



# India & Thailand Discovery

DELHI ● AGRA ● BANGKOK ● AYUTTHAYA

## The Offer

Discover India's Golden Triangle, the ancient temples of Thailand & more on this 18-day small-group tour. Visit the historic landmarks of Delhi, Jaipur and Agra, then explore Thailand's Bangkok, the UNESCO-listed city of Ayutthaya and more.

Arrive in India to discover Delhi's historic grandeur, including the Red Fort, India Gate and Chandni Chowk's colourful bazaar. Journey to timeless Jaipur's Pink City, famous for its Rajput culture, magnificent palaces and age-old traditions. Step into history on the imposing ramparts of the Amber Fort, experience a sari folding demonstration or join an optional activity to learn the secrets of authentic Rajasthani cooking. Admire the intricate geometric patterns of Chand Baori Step Well en route to Agra. Discover the ornate architecture of Agra Fort, then rise early to see sunlight dance across the Taj Mahal, an iconic UNESCO-listed testament to love. Then, ride the state-of-the-art Vande Bharat Express to visit the ancient temples of Khajuraho, with time to explore at your own pace or join an optional activity in search of tigers in the Panna Tiger Reserve, before returning to Delhi.

Fly to Bangkok, Thailand, where you'll be captivated by golden temples and gleaming skyscrapers. Tour the spiritual heart of this international city, from Wat Arun on the banks of the serene Chao Phraya River, to Wat Pho's awe-inspiring and colossal reclining Buddha, before travelling to the city of Ayutthaya, the ancient capital of Siam. Glimpse past glories among Khmer-style palace ruins, then enjoy a night in a beautiful floating bungalow resort on the famous River Kwai. Continue to Kanchanaburi to immerse yourself in local culture, gain an insight into the infamous Burma Railway and visit the home of the magnificent seven-tiered Erawan Waterfall. Finally, revisit Bangkok with leisure time for last-minute souvenir shopping before your flight home.

This unforgettable adventure includes return international full-service flights, a one-way international flight, 16 nights of hotel accommodation, 17 meals, English-speaking guides and more

**Want more? Itinerary 2 adds 3 nights to explore Pattaya's lively city, beaches & more. Extend your journey with Arrive Early in Delhi, India or Stay Behind in Bangkok, Thailand options available.**

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**Overnight: Park Inn by Radisson or similar, Delhi**

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Delhi

After breakfast, prepare for an immersive journey through the historical grandeur and modern marvels of India's capital. The day begins with a captivating city tour of Old Delhi, a labyrinth of narrow lanes and bustling bazaars that whisper tales of centuries past. Dive into the vibrant heart of Old Delhi to explore Chandni Chowk, a legendary and colourful shopping thoroughfare that has captivated visitors for generations. Experience an iconic mode of transport with a thrilling rickshaw ride through its bustling streets, offering an authentic glimpse into local life.

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##### Optional Activity: UNESCO World Heritage Sites Exploration

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Next, marvel at the towering Qutub Minar, a spectacular 72.5-metre victory tower with five distinct storeys. Built by Qutb ud-din Aibak in 1193, it stands as the world's tallest brick minaret. Adorned with intricate engravings from the Quran in red sandstone, its impressive scale and detailed craftsmanship are truly breathtaking.

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**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 3 Delhi - Jaipur

This morning, after breakfast, bid farewell to the bustling capital to embark on a scenic overland journey to the captivating city of Jaipur (approximately 5-6 hours driving time).

Upon arrival, check into your hotel, ready to immerse yourself in the charm of Rajasthan's capital. Jaipur is famously known as the "Pink City." A colour synonymous with hospitality in Rajput culture, beautifully washing its picturesque buildings. This exquisite city, alongside Agra and Delhi, forms India's iconic "Golden Triangle".

Jaipur is a place where royal grandeur still permeates the air, from its magnificent palaces to its age-old traditions of honour and welcoming guests as deities. During free time you could stroll through timeless bazaars, where you could discover exquisite Rajasthani handlooms, sparkling trinkets and traditional crafts. Admire beautifully manicured gardens, impressive monuments and grand heritage hotels, many of which were once the majestic residences of Maharajas. While in Jaipur, look out for ambling camels and cheerful locals adorned in multi-hued costumes, adding to the unforgettable tapestry of this enchanting pink city.

This evening, enjoy a short orientation tour of the city, providing a perfect introduction to its unique atmosphere. Be immersed in the local culture as you experience a fascinating sari and Indian costume demonstration, showcasing the vibrant textiles and traditional attire of Rajasthan.

Optional Activity - Indian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner





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Participate in a cooking demonstration in Jaipur to learn the secrets of authentic Rajasthani cooking style in an informative and fun way. The royal household of Jaipur is known for many succulent recipes and kitchen secrets that have been handed down from one generation to another over centuries. Watch a local chef demonstrate traditional cooking techniques with different spices for the creation of rich and delicious veg and non-veg Indian cuisine. Taste the authentic Rajasthani food and spices before returning to your hotel. A must for cooking enthusiasts to learn mouth-watering tips and tricks of an Indian kitchen. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Park Ocean or similar, Jaipur**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 4 Jaipur

Today, get ready to explore the captivating sights of Jaipur, the picturesque capital of Rajasthan! Your morning begins after breakfast with an excursion to Amber Fort, located 11 kilometres from Jaipur. This majestic fort was the ancient stronghold of the Kachhwaha clan of Amber, serving as their capital before Jaipur. Built with stunning white marble and red sandstone, the fort's beauty is enhanced by its reflection in the serene Maota Lake. Gaze upon this breathtaking scene and be transported to a world of dreams and illusions.

Optional Activity: City Palace, Jantar Mantar and Hawa Mahal Tour

This afternoon, delve deeper into Jaipur's rich history and culture with a visit to the City Palace, the former royal residence. This magnificent palace showcases a beautiful blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architectural styles, offering a glimpse into the opulent lives of the Maharajas. The tour continues with a visit to the Hawa Mahal, also known as the Palace of Winds. This unique structure was built for the royal ladies, allowing them to observe royal processions without being seen.

Next, explore Jantar Mantar, the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh, showcasing his passion for astronomy. You'll also visit the Lakshmi Narayan Temple, a beautiful temple dedicated to the goddess of wealth and prosperity. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Park Ocean or similar, Jaipur**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Jaipur - Chand Baori - Agra

Today after breakfast you'll depart Jaipur by road for the iconic city of Agra (approximately 4-5 hours driving time, excluding stops). Prepare to be captivated by a visit en route to the remarkable Chand Baori Step Well. Located opposite the ancient Harshat Mata Temple, this incredible architectural marvel is believed to have a profound religious connection, explaining its strategic placement in front of the temple. Marvel at its intricate geometric pattern of steps descending deep into the earth – a truly breathtaking sight!

Continue your journey to Agra and upon arrival, check into your hotel, ready to explore this quintessential Mughal city.





