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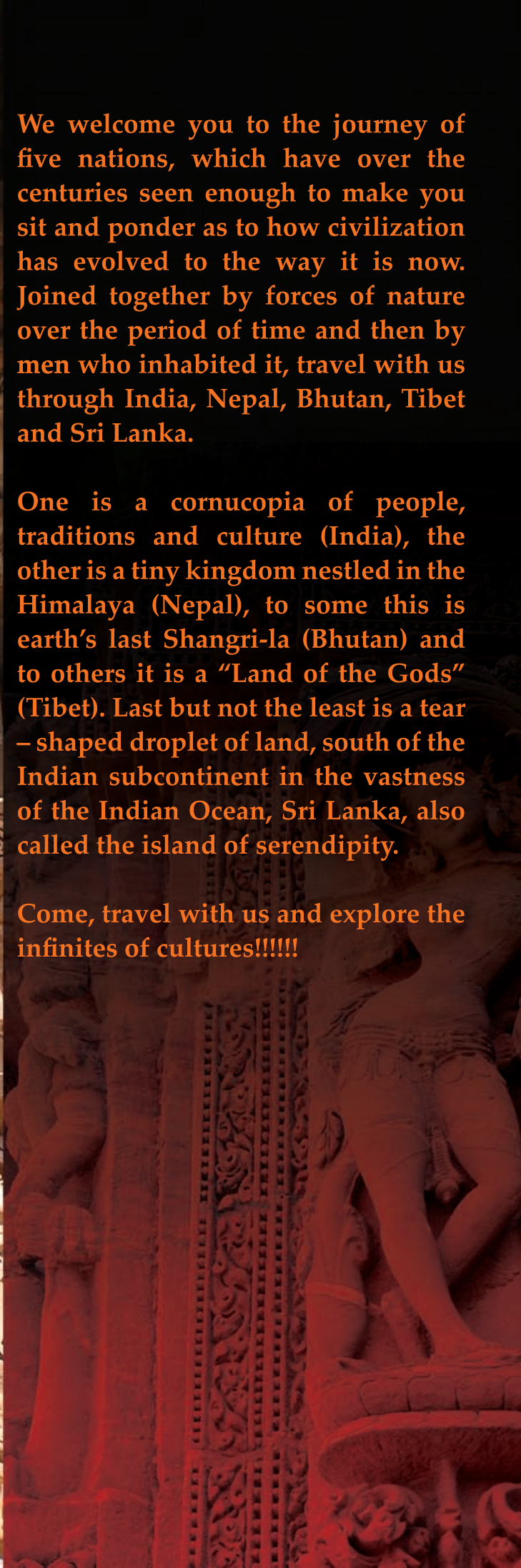




We welcome you to the journey of five nations, which have over the centuries seen enough to make you sit and ponder as to how civilization has evolved to the way it is now. Joined together by forces of nature over the period of time and then by men who inhabited it, travel with us through India, Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet and Sri Lanka.

One is a cornucopia of people, traditions and culture (India), the other is a tiny kingdom nestled in the Himalaya (Nepal), to some this is earth's last Shangri-la (Bhutan) and to others it is a "Land of the Gods" (Tibet). Last but not the least is a tear-shaped droplet of land, south of the Indian subcontinent in the vastness of the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka, also called the island of serendipity.

Come, travel with us and explore the infinites of cultures!!!!!!



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In today's world where man and machine are synonyms due to fast growing technology, a holiday has become must for us to relax and rejuvenate. The tourism industry therefore has become one of the fast growing industries and is changing its dimensions every minute. We at TIME understand the changing time and demands of travelers and therefore aim to provide all our clients with an experience, which is unparalleled. TIME was established in 1998 with the sole aim of providing quality services viz a viz value for money. The Indian sub-continent being one of the most challenging destinations requires lot of expertise and dedication, therefore we at TIME ensure to provide all our Travel Partners services which not only make their clients happy but gives us a repeat value.

Our motto, "The Company that cares", says it all.



Mike Chatterjee & Sanjeev Joshi

India

If one had to describe India in just one word, it would have to be Cornucopia – a cornucopia of people, traditions, culture, climate and even topography. It is referred to as the largest democracy in the world, by virtue of the fact that it has the largest electing population among democratic countries. The echo of her heroes and her freedom fighters is felt not just in India but also all over the world. It is the land of "Ahimsa" *the land of Mahatma Gandhi*.

India occupies its own niche in the world. The Himalayas surround it from the north acting as a wall on one side, the Thar Desert acts as a barrier towards the northwest and the rest is surrounded by the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

We at TIME welcome you to experience the arid grandeur of Rajasthani kingdoms to the exquisite serenity of Kerala – each shines with its own uniqueness. Our personalized services with an eye for your comfort at each point of your travel will truly make your trip a memorable one.

Planning with Excellence

We believe that every request received should not only be planned according to the needs of the client but also executed to perfection with high degree of commitment.

In this brochure, the programs suggested are just few of our ideas and if you have any specific desires or choices, we can tailor-made a program on its basis.

Good Value for Money

"Value for money" is need of the hour and we sincerely adhere to it. Our excellent relationship with our suppliers like hotels, airlines and transport companies helps us to provide all our clients with tour packages, which not only are top class but also don't dent their pockets. It not only helps our clients but also gives us a repeat value with them. Over the years this factor itself has helped our Partners abroad to reinforce their trust on us and generate big volume of business.

In the last decade, our Company has grown from a humble handling of 2,000 clients to now more than 10,000 clients in a year. We are a complete Destination Management

Company (DMC), and can vouch for our services at all times.

We specialize in Individual luxury travels, Group travels, Special Interest tours and Brochure tours.

Special Events & Incentives

Since the inception of our company we have shown extraordinary results when it comes to planning and executing special events and incentives. Owing to our sincere efforts and flawless implementation of clients needs we have successfully handled various delegations and visits of Heads of States of various countries to India.

We proud ourselves for not only having innovative ideas when it comes to Incentives but also executing them within the budget and time frame, once agreed upon with our clients.

Some of the incentives and delegations handled by us in the past are: **OTIS Europe, ALLIANCE Italy, PIRELLI Tyres, SANOFI Synthelabo and the visit of Italian President and Prime Minister along with their business delegation led by CONFIDUSTRIA.**

Corporate travelling

A corporate traveler is one who means business and has no time to waste. We understand this fact in its totality and therefore ensure that our services meet the ever-rising demands of corporate world.

For your convenience if need be, we can also charter flights according to your schedule.



Having been in the industry for so long, we share good relationships with different airlines within the Indian sub-continent when it comes to chartering their flights. If need be we can also help our clients to charter aircrafts from their place of origin to India and its sub-continent.

Recognition

Our company has not only been recognized by our clients for its excellent services but also by the Department of Tourism, Government of India, which awarded us with "Golden Elephant" for excellence in performance for the year 2004 – 05. Few of our clients who have appreciated our services are **Mr. Luca Cordero Di Montezemolo, owner of Ferrai, Mr. Marvin**

Ross Friedman, trusted and well know senior USA lawyer and Mr. Versace etc.

The biggest satisfaction, we as a company feel is the relationship we have developed and nurtured over the years not only with our clients but also with our various overseas partners and suppliers.



Most visitors to Northern India will come first to Delhi, Shah Jahan's 17th century Old Delhi, with its teeming bazaars, battlemented Red Fort and the country's largest mosque; and New Delhi, whose elegant 1930's avenues and buildings reveal the enduring influence of the British Raj. To the south-east of Delhi, Agra is the setting of the renowned Taj Mahal. Westwards stretch the vast deserts and rugged mountains of Rajasthan, whose customs, palaces and fortresses vividly reflect the classical image of popular India.

The gateways of Mumbai (Bombay) and Chennai (Madras) base of 'Clive of India' are essential ports of call in the south. They open on a more tropical India, slower, relaxed, even more exotic. Bangalore and delightful Mysore are musts, you'll also want to visit the old hill station of Ootacamund, and Kochi (Cochin) the oldest European settlement in India and the starting point for the tranquil backwaters of Kerala's canals and rivers.



Pulse of North India

Delhi (2 Nights), Agra (2 Nights), Jaipur (2 Nights), Jodhpur (2 Nights), Devigarh (1 Night), Udaipur (2 Nights)

Day 1: Arrive Delhi.

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to the Hotel for **overnight**.

Day2: Delhi

The morning's sightseeing takes you into the impressive Red Fort and Rajghat, the site where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. You will also visit Jama Masjid mosque and wander through Old Delhi's teeming bazaars.

Afternoon visit Qutab Minar and Tomb of Humayun Later drive along Rajpath, past the India Gate, Parliament House and the President's residence-Rashtrapati Bhawan. Later this evening return to the Red Fort for a Son et Lumiere performance. **Overnight at the Hotel.**

Day 3: Delhi-Agra

An early morning start sees you departing by road to Agra(210Kms/4hrs) where you will catch a glimpse of the elegant Taj Mahal before checking into the Hotel for a two night stay. **(Taj is closed on on Friday)**

Day 4: Agra

Visit India's best-known landmark, the breathtaking Taj Mahal, built by the Emperor Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his beloved wife, Mumtaz. You will also see Agra's imposing Red Fort, with its vast sandstone walls and surrounding moat. Later return to see the Taj Mahal at sunset.

Day 5: Agra-Jaipur

Sunrise is the most evocative time to visit the Taj Mahal, so early risers can enjoy this opportunity (optional). You will depart Agra for Jaipur by road(245Kms/5 hours), stopping en route at the deserted red sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri. Continuing on you will arrive in Jaipur in the late afternoon and check-in the Hotel for a two night



Day 6: Jaipur

This morning you will visit the Amber Fort, making your ascent on elephant-back to view its extravagantly decorated halls and chambers. Afternoon visit the Pink City of Jaipur, the Palace of Winds (Hawa Mahal), the City Palace and the unique Jantar Mantar observatory.

Day 7: Jaipur-Jodhpur

Fly from Jaipur to Jodhpur. On arrival in Jodhpur transfer to the Hotel.

Afternoon and evening at leisure. **Overnight at the Hotel.**

**Day 8: Jodhpur**

Spend the morning seeing the sights of Jodhpur, notably the mighty 15th century Mehrangarh Fort. Afternoon visit Mandore – the ancient capital of the state of Marwar.

Day9: Jodhpur-Devigarh

Drive to Devigarh (250kms/5hrs) via the famous Jain Temples of Ranakpur and check-in to the spectacular fortress hotel, just 40 minutes from Udaipur, where you will spend the night in the fortress itself.

Day10: Devigarh-Udaipur

Today drive (40kms/1/2 hour) to Udaipur. On arrival check in the Hotel. Rest of the day free to

**Day11: Udaipur**

Visit Udaipur's City Palace, with its mirrored walls, inlaid marble balconies and the famous Peacock Courtyard. Wander around the lovely Sahelion-ki-bari Gardens and enjoy cruise by motor launch on the placid waters of Lake Pichola.

Day 12: Udaipur-Delhi or Mumbai

An afternoon / evening flight takes you to either Delhi or Mumbai (Bombay), where you will have use of a day room and time to relax and enjoy.

Taj Unfolds

Delhi(1 Night), Agra (2 Nights), Jaipur (2 Nights)

Day 1 : Arrive Delhi

Landing in the early hours, transfer to Hotel. Following a morning at leisure, explore Old Delhi, including the Red Fort, Rajghat and bazaars and later

the leafy avenues of New Delhi. Here, admire the tower of Qutab Minar, the Tomb of Humayun, Rajpath, the imposing India Gate, Parliament House and the President's residence (Rashtrapati Bhawan)

**Day2: Delhi-Agra**

This morning depart by road to Agra (230kms/5hrs). Check-in to Hotel, where you will reside for two nights.

Day 3: Agra

Your day begins with a half-day visit to the Taj Mahal – Shah Jahan's mausoleum for his beloved wife, Mumtaz. Later you will visit Agra's vast Red Fort.



Day 4: Agra-Jaipur

Drive to Jaipur(230kms/5hrs) via Fatehpur Sikri, built by Akbar the Great, as his capital and abandoned after only 14 years. Continue on to the pink city of Jaipur and on arrival check into the Hotel.

Day 5: Jaipur-Samode-Jaipur

Today you will travel to Samode Palace (1 hour). Enjoy lunch at Samode and marvel at its exquisite craftsmanship.

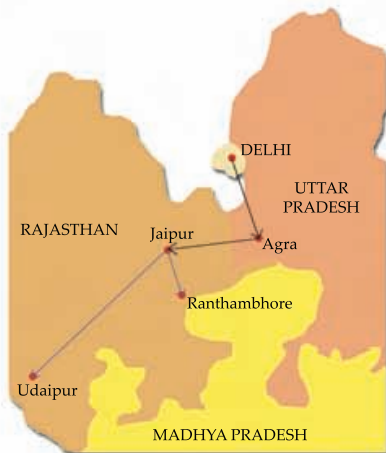
Day 6: Jaipur

A full day's sightseeing including the spectacular 16th century fortified palace at Amber. Visit the City Palace, the impressive Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) and the surreal-looking Jantar Mantar (the astronomical observatory).

Day 7: Jaipur-Delhi

The day is at leisure until a late afternoon flight to Delhi. Alternatively, why not fly on to Udaipur for a few days, or perhaps Goa or Kathmandu.

Day 8: Depart Delhi for your onward International journey.



