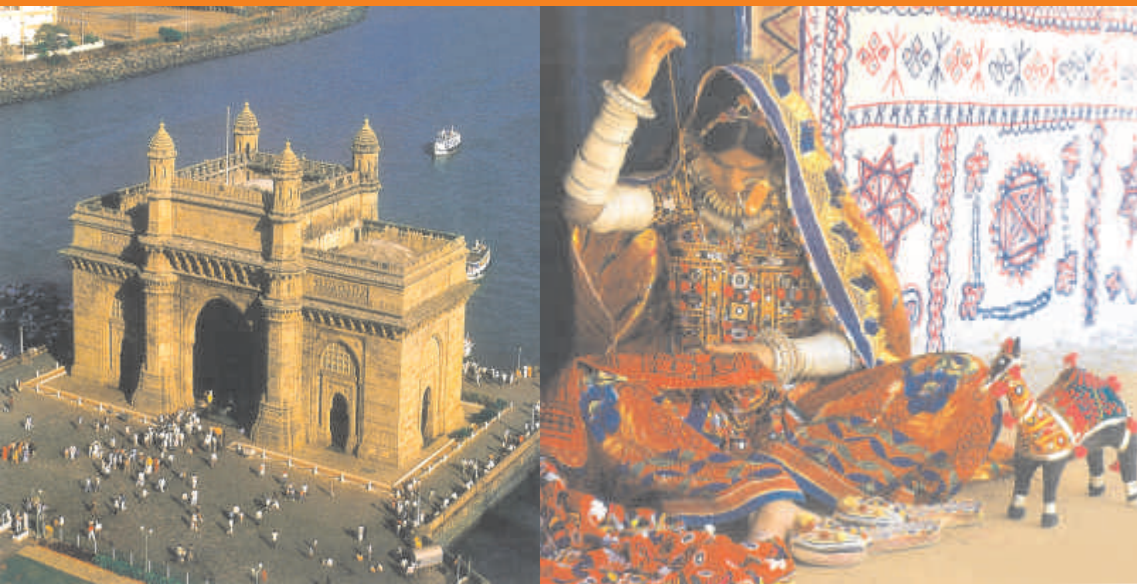


Cultural Tours

Colours of Gujarat

13 days / 12 nights

Mumbai • Diu • Somnath • Porbander • Rajkot • Bhuj
• Dasada • Patan • Poshina • Ahmedabad



Day 01 Arrive Mumbai

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative & transferred to hotel. Mumbai - a fascinating mix of commercial hustle and bustle, grand Victorian styled architecture and modern day high rise buildings, the customs and colour of truly multi-cultural society. Overnight at Mumbai.

Day 02 Mumbai - Diu

Today we transfer to Mumbai airport for flight to Diu - this tiny island of breeze, beauty and serenity situated off the southern tip of the Saurashtra (Kathiawad) peninsula of Gujarat, lapped by the Arabian Sea, is a picture of calmness with superb beaches and a fascinating history. Diu was ruled by many well-known kings and dynasties during the prehistoric, ancient and medieval times. It was a Portuguese colony until 1961 and now a Union Territory separated from Goa in 1987. On arrival transfer to hotel. Time for leisure. Overnight at Diu.

Day 03 Diu - Somnath - Porbander (220 kms)

After breakfast drive to Porbander. Enroute visit Somnath - believed was originally built by Somraj, the moon God himself out of gold. The temple is a magnificent structure that enshrines one of the twelve Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva. Later continue your drive to Porbander - the birth place of Mahatma Gandhi, one can visit his former house and neighbouring shrine. The facades of houses on either sides of the streets, with series of windows, carved gateways using eclectic architectural language, invites tourists to experience the streetscape on foot and puts Porbander on the list of coastal heritage towns of Gujarat. Arrive and check in. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Porbander.

Day 04 Porbander - Rajkot (190 kms)

This morning visit Kirti Mandir, Bharat Mandir, Daria Rajmahal Palace, Sartanji Choro and Sudama Mandir. Post lunch drive to Rajkot - this bustling prosperous rapidly expanding city was once the capital of the princely state of Saurashtra and a base for western States British Government office. Late afternoon check in. Overnight at Rajkot.

Day 05 Rajkot - Bhuj (240 kms)

After breakfast tour of Rajkot, visit the temples, the Watson museum and Kaba Gandhi no Delo - the house where Gandhiji grew up. Later we drive to Bhuj - a treasure trove of heritage and culture offers to the traveller hospitality unseen in modern times known for its small, meandering streets, palaces and temples. It also has the oldest museum in the state of Gujarat and famous for their traditional handicrafts and embroidery. On arrival check in. Overnight at Bhuj.

Day 06 Tour Bhuj

Today tour Bhuj, visit the beautiful palaces and forts. Aina Mahal, Prag Mahal and Sarad Bagh Palace are some of the best known palaces of the city with great architectural splendours. On tour you will also come across the Kutch Museum, Swaminarayan Temple and Bharatiya Sanskriti Darshan. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Bhuj.

Day 07 Bhuj - Dasada (220 kms)

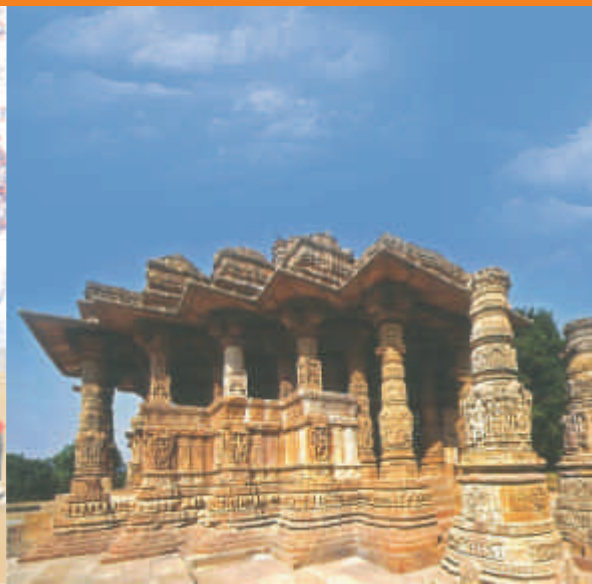
Today we drive to Dasada - the Rann of Kutch is a geographically unique landscape primarily known as the Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary established in 1972 as the last natural habitat of the Indian wild ass (Equus Hemionus Khur) one of the three surviving species. On arrival check in. Overnight at Dasada.

Day 08 In Dasada

A safari through the sanctuary in the little Rann of Kutch is a unique experience, gives one a chance to come face to face with a wide variety of birds and other wildlife. The most famous wildlife of the region includes the Indian wild Ass, chinkara, desert fox, jackal, desert cat, caracal, nilgai, wolf, blackbuck and striped hyena. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Dasada.

Day 09 Dasada - Balaram (190 kms)

Early today drive to Balaram. Enroute tour Patan - an ancient fortified town, one of the oldest cultural centers in the region and famous for its Patola saris. Visit Rani ki Vav, Sahastralinga Talav and Khan Sarovar. Continue your journey, tour Modhera - famous for its Sun Temple situated on the bank of the river built of delicately carved stone. On arrival check in. Evening at leisure. Overnight at Balaram.



Day 10 Balaram - Poshina (110 kms)

After breakfast proceed on visit to Poshina - Garacia tribes mainly found in Sasabkantha district are primarily farm labourers or shepherders, known for their unique culture and traditions. They have whitish faces, sharp nose and glittering eyes. The Gowala and Garacia tribes are second cousins to each other, differing only in the manner of living. On arrival check in. Overnight at Balaram.

Day 11 Balaram - Ahmedabad (190 kms)

Today drive to Ahmedabad - named after Sultan Ahmed Shah, who was primarily responsible for building it. Today, this city is known as the 'Manchester of the East'. One of the highly industrialized cities in India, Ahmedabad is also India's Textile City. The exquisite carved wooden mansions and havelis are in no manner less than their stone counterparts in Rajasthan. The city is full of architectural delights. On arrival check in. Overnight at Ahmedabad.

Day 12 Tour Ahmedabad

After breakfast tour Ahmedabad visit the magnificent Mosque of Siddi Saiyad with its exquisite stone carvings, the beautiful Jama Masjid, white marbled Hathee Singh's Temple, Dada Hari Baoli, Shaking Minarets, Calico Textile Museum and Sabarmati Ashram started by Mahatma Gandhi, Kankaria Lake - the circular lake having an island garden in the middle. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Ahmedabad.

Day 13 Departure

Today we transfer to Ahmedabad airport for your onward flight.



Cultural Tours

Glorious Orissa

08 days / 07 nights

Bhubaneshwar • Puri • Gopalpur on Sea



Day 01 Arrive Delhi

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Day 02 Delhi - Bhubaneshwar

Today we transfer to airport for flight to Bhubaneshwar - the modern capital of Orissa is often referred as the "Temple Metropolis of India" and is home to around 500 temples. On arrival transfer to hotel. Overnight at Bhubaneshwar.

Day 03 Tour Bhubaneshwar

After breakfast tour Parashurameshwara temple (650 AD), Mukteshwar temple (7th-8th century AD), Rajarani temple (1100 AD) and Brahmeswara temple (1050 AD). The Orissa State Museum, Handicrafts Museum and Tribal Museum are some of the other places to see. Overnight at Bhubaneshwar.

Day 04 Tour Lalitgiri - Ratnagiri - Udaygiri

A full day trip to the wonder triangle - Ratnagiri, Lalitgiri and Udayagiri situated 100 kms to the north east possess the ruins of the most unique Buddhist monastic complex in the world. All the monasteries impress the visitors as great monuments by their sculptural wealth and architectural grandeur. Evening return for overnight stay at Bhubaneshwar.

Day 05 Bhubaneshwar - Konark - Puri (70 kms)

After breakfast drive to Puri. Enroute tour Konark Sun temple - sheer poetry in stone is known as Black Pagoda, this 13th century temple is a magnet to the visitors from all over the world. The temple is in the architectural images of the mythical chariot of the Sun God, here the Kalingan temple style has reached in its grand climax stage. The left structure standing among

the sand dunes of the Seashore is the most impressive of the Orissa temples the horses at the entrance the encircling friezes, the chariot wheels are executed with exuberance. Later visit Pipli - Orissa's appliqué capital, appliqué is an age-old craft of Orissa in which brightly colored fabrics are stitched over another base fabric in beautiful patterns. On arrival check in. Overnight at Puri.

