

DELHI ● JAIPUR ● AGRA ● COCHIN

# The Offer

India brims with life and wonder from its awe-inspiring monuments and mouthwatering dishes to its rich heritage. This country invites exploration and promises a feast for your senses, so experience it over 17 incredible days.

Your adventure begins in Delhi, where you'll embark on an exciting tour of both Old and New Delhi. Tour the bustling Chandi Chowk market by rickshaw, admire the Laxmi Narayan Temple, see the 42-metre-high India Gate war memorial and more. Continue along the Golden Triangle to the pink city of Jaipur, where colourful bazaars and ambling camels await. Enjoy a fascinating sari and Indian costume demonstration, take in the spectacular sight of the Amber Fort, and more. Marvel at the historical Chand Baori Step Well, photograph a golden sunrise over the Taj Mahal, and see the UNESCO-listed Agra Fort (also known as the Red Fort) before catching a train to Khajuraho. Here, you'll enjoy a city tour of the historical Western and Eastern Group Temples, as well as a walking tour through a nearby village to experience the local rural life.

Board a flight to Southern India to marvel at the Dutch Palace, immerse yourself in the Koonan Kurishu Shrine and photograph the Santa Cruz Basilica in Cochin. Head to the spice city of Periyar to explore a tea and coffee plantation, and stop by a farm to learn about the local cultivation methods. Embark on an overnight houseboat from Alleppey where you'll bask on the sun deck, dine on Kerala-style food and experience the tranquil backwaters. Disembark near the bird lovers' paradise of Kumarakom before heading to Cochin to begin your journey home.

This incredible package includes return international full-service flights, a one-way internal flight, 14 nights of hotel accommodation, 17 meals, English-speaking tour guides and more.

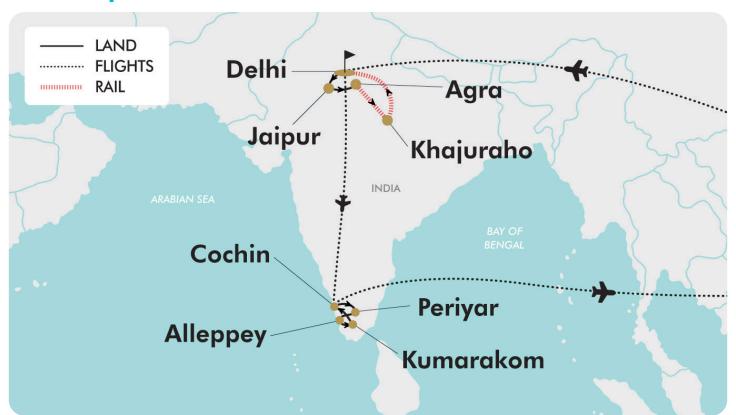
Want more? You can also choose to upgrade to Premium accommodation, or add extra days to your itinerary with Arrive Early in Delhi or Stay Behind Cochin options.

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# The Map



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# The Itinerary

### Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Delhi, India

Today, you'll fly from Australia or New Zealand to Delhi, India. Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative at the airport who will transfer you to your hotel, where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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

Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium Option) Meals included: In-Flight

### Day 2 Delhi City Tour

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

After breakfast this morning, you'll take a late-morning city tour of Old and New Delhi. Your tour begins in Chandni Chowk, the main street of Old Delhi, which boasts the famous colourful shopping bazaar. Here, you'll enjoy a rickshaw ride through the marketplace. You'll then drive past Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, and the Red Fort, which the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan built.

Visit New Delhi to see the Laxmi Narayan Temple, dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune. Afterwards, you'll travel to India Gate, a 42-metre-high stone of triumph and war memorial. It bears the names of 85,000 Indian army soldiers who died in the campaigns of WWI. You'll then drive past Rashtrapati Bhawan which is the official residence of the President of India and has an interesting blend of Mughal and Western architectural styles.

Afterwards, you'll return to the hotel, where the rest of the day is free for independent activities, or you can choose to take part in the optional afternoon tour.