Udaipur Two night Extension

Fly from Jaipur to the exquisite city of Udaipur, whose location on the shores of Lake Pichola makes it one of the country's most romantic places. Stay at the Hotel and explore Udaipur's City Palace and Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens

Ranthambhore Two night Extension

Travel to Ranthambhore by train from Agra and for a two nights stay. Enjoy game drives searching for tiger before continuing to Jaipur to complete Rajasthan's Golden Triangle.

Spirit Of India

Delhi (2 Nights), Varanasi (1 Night), Khajuraho (1 Night), Agra (2 Nights), Jaipur (2 Nights) Extension: Jodhpur/ Udaipur

Day 1: Delhi

Hotel booked in advance to ensure immediate occupancy.

Day 2: Arrive Delhi

Arrive Delhi just after midnight and transfer to Hotel. A full day's sightseeing explores both Old & New Delhi.

Day 3: Delhi-Varanasi

Fly to Varanasi and transfer to Hotel for an overnight stay. In the afternoon, take a tour that will introduce this historic and devout city.

Day 4: Varanasi-Khajuraho

Take an early morning boat trip on the Ganges. Fly to Khajuraho and transfer to Hotel. Later visit the city's 10th century temple, with its erotic carvings.

Day 5: Khajuraho-Jhansi-Agra

Drive from Khajuraho to Jhansi railway station (175kms/4hours)



and connect with the Shatabdi Express to Agra where you will stay for the next two nights. **Overnight at the Hotel.**

Day 6: Agra

A full day to visit the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.

Day 7: Agra-Jaipur

Drive to Jaipur(230kms/5hrs) via Fatehpur Sikri. Explore the deserted city, once a gloriously wealthy Mughal city. Continue



on to the pink city of Jaipur, where you will spend the next two nights. **Overnight at the Hotel.**

Day 8: Jaipur

In the morning, visit the Amber Fort. In the afternoon, tour the famous palaces and temples of this glorious ancient city.

Extension Jodhpur/Udaipur

Day 9: Jaipur - Jodhpur

Fly from Jaipur to Jodhpur, On arrival in Jodhpur transfer to the Hotel. Afternoon and evening at leisure. **Overnight at the Hotel.**

Day 10: Jodhpur

Spend the morning seeing the sights of Jodhpur, notably the mighty 15th century Mehrangarh Fort. Afternoon visit Mandore – the ancient capital of the state of Marwar.

Day 11: Jodhpur-Delhi or Mumbai

Or You May Choose

Day 9: Jaipur-Udaipur

Drive to Udaipur(295 kms/6hrs) via the famous Jain Temples of Ranakpur, Rest of the day free to explore the majestic city.

Day 10: Udaipur

Visit Udaipur's City Palace, with its mirrored walls, inlaid marble balconies and the famous Peacock Courtyard. Wander around the lovely Sahelion-ki-bari Gardens and enjoy cruise by motor launch on the placid waters of Lake Pichola.

Day 11: Udaipur-Delhi or Mumbai



Dream Trip of Rajasthan

Delhi (2 Nights), Samode (2 Nights), Bikaner (2 Nights), Jaisalmer (2 Nights), Jodhpur (2 Nights), Udaipur (2 Nights)

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

On arrival in Delhi, you will check-in to the Hotel.

Day 2: Delhi

Full day sightseeing.

Day 3: Delhi-Samode

This morning transfer to Samode. Rest of the day at leisure to explore and marvel at the exquisite craftsmanship.



Day 4: Samode-Jaipur-Samode

Morning leave for full day excursion to Jaipur, the sightseeing includes the visit of the spectacular 16th century fortified palace at Amber. Visit the City Palace, the impressive Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) and the surreal-looking Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory. Later in the evening return to Samode. **Overnight in the Hotel.**



Day 5: Samode-Bikaner

After breakfast continue on your journey and drive to Bikaner (kms/hrs). On arrival check in to the Hotel. Afternoon at leisure to explore the town. **Overnight at the Hotel.**

Day 6 : Bikaner

Morning city tour visiting the Junagarh Fort and the Camel breeding farm.

Afternoon excursion of the Deshnok Temple.

Day 7 : Bikaner-Jaisalmer

Drive to Jaisalmer (290kms/6hours), and check in to the Hotel for a two night stay.

Day 8 : Jaisalmer

A morning tour includes the glorious temples and palaces of this wonderful desert city, with the afternoon heading out into the desert to watch the sun set on the timeless dunes and perhaps enjoy a camel ride.

Day 9: Jaisalmer-Jodhpur

After breakfast drive to Jodhpur. Afternoon and evening at leisure to explore the city. Overnight.

Day 10: Jodhpur

Spend the morning seeing the sights of Jodhpur, notably the mighty 15th century Mehrangarh Fort. Afternoon visit Mandore – the ancient capital of the state of Marwar.

Day 11: Jodhpur-Udaipur

Drive to Udaipur(295 kms/6hrs) via the famous Jain Temples of Ranakpur, Rest of the day free to explore the majestic city.

Day 12: Udaipur

Visit Udaipur's City Palace, with its mirrored walls, inlaid marble balconies and the famous Peacock Courtyard. Wander around the lovely Sahelion-ki-bari Gardens and enjoy cruise by motor launch on the placid waters of Lake Pichola.

Day 13: Udaipur-Bombay

Morning transfer to airport to connect flight for Bombay. On arrival transfer to Hotel, Afternoon city tour of Bombay which is the commercial capital of India. Visiting the Gateway of India drive, past the Victoria Terminus, Marine Drive. Visit the Hanging Gardens and the Jain Temple.

Overnight at the Hotel.



Day 14: Bombay

Morning excursion to Elephanta Caves. Afternoon free for shopping. Later in the evening transfer to airport to connect flight for onward destination leaving early morning of Day 15.

Day 15: Departure.

Treasures of Central India

Delhi (1 Night), Agra (1 Night), Gwalior (1 Night), Bhopal (2 Nights), Indore (1 Night), Maheshwar (2 Nights)

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

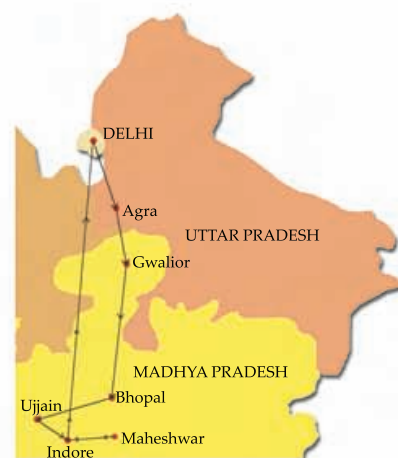
Landing in the early hours, transfer to the Hotel for immediate occupancy. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 2: Delhi-Agra

This morning transfer to the station for a day train to Agra, home of the Taj Mahal. Stay **overnight at the Hotel.**

Day 3: Agra-Gwalior

Travel to Gwalior by train and



explore the sprawling fort with its characteristic blue enamel work and the Sas-bahu temples. Visit the extravagant Jai Vilas Palace of the Scindia family before checking-in to the Hotel for an overnight stay. This evening enjoy a son et lumiere show at the fort.

Day 4: Gwalior-Bhopal

Travel by Shatabdi Express to Bhopal, an historic town set around scenic lakes. After transferring to the Hotel, your home for the next two nights, there is time to explore the interesting mosques of Bhopal.



Day 5: Bhopal

Today's exploration takes you south of Bhopal to Bhimbetka (46kms/90 minutes) which is now a World Heritage site due to the recent discovery of over 600 rock shelters and caves containing paintings depicting the local lifestyle dating from the upper Paleolithic period. This afternoon you will visit Bhojpur and the 11th century Shiva Temple.





Day 6 : Bhopal-Ujjain-Indore

Drive on to Indore via Ujjain (240kms/6hrs), the city that traces its origin to the very dawn of Indian history and has a great tradition of learning and culture. On arrival check-in to the Hotel for an overnight stay. Later visit the temple of Mahakaleshwar, Observatory of Masonry, Jantar Mantar, bathing ghats of Shipra River and Gopal Mandir a 19th century temple of Maratha style architecture.

Day 7: Indore-Maheshwar

After breakfast drive to Maheshwar via Omkareshwar (95kms/3 hrs) on the banks of the sacred Narmada river. Once the capital of Queen Ahilya Bai Holkar, the fortress of Ahilya Fort has been converted into a boutique property of discrete charm by the Holkar family. **Overnight at the Hotel.**

Day 8:

Maheshwar-Indore-Delhi

Transfer to Indore (350kms/8 Hours) to connect with your flight to Delhi, on arrival transfer to Hotel where a room will be made available for you use prior to your international flight back to your destination.

Discovery of South India

Bangalore (1 Night), Mysore (1 Night), Coonoor (2 Nights), Kochi (2 Nights), Backwaters Cruise (1 Night), Thekkady (1 Night), Madurai (2 Nights), Chennai (1 Night).

Day 1: Bangalore

Arrive in Bangalore and transfer to the hotel for an overnight stay. This afternoon explore the city including visits to the lovely gardens of Cubbon Park and the Lal Bagh botanical garden.

Day 2: Bangalore-Mysore

After breakfast, drive to Mysore (139kms/4 hours) famed for its sandalwood incense and check-in at the hotel. This afternoon visit the Maharaja's Palace, Brindavan gardens and the Chamundi Temple.

Day 3: Mysore-Coonoor

After breakfast, head by road to Coonoor (158kms/4hrs) for a two night stay at Coonoor. Check-in at the hotel.

Day 4: Coonoor

A morning tour of the British period hill station of Ootacamund, followed by an afternoon ride on Toy Train.

Day 5: Coonoor-Kochi

Commence on a full day's drive to Kochi (formerly Cochin, 260kms/ 8hrs). As an important

port on the Arabian Sea, Kochi was known to the ancient Greeks and Romans, and also Arab and Jewish traders from the Middle East. Visit the oldest quarter of town, Fort Cochin, The Raja's Palace with its elaborate murals, the Jewish Synagogue and St. Francis Church.

Day 6: Kochi

This morning enjoy a relaxing cruise of this fine natural harbour with its myriad ships and famous hanging Chinese fishing nets, set against a backdrop of palm-fringed waterways and local fishing hamlets. Your afternoon is at leisure followed by an evening performance of Kerala's legendary Kathakali dancers.

Day 7: Backwater Cruise

Today you will set off for a relaxing backwaters cruise aboard a beautifully converted simple yet comfortable, rice barge. **Overnight on the boat.**





Day 8: Kumarakom-Thekkady
Drive high into the Western Ghats through a landscape of rubber and tea plantations, close to the Periyar Wildlife Reserve, a region of jungle, forest and grassland. Wildlife can be elusive, but an afternoon boat trip on the lake will search for elephant, gaur, deer, and a wide range of birds.

Day 9: Thekkady-Madurai
This morning's drive takes you down to the plains, studded with granite outcrops, to the temple city of Madurai (137kms/4 hours).

Day 10: Madurai
Your morning sightseeing tour includes a visit to the Indo-Saracenic Thirumalai Nayakar Palace and the evocative Meenakshi Temple. In the late evening, revisit the temple to watch the nightly Hindu Puja ceremony.

Day 11: Madurai-Chennai
Fly to Chennai. Check-in at the hotel. The afternoon is free to explore Chennai, once the most important British outpost in South India.

Day 12: Chennai-International destination
A very early morning transfer to the airport for your final international departure to onward destination.

Mystic Kerala

Kochi (2 Nights), Munnar (2 Nights), Madurai (1 Night), Thekkady (1 Night), Kumarakom (2 Nights), Backwater Cruise (1 Night), Mararikulam (2 Nights).

Day 1: Arrive Kochi
Arrive Kochi and check-in at the hotel. A sunset cruise explores the busy harbour, past tropical plantations

Day 2: Kochi
This morning explore the bustling port including its spice markets, the Dutch Palace, St. Francis Church and the famous Chinese fishing nets. This evening enjoy a Kathakali dance performance.



Day 3: Kochi-Munnar
Drive to Munnar (150kms/4hours), a charming little hill station

Day 4: Munnar
A day to relax and unwind amidst the cooler climate of the delightful Cardamom Hills.

Day 5: Munnar-Madurai
A dramatic drive this morning takes you across rolling hills to the escarpment of the Western Ghats (170kms/5hours). Descend to the different world of Tamil Nadu, and experience the mysteries of the massive Meenakshi Temple.

Day 6 :Madurai-Thekkady
Travel across rural plains and back to the hills (137kms/4hours). Enjoy an afternoon cruise on Lake Periyar, famous for its wild elephants & birdlife.





Day 7: Thekkady-Kumarakom
Continue by road to the picturesque backwaters of Kumarakom (130kms/4 hours). Check-in at the hotel.

Day 8: Kumarakom
A full day at leisure to explore Kumarakom or sample an Ayurvedic massage.

Day 9: Backwaters Cruise
Today you will set off for a relaxing backwaters cruise aboard a beautifully converted simple but comfortable rice barge. **Overnight on the boat.**

Day 10: Allepey-Mararikulam
Transfer by road to the delightful waterside village of Mararikulam (90kms/2 hours). Check-in at the hotel.

Day 11: Mararikulam
A day to relax by the Indian Ocean.

Day 12: Mararikulam-International destination
This morning drive to Kochi airport (100kms/3hours) and connect with your homeward flight.