Day 06 Tour Puri

After breakfast pay a visit to the Jagannath temple built in 12th century makes Puri one of the four dharmas in India. You may also visit the Gundicha

Ghar and many other temples that dot all over the holy city. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Puri.

Day 07 Puri - Gopalpur (120 kms)

Today drive to Gopalpur. Enroute visit the painting village of Raghurajpur. Enjoy Chilka Lake and a boat ride to Nalaban Bird Sanctuary. On arrival check in. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight at Gopalpur.

Day 08 Departure

Today we transfer to Bhubaneshwar airport (190 kms) for your onward flight.

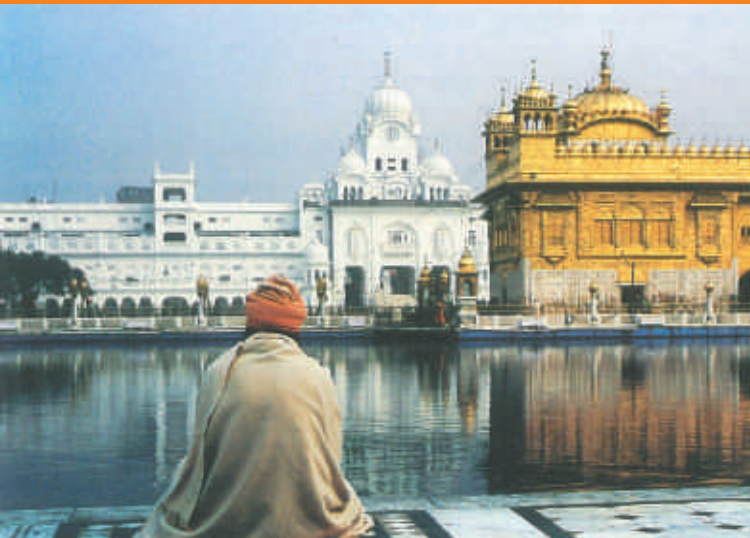


Golden Temple & Himalayan Sojourn

Cultural Tours

11 days / 10 nights

Delhi • Amritsar • Dharamshala • Manali • Shimla • Chandigarh



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Day02 Delhi - Amritsar
Today we transfer to airport for flight Amritsar - holy land known for its Golden Temple. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Afternoon pay visit to the Golden Temple - the sacred Sikh Gurudwara where the holy scripture are places. The community provides free meals to almost 10,000 pilgrims every day, tour Jalianwala Bagh - the historic site where hundreds of innocent Indian men, women and children were massacred by British General Michael dyer. Late afternoon proceed to Indo-Pak border to watch retreat ceremony - 30 kms on the road to Lahore. A visit to the border is an interesting experience. Retreat ceremony takes place with the border security force on Indian side and the Sutlej Rangers on the

Pakistan side putting up a well co-ordinated and spectacular display. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Amritsar.

Day03 Amritsar - Dharamshala (200 kms)
After breakfast drive to Dharamshala - best regarded as exiled capital of Dalai Lama. The Tibetan culture has become dominant form of cultures in this small yet beautiful town of state of Himachal Pradesh in India. On arrival check in. Overnight at Dharamshala.

Day04 Tour Dharamshala
Today tour Mcleodganj where Dalai Lama resides. Pay visit to Dal Lake, Church, Bhagsu Nag Temple and Tibetan Monastery, Jawalmukhi Temple and Chintpurni Temple are among the 51 Shaktipeeths all over in India. Overnight at Dharamshala.

Day05 Dharamshala - Manali (240 kms)
After breakfast we drive to Manali - the landscape here is breath taking. One sees well-defined snow capped peaks, the Beas river with its clear water meanders through the town. On the other side are deodar and pine trees, tiny fields and fruit orchards. On arrival check in. Overnight at Manali.

Day06 Tour Manali
Today embark on a half day city tour visiting Hadimba Temple, old Manali village and a Tibetan monastery. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Manali.

Day07 Tour Rohtang Pass
After breakfast drive to Rohtang Pass - 51 kms from Manali on highway to Leh. It offers a panorama and spectacular mountain view. The pass is open from June to October each year. Return late afternoon and relax. Overnight at Manali.

Day08 Manali - Shimla (250 kms)
Morning drive for Shimla - once the summer capital of India during the British Raj. Enroute visit the famous Kullu Shawl Industry. On arrival check in. Overnight at Shimla.

Day09 Tour Shimla
Today proceed on a half day excursion to Chail - located 43 kms from Shimla was a former summer capital of the Maharaja of Patiala. The town is built on three hills, one of which is topped with the Chail Palace, the other with the Chail village, and the third one by the Snow view mansion. 03 kms from the village lies the world's highest cricket ground at a height of 2,250 metres. Later return to Shimla and visit Christ Church, Jakhu Temple and Shimla State Museum. Evening is to catch up with some shopping on the Mall road. Overnight at Shimla.

Day10 Shimla - Chandigarh (120 kms)
After breakfast drive to Chandigarh - India's greenest, cleanest and prosperous city. On arrival check in. Later proceed on a guided city tour, visit the Capitol complex, Pinjore Gardens and Rock Garden. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Chandigarh.

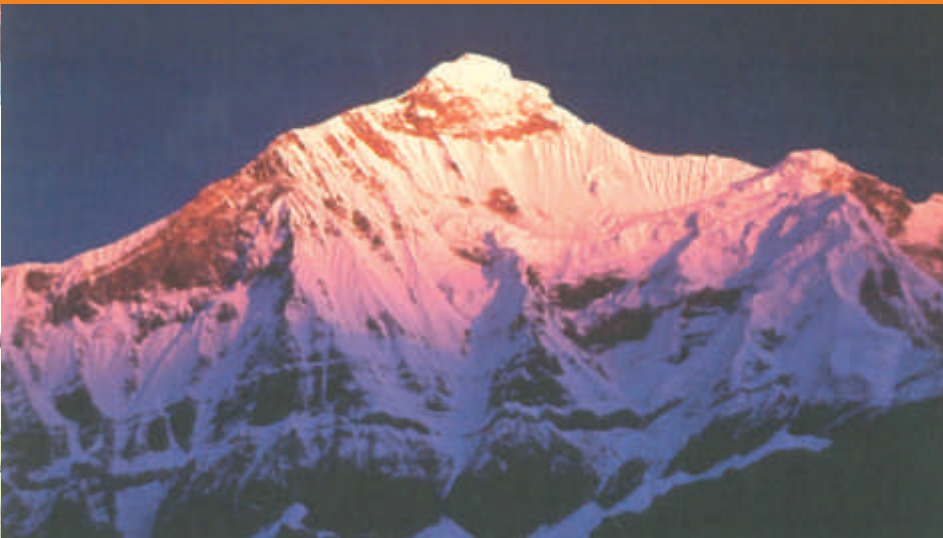
Day11 Departure
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Cultural Tours

09 days / 08 nights

Kolkata • Gangtok • Kalimpong • Darjeeling



Day01 Arrive Kolkata
Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative and transfer to hotel. Kolkata - refereed to the intellectual capital of the country and has been the capital city of India, in the times of British Raj. Overnight at Kolkata.

Day02 Tour Kolkata
Today visit the flower market, Howard Bridge - similar in size to the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Victoria Memorial - the most enduring remains of the British Raj in India. Built by Lord Curzon in memory of the popular monarch, Queen Victoria, it is a wonderful example of the Western style of architecture. It has been now converted in a museum that houses the most impressive collection of memorabilia from the days of Raj. The manuscripts, paintings and sculptures here are outstanding. Later visit St Paul's Cathedral church, constructed between 1839 and 1847 in Gothic style with stained glass windows and two Florentine frescoes. Overnight at Kolkata.

Day03 Kolkata - Gangtok
This morning transfer to airport for flight to Badgogra, on arrival drive to Gangtok (130 kms) - looks like something out of a fairy tale, the houses balance precariously on steep mountain slopes above incredible panoramas. Pagoda-like homes, painted turquoise roofs and busy bazaars are filled with elegantly costumed, smiling-faced people, adding to the magic of this scene. Upon arrival check in. Overnight at Gangtok.

Day04 Tour Gangtok
This morning tour some of Sikkim's 194 monasteries or gompas, which belong to the ancient Nyingma and Kagyu orders. Rumtek Monastery, built in the 1960s is an excellent replica of the original Kagyu headquarters in Tibet. This afternoon tour Gangtok, visiting the Research Institute of Tibetology, which houses nearly 30,000 volumes on diverse subjects like astrology, magic and philosophy. Also visit the orchid sanctuary featuring an enormous number of rare and beautiful orchids. Evening is free to explore the local bazaars. Overnight at Gangtok.

Day05 Gangtok - Kalimpong (80 kms)
Today transfer to Kalimpong - once the headquarters of a Bhutanese Governor, the word 'kalim' means King's Minister and 'Pong' - the stronghold of the King's minister. It offers a quiet and relaxed holiday against the backdrop of Kanchenjunga, was originally part of Bhutan. In 1865, after the Anglo-Bhutan War, it was merged with Darjeeling. It continues to be part of Darjeeling district and developed as a hill station. On arrival check in. Overnight at Kalimpong.

Day06 Tour Kalimpong
After breakfast, tour of Kalimpong visit Dello hills, Pine View Nursery, Dr. Grahams Home, Mangal Dham, Rishi Bankim Park, Zelepla View point and Buddhist monastery. Overnight at Kalimpong.

Day07 Kalimpong - Darjeeling (60 kms)
Today we drive to Darjeeling - hill station of West Bengal, also called "Queen of Hill Stations". In 1835, Darjeeling was gifted to the East India Company by the King of Sikkim. It became a popular spot for the British who wanted to escape from the sweltering heat of the plains. On arrival check in. Overnight at Darjeeling.

Day08 Tour Darjeeling
Set out early this morning to see the truly spectacular sight of the snow-clad Kanchenjunga Range (weather permitting). Home to some of the world's tallest peaks, the range is clad in the orange-gold raiment of the rising sun. From here, Mt.Kanchenjunga and Mt. Everest may be seen. Visit the Tibetan-style Ghoom Monastery, which enshrines an image of Maitreya Buddha. Later, tour this picturesque area, stopping at Lebong Valley, where the world's highest racetrack and the Mountaineering Institute of India are located. Visit a tea plantation to learn about and sample Darjeeling tea, considered among the world's best. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Darjeeling.

Day09 Departure
Today we transfer to Bagdogra airport (100 kms) for your onward flight.