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Agra is where the world comes to marvel at the epitome of love, beauty, and sacrifice: the magnificent Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The sheer magic of this monument is so overwhelming that Agra has been immortalised as the 'City of the Taj'. As visitors wander through its narrow, bustling streets, it's easy to imagine the echoes of Mughal emperors past.

During the afternoon, visit Agra Fort, also known as the Red Fort. This impressive fortress is a captivating sight, showcasing an astonishing level of ornamentation and reportedly once housed the legendary Kohinoor diamond. The fort's exquisite artwork is a unique blend of Persian, European, and Indian styles, culminating in a distinctive Shahjahani aesthetic rich in form, expression, and colour. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Agra Fort is a vast complex encapsulating centuries of history, innovative architecture, and influential garden design that shaped later buildings and gardens in Delhi.

##### Optional Activity: Visit to Baby Taj and Mehtab Bagh

Enhance your Agra experience with an optional visit to two more of the city's hidden gems. First, head to the landmark mausoleum of Itmad-ud-Daulah, affectionately known as "the Baby Taj." Marvel at this intricately carved marble monument, conceived before the Taj Mahal itself and widely considered the blueprint for its iconic design.

Continue to Mehtab Bagh, the "Moonlight Garden," a beautiful charbagh complex. From here, you can relax and take in the breathtaking sunset views over the Taj Mahal, offering a unique and unforgettable perspective of this world wonder. This optional

tour includes comfortable transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle, the services of an English-speaking guide, and all entrance fees. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Howard Plaza the Fern or similar, Agra**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

##### Day 6 Agra

Today begins with an unforgettable early morning experience visiting the world-famous Taj Mahal, just after sunrise at approximately 06:00, to witness its ethereal beauty in the soft morning light. Alternatively, you could choose to visit at 09:00 after breakfast.

The undeniable beauty of the Taj Mahal is a breathtaking testament to love, incorporating and expanding upon the design traditions of Persian and earlier Mughal architecture. While previous Mughal buildings were primarily constructed of red sandstone, Emperor Shah Jahan championed the use of exquisite white marble, meticulously inlaid with semi-precious stones. Commissioned by Shah Jahan in 1631 in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, construction of this architectural masterpiece began in 1632, with the principal mausoleum completed by 1643 and the surrounding buildings and gardens finished approximately five years later. Prepare to be utterly mesmerised by this symbol of eternal love.

The remainder of your day in this world-famous city is at leisure to enjoy as you wish, or you may choose to embark on an exciting optional activity.

Optional Activity: Food Trail Tour

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Dive into the culinary heart of Agra with a fascinating food trail tour! Embark on a heritage walk through hidden lanes and bustling markets, stopping at an array of local eateries. You'll have the chance to meet the people behind some of the city's most famous snacks, sampling traditional delights such as the delicious paratha and flavourful chaat. Savour one of the best chai teas served in a traditional clay cup, and of course, taste Agra's renowned sweet petha. This sugary white pumpkin sweet, originally prepared more than 350 years ago in the royal kitchens of Shah Jahan, now comes in a delightful variety of flavours, adapted to evolving tastes.

This optional tour includes comfortable transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle, the services of an English-speaking guide, and a delicious selection of snacks and chai. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Howard Plaza the Fern or similar, Agra**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 7 Agra - Khajuraho

Today, you will be transferred to the railway station in time to board the state-of-the-art Vande Bharat Express for a journey to Khajuraho. Experience modern Indian rail travel aboard this semi-high-speed train, designed for comfort and efficiency, as you traverse the Indian landscape.

Upon arrival in Khajuraho, a local representative will welcome and escort you by private transport to your hotel and ensure a smooth check-in process.

Khajuraho, a place of profound beauty and artistic expression, is renowned worldwide for its extraordinary temples. Dedicated to various gods and goddesses like Shiva, Jagdamba, and Vishnu, these ancient temples are magnificent examples of exemplary sculptural art and architecture. Though famous for their intricate and sometimes erotic sculptures, these temples are over a thousand years old and stand as a testament to enduring craftsmanship. Of the original 85 temples, 20 have survived centuries of history and nature's fury and are now carefully preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Khajuraho has historically been one of India's most visited sites after the Taj Mahal, also famed for its annual dance festival.

In the afternoon, embark on a captivating city tour, beginning with the Western Group of Temples. This impressive cluster comprises 14 magnificent temples, including the prominent Chaunsath Yogini, Lalguan Mahadev, Parvati, Varaha, Matangesvara, Lakshmana, Vishvanath and Nandi, Chitr Gupta, Devi Jagdamba, and the grand Kandariya Mahadeo temples. Each one tells a story through its exquisite carvings and intricate details.

Proceed to the Eastern Group of Temples, located a short distance away. This group consists of seven temples – four Jain and three Hindu. Explore the serene Parsvanath, Adinath, Shantinath, and Ghantai temples belonging to the Jain faith, alongside the beautiful Vamana, Javari, and Brahma Hindu temples.

**Overnight: AS Hotel or similar, Khajuraho**

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#### Day 8 Khajuraho

Today offers a day of leisure in Khajuraho, allowing you to relax at your hotel, explore the local surroundings at your own pace, or dive deeper into the region's natural beauty with one of our captivating optional tours.

Optional Activity: Raneh Falls tour with Lunch

This morning, embark on an exhilarating excursion to the breathtaking Raneh Falls, nestled within the Ken River, approximately 20 kilometres from Khajuraho. The lush forest surrounding the falls creates an idyllic setting for nature lovers, especially during the right season when the multi-coloured rocks glow brightly. Witness the spectacular display of crystalline granite in shades of green, red, pink, and grey, a true feast for the eyes! This is a must visit for both nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers. Don't miss this exotic spectacle during your visit to Khajuraho. The tour includes a delicious lunch amidst these stunning surroundings. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Panna Tiger Reserve Safari Tour

This afternoon, venture out on an exciting excursion to Panna Tiger Reserve. This remarkable national park is home to a diverse array of wildlife, including majestic Sambar deer, elusive Sloth bears, graceful Nilgai, and of course, the majestic Tiger and Leopard. Keep an eye out for Chital, Chinkara, and over 200 species of birds. Beyond the tigers, the park also boasts hyenas and wolves. A thrilling jeep safari through this sanctuary offers a comfortable ride and an incredible opportunity for wildlife

spotting. The picturesque Ken River flowing through the park adds to its serene beauty. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: AS Hotel or similar, Khajuraho**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 9 Khajuraho - Delhi

This morning, after breakfast, embark on a walking tour to a local village, offering a glimpse into the authentic rural life of the region. Experience the charm and simplicity of village life, interacting with locals and learning about their traditions.

This afternoon, you will be transferred to the railway station to board a train for Delhi, travelling on the Vande Bharat Express. On arrival this evening, you will be met by a tour representative and escorted to your hotel for the night.

**Overnight: Ashok Country Resort or similar, Delhi**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 10 Delhi, India - Bangkok, Thailand

Today, after breakfast, you will be transferred to Delhi International Airport to board the flight to Bangkok, Thailand.

