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## INCLUSIONS

We want your journey to be full of memorable moments and to be balanced unique and must-see experiences with the right amount of free time for your own discovery. Entrance fees are included with each of our featured visits.



Deogarh Mahal, Deogarh, India (Heritage)

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The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra, India (Luxury)



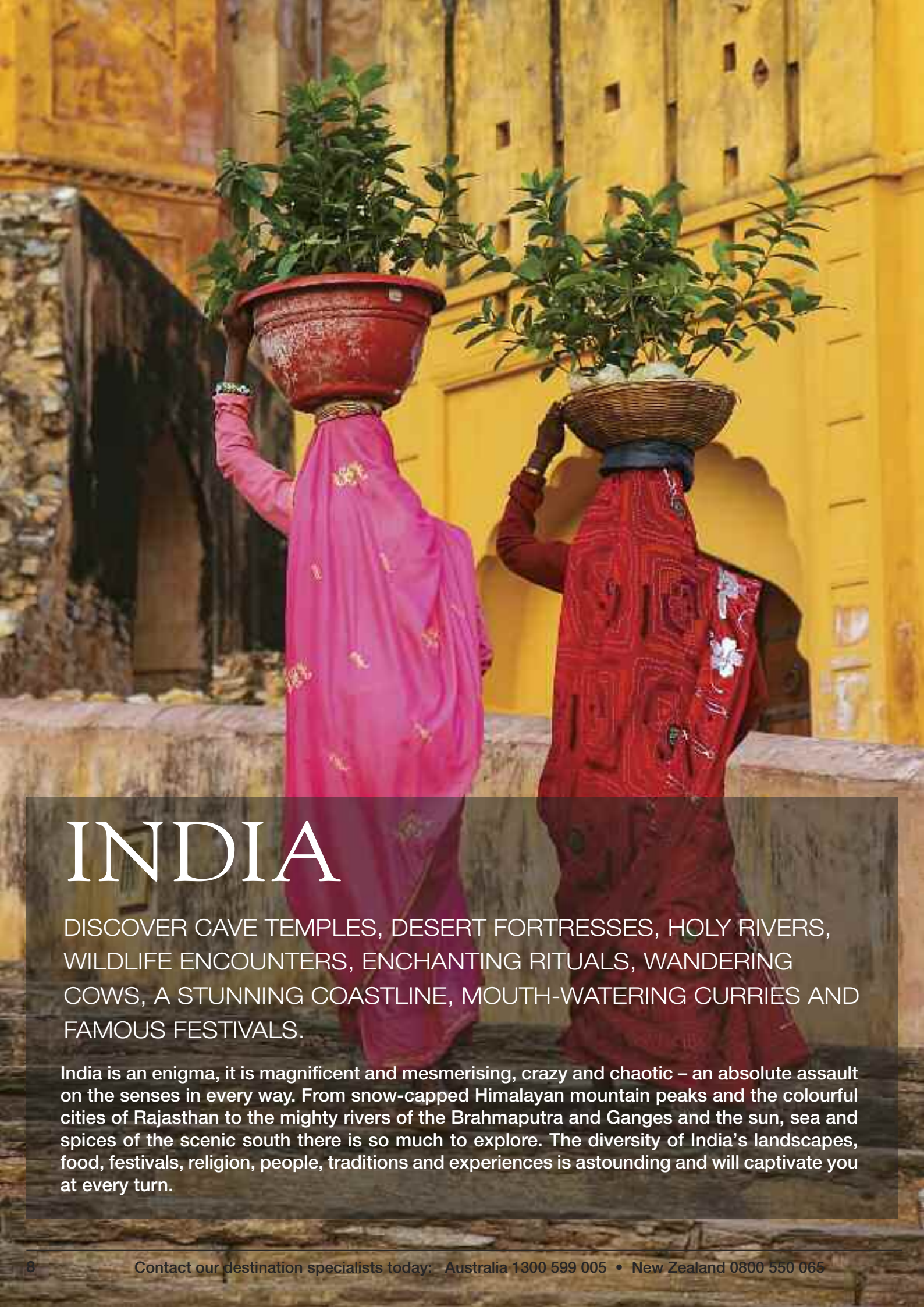
Amet Haveli, Udaipur, India (Heritage)



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# INDIA

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TAJ MAHAL, AGRA



**INCLUSIONS**

- Fully escorted in ENGLISH ONLY
- Hotel accommodation in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- City tours of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur
- Entrance fees
- Transportation by air-conditioned coach
- Arrival and departure transfers (first and last day only)

**2017/2018 GUARANTEED DEPARTURES**

Departs every Sunday		Per Person Twin Share	Single Supplement
1 Oct – 31 Mar	4 Star Hotels	870	410
	5 Star Hotels	1,070	550
1 Apr – 30 Sep	4 Star Hotels	830	300
	5 Star Hotels	930	370

*Note: No departures between 20 December and 10 January*

# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

## 6 day Escorted Tour

**DAY 1 DELHI** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel. Overnight at Hotel the Royal Plaza (4 star) or The Park Hotel (5 star).

**DAY 2 DELHI** Your full day sightseeing of Old and New Delhi begins with a ride by cycle rickshaw, through the colourful laneways of Chandni Chowk Market followed by a visit to Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India. Photo stop at the Red Fort, visit to Raj Ghat a memorial dedicated to Gandhi. Later drive along the broad Rajpath, past the India Gate and Parliament House followed by a visit to the Tomb of Humayun and Qutub Minar. (B)

**DAY 3 DELHI – AGRA** This morning travel to Agra where you get your first glimpse of the Taj Mahal one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Upon arrival visit the iconic Taj Mahal, a monument of love and a flawless architectural creation, built by an emperor in memory of his beloved queen. Afterwards, witness the hustle and bustle of everyday life as you make your way through the city to Agra Fort, a vast and powerful fortress of red sandstone and gardens. Overnight at Hotel Clarks Shiraz (4 star) or Jaypee Palace Hotel (5 star). (B)



AMBER FORT, JAIPUR

**DAY 4 AGRA – JAIPUR** Early this morning you will have the opportunity to witness the Taj Mahal at sunrise (*optional – to be paid locally*). Afterwards travel to Fatehpur Sikri to explore the fascinating ghost city before continuing on to Jaipur known as the Pink City, the colourful capital of Rajasthan. Overnight at Lemon Tree Premium (4 star) or Hilton Hotel (5 star). (B)

**DAY 5 JAIPUR** Today explore the impressive Amber Fort perched atop the arid hills on the outskirts of Jaipur. See its royal halls decorated with intricate ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Return to the city to see the Hawa Mahal, Palace of Winds and visit the City Palace Museum and Royal Observatory. (B)

**DAY 6 JAIPUR – DELHI** Return by road to India's bustling capital Delhi, where your tour concludes on arrival. (B)



OLD DELHI



RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK



# GOLDEN TRIANGLE & RANTHAMBORE

## 8 day Private Tour

**DAY 1 DELHI** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel. Overnight at Hotel the Royal Plaza (4 star), The Park Hotel (5 star), The Claridges (Heritage), The Oberoi Gurgaon (Luxury).

**DAY 2 DELHI** Today's full sightseeing tour takes you to Old and New Delhi. Explore the winding streets and laneways by cycle rickshaw in Chandni Chowk one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid one of the largest mosques in India, followed by a visit to Gandhi's memorial at Raj Ghat. Later drive along the broad Raj path known as Kings Way past India Gate and Parliament House before visiting the Tomb of Humayun and Qutub Minar. (B)

**DAY 3 DELHI – AGRA** This morning leave Delhi for Agra, home to the iconic Taj Mahal. With your guide you will explore the famous monument of love, a flawless architectural creation built by the emperor in memory of his beloved queen. Later continue on to Agra Fort better known as the Red Fort of Agra, a powerful fortress of red sandstone. Overnight at Hotel Clarks Shiraz (4 star), Jaypee Palace Hotel (5 star), Grand Imperial (Heritage) or The Oberoi Amarvilas (Luxury). (B)

**DAY 4 AGRA – FATEHPUR SIKRI – RANTHAMBORE** After breakfast travel to Fatehpur Sikri before continuing on to Bharatpur Railway Station to board the train to Ranthambore National Park. Overnight at Ranthambore Regency Hotel (4 star), Nahargarh Ranthambore (5 star/Heritage) or The Oberoi Vanyavilas (Luxury). (B, D)

**DAY 5 RANTHAMBORE** Enjoy morning and afternoon safaris in search of the parks famous tigers and it's many other species of Indian wildlife. Discover the rich flora and fauna of the National Park, declared a wildlife sanctuary and gained the protection of "Project Tiger". (B, L, D)

**DAY 6 RANTHAMBORE – JAIPUR** After breakfast it's onward to Jaipur the pristine jewel in the desert sands of Rajasthan. Overnight at Lemon Tree Premium (4 star), Hilton Hotel (5 star), Alsisar Haveli (Heritage) or The Oberoi Rajvilas (Luxury). (B)

**DAY 7 JAIPUR** Today's full day sightseeing tour takes you to Amber Fort, a classic romantic Rajasthani Fort-Palace, which stands tall over looking the Pink City. Choose to ascend by Jeep or Elephant to reach the inner citadel, where you will find an extensive palace complex, including the magnificent Chamber of a Thousand Mirrors. This afternoon visits the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Manta. Lastly, a photo stop at Hawa Mahal also known as The Palace of Winds. (B)

**DAY 8 JAIPUR – DELHI** Return to Delhi where your tour concludes on arrival. (B)

### INCLUSIONS

- Hotel accommodation in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking local guides
- City tours of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur
- Rickshaw Ride in Delhi
- Jeep or Canter Safari in Ranthambore National Park
- Entrance fees
- Air-conditioned chair class rail: Bharatpur – Ranthambore
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Services of a local representative

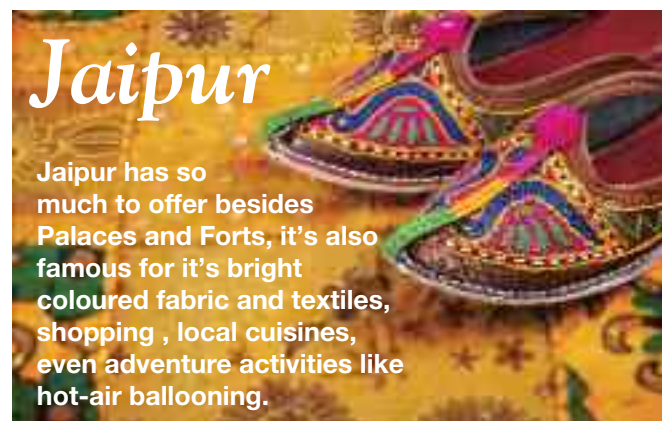
### 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES (except Wednesdays)