Valley of Kashmir

08 days / 07 nights

Delhi • Srinagar • Sonmarg • Gulmarg • Pahalgam



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Day02 Delhi - Srinagar

Today transfer to airport for flight to Srinagar - located in the heart of the Kashmir valley at an altitude of 1,730 m above sea level, spread on both sides of the river Jhelum. Its waterways with their own quaint lifestyle, the unique houseboat, the blossoming gardens, water sports activities, shopping for lovingly handcrafted souvenirs. Upon arrival you will be transfer to hotel. Overnight at Srinagar.

Day03 Tour Srinagar

After breakfast visiting Nishaat and Shalimar Bag, Shankar Acharya Temple. Evening experience shikara boat ride to Lotus garden, Floating market, Char-e-Chinar, Nehru Park and Dal lake. Overnight at Srinagar.

Day04 Srinagar - Sonmarg - Srinagar

Today proceed on day trip to Sonmarg - called "Meadow of Gold" is located at a height of 2690 meters has as its backdrop, snowy mountains against a cerulean sky. The Sindh River that meanders through the valley abounds with trout and mahaseer. Ponies can be hired for the trip up to Thajiwas glacier. Evening return for overnight stay at Srinagar.

Day05 Srinagar - Gulmarg (50 kms)

After breakfast drive to Gulmarg - known as 'Meadow of Flowers' was a favourite haunt of Emperor Jehangir who once collected 21 different varieties of flowers from here. It also has the highest green golf course in the world, at an altitude of 2650 m, and is the country's premier ski resort in the winter. On arrival check in. Overnight at Gulmarg.

Day06 Tour Gulmarg

After breakfast visit one of the best ski slopes in the world, and one of the highest golf courses in the world with 18 holes. View of Nanga Parbat if weather permits. Fascinating view from Tangmarg to Gulmarg. Overnight at Gulmarg.

Day07 Gulmarg - Pahalgam (150 kms)

Today drive to Pahalgam - valley of shepherds

situated on the banks of Lidder river. Enroute visit saffron fields of pampore, Awantipura ruins - 1100 years old temple of Lord Vishnu built by the King Awantivarman, enjoy the beautiful countryside. On arrival check in. Overnight at Pahalgam.

Day08 Departure

Today we transfer to Srinagar airport (100 kms) for your onward flight.



Ladakh - Land of Lamas

10 days / 09 nights

Delhi • Leh • Ule • Nubra Valley • Khardungla Pass • Pangong



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Day02 Delhi - Leh

Today transfer to airport for flight to Leh - capital of Ladakh situated towards the eastern parts of Jammu and Kashmir. It lies on the crossroads of the historic 'Silk Route' from Sinkiang to West Asia and to the plains of India. On arrival check in. Day at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude difference. Overnight at Leh.

Day03 Tour Leh

After breakfast tour Sankar Gompa, a branch of the Spituk Monastery. Continue to the Shanti Stupa built by Japanese who harboured the ambition of spreading Buddhism across the world. Afternoon, visit the ruins of Leh Palace, modelled on the famous Potala Palace in Lhasa. Overnight at Leh.

Day04 Leh - Lamayuru - Ule (90 kms)

After breakfast drive to Lamayuru. Enroute visit Likir monastery, Magnetic hill and Gurudwara Pathar Sahib. On arrival check in. Post lunch visit the mesmerising moon landscapes and the Lamayuru monastery which is one of the oldest monastery in central Ladakh. Overnight at Ule.

Day05 Ule - Leh (90 kms)

Today drive to Leh. Enroute visit Alchi monastery and Hall of Fame. On arrival check in. Overnight at Leh.

Day06 Leh - Nubra Valley (120 kms)

This morning, drive to Nubra Valley, popularly known as Ldorma or "the valley of flowers" via Khardungla pass - the world's highest motorable road (5602 mts). On arrival check in. Later in the afternoon visit the main Diskit monastery and the giant statue of Maitreya Buddha which is the

tallest Buddha statue in Ladakh inaugurated in 2010. Later visit the white sand dunes at Hunder where you can enjoy the camel ride. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Nubra.

Day07 Nubra Valley - Leh (120 kms)

Today drive to Leh. Enroute visit Samstanling monastery on the other side of Nubra valley. Continue your drive to Leh via Khardongla pass. The rest of the evening is at leisure in Leh. Overnight at Leh.

Day08 Leh - Pangong (150 kms)

In the morning, proceed to visit the amazing Pangong lake to the east of Leh, crossing Changla Pass 17500 ft / 5300 mts. Pangong is one of the largest lakes in the Himalayas

spanning 140 kms in length and 3-10 kms in width, half of which is in Tibet. Explore the crystal clear blue salt water lake. Overnight at Pangong.

Day09 Pangong - Leh (150 kms)

This morning, proceed for Leh, once again driving via Changla pass, the world's 3rd highest motorable road. Evening is at leisure to explore the Leh bazaar for souvenirs or visit Leh Jokhang / Leh mosque by foot. You can take easy walk to explore Moti Market, Nowhere bazaar and Super market etc. The Balkhang chowk Apricot street is an interesting visit. Overnight at Leh.

Day10 Departure

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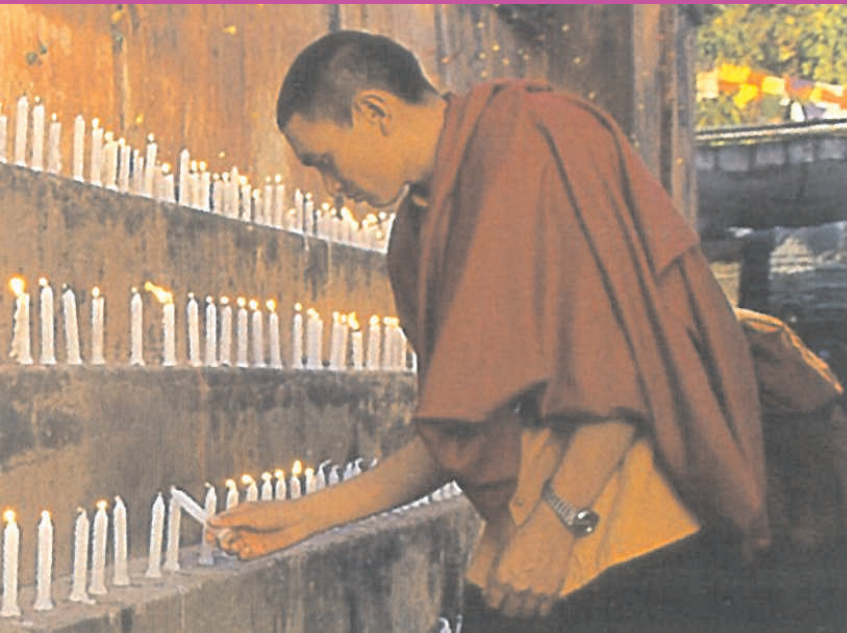


Pilgrimage Tours

10 days / 09 nights

On the Path of Lord Buddha

Delhi • Varanasi • Sarnath • Bodhgaya • Nalanda
• Kushinagar • Lumbini • Sravasti



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Day 02 Delhi - Varanasi

Today transfer to airport for flight to Varanasi - the eternal city on the banks of the holy river Ganges. Considered to be among the ancient cities of the world, centre of learning and civilisation for over 2000 years. On arrival transfer to the hotel and check in. Later proceed on a half day guided excursion to Sarnath - where Lord Buddha gave his first discourse after attaining enlightenment. Evening return for overnight at Varanasi.

Day 03 Tour Varanasi

Start the day with a boat ride on the river Ganges at sunrise, where multitudes of devotees pay homage to the Sun God. Cruise past the bathing ghats and crematoriums. Return for breakfast. Later proceed on a guided city tour of Varanasi visit Vishwanath temple, the Bharat Mata temple and Banaras Hindu University. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight at Varanasi.

Day 04 Varanasi - Bodhgaya (250 kms)

After breakfast drive to Bodhgaya - where Lord Gautama attained enlightenment under the sacred Asvatta tree (Bodhi tree). Upon arrival check in. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Bodhgaya.

Day 05 Tour Bodhgaya

This morning, embark on a tour visiting the famous Chankamana or the Jewel Walk, Bodhi Tree, Maha Bodhi Temple, Bodhi Sarovar and the

Museum which contains a collection of stone sculptures and other artefacts. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at Bodhgaya.

Day 06 Bodhgaya - Patna (200 kms)

Following breakfast, proceed on a drive to Patna enroute visiting Rajgir - the ancient capital of the Magadha Kings. Both Buddha and Lord Mahavira spent many years here, making it an important pilgrim site. Continue to Nalanda - the site of the world famous ruins of Nalanda University. Founded in the 5th century A.D., is known as the ancient seat of learning where teachers and students from all over the Buddhist world lived and studied. Continue your drive and check in. Overnight at Patna.

Day 07 Patna - Kushinagar (400 kms)

Today drive to Kushinagar. Enroute visiting Vaishali - a quiet hamlet steeped in legend which holds special significance for Buddhist devotees. Continue to Kushinagar, the place that the Buddha chose for his Mahaparinirvana or final exit from this earth. Upon arrival check in. Afternoon visit various stupas and temples. Overnight at Kushinagar.

Day 08 Kushinagar - Lumbini (175 kms)

After breakfast drive to Lumbini - the birthplace of Buddha, Mecca of every Buddhist. On arrival check in. Afternoon visit the prime attractions which includes the sacred garden, the Mayadevi Temple, the Ashokan Pillar and Puskarni, the sacred pond wherein Mayadevi is said to have had taken a bath just before giving birth to Buddha. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Lumbini.

Day 09 Lumbini - Sravasti (180 kms)

Today drive to Sravasti, had the honour of sheltering Buddha for 25 rainy seasons in the Jetvana Gardens. The city believed to be founded by the mythological king Sravast, has age old stupas, majestic monasteries and several

temples. This holy place also has the famous Anand Bodhi tree, said to have been planted by Buddha's main disciple Anand. Afternoon, visit the various Buddhist attractions. Evening is free to relax. Overnight at Sravasti.

Day 10 Departure

Today we transfer to Lucknow airport (160 kms) for your onward flight.



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Day02 Delhi - Rishikesh (240 kms)

Today drive to Rishikesh - located north of Haridwar and spreads on the right banks of the Ganges, at its confluence with the Chandrabhaga stream. It is surrounded by hills on three sides and is perched at an altitude of 356 meters above sea level. Check in to hotel. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Rishikesh.