India & Nepal

Delhi (1 Night), Jaipur (2 Nights), Agra (2 Nights), Khajuraho (1 Night), Varanasi (1 Night), Kathmandu (3 Nights), Delhi

Day 1 – Day 4
Same as Taj Unfolds

Day 5: Agra/Jhansi/Khajuraho
Depart by Shatabdi Express for Jhansi. Proceed to Khajuraho by surface (172 Kms), en-route visiting the medieval Orchha. Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. **Overnight stay at the hotel.**

Day 6: Khajuraho-Varanasi
Morning half day tour of the world famous Khajuraho Temples. Afternoon depart for Varanasi by air. Transfer to hotel en-route visiting the famous Sarnath – where Buddha gave his first sermon. **Overnight stay at the hotel.**

Day 7: Varanasi-Kathmandu
Early morning boat ride on the holy river Ganges to see the



bathing ghats and cremation sites. Later city tour of Varanasi visiting the Bharat Mata Temple, Tulsi Manas Temple, Durga Temple and drive past Benaras Hindu University. Transfer to airport to connect flight for Kathmandu. Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day free for walking through the local bazaars.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 8: Kathmandu
Morning half day city tour of Kathmandu visiting the Durbar Square, Hanuman dhoka, the ancient Royal Residential Quarter and the Mahadev and Parvati Temple. Afternoon excursion to Swayambhunath and Patan – known as the City of Grace and Fine Arts. **Overnight stay at the hotel.**

Day 9: Kathmandu
Morning half day excursion to Bhadgaon, Pashupatinath and Bodhnath. Rest of the day at leisure. **Overnight stay at the hotel.**

Day 10: Kathmandu-Delhi
Morning at leisure. Later transfer to airport to connect flight to Delhi. Assistance on arrival to connect flight to onward destination. An overnight stay can be envisaged in Delhi depending on onward flight departure.

Most Famous & Luxury Hotels



Oberoi (Delhi)



The Imperial (Delhi)



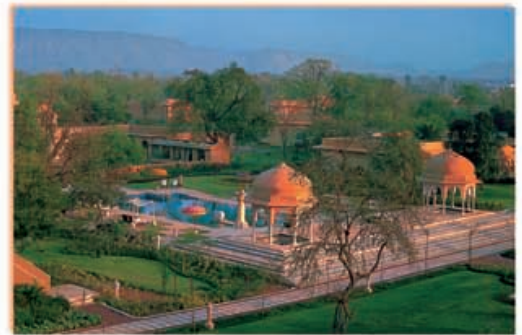
Taj Mahal (Delhi)



Amarvilas (Agra)



Rambagh Palace (Jaipur)



Rajvilas (Jaipur)



Vanyavilas (Ranthambhore)



Umaid Bhawan (Jodhpur)



Udaivilas (Udaipur)



Lake Palace (Udaipur)



Taj Mahal (Mumbai)



Oberoi (Bangalore)



Taj Westend (Bangalore)



Taj Coromandel (Chennai)



Fisherman's Cove (Chennai)



Oberoi (Kolkata)



Coconut Lagoon (Kumarakom)



Taj Malabar (Cochin)



Brunton Boatyard (Cochin)



Taj Green Cove Resort (Kovlam)

The remote mountain Kingdom of Nepal contains more of the world's highest mountains than any other country and is dominated by the soaring snow-covered peaks of the Himalayas. It is also a community of stunning Hindu and Buddhist temples and pagodas, at their best in the capital Kathmandu.

A prominent factor in a Nepali's everyday life is religion. The natives of Nepal still follow the age-old customs of Hindu and Buddhist religious practices. Adding colors to the lives of Nepalis are festivals round the year which they celebrate with much pomp and joy. It is said that Nepal has a higher number of festivals than the days in a year!



Discovery of Nepal

Kathmandu (3 Nights), Pokhara (2 Nights), Royal Chitwan National Park (2 Nights), Jomsom (3 Nights), Pokhara (1 Night)

Day 1: Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu and check in to your hotel.

Day 2: Kathmandu

After breakfast, you are off to a dramatic start with an exhilarating early morning mountain flight. Soaring over hills and mountains until the snow peaks come into view. Flying for 45 minutes over mountains broken by deep gorges, glacial valleys and lakes until you see the unmistakable Mt. Everest, not just the world's highest peak, but the mountain revered by the Nepalese people as "Sagarmatha", the Mother of the Universe. Back on the ground, you will spend the rest of the day around Kathmandu city. Obviously you will begin from Durbar Square that remains the centre of ancient Kathmandu. And clustered around the square are the Hanuman Dhoka, the ancient royal palace, numerous old temples like the Mahadev and Parvati Temple, Kumari Bahal and the House of the Living Goddess. Then you will visit the 2000 year old Buddhist Stupa of Swayambhunath and discover why it is such a well-known site of Nepal. From the hilltop of Swayambhunath, you will also see another panoramic view of the valley. And then of course, you will wander around the colourful local bazaars of Kathmandu.

Day 3: Kathmandu

This is a day devoted to the pursuit of art, architecture and history. You will drive through the Nepalese countryside to visit the ancient city of Patan, known as the City of Grace and Fine Arts. On the way, you will stop to view exhibits and shop at the Tibetan Refugee Crafts Center. At Patan, there is the sky-piercing Taleju Temple, the statue of Yogendra Malla, carved balconies of wood, ancient windows, curio shops and bustling bazaars. In the afternoon, the ancient capital of Nepal, Bhadgaon (also known as Bhaktapur) awaits your arrival.



Explore the royal palace, visit the small but excellent museum in the west wing, and see the Golden Gate, or Sun Dhoka, the entrance to the Palace of 55 Windows, known as the most significant piece of art in Nepal. Then, visit the greatest living example of traditional Nepalese temple architecture, and highest temple in Kathmandu valley, the Nyatapola Temple. You will also visit one of the largest stupas in the world at Boudhnath, and wander under the all-seeing eyes of the Buddha. Proceed to pay an outside visit to one of the holiest Hindu shrines in the world Pashupatinath Temple (non Hindus are not allowed inside). This temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. Situated on the bank of the river Bagmati, it is a pagoda style temple with a gilt roof and richly carved doors.



Day 4: Kathmandu - Pokhara

After a taste of Nepal's rich heritage, it's time to be astounded by the richness of nature. Take the flight from Kathmandu to Pokhara, and you will discover a mild temperature haven tucked under the looming Himalayas, a village town where everyone speaks English, a place where



you will see some incredible sights, like an unbroken view of snow-capped mountains reflected in the placid lake. The most popular destination in Nepal after Kathmandu, Pokhara is the starting point of some of the most famous treks and day trips in Nepal.

Day 5: Pokhara

Rent some bicycles and explore the valley, with the three lakes, Rupa Tal, Begnas Tal and the largest and most well known, Phewa Tal. Take an excursion with a picnic lunch to Devi Falls. Spend the afternoon quietly on a boat on the lake, drinking in the view of Mount Annapura and the Fish Tail Mountain, the Macchapuchhare.

Day 6: Pokhara/Chitwan

From Pokhara, drive overland to the Royal Chitwan National Park that covers sections of the



Chure Hills and the Rapti, Narayani and Reu valleys. Here, you will stay at a jungle lodge, where you will be initiated into the ways of the jungle. In the evening, you will venture into the wild for the first time, riding on the back of an elephant or by jeep. This will be your first chance to spot a tiger. Later, you will enjoy a nature slide show and a cultural performance by the tribal people of the region.

Day 7: Chitwan

Early in the morning, you will set out in hope of spotting the elusive tiger. Spend the rest of the day exploring the jungle, bird watching, or just walking with professional naturalists who will be happy to share the wealth of their knowledge on the local flora and fauna, animals behaviour and habitat. End the day with another evening foray into the jungle.





Day 8: Chitwan-Pokhara

Start the day with another visit into the jungle, and with luck you'll see the tiger again! After breakfast drive back to Pokhara.

Day 9: Pokhara-Jomsom

Fly from Pokhara to Jomsom, where you are transferred to a resort. After check-in, take a walk to the Eco Museum where you will see the black fossils of marine animals known as 'saligrams' and learn about the flora and fauna of the Himalayas. Move on to the nearby village of Thini, ride a pony along the sacred lake of the Buddhists, the turquoise Dhumba lake, nestling between the mighty Nilgiri and Dhaulagiri mountains that is also an ideal place for a picnic.

Day 10: Jomsom

Take an excursion to Marpha, famous for its apple orchards and local monastery. At the village of Thakali you will see the typical Thak Khola flat-roofed architecture, with narrow paved alleys and passageways, with grain and vegetables drying on the rooftops. Marpha's imposing Gomba (Tibetan monastery), is a Nyingmapa monastery like the one in Tengpoche, and here

as well, the people celebrate the colourful festival of Mani Rimdu with fervour in the autumn months. While you're here, you will enjoy a delicious traditional Thakali lunch.

Day 11: Jomsom

Enjoy a full day tour by pony to Kagbeni, a medieval looking village at 9210 feet, with its closely packed mud houses, dark tunnels and alleyways, imposing chortens and a large ochre-coloured Gomba perched above the town at the junction of the jhong Khola and the Kadi Gandaki.

Day 12: Jomsom-Pokhara

Time to fly back to Pokhara, and spend the day gazing for one last time at the spectacular views of the snow-capped mountain peaks against the glistening lake.

Day 13: Pokhara-Kathmandu

Take the flight back to Kathmandu. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to lie back and relive your magical moments in Nepal, or even explore the city on your own.

Day 14: Departure

Transfer to the international airport for your return flight home.



Golden Triangle of Nepal

Kathmandu (1 Night) - Chitwan (2 Nights) - Pokhara (1 Night) - Kathmandu (1 Night) - Nagarkot (1 Night) or Dhulikhel (1Night)

Day 01: Kathmandu

Arrive Kathmandu & transfer to the hotel. Afternoon visit Kathmandu Durbar Square & the 2000 year old Buddhist Stupa of Swayambhunath.



Day 03: Chitwan

Full day Jungle activities, such as Elephant briefing & safari, Slide presentation, Nature walk, Canoe ride, Village walk, Jungle drive, Bird watching.

Day 04: Chitwan-Pokhara

Early morning wake-up call, Tea/Coffee and Jungle activities & drive to Pokhara. Afternoon sight seeing of Pokhara valley and boat ride in Phewa lake.



Day 02: Kathmandu-Chitwan

Morning drive to Royal Chitwan National Park. Afternoon Jungle activities, such as Elephant briefing & safari, Slide presentation, Nature walk, Canoe ride, Village walk, Jungle drive, Bird watching.

Day 05: Pokhara-Kathmandu

Morning drive back to Kathmandu. **Over night at the hotel.**

Day 06: Kathmandu-Nagarkot Or Dhulikhel

Morning pay an outside visit to

one of the holiest Hindu Shrines in the world Pashupatinath (non Hindus are not allowed inside). You will also visit one of the largest stupas in the world at Boudhnath.

Afternoon Bhaktapur Durbar Square then transfer to Nagarkot or Dhulikhel View the sun-set.

Day 07: Nagarkot or Dhulikhel-Kathmandu

View the sunrise. After breakfast proceed to Patan Durbar Square & Tibetan Refugee Camp. Afternoon free. Evening dinner with Nepalese Cultural Show.

Day 08: Departure

Departure transfer to the airport.



Tibet is a land only for the rugged and brave. At 18,000 feet, Tibet is considered the 'rooftop of the world'. Few plants can grow at this altitude, so vegetarians beware! Tibetan diets consist of yak milk, yak yogurt, yak butter and yak meat. Traveling to Tibet means living like a Tibetan—living in tents, eating yak products, hitching rides. Tibetans welcome foreigners into their tents, which are a definite relief from the chilly weather.

Most Tibetans hold a great faith and respect in their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, who is currently in exile in India. Tibet has always had an independent spirit, and it views the Dalai Lama as a symbol of the independence they hope to regain. Today, China watches its province closely for any signs of political insurrections.



Overland Adventure in Tibet With One Way Trans Himalayan Flight

Nyalam (1 Night), Lhatse (1 Night), Xigatse (1 Night), Gyantse (1 Night), Lhasa (3 Nights)

Day 01: Kathmandu (1300) - Zhangmu (2,500m) - Nyalam (3700m): 123 Km/156 Km:

Early morning scenic drive to Kodari (Nepal - Tibet border) through the beautiful Nepalese countryside and after necessary border formalities both at Nepalese and Chinese immigrations, check-in to hotel or continue drive to Nyalam. **Overnight at hotel.**

Day 02: Zhangmu-Nyalam – Xegar (4300m) - Lhatse (4,350m): 244 Km/264 Km:

Day drive uphill to the highest plateau of the world with the typical view of Tibetan landscape offering sheer feeling of standing on the roof of the world crossing over Lalungla (5,050 M), from where, weather permitting, breathtaking panorama of beautiful Himalayan ranges including Mt Cho Oyu (8201 m) & Mt Xishapagma (8012 m) but dwarfed by the vastness of the Tibetan plateau. From Tingri, one can enjoy the glimpse of Mt. Everest (8,848 m). **Overnight at hotel.**

Day 03: Xegar/Lhatse - Xigatse (3,900m): 244 Km/204 Km:

Continue scenic drive crossing over Gyatchu La (5,220 m), the highest pass en route to Lhasa via Lhatse with a high chance of encountering the Tibetan nomads with their animal herds like yaks and sheep. **Overnight at hotel.**

Day 04: Xigatse-Gyantse (3,950m): 90 Km

Morning sightseeing to the Panchen Lama's Tashilhumpu Monastery. Drive to Gyantse and visit to the Kumbum Stupa and Phalkor Monastery. **Overnight at hotel.**





Day 05: Gyantse-Lhasa (3,650m) : 261 Km

Full day picturesque drive crossing over Karola (5,010m), Kambala (4,794m), Colourful Yamdrok Lake and the Tibetan lifeline river Brahma Putra (Yarlung Tsangpo),
Overnight at hotel.

