

 Wendy Wu Tours

# INDIA

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 Our Award-Winning Collection Of Escorted Tours & Tailormade Holidays

The Winner Of 'Best Specialist Tour Operator' 10 Years Running – Globe Travel Awards,  
The Most Prestigious Accolade In The Travel Industry



# WELCOME TO INDIA!



Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through this enchanting region on one of our experience-packed tours. As every traveller is different, we've developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel your way. Discover the best option for you here:

## CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of an expert guide so that you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our Classic tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full. These tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring programme including authentic cultural experiences.

## GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. With smaller group sizes and greater flexibility, you will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. Our Go Beyond tours may take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime.

## SOLO TRAVELLERS

We have reserved selected departures of some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a readymade group of like-minded solo travellers. We provide a room of your own with no single supplement to pay, while our expert guides take care of you throughout the tour. Please check opposite for tours with exclusive solo departures and see page 6 for more details.

## PRIVATE

A private tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families that want greater flexibility on when they travel and the style of accommodation. Most of our group tours can operate on a private basis.

## TAILORMADE

For the ultimate in bespoke touring, one of our expert consultants will help you in designing a tour to meet your exact requirements. Select your choice of destinations, accommodation, touring and experiences to create the perfect holiday for you.

## SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling with ten or more other passengers, we can arrange your own, independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique, fully escorted holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself. See page 45 for more details.



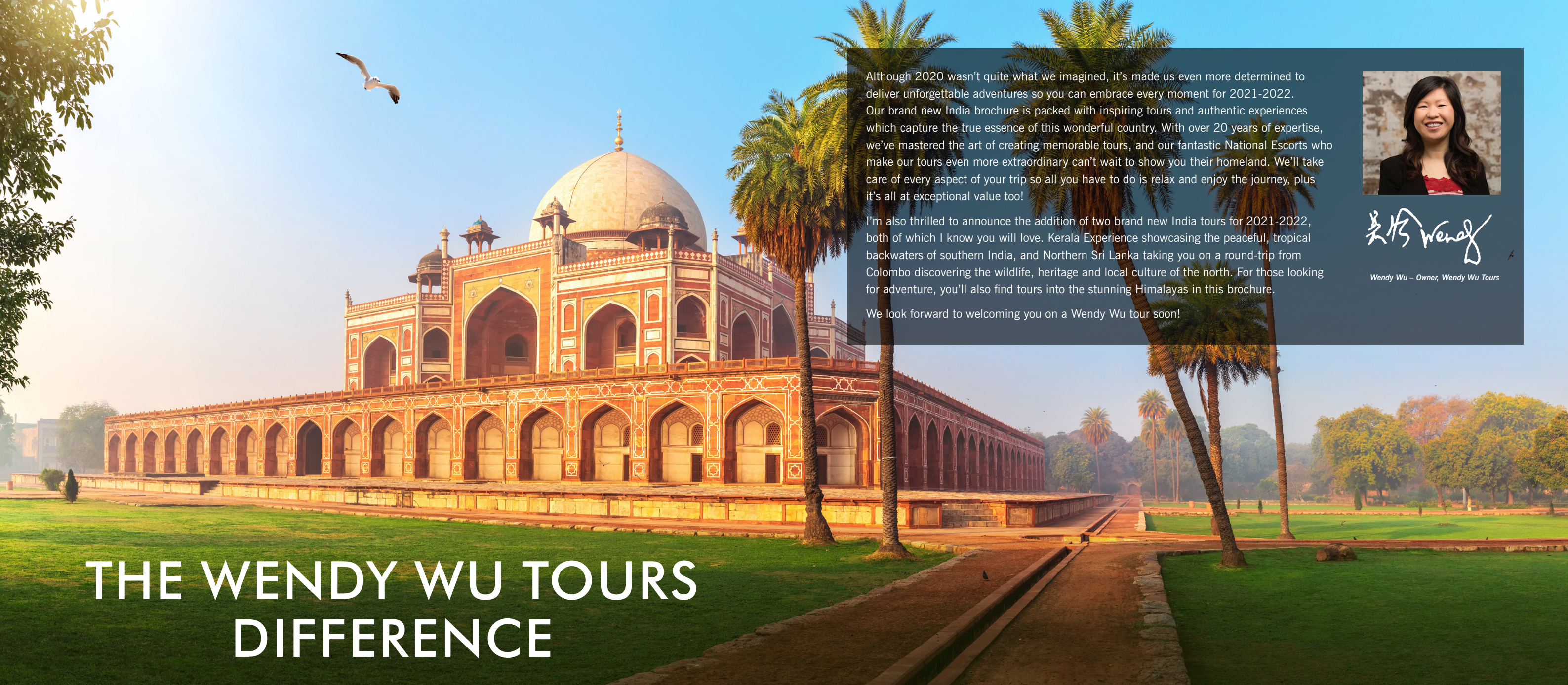
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**S** Exclusive solo departures available







# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

Although 2020 wasn't quite what we imagined, it's made us even more determined to deliver unforgettable adventures so you can embrace every moment for 2021-2022. Our brand new India brochure is packed with inspiring tours and authentic experiences which capture the true essence of this wonderful country. With over 20 years of expertise, we've mastered the art of creating memorable tours, and our fantastic National Escorts who make our tours even more extraordinary can't wait to show you their homeland. We'll take care of every aspect of your trip so all you have to do is relax and enjoy the journey, plus it's all at exceptional value too!

I'm also thrilled to announce the addition of two brand new India tours for 2021-2022, both of which I know you will love. Kerala Experience showcasing the peaceful, tropical backwaters of southern India, and Northern Sri Lanka taking you on a round-trip from Colombo discovering the wildlife, heritage and local culture of the north. For those looking for adventure, you'll also find tours into the stunning Himalayas in this brochure.

We look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon!



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Wendy Wu – Owner, Wendy Wu Tours

## OUR REPUTATION AND YOUR PEACE OF MIND

We have won our industry's 'Best Long Haul Specialist Tour Operator' award for 10 years running, we have a 5-star TripAdvisor rating, a Gold Award Feefo Accreditation and 98% of our customers would recommend travelling with us! We are also fully ABTA and ATOL-protected.

## OUR EXPERTISE

No one knows our destinations like we do, and we are passionate about sharing the best of them with you, so there is no one better to recommend the very best tours and experiences for your holiday.

## OUTSTANDING GUIDES

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge and dedication have won us the best reputation in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary.

## EXCEPTIONAL VALUE AND INCLUSIONS

Flights, accommodation, meals, touring, trains, cruises, evening shows, amazing guides and visas...we include it all.

## VISAS

Hassle-free visa process with the costs included in the price, with expert guidance throughout.

## FANTASTIC OFFERS

We are renowned for our amazing Business Class and Premium Economy upgrades, which make your holiday all the more special, and we work with leading airlines to offer you regional departures, so travelling with us is more convenient than ever.

## COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

We hand-pick comfortable hotels in great locations, have a 'seat and a half' policy on our coaches and include all meals on our Classic tours, so you can relax and enjoy your holiday with us, knowing everything is taken care of.

## AMAZING TOURS & AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

On tour with us, you will be immersed in culture and history through experiences such as meeting local families, learning ancient traditions and watching cultural shows. We also include delicious local meals in each region. Look out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on each tour page!

## TIPPING MADE EASY

We will advise you how much and when to tip and our National Escort will take care of it on your behalf.

## OUR ONLY GOAL

We are only satisfied when you come back to travel with us again and again – only then do we know that we've done a good job of serving you.





# YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

We want everyone who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary day of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we've made it easy for you to choose your perfect holiday. You can select based on Tour Style (which you'll find inside the front cover), by Physical Rating (see opposite page) and if you're travelling solo why not join one of our departures reserved exclusively for Solo Travellers?

## ACCOMMODATION STYLES

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you'll visit. Our Classic tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3 star plus to 4 star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Go Beyond tours you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit.

## TOUR PACE

Many of our tours are busy, but that's because we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of special experiences means some early starts and long days, but you can be sure that you'll return home with many incredible memories! Read our Tour Dossiers and check the Physical Ratings to see if the pace and activity levels are right for you.

## SOLO DEPARTURES

Solo travellers are more than welcome on any of our holidays, but we've reserved a few departures of our most popular tours exclusively for customers travelling on their own. These special departures feature smaller group sizes, free chauffeur transfers to and from the airport, free airport lounges and complimentary drinks on arrival! See tours: Golden Triangle (p.18), Inspiring India (p.20), and Highlights of Sri Lanka (p.34) in this brochure or check our website at [www.wendywutours.co.uk](http://www.wendywutours.co.uk) for more information.

## CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

If you'd like to explore your destination further or arrange a stopover on your flight all you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 46) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.

## PHYSICAL RATING



### LEVEL 1

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. Every one of our tours require the ability to walk around sights unaided, whilst more active tours involve longer walks, cycling and other physical activities. Tours at altitude will have a higher physical rating. For more information on why each tour has been rated the way it has, have a look at the 'Detailed Tour Dossier' available to download on the tour page of our website.

### LEVEL 2

Involves a little more time on your feet than a Level 1 tour and may involve more steps and/or walking.



### LEVEL 3

A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances. Other activities such as cycling will be at a gentle pace and will involve straightforward terrain.

### LEVEL 4

Similar physical activities to Level 3 but they may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



### LEVEL 5

You'll need to be fit and adventurous to participate in these tours as on some days you will be active for most of the day. The terrain may be more challenging and the activities more physically demanding.



# Taking care of your safety

Our customers' safety has always been our highest priority at Wendy Wu Tours. Working closely with our partners overseas and our highly experienced National Escorts, we are proud of our reputation for taking the utmost care of every customer's safety and wellbeing.

For 2021 and beyond we have strengthened our safety management processes to include measures to protect our customers and local staff from COVID-19. These new measures include protection whilst travelling, sightseeing, at mealtimes and at hotels. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our protocols include personal protection, extensive disinfecting, and social distancing measures.

Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!

