

DELHI ● AGRA ● SHILLONG ● KAZIRANGA

## The Offer

India will take your breath away with a vibrant collision of colour and culture. This is your chance to stand in awe of grand monuments, discover untouched wilderness areas and experience traditions that have remained unchanged for thousands of years.

Your adventure begins in the cultural melting pot of Delhi where you'll take an exciting city tour of the Old and New areas. Tour the bustling Chandi Chowk market by rickshaw, admire the Laxmi Narayan Temple dedicated to the goddess of prosperity, see the 42-metre-high India Gate war memorial and more. You'll then head to Agra to witness a spectacular sunrise over the Taj Mahal and experience the magnificent Agra Fort.

Catch a flight to Guwahati, where you'll travel to mountainous Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya.

Incredible natural wonders await, including thundering waterfalls, impressive limestone formations and remarkable cave structures. Explore more than 500 species of orchids at Kaziranga Orchid Park before taking a thrilling jeep safari in the Western Ranges of the nearby UNESCO-listed

Kaziranga National Park. Here you can seek out the Great Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros, likely grazing in riverine grasslands. Fly to Kolkata for a fascinating city tour, visiting the stunning Victoria Memorial and Howrah Bridge, before beginning your journey home.

This unique small group tour includes return international full-service flights, 2 one-way domestic flights, 10 nights of hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, English-speaking tour guides and more.

Want more? Choose the 16-day package to explore Darjeeling, glimpse Mount Everest from Tiger Hill, seek out Red Pandas and more. You can also choose from Standard or Premium accommodation options and Arrive Early or Stay Behind packages.

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You'll then visit Raj Ghat, the serene memorial where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated, before continuing to New Delhi. Visit the Laxmi Narayan Temple, a beautiful shrine dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune.

Marvel at India Gate, the towering 42-metre war memorial honouring the 85,000 Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives during World War I. Drive past Rashtrapati Bhawan, the official residence of the President of India, an architectural masterpiece combining Mughal and Western styles.

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Optional Activity: UNESCO World Heritage Site Exploration

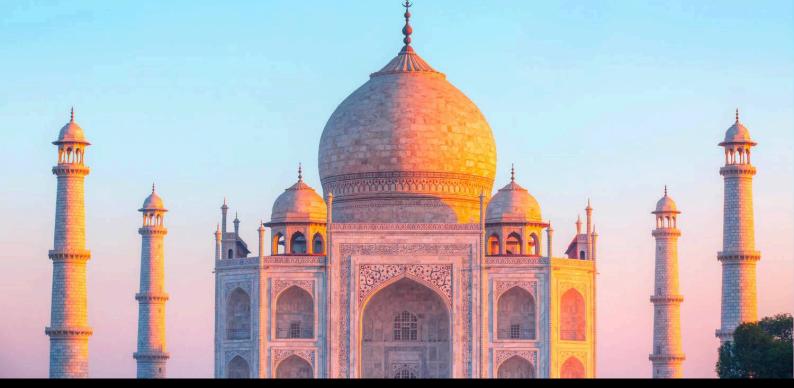
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Optional Activity: Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary in Bharatpur

Enjoy an afternoon excursion to the Keoladeo Ghana Bird Sanctuary in Bharatpur, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its rich birdlife. Glide through the sanctuary on a rickshaw ride and spot a variety of native and migratory birds, making it a perfect experience for nature enthusiasts. This optional tour includes transfers by air-conditioned vehicle, an English-speaking guide, a rickshaw ride and entrance fees. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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Overnight: Agra Hotel (Standard or Premium option) Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

#### Day 5 Agra - Delhi - Shillong

After breakfast, you'll transfer to Delhi airport for your flight to Guwahati.

Upon arrival, you will be met and assisted by a representative who will welcome and escort you to a private vehicle for the drive to Shillong. On the way, you'll visit Umiam Lake which is the largest man-made lake in Meghalaya, known for its serene beauty and tranquil surroundings. You'll then continue your journey to Shillong and check in at your hotel.

Shillong, often referred to as the "Scotland of the East", offers a pleasant climate. The city is a haven for nature enthusiasts as it's surrounded by lush green hills, valleys and picturesque waterfalls. If time permits, you'll have the chance to explore Laitlum Grand Canyon, visit the Don Bosco Museum and take a stroll through Police Bazaar which is one of Shillong's vibrant markets.

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## Day 6 Shillong - Cherrapunjee - Shillong

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## Day 7 Shillong

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Overnight: Shillong hotel (Standard or Premium option)
Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 8 Shillong - Kaziranga

After breakfast this morning, you'll journey by road to Kaziranga where you'll check in at your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure.