Day03 Rishikesh - Syanachatti (220 kms)

This morning transfer to Syanachatti. On arrival check in. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight at Syanachatti.

Day04 Visit Yamunotri

Today embark on a day trip to Yamunotri (30 kms drive and 14 kms trek) - the Garhwal Himalayas have been blessed with some of the holiest Hindu pilgrimage sites and Yamunotri is one such. Yamunotri is the origin of the sacred river Yamuna. Famous for its thermal springs and glaciers, it is one of the most important stopovers. Arrive, perform pooja, darshan and offer prayers at temple. Later return for overnight stay at Syanachatti.

Day05 Syanachatti - Uttarkashi (170 kms)

After breakfast drive to Uttarkashi - the temple of Lord Vishwanath is located here where a massive iron trident is erected. The other important temples here are Ekadash Rudra, Bhairav, Gyaneshwar and Goddess Kuteti Devi. Check in upon arrival. Evening is free. Overnight at Uttarkashi.

Day06 Visit Gangotri (100 kms)

Today proceed for day trip to Gangotri - the origin of the sacred river Ganges, attracts tourists in large numbers every year. The confrontation with the daunting rivers and attempts to unravel the mysteries of the supernatural world are

ubiquitous sights here. Arrive, perform pooja and darshan. Evening return to Uttarkashi.

Day07 Uttarkashi - Rudraprayag (260 kms)

After breakfast drive to Rudraprayag. Evening is free for independent activities. Overnight stay in Rudraprayag.

Day08 Rudraprayag - Kedarnath

Today drive to Gaurikund, further one way trek of 14 kms to Kedarnath - is a majestic sight, standing in the middle of a wide plateau surrounded by lofty snow covered peaks. The present temple, built in the 8th century by Adi Shankaracharya. Outside the temple door a large statue of the Nandi Bull stands as guard. After freshening up perform pooja and darshan at Shri Kedarnathji. Overnight at Kedarnath.

Day09 Kedarnath - Rudraprayag

After breakfast return to Rudraprayag. Rest of the day is free for leisure. Overnight at Rudraprayag.

Day10 Rudraprayag - Badrinath (160 kms)

Today drive to Badrinath, shrine dedicated to lord Vishnu is considered the holiest of the four important shrines. The town is at an altitude of 3,133 m. above sea level, situated on the left bank of river Alaknanda and exactly between the two mountains Nara and Narayan. Perform pooja and darshan. Overnight at Badrinath.

Day11 Badrinath - Rudraprayag

Today after breakfast we will drive back to Rudraprayag. On arrival check in. Evening at leisure. Overnight at Rudraprayag.

Day12 Rudraprayag - Haridwar (220 kms)

This morning drive to Haridwar - the Ganga leaves the mountains and enters the plains with Haridwar being the first major town on the plains. The water is clean and people prefer taking bath on the numerous ghats built on the river shores. It is said that taking bath here purifies the soul. Upon arrival check in. Evening is free to explore the local bazaars. Overnight at Haridwar.

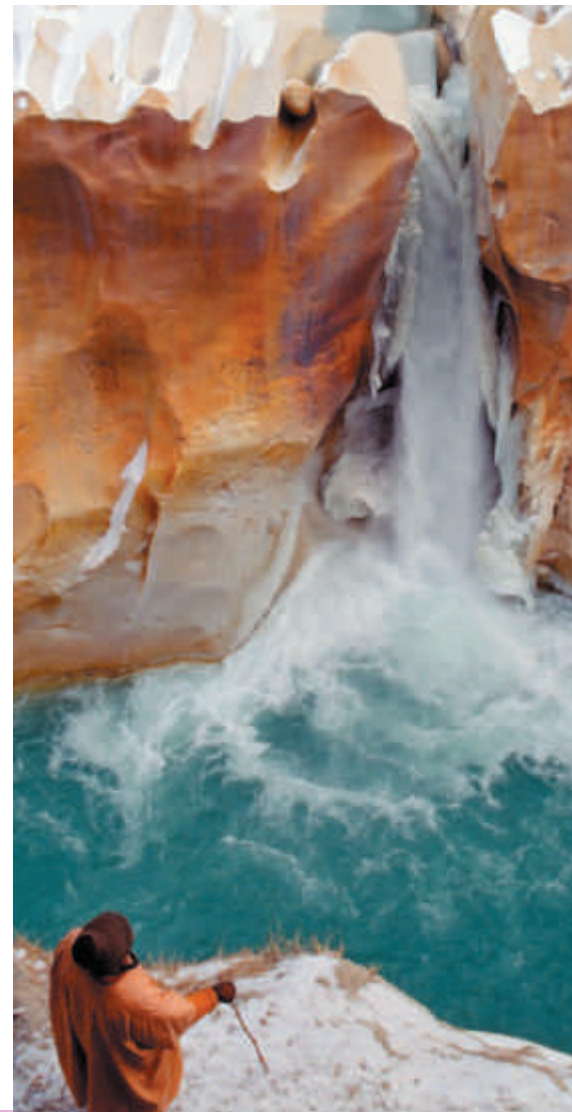
Day13 Tour Haridwar

After breakfast tour of Haridwar, visit Tapovan - on the other bank of the Ganges houses a temple to Lakshmana. Also seen here are the Swargashram and the Geeta Bhavan temples. The scenic beauty of the region and the distant sound of bell

chimes create an unforgettable experience for those that visit this ancient pilgrimage town. Evening assemble at Har-ki-pauri when the river comes alive with flickering flames as floating offerings are released on the Ganges. Overnight at Haridwar.

Day14 Departure (200 kms)

Today transfer you to Delhi airport for your onward flight.



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Wildlife Tour

Mild & Wild

14 days / 13 nights

Delhi • Khajuraho • Bandhavgarh • Kanha • Agra • Ranthambore • Jaipur



Day01 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to hotel. Delhi - capital of modern India. Many dynasties and rulers have flourished on its regal soil over the last 3000 years. The legacy still survives in many monuments varying from the 13th century mausoleum of the Lodi Kings to the buildings of British India's imperial past like the Parliament House and the Presidential Estate. Overnight at Delhi.

Day02 Fly to Khajuraho

Today we transfer to Delhi airport for flight to Khajuraho - discover a quiet little village with 100 year old temples that are living testimony to the brilliance of Indo-Aryan architecture. Built by Chandela dynasty, these temples are liberally embellished with artistic stonework, prominent among which the erotic sculptures that portrays heavenly pleasures on the earth. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Overnight at Khajuraho.

Day03 Tour Khajuraho

After breakfast visit to the famous Chandela dynasty temples, which are set in a lovely grass park. The existing temples are divided into three groups - western, eastern and southern. The western group is most famous and it is designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. These temples are amazing rising in many peaks and spirals intricately carved and designed with statues and friezes. The erotic carvings on these temple walls have made this one of the most talked about tourist site in the country and, perhaps, unmatched in the world. Overnight at Khajuraho.

Day04 Khajuraho - Bandhavgarh (320 kms)

This morning drive to Bandhavgarh - one of India's famous nature reserves. Hidden deep within this forest are a wide variety of wild animals that you will see on your forays. Indian tigers, leopards, bears, sambar, chital, nilgai (the blue bull), chinkara and wild boar. In the evening you will drive through the park and see the animals at their watering holes. On arrival check in. Overnight at Bandhavgarh.

Day05 Jungle Safari

Start early on a dawn visit to the jungle in hunt of the ever elusive tiger. The rest of the day is the day is to experience a nature walk with professional lodge naturalists. In the evening, take another trip

into the jungle. Overnight at Bandhavgarh.

Day06 Bandhavgarh - Kanha (250 kms)

Today drive on to another wildlife park, Kanha - in the heart of India's Kipling country. Known for open grasslands, dense deciduous forests, and high plateaus that offer great opportunities to spot wildlife while riding an elephant or a jeep. Later in the morning, see tigers sunning themselves on the rocks, herds of the chital spotted deer, or the once rare barasingha (swamp deer) relaxing in their natural surroundings. Look out for dhole, the reddish dog-like animals, the elegant blackbuck, the 4-horned antelope or tiny mouse deer. In the evening, take another jeep ride into the park. Overnight at in Kanha.

Day07 Kanha - Jabalpur (270 kms) - Agra

After breakfast, we will transfer to Jabalpur train station for overnight train journey to Agra.

Day08 Arrive Agra

Today arrive Agra - in the 16th and 17th centuries was the capital of Mughal India and its superb monuments date from that era. It has a magnificent fort and the building which so many people come to India solely to see - the Taj Mahal. Upon arrival we will transfer you to hotel. Overnight stay in Agra.

Day09 Tour Agra

At sun rise visit Taj Mahal - the mausoleum of Empress Mumtaz Mahal, the beloved spouse of Shah Jahan, who died in 1630. Considered the finest example of Mughul architecture - a style that combines elements of Persian, Turkish, Indian and Islamic elements. An early morning visit to the Taj Mahal presents an opportunity to admire this dream in marble as it welcomes the rising sun. Return to hotel for breakfast. Continue your tour to the Agra Fort, the original red sandstone fort built by Moghul Emperor Akbar in 1565. The Forts maze of courtyards, its marble mosque and lavish private chambers reflect the grandeur of the Mughal Empire. Visit Akbar's Mausoleum at Sikandra, which is a fusion of Hindu and Muslim architecture, like the emperor himself. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Agra.

Day10 Agra - Ranthambore (310 kms)

Today we drive to Ranthambore National Park - one of the prime examples of India's conservation programme, Project Tiger. Once the hunting ground of Indian princes, this national park stands atop a 600 m high hill range, and is

covered with thorn trees, scrub and grasslands. Dotted with beautiful ponds, streams, lakes and old ruins, it is the home of the tigers that have often been photographed by visitors from all over the world. On arrival check in and relax. Overnight at Ranthambore.

Day11 Jungle Safari

Early in the morning, you will leave for the park by jeep, accompanied by a naturalist. Return for breakfast. Revisit the game park in the evening. And even if you don't spot a tiger on your visit, Ranthambore will enthrall you with more than 400 kms of amazing landscape. Evening is at leisure in Ranthambore.

Day12 Drive to Jaipur (200 kms)

Today drive to Jaipur. Enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri - Emperor Akbar's 16th century abandoned city, this ghost town is remarkably well preserved and presents a perfect synthesis of Muslim, Hindu and Jain architecture. The sculptured columns bear mute testimony to this gallant experiment to unite Hindus and Muslims. Continue your drive & check in. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Jaipur.

