

21 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

GRAND INDIA

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DELHI • AGRA • JAIPUR • VARANASI • RANTHAMBORE • COCHIN

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India is a land where colours, flavours, sensations and experiences combine in truly spectacular fashion. From exotic, energetic cities to remote national parks brimming with wildlife, this 21 day grand tour will showcase the best India has to offer and so much more!

Begin with a discovery of old and new Delhi, with visits to the Lotus Temple, Red Fort, Raj Ghat, and the beautiful Jama Masjid Mosque. Enjoy a tour of the colourful Chandni Chowk market by rickshaw before continuing to Varanasi, a historical icon along the sacred west bank of the Ganges. From there, admire the Taj Mahal in Agra, the ultimate symbol of love; visit Bharatpur, a bird lover's paradise; seek out wild tigers within the stunning Ranthambore National Park; see Jaipur, the pink-washed capital of India's Rajasthan province, with visits to the Royal Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar and Hawa Mahal; take city tours of Bangalore, Chennai and Cochin; enjoy a cruise on the tranquil waters of Alappuzha, referred to as the 'Venice of the East'; and immerse yourself in the enchanting town of Kumarakom.

Package includes return international flights, three additional internal flights, 18 nights hotel accommodation and one night on a houseboat, 22 meals, guides and more. Premium accommodation available.

STANDARD PACKAGE

\$4299

PREMIUM PACKAGE

\$5299

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Day 1 New Zealand - Delhi, India

Today depart from either Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch for Delhi, India. Fly with either Singapore Airlines, Sri Lankan Airlines, Air India plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Upon arrival, be met by a representative at the airport and receive a welcome garland. The representative will escort you by private chauffeur car to the hotel.

Please note: due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents at least 6 weeks prior to departure.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: None

Day 2 Delhi City Tour

The capital of India, Delhi is a major gateway city for international visitors. It's a fascinating metropolis offering an intriguing mix of ancient sites and modern wonders, and also serves as the headquarters of Indian politics. Many of the heads of the Indian government, as well as other political parties, reside in the city, including the Prime Minister and President of India.

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of old and new Delhi. The tour will take in Raj Ghat (where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated); Red Fort (made famous by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan); and Jama Masjid (the largest mosque in India) which has three great gateways, four angle towers and two minarets constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble. Also enjoy a rickshaw tour through Chandni

Chowk, a colourful shopping bazaar in Old Delhi.

Travel to Laxminarayan Temple, a site dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune. You'll also witness the India Gate, a 42-metre high war memorial and stone of triumph. The tour continues with a visit to Rashtrapati Bhawan, the palace-like building home to the President of India, and the beautiful Lotus Temple, also known as the Bahai Temple, where adherents of any faith can visit, pray or meditate at this dazzling architectural temple.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Delhi - Varanasi

After breakfast, transfer to the railway station and board the train to Varanasi. Upon arrival, be met by a tour representative, who will welcome and escort you to the hotel and assist with check in.

The city of Varanasi is situated along the west bank of the Ganges in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. Called Benaras by the British, Varanasi is an important pilgrimage centre for the Hindus. The city finds mention in the great epics of Mahabharata and Ramayana. It was a flourishing trade center when Buddha came to Sarnath, about 10 kilometers away, to preach his first sermon in 500 BC. The renowned American novelist Mark Twain once wrote "Benaras is older than history, older than tradition, older even than legend and looks twice as old as all of them put together." Right from the ancient times, Varanasi has stood as a symbol of Hindu renaissance and preserved the rituals and traditions of Hindu philosophy. Down the ages, pilgrims from distant lands have

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come to Varanasi in search of divine blessings.

Overnight: Varanasi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Varanasi

Rise early this morning for a boat ride along the Ganges River. The numerous Ghats along the Ganges River are one of the main attractions for visitors to Varanasi. See these spectacular Ghats at first light, when the Hindu pilgrims come to bathe in the sacred river. The boat ride will be followed by a short walking tour of the bylanes of old-Varanasi before returning to the hotel for a late breakfast.

After breakfast, depart for a city tour of Varanasi. The banks of the Ganges, considered to be a sacred river by the Hindus, are the centre of much of the religious activity that occurs in the city. The ghats built along the banks of the river for religious activity also form a major source of attraction here. Other interesting places that you will visit include Alamgir Mosque, Durga Temple, Vishwanat Temple, Bharat Mata temple, Tulsi Manas Temple, and the Archaeological Museum. In the Evening witness the glittering Aarti ceremony at the Ganges.