For details of our safety guidelines please visit [www.wendywutours.co.uk](http://www.wendywutours.co.uk)

# Guided by the very best

Our guides are the stars of the show; it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that will transform your tour experience from good to truly extraordinary!



"Our guide was brilliant! He knows so much and was able to give loads of information about loads of different places by memory. He went above and beyond to book tickets to see a cricket match for us (this wasn't on the itinerary, but he found a way of including it for us) he listened to us, asked us questions, answered our questions and the entire group were really impressed."

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## AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

On all of our group tours you will be accompanied by a dedicated guide, known as your 'National Escort'. Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

You will be able to put your utmost trust in your guide who will navigate you through the eccentricities of the local way of life.

## ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- ✔ Have at least five years' guiding experience
- ✔ Are fluent in English
- ✔ Are born and raised in India
- ✔ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- ✔ Are at your service 24 hours a day

# Award-winning expertise

We are so proud of the numerous awards we've received over the years in recognition of the extraordinary travel experience we provide to our customers. We're just doing what we do best – creating memories to cherish and providing exceptional levels of customer service.



# Recommended by you

Awards are all well and good, but it's our customer feedback that means the most to us. We're proud of our 5-star TripAdvisor rating and the fact that so many of our customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family – that's all the accolade we need.



98% of customers would be happy to recommend us to their friends and family!



# Our Price Promise

If you find any of our tours cheaper elsewhere, we'll match the price!

## PRICE MATCH PROMISE

Our tours are renowned for their comprehensive inclusions and exceptional value for money. We're so confident you won't find the same tour at a better price that if you do, we'll not only match it, but we'll also offer you a discount of £200 per person on a future booking.

## 100% NO SURCHARGE PROMISE

Once you've paid, you've paid! As soon as we confirm your booking you can relax knowing the holiday price won't increase and you'll never have to pay extra for currency fluctuations and surcharges, etc.

## NEVER KNOWINGLY UNDERSOLD

If you find a Wendy Wu tour being sold elsewhere for less than our published price, let us know and we'll match the price you've been quoted.



# Cultural Encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Experiences You'll Love' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...

## KATHAKALI DANCE PERFORMANCE

Be mesmerised by elaborate Kathakali dancers, who perform in colourful dresses and masks to tell ancient Hindu stories.



## LOCAL COOKING CLASS

Be invited to a local family home and learn about the ingredients and flavours used in traditional cooking, before sampling the delicious dishes yourself.



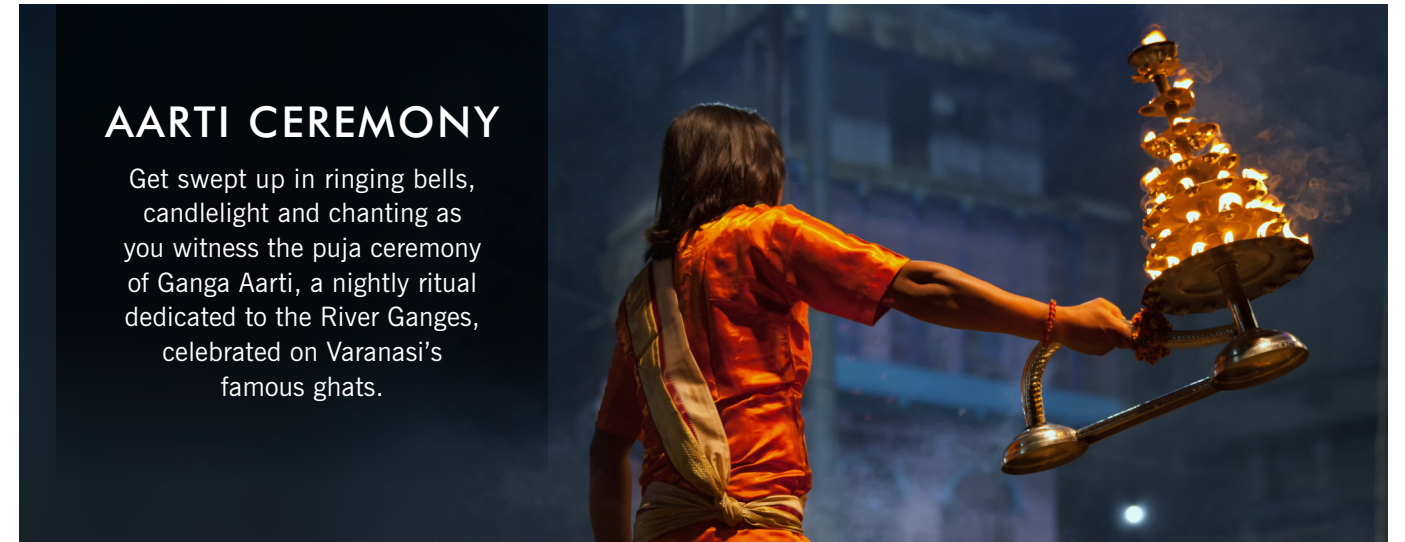
## SHIMLA TOY TRAIN

Take a trip on India's famous Toy Train along one of the most scenic routes, winding its way slowly through forests and mountains, offering spectacular panoramic views over the surrounding area.



## AARTI CEREMONY

Get swept up in ringing bells, candlelight and chanting as you witness the puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti, a nightly ritual dedicated to the River Ganges, celebrated on Varanasi's famous ghats.



## KALARIPAYATTU MARTIAL ARTS

Native to the southern state of Kerala, Kalaripayattu, at 6000 years old, is one of the world's oldest traditions. Watch a demonstration of this fascinating martial art, practised by warriors from across castes and religions.



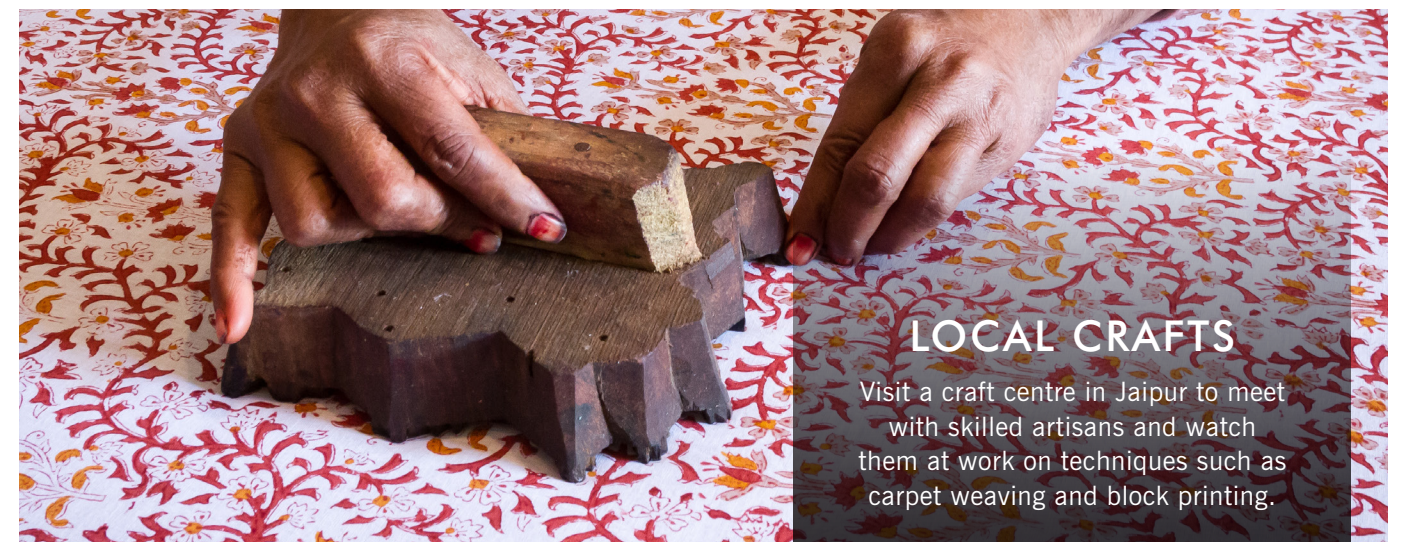
## CINNAMON CULTIVATION

Discover the art of cinnamon cultivation, Sri Lanka's most famous export, and learn about both the culinary uses and ayurvedic properties of this versatile spice.



## LOCAL CRAFTS

Visit a craft centre in Jaipur to meet with skilled artisans and watch them at work on techniques such as carpet weaving and block printing.







# Discover India and beyond with Wendy Wu Tours

Reaching from the cloud piercing peaks of the Himalayas to the jewel bright blue of the Indian Ocean, the Indian Subcontinent encompasses a myriad of landscapes, cultures and nature. Here are some of our favourite destinations...

## WENDY'S TOP 8 SIGHTS

**1 RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK**

Whether it's staking out watering holes or combing the tropical jungle of Ranthambore, looking for tigers is an exhilarating experience. That's why a safari is included on so many of our India tours!



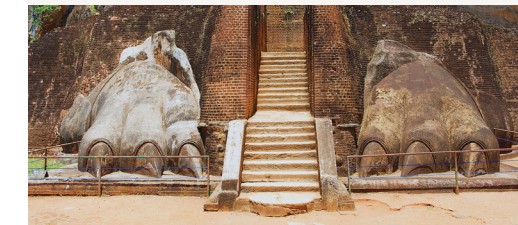
**2 TAJ MAHAL**

There have been many words used to describe it, yet few do it justice. We suggest you go and see the Taj Mahal for yourself, that's why it is featured on most India tours.



**3 SIGIRIYA ROCK, SRI LANKA**

Explore the ruins of the ancient Sri Lankan fortress atop Sigiriya, or 'Lion Rock', including its fascinating fresco paintings. Then climb further for breathtaking views – discover it on our Sri Lanka tour (page 34).



**4 KERALA'S BACKWATERS**

A network of lagoons, canals and rivers encased in verdant greenery, Kerala's backwaters are best explored by boat – do this on our South India tours (pages 16 and 26).



**5 GHATS OF VARANASI**

A sacred city and one of the world's oldest, Varanasi's ghats, lapped by the River Ganges, showcase humanity laid bare. See them on two tours (pages 28 & 32).