Kaziranga is your gateway to Kaziranga National Park where you'll experience the remarkable natural beauty and wildlife. The area was designated a World Heritage Site in 1985, reflecting its universal value, exceptional biodiversity and successful wildlife conservation efforts.

The park is famed for its population of the Great Indian One-Horned Rhinoceros and boasts a unique landscape of dense forests, tall elephant grass, rugged reeds, marshes and shallow pools. Kaziranga is also home to a substantial number of tigers and supports large populations of elephants, wild water buffaloes and swamp deer.

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Visit St Paul's Cathedral, known for its impressive Gothic architecture, and St John's Church which features a beautiful neo-classical design. You'll also drive past Dalhousie Square, the historic heart of Kolkata, to get a sense of the city's rich heritage and bustling atmosphere.

Afterwards, you'll return to your hotel for the evening where you can unwind and reflect on your day of exploration.

Overnight: Kolkata Hotel (Standard or Premium option) Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 11 Kolkata - Australia (or New Zealand)

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

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Meals included: None

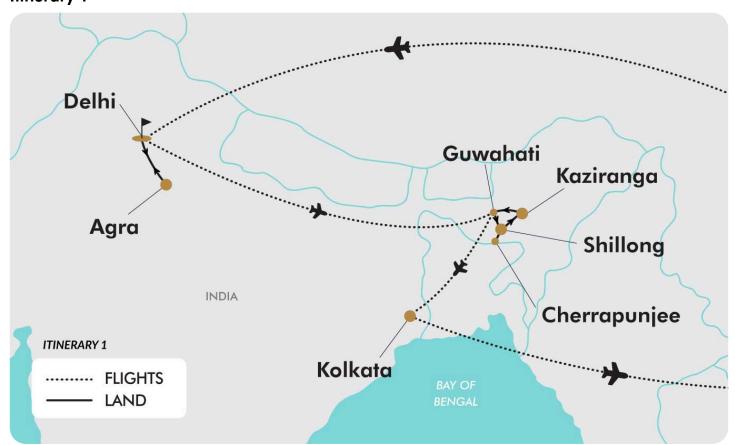
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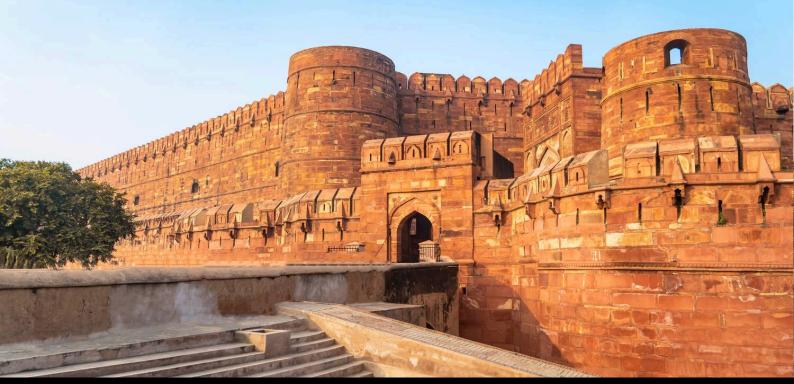
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## Day 10 Kaziranga - Bagdogra - Darjeeling

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning before driving to Guwahati airport and boarding a flight to Bagdogra. Upon arrival, you will embark on a scenic drive to Darjeeling. Darjeeling is renowned for its stunning views of the Himalayas. The sight of the snow-capped peaks of Kanchenjunga, visible throughout the year, is particularly breathtaking. The views of Kanchenjunga and glimpses of Mount Everest are awe-inspiring and watching the sunrise from the famed Tiger Hill is a memorable experience. The region's mountainous terrain and cascading rivers also offer opportunities for adventure sports and trekking.

Enjoy your first evening in this picturesque hill resort and prepare for the exciting days ahead.

Overnight: Darjeeling Hotel (Standard or Premium option) Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 11 Darjeeling

After breakfast, head to Tiger Hill for an unforgettable sunrise experience. Marvel at the spectacular view of the sun rising over Kanchenjunga and glimpse Mount Everest, casting a golden reflection across the majestic peaks. You'll then visit Ghoom Monastery, a serene location known for its spiritual ambience and beautiful surroundings.

