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# The Offer

Experience a 16-day small group adventure through captivating destinations like Delhi, Jaipur, Ranthambore National Park, and Agra, where India's vibrant history and Rajasthani culture come alive. Search for Royal Bengal tigers, tantalise your taste buds, explore bustling markets, and be inspired by the timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal, all while discovering each location's unique charm, rich history, and iconic landmarks!

Begin your adventure in Delhi, a city of contrasts where ancient traditions seamlessly merge with the contemporary. Explore the majestic palaces, and ornate temples of Old Delhi while simultaneously experiencing the high-tech marvels and iconic colonial landmarks of New Delhi.

Journey westward to vibrant Mandawa, a favourite Bollywood film setting, to uncover 18th-century havelis adorned with captivating frescoes of grand Maharajas atop elephants, wealthy Venetian merchants leading treasure-laden camel caravans, graceful dancers, and more. Continue your journey to the sprawling mediaeval UNESCO World Heritage 'living' fort of Jaisalmer that dominates the stark

Thar desert scape, then in striking contrast, discover the breathtaking colourful panoramas of imperial Jodhpur's elegant palaces and impressive forts.

You'll venture deep into the heart of Rajasthan to search for the elusive Royal Bengal tiger in the untamed wilderness of Ranthambore National Park. Finally, discover the enchanting Pink City of Jaipur, home to the magnificent Royal Amber Fort and the ornate Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds), before concluding your journey with the Mughal grandeur of Agra's red sandstone fort and the romance of a visit to the stunningly beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Taj Mahal.

With return international flights, 14 nights hotel accommodation, 17 meals, return airport transfers, local guides and more, you are guaranteed to make memories that will last forever.

Upgrade: A premium accommodation package is available.

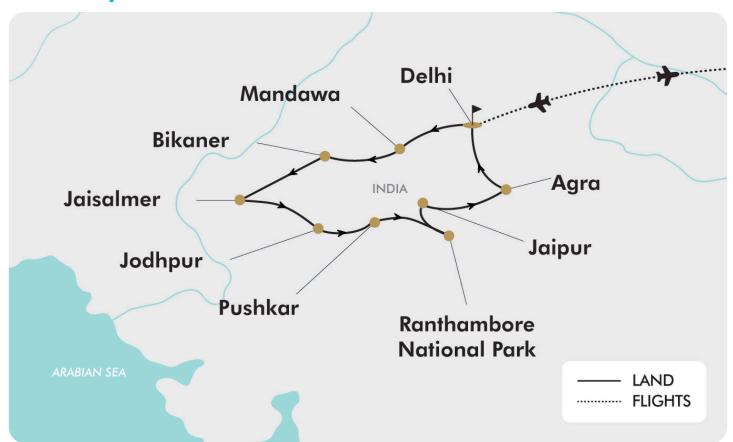
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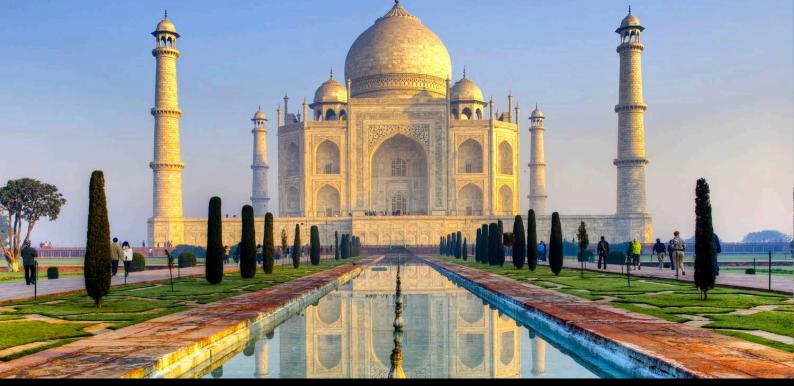


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Journey west from Delhi to the small rural village and hidden gem of Mandawa, in the Shekhawati region of Rajasthan. Famous for their collection of painted havelis and merchant houses, these crumbling mansions tell the story of a time when the community was prosperous and the owners travelled to distant lands.