# Optional Activity: UNESCO World Heritage Site Tour

India has an astounding 40 UNESCO World Heritage sites, one of the largest concentrations in the world. On this tour, you'll discover two of Delhi's UNESCO-listed sites, starting at Humayun's Tomb. This is a notable example of Mughal architecture in India and was built to house the Emperor's body. You'll then stop off at the Qutub Minar, a 72.5-meter victory tower with five distinct storeys. Built by Qutb ud-din Aibak in 1193, it is the world's tallest brick minaret. The red sandstone structure has words from the Quran intricately engraved into it. This optional tour includes transfer by air-conditioned vehicle, an English-speaking guide and entrance fees. Check the current pricing on the Important Info section.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 3 Delhi - Jaipur

Today after breakfast, you'll depart for Jaipur on an approximately 250-kilometre journey.

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As the picturesque capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur is washed in pink, the colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This beautiful city, along with Agra and Delhi, forms what is known as the Golden Triangle of the Indian tourist circuit. Jaipur is a city where royalty still lives in the grandeur of its palaces. Fighting for the honour of one's clan has never been a necessity, but a way of life, and treating guests as gods has been a tradition for centuries. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colourful bazaars where one can shop for Rajasthani handlooms and trinkets. You'll also find beautifully laid-out gardens and parks, attractive monuments, and marvellous heritage buildings. Not to mention the ambling camels and cheerful people in multi-hued costumes that make your trip to the pink city a memorable one.

Upon arrival in Jaipur, you'll check into the hotel and then enjoy a short orientation tour of the city, which includes a demonstration of sari and traditional Indian costumes. Afterwards, if you wish, you can participate in an optional cooking demonstration with dinner.

Optional Activity: Cooking Demonstration Experience With Dinner

Make your day a special one by participating in a cooking demonstration to learn the secrets of authentic Rajasthani cooking in an informative and fun way. Experience cooking traditional vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes while learning about the various spices used to enhance the flavour and richness of the dishes. The royal household of Jaipur is renowned for its many succulent recipes and kitchen secrets, which have been passed down from one generation to another over the centuries. Your local chef will strive to impart the maximum possible cooking techniques and secrets in the shortest time,

allowing you to enjoy the dishes with your delightful family. A must for cooking enthusiasts, you are sure to learn some absolutely mouth-watering tips and tricks to cooking up a storm. The current pricing is available from the Important Information section

Overnight: Jaipur (Standard or Premium Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 4 Jaipur

After breakfast at the hotel this morning, you'll enjoy a sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Your tour begins with a morning excursion to Amber Fort, which is located 11 kilometres from Jaipur. It was the old fort of the Kachwaha clan of Amber and is a beautiful sight to behold, as the fort is built with white marble and red sandstone. It looks even more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground.

Optional Activity: City Tour To Hawa Mahal, City Palace & Jantar Mantar

Take part in an afternoon city tour that visits the Hawa Mahal, also known as the 'Palace of the Winds', which was constructed for the royal ladies to watch royal processions without being seen. You'll also have the chance to discover Jantar Mantar, the largest of the five astronomical observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh, and visit the City Palace. This former royal residence blends Rajasthani and Mughal styles. The current pricing is available from the Important Info section.

Overnight: Jaipur (Standard or Premium Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

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#### Day 5 Jaipur - Agra

After breakfast this morning, you'll depart for Agra on an approximately 250-kilometre journey. You'll stop en route to visit the Chand Baori Step Well, located opposite the Harshat Mata Temple. It's believed that the Chand Baori Step Well has a religious connection, which is why it was built in front of the temple. Upon arrival in Agra, you can check in at your hotel.

Agra is the quintessential Mughal City where the world marvels at the epitome of love, beauty and sacrifice. It's also home to the Taj Mahal, one of the 7 Wonders of the World. So overwhelming is the magic of the Taj 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 descendant of some bygone Mughal.

Afterwards, visit the Agra Fort, also known as the Red Fort, a historical monument built in the 16th century. Near the gardens of the Taj Mahal, it was built by Akbar and covers a total area of 380,000 square metres. More than 4,000 workers and 8 years of hard work culminated in the construction of Agra Fort. You'll find that many impressive structures, such as Moti Masjid, Jahangir Mahal, Machchhi Bhawan, Diwan-i-Am, Diwan-i-Khas, and Khas Mahal, are located within the Agra Fort.