Day 06-07: In Lhasa

Two full days sightseeing tour to Lhasa including Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Bazaar, Potala Palace, Drepung and Sera .
Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08: Lhasa - Kathmandu

Early morning drive to Gonggar airport for departure flight to Kathmandu or to your onward destination.

Special Tour to Tibet (Fly In/Fly Out)

Lhasa (3 Nights), Tsebang (2 Nights)

Day 01: Kathmandu (1300m)-Lhasa (3650m)

Fly (1hr.) to Lhasa over the highest Himalayan ranges of the world. Transfer and check-in to your hotel. Full rest for acclimatisation.

Day 02 -03: In Lhasa

Two full days sightseeing tour to Lhasa including Jokhang Temple, Barkhor Bazaar, Potala

Palace, Drepung and Sera monasteries.

Overnight at hotel.



Day 04:

Lhasa-Tsedang (3,900m): 210 km

Scenic drive to Tsedang along the Kyichu river and Brahmaputra river (Yarlung Tsangpo), Samye monastery.
Overnight at hotel.

Day 05: In Tsedang

Visit Yumbulakhang and Thandruk monasteries.
Overnight at hotel.

Day 06: Tsedang-Kathmandu

Early morning drive (2hrs) to Gonggar airport for departure flight to Kathmandu or to your onward destination.



Intense Tibet

Kodari (1 Night), Lalung Pass (1 Night), Shigatse (1 Night), Gyantse (1 Night), Lhasa (3 Nights)

Day 1: Kathmandu–Kodari

From Kathmandu you start your tour with an early morning drive to the Nepal border post of Kodari. Weather permitting you will see fine views of Langtang, Gauri Shanker, Melungtse and Khumbu Himal ranges. Depending on the road situation you will walk or drive up to Zhang Mu and clear the formalities of Chinese Immigration. Then you will continue your journey through a beautiful gorge to Nyalam crossing the Himalayan range.



Day 2: Lalung Pass

Your first stop on the Tibetan Plateau will be on the 5200 m high Lala you will have a breathtaking view of the Himalayan range and Shisabangma, the highest peak in Tibet. While having lunch on Lao Tingri, the peaks of Mt. Everest (Qomolangma in Tibetan) and Cho Oyo can be seen. On this day your journey is long but the spectacular Tibetan plateau will make you forget time.

Day 3: Shigatse

A four hour long drive brings

you to Tibet's second largest city, Shigatse. Here you will visit the Tashi Lumpo Monastery, the seat of the Panchen Lama, and hence one of the most important monasteries in Tibet.

Day 4: Gyantse

After a stroll through the old city, depart for the two and a half hour drive to Gyantse. While approaching the small farming town, you will clearly see the old fort that was captured by Younghusband during his 1904 raid into Tibet. Here the main attraction is Kumbum Monastery with its extraordinary architecture.



Day 5: Lhasa

This will be a long drive, but on the way you cross the Karo La with the beautiful glacier and see Yamdrok Tso, rightfully named the Turquoise Lake and cross the Kamba La from where you will descend to the main road which brings you all the way to Lhasa.



Day 6–7 : Lhasa

During these two days in Lhasa, you will visit the Potala Palace, Drepung and Sera Monasteries and of course, the famous Jokhang temple and the surrounding Barkhor bazaar.

Day 8: Lhasa–Kathmandu

Make an early start for your transfer to Gonggar airport to catch the flight back to Kathmandu. This is one of the most spectacular flights in the world, with aerial views of many peaks in the Himalayan range including the majestic Mt. Everest.

The Spirit of Tibet

Kathmandu (2 Nights), Lhasa (4 Nights), Gyantse (2 Nights), Shigatse (2 Nights), Tinggri (2 Nights), Zhangmu (1 Night), Kathmandu (1 Night)

Day 1: Arrive Kathmandu:

Arrive in Kathmandu and transfer to your hotel for a stay of two nights. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city.



Day 2: In Kathmandu: Morning tour of Kathmandu includes the Durbar Square; the Temple of Kumari, the residence of the living Goddess with its carved wooden balconies and windows & Swayambhunath, said to be over 2,000 years old and one of the world's most fabulous Buddhist Stupas. Afternoon visit to the medieval city of Bhaktapur or the 'city of devotees', the third largest city in the Kathmandu valley and once the capital of Nepal during the great Malla Kingdom from the 12th to the 15th century. Explore the Durbar Square and the numerous temples.

Day 3: To Lhasa: Morning flight to Lhasa where you will stay for four nights. Afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise.

Day 4: In Lhasa: Morning visit to Drepung Monastery and Norbulingka, former summer palace of the Dalai Lama. Afternoon tour of Jokhang Temple, the most revered religious structure in Tibet. Continue to Barkhor market, the main commercial district for Tibetans.

Day 5: In Lhasa: Full day tour including visit to the Potala Palace, the former winter residence of the Dalai Lama; Changpo Ri, the former site of

the Medical Institute and Sera Monastery.

Day 6: In Lhasa: Full day excursion to Ganden Monastery, the first Gelukpa monastery, founded in 1409.

Day 7: To Gyantse: Morning drive to Gyantse via Lake Yamdrok- Yamtso. Check into your hotel for a stay of two nights.

Day 8: In Gyantse: Spend the morning exploring the sights and monasteries of this major southern city. Later visit to Gyantse Kumbum and Palkhor Chode Monastery. Afternoon is at leisure.

Day 9: To Shigatse: Morning drive to Shigatse where you will stay for two nights. Visit the Tashilunpo Monastery, a former residence of the Panchen Lama, and the temple of the Maitreya Buddha.

Day 10: In Shigatse: Join the pilgrims on a morning walk around Tashilunpo Monastery. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 11: To New Tinggri: Drive to New Tinggri where you will stay for two nights.

Day 12: In New Tinggri: Today you will enjoy an adventurous excursion to the Everest Base Camp.

Day 13: To Zhangmu: Drive to the border town of Zhangmu for an overnight stay.



Day 14: To Kathmandu: Drive across the Friendship Bridge to Kathmandu. On arrival, check into your hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 15: Depart Kathmandu: Transfer to the airport for your international flight back home.



Few are privileged to enter the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan, where a unique way of life is protected from the influences of the 21st century. Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan, lies in a beautiful wooded valley, sprawling up a hillside on the bank of the Thimphu Chhu river, and it is the only world capital without traffic lights!

All Bhutanese art, dance, drama and music is steeped in Buddhism : paintings are not produced for tourists, but for religious purposes; festivals are not quaint revivals, but living manifestations of a national faith; and almost all art, music and dance represents the struggle between the good and evil.



Shangrila Unfolds

Paro (2 Nights), Thimphu (1 Night), Gangtey (1 Night), Bumthang (2 Nights), Mongar (1 Night), Trashigang (2 Nights), Samdrup Jongkha (1 Night)

Day 01: Arrive Paro

This morning proceed to airport to board Druk Air flight for Paro. Please ensure to be at the airport atleast 2 hours prior to the departure of the flight. Request your seats on left side of the aircraft to get a better view of the Himalayan ranges.

On a clear day you might get a glimpse of beautiful Himalayan range and Mt. Everest too. As the aircraft enters the Paro valley, look down and you will see the Paro Dzong on the hillside overlooking Paro Chu (river) with Ta Dzong, formerly a watchtower and now the National museum, above it.

On arrival in Paro, traditional welcome awaits you where in "Khadar"; a kind of scarf is put around your neck. Our representative will then introduce you to your guide/escort for the entire trip.

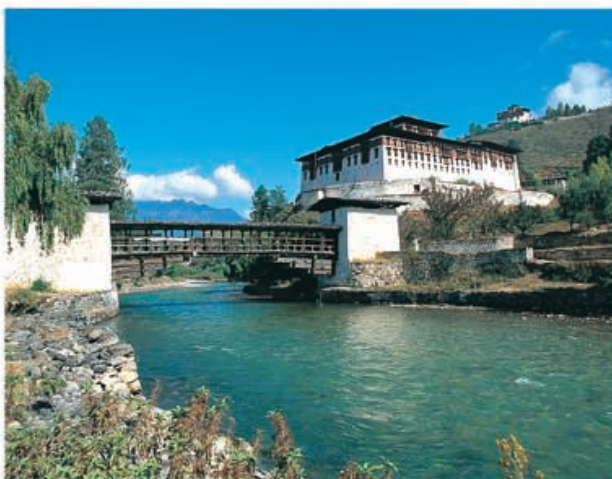
You will be transferred to your hotel and as you have had a long day, we suggest you rest and acclimatize.

In the evening if you feel like, you can take a walk around the town to get the feel of it. Dinner will be served in the hotel.

Stay overnight in Paro.

Day 02: In Paro

This morning after breakfast, we hike up to Taktsang monastery (The Tiger's Nest), for people unaccustomed to the altitude it takes about three hours at an average walking speed to reach the temples. Enroute stop at teahouse for a refreshing drink and have an excellent view of the monastery.



The path may at times appear to somewhat hair-raising but it is well defined and there is no danger whatever of falling off. Taktsang monastery is one of the most venerated pilgrim sites of the Himalayan world and it contains 13 holy places. Taktsang, the "Tiger's Lair", gets its name from the story of its foundation. In the 8th century, Guru Rinpoche came to Taktsang in a miraculous manner, flying on the back of a tigress from Khenpajong in the region of Kurteop. According to Bhutanese tradition, the tigress was a form taken by one of the Master's consorts for the occasion. Guru Rinpoche meditated for three months in a cave at Taktsang and converted the Paro valley to Buddhism.

Lunch will be served in Takstang cafeteria. Return walk is all down hill and takes about one & half – hour.

After lunch visit Ta Dzong, originally built as watchtower, which now houses National Museum. The extensive collection included antique Thangka paintings, textiles, weapons & Armour, household object and a rich assortment of natural and historic artifacts. Then take a short drive to northern part of the valley to visit to Drukgyel Dzong ruins that was once a strategic post to withhold invading Tibetan forces from the north.

Evening is free for you to relax.

Dinner will be served in the hotel.

Stay overnight in Paro.

Day 03: Paro–Thimphu

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel and then drive on to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan.

The road runs down through the valley, to Chuzom



(Confluence) at the entrance to the valley, where the Paro – Thimphu rivers meet at Chuzom. Three Chortens on the riverbank at this place, each in different style, mark the confluence of two rivers. Shortly before reaching Chuzom, you will see on your left Tschogang Lhakhang, "the temple of the excellent horse". It is a private temple, built in 15th century, as the result of visitation from Balaha, the excellent horse, a manifestation of Chenrezig, the compassionate Buddha. The road passes along a narrow valley with high, rocky cliffs on the left, and then the valley opens out into farmland on the approach to Thimphu.

Upon arrival in Thimphu, check in at your hotel and proceed for lunch.



Afternoon start the tour with Memorial Chorten built in memory of the late King; Visit the handicrafts Centre School of Fine Arts (Thangka painting and other traditional arts) where the traditional arts are being revived by the government, Changgangkha temples; Drubthrob nunnery; Folk and Textile museums; and then visit the Tashichhodzong, seat of the Royal Government and Central Monastic Body, it was rebuilt in the early 1960's after a fire destroyed most of the building. The amazing thing about this building is that it was built without a single drawing or a single nail!

Dinner will be served in the hotel.

Stay overnight at Thimphu.

Day 04: Thimphu–Dochula Pass–Punakha–Gangtey

This will be a long day and we suggest that you have an early start. Enjoy your breakfast and proceed for a beautiful drive to Gangtey enroute crossing Dochula Pass and Punakha. Soon you reach Dochula Pass at 10,000 feet where a large Chorten and a forest of prayer flags greet you. On a clear day you can view an endless chain of Himalayan Peaks such as Gangar Punsum (24,000 ft), the highest unclimbed peak in the world, Ganchenta, Teri gang, table mountain among other all

above 20,000 ft. From there you descend 5,5000 ft through temperate forests coloured with rhododendrons and magnolias down to the semitropical zone of oranges, banana and cactuses.

Upon arrival in Punakha, proceed for hot lunch at the hotel and visit the Punakha Dzong, the winter residence of the Je Khenpo and the monks of Tashichhodzong. The Dzong is situated at the confluence of two mighty glacial rivers, the Mo Chu and Pa Chu, which descend from the lofty heights of the Himalayas, and was the capital of the kingdom in olden times.

Drive down further to another 2-3 hours and arrive to Phobjikha valley.

Dinner will be served in the hotel.

Stay overnight in Wangdue.

Day 05: Gangtey-Trongsa-Bumthang

This morning take a nature walk around the Gangtey valley and then return to hotel for breakfast. Enjoy a visit to Gangtey Goemba and then proceed to Jakar valley in Bumthang region.