Prepare for an exciting transition as you journey from the historical grandeur of India to the vibrant energy of Southeast Asia. Arriving in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, is an exhilarating experience where the city's energy is palpable from the moment you land. Step out into bustling streets, immerse yourself in colourful markets, and let the unmistakable aroma of delectable street food greet you at every turn. Amidst the







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modern skyline adorned with gleaming skyscrapers, ancient temples and golden shrines offer a captivating glimpse into the city's rich cultural heritage. Whether it's the bustling activity at Suvarnabhumi Airport or the serene flow of the Chao Phraya River, Bangkok immediately captivates with its unique blend of old and new, tradition and innovation.

Upon arrival, you will meet your local guide before being transferred to your hotel for check-in. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to begin exploring this incredible city at your own pace. Dinner is included tonight, with the exception of a very late arrival, then it will be included another day.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Bangkok Chinatown or similar, Bangkok**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

#### Day 11 Bangkok

Today's tour begins late in the morning or early afternoon.

Enjoy breakfast and relax before, immersing yourself in the spiritual heart of Bangkok, renowned for its stunning and numerous Buddhist temples, or 'Wats.' These serve as vital centres of spiritual life, architectural brilliance, and cultural heritage, each possessing unique characteristics.

Marvel at the gleaming spires of Wat Arun (the Temple of Dawn), majestically situated on the Chao Phraya River. Next, discover the awe-inspiring colossal reclining Buddha at Wat Pho, a truly immense and golden statue that will leave you breathless. Finally, journey to the revered Wat Phra Kaew, nestled within the Grand Palace complex, home to the exquisitely intricate gold leaf and emerald Buddha, a national treasure. These sacred sites offer

visitors a profound glimpse into Thailand's devout Buddhist traditions, showcasing exquisite craftsmanship, intricate murals, and serene atmospheres that beautifully contrast with the bustling city outside.

As the sun begins to set, prepare for a magical experience. This evening, includes one cocktail at sunset opposite the beautiful Wat Arun, witnessing its iconic spires illuminate against the twilight sky – a truly unforgettable moment.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Bangkok Chinatown or similar, Bangkok**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 12 Bangkok - Ayutthaya

Today, prepare for an unforgettable immersion into Bangkok's unique and bustling market culture. The city and its surrounding provinces are famously home to vibrant floating markets, where vendors in traditional wooden boats laden with fresh produce, delicious street food, and charming souvenirs gracefully navigate the bustling canals.

Discover the lively atmosphere of Damnoen Saduak, perhaps the most well-known and picturesque floating market, offering a vibrant tableau of local commerce.

Complementing these aquatic spectacles is the extraordinary Maeklong Railway Market, located just outside Bangkok. Here, market stalls are set up directly on active train tracks! Multiple times a day, vendors display incredible ingenuity as they swiftly clear their goods and retract their awnings to make way for an





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approaching train, only to immediately resume business once it has passed – a truly captivating display of adaptation and local life.

In the afternoon, sit back and relax on a private transfer to Ayutthaya, the ancient capital of Siam. Prepare to step back in time as you approach this historic city, a UNESCO World Heritage site awaiting your exploration.

**Overnight: Kantary Hotel or similar, Ayutthaya**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 13 Ayutthaya - Kanchanaburi

Today, prepare for a captivating journey through Thailand's rich history with a comprehensive tour of Ayutthaya, the ancient capital of Siam and a revered UNESCO World Heritage site.

Your exploration will include the poignant Wat Mahathat, famously known for the iconic Buddha head gracefully entwined within the roots of a Bodhi tree, a truly mesmerising sight. You'll also discover the grand Wat Phra Si Sanphet, which once stood as the holiest temple within the royal palace complex, its ruins hinting at past glories. Encounter the striking reclining Buddha at Wat Lokayasutha, a testament to the scale and artistry of the era, and admire the distinct Khmer-style architecture of Wat Chaiwatthanaram, whose majestic prangs are strikingly reminiscent of Cambodia's Angkor Wat.

Following this immersive historical tour, be transferred to your unique lodgings for the night, a beautiful floating bungalow resort nestled serenely on the River Kwai. Settle into your tranquil surroundings and enjoy the peaceful ambiance of this special riverside retreat.

**Overnight: The Floathouse or similar, Kanchanaburi Area**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 14 Kanchanaburi

Today, after breakfast, you will transfer from your beautiful floating bungalow on the River Kwai into the vibrant centre of Kanchanaburi City. Settle into your new hotel, your base for the next couple of nights, with ample time to explore this historic town.

As dusk settles, Kanchanaburi city awakens with the vibrant energy of its night markets, offering a delightful immersion into local culture and cuisine. You'll have the opportunity to visit the JJ Night Market, conveniently located near the railway station. This popular hub bursts with food stalls serving up an array of traditional Thai dishes, from sizzling skewers and aromatic curries to sweet mango sticky rice. Alongside the tempting food, vendors also sell clothing, accessories, and souvenirs, making it a lively spot for a casual evening stroll and some budget-friendly finds.

For those visiting on a weekend, the Kanchanaburi Walking Street (Pak Phraek Walking Street, open Saturdays typically from 16:00 to 19:00) comes alive with a friendly atmosphere, showcasing even more local snacks and desserts, and sometimes





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featuring live entertainment. These markets provide a fantastic opportunity to savour authentic street food at incredibly budget-friendly prices and soak in the lively evening ambiance of this historic Thai town.

**Overnight: The Bridge Resident Hotel or similar, Kanchanaburi**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 15 Kanchanaburi

Today, delve deeper into Kanchanaburi's captivating blend of poignant history and breathtaking natural beauty. Your day begins with a sobering and important look into the region's past at the JEATH War Museum (or a similar WWII museum in the area). This museum provides a detailed insight into the harsh realities faced by prisoners of war who were forced to build the infamous Burma Railway during World War II, often featuring reconstructed bamboo huts and poignant exhibits that pay tribute to their sacrifice.

In stark contrast, your journey continues further into the province to reveal the serene and stunning Erawan National Park, a true jewel of Thailand's natural landscape. This park is home to the magnificent seven-tiered Erawan Waterfall, named for its resemblance to the three-headed elephant from Hindu mythology. Renowned for its beautiful, accessible levels, you'll have the opportunity to swim in crystal-clear emerald-green pools, enjoy the lush jungle surroundings, and spot diverse wildlife. It offers a refreshing and picturesque escape after reflecting on the historical significance of the area, allowing you to connect with Thailand's unspoiled natural wonders.

The rest of the day is free at leisure.

**Overnight: The Bridge Resident Hotel or similar, Kanchanaburi**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 16 Kanchanaburi - Bangkok

Today, after breakfast, be transferred from Kanchanaburi back to Bangkok for the final night of your incredible journey. Upon arrival and check-in at your hotel, the remainder of the day is yours to spend at leisure. This is the perfect opportunity to revisit a favourite spot, do some last-minute souvenir shopping in Bangkok's bustling markets or modern malls, or simply relax and enjoy some well-deserved downtime after your enriching adventure through India and Thailand. Reflect on the diverse cultures, historical wonders, and breathtaking landscapes encountered along the way.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Bangkok Chinatown or similar, Bangkok**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 17 Bangkok, Thailand - Australia (or New Zealand)

Enjoy breakfast before transferring, at the appropriate time, to the airport for your flight back home.