Overnight: Varanasi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Varanasi - Delhi - Agra

After breakfast, transfer to airport to board your flight for Delhi. Upon arrival, be met by a tour representative, who will welcome and escort you to Agra.

Agra is the quintessential Mughal City, where the world marvels at the epitome of love, beauty and sacrifice, the Taj Mahal one of the wonders of the world. So awe-inspiring is

the monument that Agra has been immortalised as the City of the Taj. As visitors walk down the narrow bustling streets, they cannot help but wonder, if the man contentedly smoking a hookah, is a direct descendent of some bygone Mughal.

Overnight: Agra (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Agra

After you have settled into the hotel, enjoy a city tour visiting the Taj Mahal, built by the Moghul Emperor Shah Jahan in 1630 for his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. Besides the Taj, the Agra Fort (also called the Red Fort) makes an interesting sight, and you can also explore Agra's rich heritage of handicrafts in its markets.

Overnight: Agra (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Agra - Bharatpur - Ranthambore (Approx. 255km)

Early risers can take the opportunity to head to the Taj Mahal and experience the monument just after sunrise (not included), then return to the hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast travel to Ranthambore. On the way visit to Bharatpur, a bird lover's paradise home to more than 370 bird species. This afternoon you will experience a bird watching tour by rickshaw. If luck permits, you could perhaps spot 50 - 100 species. Bharatpur is one of the only two known wintering haunts of the Siberian Crane. Several birds of prey like ring-tailed fishing eagle, spotted eagle, tawny eagle, imperial eagle, crested serpent eagle, falcon and marsh harrier are also common in the park. Vultures, kingfishers, wagtails, bee-eaters, robins, crow-pheasant, treepie and myriad are



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other terrestrial birds that can be seen around the year. Other animals found in the park are spotted deer, sambhar, blue bull, black buck, jackal, fishing cat, wild cat, hare, mongoose and monitor lizard.

Continue to Ranthambore, where you will check-in to the hotel on arrival. Ranthambore is one of the many famous destinations of the western state of India, Rajasthan. Generally a visit to Ranthambore means a visit to the tiger reserve here. However, the place has much more to offer you in sightseeing and excursions. Surrounded by the Vindhya and Aravali hill ranges and located very near to the outer fringes of the Thar Desert, Ranthambore offers you the best of the desert land as well as plain area near the hills. Due to its proximity to the Thar desert, the vegetation here is that of deciduous forest. Ranthambore used to be the hunting ground of the Maharaja of Jaipur. Later it was declared as a game sanctuary in 1955. In 1980, it was declared as a national park and listed among the reserves protected under Project Tiger

Overnight: Ranthambore (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Ranthambore National Park Safari - Jaipur

After an early morning tea/coffee visit the Ranthambore Tiger National Park - it is one of the country's finest tiger reserves. Enjoy the wild life viewing in the national park where you will have the chance to see a tiger in its habitat. The national park also has varied flora and fauna including a variety of deer, the sloth bear, the shy caracal, and leopards. Enjoy the wild life safari!

Afterwards return to the hotel for a late breakfast before departing to Jaipur. Upon arrival check-in to the hotel. The

picturesque capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur, is colour-washed pink - the colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This Beautiful city along with Agra and Delhi form what is known as the Golden Triangle of Indian tourist circuit. Jaipur is a city where royalty still lives in the grandeur of its palaces, where fighting for the honour of the clan has never been a need but a way of life, and where treating guests as gods has been a tradition from time immemorial. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colourful bazaars where one can shop for Rajasthani handlooms and trinkets. Beautifully laid out gardens and parks, attractive monuments and marvellous heritage hotels, once the residence of Maharajas are worthy of admiration. Not to mention the ambling camels and cheerful people in multi-hued costumes that make your trip to the pink city a memorable one.

Overnight: Jaipur (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 9 Jaipur

Today enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Begin with a morning excursion to the impressive Amber Fort. Located just 11km from Jaipur, Amber Fort was the old fort of the Kachwaha clan of Amber. The building is constructed with white marble and red sandstone and all the more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground. The fort in itself is a sight to behold, with its clear reflection on the lake so beautiful, it seems like an illusion.

This afternoon take part in a city tour visiting the City Palace, a former royal residence built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal styles. You will also take in Jantar Mantar, the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh, as well as Hawa Mahal - the Palace of Winds. This colourful palace was constructed for the royal ladies to watch royal processions

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without being seen.