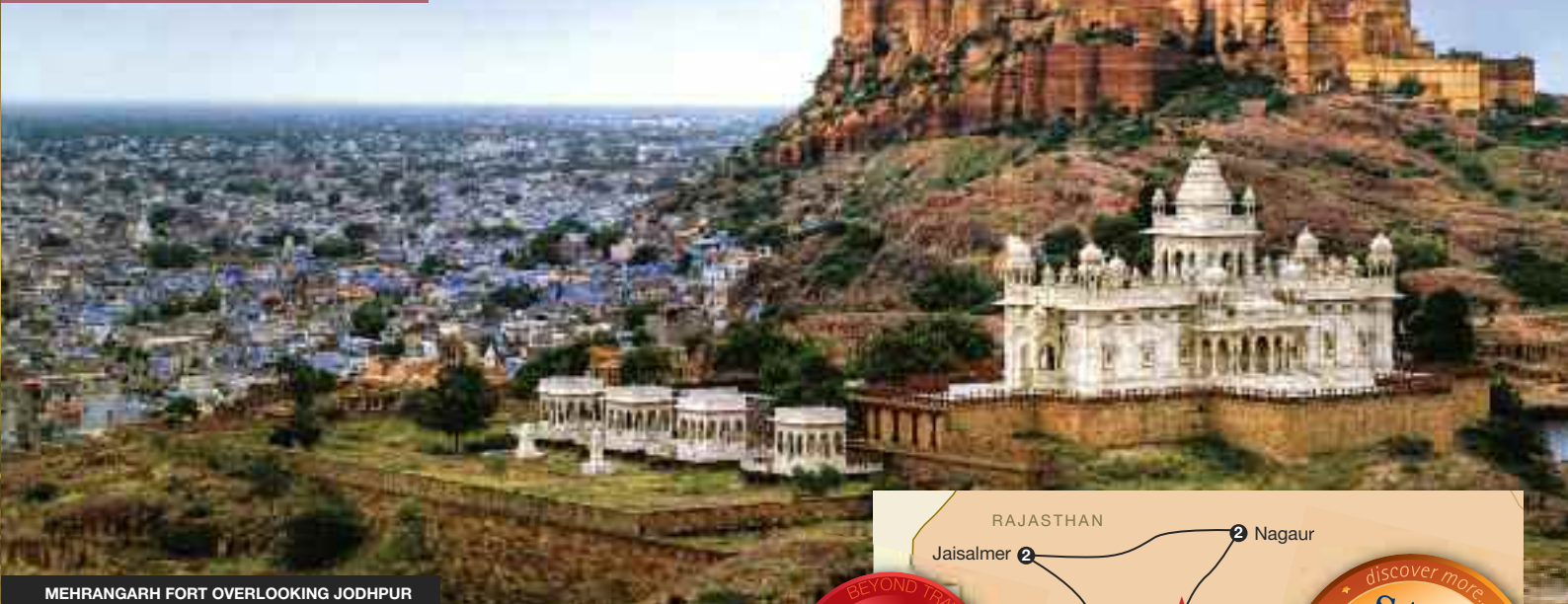
	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Heritage Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Luxury Hotels Per Person Twin Share
1 Oct – 15 Apr	1,360	1,760	1,930	5,980
16 Apr – 30 Jun	1,320	1,670	1,700	3,400
1 Jul – 30 Sep	1,300	1,430	1,470	2,920

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during Christmas/New Year

Note: Ranthambore National Park is closed 1 Jul – 30 Sep during this period the above itinerary is replaced with 2 nights in Samode (itinerary available upon request).





MEHRANGARH FORT OVERLOOKING JODHPUR

# COLOURS OF RAJASTHAN

## 10 day Private Tour

**DAY 1 JODHPUR** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel. Overnight at Indana Palace Jodhpur (4 star), Ajit Bhawan (5 star) or RAAS Jodhpur (Heritage).

**DAY 2 JODHPUR** Early morning visit to Bishnoi Villages by jeep, followed by a tour to Mehrangarh Fort, one of the most impressive and formidable structures in Rajasthan. Inside its boundaries are several palaces known for their intricate carvings and expansive courtyards showcasing the splendour and glamour of a bygone era. Later visit the Jaswant Thada and the Clock Tower market. (B)

**DAY 3 JODHPUR – NAGOUR** Today's drive takes you to Nagaur a historical town known for its massive 12th-century Ahichatragarh. Overnight at Ranvas (Heritage)\*. (B)

**DAY 4 NAGOUR** After breakfast visit nearby temples, walk on the ramparts or stroll around the gardens. Explore Nagaur town and the surrounding desert and the local bazaar. (B)

**DAY 5 NAGOUR – JAISALMER** Drive to Jaisalmer across the desert, witnessing its magic as the city shimmers like a mirage in the distance. The golden sandstone walls and narrow streets lined with exquisitely carved buildings, through which camel carts trudge leisurely, has an extraordinarily medieval feel and an incredible atmosphere. Overnight at Fort Rajwada (4 star), Jaisalmer Marriot Resort & Spa (5 star), Killa Bhawan (Heritage). (B)

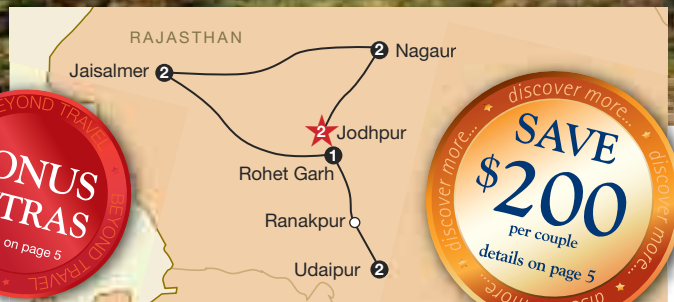
**DAY 6 JAISALMER** Today visit Jaisalmer Fort (Sonar Fort) one of the largest fully preserved fortified cities in the world, standing amongst the sandy expanse of the great Thar Desert. Walking down the narrow-cobbled stone lanes, one can feel the sheer magic of Jaisalmer. This afternoon, visit the Havelis with beautifully carved facades including the Salim Singh Haveli which is especially attractive. Enjoy an evening excursion to Sam Sand Dunes for a memorable dinner under the stars. (B, D)

**DAY 7 JAISALMER – ROHET GARH** After breakfast drive to Rohet Garh, where on arrival you will check in at Rohet Garh Hotel (Heritage)\*, one of Rajasthan's most appealing heritage hotels. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax and soak up the atmosphere of this grand hotel. (B)

**DAY 8 ROHET GARH – RANAKPUR – UDAIPUR** Leave for Udaipur stopping along the way to visit Ranakpur, a quaint town known for its spectacular Jain Temple. This beautiful serene place is renowned for its amazingly carved Jain temples. Overnight at Ramada Resort (4 star), Radisson Blu Resort (5 star) or Amet Haveli (Heritage). (B)

**DAY 9 UDAIPUR** Today's full day guided city tour visits the impressive City Palace, Saheliyon-Ki-Bari gardens, Fateh Sagar Lake, and Shilpgram. In the afternoon wander through the traditional markets leading to the Jagdish Temple. Later in the evening enjoy a Boat Ride on Lake Pichola. (B)

**DAY 10 UDAIPUR** Your tour concludes with a departure transfer for your onward journey. (B)



### INCLUSIONS

- Hotel accommodation in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking local guides
- City tours of Jodhpur, Nagaur, Jaisalmer and Udaipur
- Dinner under the stars in Jaisalmer
- Boat ride at Lake Pichola in Udaipur
- Entrance fees
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Services of a local representative

### 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES

	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Heritage Hotels Per Person Twin Share
Oct – Mar	2,270	2,510	2,780
Apr – Sep	2,020	2,180	2,420

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during Christmas/New Year

\* All categories stay at the Heritage Hotel (refer to page 35)



A wide variety of festivals celebrated in India are at the heart of peoples lives. The Holi festival of colours is one of the most famous and signifies the victory of good over evil and the arrival of spring.



RURAL RAJASTHAN

## RURAL RAJASTHAN

### 14 day Private Tour



HARVESTING BARLEY IN RAJASTHAN



HAWA MAHAL, JAIPUR

**DAY 1 DELHI** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Overnight at Hotel the Royal Plaza (4 star), The Park Hotel (5 star) or The Claridges (Heritage).

**DAY 2 DELHI** Today's full sightseeing tour takes you to Old and New Delhi. Start with a cycle rickshaw ride through the lanes of Chandni Chowk Bazaar one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi. Photo stop at Red Fort, visit the Gandhi memorial at Raj Ghat, then continue to New Delhi past the India Gate and Parliament House to visit the Tomb of Humayun and Qutub Minar. (B)

**DAY 3 DELHI – AGRA** Your journey today takes you to one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Taj Mahal, and the symbol of eternal love of an emperor for his favourite queen. After being mesmerised by its beauty your afternoon continues to Agra Fort also known as Red Fort. Overnight at Hotel Clarks Shiraz (4 star), Jaypee Palace Hotel (5 star) or Grand Imperial (Heritage). (B)

**DAY 4 AGRA – FATEHPUR SIKRI – KALAKHO** Today begins with an early morning drive to Kalakho via Fatehpur Sikri where you have the opportunity to look around this perfectly preserved abandoned city. Later arrive in Kalakho to experience a perfect organic retreat located in the rustic countryside surrounded by farmland. Take in a camel cart or jeep ride to the nearby village where you can see first-hand the everyday life of the village tribe. All categories overnight at Umaid Lake Palace (rural stay)\*. (B, D)

**DAY 5 KALAKHO – JAIPUR** After breakfast your tour continues to Jaipur, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan also known as 'The Pink City'. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to begin your own exploration of Jaipur. Overnight at Lemon Tree Premier (4 star), Hilton Hotel (5 star) or Alsisar Haveli (Heritage). (B)

**DAY 6 JAIPUR** Today's full day sightseeing tour takes you to Amber Fort, a classic romantic Rajasthani Fort-Palace, which stands tall over looking the Pink City. Choose to ascend by Jeep or Elephant to reach the inner citadel, where you will find an extensive palace complex, including the magnificent Chamber of a Thousand Mirrors. This afternoon visits the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Manta. Lastly, a photo stop at Hawa Mahal. (B)

**DAY 7 JAIPUR – NIMAJ** Travel to the nearby village of Nimaj, a tranquil hideaway in the heart of the Aravalli Hills. Check in to the charming Hotel Nimaj (Heritage)\*, one of the oldest heritage properties in India. Enjoy an evening walk to nearby villages. (B)

**DAY 8 NIMAJ – JODHPUR** Your tour continues to Jodhpur. On arrival, settle in to your hotel before departing on an excursion by jeep to the nearby Bishnoi Village. Overnight Indana Palace (4 star) or Ajit Bhawan (5 star) or RAAS Jodhpur (Heritage). (B)

**DAY 9 JODHPUR** Early morning departure for an excursion to Mehrangarh Fort, one of the most impressive and formidable structures in Rajasthan. Inside its boundaries are several palaces known for their intricate carvings and expansive courtyards. The



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- Hotel accommodation in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking local guides
- City tours of Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Deogarh and Udaipur
- Rickshaw in Delhi
- Rural Ramble at Deogarh
- Boat Ride on Lake Pichola Udaipur
- Entrance fees
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Services of a local representative

### 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES (except Wednesdays)

	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Heritage Hotels Per Person Twin Share
1 Oct – 15 Apr	2,390	2,860	3,150
16 Apr – 30 Sep	2,050	2,470	2,380

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during Christmas/New Year

\* All categories stay at the Heritage Hotel in Nimaj and Deogarh and the rural stay in Kalakho (refer to page 35)

chambers of Moti Mahal, Phool Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, the Sileh Khana and the Daulat Khana are noteworthy for the splendor and glamour of a bygone era. Later visit the Jaswant Thada and the Clock Tower market. (B)

**DAY 10 JODHPUR – DEOGARH** Today begins with a drive to Deogarh situated in the Aravalli Ranges. Later this afternoon enjoy a Rural Ramble – a jeep drive into the countryside with a guide, visiting small villages around Deogarh to take a closer look at rural life. Your day concludes lakeside with tea, coffee, and snacks while enjoying the wildlife. All categories overnight at Hotel Deogarh Mahal (Heritage)\*. (B)

**DAY 11 DEOGARH** Experience the surrounding landscape on a local train ride to the village of Phulad. Discover rugged, yet stunning views with an “in the middle of nowhere” feeling to it. This evening take a jeep ride to Deogarh village for a special dinner at Fort Seengh Sagar, an awe-inspiring island fortress sitting in the middle of a lake. (B, D)

**DAY 12 DEOGARH – RANAKPUR – UDAIPUR** Today leave for Udaipur en route visiting Ranakpur Temples. Afterwards continue to the city of lakes beautifully set up amidst the Aravalli Hills with three connecting lakes. Overnight at Hotel Ramada Resort and Spa (4 star), Radisson Blu Palace Resort & Spa (5 star) or Amet Haveli (Heritage). (B)

**DAY 13 UDAIPUR** Today’s full day guided city tour visits the impressive City Palace, Saheliyon-Ki-Bari gardens, Fateh Sagar Lake, and Shilpgram. In the afternoon wander through the traditional markets leading to the Jagdish Temple, a large Hindu temple. Later in the evening enjoy a Boat Ride on Lake Pichola. (B)

**DAY 14 UDAIPUR** Your tour concludes today with a transfer to the airport for your onward journey. (B)



CITY PALACE, UDAIPUR



**Nimaj**  
 Nimaj is a tranquil hideaway in the heart of the Aravalli Hills with its surrounding countryside it's a great place to relax and unwind.