Return to your hotel for the day to relax or take an optional tour of the Baby Taj.

# Optional Activity: Visit Baby Taj & Mehtab Bagh

Head to the landmark mausoleum of Itmad Ud Daulah, known as "the Baby Taj". Marvel at the intricately carved marble monument conceived before the Taj Mahal and considered the blueprint for its design. You'll then continue to Mehtab Bagh, Moonlight

Garden and admire the Taj Mahal from the beautiful gardens. This optional tour includes transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle, an English-speaking guide and fees. The current pricing is available from the Important Info section.

Overnight: Agra (Standard or Premium Option) Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 6 Agra

Today, just after sunrise, you'll visit the Taj Mahal at approximately 06:00 before returning to the hotel for breakfast. Alternatively, you can choose to visit the mausoleum just after breakfast at 09:00. The world-famous Taj Mahal is where you'll see the undeniable beauty of Persian and earlier Mughal architecture. The Taj Mahal was commissioned by Shah Jahan in 1631 to be built in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. Construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1632, and the principal mausoleum was completed in 1643; the surrounding buildings and garden were finished about five years later.

Afterwards, enjoy the city of Agra at leisure or take part in the optional activity below.

### Optional Activity: Food Trail Tour

Embark on a heritage walk through hidden lanes and bustling markets to visit an array of local eateries. Meet the people behind some of the city's most famous snacks, sample traditional foods such as paratha and savour chai served in a traditional clay cup. You'll also have the chance to taste Agra's famous sweet petha, originally prepared more than 350 years ago in the royal kitchens of Shah Jahan. This sugary white pumpkin sweet comes in a variety of flavours, having adapted to consumers' changing

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tastes. This optional tour includes transfer in an air-conditioned vehicle, an English-speaking guide, and a selection of snacks and chai. The current pricing is available from the Important Info section.

Overnight: Agra (Standard or Premium Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 7 Agra - Khajuraho

This morning, you'll be transferred to the railway station to board your train for Khajuraho on an approximately 6.5-hour journey. On arrival, you will be met and assisted by a representative who will escort you to the hotel and help with check-in.

The temples of Khajuraho are dedicated to Gods and Goddesses like Shiva, Jagadamba and Vishnu. These temples, reputed to be over a thousand years old, are exemplars of exceptional sculptural art and architecture. During the thousand-year period that these temples stood, they witnessed carnage and faced the test of time. Out of the 85 temples initially built, only 20 have survived and been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. This afternoon, you'll take part in a city tour visiting the Western and Eastern Group Temples. Gaze in amazement at the rich historical architecture of these buildings and learn about the heritage of ancient empires.

Following the tour, you'll return to the hotel to rest.

Overnight: Khajuraho (Standard or Premium Option) Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 8 Khajuraho

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before spending a full day at leisure exploring this ancient city. Alternatively, choose one or both of the optional tours today.

#### Optional Activity: Raneh Falls Tour & Lunch

Join this morning's excursion to Raneh Falls, situated on the Ken River, approximately 20 kilometres from Khajuraho. The forest is surrounded by flowing waterfalls, making it an ideal place for nature lovers. Green, red, pink, grey and other different colours are seen on the crystalline granite. This is a must-visit place for both nature and adventure lovers. The current pricing is available from the Important Info section.

### Optional Activity: Panna Tiger Reserve Safari Tour

This is an afternoon excursion to Panna Tiger Reserve. This national park is home to various animals, including Sambhar, sloth bears, Nilgai, tigers, leopards, Chital, Chinkara, and 200 species of birds. Safari through this sanctuary on a comfortable jeep and see how many animals can be spotted. The current pricing is available from the Important Info section.

Overnight: Khajuraho (Standard or Premium Option) Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 9 Khajuraho - Delhi

After breakfast this morning, undertake a walking tour through a nearby village to see the local rural life.

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Later this afternoon you'll be transferred to the railway station to board your train for Delhi for an approximately 9-hour journey. On arrival, you will be met and assisted by a representative who will escort you by private transport to the hotel and help with check-in.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium Option) Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 10 Delhi - Cochin

Begin the day with breakfast at the hotel, and then, at the appropriate time, be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Cochin. On arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel.