Overnight: Jaipur (Standard or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Jaipur - Bangalore - Mysore (Approx. 140km)

Today transfer to airport to board your flight for Bangalore. Upon arrival be met by a tour representative and transferred to Mysore where you will check in to your hotel accommodation for the night.

Mysore was ruled by the Wodeyars since the 14th century except for a brief period of 40 years in the later 18th century when Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan ruled over the city. The Wodeyar family managed to win the kingdom back when, in 1799, Tipu Sultan surrendered to the British. The benevolent rule of the Wodeyar kings is evident in the city's meticulous planning. The city's architectural heritage and its long-held tradition of music and dance, art and literature were nurtured under their patronage. This city is 'The Jewel of Karnataka' and provides glimpses of its past grandeur. Stately Mysore with its tree lined boulevards, grand palaces, and gardens is one of India's finest cities. Life retains its calm, measured pace, punctuated by outbursts of activity and celebrating festivals. Today's program includes a city tour covering Maharaja's Palace built as recently as 1897.

Overnight: Mysore (Standard or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Mysore - Bangalore (Approx. 140km)

After breakfast depart to Bangalore where you will check into the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Bangalore, known as the garden city of India, is one of the most visited destinations of southern India. There are many stories and legends related to the city. However the present look of the garden city was given to it in the 16th century. Because of the initiative it took in the wake of the Information Technology revolution in the country, Bangalore has been nicknamed as the Silicon City of India.

Overnight: Bangalore (Standard or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Bangalore

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour visiting the Vidhan Soudha. The building is a massive neo Dravidian architecture presently functioning as the state legislative assembly. Next visit Cubbon Park, in the heart of the city, Lal Bagh, which is famous for the wonderfully bloomed red roses, and the Bangalore Palace.

Overnight: Bangalore (Standard or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Bangalore - Chennai (6:00am - 11:00am)

Today, transfer to the railway station to board the train for Chennai. Upon arrival be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel.

Chennai - Capital of the south-eastern state of Tamil Nadu, is one of the four major metropolitan cities in India. Today, it is hard to believe that a place that started as just a small fishing village would become such an enormous and beautiful city. Situated on the shores of the Bay of Bengal, Chennai is perhaps the most peaceful and green metropolis in India. Chennai has a number of attractions for tourists to see. One of



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them is the beautiful Marina beach, where the blue waters of the Bay of Bengal mingle with the golden sands. The city also has its share of forts and palaces reminding the tourists the glory of bygone eras.

Overnight: Chennai (Standard or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Chennai

After breakfast, enjoy a half day city tour visiting the Kapaleeshwarar Temple, a masterpiece of Dravidian architecture, and the biggest in Chennai. Next visit Fort St. George located on the seashore near the harbour. Fort St. George was built for the East India Co. in 1640 AD. Continue to Marina Beach, the pride of Chennai, and the second longest beach in the world. Other attractions are Fort Museum and St. Mary's Church and Little Mount Shrine.

Overnight: Chennai (Standard or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Chennai - Cochin

Today transfer to the airport to board your flight for Cochin. Upon arrival be met by a tour representative and transferred to the hotel. Cochin is popularly known as the "Queen on the Arabian Sea" and is the oldest European settlement in India. Surrounded by backwaters, this city has always managed to attract voyagers to travel to Kerala, India.

Overnight: Cochin (Standard or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Cochin City Tour - Periyar / Thekkady (Approx.

195km)

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of Cochin visiting the Dutch Palace, Koonan Kurishu Shrine, the Jewish Synagogue, Fort Kochi, St Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica and the Chinese Fishing Nets near the harbour's entrance of Cochin.

In the afternoon depart to Thekkady. Upon arrival check in at the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Thekkady in the Idukki district is the pride of Kerala and a testimony to nature's splendour and human innovation. The Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is situated on the banks of the man-made Periyar Lake. Here the high ranges of the Western Ghats are covered in dense evergreen, deciduous forests and savannah grasslands.

Overnight: Thekkady (Standard or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Periyar (Thekkady)

After breakfast enjoy some leisure time in Thekkady, often known as the spice city of India.

In the afternoon you have the opportunity to join an Optional Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary tour (not included).