Day13 City Tour

Morning, proceed for an excursion to Amber Fort - the original Palace was built by Raja Mansingh and later additions were made by Sawai Jai Singh. One of the finest example of Rajput architecture. Enjoy the ascent to the Palace on the back of a brightly caparisoned elephant. Visit the multiple chambers and hallways of the palace which are famous for their design and decorations.

Afternoon, proceed for a city tour to visit the unique Jantar Mantar, which is a magnificent stone observatory built by Raja Jai Singh in 1728 and drive past the Hawa Mahal, an intriguing "Palace of Winds". This was really a facade built in 1799, to allow royal ladies to view the city from the windows. Later visit the opulent City Palace, the former royal residence built in a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal style which has grand museums displaying an excellent collection of miniature paintings, costumes and armory. Overnight at Jaipur.

Day14 Departure

Today we transfer to Delhi International airport (240 kms) for your onward flight.

Beyond India

Classical Nepal

08 days / 07 nights

Kathmandu • Patan • Bhaktapur • Chitwan • Pokhara



Day01 Arrive Kathmandu

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative & transferred to hotel. Overnight at Kathmandu.

Day02 Tour Kathmandu

After breakfast visit Durbar Square - a Royal Palace built by Malla Dynasty in 16th century. This old Durbar still the home of rituals till the last King of Shah Dynasty. Kumari - a living Goddess Buddhist pagoda style monastery where a Goddess lives all the year round, a multi roofed pagoda Kasthamandap - was built during Malla period, made by a single tree from which the capital city derived its name as Kathmandu. Nearby is Basantpur Palace - a nine storied pagoda built by King Prithiv Narayan Shah, the first ruler of Shah Dynasty. Later drive towards Swayambhunath - located on top of the hill constructed by dynasty in AD 460. There are 211 prayer wheels surrounding the stupa and is one of the most pilgrim center. Overnight at Kathmandu.

Day03 Patan & Bhaktapur

Today proceed to Patan - also known as Lalitpur, a city with nearly two hundred beautiful temples artisans skilled craftsmanship. The city encompasses Buddhist monasteries, Hindu temples with superbly crafted metal gateways and exquisite carvings. See artistic wooden carved balconies, windows full of artisance curio shops around etc. Continue touring Bhaktapur - it has retained middle age character, wandering around the city is a pleasant experience with numerous temples. Visit Durbar chowk, the Golden gate, the palace of windows, Vatsala & Durga temple, Nyatpola temple (five storey temple), Dattatraya temple, Bhairava Nath temple, National Art Gallery, Taumadhi Square. Evening return for overnight at Kathmandu.

Day04 Kathmandu - Chitwan (160 kms)

After breakfast drive to the Royal Chitwan National Park. On arrival, you will be transferred to your jungle lodge. Afternoon game drive either by jeep or on elephant back, through the rolling grasslands, in search of wildlife indigenous to the park. Evening is at leisure in Chitwan.

Day05 In Chitwan

Today spend the day in the wild. Early morning elephant back safari through the dense grasslands that are a habitat for the rhinoceros, wild boar tiger and other mammals. Enjoy a boat

ride observing the abundant wildlife which includes marsh crocodile, fresh water dolphin, otter and a wide variety of birds. Late afternoon game drive includes a visit to the elephant camp accompanied by a naturalist. Overnight at Chitwan.

Day06 Drive to Pokhara (140 kms)

After breakfast drive to Pokhara - an enchanting natural paradise proffers a heavenly beauty and serenity for the inquisitive travellers. The valley is of 124 square feet, the home of a numbers of lakes including the most renowned Phewa Lake, offers amazing view of the Annapurna range include Annapurna I and VI, Annapurna South and Machhapuchhare. On arrival check in. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at Pokhara.

Day07 Tour Pokhara

This morning trek to the World Peace Pagoda - a massive Buddhist stupa which was constructed by Buddhist monks from the Japanese Nipponzan Myōhōji Organisation. Besides being an impressive sight in itself, the shrine is a vantage point which offers spectacular views of the Annapurna range and Pokhara city. Continue on foot and take a boat ride on Phewa lake. Overnight at Pokhara.

Day08 Departure

After breakfast transfer to Kathmandu airport (200 kms) for your onward flight.



Beyond India

Bhutan Odyssey

11 days / 10 nights

Paro • Thimpu • Trongsa • Wangdi • Bhumtang • Punakha



Day01 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to hotel. Delhi - capital of modern India. Many dynasties and rulers have flourished on its regal soil over the last 3000 years. The legacy still survives in many monuments varying from the 13th century mausoleum of the Lodi Kings to the buildings of British India's imperial past like the Parliament House and the Presidential Estate. Overnight at Delhi.

Day02 Delhi - Paro

This morning we transfer to airport for flight to Paro. Upon arrival transfer to hotel and check in. Day is at leisure. Overnight at Paro.

Day03 Paro - Thimpu (70 kms)

This morning visit to Ta Dzong - formerly a watchtower and now housing the National Museum. Stroll through the colourful market and enjoy a walk along the Paro River. Later drive to the Bhutanese capital of Thimphu and check in. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight at Thimpu.

Day04 In Thimpu

After breakfast proceed on city tour, visit the Memorial Chorten (a huge Stupa) built in memory of the third King of Bhutan, the handicrafts emporium where Bhutanese textiles are displayed, Tashichho Dzong - the main secretariat building, the National Library where a vast collection of ancient manuscripts are preserved and the painting and wood craft school. Overnight at Thimpu.

Day05 Thimpu - Wangdi (80 kms)

After breakfast drive Wangdi via Dochu La Pass. Enroute tour Punakha Dzong - a 17th century fortress lies between two rivers Phochu and Mochu meaning 'Male River and Female River'. Continue your drive and check in. Overnight at Wangdi.

Day06 Wangdi-Trongsa - Bhumtang (220 kms)

Today drive crossing 3 passes over 3000 meters. The route offers magnificent views of the

Himalayas and beautiful landscape through scattered hamlets and forest of rhododendron and pine. Arrive Trongsa village - the town mainly consists of fresh Tibetan refugees but the most impressive of all is the Trongsa Dzong - a masterpiece of Bhutanese architecture built in 1647. The whole of eastern Bhutan was controlled from this fortress during the mid 17th century. Visitors are not allowed inside the Dzong. Continue drive to Bumthang, visit the Chume weaving center. Overnight in Bumthang.

Day07 In Bhumtang

This morning visit to Kurje Lhakhang - regarded as one of the most sacred places in the kingdom. Continue to Jambey Lhakhang Temple, erected by Tibetan kings in the seventh century. This afternoon, see the ancient Buddhist wall paintings at Tamshing Lhakhang and visit Jakar Dzong, a former monastery now used as the administrative centre of the Bumthang valley and the regional monk body. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at Bhumtang.



Day08 Bhumtang-Wangdi (200 kms)

After breakfast drive to Wangdi. Enroute tour Gangtey / Phobjikha valley. Overnight at Wangdi.

Day09 Wangdi-Paro (150 kms)

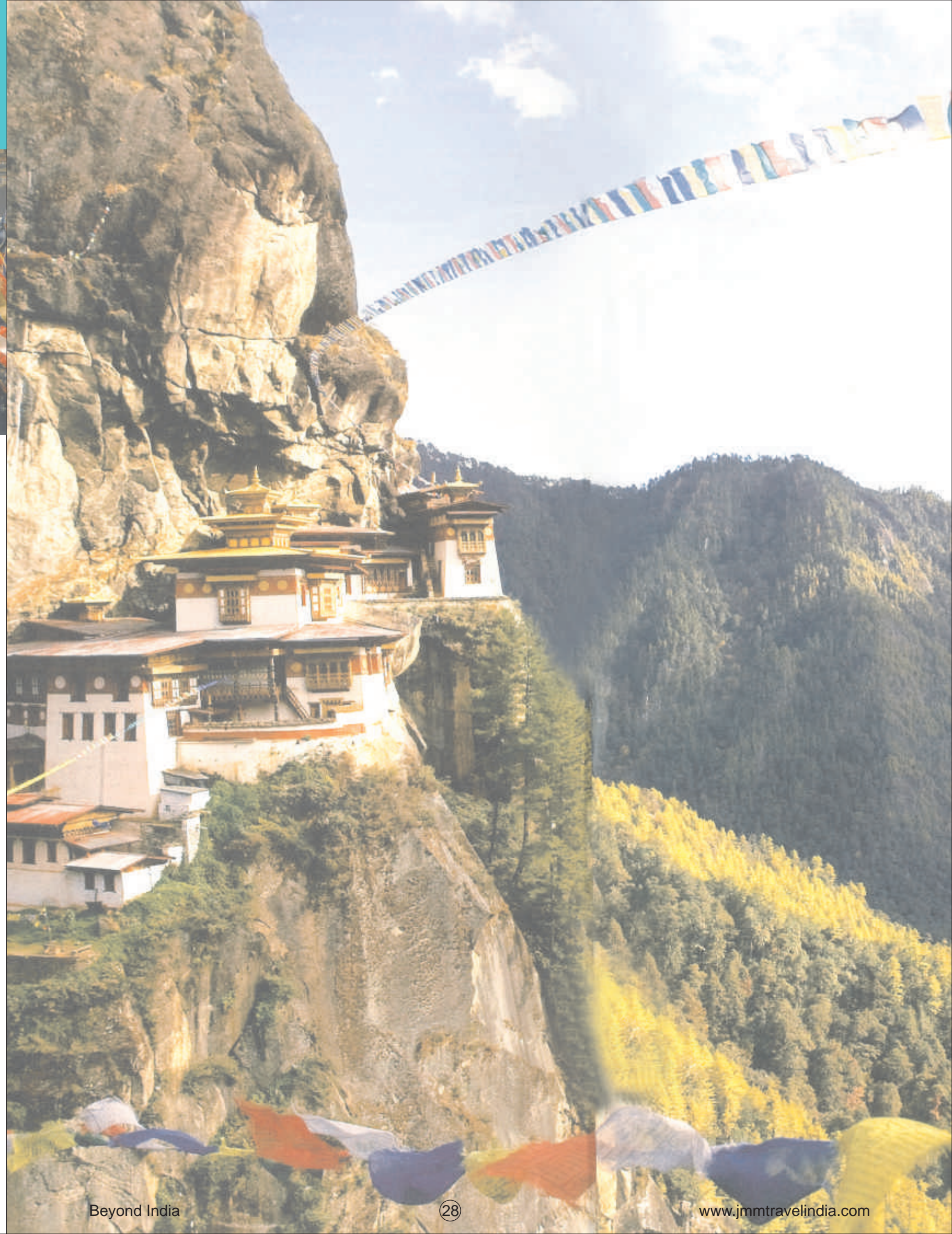
After breakfast drive to Paro and check in. Day is free for leisure in Paro.