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As well as the havelis, visit the Fort Palace - the structure of the palace reminds us of the cultural and social importance of this region in the past.

Finish the day at your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Today's driving time/distance is approximately 6 hours/260km.

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

#### Day 4 Mandawa - Bikaner

After breakfast, depart for Bikaner, and upon arrival, check into your hotel.

Bikaner was founded in 1488 by Rao Bhikaji, a descendant of the founder of Jodhpur. The city has seen several ups and downs in its eventful history. Bikaner is also called the camel country, renowned for the best-riding camels in the world. It is also the birthplace of the world-famous Bikaneri bhujia and nankeen (a salted snack made of lentils).

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# Day 8 Jodhpur - Pushkar

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# Day 9 Pushkar - Ranthambore

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

# **Day 10 Ranthambore National Park**

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### Optional Activity: Afternoon Wildlife Safari

Search for wildlife, including the elusive Bengal tiger, during an afternoon game safari. Sit back and join your naturalist guide, and take the opportunity to see the wildlife and bird species in the national park. The park authorities monitor and control entry to

specific areas within Ranthambore to ensure a limited number of jeeps and canters are allowed in, thereby increasing the chance for sightings. The optional tour includes a safari, an English-speaking naturalist guide, and park fees. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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

#### Day 11 Ranthambore - Jaipur 'The Pink City'

After breakfast at the hotel, travel to Jaipur - the capital of Rajasthan. On arrival, check into the hotel.

Jaipur is instantly recognisable for its pink-washed buildings, a colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This beautiful city, along with Agra and Delhi, forms what is known as the Golden Triangle of India's tourist circuit.

Jaipur is a city where royalty still lives in the grandeur of its palaces, where fighting for the clan's honour has never been a need but a way of life, and where treating guests as gods has been a tradition from time immemorial. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colourful bazaars, where you can shop for Rajasthani textiles and trinkets.

The beautifully laid-out gardens and parks, attractive monuments, and heritage hotels, once the residences of Maharajas, are all worth a look. This evening, enjoy visiting Lakshmi Narayan temple and the old town market, followed by a demonstration of Sari and Indian costumes.

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

### Day 12 Jaipur

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day sightseeing tour of Jaipur.

Begin with a morning excursion to Amber Fort. Located 11 kilometres from Jaipur, it was the old fort of the Kachwaha clan of Amber. A beautiful sight to behold, the fort is built with white marble and red sandstone and looks even more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground. Next, visit the Hawa Mahal, or the 'Palace of Winds,' which was constructed for the royal ladies to watch processions without being seen.

This afternoon, participate in an optional activity or enjoy it at leisure.

## Optional Activity: Indian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner

Make your day special by participating in a cooking demonstration in Jaipur to learn the secrets of authentic Rajasthani cooking in an informative and fun way. It will be exciting to experience cooking traditional vegetarian and non-veg dishes and get an idea about different spices used to make the dishes more delicious and rich. The royal household of Jaipur is known for many succulent recipes and kitchen secrets handed down from one generation to another over centuries. Your local chef will try to provide the maximum possible cooking techniques and secrets quickly and allow you to enjoy the dishes with their delightful families. Upon the end of your food tasting and cooking classes in Jaipur, you can go back and be enriched by the unique culture and tradition of Rajasthan. A must for cooking

enthusiasts, you will surely learn some mouth-watering tips and tricks to cooking up a storm. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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

# Day 13 Jaipur - Abhaneri - Agra

After an early breakfast, depart for Agra, visiting Abhaneri. Abhaneri is a small village in the Dausa district in northern Rajasthan; it is located 95km from Jaipur, towards the Jaipur-Agra highway. The town's present name, Abhaneri, is believed to be a mispronunciation of 'Abha Nagri' or the 'city of brightness'. Here you will visit the famous Chand Baori Step Well – opposite a temple called Harshat Mata Temple. It extends approximately 30m into the ground, making it one of India's most profound and largest stepwells.