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#### Day 18 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Welcome home!

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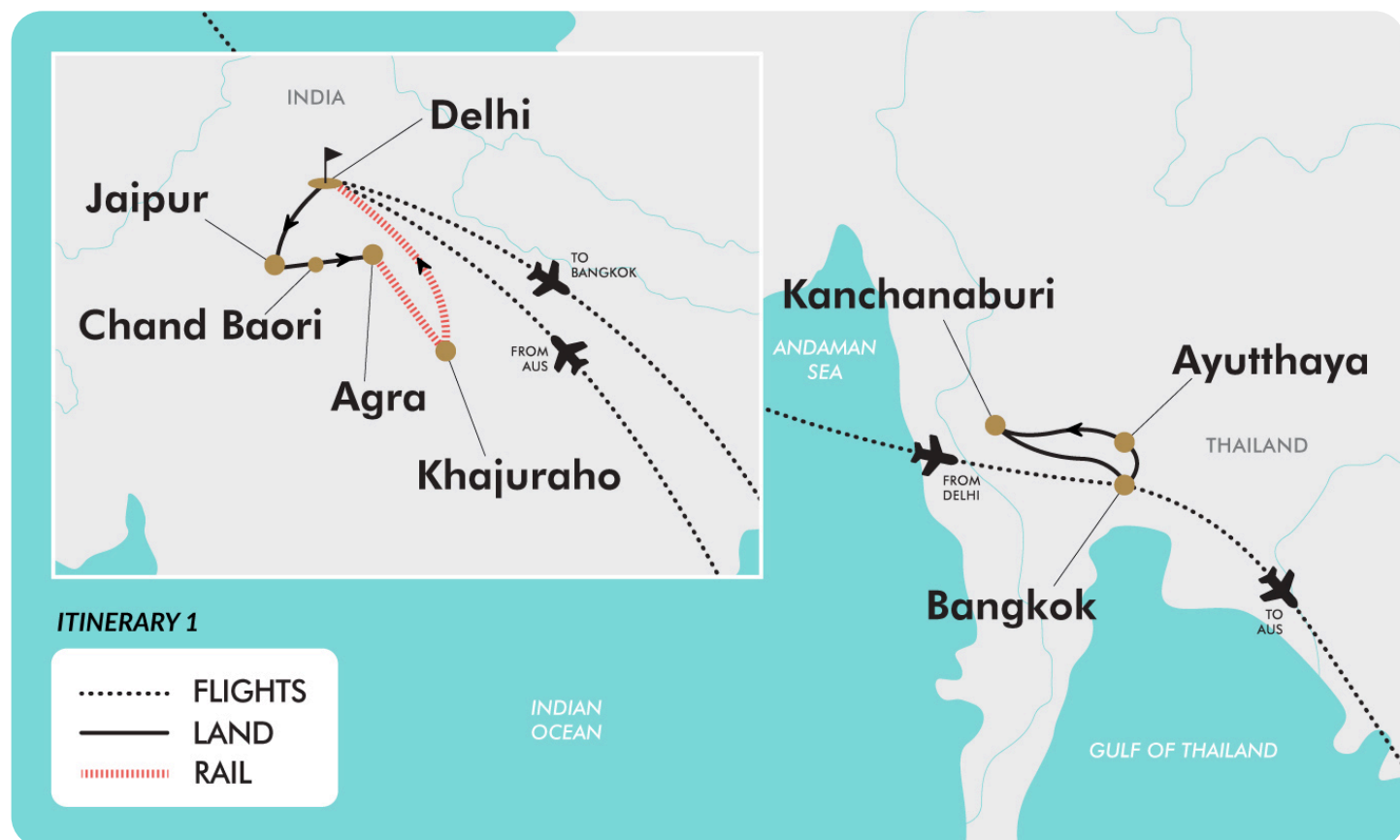




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Spend an afternoon delving into two of the city's incredible UNESCO World Heritage sites. India boasts an astounding 40 UNESCO sites, and this optional activity discovers two of Delhi's most significant. First, visit Humayun's Tomb, often regarded as the precursor to the Taj Mahal. This magnificent complex of buildings, set amidst perfectly manicured lawns and serene fountains, was the first grand example of Mughal architecture in India, built to house the body of Emperor Humayun.

Next, marvel at the towering Qutub Minar, a spectacular 72.5-metre victory tower with five distinct storeys. Built by Qutub ud-din Aibak in 1193, it stands as the world's tallest brick minaret. Adorned with intricate engravings from the Quran in red sandstone, its impressive scale and detailed craftsmanship are truly breathtaking.

This optional tour includes comfortable transfers by air-conditioned vehicle, the services of an English-speaking guide and entrance fees. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Park Inn by Radisson or similar, Delhi**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 3 Delhi - Jaipur

This morning, after breakfast, bid farewell to the bustling capital to embark on a scenic overland journey to the captivating city of Jaipur (approximately 5-6 hours driving time).

Upon arrival, check into your hotel, ready to immerse yourself in the charm of Rajasthan's capital. Jaipur is famously known as the "Pink City." A colour synonymous with hospitality in Rajput culture, beautifully washing its picturesque buildings. This exquisite city, alongside Agra and Delhi, forms India's iconic "Golden Triangle".

Jaipur is a place where royal grandeur still permeates the air, from its magnificent palaces to its age-old traditions of honour and welcoming guests as deities. During free time you could stroll through timeless bazaars, where you could discover exquisite Rajasthani handlooms, sparkling trinkets and traditional crafts. Admire beautifully manicured gardens, impressive monuments and grand heritage hotels, many of which were once the majestic residences of Maharajas. While in Jaipur, look out for ambling camels and cheerful locals adorned in multi-hued costumes, adding to the unforgettable tapestry of this enchanting pink city.

This evening, enjoy a short orientation tour of the city, providing a perfect introduction to its unique atmosphere. Be immersed in the local culture as you experience a fascinating sari and Indian costume demonstration, showcasing the vibrant textiles and traditional attire of Rajasthan.

Optional Activity - Indian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner





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Participate in a cooking demonstration in Jaipur to learn the secrets of authentic Rajasthani cooking style in an informative and fun way. The royal household of Jaipur is known for many succulent recipes and kitchen secrets that have been handed down from one generation to another over centuries. Watch a local chef demonstrate traditional cooking techniques with different spices for the creation of rich and delicious veg and non-veg Indian cuisine. Taste the authentic Rajasthani food and spices before returning to your hotel. A must for cooking enthusiasts to learn mouth-watering tips and tricks of an Indian kitchen. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Park Ocean or similar, Jaipur**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 4 Jaipur

Today, get ready to explore the captivating sights of Jaipur, the picturesque capital of Rajasthan! Your morning begins after breakfast with an excursion to Amber Fort, located 11 kilometres from Jaipur. This majestic fort was the ancient stronghold of the Kachhwaha clan of Amber, serving as their capital before Jaipur. Built with stunning white marble and red sandstone, the fort's beauty is enhanced by its reflection in the serene Maota Lake. Gaze upon this breathtaking scene and be transported to a world of dreams and illusions.