**6 GOLDEN TEMPLE**

Amritsar's spectacular Golden Temple casting a glimmering reflection in the surrounding sacred waters is a sight to behold – see for yourself on our Northern India Discovery tour (page 22).



**7 TIGER'S NEST HIKE**

Perched above Bhutan's Paro Valley, hike with pilgrims through tranquil woodlands to reach this spectacular monastery. See it on our Himalayan Kingdoms tour (page 42).



**8 JAISALMER FORT**

Jain Temples within the Jaisalmer Fort complex are elaborately carved from yellow sandstone. This fort is one of very few remaining "living forts" where residents still live within the fort. See our Rajasthan Panorama Tour (page 30).





# CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully-escorted, fully-inclusive group journey

Meticulously designed journeys perfect for those who want to see iconic sights and magnificent treasures on a fully-inclusive tour that is also fantastic value! With all your arrangements taken care of you can travel with the utmost ease and confidence, accompanied throughout by one of our industry leading National Escorts.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International airfares
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- All meals
- All transportation in destination
- All entrance fees, guides and daily tours
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

## EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With a Classic tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring with a group of a maximum of 28 fellow travellers.

## ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you'll be dining in local establishments. We include a few 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a whole, delicious range of your destination's best food.

## NATIONAL ESCORTS

You can be safe in the knowledge that throughout your tour you'll be in the company of one of our award-winning National Escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are what can push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.

## AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, we can make sure you get to see those rarely visited places that will give you a more authentic experience of the culture of the region and the chance to meet the friendly local people. Keep an eye out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on every tour page, for a taste of cultural encounters that you will enjoy.



NEW

# KERALA EXPERIENCE

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£1,990**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Experience wildlife close-up
- ✓ Tour culturally rich Kochi
- ✓ Explore Munnar's blue lakes
- ✓ See fishing villages in Kumarakom
- ✓ Travel through the paddy fields
- ✓ See ancient Chinese fishing nets



See ancient Chinese fishing techniques unique to Kochi

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Visit Athirapally Waterfalls

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ One of the finest waterfalls in India, the Athirapally Falls are located on the Chalakudy River, and drop from a height of 80 feet through several parallel streams. It's no wonder they're Kerala's most popular attraction.
- ▶ Experience the ancient dance-drama tradition of Kerala, Kathakali. It is one of the oldest theatre forms in the world where performances are based on themes from Hindu mythology.
- ▶ Visit Fort Kochi with its fascinating cultural mix of Malayali Christians, Hindus, Muslims, and Jews. From charming old-world streets to the ancient Chinese fishing nets, all of which make this city unique.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KOCHI

Fly overnight to Kochi (formerly Cochin), known as the Gateway to Kerala. Upon arrival at Kochi International Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

### DAY 3: MUNNAR

In the morning drive to Munnar, en route visit Athirapally Waterfalls which is a favourite tourist spot. Continue your drive to Munnar and check in to the hotel.

### DAY 4: DISCOVER MUNNAR

After breakfast, journey through Munnar for the day, taking in all it has to offer, cascading streams, emerald forests, and wildlife reserves with endangered animals and birds. This afternoon you will visit the Tea Factory and Museum. Tea is undoubtedly Munnar's claim to fame and deeply fragrant Eucalyptus plantations fuel the many tea factories in the region.

### DAY 5: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY

After breakfast, drive to Thekkady and check in at your hotel. Thekkady is one of the most nature-rich areas of Kerala. This entire region has a large population of tribal people, with unique customs and beliefs, maintaining an ethos which is distinctly different from that of the mainstream culture. Experience a Kalaripayattu Martial Arts Show tonight.

### DAY 6: PERIYAR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Enjoy a morning visit to the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. This sanctuary is the natural habitat of a wide variety of animal species making Periyar Lake a paradise for nature lovers and birdwatchers. The greatest attraction is the herd of wild elephants that come down to play in the lake. The Sanctuary Watch Tower

situated in the forest interior, gives you a panoramic view of the park. In the afternoon you will visit a spice plantation.

### DAY 7: BOARD A KETTUVALAM

After breakfast check out of your hotel and drive to Kumarakom. On arrival at Kumarakom, board a Kettuvalam (traditional Kerala houseboat) and cruise towards Alleppey, one of the lowest lying areas in India. The allure of Kerala is its stunning backwaters and the town has at least six navigable canals that are its lifeline. A cruise on a Kettuvalam, through the backwaters, is the finest way to experience the natural beauty around you, such as the lush paddy fields and narrow canals with lakeside villages and locals going about their daily lives.



Visit Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary



Visit Munnar's Green Tea Plantations

### DAY 8: TRAVEL TO KOCHI

After spending the night on board the Ketuvallam, you will be woken early by the chirping of birds and occasional ripples in the water. Your sumptuous breakfast will be cooked by your expert boat crew, while cruising quietly on the winding stretches of the backwaters, through various canals and waterways giving you an insight into the rural life. Disembark from your houseboat and drive to Kochi. On arrival proceed with a tour of Kochi city. In the evening, enjoy an enthralling performance of Kathakali.

### DAY 9: FLY KOCHI TO UK

Rise early this morning and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

**NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?**  
Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### GOA BEACH EXTENSION

5 days from £530pp

### KOVALAM BEACH EXTENSION

5 days from £260pp

### MARARI BEACH EXTENSION

3 days from £330pp

Visit page 46 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



Cruise the peaceful backwaters

KERALA EXPERIENCE

CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Kerala has many varied places of interest – from hill stations to lakes, modern cities to India's oldest tiger reserve, wildlife sanctuaries to peaceful backwaters, it offers one an in-depth look into this popular Southern India State.



Traditional Kerala Thali meal

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

### 2021 DATES

13 Mar - 21 Mar **£1,990** 09 Oct - 17 Oct **£1,990**

18 Sep - 26 Sep **£1,990** 06 Nov - 14 Nov **£1,990**

### 2022 DATES

12 Mar - 20 Mar **£2,190** 08 Oct - 16 Oct **£2,190**

17 Sep - 25 Sep **£2,190** 05 Nov - 13 Nov **£2,190**

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,090 (Kochi - Kochi)
- Single room from £390
- Tipping paid locally US\$50



Enjoy a Kathakali dance performance



# GOLDEN TRIANGLE

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,090

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the buzz of Delhi
- ✓ See the colossal Red Fort
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Witness tigers in the wild
- ✓ Explore the 'Pink City'
- ✓ Admire Amber Fort



Marvel at the spectacular Taj Mahal

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Tour the spice markets

### EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take an exciting rickshaw ride through Asia's largest spice market, in Old Delhi, absorbing the heady scents and colourful sights of some of the world's most exotic powders, leaves, roots and seeds.
- ▶ Venture into the old alleyways of Jaipur to try your hand at block printing, the practice of hand printing textiles with a carved wooden block, a traditional art of the city.
- ▶ Learn astronomy the ancient way at Jaipur's fascinating Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century observatory full of old instruments used to measure the distance and positions of celestial objects.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

Fly overnight to India's capital, Delhi. On arrival at the airport you will be met by a member of the Wendy Wu Tours team and transferred to the hotel. Meet the group tonight for dinner and start getting to know your fellow travellers.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

Today we explore this vivacious city! Starting in Old Delhi, we will embark on a rickshaw ride through the atmospheric streets, stopping at Jama Masjid, a Mughal masterpiece of a mosque. We'll then wander through a local market and learn about native herbs and spices as we go. Crossing into New Delhi, admire the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Journey to Agra by road and start our explorations with a tour of the magnificent Agra Fort. This mass of red sandstone sits on the bank of the Yamuna River, and from its ramparts we may catch a first glimpse of the magical Taj Mahal, just two kilometres downstream. Next, we'll take a rickshaw tour of the city, visiting a spice and ayurvedic herb market.

### DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

We rise early to share an unforgettable experience, sunrise at the Taj Mahal. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun, the building looks magical. We'll then travel to Ranthambore National Park, home to majestic Bengal tigers!



See India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid



Discover the Maharaja's City Palace in Jaipur

### DAY 6: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

Together we will explore Ranthambore National Park in search of tigers, taking early morning and afternoon safaris. There are around 50 tigers living amongst the park's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and over 300 species of bird.

### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO JAIPUR

Departing Ranthambore, travel by road to Jaipur, the 'Pink City'. En route we'll stop to admire the exquisitely carved and unique Chand Baori stepwell. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish.

### DAY 8: EXPLORE JAIPUR

The day begins with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds'. Next, we'll travel out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort, the colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort just 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Back in the city, we'll try our hands at traditional artistry at a craft centre, including block printing and carpet weaving.

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO DELHI

Leaving the Pink City, we return by road to Delhi. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. This evening, the group will sit down together for the last time at a farewell dinner and cooking demonstration at an Indian family home – the perfect time to reflect on our adventures.

### DAY 10: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

**NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?**  
Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### VARANASI EXTENSION

4 days from £660pp

#### SHIMLA EXTENSION

4 days from £580pp

#### AMRITSAR EXTENSION

3 days from £510pp

Visit page 46 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



Watch tigers in Ranthambore National Park

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE

CLASSIC  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy a concise, classic introduction to this beautiful country. Architectural wonders await as you soak up the vibrant sights, sounds and experiences of northern India.

### PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Monday

#### 2021 DATES

20 Feb - 01 Mar	£2,290	16 Oct - 25 Oct	£2,290
06 Mar - 15 Mar	£2,290	23 Oct - 01 Nov	£2,290
13 Mar - 22 Mar	£2,290	30 Oct - 08 Nov	£2,290
20 Mar - 29 Mar	£2,290	06 Nov - 15 Nov	£2,290
27 Mar - 05 Apr	£2,290	13 Nov - 22 Nov	£2,690
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10 Apr - 19 Apr	£2,090	27 Nov - 06 Dec	£2,290
02 Oct - 11 Oct	£2,290	04 Dec - 13 Dec	£2,390
09 Oct - 18 Oct	£2,690		

#### 2022 DATES

05 Feb - 14 Feb	£2,390	08 Oct - 17 Oct	£2,890
19 Feb - 28 Feb	£2,390	15 Oct - 24 Oct	£2,490
05 Mar - 14 Mar	£2,390	22 Oct - 31 Oct	£2,490
12 Mar - 21 Mar	£2,390	29 Oct - 07 Nov	£2,490
19 Mar - 28 Mar	£2,390	05 Nov - 14 Nov	£2,490
26 Mar - 04 Apr	£2,490	12 Nov - 21 Nov	£2,890
02 Apr - 11 Apr	£2,290	19 Nov - 28 Nov	£2,590
09 Apr - 18 Apr	£2,390	26 Nov - 05 Dec	£2,590
01 Oct - 10 Oct	£2,490	03 Dec - 12 Dec	£2,490

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,360 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £390
- Tipping paid locally US\$60

Dedicated solos departure



# INSPIRING INDIA

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Tour the spice markets of Delhi
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Spot tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Explore holy Pushkar
- ✓ See the palaces of Udaipur
- ✓ Discover the 'Pink City' Jaipur



Admire Udaipur City Palace

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Explore Pushkar's bustling market

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Immerse yourself in local life with a walking tour through Pushkar's bustling market, admiring the enormous range of fresh produce, colourful textiles and interesting souvenirs!
- ▶ Visit a workshop hidden in the bustling backstreets of old Jaipur to catch a glimpse of the age-old art of carpet weaving, a fascinating artistry still practised the traditional way.
- ▶ Admire the magical city of Udaipur, full of glorious, romantic architecture, from the perfect vantage point – a boat cruising the waters of Lake Pichola.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

Fly overnight to Delhi, India's rambunctious capital. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

A city equally chaotic and charming, Delhi grabs hold of you and doesn't let go! Spend the day exploring the sights of Old and New Delhi: pass the colossal Red Fort, visit India's largest mosque, Jama Masjid, and take a rickshaw to Asia's largest spice market. Cross over into New Delhi to make a brief stop at India Gate, and visit Humayun's Tomb and the Qutub Minar.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Drive to Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal. On arrival, visit the Itmad-ud-Daulah, nicknamed the Baby Taj, an exquisite marble tomb that predates the Taj Mahal and is thought to have inspired it. You'll also explore the hulking mass of red sandstone that is Agra Fort, which sits on the banks of the Yamuna River. The fort was established in the 16th century but has had much added to it over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles.

### DAY 5: ADMIRE THE TAJ MAHAL

Wake early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – seeing it is a magical experience. Depart Agra and head to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, a spectacular, abandoned array of Mughal palaces and temples. Continue by road to Ranthambore National Park.

### DAY 6: TIGERS IN RANTHAMBORE

Enjoy both morning and afternoon safaris through the national park, keeping your eyes peeled for tigers! There are around 50 majestic Bengal tigers living in Ranthambore's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and over 300 species of bird.

### DAY 7: MARVEL AT BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

Travel to one of Rajasthan's hidden gems, the captivating Bundi, a town that is dominated by its immense fort. Within the fort walls is a beautiful palace, Badal Mahal, famous for its painted murals. Take a stroll through the town, discovering the unique stepwells – a vital source of water in the past, and a fascinating sight today.

### DAY 8: EXPLORE CHITTOR FORT

Depart Bundi and drive to Udaipur, with a stop en route at Chittor Fort. One of the largest forts in India, Chittor sprawls across a hilltop overlooking the town of Chittorgarh. Its precinct contains grand old palaces, gates, temples and towers – its magnificence has been inspiring travellers and artists alike for centuries. Continue to Udaipur where, later this afternoon, you'll cruise on Lake Pichola, admiring the city's palaces from the water, including the incredible Lake Palace.

### DAY 9: DISCOVER UDAIPUR

Today you will explore the city, starting with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake and stops at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Garden. Later visit the ornate City Palace and take a stroll through the local shops.



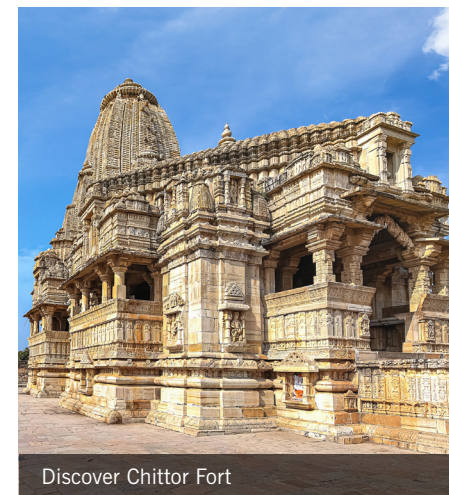
Explore Amber Fort in Jaipur

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO PUSHKAR

Travel by road to Pushkar. Set on the banks of one of India's most sacred lakes, there are 52 ghats built on the edge of the water, used for bathing by Hindu pilgrims, which are backed by hundreds of blue-washed temples. Admire the Brahma Temple, the city's most important temple, and one of few in the world dedicated to the deity many Hindus believe is the creator of the universe.

### DAY 11: ARRIVE IN JAIPUR

Travel to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' and Rajasthan's capital. On arrival, visit two of the city's top sights, the Maharaja's City Palace, still the home of the city's royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful instruments designed to measure the heavens.



Discover Chittor Fort

### DAY 12: SEE THE AMBER FORT

Begin the day with a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, the iconic 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort, the colossal 16th century yellow and pink sandstone fort just 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Back in the city, head to a craft centre to learn about traditional artistry such as block printing and carpet weaving.

### DAY 13: DRIVE TO DELHI

Return to Delhi and enjoy a farewell dinner this evening.

### DAY 14: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

### NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**AMRITSAR EXTENSION**  
3 days from £510pp

**KERALA BACKWATERS EXTENSION**  
3 days from £390pp

**GOA BEACH EXTENSION**  
5 days from £530pp

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## CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Perfect for your first visit to India – see the Taj Mahal at sunrise, search for tigers in Ranthambore and soak up the extravagance of Rajasthan on one extraordinary itinerary.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Thursday

2021 DATES			
12 Feb - 25 Feb	£2,690	15 Oct - 28 Oct	£2,690
26 Feb - 11 Mar	£2,590	22 Oct - 04 Nov	£3,090
05 Mar - 18 Mar	£2,590	29 Oct - 11 Nov	£2,690
12 Mar - 25 Mar	£2,590	05 Nov - 18 Nov	£2,790
02 Apr - 15 Apr	£2,490	12 Nov - 25 Nov	£2,690
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16 Apr - 29 Apr	£2,490	26 Nov - 09 Dec	£2,790
01 Oct - 14 Oct	£2,690	03 Dec - 16 Dec	£3,090
08 Oct - 21 Oct	£2,690		

2022 DATES			
28 Jan - 10 Feb	£2,790	15 Apr - 28 Apr	£2,690
04 Feb - 17 Feb	£2,790	30 Sep - 13 Oct	£2,690
11 Feb - 24 Feb	£2,790	07 Oct - 20 Oct	£2,790
18 Feb - 03 Mar	£2,790	14 Oct - 27 Oct	£2,790
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25 Mar - 07 Apr	£2,790	18 Nov - 01 Dec	£2,790
01 Apr - 14 Apr	£2,690	25 Nov - 08 Dec	£2,890
08 Apr - 21 Apr	£2,690	02 Dec - 15 Dec	£3,190

## Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,730 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £520
- Tipping paid locally US\$90

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See tigers in Ranthambore



# NORTHERN INDIA DISCOVERY

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

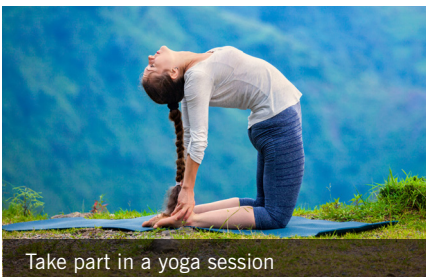
- ✓ Discover the delights of Delhi
- ✓ See the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- ✓ Tour the incredible 'Pink City'
- ✓ Ride the famous Toy Train
- ✓ Explore the Golden Temple
- ✓ Learn about Tibetan culture



Admire the Golden Temple in Amritsar

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Take part in a yoga session

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ In the birthplace of yoga, start the day with an invigorating morning practice and meditation session with a master, in the spectacular surroundings of the Himalayan foothills.
- ▶ Travel to the border of India and Pakistan to witness the border closing ceremony, a display of fantastically over the top showmanship that involves speed marching, high kicks and stomps, all cheered on by the crowd of locals and tourists alike.
- ▶ Visit the Golden Temple's 'langar', the kitchen that feeds up to 100,000 people a day for free! Meet the volunteers who prepare and cook the food and watch them making thousands of chapatis by hand.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

Fly overnight to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

Take a full day to explore India's vibrant capital. Starting in Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride to the Khari Baoli spice market where you'll learn about local herbs and spices, and visit Jama Masjid. Cross into New Delhi to view the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate, finishing the day at Humayun's Tomb.

### DAY 4: TRAIN TO AMRITSAR

Transfer to Delhi station and hop on a train travelling north to Amritsar. Head to the nearby India-Pakistan border to watch the elaborate border closing ceremony with its fantastically over the top showmanship.

### DAY 5: EXPLORE AMRITSAR

Enjoy a heritage walk through the city, taking in local temples including Jallianwala Bagh. Visit the Golden Temple, Harmandir Sahib – the spiritual heart of the Sikh faith. Built in the 16th century, its dome is richly gilded in shimmering gold. Enjoy the peace and tranquillity walking around the sacred waters of Amrit Sarovar before visiting the world's largest free kitchen to watch the meal preparations. Return to the temple this evening to experience Palki Sahib, an atmospheric ceremony accompanied by drums and hymns.

### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO DHARAMSALA

Ascend into the Himalayas to Dharamsala, a former British hill station that has become the home of the Tibetan Government in exile. This afternoon, visit the Tibetan Library and the Tibetan Medical Institute.