Day10 In Paro

Morning trek to Taktsang (Tiger's Nest), the Cliffside monastery perched on a rocky ledge with a sheer drop of over 800 metres. The hike takes about four hours. Afternoon visit Rinpung Dzong, the administrative seat of the district of Paro containing a state monastic community of 200 monks. Evening is free for leisure. Overnight at Paro.

Day11 Departure

Today we will transfer you to airport for your onward flight.



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Theme Events



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Experience Indian warmth and hospitality as you are greeted with a 'Traditional Welcome'. Elegant ladies in local costumes greet you with garlands. Flower petals are showered and the 'aarti' ceremony is performed where your forehead is anointed with the auspicious red 'tika'. Relax with a welcome drink.

Champagne Breakfast at Taj Khema

Following your visit to the Taj Mahal, tear yourself away and walk a short distance to Taj Khema, an elevated garden with excellent views of the Taj Mahal. Enjoy a champagne breakfast with the splendid Taj Mahal as the backdrop. Note: Available in Agra and suitable for a group size of min. 30 and max. 200 pax.

Grand Royal Welcome

You will be accorded a royal reception recreating the ambience of a welcome accorded to a victorious Rajput warrior. The entire driveway of your hotel will be lined with caparisoned elephants or horses and camels. You will be taken in royal carriages or on camel carts accompanied by a band of folk musicians and horsemen leading the procession amidst showers of rose petals. Valets drape each lady with a 'dupatta' (stole) and the gents are dressed with 'safas'

(Rajasthani turbans). You will be greeted with garlands and the 'tika' ceremony is performed. Welcome drinks are served whilst an array of folk performers and musicians entertain you. Note: Welcome with elephants is only available in Jaipur, whereas Camels and horses can be used in Udaipur.

Mughal Theme Dinner

You have the opportunity to experience the Mughal lifestyle, recreated through the grandeur of this traditional Mughal theme evening. It is reflected in the specially designed chowkis (low-seating tables), gaddas (luxurious mattresses) and plush bolsters and cushions all draped in richly embroidered fabric. The sultry melodies of sumptuous Mughlai cuisine & live Kathak dance performance (the royal dance of the Mughal Courts) makes it a truly unforgettable experience. Note: Available in Delhi and Agra and suitable for a group size of min. 50 and max. 500 pax.

Royal Dinner at City Palace

A Royal meal provides a splendid, once-in-a-lifetime experience to the visitors. Guests will be taken to the beautifully illuminated City Palace where you will be accorded a traditional welcome with caparisoned elephants, garlands and tika ceremony. Enjoy a glass of champagne.

The grand procession commences which is a display of the pageantry, pomp and glory of the ruling house of Jaipur. An elaborate buffet dinner will be served at the Shobha Niwas decorated with mirrors and gold lacquer and is the private dining hall of the Maharaja of Jaipur. Live melodic Indian classical music or traditional Rajasthani folk music and scintillating dances will accompany the dinner. The evening concludes with a magnificent display of fireworks. Note: Available in Jaipur and suitable for a group size of min. 50 and max. 500 pax. Subject to availability, a member of the Royal family may attend the dinner.

Kerala Theme Dinner

A gala dinner will be organized where a traditional Kerala village will be set up in all its splendour. Hostesses dressed in elegant saris will welcome you with garlands of fragrant jasmine. You will enter through a traditional archway recreating a typical Kerala village. Enjoy a traditional dance performed by village belles during the harvest festival of Onam. (Other cultural programmes like Mohiniyattam, Kathakali or Kalaripayattu, the martial art form of Kerala can also be organized). Dinner will be served from food counters with thatched roofs, in keeping with the theme. Note : Available in Cochin and suitable for a min. 50 and max. 300 pax

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Goa

A Beach Paradise

A smooth mix of Asian, Portuguese and Mediterranean cultures. Goa is India's most popular beach holiday destination.

Popular through its combination of picturesque beaches, accessible culture and a laid-back atmosphere, with real value for money.

The coastal area is divided into two, with the north teeming with life, from the spice shops and local markets to restaurants and bars. The more sedate south is less developed, with fishing villages scattered along the coastline. Elsewhere, the countryside is dotted with whitewashed churches, paddy fields and tropical plantations.

Lulled by the waters of the Arabian Sea and with shady palms swaying in the breeze, Goa's relaxed pace of life has always made it an ideal introduction to India. Home to some of the country's best-known and finest white sandy beaches, Goa is a cosmopolitan melting pot. The Dutch and Portuguese have both left their mark on the state while the pilgrimage site of St Francis Xavier's tomb exemplifies the Catholic influence. Along with this diverse culture, Goa's cuisine, blending fresh seafood with coconut and cashew nuts, produces sumptuous dishes. With our in-depth knowledge of the area, we will be able to find the perfect property to match your requirements.

The easy - going people of Goa are proud to welcome you to their homeland - prepare yourself for relaxation and hospitality. Goan style....



Ayurveda

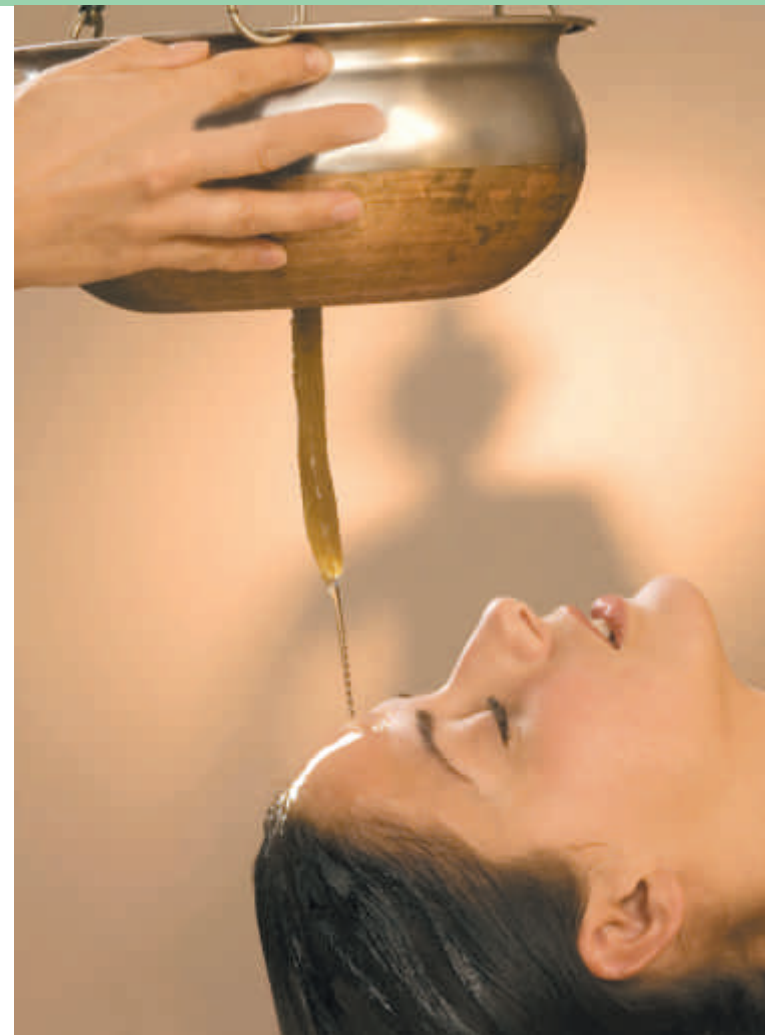
Ayurveda believes that human being consists of the five elements, air, water, fire and earth. And the combination of any of these elements exists in each one of us. Ayurveda the traditional form of Indian medicine was developed by ancient sages whose astute observations led to the development of constitutional medicine. The ancients visualized the universe as a constant play of energies, an imbalance of which created discomfort and disease in the body. It was the duty of the vaidya (physician) to harmonize this imbalance of the body - mind environment.

Ayurveda is an intricate system of healing that originated in India thousands of years ago. This system of medicine stressed on the prevention of body ailments in addition to curing them. Followed by the Dravidians and Aryans alike, Ayurveda has been practised ever since. Ayurveda is more than just a medical system. It is a Science of Life. Ayurveda is a system that helps maintain health in a person by using the inherent principles of nature to bring the individual back into equilibrium with their true self. In essence Ayurveda has been in existence since the beginning of time because nature's laws have always governed us.

Monsoon - Time for rejuvenation, traditional texts reveal that the monsoon is the best season for rejuvenation programmes. The atmosphere remains dust-free and cool, opening the pores of the body to the maximum, making it most receptive to herbal oils and therapy.

Benefits

When alternative lifestyles and stressful schedules are talking points in the cosmopolitan circuits, Ayurveda, the art of ancient Indian healing cannot be far behind. The inability of modern allopathy to allay all sicknesses and diseases has made an increasing number of people turn to Ayurveda, which has a cornucopia of ancient secret cures for stubborn diseases. Along with yoga, Ayurveda is the new balm for fevered souls. It uses natural herbs and their oils to treat ailments and ensure a healthy life. Most of the centres for Ayurveda, called Ayurveda Shalas, are in Kerala on the South Coast. This is beach country as well, so bring along your sunscreens and hats. In



fact many westerners have made Ayurvedic spas their annual treat, combining a relaxing holiday with cleansing for their bodies.

Ayurvedic Massage

These are serious life-enriching massages, so be prepared to get some energetic flesh pounding from experts. While you soak in the herbs you can watch the beaches packed with boats out to sail in the sunset. From the beach you can see their lights strung out like pearls in a necklace from the coast. Look forward to being draped with pieces of linen, dipped in lukewarm herbal oils, all over the body by two to four trained therapists in a special rhythmic way. This goes on continuously for about 60 to 90 minutes per day for a period of 7 to 21 days, and is said to be an effective remedy for rheumatic diseases. It's supposed to be good for your nerves too and should pep up your overall energy levels as well.