A great, whitewashed stone Chorten appears at a bend in the road. Chendebji Chorten is in Nepali style with eyes painted



at the four cardinal points. It was built during the first half of the 18th century by a lama named Shida, in order to nail into the ground a demon that had been terrorising the inhabitants of this valley. On the left side, the Queen Mother constructed a Chorten in Bhutanese style in 1982. From Chendebji to Trongsa, the road emerges from a gorge and follows the Mangde River valley, as it turns and heads straight for Trongsa. The landscape is dramatic and the road is hewn into the side of the rock with a sheer drop on the other.

You will see Trongsa Dzong at the bottom of the valley 20 kilometres before reaching it. Trongsa Dzong is the most impressive Dzong of Bhutan. This Dzong was built in 1647 by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyel

and is a masterpiece in architecture that includes countless courtyards, passageways and corridors, in addition to the 23 temples inside the Dzong. Drive further taking about than 2 hours to cover the 68 kilometres. The road passes through Trongsa town just beneath the Ta Dzong or watchtower and then rises rapidly through a series of hairpin bends. The view of Trongsa and the Dzong is marvellous on this side of the valley as well.

Lunch will be served in Trongsa. At a distance of 29 kilometres from Trongsa is the Yotong La Pass at 11,155 ft. There is now a dense forest of conifers, which stretches as far as the eye can see. After 13 kilometres, the road comes out into a wide, open, cultivated valley. This is Chumey valley, the first of Bumthang's four valleys. Bumthang is different from all the valleys in Bhutan, being very spacious and open. Bumthang has numerous beautiful and important Buddhist monasteries and pilgrimage sites.

Arrive late evening in Bumthang and after check in at the hotel of your stay enjoy the dinner.

Stay overnight in Bumthang.





Day 06: In Bumthang/Jakar valley

This morning after breakfast visit the beautiful Bumthang valley. One could spend months exploring this fascinating valley. Almost every little valley or a hill has a background of interesting myths and legends about Kings, Buddhist masters and serpents. Bumthang is especially dotted with religious relics left behind by the famous Guru Rinpoche, and his reincarnation the Treasure Finder, Terton Pemalingpa who is known to have found there sacred Treasures or Buddhist Texts after diving into a lake (Membartsho lake/pool) with a lighted lamp on his head. Among the many sightseeing places are the Jakar Dzong, the Dzong of the White Bird; the Jambay and Tamshing Lhakhangs, two of the oldest temples (dating to the 7th century) in Bhutan; the Kurjey Lhakhang where the Kings of Bhutan are taken for their cremation rites; besides the religious sites do not miss a trip to the Bumthang Matha regions (villages) where you can find rich woollen plaid textile dyed with natural colours, and the Yatas, thick woollen cloth with bright patterns often made into warm jackets and scarves.

Lunch will be either served at a local restaurant or at the hotel.

Dinner will be served at the hotel.

Stay overnight in Bumthang.

Day 07: Bumthang–Mongar

Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel and then start your journey eastwards, winding through more rugged terrain. The drive to Mongar takes about 6 – 7 hours, with spectacular views enroute. We will drive up into highest point on Bhutan's motorable road network, Thrumsing – la pass (4000m/13125 ft). From here, the road gradually descends to the alpine valley of Sengor, with wonderful views of cascading waterfalls and the hills of the eastern Bhutan along the way. Vegetation changes from alpine to subtropical with the loss of height, and bamboos and luxuriant ferns overhang the road as you drop down to the

valley floor. The descent stops at 700m/2300ft, where we cross the Kuri Chu (River). We ascend again through pine forests, maize fields and eastern hamlets to reach Mongar town, high on a gentle slope above the valley.

You could either carry packed lunch from Bumthang or have a late lunch at Mongar.

Late afternoon visit the Mongar Dzong, built in the 1930's and one of the Bhutan's newest dzong, constructed in the same way as all the previous dzongs, without either plans or the use of nails. Also visit the Shongar ruins if time permits.

Dinner will be served in the hotel/guest house.

Stay overnight in Mongar.

Day 08: Mongar–Trashigang

After your breakfast at the hotel, start your drive, zigzagging down the hillside to the east along the Gamri Chu (River). A turnoff on the left leads up to Drametse. This temple perched on top of a steep hill above the village, was founded by Choeden Zangmo and is the most important monastery of eastern Bhutan. This is the place of origin of famous Drametse Nga Chham, a masked dance with drums. About 30kms onwards lies Trashigang (1100m/3610ft), which clings to



a steep hillside above the Gamri River. Trashigang is the principal township of the biggest and most populated district in the country. Lunch will be served in the lodge of your stay.

Dinner will be served in the hotel.

Stay overnight in Trashigang.

Day 09: In Trashigang – Excursion to Tashiyangtse

After your breakfast at the lodge this morning, visit the temple of Gom Kora, set on a small alluvial plateau, overlooking the river. It is 24kms from Trashigang and is a famous place, as Guru Rinpoche is said to have subdued a demon here, trapping it in a rock. Continue down this road to the village of Doksum, where you can see women busily weaving traditional Bhutanese fabric, and a chain-link swing bridge dating back to the 15th century. The road turns into the hills here, running up the side of a winding river valley to Tashiyangtse.

In former times, Tashiyangtse was an important center because it lies on one of the caravan routes leading from western and central Bhutan. Tashiyangtse is now a rapidly growing town and the



administrative center for this district. The area is famous for its wooden containers & bowls, which make inexpensive, attractive and useful souvenirs of a visit to this remote region. Lunch will be served in a local restaurant or we will take packed lunches today.

You will also visit Tashiyangtse Dzong, which overlooks the town and was built in the late 1990's when the new district was created. If time permits, we will also visit the dazzling white Stupa of Chorten Kora on the riverbank below the town, and the nearby Institute for Zorig Chusum, where students are trained in Bhutan's 13 traditional arts & crafts. In the evening we return to

Trashigang.

Dinner will be served in the hotel/lodge.

Stay overnight in Trashigang.

Day 10: Trashigang – Samdrup Jongkha – Guwahati

This will be long day for you. Start as early as 0500 hours. The drive till Guwahati via Samdrup Jongkha will be for approx. 10 – 11 hours.

Or

Day 10: Trashigang – Samdrup Jongkha

This morning enjoy your breakfast and then drive to Samdrup Jongkha, the neighbouring town to India. The drive is of approx. 7 – 8 hours and we recommend that you carry packed lunches on this day too. Arrive late afternoon and then check in at the hotel. Dinner will be served in the hotel.

Stay overnight in Samdrup Jongkha.

Day 11: Samdrup Jongkha – Guwahati

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel and then drive for another 2 – 3 hours to reach Guwahati airport and board the flight for onward destination.



Thunder Dragon

Paro (2 Nights), Punakha (2 Nights), Thimphu (2 Nights), Paro (1 Night)

Days 1 to 2: Delhi / Paro

Arrive into Paro on Druk Air and transfer to hotel for a two night stay. In the afternoon, there is an opportunity for a quick stroll to the nearby ruins or down Paro's main street. Evenings at the hotel include informative lectures on the history, religion, flora and fauna of the region. The second day offers a full tour of Paro with a visit to the National Museum, Paro Dzong and trek up to Taktshang Goemba (Tiger's Nest).

Days 3 to 4: Paro /Punakha

After breakfast , the drive follows the river and climbs up the mountain pass of Dochu La.



Sights en route include Simtokha Dzong and ancient wallpaintings at the Hongtsho Goemba monastery. Overnight at the hotel. The next day offers further exploration of this scenic valley with a relaxing picnic lunch.

Day 5 to 6: Punakha-Thimphu

Overnight at the hotel after an afternoon exploring the area.



Day six is devoted to sightseeing of Thimphu.

Day 7: Thimphu-Paro

Enjoy a trip to the untouched Haa Valley only recently opened to tourists, returning to Paro for a final overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 8: Paro-Onward Journey

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Most Famous & Luxury Hotels



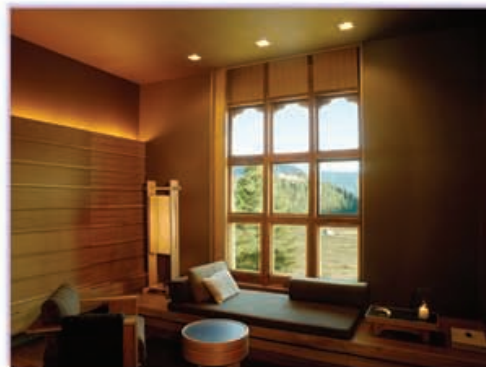
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The island of Sri Lanka is shaped like an enormous teardrop falling from the southern tip of India. Formerly known as Ceylon, the lovely island of Sri Lanka has known Portuguese, Dutch and English colonization, and today still displays a fascinating blend of local and old colonial cultures in a landscape of upland tea plantations, jungles and a coastline of palm-fringed beaches.

Probably Sri Lanka's loveliest town is Kandy, situated amongst wooded hills on the shores of a lake at an altitude of 16000 feet and famous for its rambling colonial buildings and its craft bazaars. It also has a Buddhist temple – the Temple of the tooth – which claims to possess the tooth belonging to Buddha!



Spices and Serendipity

Negombo (1 Night), Dambulla (4 Nights), Kandy (2 Nights)

Day 1: Airport to Negombo

Arrive this morning and after a short transfer arrive at the hotel at Negombo for an overnight stay. This evening enjoy a tour of Negombo which is of Sri Lanka's fishing industry. Visit the lagoon, a fish auction and the Dutch Fort.

Day 2: Negombo / Dambulla

Drive to Dambulla (115kms/2 hours), stopping en route at the elephant orphanage at Pinnawela. The orphanage is a government run sanctuary for elephants. Baby elephants that have been abandoned or injured in the wild are reared and trained here to eventually become working animals. Check in to the hotel for a four night stay.

Day 3 to 5: Dambulla

Next morning you climb to the 5th century rock fortress of Sigriya to see the ruins of Kashiappa's Palace at the summit. After lunch, enjoy an elephant safari into the Kandalama Forest, a breeding ground for over 90 species of birds. The following day visit Sri Lanka's first capital Anuradhapura, considered to be sacred city by Buddhist pilgrims, and see the tree under which Buddha attained enlightenment. Your last day in Dambulla includes a half day tour to Polonnaruwa, a medieval capital dating back to the 12th century.

Day 6: Dambulla-Kandy

Travel to Kandy (62kms / 2 hours), stopping on the way to visit the Dambulla Rock Temple, renowned for its caves and paintings and visit a spice garden. Spend two nights at the hotel.



Day 7: Kandy

Explore Kandy with its lakeside setting and surrounding wooded hills. See the bustling market, the arts and crafts centre a gem museum, lapidary and a host of pretty colonial buildings. The evening's entertainment includes a traditional Kandyan dance show.

Day 8: Kandy-Onward journey

After breakfast, you may return to Colombo for your homewards bound flight or, alternatively, extend your stay with a few days relaxing on the coast, visit tea plantations at Nuwara Eliya or a safari in Yala National Park

Tea Trails**Nuwara Eliya (3 Nights)****Day 1: Kandy to Nuwara Eliya**

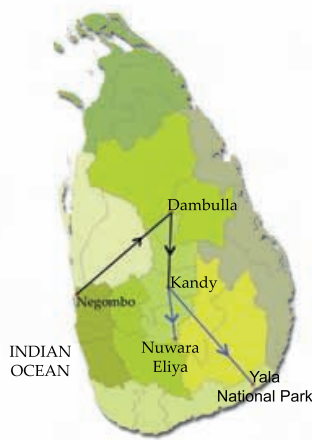
After breakfast at the hotel, drive (77kms / 4 hours) to Nuwara Eliya, the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country. En route, you will see some of Sri Lanka's awe inspiring landscapes as you climb the dramatic Ramboda Pass. Visit a tea plantation and a tea factory, where you will learn about the process of manufacturing tea and taste a cup of pure Ceylon tea. Arrive at the hotel for a three night stay.

Day 2: Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast, drive to Horton Plains, which is located on a high windswept saddle at about 7000 feet (2134 metres) elevation. Visit the 'Worlds End' considered to be the finest view in all Sri Lanka. The awesome escarpment drops vertically for about 4000 feet, hence its name. In the afternoon, visit the Hakgala Botanical Gardens which has an excellent collection of orchids.

Day 3: Nuwara Eliya

Day at leisure to explore the footpaths that lead from the hotel through the tea estates.

**Day 4: Nuwara Eliya / Onward journey**

After breakfast why not proceed to a beach resort of your choice via Hatton & Kitugala (119kms/ 5hours) or travel onto Yala National Park (106 Kms/ 4 hours) for a leopard safari.

Leopard Trails**Yala National Park (3Nights)****Day 1: Kandy or Nuwara Eliya to Yala National Park**

After breakfast drive from Kandy to Yala National Park (142 kms/7 hours) or Nuwara Eliya to Yala National Park (106 kms/4 hours). Pass by Rawana Ella waterfalls to arrive at the hotel. Enjoy lunch at the hotel and in the afternoon, walk along the hotel's nature trail. The nature trail passes through a mixture of habitats, which comprise of sea, lagoon, mud flats and scrub jungle resulting in a

fantastic diversity of birdlife. Dinner and tree nights stay at the hotel.