Cochin, also known as Kochi, is popularly referred to as the "Queen of the Arabian Sea" and is the oldest European settlement in India. Surrounded by backwaters, this city has consistently drawn voyagers to travel to the state of Kerala. Cochin is one of the finest natural harbours on the Arabian Sea coast. Kochi has been a port of call for foreign traders from early times.

One of the most interesting towns in South India, its cosmopolitan character is reflected in its low-rise, picturesque buildings and structures. The city of Kochi perfectly reflects Kerala's eclecticism and is a prime tourist destination and commercial hub.

Overnight: Cochin (Standard or Premium Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 11 Cochin

After breakfast at the hotel this morning, you will take a city tour of Cochin. Your tour begins with a visit to the Dutch Palace, which, despite its name, was built by the Portuguese. It's known for its murals depicting scenes from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata epics, as well as dresses and palanquins used by Cochin's erstwhile rulers.

You'll then visit the Koonan Kurishu Shrine and a Jewish Synagogue, boasting several copper plates inscribed in Hebrew script. The tour continues to Fort Kochi and St Francis Church, the oldest European-built church in India. Not to be missed is the Santa Cruz Basilica with its beautifully painted ceiling.

After the city tour, spend the afternoon enjoying this heritage city at leisure or choose from optional activities.

Optional Activity: Heritage Walk Through Fort Kochi Old Quarter

This walking tour offers a glimpse into Cochin's rich history and heritage, showcasing the diverse influences of the Dutch, Portuguese, British, and Jewish communities that make the city unique. During the tour, you will visit the old quarter of Fort Kochi, exploring the quaint streets of this city on foot. You will also visit Fort Kochi's seaside promenade and get a glimpse of daily life in Kochi. The current pricing is available from the Important Info section.

Optional Activity: Fort Kochi, Broadway Bazaar & Mattancherry By Rickshaw

This tour is a walking exploration of two neighbourhoods, Fort Kochi and Mattancherry. You will use a local rickshaw to travel between these two areas. Fort Kochi is comprised of quaint streets, vibrant markets, beaches, and old, stately houses.

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Mattancherry, once a significant trading centre, is home to a wide range of communities who have settled here over the years. At the heart of Mattancherry is 'Jew Town', where ancient Jewish traders first established a presence. If you are charmed by colourful bazaars and like discovering local food and culture, you will thoroughly enjoy this exploration of Ernakulam's Broadway area. Broadway is the traditional nerve centre of business in the city. The area rose to prominence when the British took over control of the Cochin area from the Dutch. Traders moved from Mattancherry to Broadway, setting up shops selling everything under the sun. Today, Broadway remains a bustling wholesale and retail hub with specialised markets for various products and services. The current pricing is available from the Important Info section.

Overnight: Cochin (Standard or Premium Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 12 Cochin - Periyar

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll depart for Periyar on an approximately 120-kilometre journey. Upon arrival, you can check into the hotel.

Located in the Idukki district, Periya is the pride of Kerala and a testimony to nature's splendour and human innovation. It's often known as the 'Spice City' of India, also referred to as Thekkady. Periyar Lake is a paradise for nature lovers and a birdwatcher's delight. The greatest attraction of Periyar Lake is also the herds of wild elephants that occasionally come down to play in the lake.

Overnight: Periyar (Standard or Premium Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 13 Periyar

After breakfast this morning at the hotel, you'll visit a spice garden that's combined with a tea and coffee plantation. These plantations open up a world of information and offer an insight into the growing process. The climate here is perfect for growing these particular plants. You'll also stop by a local vegetable farm to learn how the locals cultivate their food using various techniques and experience the local culture here. You may have the opportunity to interact with people from nearby villages or farms to learn more about their lives.

This afternoon, enjoy this spice city at leisure or choose from optional activities.

### Optional Activity: Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary Tour

The Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is spread across 777 square kilometres, of which 360 square kilometres 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 renowned for its diverse fauna, including elephants, tigers, gaurs, sambars, lion-tailed macaques, Nilgiri langurs, wild boars, spotted deer, barking deer, stripe-necked mongooses, wild dogs, sloth bears, Malabar giant squirrels, civets, Nilgiri tahr, and more. The current pricing is available from the Important Info section.