### DAY 7: EXPLORE DHARAMSALA

Start the day at Bhagsunag, a temple dedicated to Lord Shiva before exploring McLeod Ganj, a town with a distinctly Tibetan feel. Explore the town, visiting Buddhist temples and local markets, as well as the Dalai Lama Temple and the Tibetan Museum.

### DAY 8: YOGA EXPERIENCE

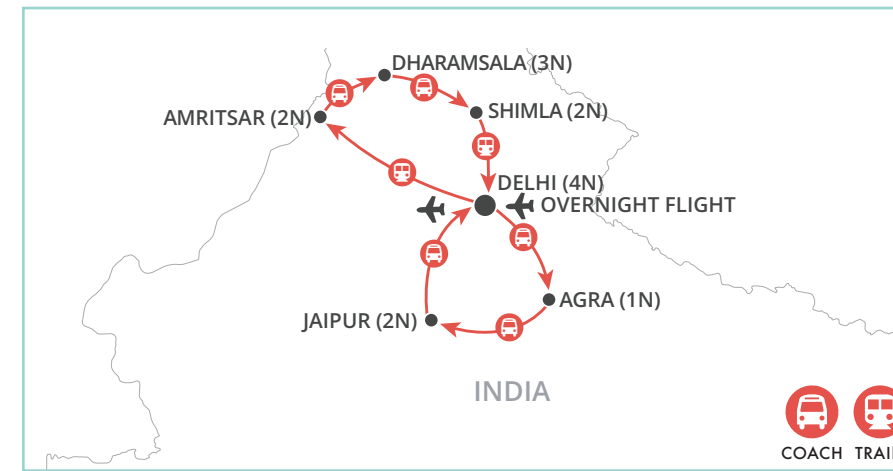
Start the day with a yoga and meditation session. Continue your explorations at the Kangra State Museum and St John's Church. Enjoy a demonstration of how to cook local dishes before spending some time at the Norbulingka Institute. A major centre for Buddhist learning, it also works to preserve Tibet's cultural heritage.

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA

Drive to Shimla. On arrival visit the Gaiety Theatre with the rest of the day being at leisure.



See the Palace Jal Mahal in Jaipur



Explore colourful Shimla



See India's most iconic sight: the Taj Mahal

### DAY 10: TOY TRAIN

All aboard the famous Toy Train, a World Heritage railway built in 1903. This is one of India's most scenic train journeys, where you can admire spectacular views as you wind your way down from the mountains. Return to Shimla by car. This afternoon visit Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the highest point of the city, offering amazing views. Continue to the Himachal State Museum and enjoy a walking tour of Mall Road, Shimla's main street constructed during British colonial rule.

### DAY 11: SHIMLA TO DELHI

Visit the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies. Transfer to Kalka to board the train to Delhi.

### DAY 12: AGRA FORT

Travel to Agra by road. On arrival, admire the colossal Agra Fort, built by the Mughals in the mid-1500s.

### DAY 13: TAJ MAHAL

Wake early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical sight. Depart Agra for Jaipur, stopping en route to admire the symmetrical beauty of the Chand Baori stepwell. Arrive in the 'Pink City' and visit the City Palace and the fascinating Jantar Mantar observatory.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Start with a photo stop this morning at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) before visiting the spectacular Amber Fort. Stop at a craft centre to watch artisans at work, block printing and carpet weaving. Before dinner you will have a cooking demonstration.

### DAY 15: RETURN TO DELHI

Return to Delhi by road. This evening sit down to a final group dinner and a Kathak Dance performance.

### DAY 16: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### VARANASI EXTENSION

4 days from £660pp

### RANTHAMBORE EXTENSION

4 days from £480pp

### KOVALAM BEACH EXTENSION

5 days from £260pp

Visit page 46 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This adventure takes you through the northern hill stations of the Himalayas, visiting Amritsar, before travelling south to India's iconic Golden Triangle – Agra, Jaipur, and Delhi. Prepare to be immersed in North Indian culture!

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Sunday

### 2021 DATES

27 Mar - 11 Apr £3,490 16 Oct - 31 Oct £3,590

25 Sep - 10 Oct £3,390

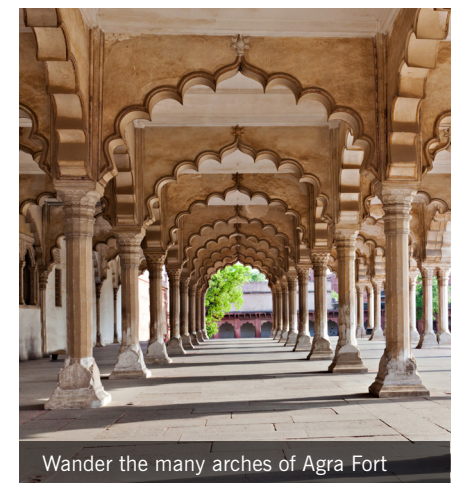
### 2022 DATES

26 Mar - 10 Apr £3,590 15 Oct - 30 Oct £3,690

24 Sep - 09 Oct £3,490

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,650 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £760
- Tipping paid locally US\$120



Wander the many arches of Agra Fort



# DELHI TO MUMBAI

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,390**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Mehrangarh Fort
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Spot Bengal tigers
- ✓ Gaze at the Pink City
- ✓ Explore romantic Udaipur
- ✓ Soak up the culture in Mumbai

The Gateway of India



## PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



See Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Marvel at the extravagant grandeur of Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, a British-built and UNESCO-listed Victorian Italianate Gothic Revival masterpiece that still serves as the city's main railway station today.
- ▶ Embark on a safari through the surreal landscapes of the Little Rann of Kutch, a sprawling salt desert that is home to one of India's largest wildlife reserves, where you can spot flamingos, wild ass and white-footed foxes.
- ▶ Explore the architectural wonder that is the Jain temple of Hutheesing. Built in 1848 using traditional techniques, it is the perfect showcase of Jain architecture and the skill of the local artisans who worked on its construction.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO DELHI

Fly overnight to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER DELHI

Take a full day to explore India's vibrant capital. Starting in Old Delhi, embark on a rickshaw ride to Khari Baoli spice market, where you will learn about the local herbs and spices. Visit Jama Masjid before crossing into New Delhi to view the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, including the Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate, finishing the day with a welcome meal.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Travel from Delhi to Agra, the home of the Taj Mahal! Pay a visit to the beautifully intricate Itmad-ud-Daulah tomb, also known as the Baby Taj, before exploring the mammoth Agra Fort. Within the mighty walls of this city of Mughal rulers, you will find magnificent palaces, audience halls and mosques.

### DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

Spend the morning at the city's most iconic sight, the Taj Mahal. A monument to love built for Mumtaz Mahal, the favourite wife of Shah Jahan, the Taj Mahal is built entirely of white marble. From a distance the effect is ethereal but get up close and you can admire the intricate pietra dura (stone inlay) work. Drive to Ranthambore National Park, India's most famous tiger reserve.

### DAY 6: TIGERS OF RANTHAMBORE

Enjoy both morning and afternoon safaris through the national park, keeping your eyes peeled for tigers! There are around

50 majestic Bengal tigers living amongst Ranthambore's undulating landscapes, as well as leopards, nilgai, sloth bears, wild boar, hyena and 272 species of bird.

### DAY 7: JAIPUR

Travel to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' and capital of Rajasthan state. On arrival, visit two of the city's top sights, the Maharaja's City Palace, still home to the city's royal family, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful instruments designed to measure the heavens.

### DAY 8: AMBER FORT

Begin the day with a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, the spectacular 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling onwards to admire the majestic Amber Fort. This colossal 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort can be found 11 kilometres out of Jaipur. Returning to the city, head to a craft centre to learn about traditional arts such as block printing and carpet weaving.

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur. This evening, browse the fragrant Subzi Mandi (spice market) before strolling through the bustling Sardar Market with its lovely clock tower.

### DAY 10: MEHRANGARH FORT

Set high above the city on a sandstone plinth, the Mehrangarh Fort is one of Rajasthan's most impressive sights. Spend the morning strolling through its palaces, temples and gardens before visiting Jaswant Thada Memorial and the museum in the magnificent Umaid Bhawan Palace. Later, travel by jeep to visit the villages of the Bishnoi tribe.



See impressive Mehrangarh Fort

### DAY 11: RANAKPUR TEMPLES

Drive to Udaipur, a city of lakes, palaces and temples, stopping en route at the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur. On arrival, enjoy a spot of local shopping and lunch. You will have this evening at leisure.

### DAY 12: UDAIPUR

Spend the day exploring Udaipur, visiting Fateh Sagar Lake, Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens, the Folk Museum and Mewar Art Gallery. This afternoon explore the magnificent City Palace before a relaxing cruise on Lake Pichola.

### DAY 13: MODHERA SUN TEMPLE

After an early breakfast drive to Dasada, stopping en route to pay a visit to the stunning Sun Temple at Modhera, built in 1026 by King Bhima-1 of the Solanki dynasty. The temple halls in this complex are perfectly aligned along an east-west axis so the sun's rays stream through them illuminating the inner sanctum at noon. Continue to Dasada and check in at the hotel before a camel cart ride to the nearby village followed by a cultural dance performance before dinner.

### DAY 14: LITTLE RANN OF KUTCH

Enjoy a morning safari in the Little Rann of Kutch. This area, with its unique landscape of desert plains, lakes and marshes is famous for being the final refuge of the endangered Indian wild ass alongside a wealth of resident and migratory birdlife. After lunch depart for Ahmedabad, stopping en route to visit the 15th-century Adalaj Stepwell and Hutheesing Jain Temple. Arrive in Ahmedabad.

### DAY 15: AHMEDABAD TO MUMBAI

Take an early morning heritage walk through the narrow streets of Ahmedabad's old town to admire centuries-old architecture, before savouring the tranquillity of Sabarmati Ashram. This was once Gandhi's headquarters during India's struggle for independence. Here you can learn about his life and teachings. Transfer to the station to board the train to Mumbai.

### DAY 16: EXPLORE MUMBAI

Take a tour of the cosmopolitan city of Mumbai. View the famous Gateway to India and the majestic Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, before exploring the busy Crawford Market.