VARANASI

# TEMPLES, TAJ & RITUALS

## 12 day Private Tour



KHARJURAHO



RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

**DAY 1 DELHI** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel followed by the remainder of your evening at leisure. Overnight at Hotel the Royal Plaza (4 star), The Park Hotel (5 star), The Claridges (Heritage) or The Imperial (Luxury).

**DAY 2 DELHI** Today's full sightseeing tour takes you to Old and New Delhi. Explore the winding streets and laneways by cycle rickshaw in Chandni Chowk one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid one of the largest mosques in India, followed by a visit to Gandhi's memorial at Raj Ghat. Later drive along the broad Raj path known as Kings Way past India Gate and Parliament House before visiting the Tomb of Humayun and Qutub Minar. (B)

**DAY 3 DELHI – VARANASI** Your day starts with a flight to Varanasi one of the most colourful and fascinating places on earth. Visit Dasawamedh Ghat, Durga Temple, Kashi Vishwanath Temple and Bharat Mata Temple. This evening witness the beautiful ceremony Ganga Aarti. Overnight at The HHI Varanasi (4 star), Radisson Hotel Varanasi (5 star), Suryaoday Haveli (Heritage), Taj Nadesar Palace (Luxury). (B)

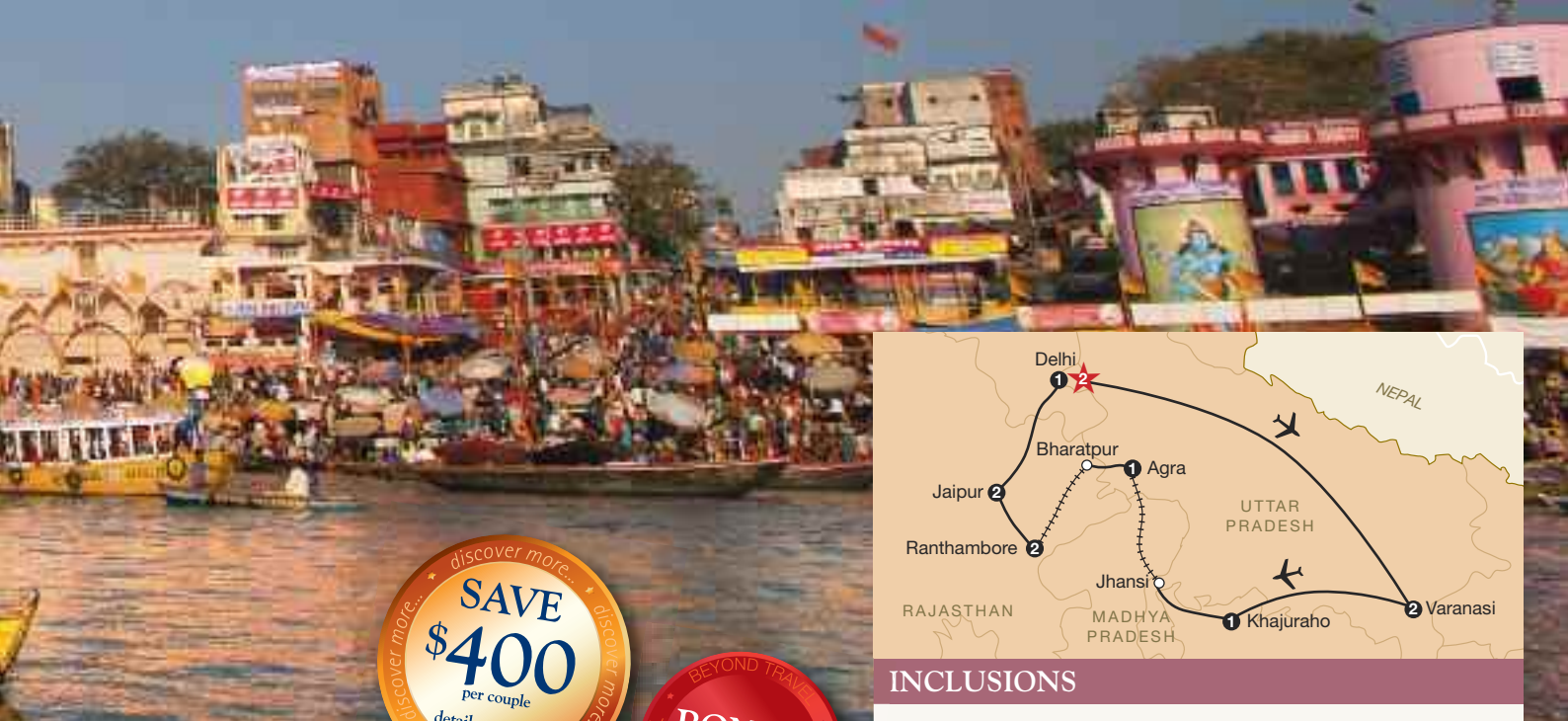
**DAY 4 VARANASI** Today begins early morning where you board a small boat on the River Ganges to witness the sunrise. Experience the mystical and spiritual events as you watch the people offering water to the Sun God and devotees taking a holy dip in the Ganges. Later visit the Buddhist town of Sarnath to see Buddha temples, the Dhamekha stupa, Chaukhandi stupa and the Archaeological museum. (B)

**DAY 5 VARANASI – KHAJURAHO** This morning take a short flight to Khajuraho where your tour takes you to the UNESCO world heritage site of Khajuraho Temple. The small town of Khajuraho is known for its enormous intricately sculptured temples adorned by vignettes of passion, eroticism, dance, music and creative pursuits. Overnight at Hotel Ramada Khajuraho (4 star), Radisson Hotel Khajuraho (5 star), Hotel Chandela (Heritage) or The Lalit Temple View (Luxury). (B)

**DAY 6 KHAJURAHO – JHANSI – AGRA** After breakfast travel to Jhansi railway station for your train journey to Agra. Overnight at Hotel Clarks Shiraz (4 star), Jaypee Palace Hotel (5 star), Grand Imperial (Heritage) or The Oberoi Amarvilas (Luxury). (B)

**DAY 7 AGRA – RANTHAMBORE** Today starts with a tour to Agra Fort known as Red Fort before continuing on to marvel at one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Taj Mahal. With your guide you will explore the famous monument of love, a flawless architectural creation built by the emperor in memory of his beloved queen. Afterwards you will be taken to Bharatpur railway station to board the train to Ranthambore. Overnight at Hotel Ranthambore Regency (4 star), Nahargarh Ranthambore (5 star/Heritage) and The Oberoi Vanyavilas (Luxury). (B, D)

**DAY 8 RANTHAMBORE** Enjoy early morning and afternoon safaris in this vast wildlife reserve one of the largest national parks in Northern India. Ranthambore National Park contains a huge variety of flora and fauna and is most famous for its Tiger population. (B, L, D)



### INCLUSIONS

- Hotel accommodation in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking local guides
- City tours of Delhi, Varanasi, Khajuraho, Agra and Jaipur
- Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi
- Sunrises Ganges River cruise
- Jeep or Canter Safari in Ranthambore National Park
- Entrance fees
- Economy class airfare: Delhi - Varanasi, Varanasi - Khajuraho
- Air-conditioned chair class rail: Jhansi - Agra, Bharatpur - Ranthambore
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Services of a local representative

**DAY 9 RANTHAMBORE – JAIPUR** Today you travel to Jaipur known as the Pink City. After check-in the remainder of your day and evening is at leisure. Overnight at Lemon Tree Premier (4 star), Hilton Hotel (5 star), Alsisar Haveli (Heritage) and The Oberoi Rajvilas (Luxury). (B)

**DAY 10 JAIPUR** Today's full day sightseeing tour takes you to the Amber Fort, a classic romantic Rajasthani Fort-Palace, which stands tall overlooking the Pink City. Choose to ascend by Jeep or Elephant to reach the inner citadel, where you will find an extensive palace complex, including the magnificent Chamber of a Thousand Mirrors. This afternoon visits the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Mantar. Lastly, a photo stop at Hawa Mahal also known as The Palace of Winds. (B)

**DAY 11 JAIPUR – DELHI** This morning drive to Delhi, on arrival check in to your hotel and spend the remainder of your time at leisure. Overnight at Hotel the Royal Plaza (4 star), The Park Hotel (5 star), The Claridges (Heritage) or The Imperial (Luxury). (B)

**DAY 12 DELHI** Your tour concludes with a departure transfer for your onward journey. (B)

### 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES (except Saturdays)

	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Heritage Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Luxury Hotels Per Person Twin Share
1 Oct – 15 Apr	2,590	3,230	3,640	8,780
16 Apr – 30 Jun	2,480	2,960	3,080	6,330
1 Jul – 30 Sep	2,460	2,730	2,850	5,300

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during Christmas/New Year

Note: Ranthambore National Park is closed 1 July – 30 Sep during this period the above itinerary is replaced with 2 nights in Samode (itinerary available upon request).

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## MOUNTAINS & MONASTERIES

### *12 day Private Tour*



PRAYER WHEELS AT RUMTEK MONASTERY, SIKKIM



DARJEELING

**DAY 1 KOLKATA** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel. Remainder of the day is at leisure to begin your exploration of India's second largest city, founded as an East India Company trading post in 1690. Overnight at The HHI Kolkata (4 star) or The Park (5 star).

**DAY 2 KOLKATA** Your full day tour starts with a visit to the colourful flower market at the base of Howrah Bridge, Kolkata's defining monument straddling the shores of the Hugli River. Continue to Belur Math, Dakshineswar Kali Temple, College Street Book Market, Indian Coffee House and the traditional potter's quarters of Kumhartoli. (B)

**DAY 3 KOLKATA** Further explorations with your guide today will take in the former Dalhousie Square, now known as Benoy-Badal-Dinesh Bagh, a charming historical district surrounded by modern day Kolkata. See Mother's House, St. Paul's Cathedral, Victoria Memorial and the Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanical Gardens. (B)

**DAY 4 KOLKATA – KALIMPONG** Transfer to the airport and board your flight to Bagdogra – gateway to the picturesque northeast corner of India. Travel to the hill station of Kalimpong, set in the foothills of the mighty Himalayan Mountain Range. Overnight at The Elgin Silver Oaks Hotel (4 star/5 star\*). (B, D)

**DAY 5 KALIMPONG** In the shadows of the Kangchenjunga summit, the world's third highest peak, you will discover a town with Buddhist monasteries, colonial architecture and a thriving flower industry. Visit a local flower nursery, the Buddhist Jang-Dong-Palriffo Brang – consecrated by Dalai Lama, Thongsa Ghumpa and Dello Hills. (B, D)

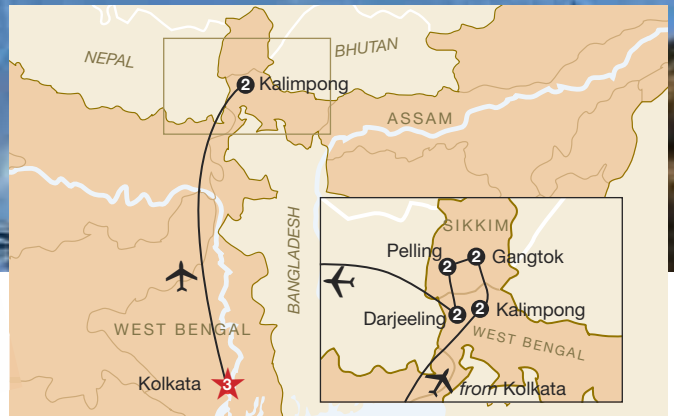
**DAY 6 KALIMPONG - GANGTOK** Today drive onto Gangtok, the modern capital of the state of Sikkim, nestled amongst snow clad mountains overlooking Mount Kanchenjunga. Overnight at The Elgin Nor-Khill Hotel (4 star), Mayfair Spa Resort and Casino (5 star). (B, D)