On arrival in Agra, check into the hotel. This afternoon, enjoy a visit to Agra Fort (Red Fort). A fascinating sight, it showcases a high level of ornamentation, with the Kohinoor diamond reportedly part of the furnishings at some point. The fort's artwork mixes Persian, European, and Indian art, resulting in a unique Shahjahani style rich in form, expression, and colour.

Agra Fort is one of India's building complexes, encapsulating a long period of history, arts, and innovative architectural style, including its garden design, which influenced later buildings and gardens in Delhi. In 1983, it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today, enjoy the world-famous city of Agra at

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leisure or choose from optional activities. Later this evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. Today's driving time/distance is approximately 5 hours/240km.

# 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. Continue to Mehtab Bagh, Moonlight Garden, and admire the Taj Mahal from the beautiful gardens. The optional tour includes a transfer in an air-conditioned vehicle, an English-speaking guide and fees. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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

## Day 14 Agra - Delhi

Today, you will visit the Taj Mahal just after sunrise (at approximately 06:00) and return to the hotel for breakfast, or you can visit just after breakfast at 09:00.

The world-famous Taj Mahal is where you will see the undeniable beauty that incorporates and expands on design traditions of Persian and earlier Mughal architecture. While earlier Mughal buildings were primarily constructed of red sandstone, Shah Jahan promoted the use of white marble inlaid with semiprecious stones. Shah Jahan commissioned the Taj Mahal in 1631 to be built in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Construction began in 1632, the principal mausoleum was completed in 1643, and the surrounding buildings and garden were finished about five years later.

Later, enjoy the city of Agra at leisure or take part in the optional activity below. Late this afternoon, you will travel back to Delhi and, on arrival, check into the hotel for an evening at leisure. Today's driving time/distance is approximately 4 hours/210km.

# Optional Activity: Food Trail Tour

Embark on a heritage walk through hidden lanes and bustling markets and visit various local eateries. Meet the people behind some of the city's most famous snacks. Sample some traditional foods such as paratha and chat, savour one of the best chai served in a traditional clay cup and taste Agra's famous sweet petha. Initially prepared more than 350 years ago from the royal kitchens of Shah Jahan, this sugary white pumpkin sweet comes in various flavours that have adapted to consumers' changing tastes. Optional tours include a transfer in an a/c vehicle, an English-speaking guide, and a selection of snacks and chai. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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Meals included: Breakfast

# Day 15 Delhi - Australia (or New Zealand)

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

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### Day 16 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

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After breakfast at the hotel, travel to Jaipur - the capital of Rajasthan. On arrival, check into the hotel.

Jaipur is instantly recognisable for its pink-washed buildings, a colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This beautiful city, along with Agra and Delhi, forms what is known as the Golden Triangle of India's tourist circuit.

Jaipur is a city where royalty still lives in the grandeur of its palaces, where fighting for the clan's honour has never been a need but a way of life, and where treating guests as gods has been a tradition from time immemorial. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colourful bazaars, where you can shop for Rajasthani textiles and trinkets.

The beautifully laid-out gardens and parks, attractive monuments, and heritage hotels, once the residences of Maharajas, are all worth a look. This evening, visit Lakshmi Narayan temple and the old town market, followed by a demonstration of Sari and Indian costume.

Today's driving time/distance is approximately 4 hours/190km.

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# The Itinerary

# Itinerary 2 - Royal Rajasthan with Varanasi Extension

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

### Day 12 Jaipur

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Begin with a morning excursion to Amber Fort. Located 11 kilometres from Jaipur, it was the old fort of the Kachwaha clan of Amber. A beautiful sight to behold, the fort is built with white marble and red sandstone and looks even more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground.

Next, visit the Hawa Mahal, or the 'Palace of Winds, ' which was constructed for the royal ladies to watch processions without being seen. This afternoon, participate in an optional activity or enjoy it at leisure.