Day 2 to 3: Yala National Park

Leave with a picnic breakfast for an early morning safari to Yala National Park, which probably has one of the highest densities of leopards in the world. You may also see elephants, sloth bear, Sambhur, spotted deer, wild boar, stipe-necked, Brown and Ruddy mongoose. Return to the hotel to spend the rest of the morning at leisure. Enjoy a dip in the hotel or a beach-combing walk. After lunch, once again take a safari of Yala National Park.

Day 4: Yala-Onward journey

After breakfast continue on your journey and perhaps enjoy a beach extension (148 kms/3 hours) or continue to Colombo (148 kms/6 hours) for your flight home.



Whatever the facts, the truth is that no nation on earth has more varied or spectacular wildlife and nature than India. And few countries made a more resolute effort to preserve their native species in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

Consider this. India has one of the world's richest natural heritages. 65,000 species of fauna including 350 of mammals (7.6% of the world's total), 408 of reptiles (6.2%), 197 of amphibians (4.4%), 12,444 of birds (12.6%), 2,546 of fish (11.7%) as well as 15,000 of flowering plants (6%). The country also has some 16 major forest types which can be further subdivided into 221 minor types.



Meeting with the Tiger

Delhi (2 Nights), Jaipur (2 Nights), Ranthambhore (2 Nights), Agra (2 Nights), Khajuraha (1 Night), Bandhavgarh (2 Nights), Kanha (2 Nights), Mumbai (2 Nights)

Day 01: Arrive Delhi

Arrive Delhi. You will be met by our representative at the arrivals lounge and escorted till your check in at Hotel.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 02: In Delhi

Morning visit old Delhi visiting the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, the most elegant mosque in India. Drive past Kotla Firoze Shah, ruins of an old fort of the 14th century with the 13 metre high Ashoka Pillar of 3rd BC. Visit Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948.

Afternoon city tour of New Delhi. Drive past the Rashtrapati Bhavan and the secretariat buildings. Visit Humayun's Tomb and the Qutub Minar.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 03: Delhi-Jaipur (Approx. 265 Kms/5 Hrs Drive)

Morning after breakfast drive to Pink City of Jaipur. On arrival transfer and check in to hotel.

Evening Rickshaw ride in the old city.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 04: In Jaipur

The day begins with a visit to the Amber fort, ascending the fortress seated on elephants, visit the Fort and the Shiladevi temple (which continues to be the private temple of the Royal family) with its exquisite marble carvings and silver door.

Afternoon visit the open-air royal observatory Jantar Mantar, the City Palace and Museum stopping by the Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds.

Overnight at Hotel.



Day 05: Jaipur-Ranthambhore
(Approx. 180 Kms / 3 ½ Hrs Drive)

Morning after breakfast drive to Ranthambhore.

The Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve (near Sawai Madhopur) is known for its spectacular scenery. The sanctuary is a system of lakes and rivers - hemmed by steep, high crags and the remains of a thousand year old fortress and temple. The park apart from housing tigers, leopard and the sloth bear also provides a congenial habitat for the 'chital' or spotted deer and sambar, the largest of the Asiatic deer. Woodland,



ground and water birds also bound in the area, including the uncommon red jungle owl and eagle.

On arrival transfer and check in to Hotel.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 06: In Ranthambhore

Morning & Afternoon jungle safari in the park accompanied by a naturalist.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 07: Ranthambhore-Agra
(Approx. 325 Kms/7 Hrs Drive)

Morning leave for Agra by surface en route visiting the deserted red sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri.

Continue to Agra. On arrival transfer and check in to hotel.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 08: In Agra

Visit India's best-known landmark, the breathtaking Taj Mahal, built by the Emperor Shah Jahan as a mausoleum for his beloved wife, Mumtaz. You will also see Agra's imposing Red Fort, with its vast sandstone walls and surrounding moat. Later return to see the Taj Mahal at sunset.

Overnight at Hotel.

Day 09:

Agra-Jhansi-Khajuraho (By Train)

Morning in time transfer to railway station to board train Shatabdi Express to Jhansi and onwards proceed to Khajuraho

by road. Afternoon city tour visiting the world famous Khajuraho temples built by Chandela kings between 250 AD and 1050 AD. **Overnight at hotel.**



Day 10: Khajuraho-Bandhavgarh
(Approx. 280 Kms/6 Hrs Drive)

Morning after breakfast drive to Bandhavgarh.

Bandhavgarh (pronounced Bandogarh) is not very far from south of Rewa, famous as the place in which the (albino) white tiger originated. Now it is only found in zoos. Before becoming a National Park in 1968, it was the game preserve of the maharajas of Rewa. There are also interesting cave shrines scattered around the park, with Brahmi inscriptions dating from the 1st century BC. You can visit the archaeological remains of a fort believed to be 2,000 years old where you may spot crag martins and brown rock thrush.

Overnight at hotel



Day 11: In Bandhavgarh

Bandhavgarh park has a wide variety of game. Its main wild beasts are tiger, leopard, sloth bear, gaur, sambar, chital, muntjac, nilgai, chinkara, wild pigs apart from the abundant flora and fauna.

Morning and afternoon Jungle safari in the park accompanied by a naturalist.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 12: Bandhavgarh-Kanha (Approx. 210 Kms / 4 ½ Hrs Drive)

Morning after breakfast drive to Kanha.

Kipling wrote so vividly about this Park in his Jungle Books. The same abundance of wildlife and variety of species still exists today and the park which forms the core of the Kanha Tiger Reserve (1,945 sq. km) within the game reserve, created in 1974, also protects the rare hard - ground - adapted barasingha (swamp deer).

Overnight at hotel.

Day 13: In Kanha

Kanha has 22 species and the most easily spotted are three-striped palm squirrel, common langur monkey, jackal, wild pig, cheetah, rasingha and blackbuck. Less commonly seen are tiger, Indian hare, dhole (Indian wild dog), sambar and gaur. Rarely seen are Indian fox, sloth bear, striped hyena, panther (leopard), nilgai (blue bull), Indian porcupine, wolf (outside park proper) and the Indian pangolin (sometimes called the scaly anteater). Kanha has 230 species recorded, more to be found. Good vantage points are in the hills where the mixed bamboo forests harbors



many species. Commonly seen species are leaf warblers, minivets, black ibis, common peafowl, racket-tailed drongo, hawk eagle, red-wattled lapwing, various species of flycatcher, woodpecker, pigeon, dove, parakeet, babbler, mynah, Indian roller, white-breasted kingfisher and grey hornbill.

Morning and afternoon Jungle safari in the park accompanied by a naturalist.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 14:

Kanha-Nagpur-Mumbai

Morning free. Afternoon transfer to Nagpur airport to connect flight to Mumbai.

You will be met by our representative at the airport and escorted till your check in at Hotel. **Overnight at hotel.**

Day 15: In Mumbai

Morning excursion to Elephanta caves (**Closed on Monday**)

Afternoon city tour of Mumbai visiting the Gateway of India drive, past the Victoria Terminus, Marine Drive and visit the Hanging Gardens and the Jain Temple. Last but not the least, make a brief photo stop at "Dhobi Ghat" the Indian laundry system. **Overnight at hotel.**

Day 16: Leave Mumbai

In time transfer to international airport to connect flight to

Hemis to Zangla via Junglam Trek

Day 01 : Leh to Hemis Drive and Trek to Shang Sumdo.

Early morning Leh to Hemis by jeep, visit the Hemis Gompa and start trekking to Shang Sumdo: cross Martselang bridge, then ascent up valley along the river, crossing it several times before reaching Sang Sumdo.

Day 02 : Trek Shang Sumdo to Lartsa Kongmarula, 4800m.

The route follows through a stunning landscape of red rocks along the slope, then along river till Chuskyurmo (sour water), on through gorges of small rivers many of which need to be crossed before camp is made for the night at Lartsa below Kongmarula Pass.

Day 03 : Trek Larsa Kongmarula to Langthang Chu river.

Before descending to a high mountain pasture at Nimaling (4700m), we must ascent steeply up to Kongmarula Pass (5150m), offering a beautiful view of the northern face of Kang Yatse Peak (6400m). From Nimaling up, cross a ridge, then descent to a beautiful valley, cross river, on up again, following a rocky slope up to Konga Ngonpo (5090m), then descend along a



very steep route before reaching a campsite near Male.

Day 04 : Trek Langthang Chu – Zalung Karpo La (5200m).

After crossing a large stream and a moraine, valley divides an hour later. Continuing to our right, the route goes up and down before reaching Zalung Karpo La. Camp on the other side of the pass.

Day 05 : Trek Zalungkarpola to Tiltat Sumdo.

Start descending from the camp towards the main stream. After an hour arrive at Khamak Sumdo, a valley coming from the north (route directly north leads to Rabrang La, 5000m.) Follow the gorge, crossing a stream several times before reaching Tiltat Sumdo along a rocky route.

Day 06 : Trek Tiltat Sumdo to a north camp (4450m) of Chhar Chhar La 4950m).

Just after Tiltat Sumdo camp, cross Khurna river, continue on its right bank, past couple side valleys. Four hours later as the valley narrows, break camp.

Day 07 : Trek from the north camp Chhar Chhar La to Zangla Sumdo.

Follow the narrow gorge, past several narrow side gorges, eventually leaving behind the stream. The route follows gently up to the top of Chharchhar La, 4950m. From top follow stream down to Zangla Sumdo.

Day 08 : Trek Zanglasumdo to Zangla.

Continuing down from Zangla Sumdo along the stream, the trail reaches the wide expanse of the Zanskar Valley, with great views of the Zanskar River and the villages of Pishu and Pidmo on the other side of the river.

Day 09 : Visits to monasteries.

Sightseeing around Zanskar, visiting Zangla, Stongde and Karsha monasteries. Overnight in camps in Mulbekh.

Day 10 : Mulbekh Leh.

Drive back to Leh in the jeeps. Arrive Leh. Dinner and overnight at Hotel.



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River Rafting on Indus River

Day 01 : Leh - Hemis - Stakna - Thiksey (Drive/Rafting)

Morning after breakfast drive 50 kms to visit the famous Hemis Monastery which has some of the most precious Tankhas, silver Stupas and enshrines statues of various Buddhist god and goddesses. Later drive back to Stakna. Upon arrival meet the Rafting team includes the Raft driver and helper. Proper instruction for Rafting as well as safety techniques shall be given. Wear the life jacket and begin a thrilling white water rafting along river Indus. Raft along smooth river to reach Thiksey. Enroute stop at Stakna Bridge and have Lunch. Afternoon Raft again and stop at Thiksey and check-in at the camps. **Overnight stay in tents.**

Day 02 : Thiksey - Spituk (rafting)

Morning after breakfast drive to visit Thiksey Monastery-this imposing monastery situated on a hill overlooking the village has a huge statue of Shakayamuni Buddha. Later drive 2 kms further to visit Shey Palace, which was earlier the Royal Palace. Drive back to camp and start Rafting to reach Spituk. Lunch enroute. This is one of the most beautiful stretch overlooking Stok Kangri on your left and zig-zag along the river. **Check-in at the camps in Spituk for overnight stay.**

Day 03 : Spituk - Leh (drive)

Morning after breakfast pack up and drive to visit Spituk Monastery overlooking the whole Indus valley. Later drive to Leh City and check-in at the hotel. Afternoon free to explore the local market.

Overnight stay at the hotel.



Manali - Lamadugh - Barabhangal - Bir - Dharamsala Trek

Day 01: Manali-Lamadugh (6 hrs)

Start trek from Manali (2050 m). The first day of the trek leads through cool forests of giant Cedar, Alder and Oak. The trail ascends gently at first, through the Manalsu valley along Manalsu stream. Extensive views of Kullu valley appear and slowly fade into the distant as the first campsite in the lush green meadows of Lamadugh is reached. Beautiful views of the surrounding peaks dominate the scene. **Overnight in tents at Lamadugh (2727 m).**

Day 02: Lamadugh-Dohra Nallah (7 hrs)

Now the trail ascends steeply through woodland and meadows with wild alpine flowers strewn all around. On the way brilliant shrubs of Rhododendron and Birch pave the way to the ridge after which a descent leads to the campsite at Dohra Nallah (3394 m). **Overnight in tents.**

Day 03: Dohra Nallah - Kaliheyeni Base I (6 hrs)

A lovely walk through lush green forests leads to campsite

(4000 m) at the base of 4697 m high Kaliheyeni pass. All around are mountain peaks of Kullu and Lahaul valley, presenting an unforgettable panorama. **Overnight in tents.**

Day 04: Kaliheyeni Base I - Kaliheyeni Base II (6 hrs)

Today the landscape slowly begins to change, as forests and meadows give way to rocky back-drops with patches of snow. Steep climb through glacier and moraine leads to the camp II on the bank of mountain stream. **Overnight in tents.**

Day 05: Kaliheyeni Base II - Gaddi Thach (6 hrs)

Now the trail leads down into the Sunni river valley and upto a buff overlooking the river. **Overnight in tents at Gaddi Thach (3424 m).**

Day 06: Gaddi Thach - Lambapaharh (4 hrs)

The path passes through rocky terrain and later it is replaced by meadows. After crossing a large snow bridge you are in forest and little ahead is the campsite (Lambapaharh 3485 m) near a stream. **Overnight in tents.**

Day 07: Lambapaharh - Camp I (7 hrs)