**DAY 7 GANGTOK** Today visit Rumtek Monastery, Do-drul Chorthen Stupa, Directorate of Handicraft & Handloom, Enchey Monastery and the world renowned Institute of Tibetology, with its museum and library protecting rare collections of Tibetan documents and literature. Your evening is free to relax or explore Gangtok. (B, D)

**DAY 8 GANGTOK – PELLING** After breakfast drive to Pelling a town bathed in alpine vegetation and waterfalls. Overnight at The Elgin Mount Pandim Hotel (4 star/5 star\*). (B, D)

**DAY 9 PELLING** Today you will visit the tranquil Khecheopalri Lake, a sacred Buddhist mountain lake. Legend has it that birds diligently remove any leaves from the lake's surface, keeping it clean throughout the year. It is also believed that whatever is wished for in front of the lake will come true. Continue to Pemayangtse Monastery, a monastery built for "pure monks" (ta-tshang) meaning "monks of pure Tibetan lineage." The monastery houses a notable collection of ancient Buddhist antique idols, scriptures, sculptures and decorated paintings. (B, D)





### INCLUSIONS

- Hotel accommodation in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking local guides
- City tours of Kolkata, Kalimpong, Gangtok, Pelling and Darjeeling
- Entrance fees
- Economy class airfare: Kolkata – Bagdogra, Bagdogra – Kolkata
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Services of a local representative

**DAY 10 PELLING – DARJEELING** Continue today to Darjeeling, a well-known hill station overlooking beautiful tea plantations and rolling hills covered in orchids, pines and rhododendrons. Overnight at The Elgin Hotel (4 star), Mayfair Hill Resort (5 star). (B, D)

**DAY 11 DARJEELING** Rise early this morning for a drive to nearby Tiger Hills to witness the dawn sunlight breaking over the spectacular Himalayan Mountain Range. On your return to Darjeeling visit Ghoom Monastery and Batasia Loop followed by a city tour including the Japanese Temple, Peace Pagoda and visit to a local Tea Estate. (B, D)

**DAY 12 DARJEELING – KOLKATA** Your tour concludes with a departure transfer to Bagdogra Airport for your flight back to Kolkata Airport where your tour concludes on arrival. (B)

### 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES

	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share
1 Oct – 15 Apr	3,150	3,420
16 Apr – 30 Sep	3,170	3,560

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during Christmas/New Year

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\*5 star category does not exist – stay at 4 star options (refer to page 35)



Amazing views of Mt Kanchenjunga snow peaks and valleys is the perfect spot for the moderate adventurer



ENCHEY MONASTERY, GANGTOK



TRIBAL HAND EMBROIDERY FROM KUTCH



INCLUSIONS

- 5 star hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking local guides
- Guided tours of Ahmedabad, Dasada and Bhuj
- Morning Jeep Safari of Little Rann of Kutch
- Entrance fees
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Services of a local representative

2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES

	Per Person Twin Share
1 Oct – 15 Apr	1,610
16 Apr – 30 Sep	1,550

*Single prices on application*  
*Seasonal adjustments apply during Christmas/New Year*



INDIAN WILD ASS – LITTLE RANN OF KUTCH

# GUJARAT TEXTILES & TRIBES

## 7 day Private Tour

**DAY 1 AHMEDABAD** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel. Overnight at Radisson Blu Hotel (5 star).

**DAY 2 AHMEDABAD** Discover Ahmedabad on a morning guided tour. Visit the Calico Museum of textiles which contains one of the world's finest collections of antique and modern Indian textiles, all handmade and up to 500 years old. Your tour will then continue to Swaminarayan Temple and Akshardham Temple with brilliant architecture spread over 23 acres. Lastly, travel to the quiet village of Adalaj to see the Adalaj Stepwell, 'water building', a five story well dating back to the 15th century that served for hundreds of years as a resting place for pilgrims and caravans along their trade routes. (B) *Calico museum closed Wednesdays and National Holidays.*

**DAY 3 AHMEDABAD – DASADA** This morning you will travel to Dasada stopping en route in Modhera. This village is well-known for its ancient Sun Temple dedicated to Hindu's Sun God and Patan dotted with temples, mosques and other structures dating back to the 'Golden Age of Gujarat'. On arrival in Dasada, check in to Hotel Rann Rider Eco Resort (4 star). (B, L, D)

**DAY 4 DASADA** Rise early for a cross-desert safari to the Little Rann of Kutch, the geographically unique landscape that was once an arm of the Arabian Sea. In your open roof vehicle you explore the area well-known as the remaining habitat of the endangered Indian Wild Ass, a magnificent member of the horse family. Also look out for the Nilgai (Blue Bull), the largest antelope in India, Indian wolf, White-footed Desert Fox and the Golden Jackal to name a few. (B, L, D)

**DAY 5 DASADA – BHUJ** Today, you will visit one of the popular cities of Gujarat, Bhuj. This city is famed for its culture, wildlife and architectural marvels. Swaminarayan temple is one of its prime attractions; the temple complex is dedicated to Narnaravan Deva and Harikrishna Maharal. Also visit Kutch Museum, Prag Mahal, Aina Mahal, and Cenotaphs Complex. Overnight at Hotel Regenta Resort (4 star). (B)

**DAY 6 BHUJ** Travel to Baani Villages where you have the opportunity to meet local tribal families known for their detailed embroidery and handicrafts. See the traditional bhungas (circular huts with sloping thatched roofs) made from mud plastered with cow dung which are often decorated with hand painted floral patterns and inlaid with mirrors during festivals. Traditional utensils are still used for cooking, eating and storage in the houses. (B)

**DAY 7 BHUJ** Your tour concludes with a departure transfer for your onward journey. (B)



GATEWAY OF INDIA, MUMBAI



# MUMBAI to MYSORE

## 9 day Private Tour

**DAY 1 MUMBAI** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel. Spend the remainder of your time at leisure. Overnight at Fariyas Hotel (4 star), Trident Nariman Point (5 star) or The Taj Mahal Palace (Luxury).

**DAY 2 MUMBAI** Your guided tour of India's largest city begins with a ferry to the Elephanta Caves to explore the network of sculpted caves displaying spectacular rock cut architecture. Return to the city to visit the Gateway of India, Hanging Garden, Dhobi Ghat, Mani Bhawan, Prince of Wales Museum, Victoria Terminus and drive past Marine Drive. *Prince of Wales Museum and Elephanta Caves closed Mondays.* (B)

**DAY 3 MUMBAI – HYDERABAD** This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Hyderabad. Remainder of the day is at leisure to discover the city's innocent charm, exquisite cuisines, beautiful mosques and chaotic energy. Overnight at Golkonda Hotel (4 star), Radisson Hyderabad (5 star) or Taj Falaknuma Palace (Luxury). (B)

**DAY 4 HYDERABAD** A true highlight of Hyderabad is the Old City, a historic area of maze-like laneways lined with chai shops and spice merchants. Your guided tour of the Old City includes a visit to Charminar Mosque and Chaumallah Palace. Your tour continues with a short drive outside the city to Golconda Fort, one of the most impressive fortresses in India. *Salarjung Museum and Chaumallah Palace closed Fridays.* (B)

**DAY 5 HYDERABAD** With a full day to experience Hyderabad at your leisure you can return to the charming Old City, a great area to wander. High Tea at the Taj Falaknuma is always a great way to spend an afternoon. (B)

**DAY 6 HYDERABAD – BANGALORE** Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangalore, a cosmopolitan city and the centre of India's high-tech industry. This evening indulge in a wonderful dining experience at Mavalli Tiffin Rooms (MTR) - a legendary name in South Indian comfort food since 1924. Overnight at Citrus Cunningham (4 star), Shangri-La Hotel (5 star) or The Leela Palace (Luxury). (B, D)

**DAY 7 BANGALORE** A day of sightseeing includes the imposing Vidhana Soudha, Lalbagh Botanic Gardens, Bull Temple - built for Nandi, the sacred Bull, vehicle of Lord Shiva and the elegant Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace with its blend of Indo-Islamic architecture. (B)

**DAY 8 BANGALORE – MYSORE** Travel to Mysore, known the world over for exotic sandalwood oils, rose wood carved products and Mysore silk saris. Your guided tour takes you to the Chamarajendra Art Gallery, Chamundi Hills and Mysore Palace. The palace houses two durbar halls and incorporates a mesmerising array of courtyards, gardens and buildings. Overnight at Fortune JP Palace (4 star) or Radisson Blu Plaza (5 star/Luxury\*). (B)

**DAY 9 MYSORE** Your tour concludes with a departure transfer for your onward journey. (B)

### INCLUSIONS

- Hotel accommodation in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking local guides
- City tours of Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Mysore
- Entrance fees
- Economy class airfare: Mumbai – Hyderabad, Hyderabad - Bangalore
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Services of a local representative

### 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES

	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Luxury Hotels Per Person Twin Share
1 Oct – 15 Apr	1,630	2,070	4,650
16 Apr – 30 Sep	1,530	2,010	3,280

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during Christmas/New Year

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\*In Mysore luxury category does not exist. Stay at 5 star Radisson Blu Plaza (see page 35)



## High Tea

Enjoy an amazing imperial experience High Tea at Taj Falaknuma Palace. Spend the afternoon sitting on the balcony of the Jade Terrace enjoying an impressive collections of teas and champagne, with classic and Indian compliments.



AJANTA CAVES

# CAVES & BEACHES

## 7 day Private Tour

**DAY 1 MUMBAI** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel. Overnight at Fariyas Hotel (4 star), Trident Nariman Point (5 star) or The Taj Mahal Palace (Luxury).