Restoring Balance

Ayurveda believes that the imbalance of fire, air and phlegm causes disease in the human body and tries to correct it majorly through cleaning and massage. Once the balance of humours is restored, the body copes better with external factors like pollution, strain and infections.



Scuba Diving

India is a subcontinent of surprises. A cauldron of cultures, of climates, of people, desert and tropical rain forest. Remote villages and restless metropolis. Mysticism and masala dosa, pranic healing and paragliding. But also of diving ! There are two main centers of diving in India. Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands in the Bay of Bengal and Lakshadweep group of islands in the Arabian Sea. Every destination is completely unique in its own way and they all have widely different dive conditions and marine life. While Lakshadweep has the clear blue lagoons of coral atolls, Andaman and Nicobar are volcanic islands surrounding by deep, undisturbed waters that have an astounding bio-diversity.

Andaman Islands

The Andaman Islands are located in the Bay of Bengal and form the western perimeter of the Andaman Sea. While the eastern fringes of the Andaman Sea have now become the playground of the rich and famous in Phuket and Langkawi, the Andaman Islands still retain the original wild and untamed character of this pocket of South East Asia. The islands are breathtakingly beautiful. Tropical rainforest abound in rare and endemic species of flora and fauna. Cut off from the continent for thousands of years, many species have evolved a little differently from their mainland cousins. Hundreds of bird species make the islands a birders dream destination. Four out of five species of sea turtles, including the giant leatherback are found in the Andamans. Wild 'salties' (saltwater crocodiles) inhabit vast mangrove eco-systems keeping nature in balance. Butterflies and bugs - many still being mapped - add colour to the forest.

Cinque Island : One of the best diving destinations in the island. It has clear emeral water with a visibility of up to 80ft. This deep dive offers a terrific variety of marine life, including black coral and sharks.

Rutland Island : The shallow waters here have a good representation of smaller fish and coral, and a is a good place for training for open water divers.

Havelock Island : This island is located approximately 4 hours from the Port Blair airport by inter-island ferry. The dive center located on the island offers a wide range of largely unexplored dive sites rich in underwater marine life.

Lakshadweep Islands :

There are some things hard to find in Lakshadweep. Like fast cars, or tranquilizers. They do have all that water though. Bright and clear and as liquid glass. Fringed by white streches of sand where only throngs you'll ever see are of the sandpipers on the shore. Geographically similar to that other diver's haunt, Lakshadweep is like Maldives without the crowds. 400 kilometres off the coast of Kerala, this group of 36 coral islands and atolls can be reached by a 20 hour sea journey from Kochi

or by plane. Of the ten inhabited islands, only two, Bangaram and Kadmat, are open to foreigners and there are dive centers on both these islands. The lagoons are home to a spectacular world of marine life, so unexplored, you may well have a site named after you.

Agatti Island : The dive sites surrounding the island of Agatti offer some of the best diving experience in the world. Inside the large lagoon, the calm and shallow waters are ideal for scuba diving even for the first timers. Outside the reef the water is crystal clear, offering you a 20+ meters visibility. It presents you a magnum opus of marine life in an unspoiled ecosystem.

Kadmat Island : Surrounded on the eastern and western side by the lagoon, Kadmat is the ideal heaven of solitude. This little island has an astonishing variety of marine flora and fauna.

Bangaram Island : A tear-drop shaped island surrounded by a continuous strip of creamy sand. The exquisite black coral formations along with Angel fish, Clown fish, Butterfly, Surgeons, Groupers, Mantas, Sting Rays and wondrous marine life found in the Ladshadweep. Visit the wreck of the Princess Royal at 32 m, sunk in a battle over two hundred years ago, or if luck is on your side, have the pleasure of being escorted by a pod of 10-29 dolphins. Visit the dive sites of Manta Point, Shark Point and the Wall. Dive amidst a submerged reef with shoals of Giant Parrotfish.



Desert Camps



The Serai Luxury Desert Camp, Jaisalmer

The Serai Jaisalmer a luxury desert camp and spa located 52 kms from Jaisalmer offers twenty one large canvas tents set on thirty acres of a hundred acre estate of indigenous desert scrub in the Great Thar Desert. There are fourteen 'Tented Suites', each with their own verandah, drawing room, spacious air-conditioned bedroom and, of course, en-suite bathroom, covering an area of about 1100 sq.ft. The six 'Luxury Tented Suites' have in addition, a private walled-in garden with a plunge pool. And the 'Royal Suite' which boasts its own private spa, pool, and lounge tents is the ultimate in luxury living in the desert. The Dining Tent serves delicious western repasts as well as sumptuous local delicacies, using much home-grown organic produce from the camp's organic vegetable and herb garden. The Tented Library Bar is the ideal place to sink into a comfortable leather club-chair with a book and 'burra-peg'. The camp has a pool inspired by a traditional Indian step-well, a Spa created by Raison d'Etre, one of the leading Spa companies in the world, a Dining Tent and Lounge Bar.

Reggies Camel Camp, Osian

Reggies Camel Camp Osian is legendary for it's mesmerizing 6th / 8th century temples, sand-dunes and diversity of Rajasthani culture and tradition. Located 65 kms off Jodhpur, Reggie's Camp also offer a refreshing swimming pool, a feat of architectural engineering in a sand dune and the safari bar, a wonderful place to relax in the evenings over a drink and cigar to the gentle strains of jazz music. With expansive views of the vast desert on one side and the intricate temples of Osian on the other, this camp, the first of its kind in India, offers easy access to the local desert villages. Guests stay in supreme comfort, the interiors are beautifully printed with hand block motifs and with ensuite bathrooms.

Manvar Desert Camp, Manvar

Manvar Desert Camp is a setup of luxurious deluxe tents in the dunes of the Great Thar Desert located 125 kms off Jodhpur. The deluxe camp is an exclusive resort, consisting of deluxe tents tastefully decorated with attached bathrooms providing running hot and cold water. Meals are provided in the strategically located dining tent. The evenings are livened up by

campfire, mashaals and local musicians and dancers. With stunning sunrises, mesmerizing sunsets and dazzling night skies, life in this peaceful wilderness is spectacularly elemental - and extraordinarily silent.

Mirvana Nature Resort, Jaisalmer

Mirvana Nature Resort lies nestled in a verdant oasis of 110 acres of an Amla Orchard, 55 kilometres away from Jaisalmer. All tents have been crafted by hand using natural and local materials. A lot of the work is done by the rural people of Sodakore which has contributed to rural and responsible tourism. Its enviable location allows guests to make the most of their visit to Jaisalmer. Guests can indulge into a number of activities like bird watching, interacting with the vibrant village folk, camel treks, village walks, dinner on the sand dunes and much more.



Our Transport Fleet



JMM ensures the ultimate in comfort in the transport it provides to its discerning clientele.

Whether your preference is for a limousine, sturdy four wheel drive or private jet, we will ensure that the best is at hand. All our vehicles are equipped with newspapers, magazines, snacks, beverages and music choices to ease your travel throughout this fascinating destination.

The country has one of the world's largest roadway network. For Escorted Groups, JMM uses air-conditioned coaches of an appropriate size, whilst on Private Journeys, we use mid-size cars with an option to upgrade to the premium and luxury segment vehicles, available on request. They all feature air-conditioning and our drivers are experienced. Based on the size of the group or client requirement, we offer you the option of the following modes of transportation on our journeys.

Deluxe Coaches

10 Seater Tempo Traveller: Seating capacity 7 with spacious and comfortable seats.

18 Seater Coach: Comfortably seats 15 passengers and offers luxurious 2x1 pushback seats.

35 Seater Coach: Comfortably seats 30 passengers and offers luxurious 2x2 pushback seats.

Volvo: The Volvo is designed for a comfortable long-distance travel. The unique chassis design, rear-mounted engine, high quality luxurious interior, 40 reclining seats, superior air-conditioning, reduced noise level and excellent air suspension.

Luxury Cars

Mercedes Benz: A limited range of modern Mercedes Benz cars are now available in India.

Toyota Camry: Fresh and inspiring, the Camry shapes a new global quality standard in the luxury segment. The result is an open roomy cabin with excellent leg and head room.

Honda Accord: With unbeatable style, elegance, luxury, and performance, the Accord sets the benchmark for luxury sedans.

Premium Cars

Toyota Corolla: Two-tone colour scheme, leather upholstery, chrome highlights... the interiors of the Corolla hold nothing back. Space is never at a premium in the Corolla.

Ford Fiesta: Engineered specifically to adapt to demanding Indian road conditions, the Fiesta combines its high stability with exceptional driving comfort. The suspension is specially tuned to better absorb road surface disturbances.

Honda City: The City is a stylish compact sedan with a sophisticated and trendy exterior, encompassing the latest in aerodynamics.

Mid Size Cars

Tata Indigo: This four-door family saloon with hatchback is built in India and is the standard car used by JMM for Private Journeys ideal for two people.

Ford Ikon: The Ikon comes with a well-proportioned look with well-crafted interiors, ample legroom, power steering and central locking, childproof rear locks and side impact beams.

Multi Utility Vehicles (MUV's) and Sports Utility Vehicles (SUV's)

Toyota Innova: The Innova is a large vehicle combining the best features of a sedan with the ground clearance of an MPV to ensure a more comfortable journey especially for long distances. AC vents in all three rows to bottle holders for every passenger come together to create the next standard in comfortable motoring.

Ford Endeavour: The Endeavour is a rugged but stylish SUV. Its high seat position and spacious interior makes it ideal for long distances journeys.

Chevrolet Tavera: The Tavera is a practical multi-utility vehicle loaded with top-of-the line safety features. It is a vehicle for those looking for a spacious, yet stylish and comfortable ride. Some of the special features, include larger reinforced tyres and rims, and recalibrated suspension and brakes.



Holiday Guide



When planning your travel it is easy to be swept away by the holiday spirit and overlook 'mundane' details which are not a part of your holiday dream. However, the information on the following pages is very important as it forms the basis of your agreement with J M Mehta Travel & Tour Co.Pvt.Ltd as we ask you to read it carefully. In particular, the Booking Conditions detail our responsibilities to you, and yours to us, and provide guidelines to cover circumstances which may arise. When you sign up your tour, you are confirming that you read the Booking Conditions and agree to be bound by them.