Optional Activity: City Palace, Jantar Mantar and Hawa Mahal Tour

This afternoon, delve deeper into Jaipur's rich history and culture with a visit to the City Palace, the former royal residence. This magnificent palace showcases a beautiful blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architectural styles, offering a glimpse into the opulent lives of the Maharajas. The tour continues with a visit to the Hawa Mahal, also known as the Palace of Winds. This unique structure was built for the royal ladies, allowing them to observe royal processions without being seen.

Next, explore Jantar Mantar, the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh, showcasing his passion for astronomy. You'll also visit the Lakshmi Narayan Temple, a beautiful temple dedicated to the goddess of wealth and prosperity. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Park Ocean or similar, Jaipur**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Jaipur - Chand Baori - Agra

Today after breakfast you'll depart Jaipur by road for the iconic city of Agra (approximately 4-5 hours driving time, excluding stops). Prepare to be captivated by a visit en route to the remarkable Chand Baori Step Well. Located opposite the ancient Harshat Mata Temple, this incredible architectural marvel is believed to have a profound religious connection, explaining its strategic placement in front of the temple. Marvel at its intricate geometric pattern of steps descending deep into the earth – a truly breathtaking sight!

Continue your journey to Agra and upon arrival, check into your hotel, ready to explore this quintessential Mughal city.





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Agra is where the world comes to marvel at the epitome of love, beauty, and sacrifice: the magnificent Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The sheer magic of this monument is so overwhelming that Agra has been immortalised as the 'City of the Taj'. As visitors wander through its narrow, bustling streets, it's easy to imagine the echoes of Mughal emperors past.

During the afternoon, visit Agra Fort, also known as the Red Fort. This impressive fortress is a captivating sight, showcasing an astonishing level of ornamentation and reportedly once housed the legendary Kohinoor diamond. The fort's exquisite artwork is a unique blend of Persian, European, and Indian styles, culminating in a distinctive Shahjahani aesthetic rich in form, expression, and colour. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Agra Fort is a vast complex encapsulating centuries of history, innovative architecture, and influential garden design that shaped later buildings and gardens in Delhi.

##### Optional Activity: Visit to Baby Taj and Mehtab Bagh

Enhance your Agra experience with an optional visit to two more of the city's hidden gems. First, head to the landmark mausoleum of Itmad-ud-Daulah, affectionately known as "the Baby Taj." Marvel at this intricately carved marble monument, conceived before the Taj Mahal itself and widely considered the blueprint for its iconic design.

Continue to Mehtab Bagh, the "Moonlight Garden," a beautiful charbagh complex. From here, you can relax and take in the breathtaking sunset views over the Taj Mahal, offering a unique and unforgettable perspective of this world wonder. This optional

tour includes comfortable transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle, the services of an English-speaking guide, and all entrance fees. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Howard Plaza the Fern or similar, Agra**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

##### **Day 6 Agra**

Today begins with an unforgettable early morning experience visiting the world-famous Taj Mahal, just after sunrise at approximately 06:00, to witness its ethereal beauty in the soft morning light. Alternatively, you could choose to visit at 09:00 after breakfast.

The undeniable beauty of the Taj Mahal is a breathtaking testament to love, incorporating and expanding upon the design traditions of Persian and earlier Mughal architecture. While previous Mughal buildings were primarily constructed of red sandstone, Emperor Shah Jahan championed the use of exquisite white marble, meticulously inlaid with semi-precious stones. Commissioned by Shah Jahan in 1631 in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, construction of this architectural masterpiece began in 1632, with the principal mausoleum completed by 1643 and the surrounding buildings and gardens finished approximately five years later. Prepare to be utterly mesmerised by this symbol of eternal love.

The remainder of your day in this world-famous city is at leisure to enjoy as you wish, or you may choose to embark on an exciting optional activity.

Optional Activity: Food Trail Tour





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Dive into the culinary heart of Agra with a fascinating food trail tour! Embark on a heritage walk through hidden lanes and bustling markets, stopping at an array of local eateries. You'll have the chance to meet the people behind some of the city's most famous snacks, sampling traditional delights such as the delicious paratha and flavourful chaat. Savour one of the best chai teas served in a traditional clay cup, and of course, taste Agra's renowned sweet petha. This sugary white pumpkin sweet, originally prepared more than 350 years ago in the royal kitchens of Shah Jahan, now comes in a delightful variety of flavours, adapted to evolving tastes.

This optional tour includes comfortable transfers in an air-conditioned vehicle, the services of an English-speaking guide, and a delicious selection of snacks and chai. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: Howard Plaza the Fern or similar, Agra**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 7 Agra - Khajuraho

Today, you will be transferred to the railway station in time to board the state-of-the-art Vande Bharat Express for a journey to Khajuraho. Experience modern Indian rail travel aboard this semi-high-speed train, designed for comfort and efficiency, as you traverse the Indian landscape.

Upon arrival in Khajuraho, a local representative will welcome and escort you by private transport to your hotel and ensure a smooth check-in process.

Khajuraho, a place of profound beauty and artistic expression, is renowned worldwide for its extraordinary temples. Dedicated to various gods and goddesses like Shiva, Jagdamba, and Vishnu, these ancient temples are magnificent examples of exemplary sculptural art and architecture. Though famous for their intricate and sometimes erotic sculptures, these temples are over a thousand years old and stand as a testament to enduring craftsmanship. Of the original 85 temples, 20 have survived centuries of history and nature's fury and are now carefully preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Khajuraho has historically been one of India's most visited sites after the Taj Mahal, also famed for its annual dance festival.

In the afternoon, embark on a captivating city tour, beginning with the Western Group of Temples. This impressive cluster comprises 14 magnificent temples, including the prominent Chaunsath Yogini, Lalguan Mahadev, Parvati, Varaha, Matangesvara, Lakshmana, Vishvanath and Nandi, Chitragupta, Devi Jagdamba, and the grand Kandariya Mahadeo temples. Each one tells a story through its exquisite carvings and intricate details.

Proceed to the Eastern Group of Temples, located a short distance away. This group consists of seven temples – four Jain and three Hindu. Explore the serene Parsvanath, Adinath, Shantinath, and Ghantai temples belonging to the Jain faith, alongside the beautiful Vamana, Javari, and Brahma Hindu temples.

**Overnight: AS Hotel or similar, Khajuraho**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

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### Day 8 Khajuraho

Today offers a day of leisure in Khajuraho, allowing you to relax at your hotel, explore the local surroundings at your own pace, or dive deeper into the region's natural beauty with one of our captivating optional tours.