**DAY 2 MUMBAI** After breakfast your guided tour of India's largest city begins with a ferry to Elephanta Caves to explore the network of sculpted caves displaying spectacular rock cut architecture. Return to the city to visit the Gateway of India, Hanging Garden, Dhobi Ghat, Mani Bhawan, Prince of Wales Museum, Victoria Terminus and drive past Marine Drive. \*Prince of Wales Museum and Elephanta Caves closed Mondays. (B)

**DAY 3 MUMBAI – AURANGABAD** This morning transfer to the airport to board your flight to Aurangabad, most notable for the Bibi-qa-Maqbara monument, a Taj Mahal replica. Overnight at Lemon Tree Hotel (4 star), Vivanta by Taj (5 star/Luxury\*). (B)



GOA

**DAY 4 AURANGABAD – AJANTA – AURANGABAD** Tour the World Heritage sites of Ajanta Caves, an archaeological masterpiece discovered by accident in 1819. Walk amongst the prehistoric caves and towering sculptures that lay forgotten for over 1,000 years. Your visit also takes you to Ellora Caves with over 30 spellbinding Buddhist prayer halls and monasteries carved into the rock face. (B)

**DAY 5 AURANGABAD – GOA** Early morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Goa via Mumbai. Remainder of the day is at leisure to relax and enjoy the sun, sea and spices of this energetic coastal city. Overnight at Citrus Hotel (4 star), the Zuri White Sands (5 star) or The Leela (Luxury). (B)

**DAY 6 GOA** Experience the charming blend of Portuguese and Southern Indian influenced architecture and culture on your guided tour of this tropical hotspot. Visit Old Goa in Panaji City to see the Basilica of Bom Jesus and Sé Cathedral. Continue your tour to the foothills of Kavalem village to see Shantadurga Temple, followed by a visit to Mangeshi village to see the Shri Mangesh Temple. (B)

**DAY 7 GOA** Your tour concludes with a departure transfer for your onward journey. (B)

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### INCLUSIONS

- Hotel accommodation in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking local guides
- City tours of Mumbai, Aurangabad and Goa
- Excursion to Ajanta and Ellora Caves
- Entrances fees
- Economy class airfare: Mumbai–Aurangabad, Aurangabad–Mumbai–Goa
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Services of a local representative

### 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES (except Friday/Saturday)

	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Luxury Hotels Per Person Twin Share
1 Oct – 15 Apr	1,690	2,150	3,170
16 Apr – 30 Sep	1,560	1,870	2,190

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during Christmas/New Year

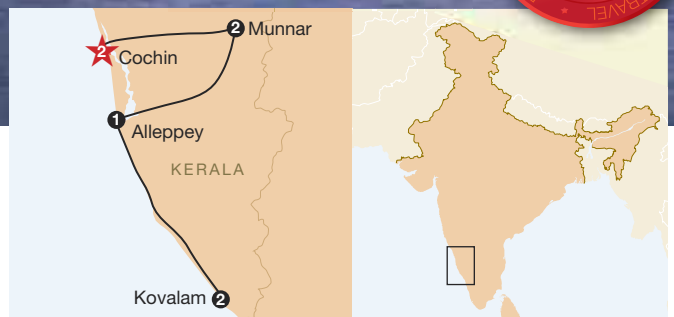
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\* In Aurangabad luxury category not available – stay at 5 star Vivanta by Taj (see page 35)

**Goa**  
Goa cuisine is a fusion of Indian and Portuguese cooking styles. Rice, seafood, coconut, vegetables, meat, pork and local spices are some of the main ingredients in Goan cuisine.



FISHING NETS, COCHIN



# RELAX IN KERALA

## 8 day Private Tour

**DAY 1 COCHIN** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel. The remainder of your day is at leisure to begin your exploration of Cochin, the capital of Kerala and gateway to an extensive network of canals known as the Kerala backwaters. Overnight Holiday Inn (4 star), Crowne Plaza (5 star) or Vivanta by Taj Malabar (Luxury).

**DAY 2 COCHIN** After breakfast your guided tour starts with a visit to see the iconic Chinese fishing nets, Mattancherry Palace and St. Francis Church, the oldest European church in India. Evening is at leisure to relax and enjoy the surroundings. \*Dutch Palace closed on Friday and Jewish Synagogue closed Friday and Saturday. (B)

**DAY 3 COCHIN – MUNNAR** Today's drive takes you to Munnar, located in South India's largest tea-growing region. The warm climate and scenic surrounds of this hill station made it the perfect summer resort for the British Raj elite. Overnight at The Tall Trees (4 star) or Spice Tree Resort (5 star/Luxury\*). (B)

**DAY 4 MUNNAR** Your guided tour of the Munnar region includes a visit to Rajamala to spot Nilgiri Thars (rare mountain goats), Lakkam Waterfalls, Echo Point and Shooting Point. Afterwards, visit a local tea museum. (B)



KOVALAM

**DAY 5 MUNNAR – ALLEPPEY** This morning drive to Alleppey where you board your very own private houseboat. Enjoy your journey along the stunning palm-fringed backwaters of Kerala, one of southern India's most mesmerising experiences. Overnight Deluxe Houseboat (4 star) or Luxury Houseboat (5 star/Luxury\*). (B, L, D)

**DAY 6 ALLEPPEY – KOVALAM** Disembark after breakfast and drive to Kovalam, a renowned beach destination in South Kerala. Evening is at leisure to relax and enjoy the surroundings. Overnight at Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel (4 star) or The Leela (5 star/Luxury\*). (B)

**DAY 7 KOVALAM** Once a small fishing village, Kovalam has developed into one of Kerala's most popular resorts. With a full day at leisure you have the opportunity to experience a traditional Ayurveda treatment, take in a yoga class or over-indulge in the local cuisine. (B)

**DAY 8 KOVALAM – THIRUVANANTHAPURAM** Your tour concludes with a departure transfer to Thiruvananthapuram Airport for your onward journey. (B)

### INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights hotel accommodation in your selected category
- 1 night private houseboat in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking local guides
- City tours of Cochin and Munnar
- Entrance fees
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Services of a local representative

### 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES

	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Luxury Hotels Per Person Twin Share
1 Oct – 15 Apr	1,120	1,730	2,320
16 Apr – 30 Sep	1,020	1,420	1,820

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during Christmas/New Year

\*Luxury category not available – stay at 5 star options (refer to page 35)



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HOUSEBOAT ON KERALA BACKWATER

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTH INDIA

### 16 day Private Tour



MEENAKSHI TEMPLE, MADURAI



PERIYAR LAKE

**DAY 1 COCHIN** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel. Overnight at Holiday Inn (4 star), Crowne Plaza (5 star) or Vivanta by Taj Malabar (Luxury).

**DAY 2 COCHIN** This morning your city tour visits the Chinese fishing nets, Mattancherry Palace, Dutch Palace, Jewish Synagogue and St. Francis Church, one of the oldest European churches in India. This afternoon enjoy a walk along the narrow street known as Jew Town, famous for its antiques and old world charm. Enjoy an evening performance showcasing the traditional folklore dance known as Kathakali. \* Dutch Palace closed Fridays and Jewish Synagogue closed Friday and Saturday. (B)

**DAY 3 COCHIN – ALLEPPEY** Travel to Alleppey, also referred to as the ‘Venice of the East’ due to the vast network of canals it is situated on. Here you will board a houseboat and begin your journey along the stunning palm-fringed backwaters of Kerala, one of southern India’s most mesmerising experiences. Relax as you wind your way past the vast expanse of paddy fields witnessing everyday village life along the banks. Overnight on a Deluxe Houseboat (4 star) or Luxury Houseboat (5 star/Luxury\*). (B, L, D)

**DAY 4 ALLEPPEY – KUMARAKOM** After your relaxing night aboard your houseboat it is time to disembark and drive the short distance to the village of Kumarakom, a cluster of little islands on Vembanad Lake. Your evening is at leisure to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Overnight at Hotel Backwater Ripples (4 star), Zuri Kumarakom (5 star) or Kumarakom Lake Resort (Luxury). (B)

**DAY 5 KUMARAKOM** Enjoy a full day at leisure in Kumarakom. Take the day to explore the village, visit the bird sanctuary or rejuvenate with a traditional Ayurveda treatment. (B)

**DAY 6 KUMARAKOM – PERIYAR NATIONAL PARK – THEKKADY** This morning your tour continues to Periyar a spice plantation area surrounded by the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. Enjoy a boat safari on the scenic Periyar Lake, where you may be able to catch a glance of some rare varieties of birds and animals in Periyar National Park. Overnight at Cardamom County (4 star), Poetree Sarovar Portico (5 star) or Spice Village (Luxury\*). (B)

**DAY 7 THEKKADY – MADURAI** Today you will drive to the ancient city of Madurai in the state of Tamil Nadu. This evening attend the Aarti ceremony at the colorful Meenakshi Amman Temple. Overnight at Sangam Hotel (4 star) or The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai (5 star/Luxury). (B)

**DAY 8 MADURAI** Your guided tour this morning includes a visit to the local flower and vegetable markets, the weaver’s colony, the thousand pillared Madurai Meenakshi Temple, the Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple, Koodal Alagar Temple, Thirumalai Nayak Mahal and the Gandhi Museum. (B)

**DAY 9 MADURAI – CHETTINAD** Today takes you to Chettinad, a fascinating destination famous for its unique cuisine and historic architecture of significant cultural importance. This evening participate in a cooking demo, followed by dinner. Overnight in Kanadukathan at Hotel Chettinad Mansion (4 star) or Visalam (5 star/Luxury\*). (B, D)



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### INCLUSIONS

- 14 nights hotel accommodation in your selected category
- 1 night private houseboat in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking local guides
- City tours of Cochin, Madurai, Chettinad, Pondicherry and Mahabalipuram
- Cooking demonstration and dinner in Chettinad
- Entrance fees
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Services of a local representative

### 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES

	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Luxury Hotels Per Person Twin Share
1 Oct – 15 Apr	2,500	3,790	4,710
16 Apr – 30 Sep	2,320	2,950	3,270

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during Christmas/New Year

\*Luxury category not available – stay at 5 star options (refer to page 35)



CHURCH OF SACRED HEART – PONDICHERRY

**DAY 10 CHETTINAD** Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Chettinad, visit the huge country homes of the Chettiars, Chettinad museum where you can observe the local craft of tile making and the district of Karaikudi, well-known for the limestone houses unique to this area. (B)

**DAY 11 CHETTINAD – PONDICHERRY** This morning continue your tour to Pondicherry stopping for lunch at Lakshmivillas heritage bungalow. On arrival in Pondicherry check in at The Sunway Manor (4 star) or Palais De Mahe (5 star/Luxury\*). (B)

**DAY 12 PONDICHERRY** Today's sightseeing tour includes a visit to Aurobindo Ashram, Botanical gardens, Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pondicherry Museum, French Institute of Ideology and Bharti Dasan Memorial Museum. (B)

**DAY 13 PONDICHERRY** Morning sightseeing of Auroville followed by an afternoon at leisure to wander around this French Colonial settlement with its tree lined streets, mustard coloured colonial villas and chic boutiques. (B)

**DAY 14 PONDICHERRY – MAHABALIPURAM – CHENNAI** After breakfast drive to Chennai en route visiting Mahabalipuram Shore Temples. Overnight at Ramada Egmore (4 star), Radisson Blu City Centre (5 star) or The Leela Palace (Luxury). (B)

**DAY 15 CHENNAI** Today's guided city tour takes you to Mylapore Temple, Kapleshwar Temple, Fort St. George Museum, St. Mary's Church and Marina Beach. Rest of the day is free for you to relax. (B)

**DAY 16 CHENNAI** Your tour concludes with a departure transfer for your onward journey. (B)

## Chettinad

Chettinad is renowned for its palatial homes, so big their entrances are on one street and exits on a parallel street. Chettinad mansions have large verandahs, pillared passages and rooms that fit thousands of people.



# RAIL JOURNEY



## MAHARAJAS' EXPERIENCE

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## CABINS

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## BAR AND DINING

On board the luxurious Maharajas' Express you will find two fine dining restaurants Mayur Mahal and Ramg Mahal. The on board chefs will be more than delighted to treat you with a range of Indian and International cuisine. For the guests who like to enjoy drinks over a friendly chat, the Maharajas' Express has two bars 'The Rajah Club' and Safari Bar. Both the bars provide comfortable and relaxed seating arrangements to complement the exquisite range of wines and spirits, allowing you to unwind.



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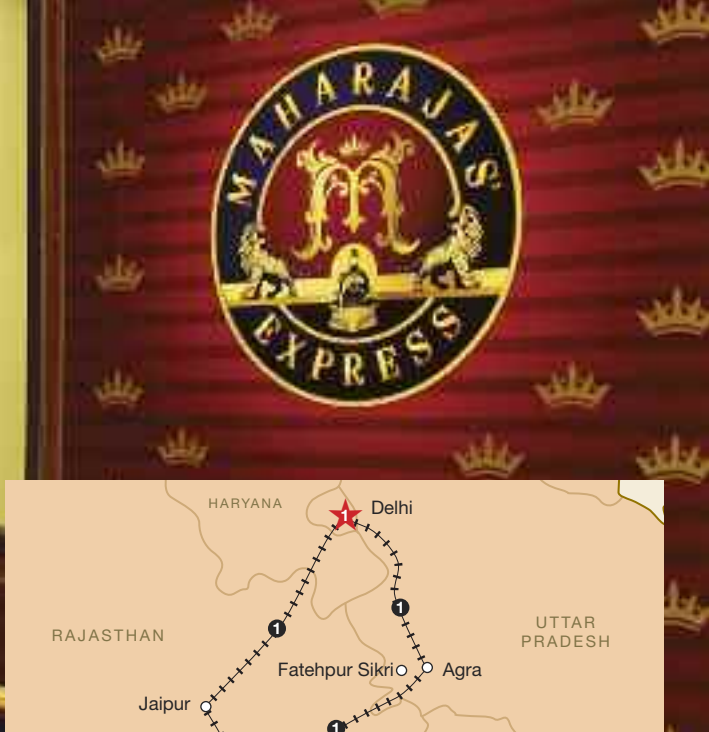


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# GOLDEN TRIANGLE a ROYAL EXPERIENCE

## 5 day Escorted Rail Journey

Travel aboard the luxury Maharajas' Express for a unique journey along the famed Golden Triangle, one of India's most popular touring routes. Discover the iconic Taj Mahal in Agra, the rich natural landscapes and wildlife of Ranthambore and the stunning forts and palaces of Jaipur.