After descending to the river bank, camp for overnight, near a

stream (3636 m). **Overnight in tents.**

Day 08: Camp I – Upper Barabhangal (6 hrs)

The trail now winds its way down towards the valley floor, after which an almost level walk leads to the camp just before the tiny village of Barabhangal. **Overnight in tents.**

Day 09: Upper Barabhangal – Barbhungal (4 hrs)

Today finally the ancient village of Barabhangal is reached. **Overnight in tents (2273 m).**

Day 10: Barabhangal – Camp II (6 hrs)

A remote and isolated village, it is accessible only for four to five months a year. The inhabitants are the legendary Himalayan shepherds – the Gaddis – who lead a nomadic life with their vast flocks of sheep into high mountain pastures once the snow melts, and then return to their isolated existence in the village. From Barabhangal village trek to camp II. **Overnight in tents.**

Day 11: Camp II – Marrhi (4hrs)

A steady walk and an hour's climb leads to the campsite at Marrhi (4000 m). The scenery changes quite dramatically while the air becomes cooler. Camp at the base of the 4772 m high Thamser pass. The chill of the evening is replaced with the comfortable warmth of lively campfire. **Overnight in tents.**

Day 12: Marrhi – Plachak (6hrs)

Today the trail slowly emerges from the rocky terrain into the softer landscape of lakes, meadows and forests. Numerous lakes dot the countryside interspersed by cascading waterfalls. A descent through green wooded slope leads to a tiny tea shop, this is

the village of Plachak (2424 m). **Overnight in tents near the village.**

Day 13: Plachak – Billing (6 hrs)

A pleasant walk through a leafy bridle path and tiny villages literally hanging on the shoulders of the hill-sides, giving them a magical, surrealistic appearance. Ahead lies a tiny village of Billing for camp (2424 m). **Overnight in tents.**

Day 14: Billing – Bir (4 hrs)

On the way, extensive views of the lush green Kangra valley are the welcome site and soon the steep descent ends at the tiny Tibetan settlement of Bir, the land of the legendary Gaddis – the tough and weary Himalayan Shepherds. Travel to Manali or Dharamsala by car/jeep. Trek ends.

River Rafting in Utranchal

Day 01 : Delhi-Haridwar

Leave Delhi in the afternoon by car (or by Jan Shatabdi at 3 : 30 PM to reach Haridwar by 7: 30 PM to get transfer by our car to camp, another 40 min. drive) and reach Escapade Beach Camp by evening. On arrival check in camp and dinner and **overnight at camp.**

Day 02 : Haridwar-Shivpuri

After a night in fresh surroundings wake up and breakfast a nice and gentle nature walk. After that your date with the river starts in Shivpuri on 18 kms (Longer run is also possible with extra cost) stretch of the river and after does and donts negotiate Grade III rapids like Roller coaster and Golf course along with Grade II like return to sender, tea off, club house, initiation and double trouble to end your day at camp for Lunch. after lunch just relax in the warm sun or more energetic can also go for a short but nice trek to a beautiful water fall near the camp. Come back on the evening for bonfire and dinner. **Overnight at camp.**

Day 03 : Shivpuri-Kunjpuri

For those who like to be close to nature irrespective of time, its an early riser at 5:00 AM and leave for Kunjpuri. a high point at 6000 ft. to witness the great spectacle of sun rising above the snow bound high Himalayan peaks. More adventurous can trek down (9 kms to reach camp for lunch) or just drive down back to take breakfast. After Lunch leave for Delhi by car to reach by evening. (or leave for Haridwar if traveling by Shatabdi express in the evening and visit chandi devi by cable car in the afternoon and also visit Har ki pauri reach Delhi)



Shimla to Leh Biking Adventure

Day 01: Delhi to Shimla (340Km)

Start early in the morning to avoid city traffic on your drive to Shimla. En-route, stop for lunch at picturesque Parwanoo. Continue your drive to Shimla. Check in at hotel on arrival. Shimla is one of the finest hill resorts of India and the capital of Himachal Pradesh. Situated at an altitude of 6,900ft, it was once a small village surrounded by splendid forest. Later, the British converted it into a hill resort and as the Summer Capital of British India. In the evening, enjoy strolling around the Mall. **Dinner and overnight in the hotel.**

Day 02: Shimla to Sarahan (185 Km)

After breakfast, drive to Sarahan. The former Capital of Bushahar Empire, Sarahan is a wonderful little village located amidst lush green and beautiful surroundings of Deodar forests. Visit the historical Bhimakali temple, having an unusual architecture and wealth of carvings, a fine example of Hindu-Buddhist architecture. Deep down in the alley flows the river Sutlej and across lies the scenic snow-clad Shrikhand Peak. **Overnight stay at Sarahan.**

Day 03: Sarahan to Sangla (92 Km)

After breakfast, we move on from Sarahan, delving deeper into the breathtaking, secret world of the Kinnaur and Spiti Valleys. Ride on to Wangtu and further to Karchham and move down to right to Sangla, a picturesque little village with a small population, famous for its trout fishing possibilities. Situated on the slope with



houses rising one above the other, and the Kinner-Kailash Peak towering behind, Sangla is also known for the impressive and historical Kamru Fort, which has now been dedicated to the Kamakshi Temple.

Day 04: Sangla to Kalpa (57 Km)

After breakfast, at leisure backtrack to Karchham and drive to Kalpa. En-route cross Powari and proceed to Recong Peo (7 Km). Both places have the most stupendous settings in all of Himachal Pradesh. Enjoy a spectacular view of the mighty Kinnaur Kailash Mountain Ranges from anywhere up the road. Located at an altitude of 2,670m, Kalpa is also famous for good quality Chilgoza. **Dinner and overnight in tents.**

Day 05: Kalpa to Tabo (163 Km)

After an early morning breakfast, start riding on Sutlej Bed and in the surrounding lush green forest. Drive 18 km from Powari to Ribba. This region is also known for the famous Kinnaur apples, grapes and the alcohol distilled from grapes. There are a number of bridges you will cross en-route. Then drive to Ribba to Puh (40Km) while riding on the paved road on the Bank of the Sutlej River, known as the Indo-Tibetan road. In northwest direction one can distinctly see some

snow-covered peaks in the Pin Valley Range (subject to clear weather). After crossing the cantonment of the Puh, come out of the Gorge of Khab (another 11 Km). Khab is the point where two rivers, Tabo and Sutlej merge, producing the resounding sound. Navigate the hairpin bends and ride ahead for 24 km on paved road till Yangthang. Descend to Yangthang, considered as the ideal entry point in the Land of Lamas.

From Yangthang the road condition also deteriorates to unpaved in between some loose mud and mountain river crossing till Chango (3,658 m). From Chango drive another 8 Km in arid landscape till Sumdo. Another 9 Km drive in the plateau area, takes you to Hoorling and from here 24 Km ride ends up in Tabo.

Visit Tabo Gompa (temple). Founded in 996 AD, the Gompa has some of the best-preserved examples of Indo-Tibetan art remaining in the world. **Dinner and overnight in the tent.**

Day 06: Tabo to Losar (171 Km)

In the morning, leave for Kaza (3,600 meters), at about 47 Km from Tabo and then to Kibber, 18Km up. Visit the scenic Kibber Village (4,025m) and the famous Ki-Monastery (4,116m). Though

the distance to Ki is not much, but you have to ascend a height of more than 1,000 M on a difficult road. Ki is the oldest and largest Gompa in Spiti having a spectacular location. Later, ride down to Rangrik and then into the barren landscape in a gorge for next 30 Km to Hanse (3,950m) clinging to the road cliffs and the unpaved stretch of roads with not many villages falling en-route. Then, ride further 20Km to arrive at Losar (4,079m). **Dinner and overnight camping at Losar.**

Day 07: Losar to Tandi (174Km)

Enjoy an early morning ride up to Kunzumla Pass (4,551 m) & then proceed to visit the picturesquely beautiful Chander Tal Lake (4,270m), about 12 Km from the Pass. Spend some time and enjoy the spectacular beauty of the surroundings around the lake.

Thereafter, drive to Batal-Chhatru-Gramphoo and then to Tandi. **Dinner and overnight in the Drilbu Retreat, Tandi.**

Day 08: Ride to Sarchu (104 Km)

After breakfast, drive to Jispa-Darcha and proceed through the hairpin bends entering into the Higher Himalayan Range. After reaching the top of the gorge, drive straight to Himmatnagar Cantonment. It is again an unpaved stretch of the Patseo & ZinZing Bar hairpins bends, as you get closer to Suraj Tal. Then, proceed to Baralacha La (4,883m). Later, descend down to arrive at Bharatpur. Enjoy your packed lunch and enter to the gorge of Sarchu. Come out of the gorge after crossing the bridge and enter the Sarchu Plateau (4,100m). Here you can enjoy a cool and refreshing breeze, soothing your body and nerves. **Dinner and overnight in tents at Sarchu.**

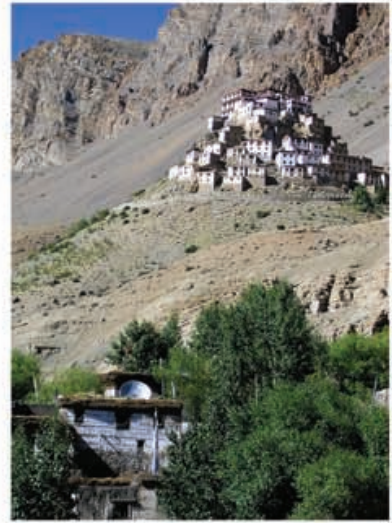
Day 09: Sarchu to Leh (246 Km)

Today, you will enjoy a long but pleasurable ride. Ride in the plateau area for next 30 Km with a good speed but be cautious of the bad patches en-route. Ascend the road bends of Gata Loops early in the morning to beat the uphill traffic and scale the height of Takh (3,950m) and then it is a downhill. Cross over the low-lying road in the stream and ascend uphill again to the height of Lachung La Pass (5,060m) about 54 km from Sarchu. Then, drive downhill for 25 km till you hit the base of bridge before Pang (4,630m). Ensure to cross over Pang before 12.00 noon as traffic is not allowed in afternoon. Later, cross Tanglang La (75km from Pang) and another 30 km to Rumtse. Thereafter, proceed further to Leh, the saddle of Buddhist Culture. **Dinner and overnight in the hotel in Leh.**

Day 10: Leh

Day at leisure for own personal activities. Bike Maintenance.

Leave the bike with the mechanic and explore the delights of Leh on your own. Visit the 16th Leh Century Palace (once the seat of power), the splendid World Peace Pagoda and the busy marketplace.



Optional: Half-day River rafting can also be arranged on request.

Day 11: Ride to Sumur (Nubra Valley) (120 Km)

Ride to the world's highest motorable road, Khardung La. At 18,380 feet (5,602m), the ride will take a few hours of climbing out of Leh. Capture the unforgettably beautiful view in your camera at the top, and then ride down into the beautiful Nubra Valley. **Tonight stay in Silk Route Cottages for dinner and overnight stay.**

Day 12: Nubra Valley to Khardung La to Leh.

From Nubra Valley, backtrack to Khardung La and then Leh. Enjoy free time at Leh. **Overnight stay at Leh.**



Where else in the world will you be greeted at a hotel with elephants and camels, a replica of the welcome reserved for Maharajas and Maharanis of the past!

Where else in the world can you have a romantic and memorable picture with the sunset view of the Taj Mahal as the backdrop!

Where else in the world can you get the special royal welcomes, gala theme evenings, camel safaris in the desert, luxurious accommodation, entertaining cultural shows, dining with royalty a plethora of specials to choose from!!!

The most sought after incentive cities in India include the intriguing capital city of Delhi, which is a perfect blend of several historical eras; Agra, the seat of the Mughal court boasting the finest Mughal monuments, most famous being the Taj Mahal; the 'Pink City' of Jaipur, renowned for its opulent palaces and colourful bazaars; the fairytale city of Udaipur, famed for the magical setting of its palaces on the Lake Pichola; the flamboyant and majestic forts in the desert city of Jodhpur. In contrast to the royal extravagance of the North is the simplicity and natural beauty of the South that includes the luxuriant palm-fringed backwaters of Kerala and the sprawling sun kissed beaches of Goa.



The Golden Triangle

Delhi

In Delhi's 3000 years of existence, seven cities stood where the present capital of India stands. Here you'll encounter a fascinating blend of the ancient and the contemporary- where government buildings, medieval Palaces and bazaars exist besides a modern metropolis. Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb, India Gate are some of the best examples.



Agra

There are very few cities in the world that can match the history and heritage of Agra - the city of Taj Mahal, situated on the west bank of River Yamuna. Travel to the great historical city of Agra and understand why Taj Mahal is considered as the "Love of a Man Epitomized in Stone", Taj Mahal (1631-1653), is a poem in white marble, built by Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal.





Jaipur

Jaipur was built in the 18th century by Maharaja Jai Singh II. It is a planned city built with ancient Hindu rules as the colonial capital of a richly colourful state. Jaipur, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan is popularly known as the, "Pink city". It sits on a dry lakebed in a somewhat arid landscape, surrounded by barren hills surmounted by Forts and crenelated walls. Vegetable laden camel carts thread their way through streets jam packed with cars, rickshaws, bicycles and pedestrians frantically dodging the crazy traffic.