Optional Activity: Raneh Falls tour with Lunch

This morning, embark on an exhilarating excursion to the breathtaking Raneh Falls, nestled within the Ken River, approximately 20 kilometres from Khajuraho. The lush forest surrounding the falls creates an idyllic setting for nature lovers, especially during the right season when the multi-coloured rocks glow brightly. Witness the spectacular display of crystalline granite in shades of green, red, pink, and grey, a true feast for the eyes! This is a must visit for both nature enthusiasts and adventure seekers. Don't miss this exotic spectacle during your visit to Khajuraho. The tour includes a delicious lunch amidst these stunning surroundings. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Optional Activity: Panna Tiger Reserve Safari Tour

This afternoon, venture out on an exciting excursion to Panna Tiger Reserve. This remarkable national park is home to a diverse array of wildlife, including majestic Sambar deer, elusive Sloth bears, graceful Nilgai, and of course, the majestic Tiger and Leopard. Keep an eye out for Chital, Chinkara, and over 200 species of birds. Beyond the tigers, the park also boasts hyenas and wolves. A thrilling jeep safari through this sanctuary offers a comfortable ride and an incredible opportunity for wildlife

spotting. The picturesque Ken River flowing through the park adds to its serene beauty. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

**Overnight: AS Hotel or similar, Khajuraho**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 9 Khajuraho - Delhi

This morning, after breakfast, embark on a walking tour to a local village, offering a glimpse into the authentic rural life of the region. Experience the charm and simplicity of village life, interacting with locals and learning about their traditions.

This afternoon, you will be transferred to the railway station to board a train for Delhi, travelling on the Vande Bharat Express. On arrival this evening, you will be met by a tour representative and escorted to your hotel for the night.

**Overnight: Ashok Country Resort or similar, Delhi**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 10 Delhi, India - Bangkok, Thailand

Today, after breakfast, you will be transferred to Delhi International Airport to board the flight to Bangkok, Thailand.

Prepare for an exciting transition as you journey from the historical grandeur of India to the vibrant energy of Southeast Asia. Arriving in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, is an exhilarating experience where the city's energy is palpable from the moment you land. Step out into bustling streets, immerse yourself in colourful markets, and let the unmistakable aroma of delectable street food greet you at every turn. Amidst the







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modern skyline adorned with gleaming skyscrapers, ancient temples and golden shrines offer a captivating glimpse into the city's rich cultural heritage. Whether it's the bustling activity at Suvarnabhumi Airport or the serene flow of the Chao Phraya River, Bangkok immediately captivates with its unique blend of old and new, tradition and innovation.

Upon arrival, be transferred to your hotel for check-in. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to begin exploring this incredible city at your own pace.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Bangkok Chinatown or similar, Bangkok**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

#### Day 11 Bangkok

Today's tour begins late in the morning or early afternoon

Enjoy breakfast and relax before, immersing yourself in the spiritual heart of Bangkok, renowned for its stunning and numerous Buddhist temples, or 'Wats.' These serve as vital centres of spiritual life, architectural brilliance, and cultural heritage, each possessing unique characteristics.

Marvel at the gleaming spires of Wat Arun (the Temple of Dawn), majestically situated on the Chao Phraya River. Next, discover the awe-inspiring colossal reclining Buddha at Wat Pho, a truly immense and golden statue that will leave you breathless. Finally, journey to the revered Wat Phra Kaew, nestled within the Grand Palace complex, home to the exquisitely intricate gold leaf and emerald Buddha, a national treasure. These sacred sites offer visitors a profound glimpse into Thailand's devout Buddhist

traditions, showcasing exquisite craftsmanship, intricate murals, and serene atmospheres that beautifully contrast with the bustling city outside.

As the sun begins to set, prepare for a magical experience. This evening includes one cocktail at sunset opposite the beautiful Wat Arun, witnessing its iconic spires illuminate against the twilight sky – a truly unforgettable moment.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Bangkok Chinatown or similar, Bangkok**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 12 Bangkok - Ayutthaya

Today, prepare for an unforgettable immersion into Bangkok's unique and bustling market culture. The city and its surrounding provinces are famously home to vibrant floating markets, where vendors in traditional wooden boats laden with fresh produce, delicious street food, and charming souvenirs gracefully navigate the bustling canals.

Discover the lively atmosphere of Damnoen Saduak, perhaps the most well-known and picturesque floating market, offering a vibrant tableau of local commerce.

Complementing these aquatic spectacles is the extraordinary Maeklong Railway Market, located just outside Bangkok. Here, market stalls are set up directly on active train tracks! Multiple times a day, vendors display incredible ingenuity as they swiftly clear their goods and retract their awnings to make way for an approaching train, only to immediately resume business once it has passed – a truly captivating display of adaptation and local life.

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In the afternoon, sit back and relax on a private transfer to Ayutthaya, the ancient capital of Siam. Prepare to step back in time as you approach this historic city, a UNESCO World Heritage site awaiting your exploration.

**Overnight:** Kantary Hotel or similar, Ayutthaya

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 13 Ayutthaya - Kanchanaburi

Today, prepare for a captivating journey through Thailand's rich history with a comprehensive tour of Ayutthaya, the ancient capital of Siam and a revered UNESCO World Heritage site.

Your exploration will include the poignant Wat Mahathat, famously known for the iconic Buddha head gracefully entwined within the roots of a Bodhi tree, a truly mesmerising sight. You'll also discover the grand Wat Phra Si Sanphet, which once stood as the holiest temple within the royal palace complex, its ruins hinting at past glories. Encounter the striking reclining Buddha at Wat Lokayasutha, a testament to the scale and artistry of the era, and admire the distinct Khmer-style architecture of Wat Chaiwatthanaram, whose majestic prangs are strikingly reminiscent of Cambodia's Angkor Wat.

Following this immersive historical tour, be transferred to your unique lodgings for the night, a beautiful floating bungalow resort nestled serenely on the River Kwai. Settle into your tranquil surroundings and enjoy the peaceful ambiance of this special riverside retreat.

**Overnight:** The Floathouse or similar, Kanchanaburi Area

**Meals included:** Breakfast

#### Day 14 Kanchanaburi

Today, after breakfast, you will transfer from your beautiful floating bungalow on the River Kwai into the vibrant centre of Kanchanaburi City. Settle into your new hotel, your base for the next couple of nights, with ample time to explore this historic town.

As dusk settles, Kanchanaburi city awakens with the vibrant energy of its night markets, offering a delightful immersion into local culture and cuisine. You'll have the opportunity to visit the JJ Night Market, conveniently located near the railway station. This popular hub bursts with food stalls serving up an array of traditional Thai dishes, from sizzling skewers and aromatic curries to sweet mango sticky rice. Alongside the tempting food, vendors also sell clothing, accessories, and souvenirs, making it a lively spot for a casual evening stroll and some budget-friendly finds.