Optional Activity: Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary tour - \$45

The sanctuary is spread across 777 sq. km, of which 360 sq. km is thick evergreen forest. The lake formed by the Mullaperiyar Dam across the Periyar River adds to the charm of the park. The sanctuary is famous for its fauna with Asian elephants, tigers, gaurs, sambars, lion-tailed macaques, nilgiri langurs, wild boars, spotted deer, barking deer, stripe-necked mongoose, wild dogs, sloth bears, malabar giant squirrel, civet, nilgiri tahr and more. If you're lucky you may also get to see a

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group of wild elephants that come to play in the lake, which is one of the main attractions of the sanctuary

Overnight: Thekkady (Standard or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Thekkady - Allepey Cruise - Overnight Houseboat

After breakfast depart to Allepey. Upon arrival check in at AC House Boat and enjoy a cruise on tranquil backwaters. Enjoy lunch onboard as you take in the plentiful backwater atmosphere, bask on the sun deck and enjoy the experience on these Majestic live-in boats with delicious Kerala food.

With the Arabian sea on the west and a vast network of lakes, lagoons and fresh water rivers crisscrossing it, Alappuzha is a district of immense natural beauty. Referred to as the Venice of the East by travellers from across the world, this backwater country is also home to diverse animal and bird life. By virtue of its proximity to the sea, the town has always enjoyed a unique place in the maritime history of Kerala. Today, Alappuzha has grown in importance as a backwater tourist centre, attracting several thousands of foreign tourists each year. Alappuzha is also famous for its boat races, houseboat holidays, beaches, marine products and coir industry. A singular characteristic of this land is the region called Kuttanad.

Overnight: AC House Boat

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 19 Allepey - Kumarakom

Enjoy breakfast on board as you cruise the backwaters before disembarking the boat and departing to Kumarakom. Upon arrival check into the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Kumarakom is a town on the shores of the enchanting Vembanand lake, glittering against the starlit-dark. Make yourself at home in its small-still lagoons. Gliding among the calm and serene backwaters flanked by green leaves and palm, seeing a rural Kerala preserved through the ages and completely hidden on the road is a unique experience to any visitors. Located at 128 kilometres from Thekkady, Kumarakom is a must visit place of Kerala. The main attraction includes the Kumarakom bird sanctuary set in 14 acres of woods. The sanctuary has a large variety of migratory birds and offers a visitor the options of sailing in its backwaters.

Overnight: Kumarakom (Standard or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20 Kumarakom - Cochin, India (Approx. 45km) - New Zealand

Today at the appropriate time transfer to the airport (approx. 2 hours) for your return flight to New Zealand.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 21 Arrive in New Zealand

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the highlights of India on a grand tour

Tour the famed Golden Triangle: Delhi, Jaipur and Agra

Witness the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal and Agra Fort

Experience the sights and sounds of vibrant Delhi

See Red Fort, Raj Ghat and Jama Masjid Mosque

Visit the beautiful Lotus Temple in New Delhi

See colourful Chandni Chowk Market by rickshaw

Enjoy a day at leisure in Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan

Visit the Royal Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar, City Palace and more

See Hawa Mahal, also known as Palace of Winds

Visit Chand Baori, one of the world's deepest step wells

Enjoy an Indian costume tying demonstration

Enjoy a boat trip on the Ganges

See Alamgir Mosque, Durga Temple and Vishwanath Temple on a Varanasi City Tour

Witness the glittering Aarti ceremony at the Ganges

Enjoy a birdwatching tour by Rickshaw in Bharatpur

Look for eagles, falcons, cranes and much more

Seek out tigers, leopards and marsh crocodiles on a safari in Ranthambore National Park

Visit the Maharaja's Palace on a tour of Mysore

Enjoy a city tour of Bangalore, the garden city of India

See the East India Co. Fort St. George on a tour of Chennai

Enjoy a city tour of Cochin, the oldest European settlement in India

Visit a spice garden in Thekkady

Cruise on the serene Kerala backwaters on board a house boat

Visit the Kumarakom bird sanctuary

FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex AKL/CHC/WLG

3 x internal flights (Varanasi - Delhi, Jaipur - Bangalore, Chennai - Cochin)

ACCOMMODATION

18 nights hotel accommodation (Standard or Premium option)

1 night houseboat accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 22 meals (Standard option)

Enjoy 38 meals (Premium option)

TOUR ESSENTIALS

English-speaking local guides

Welcome garland on arrival

Sightseeing and monument entry fees

Airlines taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private A/C vehicles

1 x Bullet train from Delhi to Varanasi

1 x Ac Chair Car train from Bangalore to Chennai

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers with meet and assist

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in NZD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 20th October 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person/people based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies.