**DAY 1 DELHI** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to The Imperial (Luxury). Spend the remainder of your day at leisure.

**DAY 2 DELHI** Experience a ride by rickshaw through the lanes of Chandni Chowk bazaar in Old Delhi followed by a visit to Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Continue to the Gandhi memorial at Raj Ghat then later drive along the broad Rajpath past India Gate and Parliament House to visit the Tomb of Humayun and Qutub Minar. Late checkout from your hotel and transfer to Delhi Safdarjung station to board the Maharajas' Express for your overnight journey to Agra. (B, D)

**DAY 3 AGRA** Early morning visit of the iconic Taj Mahal, followed by a champagne breakfast at Taj Khema, overlooking the magnificent Taj. After breakfast, return to the Maharajas' Express or choose to join an optional tour\* to the Itmad-ud-Daulah or Fatehpur Sikri. The afternoon is reserved for a tour to the magnificent Agra Fort, one of the finest Mughal forts in India. Return to your train for your overnight journey to Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore National Park). (B, L, D)

**DAY 4 RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK – JAIPUR** Rise early for your exciting open-vehicle game drive in Ranthambore National Park. Originally the private hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur, Ranthambore was declared a National Park in 1973 and is famous for its open sightings of tigers and leopards. Return to the train and enjoy breakfast on board as your journey continues to Jaipur. On arrival begin your tour to Amber Fort, a fascinating blend of Hindu and Mughal architecture set in the picturesque and rugged hills surrounding Jaipur. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional tour\* to visit the City Palace and Jantar Mantar followed by this evenings exclusive royal experience. Upon arrival at the venue you will be welcomed by the beating of "Nagadas" (huge Indian drums) and afterwards enjoy a cocktail dinner and native folk dances of Rajasthan. (B, L, D)

**DAY 5 DELHI** Your tour concludes in Delhi with a departure transfer for your onward journey. (B)

### INCLUSIONS

- 1 night luxury hotel accommodation (*includes late check-out day 2*)
- 3 nights aboard the Maharajas' Express in your selected cabin
- Complimentary house wines, spirits and beer (*Maharajas' Express only*)
- Meals as specified
- Guided tours of Delhi, Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Amber Fort
- Delhi rickshaw ride
- Ranthambore National Park Game Drive
- Entrance fees
- Private transfers between airport, hotel and railway station
- Services of a local representative

### 2017/2018 GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

	Deluxe Per Person Twin Share	Junior Suite Per Person Twin Share	Suite Per Person Twin Share	Presidential Suite Per Person Twin Share
2017: Oct 17; Nov 14; Dec 12	7,120	8,950	13,340	22,120
2018: Jan 9; Feb 6; Mar 6, Apr 3				

*Single prices on application*

*\* Optional tours and activities on board the Maharajas' Express are to be purchased locally and are subject to availability.*



HUMAYUN TOMB, DELHI



## LIFE ON THE BRAHMAPUTRA

The Brahmaputra River, originating from the Chemayungdung Glacier in Tibet, is a beautiful region in India. The MV Mahabaahu experiential cruise is the ideal way to explore it. Discover temples, tribal villages, monasteries, ancient palaces and tea estates, national parks and the big four: the great single horned rhinos, elephants, wild buffaloes and tigers.

## MV MAHABAABHU CABINS

MV Mahabaahu offers three cabin types: Superior (without balcony), Superior (with balcony) and suites.

All 23 air-conditioned, en-suite cabins include large panoramic windows and two categories offer private balconies. All cabins are beautifully styled in the traditional Assamese design and include satellite TV, personal safe, mini bar, hairdryer and in-house telephone.

## MV MAHABAABHU BAR AND DINING

On board the deluxe MV Mahanaahu you will find the Mungri Mungram restaurant serving buffet breakfast and lunch as well as semi-seated dinner and seated theme dinners prepared by the on board Executive Chef, Chef de Partie, Chef de Patisseri and Chef Tandoori.

Enjoy the on board bakery, complimentary tea, coffee and water and the views from the Sun Deck bar offering a range of local and international spirits, wines and beers.



DINING ROOM



SUN DECK



KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK



MISHING VILLAGE VISIT



DHANSIRI BOAT SAFARI



# CRUISE THE RIVER BRAHMAPUTRA

10 day Cruise-Tour  
aboard MV Mahabaahu

**DAY 1 KOLKATA** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to The Park Hotel (5 star). Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure.

**DAY 2 KOLKATA** Your full day tour will take in the former Dalhousie Square, now known as Benoy-Badal-Dinesh Bagh, a charming historical district surrounded by modern day Kolkata. See Mother's House, St. Paul's Cathedral, Victoria Memorial and the traditional potter's quarters of Kumhartoli. (B)

**DAY 3 KOLKATA – GUWAHATI** Fly to Guwahati and transfer to MV Mahabaahu via a stop at the Hindu Temple of Kamakhya. You are given a traditional Assamese welcome as you board the MV Mahabaahu and begin your cruise upstream on the River Brahmaputra. (B, L, D)

**DAY 4 CRUISE: THE BRAHMAPUTRA** Enjoy the stunning scenery and wildlife of the Brahmaputra River with an opportunity to spot the Ganges River Dolphin and stunning birds of prey. Learn more about the river and the village communities which inhabit the region during an introductory talk before anchoring on a deserted island for tonight's bonfire BBQ. (B, L, D)

**DAY 5 CRUISE: SILGHAT** Morning cruise along the river, pass Tezpur and the gigantic three kilometer-long arched bridge before arriving at Silghat, where you will take an excursion to the Kaliabore Tea Estate. Witness the tribal women during the plucking process, followed by a visit to the factory to see the process of producing the famous Assam Tea. (B, L, D)

**DAY 6 CRUISE: KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK – BISWANATH** With an early start to day you will drive to the Kaziranga National Park to join an elephant-backed safari to spot the elusive greater one-horned Indian rhinoceros, tigers, wild elephants and much more. Continue to Bagri, where you will further explore the wildlife of this magnificent park by open jeep. Later travel to Bishwanath Ghats by small boat and discover the charming village where women weave colourful handicrafts by the riverside. (B, L, D)

*Note: Kaziranga National Park is closed in Oct. Elephant Safari will be replaced with a short jeep safari on the outer area of the National Park.*

**DAY 7 CRUISE: DHANSIRI BOAT SAFARI** Cruise to the eastern range of the Kaziranga boat safari to observe the wildlife of the Brahmaputra including elephants, rhinos, wild buffaloes and an array of birds. Back on board for the Chef's cooking demonstration and local samplings before going ashore for tonight's river-side bonfire. (B, L, D)

**DAY 8 CRUISE: MISHING VILLAGE** Visit a local village and home to the ethnic Mishing people who live on the banks of the river in 'Chang ghars', houses on a raised



## INCLUSIONS

- Fully escorted in ENGLISH
- 2 nights 5 star hotel accommodation in Kolkata
- 7 nights cruise in a river-view cabin
- Meals as specified
- Visit to local village and home in Mishing Village
- Open Jeep Safari's in Kaziranga National Park
- Boat Safari's on The Brahmaputra River
- Sightseeing, lectures and performances as per itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Economy class airfare: Kolkata - Guwahati
- Transfers between airport, hotel and river terminal
- Port taxes

## 2017/2018 GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

	Superior Cabin (without balcony) Per Person Twin Share	Superior Cabin (with balcony) Per Person Twin Share	Suite Per Person Twin Share
2017: Oct 27; Nov 10, 24			
2018: Feb 16; Mar 9, 23	4,490	5,090	6,670

*Single prices on application*

*Prices subject to change due to scheduled flight.*

platform. Here women are expert weavers who create exquisite costumes on handlooms. Indulge in a Dhoti Tying and Mekhela Chaadar wearing demonstration at the village. Tonight, enjoy a Traditional Assamese dinner. (B, L, D)

**DAY 9 CRUISE: MAJULI – NEAMATI GHAT – SIBSAGAR** Enjoy a talk on Majuli, the biggest river island in the world and seat of the Vaishnav culture. Drive to the ancient town of Kamlabari to witness the Vaishnavite priests dancing to the rhythm of cymbals and drums and chanting in the temple. Return to your ship as it cruises to Neamati Ghat. On arrival you will take an excursion through the countryside to reach Sibsagar, the ancient city of the Ahoms Kings – a town that literally means 'the ocean of Lord Shiva'. See the Shiva Dole, constructed in the year 1734 it is believed to be the highest Shiva temple in India. Return to MV Mahabaahu by sunset and enjoy your farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

**DAY 10 CRUISE: NEAMATI GHAT – JORHAT** Your cruise-tour concludes today after disembarkation and a transfer to Jorhat Airport for your onward journey. (B, L)



DINING ROOM

## LIFE ON THE LOWER GANGES

On board the MV Rajmahal you will discover the lesser travelled regions of the Ganges, India's most sacred and best-known river. Visit towns and villages that were once important imperial capitals as well as former British and Dutch colonies. See temples and mosques that have withstood the test of time and rural communities relatively untouched by tourism.

## MV RAJMAHAL CABINS

MV Rajmahal has 22 air-conditioned spacious cabins spread over two decks Main and Upper, all with floor to ceiling sliding glass windows with French balconies.

Décor is stylish and fresh with touches of colonial elegance. Cabins include tea and coffee making facilities, high quality bathrobes and slippers, turn down service with high quality linen.

## MV RAJMAHAL BAR AND DINING

On board the MV Rajmahal you will find the comfortable and spacious air-conditioned saloon with library and entertainment, bar and dining room. The dining room offers a great variety of East and North Indian delicacies as well as western dishes, with a wide choice of wines, spirits and beer, complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water.

A large sundeck where you can enjoy spectacular sunsets and watch the rural Indian panorama drift past.