In the afternoon, you'll embark on a city tour of Darjeeling. This is a charming hill station with a distinct British influence evident in its lifestyle, gardens, tea estates and hotels. Explore the Race Course, Long Village and the Mountaineering Institute including the house of Tenzing Norgay, the renowned Everest climber.

You'll then continue to the tea gardens for an educational tour showcasing tea planting and the manufacturing process. Darjeeling tea is celebrated worldwide and you'll have the chance

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to taste some of its special flavours. Additional sights you could enjoy with free time include the Rope Way, Ava Art Gallery, Tenzing Rock and the Japanese Temple (charges apply).

Afterwards, you'll return to your hotel in the evening to unwind after a day filled with exploration.

Overnight: Darjeeling Hotel (Standard or Premium option) Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 12 Darjeeling - Gangtok

After breakfast, you'll depart by road to Gangtok, the capital city of Sikkim. Upon arrival, you can check in at your hotel.

Gangtok, located at an altitude of 1,547 metres above sea level, is renowned for its breathtaking views of the Himalayas and its rich blend of tradition and modernity. As the second smallest state in India, Sikkim offers a unique charm and Gangtok stands out as a significant hill station in the country.

The city is famous for its numerous important monasteries and serene Chortens (or Stupas) which contribute to its peaceful atmosphere. The old monasteries, combined with the pristine natural beauty of Gangtok, promise a truly unique travel experience.

Enjoy your evening exploring the city or relaxing at your hotel.

Overnight: Gangtok Hotel (Standard or Premium option) Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 13 Gangtok

Enjoy breakfast before embarking on a city tour of Gangtok.

Visit the Do Drul Chorten, a prominent stupa known for its peaceful surroundings and religious significance, before exploring Enchey Monastery, an important Buddhist site offering insights into local spiritual practices. Immerse yourself in Deer Park, a spacious enclosure that houses animals such as the Red Panda and the Himalayan Bear. Continue to the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology where you can delve into the rich cultural and historical heritage of Sikkim. You'll then experience Tsuk la Khang, a significant repository of Buddhist scriptures and a principal place of worship for the local Buddhist community.

Afterwards, return to your hotel in the evening for a relaxing overnight stay.

Overnight: Gangtok Hotel (Standard or Premium option) Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 14 Ganatok - Kolkata

Savour breakfast before transferring to Bagdogra airport for your flight to Kolkata. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a representative who will assist you with your transfer to the hotel and check-in.

In the afternoon, you'll embark on a city tour of the vibrant cultural capital of India. This starts with a visit to the Victoria Memorial, a stunning white marble monument that stands as a testament to Kolkata's colonial past. You'll then continue to Howrah Bridge, one of the most iconic landmarks of the city and a symbol of West Bengal, stretching across the Hooghly River.

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# The Itinerary

## **Itinerary 2**

Visit St Paul's Cathedral, known for its impressive Gothic architecture, and St John's Church which features a beautiful neo-classical design. You'll also drive past Dalhousie Square, the historic heart of Kolkata, to get a sense of the city's rich heritage and bustling atmosphere.

Afterwards, you'll return to your hotel for the evening where you can unwind and reflect on your day of exploration.

Overnight: Kolkata Hotel (Standard or Premium option) Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 15 Kolkata - Australia (or New Zealand)

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 16 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

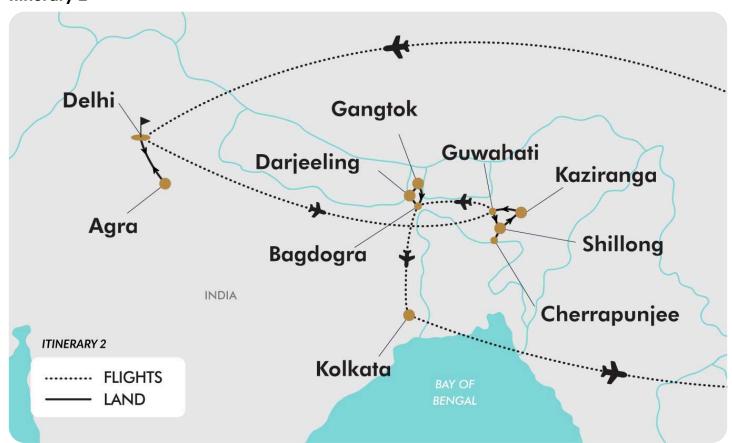
Meals included: None

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# The Map

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## **Tour Inclusions**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Witness the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal at sunrise

Explore the majestic Agra Fort, also known as the Red Fort

Enjoy a thrilling jeep safari to search for the Great Indian One-Horned

Discover the grandeur of the Victoria Memorial in Kolkata

Immerse yourself in Shillong, thought of as the "Scotland of the East"