For those visiting on a weekend, the Kanchanaburi Walking Street (Pak Phraek Walking Street, open Saturdays typically from 16:00 to 19:00) comes alive with a friendly atmosphere, showcasing even more local snacks and desserts, and sometimes featuring live entertainment. These markets provide a fantastic opportunity to savour authentic street food at incredibly budget-friendly prices and soak in the lively evening ambiance of this historic Thai town.

**Overnight:** The Bridge Resident Hotel or similar, Kanchanaburi

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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#### Day 15 Kanchanaburi

Today, delve deeper into Kanchanaburi's captivating blend of poignant history and breathtaking natural beauty. Your day begins with a sobering and important look into the region's past at the JEATH War Museum (or a similar WWII museum in the area). This museum provides a detailed insight into the harsh realities faced by prisoners of war who were forced to build the infamous Burma Railway during World War II, often featuring reconstructed bamboo huts and poignant exhibits that pay tribute to their sacrifice.

In stark contrast, your journey continues further into the province to reveal the serene and stunning Erawan National Park, a true jewel of Thailand's natural landscape. This park is home to the magnificent seven-tiered Erawan Waterfall, named for its resemblance to the three-headed elephant from Hindu mythology. Renowned for its beautiful, accessible levels, you'll have the opportunity to swim in crystal-clear emerald-green pools, enjoy the lush jungle surroundings, and spot diverse wildlife. It offers a refreshing and picturesque escape after reflecting on the historical significance of the area, allowing you to connect with Thailand's unspoiled natural wonders.

The rest of the day is free at leisure.

**Overnight: The Bridge Resident Hotel or similar, Kanchanaburi**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 16 Kanchanaburi - Bangkok

Today, after breakfast, be transferred from Kanchanaburi back to Bangkok. Upon arrival and check-in at your hotel, the remainder of the day is yours to spend at leisure. This is the perfect opportunity to revisit a favourite spot, go souvenir shopping in Bangkok's bustling markets or modern malls, or simply relax and enjoy some well-deserved downtime to reflect on the diverse cultures, historical wonders, and breathtaking landscapes encountered along the way.

**Overnight: Hotel Royal Bangkok Chinatown or similar, Bangkok**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 17 Bangkok - Pattaya

Enjoy breakfast before departing for Pattaya for your coastal extension. Please note, the Pattaya extension is unguided. Pattaya is known for its dynamic atmosphere and diverse attractions. While it has a long-standing reputation for its vibrant nightlife, particularly centred around the famous Walking Street with its array of bars and clubs, Pattaya has also evolved into a more family-friendly destination, offering a multifaceted experience for all travellers.

Upon arrival, check into your hotel, then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure exploring Pattaya's diverse offerings.

Beyond the energetic evenings, enjoy sun-soaked days on Pattaya Beach or the more tranquil Jomtien Beach and partake in various water sports. The city also boasts impressive cultural highlights such as the magnificent, all-wooden Sanctuary of Truth, an awe-inspiring structure showcasing intricate carvings





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and philosophy. You can also visit the majestic Big Buddha Temple overlooking the city, and explore the unique Pattaya Floating Market, offering a glimpse into traditional Thai life and local products.

*Please note: Charges apply to the above activities and are booked locally through the hotel.*

**Overnight: Centara Life Maris Resort Jomtien or similar, Pattaya**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 18 Pattaya Beach Day

Today, the day is yours to choose your perfect beach experience, whether it's exhilarating water sports or simply unwinding by the sea.

Pattaya Beach buzzes with activity, providing a lively atmosphere perfect for water sports enthusiasts and those who enjoy being at the heart of the action, with vibrant nightlife and countless dining options just steps away. For a more laid-back atmosphere, head south to Jomtien Beach to soak up the sun. This longer stretch of coastline is ideal for families, offering calm waters for swimming and a relaxed vibe with plenty of casual dining spots. To the north, Wong Amat Beach provides a quieter, more upscale setting, perfect for unwinding in a more serene environment.

For a true island getaway and a highlight of any Pattaya visit, take a short boat ride to Koh Larn (Coral Island). Here, you'll discover pristine beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and excellent snorkelling opportunities teeming with vibrant marine life. Spend your day swimming, sunbathing, or indulging in various water activities.

*Please note: Charges may apply to the above activities.*

**Overnight: Centara Life Maris Resort Jomtien or similar, Pattaya**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 19 Koh Larn

Today, the day is yours to choose your perfect beach experience, whether it's exhilarating water sports or simply unwinding by the sea.

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**Overnight: Centara Life Maris Resort Jomtien or similar, Pattaya**  
**Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch**





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##### Day 20 Pattaya - Bangkok, Thailand - Australia (or New Zealand)

Following breakfast, be transferred to Bangkok to take your flight home.

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

##### Day 21 Arrive in Australia

Welcome home!

**Meals included: None**

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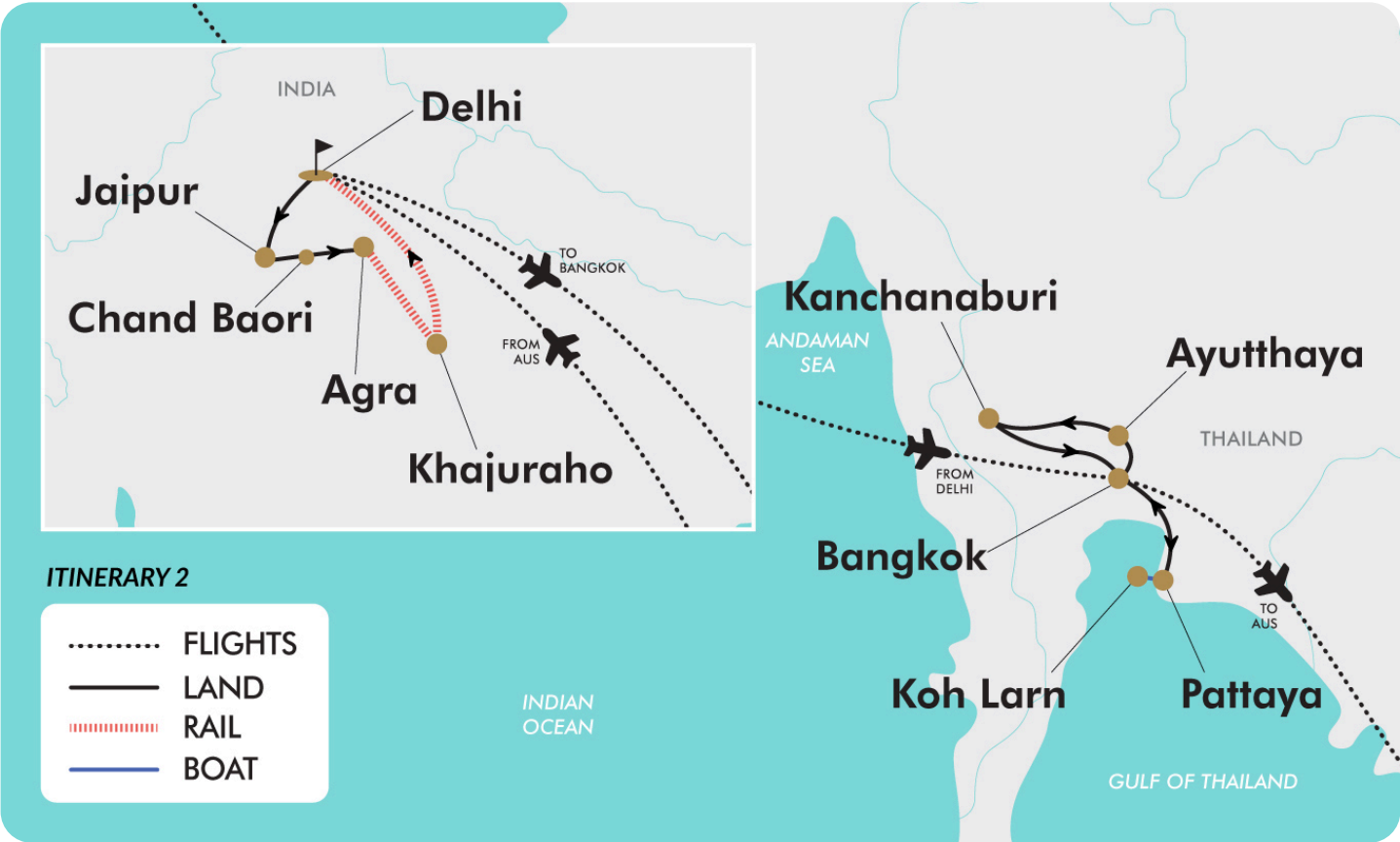