#### Optional Activity: Tribal Heritage Program

This optional activity includes a tribal dance performed by two of the six tribes in Thekkady, the Mannan and Paliyan tribes. You will be introduced to various tribal musical instruments and costumes. The tribal dance theme revolves around narrating and presenting the story of the tribes in the region from their inception. This translates to a world once ruled by the children of

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the forest, who now significantly coexist with the rulers of the forest. The current pricing is available from the Important Info section.

Overnight: Periyar (Standard or Premium Option) Meals included: Breakfast

### Day 14 Periyar - Alleppey - Embark Houseboat

After breakfast this morning, you'll depart for Alleppey on an approximately 120-kilometre journey. Upon arrival, check in to your air-conditioned houseboat and enjoy a cruise on tranquil backwaters.

Enjoy lunch onboard as you take in the relaxing atmosphere, bask on the sun deck, and savour the experience on these majestic live-in boats, accompanied by delicious Kerala-style cuisine. With the Arabian Sea on the west and a vast network of lakes, lagoons and freshwater rivers crisscrossing the area, 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.

Due to its proximity to the sea, the town has always held a unique place in the maritime history of Kerala. Today, Alappuzha has grown in importance as a backwater tourist centre and is famous for its boat races, houseboat holidays, beaches, marine products and coir industry.

Overnight: AC Houseboat , Alleppey Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

#### Day 15 Disembark Houseboat - Kumarakom

Enjoy breakfast on board as you cruise the backwaters before disembarking the boat and departing to Kumarakom. This town is located on the shores of the enchanting Vembanad Lake. Upon arrival, check into the hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure, or take an optional tour through a nearby bird sanctuary.

### Optional Activity: Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary

Located on the banks of the Vembanad Lake and spanning 14 acres, the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary is a favourite haunt of migratory birds, including the Siberian stork, egret, darter, heron, and teal. Can only be booked on tour, weather dependant.

Overnight: Kumarakom (Standard or Premium Option) Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 16 Kumarakom - Cochin - Australia (or New Zealand)

This morning, enjoy breakfast at leisure in the hotel. At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to Cochin Airport to board your flight back home to Australia or New Zealand.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 17 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

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# **Tour Inclusions**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

Journey through India's famed Golden Triangle

Marvel at the Taj Mahal's beauty during a golden sunrise

Discover the stunning Amer Fort and its scenic views over Maota Lake

Experience the sights and sounds of vibrant Delhi

Relax on a houseboat cruise through Alleppey's tranquil backwaters

Learn about local spice, tea and coffee cultivation at a Periyar spice garden

Unveil the historic Agra Fort, known for its impressive architecture

Explore the vibrant Chandni Chowk market by rickshaw

Discover Cochin's heritage, exploring the Dutch Palace and Fort Kochi

Enjoy an Indian costume-tying demonstration

## **FLIGHTS**

Return international full-service flights (economy class), departure city surcharges may apply

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

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

14 nights of hotel accommodation (standard or premium options)

1-night of accommodation on an air-conditioned houseboat

### **DINING**

16 meals including daily breakfast

#### **ESSENTIALS**

English-speaking tour guides

Sightseeing and monument entry fees as per itinerary

Airline taxes and surcharges

#### **TRANSPORT**

Transportation by air-conditioned private vehicles

#### **TRANSFERS**

Return airport transfers

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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 Policy</u>.

# **Offer Essentials**

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 28th December 2027.

Minimum group size 4, maximum group

size 20 per vehicle.

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

#### **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

- 2026 Standard Accommodation: \$650
- 2026 Premium Accommodation: \$850
- 2027 Standard Accommodation: \$690
- 2027 Premium Accommodation: \$920

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

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

See checkout for live dates and availability.

## **Flights**

#### International Full-Service Airline(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.

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 you via email once available.

#### **Departure Cities**

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

**Departure City Surcharges** 

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Brisbane: \$150 per person
Adelaide: \$250 per person
Auckland: \$600 per person

#### **Domestic Airline(s) Used**

• Cabin Class: Economy Class

• Route: Delhi to Cochin

 Airlines: Air India, Indigo and partners (subject to availability).