MAIN DECK CABIN



UPPER DECK CABIN



TERRACOTTA TEMPLES – KALNA



BRASSWORK AT MATIARI



DHAMKAN MOSQUE – GAUR



## INCLUSIONS

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- 7 night cruise in a river-view cabin
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- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Transfers between airport, hotel, train and river terminal
- Air-conditioned chair class rail: Farakka - Kolkata
- Port taxes

## 2017/2018 GUARANTEED DEPARTURES

	Per Person Twin Share Main Deck	Per Person Twin Share Upper Deck
Nov 21	5,640	6,510
Dec 5, 19	4,430	5,280
Jan 30; Mar 13, 27	5,640	6,510
Apr 10	2,850	4,070

*Single prices on application*

**DAY 9 CRUISE: FARAKKA** Morning cruise before arriving at Farakka lock. Disembark for a full day excursion by road to Gaur, near the town of Malda. This quiet, deserted place was once one of India's greatest cities, first under the Hindus in 12th century, then as the Muslim capital of Eastern India from the 14th to the 16th century. Visit a number of the most interesting remains including mosques and palaces before rejoining your ship in Farakka. (B, L, D)

**DAY 10 FARAKKA – KOLKATA** Disembark early and a transfer to Farakka Station for your train journey to Kolkata where your cruise-tour concludes on arrival. (B)



HOWRAH BRIDGE ACROSS THE HUGLI – KOLKATA

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**DAY 3 KOLKATA – BARRACKPORE** Transfer to the river terminal for your cruise aboard MV Rajmahal. Your journey begins with a welcome reception as you cruise out of Kolkata past the Old Danish colony of Serampore. On arrival in Barrackpore visit Semaphore Tower, Government House, Temple of Fame, and Flagstaff House. (B, L, D)

**DAY 4 CRUISE: THE HUGLI** Morning cruise to Chandannagar, visit the 18th century church and Dupleix House one of the oldest and finest museums in the region. Continue your cruise past the Old Dutch settlement of Chinsurah and onwards to the Hugli district to visit the famous landmark, Imambara. Return to your ship overnight near Kalna. (B, L, D)

**DAY 5 CRUISE: KALNA – MATIARI** Enjoy a cycle ride around the town of Kalna also known as the city of temples. Visit some of Bengal's most attractive terracotta temples, and the unique Shiva temple. Continue through the countryside to Mayapur, its skyline dominated by the vast new ISKCON temple. Sail into the night mooring near Matuari. (B, L, D)

**DAY 6 CRUISE: MATIARI – MURSHIDABAD** Today take an excursion visiting the brassworking village of Matuari. Continue your cruise upstream until you reach the battlefield of Plassey where the British East India Company defeated the Nawab of Bengal and changed the course of Indian history. (B, L, D)

**DAY 7 CRUISE: KHUSHBAGH** This morning enjoy a walk around Khushbagh, meaning garden of happiness, a peaceful Moghul-style garden enclosing the tombs of Siraj-ud-Daulah. Continuing upstream to Hazarduari Palace, visit the great Katra Mosque two amazing buildings the Nashipara Palace and the Katgola Palace before returning back to your ship. (B, L, D)

**DAY 8 CRUISE: HUGLI RIVER** Visit the delightful sleepy village of Baranagar this is rural India at its most idyllic. Continue upstream on the Hugli, a charming waterway twisting and turning between banks lined with mustard fields and mango orchards. Tonight's mooring close to the Farakka. (B, L, D)



# SRI LANKA

AN ISLAND OF SPICES, FAMOUS TEA, HIGH MOUNTAIN PEAKS, ROAMING ELEPHANTS, COLOURFUL FESTIVALS, SACRED MONUMENTS, DELICIOUS CUISINE AND WELCOMING PEOPLE.

Sri Lanka, a small and captivating country, punches well above its weight when it comes to travelling destinations. From the rolling green hills and verdant valleys of the high country, vast stretches of tea plantations, incredibly scenic train journeys and world-class beaches combined with the magnificent ruins of an ancient kingdom, fascinating culture, wildlife and a love of cricket.

This island will capture the heart of every type of traveller. Now is the time to discover it!



SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS

# TRACES OF AN ANCIENT KINGDOM

## 7 day Private Tour

**DAY 1 NEGOMBO** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel in the seaside village of Negombo. Overnight at Jetwing Sea (4 star) or Jetwing Blue (5 star). (D)

**DAY 2 NEGOMBO – SIGIRIYA** Depart Negombo and travel along the bustling Kandy Road past small villages, chaotic towns and roadside carts to reach Sigiriya Rock Fortress, or Lion Rock, one of Sri Lanka's most iconic sights. Take the opportunity to climb to the top of this striking rock with its vertical walls supporting the remnants of an ancient city constructed in the 5th century. Overnight at Aliya Resort (4 star) or Liyya Water Villas (5 star). (B, D)

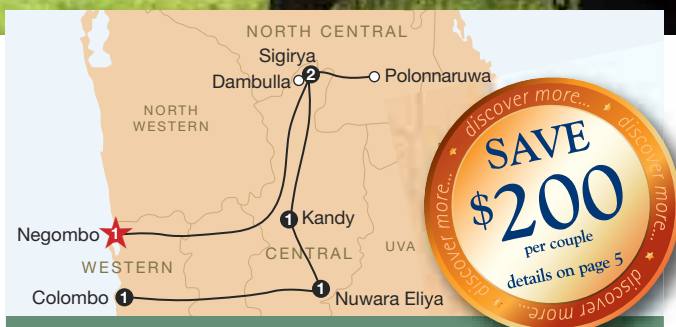
**DAY 3 SIGIRIYA / POLONNARUWA** Explore the ancient royal capital of Polonnaruwa, one of the most beautiful cities in Sri Lanka's cultural heritage. Discover on foot, or by bicycle, the wonderful treasures that remain in the archaeological park including the four beautiful rock-cut Buddha statues at Gal Vihara Temple. This evening join a jeep safari in the Minneriya National Park, one of the best places in Sri Lanka to see wild elephants. (B, D)

**DAY 4 SIGIRIYA – DAMBULLA – KANDY** Proceed to Kandy, stopping en-route to visit the Dambulla Cave Temple, the best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. This Buddhist place of worship is thought to date back to the 1st century, and houses the county's most sacred Buddha images. On arrival in Kandy visit the Royal Palace of Kandy (now a museum) and the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic to witness the evening offering known as "Pooja". Overnight at Amaya Hills (4 Star) or Earl's Regency (5 star). (B, D)

**DAY 5 KANDY – NUWARA ELIYA** Further explore Kandy, wander around the city's lake and streets and explore the local markets. Your tour continues to the hill station of Nuwara Eliya, also known as 'Little England'. Spend an evening in this tea growing region where the colourful chaos of Sri Lanka meets colonial bungalows, well-tended lawns and red telephone boxes. Overnight Araliya Green Hills (4 star) or Grand Hotel (5 star). (B, D)

**DAY 6 NUWARA ELIYA – COLOMBO** Descend from the high country as you return down the coast to explore the capital city of Colombo, a diverse mix of people, architecture and religion influenced by ancient kingdoms and European settlers. Your guided tour will visit Pettah Bazaar, Wolvendhaal Dutch Church, Gotami Vihara, Independence Hall and Hindu Kovil at Slave Island, one of Colombo's most impressive Hindu Temples. Overnight Hotel Movenpick (4 star) or Cinnamon Grand Hotel (5 star). (B, D)

**DAY 7 COLOMBO** Your tour concludes with a departure transfer to the airport for your onward journey. (B)



### INCLUSIONS

- Hotel accommodation in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking guide/driver
- Guided tours of Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Polonnaruwa, Kandy and Colombo
- Entrance fees
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Services of a local representative

### 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES

	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share
1 Nov – 15 Jan	1,950	2,260
16 Jan – 31 Oct	1,870	2,160

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during the Kandy Festival (Esala Perahera) and Christmas/New Year



The kings of Sri Lanka ruled from Polonnaruwa over 800 years ago. Discover its ancient ruins and its hidden treasures.



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## SRI LANKA UNCOVERED

### 13 Day Private Tour



DAMBULLA CAVES



TRAIN FROM NUWARA ELIYA TO ELLA

**DAY 1 NEGOMBO** Your tour commences with an arrival transfer to your hotel in the seaside village of Negombo. Overnight at Pledge3 Hotel (4 star), Jetwing Blue (5 star) or The Wallawwa (Luxury). (D)

**DAY 2 NEGOMBO – SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS – DAMBULLA** Depart Negombo and travel along the bustling Kandy Road past small villages, chaotic towns and roadside carts selling an array of local produce. On arrival in Dambulla, check in to your hotel before driving to the nearby Sigiriya Rock Fortress, or Lion Rock, one of Sri Lanka's most iconic sights. Take the opportunity to climb to the top of this striking rock with its sheer vertical walls supporting the remnants of an ancient 5th century city. This evening enjoy dinner and a bonfire by the lake. Overnight at Amaya Lake (4 star), Heritance Kandalama (5 star) or Jetwing Vil Uyana (Luxury). (B, D)

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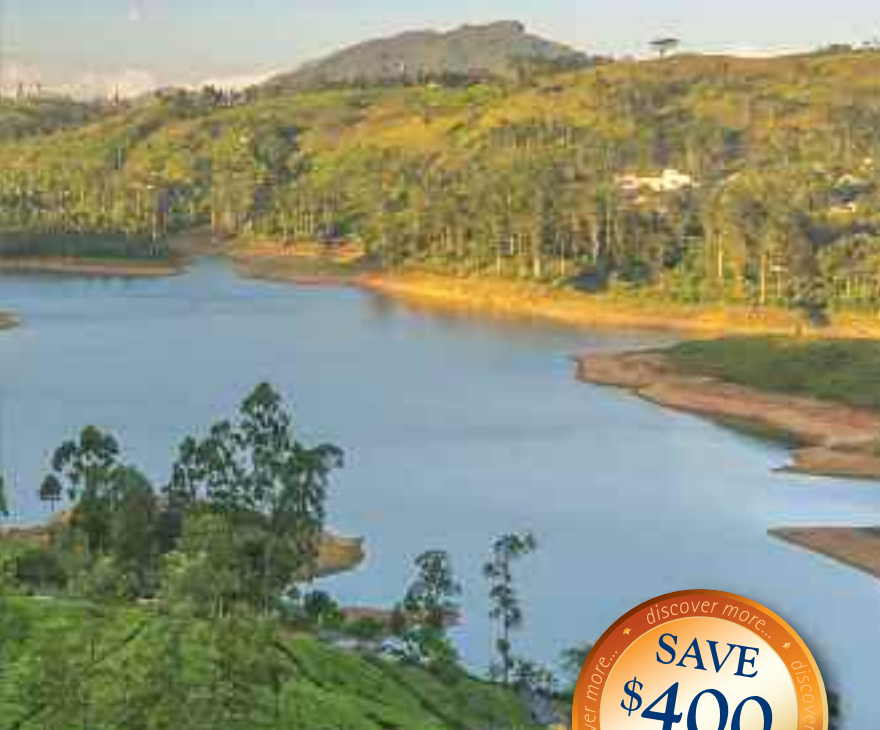
**DAY 4 DAMBULLA – KANDY** Proceed to Kandy, stopping en-route to visit the UNESCO World Heritage site, Dambulla Cave Temple, the best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. This Buddhist place of worship is thought to date back to the 1st century, and houses the country's most sacred Buddha images. On arrival in Kandy check in at Hotel Suisse (4 Star), Earl's Regency (5 star) or The Elephant Stables (Luxury), before an evening Kandyan Dance performance, a colourful spectacle including fire-walkers. (B, D)

**DAY 5 KANDY** Visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, a complex said to hold the tooth of the Lord Buddha himself. Continue on to see the Royal Botanical Gardens before an afternoon free to wander around the city's lake and explore the local markets. (B, D)

**DAY 6 KANDY – HATTON – NUWARA ELIYA** Your journey today leads you through the scenic high country to Nuwara Eliya, stopping en-route at Devon Falls and the bustling city of Hatton surrounded by rolling hills and tea estates. On arrival in Nuwara Eliya, begin your exploration of the city where the colourful chaos of Sri Lanka meets colonial bungalows, well-tended lawns and red telephone boxes. Overnight at Grand Hotel (4 star), Heritance Tea Factory (5 star), Anilana Craig Bank (Luxury). (B, D)

**DAY 7 NUWARA ELIYA / HORTON PLAINS** Depart early for Horton Plains National Park, travelling on scenic village roads past Ambawela and Pattipola. This stunning National Park, lies in the shadows of some of Sri Lanka's highest peaks and offers excellent hikes for all levels including World's End and Baker's Falls. You can choose to hike, or simply enjoy the stunning scenery and wait for wildlife to appear. Return to Nuwara Eliya. (B, D)