The Imperial Rajasthan

Jodhpur

Jodhpur is a sprawling city, with a blend of the modern and the traditional - from Palaces to ethnic handicrafts. It is a city

built at the foot of the hills amidst the Thar desert. The region is known as Marwar or Maroodesh, "The land of the



sand". The foundation of the city was laid in 1459 A.D. by Rao Jodha, the chief of a clan of Rajputs known as the Rathors. The city is protected by the fortified high wall which is nearly 10 km in length and has eight gates facing different directions.



Udaipur

Udaipur is also known as the "City of Palaces", a "Fairyland" and a "Vision in Dream". It is surrounded by hills and mountains and its beautiful Palaces are mirrored in the calm blue water of Lake Pichola. Udaipur, as the capital of Mewar, was created by Maharana Udai Singh in 1568. The lakeside city was built on a small wooded plain encircled by mountains, which was in direct contrast to the masculinity of Chittorh and Kumbhalgarh. The houses and temples of the old city stretch out around the Lake.



The Enchanting South

Chennai

Chennai or Madras, 'the Gateway to South India', presents a kaleidoscope of moods. Founded in 1631, Chennai is not ancient. Today, Chennai is the fourth largest city in India. Marina Beach, the second largest in the world, is always full of people. The Kapaleeshwar Temple, built in 1566 by the Vijayanagara rulers, is the grandest temple in Chennai. The Parthasarthy Temple, originally built in the eighth century by Pallavs, is dedicated to Vishnu and is the oldest temple in Chennai.

Cochin

Until 1956, Cochin was a princely state run by Maharajas. Cochin has one of the finest natural harbours in the world. The picturesque Chinese fishing nets are permanent eye-catchers. Fort Cochin has a pace of its own. Stroll along its streets to savour the old colonial bungalows or visit St. Francis' Church built in 1503. The Jewish Synagogue at Mattanchery, built in 1568, is sure a delight. An art gallery and Centre for Visual Arts are also good places to visit.

On the backwaters you can also enjoy an overnight stay in a houseboat. Luxurious houseboats are simple country crafts, to guide you gently into the heart of our land. Cruise our reservoirs of peace, read the poetry of the breeze, and refresh your soul. View life, it never had so many vibrant hues.



Bangalore

World's seventh fastest-growing city, with avenues lined with Gulmohur, Jacaranda and Laburnum, Bangalore is India's greatest scientific and technological centre. The newly built granite Vidhan Sabha is Bangalore's most spectacular building. Among the other attractions is the Royal Bangalore Palace, built by the Maharaja of Mysore in 1887, also known as a copy of Windsor Castle in Great Britain and Tipu Sultan's Palace, built mostly of wood in 1791.



Sun & Sand

Goa

No other place in India excites the sun-and-sand-seeking holidaymaker more than Goa. The Portuguese occupied Goa was absorbed into the Indian Union in 1961. Goa's biggest draw are its churches and beaches. The largest church in Asia, the Cathedral of St Catherine da Se is the finest expression in India of baroque architecture. Other churches to see are Church of St Cajetan, Viceroy's Arch and the Church of Santa Monica. Despite the prominence churches occupy in Goa's landscape, a number of noteworthy temples cannot be ignored. Goa's main attraction is undoubtedly its 130-kilometre coastline and a variety of splendid beaches. To the North, are Arambol, Vagator and Anjuna beaches. South of the Zuari River, beaches stretch from Bogmalo to Palolem.



Nepal has been admired and praised by various renowned travel authors in recognition of its cultural richness, viz., Living Cultural Museum, Shangri-La, Roof of the World, Birth place of the Apostle of Peace, Country of Living Goddesses, City of Golden Pagodas & Parasols, Himalayan ethnic groups & seventy-five spoken languages, Birth place of Sita, Abode of Shiva, Land of Mysticism & Exoticism, Land of non-stop festivals etc. are explicit and self explanatory. They tell the world about its incomparable & prosperous cultural heritage.

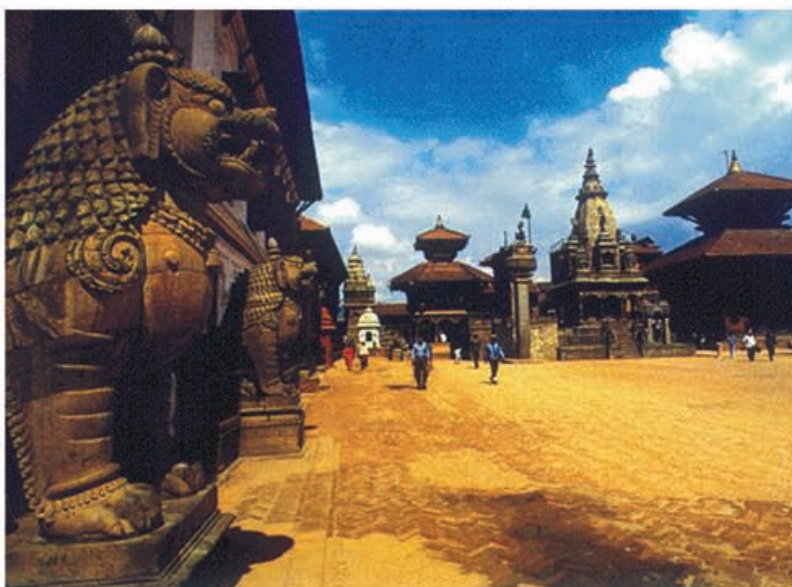


The Himalyan Kingdom

Nepal

Recorded history of Nepal begins with the Lichhavis who came to power in 400 A.D. With them the nation began to prosper in art, culture, painting, architecture, and sculptures. The Mallas who succeeded them gave a new turn to this prosperity by transforming the small Kingdoms of Kathmandu, Patan, and Bhaktapur into 'Open air museum of Art and Architecture'.

Centuries later the Democratic Revolution of 1951 AD, marked a new era in Nepal's History.



Theme Evenings

Maharaja welcome

Your arrival at the Palace-hotel is like a historical event full of pomp and grandeur. You are announced to the strains of the 'shehnai'. Camels and Elephants decorated in royal Indian tradition salute you while ladies in ethnic costume anoint you with a 'tikka', adorn you with marigold garlands and perform 'aarti'. A welcome drink soothes you before you launch into the excitement of a whole new Indian experience.

Recommended in Jaipur and Jodhpur.

Moghul Theme

Slip back into the grandeur and glitter of the Mughal era, and into the role of an Emperor, where 'Chobedars' (gatekeepers) escort you to a 'Dawaat-Khana' (dining room) and gracious hostesses in silk 'shararas' and veils fill the air with 'attar' (Mughal perfume) and a rain of flowers. Where you can sit down to flamboyant dances and row upon row of sumptuous Moghlai delicacies served in a manner befitting royalty.

Recommended in Delhi and Agra.

Samode Durbar Evening

You are taken in camel cart procession accompanied by local band and mashals (Lighted torches) to the Palace where Royal welcome awaits you with horses and camels on each side. The Palace is beautifully illuminated and you enjoy the Champagne cocktail with delicious food on the terrace while the folk dancers entertain you. The evening ends with a spectacular firework display. All the guests are also presented with a Samode Souvenir.

Recommended in Samode Palace, Samode.



Sand Dunes Experience

History whispers in Jodhpur's forts, havelis and temples. But there are stories lurking in the stretches of the Thar Desert. So take a camel cart ride to sand dunes lit gold by 'mashals' and bonfires. Then in the shelter of tents and an even bigger canopy of stars sip a welcome drink while 'Langas' and 'Kalbeliyas' serenade you with Rajasthani dance and music. End an idyllic evening with a barbeque dinner and fireworks.

Recommended in Jodhpur.

Kerala Theme Evening

Discover century-old traditions. Discover why they call it "God's own country". Marvel at the exquisite grace and classical beauty of Mohiniattam, one of India's most elegant art forms, as you relax under gently swaying palms sampling exotic specialities from the Malabar Coast.

Recommended in Cochin.

Goan Carnival Theme

Mardi Gras, Sea and Sunshine. Get into the swing of things with dancers in frills, feathers and exotic masks. Sway merrily to a 'Mando' (Goan song) singing trio. Raise a toast to good times with a glass of 'Feni' (potent Goan drink) as you wolf down plates full of tasty prawns, 'Vindaloo' and fish so delicious you'll talk about it at dinners back home.

Recommended in Goa.

Colours of India

Traverse the corners of this colourful sub-continent in one splendid unforgettable evening. Witness the rich cultural heritage and diversity of India at its best. After you attend traditional welcome ceremonies from all over the country, tap your feet to the pulsating 'Bhangra' from the North or silently admire the graceful 'Bharatnatyam' from the South. Be hypnotized by the swan-like 'Manipuri' dance from the East



or passion-stirring 'Rajasthani' dances from the West, all the while savouring India's myriad delicacies. Let it all fill up your senses

Recommended in Delhi.

Marriages & Conventions

Marriages

India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world. Therefore our traditions are deep rooted and age old and "Marriage" is one such custom, which is celebrated with all rituals and traditions.

We at TIME help you realize the dream of traditional marriage by arranging one for you with all its pomp and show.

With our expertise you can relive those precious moments, so come and experience now...

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Conventions

When it comes to arranging grand occasions, formal gatherings, conferences and meetings, we at "TIME" are at your service.

To help you with your work, we can arrange for state-of-the-art business centres, fully-equipped conference facilities and lavish banqueting areas. We can also provide you with latest communication facilities, broadband wireless internet connectivity, travel assistance, etc.

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YOGA

The ancient Indian philosophy and healing art of Yoga is a disciplined way of living - encompassing all aspects of life to balance the mind and body. Apart from physically stimulating the body, Yoga also satisfies the spiritual growth of an individual.

Encompassing several aspects like Asanas (postures), Pranayam (breathing) and meditation, Yoga is one of the most ancient healing sciences of the world that owes its origins in the Himalayan mountains. Yoga helps to enhance the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well-being using three branches - Hatha, Kriya and Raja.

AYURVEDA

According to Ayurveda, the Universe is made up of five primordial elements - earth, wind, fire, water and ether. These elements themselves are inanimate, but in combination, give rise to three main biological forces or principles in the human body called doshas - Vata, Pitta and Kapha.

Every human being has a different balance of elements and one dosha is predominant in our constitution and shapes our personality.

The Ayurveda regime consists of massages and specialized diet programs for present day rigors of modern day lifestyle and is specially designed keeping in mind the individual's desire to heal, cleanse, relax and revitalize.

Qualified Ayurveda doctors and therapists administer the treatments ranging from therapeutic massages to more rigorous forms of toxic elimination.

Most Famous & Luxury Wellness Resorts

Time invites you to a journey of self-discovery and rejuvenation with a promise of health and vitality, youthfulness and beauty. We suggest you some of the finest Ayurveda and Spa resorts in India.

All Oberoi-Vilas Hotels, all Taj Hotels & Resorts, all Aman Hotels & Resorts, Ananda Spa, Rishikesh, Somatheeram Beach Resort, Trivandrum, Devi Garh, Udaipur.



Official Country Name : The Republic of India

Location : India is located in South Asia, with China, Nepal and Bhutan in the North; Bay of Bengal, Bangladesh and Burma to the east; the Indian Ocean to the South and Pakistan and the Arabian Sea to the West. India shares land boundaries with Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, Nepal and Pakistan.

Population : India's population is about 1.12 billion (2007 census)

Area : 3.3 million sq. km, stretching from the Himalayas in the north to the Indian Ocean in the south.

Administrative Divisions : 28 States and 7 Union Territories

Religions : Hinduism (Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism), Islam and Christianity

Time Difference : 5½ hours ahead of GMT (winter) and 4½ ahead of GMT (summer).

Passport and Visas : All foreign tourists traveling to India need a valid passport and visa. The application for a tourist visa should be made out on the prescribed form and submitted together with two passport size photographs to the Embassy of India. Any frequent traveler to India should apply for a visa allowing entry over a longer period, but every visit should not last longer than six months. Stay beyond six months has to be registered in the FRRO or the nearest police station.

Health Regulation : No vaccination certificate is required for entry into India except the persons traveling through yellow fever epidemic countries (Certain African and Latin American countries) are required to have yellow fever vaccination certificate conforming to International Health regulations.

Language : English enjoys associate status but it the most important language for national, political, and commercial communications, Hindi the National language is the primary tongue for 30% of the population. Hindustani a popular variant of Hindi / Urdu is spoken widely throughout Northern India.

Tourist Guides : English speaking government-approved guides are available at all the major tourist centres. French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese or Russian speaking guides can be arranged on request according to their availability. Unapproved tourist guides are not allowed access to protected monuments and tourists should make sure a guide has a license which has been approved by the Department of Tourism.

Working Hours : Working hours vary from region to region. Banks 1000 hours to 1400 hours (Monday to Friday) and 1000 hours to 1200 hours (on Saturdays). However most hotels in all major tourist centres have the facility to exchange money. Post Office :1000 hours to 1700 hours (Monday to Friday) and Saturday mornings.

Electricity : Voltage in most places is 220 AC , 50 cycles, though a few areas have DC supply as well. Tourists are advised however to check the voltage before using any appliance.

Photography : Photography with still camera and video camera is permitted at all monuments. A special license is needed to photograph ancient monuments using a flash and tripod. The license can be issued by the Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi and concerned Archaeological Departments. Photography in tribal areas is not permissible.



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