### DAY 17: FLY MUMBAI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?  
Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...

### AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES EXTENSION

3 days from £360pp

### GOA BEACH EXTENSION

5 days from £530pp

### DUBAI STOPOVER

3 days from £430pp

Visit page 46 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

DELHI TO MUMBAI

CLASSIC  
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Journey a classic route between two of India's most prominent cities, Delhi and Mumbai. In between exploring these cultural hubs, you'll discover palaces and temples, admire spectacular rural beauty and enjoy wildlife safaris too!



Taste a Rajasthani thali

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Monday

### 2021 DATES

16 Oct - 01 Nov **£3,390** 13 Nov - 29 Nov **£3,390**

### 2022 DATES

19 Mar - 04 Apr **£3,390** 12 Nov - 28 Nov **£3,490**

15 Oct - 31 Oct **£3,490**

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,650 (Delhi - Mumbai)
- Single room from £660
- Tipping paid locally US\$105



Explore the Jain temples of Ranakpur



# KERALA & THE SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover vibrant Chennai
- ✓ Ride Ooty's Toy Train
- ✓ Experience Mysore
- ✓ Cool off in the tea plantations
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's backwaters
- ✓ Relax in Kovalam



Enjoy the easy pace of life on Kerala's beautiful backwaters

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Experience a martial arts demonstration

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Marvel at the strength and agility of Kalaripayattu practitioners at a performance of Kerala's traditional art form. This old martial art combines defensive steps and stances with weaponry such as daggers, spears, maces and bows and arrows.
- ▶ Hosted by a local family in their home, take part in a cooking demonstration of tasty, traditional treats, learning the skills and techniques needed to prepare delicious Keralan dishes.
- ▶ Glimpse the traditional lifestyle of Kerala's fisher-folk with a visit to Kumbalangi, where you can see the villagers going about their day to day activities and discover traditional handicrafts.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO CHENNAI

Fly overnight to the city of Chennai and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER MAMALLAPURAM

After breakfast and tour introduction, you will travel to Mamallapuram. On arrival you will explore this coastal temple town, seeing the fascinating 7th and 8th-century rock carvings including the magnificent Shore Temple and the impressive Varaha Cave.

### DAY 4: CHENNAI CITY

Return to Chennai, formerly known as Madras. This city was developed as a British trading post and is home to a number of colonial sights. A city tour begins at the 13-kilometre Marina Beach before a stop at Fort St. George and the British-built St. Mary's Church. The final stop is the colourful Shiva Kapaleeswarar Temple.

### DAY 5: TRAIN TO BANGALORE

Rise early to catch the Shatabdi Express to the garden city of Bangalore, where you will enjoy an afternoon city tour to see the Bull Temple, Tipu Sultan's Palace and Vidhana Soudha.

### DAY 6: MYSORE

Head to Mysore, stopping at Srirangapatna Fort en route. Visit the magnificent Maharaja's Palace and drive to Chamundi Hill to admire the 12th-century Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and Nandi Bull. Tonight, enjoy a traditional cooking demonstration hosted by a local family.

### DAY 7: COONOR HILL STATION

Journey up into the cool climes of the Western Ghats to the beautiful hill station of Coonoor. Relax and appreciate the peace and natural splendour of this quaint town.

### DAY 8: OOTY MOUNTAIN RAILWAY

All aboard the miniature, narrow gauge 'Toy Train' to Ooty, nicknamed the 'Queen of Hill Stations'. Upon arrival you will visit the botanical gardens and walk to a small village where you will gain insight into the lives of the local people, as well as having incredible views back over Ooty.

### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO COIMBATORE

Enjoy a city tour of Sim's Park in Coonoor this morning. It includes winding footpaths, gazebos and a dense forest. This afternoon you will continue on to Coimbatore where you will spend the night.

### DAY 10: MUNNAR

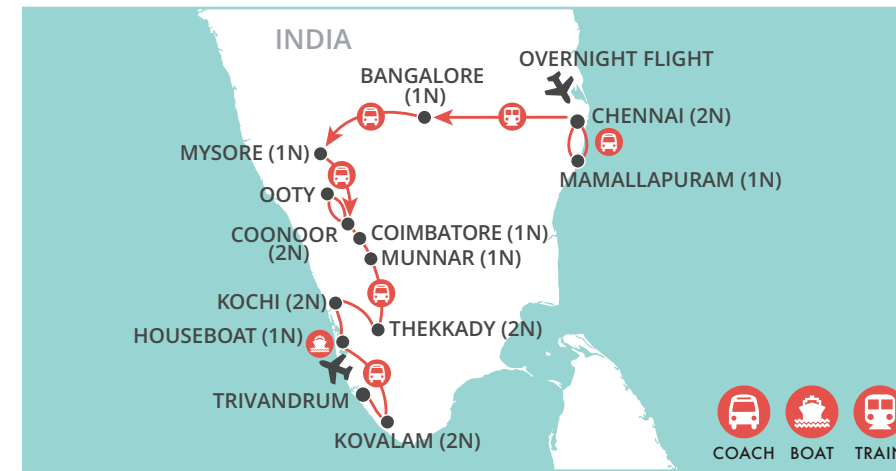
Travel to Munnar, a hill station enveloped by lush tea plantations. In the afternoon visit a tea plantation and the Tata Tea Museum.

### DAY 11: TRAVEL TO THEKKADY

Today explore Eravikulam National Park where you will have the opportunity to spot the local wildlife (closed Feb-Apr, when an alternative light trek will be available). Continue your journey to Thekkady, home of Periyar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary.

### DAY 12: PERIYAR WILDLIFE RESERVE

Though designated as a Tiger Reserve in 1978, the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary is best known for its elephants. Take a walk through the reserve, keeping an eye out for its resident elephant



See the Shore Temple in Mamallapuram



Enjoy the 'Toy Train' ride to Ooty

population, as well as wild dogs, barking deer, mouse deer and the elusive Bengal tiger. Visit a spice village before enjoying a traditional kalaripayattu (martial art) show this evening.

### DAY 13: DRIVE TO KOCHI

Travel to the coastal town of Kochi. This evening enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE KOCHI

Take a full day tour of Kochi. Start at St. Francis Church, the first European church built in India, before a visit to Santa Cruz Basilica, where you will have excellent views of Chinese fishing nets. Finish the day by admiring the synagogue in the heart of the Jewish Quarter.

### DAY 15: BACKWATERS CRUISING

Travel to Kumarakom, stopping en route at Kumbalangi, a village created to highlight the lifestyle of fisher-folk in the area. Later board your houseboat, a converted rice barge known as a kettuvallam. Sit back and watch life on the water and the surrounding, untouched wilderness as you cruise unhurriedly along the canals. A delicious dinner of traditional cuisine will be served on board and spend a comfortable night on the water.



See Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple

### DAY 16: DISCOVER TRIVANDRUM

Have breakfast onboard before disembarking and heading for the beach town of Kovalam. Stop on the way in Kerala's capital Trivandrum to see the Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Observatory and Sri Chitra Art Gallery.

### DAY 17: RELAX IN KOVALAM

This morning take a walking tour of the town and visit the lighthouse. The rest of the day is yours to relax or head to the beach, before a farewell dinner this evening.

### DAY 18: FLY TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

### NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

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### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### DUBAI STOPOVER

3 days from £430pp

#### GOA BEACH EXTENSION

5 days from £530pp

#### KOVALAM BEACH EXTENSION

5 days from £260pp

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CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Southern India offers an intensely tropical and laidback experience compared to the north. Travel from the stunning hill stations to the tranquil backwaters on this in-depth journey.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Saturday

### 2021 DATES

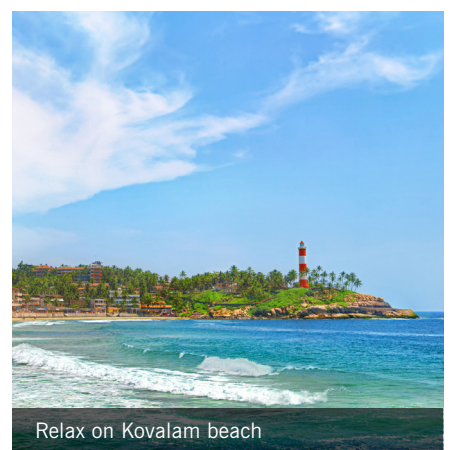
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### 2022 DATES

16 Feb - 05 Mar	£3,390	26 Oct - 12 Nov	£3,490
09 Mar - 26 Mar	£3,290	02 Nov - 19 Nov	£3,490

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,670 (Chennai - Trivandrum)
- Single room from £750
- Tipping paid locally US\$96



Relax on Kovalam beach



# HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,690

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Enjoy the buzz of vibrant Delhi
- ✓ Discover Udaipur's palaces
- ✓ Search for tigers in Ranthambore
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Explore ancient Varanasi
- ✓ Admire the Amber Fort



Take a boat ride along the holy River Ganges

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



See colourful produce at local markets

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- Soak up the sights and smells of one of Jodhpur's bustling local markets, where the stalls will be piled high with locally grown fruit and vegetables, and you will learn about the essential herbs and spices needed for Indian cuisine.
- Experience the electric atmosphere created by the flickering candles and tinkling bells of a puja held on the banks of the River Ganges, a ceremony dedicated to the river goddess.
- Venture into the old alleyways of Jaipur to try your hand at block printing, the practice of hand printing textiles with a carved wooden block, a traditional art of the city.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

Fly overnight to Delhi, India's rambunctious capital city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

Experience Delhi; drive past the Red Fort, visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, and hop on a rickshaw to explore Asia's largest spice market. After lunch view India Gate before visiting Gandhi Smriti and Qutub Minar, the 12th-century, 73-metre-tall iron pillar.

### DAY 4: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Depart for Agra. On arrival, visit the colossal red sandstone Agra Fort, set on the banks of the Yamuna River. The fort was established in the 16th century but has had much added to it over time, making it an eclectic mix of architectural styles.

### DAY 5: TAJ MAHAL

Wake early to see the sun rise over India's most iconic sight. At dawn, when the crowds are at their thinnest, the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical sight. Later, take a train to Jhansi with a change in Orchha en route. Continue to Khajuraho, home of the famous Khajuraho temples.