## INCLUSIONS

- Hotel accommodation in your selected category
- Meals as specified
- English-speaking guide/driver
- Guide tours of Sigiriya Rock Fortress, Polonnaruwa, Kandy, Galle and Colombo
- Yala National Park Jeep Safari
- Scenic high country train journey: Nuwara Eliya to Ella
- Entrance fees
- Transportation by air-conditioned vehicle
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Services of a local representative



YALA NATIONAL PARK

**DAY 8 NUWARA ELIYA – ELLA – YALA NATIONAL PARK** Discover the journey from tree to cup of the world-famous high-grown Ceylon Tea. With your expert guide walk through a local tea plantation, meet with a Tea plucker and visit the factory to see the processing stage followed by a tea-tasting session. Afterwards depart Nuwara Eliya aboard the local train travelling to Ella, a journey considered to be one of the world's most beautiful. You will travel along the edge of mountains passing tea estates in the spectacular high country whilst rolling in and out of pockets of mist filled mountain air. On arrival in Ella you will drive to Yala National Park, staying at Cinnamon Wild Yala (4 star), Jetwing Yala (5 star) or Jetwing Tented Villas (Luxury). (B, D)

**DAY 9 YALA NATIONAL PARK** Depart early for your jeep safari in Yala, the second largest National Park in Sri Lanka and home to a great diversity of wildlife, most famous of which is the leopard. Look out for elephants, sloth bears, water buffaloes, wild boars, crocodiles and of course leopards. Yala is known as one of the best places in the world to spot the elusive big cat. (B, D)

**DAY 10 YALA NATIONAL PARK – GALLE – BENTOTA** Travel the scenic route from Sri Lanka's southeast coast to Galle in the southwest. En-route visit beautiful beaches, the Wevurukannala Buddha Statue (the largest in the island) and stilt fishermen in Koggala. Once in Galle, an historic fort town, you will enjoy a tour of the Heritage-listed fort area with its charming laneways, rich trading history and Dutch-colonial buildings. Your last stop for the day is the stunning beach town of Bentota. Overnight at Centara Ceysands Resort (4 star), Avani Bentota Resort (5 star) or Paradise Road The Villa Bentota (Luxury). (B, D)

**DAY 11 BENTOTA** Sri Lankan beaches are world-class and Bentota is one of the best. Enjoy a full day to experience the country's coast and all it has to offer. (B, D)

**DAY 12 BENTOTA – COLOMBO** Today explore the country's capital, a diverse mix of people, architecture and religion influenced by ancient kingdoms and European settlers. Your guided tour will visit Pettah Bazaar, Wolvendhaal Dutch Church, Gotami Vihara and Hindu Kovil at Slave Island, one of Colombo's most impressive Hindu Temples. Overnight at Cinnamon Lakeside (4 star), Cinnamon Grand (5 star) or Uga Residence (Luxury). (B)

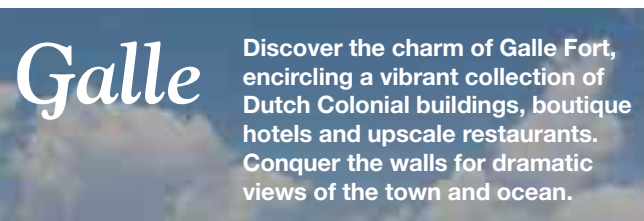
**DAY 13 COLOMBO** Your tour concludes with a departure transfer to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

## 2017/2018 DAILY DEPARTURES

	4 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	5 Star Hotels Per Person Twin Share	Luxury Hotels Per Person Twin Share
Nov – Dec	3,270	4,190	6,540
Jan – Mar	3,320	4,310	6,700
Apr – Oct	3,080	4,270	6,150

Single prices on application

Seasonal adjustments apply during the Kandy Festival (Esala Perahera) and Christmas/New Years





CEYLON TEA TRAILS "SUMMERVILLE" BUNGALOW

Sri Lanka is home to an amazing selection of resorts ranging from 4 star through to luxury, eco-friendly to wellness, unique and secluded. Our luxury selection featured below are just a sample of what is possible for the traveller looking for that perfect retreat from everyday life.

Contact us to help find the ideal resort for you.

## A LUXURY TEA TRAIL

*6 day High Country Retreat  
from \$3165\**

NEGOMBO – HATTON – COLOMBO

Escape from your everyday world to Sri Lanka's famed hill country to recharge your batteries at the world's first tea bungalow resort, Ceylon Tea Trails. The small luxury bungalows are restored colonial era tea planter residences offering a unique stay, gourmet cuisine and breathtaking views at an altitude of 1250 metres.

**Inclusions:** 1 night at Pledge3 (4 star) Hotel Negombo including breakfast, 4 nights at Ceylon Tea Trails (luxury) on an all-inclusive meal plan including drinks and high-tea, English-speaking guide/driver throughout, the "Tea Experience" plantation and factory tour, butler service and transportation by air-conditioned vehicle.



## ANANTARA PEACE HAVEN

*5 day Tangalle Beach Retreat  
from \$1,330\**

COLOMBO – TANGALLE – COLOMBO

Hidden on a rocky outcrop along a secluded stretch of Sri Lanka's southernmost coastline, Anantara Peace Haven Resort boasts a unique location on this beautiful corner of the island. The palm-tree fringed Tangalle beach is the perfect spot to retreat from the world and indulge in world-class cuisine, Ayurvedic treatments or exploration of the local area.

**Inclusions:** 4 night stay at Anantara Peace Haven Resort (Luxury) in a Premier Garden Room with 'Dine Around' half-board meals, arrival and departure transfers from Colombo and services of a local representative



*\*From prices are per person, based on twin/double share in low season.  
Please contact Beyond Travel for a quote based on your travel dates.*



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# Terms & Conditions

## BROCHURE VALIDITY, PRICES & GST

This brochure is valid from 1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018, unless withdrawn or substituted earlier. All prices stated in this brochure are in AUD and based on tariffs and exchange rates as at 1 May 2017. Prices are dynamic and subject to change without notice in the event of fluctuations in exchange rates or increases in airfares or supplier costs outside the control of Beyond Travel. However, no surcharges will apply once final payment has been received except in the case of government charges or taxes. Most overseas products featured in this brochure are exempt from a Goods and Services Tax. However, due to legislation, GST is applicable on all domestic services provided, such as cancellations, amendments, visa processing, etc.

## HOW TO BOOK

To book any service in this brochure, please contact Beyond Travel or your preferred travel agent.

## DEPOSITS & BALANCE DUE

To secure a booking, the following non-refundable deposits will be required for all services within 7 days upon receipt of a confirmation invoice:

Rail Journeys, Cruises: 25%  
All other tours and services: 10%\*

\*Minimum deposit is \$100 per booking.  
Final payment is due 90 for (Rail Journeys and Cruises) and 60 days (all other services) before the commencement of your travel arrangements.

## PAYMENT

Payments may be made by cheque, direct deposit or credit card: Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. A merchant fee of 2% for Visa and MasterCard and 3% for American Express. For direct deposits, please transfer payment to the following bank accounts and fax transaction record along with your booking reference number to +61 2 9080 0499, or email to info@beyondtravel.com.au:

Australia CBA - Clarence & King Street Branch, Sydney  
BSB: 062-032 Account: 1016 8338  
Account Name:  
Beyond Travel Group Pty Ltd Client Account

New Zealand ANZ - 15 Mercari Way, Auckland  
BSB: 010-277 Account: 0157342-00  
Account Name: Beyond Travel Group Pty Ltd

Travel agents:  
Smart money (code: RBSYD) – Australia Only  
Payment gate (code: AARU) – Australia & New Zealand  
Enett (code: 200262) – Australia  
Enett (code: 300478) – New Zealand

## SERVICE FEES, CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

**Minimum booking fee:** \$55 will be charged for bookings valued at less than \$500.

**Amendments:** one amendment will be provided free of charge; further amendments may incur a service fee of \$55.

**Cancellations:** prior to commencement of the cancelled service, the following cancellation fees will apply, unless otherwise advised:

Rail Journeys and Cruises	All other services
91+ days Loss of deposit	61+ days Loss of deposit
90-76 days 50% fee	60-40 days 50% fee
75-46 days 75% fee	39-20 days 75% fee
45-0 days 100% fee	19-0 days 100% fee

Visa support documentation, and rail, flight, cruise, coach and theatre tickets are non-refundable once issued or purchased. Airline tickets and rail passes which have been issued are subject to cancellation fees imposed by the airline, rail or cruise company.

**Refunds:** no refund is available for cancellations once travel arrangements have commenced, or “no-shows” due to personal negligence or choice. Beyond Travel does not authorise any overseas supplier or hotel to promise refunds on our behalf. All claims for refunds or reimbursements must be received in writing within 3 weeks from the date the service was provided.

**Special Itineraries:** the territory we cover is vast, and we often receive requests for special itineraries requiring extensive research which may require a non-refundable service fee of \$220 to cover time and communication costs. Should our quote be accepted, this fee will then be credited towards the cost of the tour or other services booked with Beyond Travel. Above payment, service and cancellation fees are inclusive of GST.

## BONUS EXTRAS

Bonus extras, as detailed on page 5, are valid for our Private Tour itineraries in India only. Bonus Extras are invalid if the tour for which it was issued is cancelled, and have no cash value.

## TOUR / CRUISE / RAIL CANCELLATION

Beyond Travel and its principals reserve the right to cancel any tour before departure. Should a tour be cancelled, alternative arrangements of as close a standard as practicable will be recommended: - however if a suitable alternative is not found, a full refund will be offered. Should you accept an alternative that is at a cheaper price, we will refund the difference. Once a suitable alternative has been offered or the fare has been refunded, Beyond Travel accept no further liability.

## GUARANTEED DEPARTURE TOUR/CRUISE

In the unlikely event that a Guaranteed Departures tour must be cancelled for reasons beyond the operator's control, alternative arrangements will be offered of similar standards or a full refund of the cruise/tour.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

1a: Most tours in this brochure offer a choice of 4 grades of accommodation: 4 star, 5 star, Heritage and Luxury. Wherever possible your accommodation will be in a hotel that corresponds with the grade selected. However, in some locations where no suitable hotel in your chosen category exists you will be accommodated in an alternative category. These are shown on the itineraries and your price is reflective of this change.

1b: Hotel images featured in this brochure are used for illustration purposes only. Pictures utilised may not reflect the exact room, décor, view or other specifications.

## HOTEL, SHIP, RAIL & ITINERARY CHANGES

Beyond Travel and its principals will do everything possible to make sure your holiday goes according to plan; however, sometimes an unforeseen event occurs to cause changes to itinerary, hotel, rail or vessel in which case an alternative of similar standard will be arranged. Beyond Travel will notify you on these changes as soon as possible, but be under no further obligation.

## TOUR CONDITIONS & SPECIAL REQUESTS

The services we provide are suitable for almost anyone and age is seldom an issue. An eagerness to be involved and a positive approach to travel will result in a satisfying and rewarding holiday. It is however your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of fitness to undertake your chosen travel itinerary and you must inform Beyond Travel of any medical condition that may prevent your full participation. For the enjoyment and safety of our passengers, Beyond Travel and its principals reserve the right to substitute hotels and amend itineraries if necessary to do so. Beyond Travel should be advised at time of booking of any dietary requirements or special requests, such as bedding preferences, non-smoking rooms, etc. Whilst we can not guarantee, we will place those requests and endeavour to have the supplier honour these requests when possible.

## DOCUMENTATION

Documentation is normally issued within 4 weeks of your departure from Australia or New Zealand.

## PASSPORTS & VISAS

Australian and New Zealand citizens must hold a current passport which must be valid for at least six Months after your departure. It is the responsibility of the individual to obtain the required visas prior to departure. Failure to do so which results in the need to cancel travel arrangements will incur normal Cancellation penalties.

## INSURANCE

Cancellation and refund conditions are strictly enforced; therefore, we strongly recommend that you carry comprehensive travel insurance which covers cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances or those beyond your control. Ask your travel agent or Beyond Travel consultant for a choice of policies.

## RESPONSIBILITY

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