Experience one of the world's wettest places, Cherrapunjee

Photograph the incredible waterfalls of Cherrapunjee

Explore Mawswai Cave and the Garden of Caves park

Look for elephants, tigers and water buffalo in Kaziranga National Park

Admire the intricate architecture of the Raj Ghat and Jama Masjid

Marvel at the unique orchids throughout Kaziranga Orchid Park

Explore the bustling Chandni Chowk market by rickshaw

Visit the historic St Paul's Cathedral and St John's Church in Kolkata

## **FLIGHTS**

Return international flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

One-way domestic flight (economy class) from Delhi to Guwahati

One-way domestic flight (economy class) from Guwahati to Kolkata

## **ACCOMMODATION**

10 nights of quality hotel accommodation

Premium accommodation upgrade available

### **DINING**

11 meals including daily breakfast and a specialty lunch in Agra

#### **ESSENTIALS**

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

#### **TRANSPORT**

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

#### **TRANSFERS**

Return airport transfers with meet and assist

### 16-DAY PACKAGE WITH POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Includes the following in addition to Itinerary 1:

4 nights of quality hotel accommodation with daily breakfast

Visit Darjeeling, famous for tea plantations and rolling hills

See majestic Kanchenjunga and glimpse Mount Everest from Tiger Hill

Discover Ghoom Monastery with its intricate Tibetan art

Enjoy an afternoon in the tea gardens of Darjeeling

Explore the capital of Sikkim, Gangtok, with its strong Buddhist ties

City tours of fascinating Darjeeling and Gangtok

Look out for the Red Panda and Himalayan Bear at Deer Park

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## **Booking Information**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form 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 <u>General Terms and</u>
<u>Conditions</u> and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

## **Our Policies**

#### **Cancellation & Refund Policy**

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

we act as your booking agent: TripADeal
is a booking services provider, and
curates the Travel Offers available on our
website. We act as your booking agent,
and we receive payment for the Booking
Services as part of the booking price,
however, we do not provide any of the

Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- each booking is unique: our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible: once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel
   Offer carefully before placing your order.
- Travel Offers are a package: our Travel
   Offers have been curated into package
   offerings and must be used as a package
   - individual components cannot be used
   independently of the full package
   offering.
- our Travel Offers are generally nonrefundable: in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

## **General Terms & Conditions**

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our <u>Terms & Conditions</u>, <u>Privacy Policy</u> and <u>Cancellation</u> Policy.

## **Offer Essentials**

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 21st December 2026.

Minimum group size 6, maximum group

size 20 per vehicle.

This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

#### **Departure Dates & Surcharges**

See checkout for live dates and availability.

#### **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies.

## Itinerary 1

• Standard Accommodation: \$980

• Premium Accommodation: \$1,150

#### Itinerary 2

• Standard Accommodation: \$1,350

Premium Accommodation: \$1,600

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

## **Child Policy**

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 7 years old and over.

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

## **Flights**

## **Departure Cities**

Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide, Perth or \*Auckland

## **Departure City Surcharges**

• Brisbane & Adelaide: \$200 per person

• Auckland: \$500 per person

## International Flight(s)

• Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate oneway flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

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Please note: From Sydney or Melbourne, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 19 hours, with up to 1 stop.

From Brisbane or Adelaide, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 20 hours, with up to 2 stops.

From Perth, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 18 hours, with up to 1 stop.

From Auckland, the flying journey to your destination may take up to 24 hours, with up to 2 stops.

This is provided as a guide only - actual flight duration can vary depending on availability and airline schedules. Your booking's final details will be confirmed to vou via email once available.

#### Internal Flight(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Route Itinerary 1: Delhi Guwahati, Guwahati - Kolkata
- Route Itinerary 2: Delhi Guwahati, Guwahati - Bagdogra, Bagdogra - Kolkata

#### **Internal Flight Information**

Baggage allowance per person

- 1 x 15 kilograms of checked baggage
- 1 x 7 kilograms of carry on baggage

#### **Preferred Airline Surcharge**

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Singapore Airlines: \$300 per person

#### Please note:

- Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.

• Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.