#### Optional Activity: Indian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner

Make your day special by participating in a cooking demonstration in Jaipur to learn the secrets of authentic Rajasthani cooking style in an informative and fun way. It will be exciting to experience cooking traditional vegetarian and nonvegetarian dishes and understand the different spices used to make them more delicious and decadent. The royal household of Jaipur is known for many succulent recipes and kitchen secrets handed down from one generation to another over centuries. Your local chef will try to provide the maximum possible cooking techniques and secrets quickly and allow you to enjoy the dishes with their delightful families. Upon the end of your food tasting and cooking classes in Jaipur, you can go back and be enriched by the unique culture and tradition of Rajasthan. A must for cooking

enthusiasts, you will surely learn some mouth-watering tips and tricks to cooking up a storm. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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

# Day 13 Jaipur - Abhaneri - Agra

After an early breakfast, depart for Agra, visiting Abhaneri. Abhaneri is a small village in the Dausa district in northern Rajasthan; it is located 95km from Jaipur, towards the Jaipur-Agra highway. The town's present name, Abhaneri, is believed to be a mispronunciation of 'Abha Nagri' or the 'city of brightness'. Here you will visit the famous Chand Baori Step Well – opposite a temple called Harshat Mata Temple. It extends approximately 30m into the ground, making it one of India's most profound and largest stepwells.

On arrival in Agra, check into the hotel. This afternoon, enjoy a visit to Agra Fort (Red Fort). A fascinating sight, it showcases a high level of ornamentation, with the Kohinoor diamond reportedly part of the furnishings at some point. The fort's artwork mixes Persian, European, and Indian art, resulting in a unique Shahjahani style rich in form, expression, and colour.

Agra Fort is one of India's building complexes, encapsulating a long period of history, arts, and innovative architectural style, including its garden design, which influenced later buildings and gardens in Delhi. In 1983, it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today, enjoy the world-famous city of Agra at

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leisure or choose from optional activities. Later this evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. Today's driving time/distance is approximately 5 hours/240km.

# 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. Continue to Mehtab Bagh, Moonlight Garden, and admire the Taj Mahal from the beautiful gardens. The optional tour includes a transfer in an air-conditioned vehicle, an English-speaking guide and fees. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

Please note: Should your itinerary see Day 14 fall on a Friday when the Taj Mahal is closed, you will visit the Taj Mahal in the afternoon during the sunset of Day 13 and Agra Fort on Day 14 instead. The optional visit to Baby Taj and Mehtab will be available on the morning of Day 14.

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

## Day 14 Agra - Taj Mahal - Varanasi

Today, you will visit the Taj Mahal just after sunrise (at approximately 06:00) and return to the hotel for breakfast, or you can visit just after breakfast at 09:00 (included).

The world-famous Taj Mahal is where you will see the undeniable beauty that incorporates and expands on design traditions of Persian and earlier Mughal architecture. While earlier Mughal buildings were primarily constructed of red sandstone, Shah Jahan promoted the use of white marble inlaid with semi-precious stones.

Shah Jahan commissioned the Taj Mahal in 1631 to be built in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Construction began in 1632, the principal mausoleum was completed in 1643, and the surrounding buildings and garden were finished about five years later.

Enjoy the city of Agra at leisure or take part in the optional activity below. Late this afternoon, you will travel approximately 210 kilometres back to Delhi and transfer to the airport for your flight to Varanasi.

# Optional Activity: Food Trail Tour

Embark on a heritage walk through hidden lanes and bustling markets and visit various local eateries. Meet the people behind some of the city's most famous snacks. Sample some traditional foods such as paratha and chat, savour one of the best chai served in a traditional clay cup and taste Agra's famous sweet petha. Initially prepared more than 350 years ago from the royal kitchens of Shah Jahan, this sugary white pumpkin sweet comes in various flavours that have adapted to consumers' changing tastes. Optional tours include a transfer in an a/c vehicle, an English-speaking guide, and a selection of snacks and chai. Today's driving time/distance is approximately 5 hours/240km.