Standard Package: \$750

Premium Package: \$1250

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

*Please note: dates/months with a * incur a flight high season surcharge of \$200 per person.*

Departure Cities

Auckland, Wellington or Christchurch

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

Singapore Airlines, Sri Lankan Airlines, Air India plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Internal Flights

Air India and Indigo Airline plus any codeshare partners

Please note:

- The maximum baggage allowance is 20kgs plus 7kg hand luggage for the internal flights

- One-way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Delhi, India

\$220 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.

- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- Blackout Dates:

* 20 September 2019 - 13 October 2019

* 20 October 2019 - 27 October 2019

* 14 December 2019 - 31 January 2020

* 28 March 2020 - 27 April 2020

* 20 June 2020 - 19 July 2020

* 17 September 2020 - 11 October 2020

* 10 December 2020 - 20 January 2021

* 11 February 2021 - 17 February 2021

* 1 April 2021 - 18 April 2021

* 26 June 2021 - 18 July 2021

Stay behind in Cochin, India

\$220 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

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Stopover Packages

Not Available.

Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not Available

- Business Class (International Sectors Only): Buy now for \$4,599 per person

Please note:

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).

- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights, Trans-Tasman, and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.



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ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

Standard Package

3 Star (self-rated)

Delhi: Hotel SK Premium Park or similar

Varanasi: Hotel Meraden or similar

Agra: Hotel Pushp Villa or similar

Ranthambore: Hotel Ranthambore Regency/ Abrar Palace or similar

Jaipur: Hotel Hyphen Ujjwal or similar

Mysore: Hotel Regenta Central/ Quorum or similar

Bangalore: Hotel Pai Viceroy / Tulip Inn or similar

Chennai: Hotel Royal Plaza or similar

Cochin: Abad Atrium /The Keys or similar

Periyar: Silver Crest/ Peppervine or similar

Allepey: AC Premium Houseboat or similar

Kumarakom: Manor Resort / Paradise resort or similar

Premium Package

4 Star (self-rated)

Delhi: Hotel Radisson Blu or similar

Varanasi: Hotel Hindustan International or similar

Agra: Hotel Howard Plaza/ Sarovar portico or similar

Ranthambore: Hotel Shergarh Resort or similar

Jaipur: Hotel KK Royal or similar

Mysore: Hotel Royal Orchid or similar

Bangalore: Hotel Royal Orchid Regenta/ Royal Orchid Central or similar

Chennai: Hotel Clarion / Accord Metropolitan or similar

Cochin: Radisson Blu or similar

Periyar: Elephant Court or similar

Allepey: AC Premium Houseboat

Kumarakom: Whispering Palms / Lakesong Resort or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

- Delhi (Pre Tour): \$110 per room.
- Delhi (Post Tour): \$160 per room.

Please note: extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

Maximum Room Capacity

3 people (subject to availability).

Child Policy

No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

Valid for Children/infants 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 4, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Day 7: Sunrise Taj Mahal - 1035 rupees (approx. \$22 NZD)

Day 17: Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary - \$45 NZD

Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions
- The optional tour on Day 17: Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa is a strict requirement if travelling on a New Zealand passport)
 - Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)
 - Recommended gratuities/tipping: 300 rupees (approx. \$7 NZD) per person, per day
 - Optional activities/tours
 - Personal expenses
 - Travel insurance (Mandatory)
- Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.*

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture



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of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

- Summer: April, May, June; Hot; Very low to moderate humidity; Low precipitation
- Autumn: October, November; Warm days, Cool nights, Pleasant; Low humidity; Low precipitation
- Winter: December, January; Cool to Cold; Moderate humidity; Low precipitation
- Spring: February, March; Warm days, Cool nights, Pleasant; Low to moderate humidity; Moderate precipitation

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat

selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

22 Meals (standard package) or 38 meals (premium package) are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note:

- We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however, cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.
- Premium meals include breakfast and dinner daily, starting with breakfast on day 2 and ending with breakfast on day 20. Breakfast, lunch and dinner is included in both packages during the overnight houseboat stay on day 18.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach.

The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Land

- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is 300 rupees (approx. \$7 NZD) per person per day this covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.
- Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

A tourist visa for India is a strict requirement if travelling on a New Zealand Passport. You will be able to start your Visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

Please note: Passengers who are not New Zealand citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Post-Purchase Change

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

\$50 NZD per change request post-purchase + any additional charges applied by the travel partners associated with the order.