#### **Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options**

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

#### **Arrive Early**

Delhi, India - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

#### Stay Behind

Kolkata, India - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

#### Please note:

#### • Exclusions:

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

#### • Internal Flights:

If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting

## • Cancellations & Changes:

Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

## • High-Season:

A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

## • + 60 days:

You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

#### • Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

• High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

15 September 2025 - 12 October 2025 1 December 2025 - 31 January 2026 3 April 2026 - 20 April 2026 26 June 2026 - 17 July 2026 18 September 2026 - 9 October 2026 12 December 2026 - 26 January 2027

### **Stopover Packages**

- Singapore
- Includes:
- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

#### Please note:

- When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.
- When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
- When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.



- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

Singapore Grand Prix: 02 October - 8th October 2025 Christmas and New Years Eve - 22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026 (TBC for all event exact dates for 2025)

### Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

#### Please note:

- Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed

#### **Missed Flights**

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

#### **Accommodation**

## Accommodation Used

Standard Accommodation: 3 & 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Delhi: Park Plaza or similar
- Agra: Taj Vilas or similar
- Shillong: Nirvana or similar
- Kaziranga: Foxtail or similar
- Kolkata: Park Prime or similar
- Darjeeling: RJ Resort or similar (Itinerary 2 Only)

 Gangtok: Maple Residency or similar (Itinerary 2 Only)

# Premium Accommodation: 4 & 5-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Delhi: ITC Dwarka or similar
- Agra: Clarks Shiraz or similar
- Shillong: Polo Towers or similar
- Kaziranga: Borgos Resort or similar
- Kolkata: The Park or similar
- Darjeeling: Crescent Resort or similar (Itinerary 2 Only)
- Gangtok: Fern Denzong or similar (Itinerary 2 Only)

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

#### **Extra Nights**

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

## **Maximum Room Capacity**

2 people.

#### **Triple Share**

Not available.

## **Bedding Configuration**

Twin or double (subject to availability).

## **Optional Tours/activities**

- Day 2: UNESCO World Heritage exploration - \$40 per person
- Day 3: Baby Taj & Mehtab Bagh \$40 per person
- Day 4: Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary in Bharatpur - \$80 per person

- Day 4: Food Trail Tour \$35 per person
- Day 7: Gods Own Garden \$85 per person

#### Please note:

- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone before submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).
- Some tours may require minimum numbers to operate.

#### **Exclusions**

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax

## **Gratuities/tipping**

#### Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is 300 Rupees (approx \$5 AUD) per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

## **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

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tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it 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 at 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 art, architecture, or historical knowledge. 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 required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

## **CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES**

#### **Assam**

Assam has a subtropical climate influenced by the Brahmaputra River and surrounding hills. The best time to visit is between November and April, when temperatures range from 15-25°C, and rainfall is minimal. From May to October, the region experiences monsoon rains, with temperatures ranging from 22-32°C. Humidity is high during this time, but the landscape is lush and vibrant.

#### Meghalaya

Known for its high rainfall, Meghalaya experiences a cooler, misty climate. The best months to visit are October to April, when temperatures range from 10-20°C.

From June to September, temperatures range from 15-25°C, but heavy rainfall occurs, especially in Cherrapunjee and Mawsynram. Despite the rain, the scenery is breathtaking during the monsoon, with waterfalls and greenery at their peak.

#### Golden Triangle (Delhi, Agra & Jaipur)

This region experiences a hot semi-arid climate. The best time to visit is from October to March, when temperatures range from 10-25°C, making sightseeing more comfortable. Summer months, from April to June, see temperatures rising to 35-45°C. The monsoon arrives in July, bringing cooler temperatures but also humidity and occasional heavy rains.

## Cherrapunjee

Cherrapunjee, famous for its heavy rainfall, has a temperate climate. The best time to visit is from October to March, with temperatures ranging from 13-23°C. The monsoon season from June to September sees the heaviest rains, with temperatures from 18-25°C. The lush landscape and numerous waterfalls are most striking during this period.

#### **FLIGHTS**

### **Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points**

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential 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 must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

**COACH TOUR** 

#### Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

#### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

#### OTHER

#### Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

## **Fitness Level Required**

A moderate level of fitness will be required. Moderate is described as expecting a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

## Please note:

 Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

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- It is expected that every traveller be selfreliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.
- If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/ travel.

#### Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

#### **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 your receipts. 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 regarding shopping for further information.

#### **Visas**

#### India

A tourist visa for India is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian or 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 three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

- Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.
- It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.
- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also 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 that 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.

#### **Travel Insurance**

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <a href="https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travelinsurance">https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travelinsurance</a>

### **Schedule Of Fees**

#### **Voluntary Changes**

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

 Changes - \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/ other travel providers.

**Name Changes Due To Passenger Error** 

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

#### **Supplier Fees**

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to nonrefundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.