### DAY 6: DISCOVER KHAJURAHO

Today, tour the eastern and western groups of Khajuraho's impressive temples. Fly to Varanasi and take a rickshaw to the atmospheric ghats on the River Ganges, where you'll witness a 'Ganga Aarti', a puja ceremony to the river goddess.

### DAY 7: RIVER GANGES

Rise early for a dawn boat ride along the River Ganges, followed by a brief city tour of Varanasi. This afternoon visit the Buddhist sites at Sarnath.

### DAY 8: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Fly to Jaipur where you have the rest of the day to explore the city on your own, before experiencing a traditional dance performance.

### DAY 9: AMBER FORT

Start the day with a stop at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) before visiting the majestic Amber Fort, a magnificent 16th-century yellow and pink sandstone fort. Visit the stunning City Palace, still home of the city's royal family today, and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of 18th-century astrological instruments designed to measure the heavens.

### DAY 10: TRAVEL TO JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur. Enjoy some leisure time before taking a walking tour to explore the huge variety of local produce at a bustling vegetable and spice market.

### DAY 11: EXPLORE JODHPUR

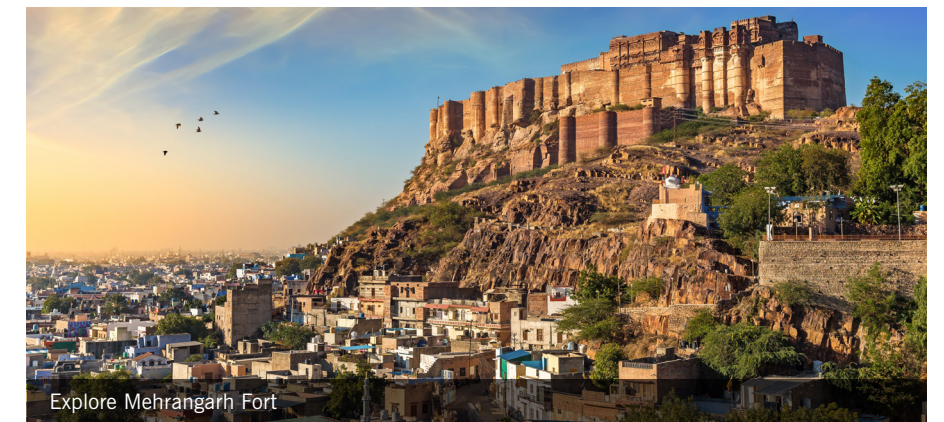
This morning visit the mighty Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada and the museum located in the extravagant Umaid Bhawan Palace. Ride an auto rickshaw to a local restaurant for lunch before enjoying the afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 12: LAKE PICHOLA

Drive to Udaipur, a city of lakes, palaces and temples. Relax on a cruise along Lake Pichola, admiring the city's grand architecture from the water.



Visit the Umaid Bhawan Palace



Explore Mehrangarh Fort

### DAY 13: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

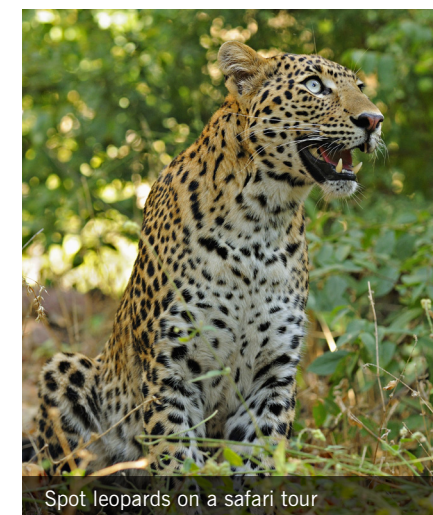
Today, explore the city, starting with a drive around Fateh Sagar Lake. Stop at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens. Later, visit the flamboyant City Palace and admire its delightful infusion of Rajasthani and Mughal styles.

### DAY 14: BUNDI'S STEPWELLS

Drive to Bundi and take a stroll through the town, discovering its unique and beautiful stepwells, stopping en route at Chittor Fort. One of the largest forts in India, Chittor sprawls across a hilltop overlooking the town of Chittorgarh.

### DAY 15: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

Today, travel to Ranthambore National Park. On arrival, enjoy an afternoon at leisure.



Spot leopards on a safari tour

### DAY 16: RANTHAMBORE SAFARIS

Take both early morning and afternoon safaris in Ranthambore National Park for opportunities to spot the magnificent wildlife, including leopards and Bengal tigers.

### DAY 17: RETURN TO DELHI

Morning train to Delhi where the rest of the day will be at leisure.

### DAY 18: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



**AMRITSAR EXTENSION**  
3 days from £510pp

**GOA BEACH EXTENSION**  
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**SHIMLA EXTENSION**  
3 days from £580pp

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF INDIA

CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the desert forts of Rajasthan through Ranthambore, home of the majestic Bengal tiger, past the Taj Mahal and on to the holy city of Varanasi – this tour covers many of India's most magnificent sights.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Monday

### 2021 DATES

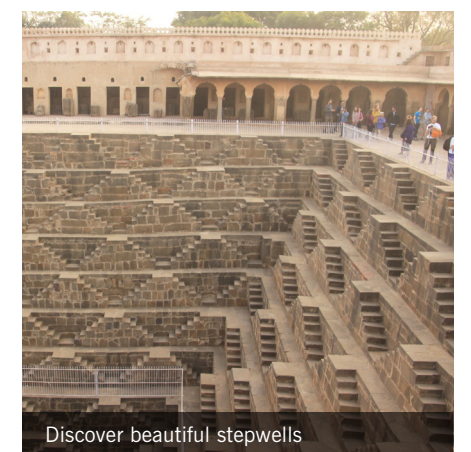
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22 Oct - 08 Nov	£3,890		

### 2022 DATES

18 Feb - 07 Mar	£3,890	07 Oct - 24 Oct	£3,890
11 Mar - 28 Mar	£3,790	21 Oct - 07 Nov	£3,990
25 Mar - 11 Apr	£3,790	28 Oct - 14 Nov	£3,890

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,250 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £680
- Tipping paid locally US\$120



Discover beautiful stepwells



# RAJASTHAN PANORAMA

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,390

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore magnificent hill forts
- ✓ Take a desert safari
- ✓ Wander the 'Blue City'
- ✓ Discover romantic Udaipur
- ✓ See sacred Pushkar
- ✓ Safari through Ranthambore



Admire Taj Lake Palace on Lake Pichola, Udaipur

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 20 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Bikaner

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Ride on a rickshaw through the hustle and bustle of Bikaner's bazaar, taking in the sights, sounds and smells of this atmospheric market place and watching the locals go about their day to day life.
- ▶ Embark on an exhilarating jeep safari through the stark landscapes of the Thar Desert venturing out to Bishnoi for a village visit, where you'll see local life and the practice of traditional handicrafts.
- ▶ Enjoy a cruise on Lake Pichola, passing by Lake Palace.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

Fly overnight to Delhi and transfer to Manesar for an overnight stay. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 3: ALSISAR HERITAGE TOWN

Cross into Rajasthan and travel to the town of Alsisar. This small town is full of traditional frescoes, mansions and cenotaphs and even has a castle. Stay overnight in a beautifully restored haveli.

### DAY 4: EXPLORE BIKANER

Travel to the vibrant town of Bikaner, dominated by its magnificent fort. Take a rickshaw ride through the streets to the old city bazaar. Continue to Gajner. Now a wildlife sanctuary, the area was once the hunting ground of the Maharajahs of Bikaner.

### DAYS 5-6: DISCOVER JAISALMER

Rising from the sandy plains of the Thar Desert, Jaisalmer is known as the 'Golden City', nicknamed for its honey-coloured walls. Browse the local markets and visit Sunset Point. Spend the next morning amongst the magnificence of Jaisalmer's 12th-century fort, full of palaces, temples and mansions. Later, travel to the Sam Sand Dunes where you view the sunset.

### DAY 7: THAR DESERT SAFARI

Venture on through the Thar Desert to Manvar. Here, enjoy a jeep safari to the local Bishnoi villages and meet the local people. Spend the night in a tented desert camp (mid-Oct to mid-Apr) or the Manvar Resort.

### DAYS 8-9: JODHPUR

Today, drive to Jodhpur. Much of the old town is a vivid blue, earning it the moniker 'Blue City'. Over the next two days, take a city tour visiting Jaswant Thada, the royal cremation grounds, explore the magnificence of the hilltop Mehrangarh Fort and head to the small museum housed in the imposing Umaid Bhawan Palace.

### DAYS 10-11: EXPLORE UDAIPUR

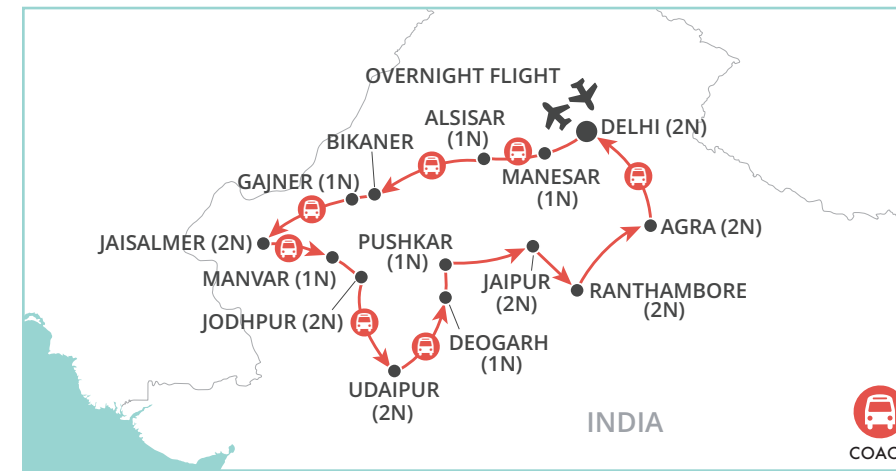
Travel to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur and Surya Temple. India's most romantic city, Udaipur is located on Lake Pichola and surrounded by wooded hills; a maze of palaces, temples and colourful alleyways. The next day drive around Fateh Sagar Lake as well as the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery, Sahelion Ki Bari Garden and the ornate City Palace. Later take a cruise on Lake Pichola passing the magical Lake Palace.