We trust that you will thoroughly enjoy your holiday with us and sincerely hope that the experience will ensure that you will book with us again. The basis of a good holiday is the careful section by you of your resort / hotel / itinerary. Space in our brochure is restricted, hence we strongly recommend you to seek supplementary and independent information from the applicable tourist offices, libraries, guide books or internet, rather than rely solely upon the necessarily limited presentation of brochure information. Whilst our staffs are happy to advise you generally, the ultimate choice of holiday destination is yours.

Accommodation - Unless otherwise stated, accommodation is in standard twin / double rooms, though double beds cannot be guaranteed. Specific room requirements cannot be guaranteed as the allocation of rooms is at the discretion of the hotel proprietor. Rooms are generally available between noon and 3pm, and are to be vacated between 10am and noon, irrespective of your arrival of departure times. Dayrooms, subject to availability and extra cost, may be available. A triple room is usually a twin / double room with an additional bed of folding, pull out design, hence conditions may be cramped. Superior and deluxe rooms may have the same facilities and be the same size, it may only be the view or the position of the room that is different.

Baggage - Your personal effects and baggage are the responsibility of the airline from check in to baggage recovery at your destination airport. In accordance with the International Conventions that apply to the air travel industry, compensation for delay, loss or damage to baggage, from the airline (on international, or on domestic sectors ticketed as a part of an international

journey). However, if travel insurance is effected, the actual value of any loss (subject to any deductibles, limitations or excursions of the policy) is normally payable. In order to obtain any compensation, you must complete a 'Property Irregularity Report' before you can leave the airport, with a representative of the airlines within the time limits specified on your air ticket. Baggage allowance will be shown on your air tickets. Please note that infants do not get a baggage allowance. Excess baggage is carried at the airline's discretion and may incur charges, payable directly to the airline. For all transfers, it is your responsibility to ensure that all your belongings are loaded onto the correct transfer vehicle. JMM will not be responsible for lack of insurance cover relating to the loss of, or damage to baggage.

Child Prices – Children under 12, sharing a room with two full paying adults, receive a discount on their holiday. Child prices for all holidays are available on request. Clients are notified that children taking advantage of child reductions must be under 12 on return date of your holiday to qualify otherwise airlines have the right to deny boarding without paying compensation or providing a refund.

Complaints Whilst On Holidays - If you have a reason to lodge a complaint, whilst on holiday it must be reported in writing to the representative for action to be taken. Please retain a copy of the report lodged with the representative. It is unreasonable to take no action whilst on holiday and complain on return – when it is too late for us to rectify the situation.

Compulsory Dinners – Many resort hotels hold special dinners on 24th & 31st December. These are often compulsory. Child restrictions on these meals are usually applicable and are available on request.

Credit Cards – Please note that payments made by credit cards overseas may be subject to a handling fee / bank surcharges.

Excursions - Any excursions booked and paid for at your resort are operated by the local handling company and subject to their booking conditions / cancellation charges. Refunds cannot be claimed from ourselves once you have returned as JMM is not party to the provision of the services. Local prices may vary. We strongly advise our clients only to book excursions from reputable and licensed local tour operators. Others may not be able to offer the same level of safety and security, and are often not adequately insured, or licensed. It should also be noted that some types of travel insurance do not cover claims arising from excursions / tours purchased in the resort (in particular cancellation of such tours / excursions and losses suffered as a result of partaking in hazardous activities for which an additional premium was not paid).

Flights – All flights are subject to government approval and may be withdrawn or amended at any time. We reserve the right to substitute alternative airlines. Any such change will not entitle you to cancel



terminate with breakfast (on half board) or lunch (on full board – except for safaris which normally have breakfast as the final meal) on the day of departure, dependent on flight times. Meals supplements at peak seasons are obligatory, whether meals are taken or not.

Photography – In many cultures, it is polite to ask permission before taking a photograph of a person and you may be asked to pay to photograph persons. Do not take photograph of airports, bridges, government offices or military buildings. Always check with the guide / rep / diver.

Private Functions – These can include conferences and weddings, which do sometimes take places in hotels.

Representatives – JMM employs the services of highly experienced local ground handling companies to oversee all aspects of your holiday. They will be your first point of contact should you experience any difficulties whilst on holiday and will endeavor to help.

Special Events & Festivals – Special events and festivals may mean that accommodation is in short supply. During these periods whilst we may not be able to get rooms at the prices offered we may be able to get rooms at a higher price. You may also be required to spend a minimum number of nights at a property during these periods.

Swimming – Swimming along many coasts can be dangerous due to strong undercurrents and other elements. Please seek the advice of the local representative before venturing into the sea and avoid swimming in deserted areas. Do not let non-swimmers or children jump into a swimming pool without first checking the depth and means of exit.



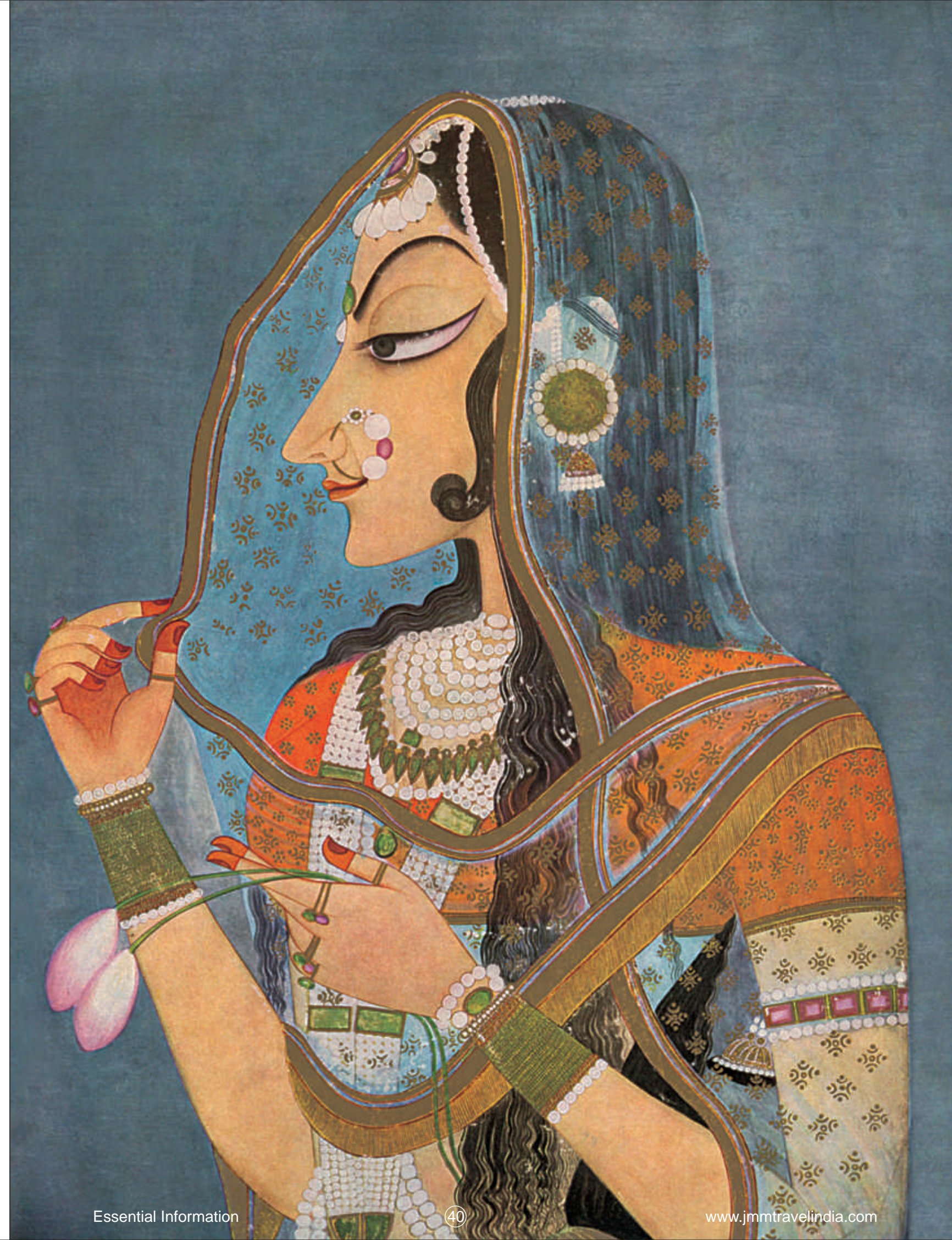
without penalty. Flights are often full, so your choice of seats may not be available and it may not be possible to obtain seats together. We strongly recommend that you check in early (at least 3 hours prior to the scheduled departure). JMM has no control over the allocation of seats and provision of specific meal requirements as this is the responsibility of the airline. Please note that check in desks close well before the scheduled departure time for your flight, and the carrier reserves the right to deny boarding to passengers not checking in by the time specified. If you fail to check in on time and miss your flight, we have no liability to you. Disabled and less mobile passengers and children, for safety reasons will not be allocated emergency exit seats. Almost all airlines operate a total ban on smoking on their flights, if it is important to you please ask at the time of booking. Flights that are described as direct are those that require no changes of aircraft during the journey. Stops may, however, be made en route for refueling or to embark / disembark passengers. Many airlines operate a 'code share' system whereby partner airlines may operate flights on the stated airlines behalf.

Holiday And Flight Changes In Resort - If you wish to change your flight details or accommodation in resort subject to availability, payment is required whilst there. Should you decide to change your accommodation, the original hotel may charge cancellation charges if you leave. Flights usually cannot be changed in resort except by buying new tickets, the cost may be recoverable from your insurers if there is a medical reason which necessitates the change.

Hotel Facilities – Please note that charges may be made for the use of hotel facilities such as golf, tennis, spa, water sports, children's club, etc.

Luggage Allowance – For economy class passengers, the majority of airlines have a strict limit of 20 kg baggage allowance, plus 3 kg for hand luggage.

Meals – The standard of meals and services varies immensely, usually in line with the standard of accommodation booked. Meals that are included in your meal plan are usually taken in the main restaurant and will be a buffet or set menu. 'A la carte' meals and specialty restaurants are at additional cost. Breakfast is usually simple English or continental style. 'Half board' is normally breakfast and buffet / set menu. Some hotels offer a buffet dinner up to a certain voucher value which is at the discretion of the hotel and can be topped up locally. 'Full Board' means breakfast buffet / set menu. Some hotels offer lunch and buffet / set menu dinner. 'All inclusive' Sometimes not all bars and restaurants are included and supplements may be charged for certain brand of drinks, specialty meals / restaurant. Hotels which include main meals generally commence with dinner on the day of arrival at your hotel and





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