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HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the ancient wonders of India, paired with Thailand's tropical beauty & vibrant culture
- Journey through centuries of history, from the Mughal Empire to the ancient Kingdom of Siam
- Witness the beauty of the world famous Taj Mahal in the morning light
- Explore the iconic cities of Delhi, Jaipur & Agra that form India's Golden Triangle
- Navigate Chandni Chowk's bustling lanes on an exhilarating rickshaw ride
- Discover Chand Baori Step Well, an intricate, geometric hidden gem, en-route to Agra
- Uncover thousand year old temples renowned for their exquisite & captivating sculptures
- Travel aboard India's impressive Vande Bharat Express between Agra & Khajuraho
- Discover the awe-inspiring Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho & see the opulent Grand Palace, home to the revered Wat Phra Kaew
- Enjoy a magical evening with cocktails overlooking the illuminated Temple of Dawn
- Witness the ingenious Maeklong Railway Market & explore the vibrant Damnoen Saduak Floating Market
- Step back in time amidst the UNESCO World Heritage-listed ruins of Siam's former capital
- Experience a truly unique stay at a floating bungalow resort nestled serenely on Thailand's River Kwai
- Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Erawan National Park & its stunning seven-tiered emerald waterfall

FLIGHTS

- Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply
- One-way international full-service flight (economy class) from Delhi, India to Bangkok, Thailand

ACCOMMODATION

- 16 nights of hotel accommodation

DINING

- Enjoy 17 meals, including daily breakfast

ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour guides
- Airline taxes & surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles in India
- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles or tuk tuk in Thailand

TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers with meet & assist in both India & Thailand

ITINERARY 2: INDIA & THAILAND WITH PATTAYA EXTENSION

- Includes all of Itinerary 1's inclusions with the addition of: 3 nights of hotel accommodation in Pattaya to enjoy this lively beachside city & the nearby island of Koh Larn
- Please note: The Pattaya extension is unguided



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This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

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## Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:

Itinerary 1: \$935

Itinerary 2: \$1,150

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## Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. 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 and \*Auckland

### Departure City Surcharges

Brisbane & Adelaide: \$250 per person

Auckland: \$800 per person

### International Flight(s)

Full-Service Airline(s) Used

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

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

### Preferred Airline Surcharge

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

*Please note:*

- *Preferred Airline Surcharges do not include the international internal flight from Delhi, India to Bangkok, Thailand. Preferred Airline Surcharge is not available for this sector.*



# Important Information

- 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

Bangkok, Thailand - 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
- 19th March 2027 - 28th April 2027
- 19th June 2027 - 18th July 2027
- 11th September 2027 - 10th October 2027
- 10th December 2027 - 19th December 2027
- 20th December 2027 - 3rd January 2028

#### Stopover Packages

\* Kuala Lumpur

\* 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 - 2nd January 2026
- Christmas and New Years Eve: 18th December 2026 - 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).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.

#### Outbound Flights

*Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.*



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## 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:

#### 3-4-star Properties (Self-Rated)

Delhi, India: Park Inn by Radisson or similar  
Jaipur, India: Park Ocean or similar  
Agra, India: Howard Plaza the Fern or similar  
Khajuraho, India: AS Hotel or similar  
Delhi, India: Ashok Country Resort or similar  
Bangkok, Thailand: Hotel Royal Bangkok Chinatown or similar  
Ayutthaya, Thailand: Kantary Hotel or similar  
Kanchanaburi Area, Thailand: The Floathouse or similar  
Kanchanaburi, Thailand: The Bridge Resident Hotel or similar  
Pattaya, Thailand (Itinerary 2 Only): Centara Life Maris Resort Jomtien 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.

*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 Sites Exploration - \$40 per person  
Day 3: Indian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner - \$30 per person  
Day 4: City Palace, Jantar Mantar and Hawa Mahal Tour - \$45 per person  
Day 5: Visit to Baby Taj and Mehtab Bagh - \$40 per person  
Day 6: Food Trail Tour - \$35 per person  
Day 8: Raneh Falls tour with Lunch - \$40 per person  
Day 8: Panna Tiger Reserve Safari Tour - \$40 per person

### Please note:

- *Prices are based per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions*
- *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 or shore excursions 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
- Services of a tour leader on the Pattaya Extension (Itinerary 2)

## 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 \$5 per person per day in India and \$5-\$10 per person per day in Thailand in the local currency. 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.*

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### 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



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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

### North India

Expect three main seasons. The cool, dry period (October to March) brings pleasant temperatures and clear skies – ideal for exploring. From April to June, temperatures rise significantly, heralding the monsoon season (July to September) which brings lush landscapes and refreshing, though sometimes intense, downpours. Each season offers its unique charm, often with fewer crowds outside of peak winter months.

### Thailand

Thailand is warm to hot year-round. The dry season (November to February) is most popular, offering comfortable warmth and abundant sunshine, perfect for beaches and outdoor activities. The hot season (March to May) sees the highest temperatures. The wet season (May/June to October) features short, heavy tropical showers, usually in the afternoons, leaving plenty of dry periods for discovery amidst vibrant green scenery.

### Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

## 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.

### Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

### Passport Validity:

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 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 you.*

*Please note: 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.



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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.

### Thailand

From the 1st of May 2025 all Australians will be required to complete the Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC) online prior to arrival. Travellers must register online within three days prior to arriving in Thailand. They can do so via this link: <https://tdac.immigration.go.th/arrival-card/#/home>

Your passport must be valid for more than 6 months before entering Thailand.

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

## 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 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 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 non-refundable 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.