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

#### **Day 15 Varanasi City Tour**

Today, enjoy an early morning boat cruise on the River Ganges.

After breakfast, depart for a city tour of Varanasi. The banks of the Ganges, which Hindus consider a sacred river, are the centre of much of the religious activity that occurs in the city. The ghats built along the banks of the river for religious activity also form a major source of attraction here. Other interesting places that you will visit during this tour include Alamgir Mosque, Durga Temple, Vishwanath Temple, Bharat Mata temple, Tulsi Manas Temple, and the Archaeological Museum.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take part in an optional activity. Today's driving time/distance is approximately 5 hours/240km.

# Optional Activity: Sarnath Excursion

In the afternoon, enjoy an excursion to Sarnath. Sarnath is devoted to Lord Shiva and is the most sacred shrine in Varanasi. It is about 15 kilometres from the holy city of Varanasi, where Buddha decided to convey his first oration. The illustrious Mantra, Buddham Sharanam Gachham, owes its foundation to Sarnath. Please see current pricing in Important Information.

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

### Day 16 Varanasi - Delhi

After breakfast and check out you will be transferred to Varanasi Airport for your flight back to Delhi.

Upon arrival you will be transferred to the hotel.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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

# Day 17 Delhi, India - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today at the appropriate time be transferred to the airport for the flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

# Day 18 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)

Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 day later due to flight schedules.

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# **Tour Inclusions**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

See the very best of Rajasthan on a small group tour with no more than 20 travellers

Witness the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal and Agra Fort in Agra

Join a tiger safari in Ranthambore National Park

Explore the massive Jaisalmer Fort, the second oldest fort in Rajasthan

Visit Mandawa and explore its famous collection of painted havelis and merchant houses

Visit the Royal Amber Fort and Hawa Mahal in the pink city of Jaipur

See Red Fort, Raj Ghat and Jama Masjid Mosque in Delhi

Tour Jodhpur, the Blue City of India and visit its famous palaces and cenotaphs

Explore the vibrant Chandni Chowk market by rickshaw

Tour the majestic fort of Bikaner and visit a camel breeding farm

Visit the ancient capital of Lodurva, a vital pilgrim spot of the Jain community

Explore Pushkar Lake, which is surrounded by almost 500 temples

Visit Chand Baori, one of the world's deepest step-wells in Abhaneri Caves

# **FLIGHTS**

Return international flights (economy class) surcharges may apply

### **ACCOMMODATION**

14 nights hotel accommodation (Standard or Premium option)

#### **DINING**

Enjoy 17 meal, including a welcome dinner in Delhi

#### **ESSENTIALS**

English-speaking local guides

Sightseeing and monument entry fees

Airlines taxes and surcharges

# **TRANSPORT**

Transportation by private air-conditioning vehicles

### **TRANSFERS**

Return airport transfers with meet and assist

# **18-DAY WITH VARANASI EXTENSION**

All of the above plus the following:

Return internal flights (economy class) from Delhi to Varanasi

2 nights hotel accommodation (Standard or Premium option)

Enjoy 2 additional meals

See Alamgir Mosque, Durga Temple & Vishwanath Temple on a Varanasi city tour

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

# **Booking Information**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. 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 and 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 17th November 2026.

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 Package \$625 Standard Extension \$750 Premium Package \$850 Premium Extension \$1,025

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) Used

• Cabin Class: Economy Class

#### **Departure Cities**

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

# **Departure City Surcharges**

Brisbane: \$200 per person
Adelaide: \$200 per person
Auckland: \$550 per person

# Domestic Airline(s) Used - Varanasi Extension

Cabin Class: Economy ClassRoute: Delhi to Varanasi Return

Please note: TripADeal 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.

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.

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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.

#### **Missed Flights**

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight on Day 1 (or Day 0), 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 will miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact TripADeal as soon as possible to make arrangements.