### **Domestic Flight Information**

Baggage allowance per person

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

Please note: Check with the airline website for up-to-date information.

#### **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 and 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

Cochin, India - From \$300 per person,

subject to availability.

#### Please note:

#### • Exclusions:

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

#### • 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:
- 16th June 2025 20th July 2025
- 15th September 2025 12th October 2025
- 1st December 2025 19th December 2025
- 20th December 2025 4th January 2026
- 5th January 2026 31st January 2026
- 3rd April 2026 20th April 2026
- 26th June 2026 17th July 2026
- 18th September 2026 9th October 2026
- 12th December 2026 18th December 2026
- 19th December 2026 3rd January 2027

• 4th January 2027 - 26th 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: 2nd October 2025 - 8th October 2025
  - Christmas and New Years Eve: 22nd December 2025 to 2nd January 2026
  - Singapore Grand Prix: 1st October 2026 9th October 2026
  - Christmas and New Years Eve: 18th

    December 2026 to 3rd January 2027

### 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).

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 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 Package: 3 & 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Delhi: Park Plaza or similar.
- Jaipur: Wall Street or similar.
- Agra: Taj Vilas or similar.
- Khajuraho: Clarks or similar.
- Cochin: Abad Atrium or similar.
- Periyar: Peppervine or similar.
- Alleppey (boat): AC Premium Houseboat.
- Alleppey: Kumarakom Park Resort or similar.

# <u>Premium Package: 4 & 5-Star Properties</u> (Self-Rated)

- Delhi: ITC Dwarka or similar.
- Jaipur: Ramada Plaza or similar.
- Agra: Grand Mercure or similar.
- Khajuraho: Ramada or similar.
- Cochin: Radisson Blu or similar.
- Periyar: Elephant Court or similar.
- Alleppey (boat): AC Premium Houseboat.
- Alleppey: Whispering Palms or similar.

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.

### **Maximum Room Capacity**

2 people.

#### **Child Policy**

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 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 are allowed.

#### **Triple Share**

Not available.

#### **Bedding Configuration**

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

#### **General Information**

#### **Optional Tours/Activities**

- Day 2: UNESCO World Heritage Sites -\$40 AUD per person.
- Day 3: Cooking Demonstration
   Experience & Dinner \$30 AUD per person.
- Day 4: City Palace Tour \$45 AUD per person
- Day 5: Baby Taj & Mehtab Bagh \$40
   AUD per person.
- Day 6: Food Trail Tour \$35 AUD per person.
- Day 8: Raneh Falls Tour & Lunch \$40 AUD per person.
- Day 8: Panna Tiger Reserve Safari Tour -\$45 AUD per person.
- Day 11: Heritage Walk Fort Kochi Old Quarter - \$30 AUD per person.
- Day 11: Fort Kochi, Broadway Bazaar & Mattancherry By Rickshaw - \$42 AUD per person.
- Day 13: Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary Tour \$50 AUD per person.
- Day 13: Tribal Heritage Program \$55
   AUD per person.
- Day 15: Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary -Can only be booked on tour, weather dependant.

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 require minimum numbers to operate.

#### **Exclusions**

- Visa fees and requirements.
- 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.

## **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 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

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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**

## India

- Summer: April, May & June Expect hot temperatures, very low to moderate humidity and low precipitation.
- Autumn: October & November A
   pleasant climate characterised by warm
   days, cool nights, low humidity and low
   precipitation.
- Winter: December & January Typically cool to cold temperatures with moderate humidity and low precipitation.
- Spring: February & March Expect a pleasant climate with warm days, cool nights, low to moderate humidity and moderate precipitation.

#### **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:**

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

A relaxed level of fitness will be required. Expect a comfortable pace of touring with a focus on leisure time and gentle activity. This may include city tours, the ability to walk up and down small flights of stairs and gentle slopes. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance. Please note: Some areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, with personal walking sticks and other aids required should they be needed. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant 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 vou.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

### **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 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.

#### 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

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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 may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.

#### Please note:

- 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/travel-insurance">https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance</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.

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