#### **Preferred Airline Surcharge**

- Cabin Class: Economy Class
- Singapore Airlines: \$400 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.

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

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

# **Arrive Early**

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

# Stay Behind

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

# **Stopover Packages**

\* Kuala Lumpur

Twin share: \$1000 per person/one way Solo Traveller: \$1500 one way

\* Singapore

Twin share: \$1200 per person/one way Solo Traveller: \$1800 one way

Includes:

- 2 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

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 an Arrive Early or Stay
  Behind in conjunction with a Stopover
  Package, the stopover will take place after
  the departure date you select for your
  Arrive Early or Stay Behind
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

# Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class or Premium Economy: 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

### **Domestic Flight Information**

Baggage allowance per person 1 x 15kg of checked baggage 1 x 7kg of carry-on baggage

Please note: Domestic flights in India have strict weight limits. Excess baggage will be charged at your own expense, the current rate is approx. \$10 AUD per kilogram.

### **Accommodation**

# **Accommodation Used**

#### **Standard Package**

3 & 4-Star Properties (self-rated)

- Delhi: Golden Tulip Essential or similar
- Mandawa: Udai Vilas Palace or similar
- Bikaner: Vesta Bikaner Palace or similar
- Jaisalmer: Desert Tulip or similar
- Jodhpur: Lords Inn or similar
- Pushkar: Pushkar Bagh or similar
- Ranthambore: Ranthambore National Resort
- Jaipur: Jaipur Central or similar
- Agra: Hotel Pushp Villa or similar
- Varanasi (Extension Package Only): Hotel Silk City or similar







#### **Premium Package**

### 4 & 5-Star Properties (self-rated)

- Delhi: Hyatt Centric or similar
- Mandawa: Castle Mandawa or similar
- Bikaner: Lallgarh Palace or similar
- Jaisalmer: Sairafort Sarovar Portico or similar
- Jodhpur: Fairfield by Marriott Jodhpur or similar
- Pushkar: Aaram Bagh or similar
- Ranthambore: Anuraga Palace or similar
- Jaipur: KK Royal & Convention or similar
- Agra: Crystal Sarovar Premiere or similar
- Varanasi (Extension Package Only): The Amaya 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 at check-out.

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.

#### **Child Policy**

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 12 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**

Unavailable

### **Bedding Configuration**

Twin or double (subject to availability)

### **General Information**

Minimum group size 6, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

Please note: A small group tour is defined as a tour with no more than 20 travellers per vehicle

### **Optional Tours/Activities**

- Day 2: Lodhi Colony Street Art, Lodhi Gardens & India Habitat Centre Tour -\$45 per person
- Day 6: Sam Sand Dunes & Camel Ride Evening Excursion – \$50 per person
- Day 10: Afternoon Wildlife Safari \$80 per person
- Day 12: Indian Cooking Demonstration & Dinner - \$35 per person
- Day 13: Visit Baby Taj & Mehtab bagh -\$42 per person
- Day 14: Food Trail Tour \$30 per person
- Day 15: Sarnath Excursion \$35 per person (Extension Itinerary only)

## 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 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

# **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 commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be

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**

- 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.

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 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**

At TripADeal 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 TripADeal 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 would love to travel with TripADeal and require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

#### **Fitness Level Required**

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

#### Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

#### Visas

#### India

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

# Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
- Visa rules 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:

 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.

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 It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

### **Travel Insurance**

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

#### **Schedule Of Fees**

Please note: Due to limited availability, passenger name and date changes are strictly prohibited for this offer. This overrides the Schedule of Fees in our standard Terms & Conditions. Please read the Refund and Cancellation policy before purchase, as strict conditions apply beyond this point.

### **Voluntary Changes**

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

 Changes - \$100.00 per booking + additional charges from the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

# Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/ other travel providers.

#### **Supplier Fees**

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer 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. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are unavailable from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. If TripADeal cannot obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

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