### DAY 12: RAJASTHAN COUNTRYSIDE

Drive to Deogarh, stopping en route to visit the Eklinji and Nathdwara temples. This evening wander through the bustling streets and enjoy dinner with live folk music and dances.

### DAY 13: EXPLORE PUSHKAR

This morning, board a 1930s-era train for a ride through the hills to Phulad, then continue by road to Pushkar. Set on the banks of one of India's most sacred lakes, this holy city has 52 ghats used for worship by Hindu pilgrims. Take a walking tour and admire the Brahma Temple.



Visit magnificent Jaisalmer Fort

CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This journey through Rajasthan, the land of extravagant forts and palaces, allows wildlife and architecture lovers alike to experience safaris, deserts and colourful cities. Includes an overnight stay in a traditional desert camp.



See New Delhi's India Gate

### DAY 14: JAIPUR

Travel to Jaipur, the 'Pink City' and Rajasthan's capital. On arrival, visit the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, a fascinating collection of wonderful astrological instruments.

### DAY 15: HAWA MAHAL & AMBER FORT

Begin the day at Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds', before travelling out of the city to admire the majestic Amber Fort. Back in Jaipur, try block painting and carpet weaving before enjoying a traditional dinner and dance performance.

### DAYS 16-17: RANTHAMBORE

Travel to Ranthambore National Park, home to many animals such as leopards, hyena, bears and tigers. The next day, you will have both morning and afternoon safaris, with more opportunities to spot the magnificent wildlife.

### DAY 18: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Today travel to Agra, stopping en route at Bharatpur for lunch and visit Fateh Sikri, tomb of Salim Chistic, and Panch Mahal Palace.

### DAY 19: THE TAJ MAHAL

Wake early to see the sun rise over one of the world's most perfect buildings. At dawn the Taj Mahal is often swathed in mist and tinged pink by the rising sun – a magical experience. This afternoon visit the colossal Agra Fort.

### DAY 20: DELHI

Travel by road back to Delhi and visit Qutub Minar, Iron Pillar and the Lotus Temple.

### DAY 21: VIBRANT DELHI

A city of equal chaos and charm, Delhi grabs you and doesn't let go. Pass the imposing Red Fort and visit India Gate and the Parliament House.

### DAY 22: FLY DELHI TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### KOVALAM BEACH EXTENSION

5 days from £260pp

### SHIMLA EXTENSION

4 days from £580pp

### VARANASI EXTENSION

4 days from £660pp

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## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Wednesday

### 2021 DATES

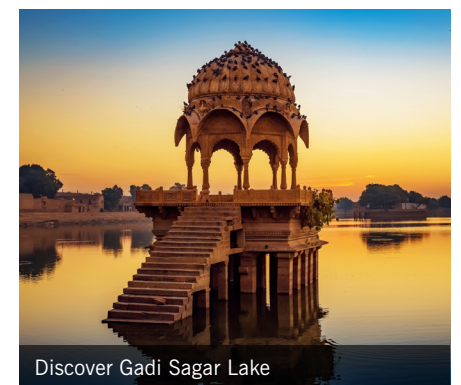
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### 2022 DATES

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23 Mar - 13 Apr	£3,490	09 Nov - 30 Nov	£3,490
21 Sep - 12 Oct	£3,390		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,670 (Delhi - Delhi)
- Single room from £690
- Tipping paid locally US\$115



Discover Gadi Sagar Lake



# GRAND TOUR OF INDIA

29 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £6,190

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Feel the buzz of Delhi
- ✓ Explore ancient Varanasi
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ See Rajasthan's hill forts
- ✓ Tour cosmopolitan Mumbai
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's backwaters



Experience the exquisite temples of Khajuraho

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 27 breakfasts, 26 lunches & 27 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation, plus houseboat
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



See a Kathakali dance performance

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Witness an exuberant performance of the traditional dance-drama that is Kathakali. Kerala's best-known performing art, it is an extravagant retelling of Hindu epics complete with colourful costumes and elaborate make up.
- ▶ Surprisingly little known outside of India, discover the magnificent artistic treasures of the Ajanta and Ellora Caves, a series of caverns full of intricate frescoes and carvings created by Buddhist, Hindu and Jain monks.
- ▶ Embark on a camel cart ride out into the starkly beautiful landscapes of the Thar Desert – though it may appear barren, you'll find the desert is surprisingly full of things to see.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO DELHI

Fly overnight to Delhi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours at leisure.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE DELHI

Explore Old Delhi; see the Red Fort and walk to Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. After lunch, view India Gate and Parliament House before exploring Gandhi Smriti and Qutub Minar.

### DAYS 4-5: DISCOVER VARANASI

Fly to the ancient city of Varanasi. Head just out of town to the fascinating Buddhist site of Sarnath, where Buddha is said to have delivered his first sermon. The next day, rise early to cruise on the Ganges and explore the city. Later take a rickshaw to the ghats and witness a puja ceremony.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE KHAJURAHO'S TEMPLES

Transfer to the airport to fly to Khajuraho to see the exquisite temples and their intricately carved, erotic imagery. Enjoy a cultural dance display.

### DAY 7: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Travel to the 16th-century city of Orchha and then on to Jhansi station where you'll board the Shatabdi Express train to Agra.

### DAY 8: TAJ MAHAL

Watch the sun rise over the Taj Mahal which is often swathed in mist and tinged pink – a magical experience. This afternoon visit the colossal 16th-century Agra Fort.

### DAYS 9-10: RANTHAMBORE

Visit the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri on the way to Ranthambore National Park, home to many animals such as leopards, hyena, bears and tigers. The next day enjoy both an early morning and afternoon safari.

### DAYS 11-12: JAIPUR

Journey to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur for a two-night stay. Make a brief stop at the Hawa Mahal, the 'Palace of the Winds' before admiring the majestic Amber Fort, the Maharaja's City Palace and Jantar Mantar, the largest stone and marble-crafted observatory in the world.

### DAYS 13-14: PUSHKAR AND KHIMSAR

Travel to Pushkar, a sacred pilgrimage destination for Hindus. This afternoon visit its sacred lake, ghats and the Brahma Temple before a camel cart ride in the desert. The next day visit Khimsar, perched on the edge of the great Thar Desert.

### DAYS 15-16: DISCOVER JAISALMER

Rising from the sandy plains of the Thar Desert, Jaisalmer is known as the 'Golden City'. Head to Sunset Point to enjoy the views. The next day head to the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort, and ride a camel through the Sam Sand Dunes.

### DAYS 17-18: JODHPUR & AROUND

Travel to Jodhpur and tour the city, exploring the magnificence of Mehrangarh Fort, visiting the museum of Umaid Bhawan Palace and the spice market. The next day drive through the desert by jeep to Bishnoi village.



### DAYS 19-20: ROMANTIC UDAIPUR

Drive to Udaipur via the Jain temple complex of Ranakpur and Surya Temple as well as other Jain Temples. The next day explore the city, driving around Fateh Sagar Lake with stops at the Folk Museum, Mewar Art Gallery and Sahelion Ki Bari Garden. Later visit the ornate City Palace and take a cruise on the shimmering Lake Pichola.

### DAY 21: AURANGABAD

Morning at leisure before boarding a flight to Aurangabad.

### DAYS 22-23: AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

Visit the incredible UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ajanta and Ellora Caves and discover the beautiful murals and exquisite carvings of Buddhist, Hindu and Jain imagery. Fly to Mumbai.

### DAY 24: DISCOVER MUMBAI

Tour cosmopolitan Mumbai, India's economic powerhouse. View the Gateway to India, dawdle along Marine Drive and visit Chowpatty Beach, Mani Bhavan, Dhobi Ghat, Crawford Market and Flora Fountain. Fly to the relaxed Kerala city of Kochi.

### DAY 25: EXPLORE KOCHI

Fascinating Kochi is strung across the islands and peninsulas of the Malabar coast. Visit the Dutch Palace and Fort Kochi before seeing the famous Chinese fishing nets and strolling through colourful markets. This evening enjoy an exuberant Kathakali dance performance.

### DAY 26: KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Visit Kochi's synagogue, before heading out of the city to Nedumudy to board your

houseboat. On this converted rice barge, or 'kettuvallam', you will drift along the peaceful backwaters. Lunch and dinner are served onboard and you will stay overnight here too.

### DAY 27: TRAVEL TO KOVALAM

Enjoy breakfast as you cruise into Alleppey, then travel to the beach resort of Kovalam.

### DAY 28: VISIT TRIVANDRUM

Explore Kerala's capital Trivandrum, with visits to Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple, the Zoological Gardens, Sri Chitra Art Gallery, the Observatory and Kanakakunnu Palace. Return to Kovalam for your final night stay.

### DAY 29: FLY TRIVANDRUM TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY...

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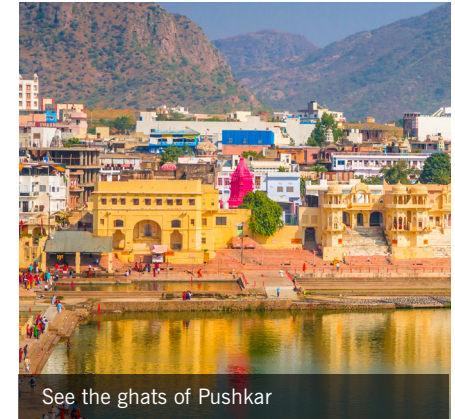
CLASSIC INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An all-encompassing epic trip through the best that India has to offer. This itinerary showcases the rich history, culture, and natural wonders throughout this fantastically varied country.



See the ghats of Pushkar

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Wednesday

### 2021 DATES

24 Feb - 24 Mar £6,290 20 Oct - 17 Nov £6,290

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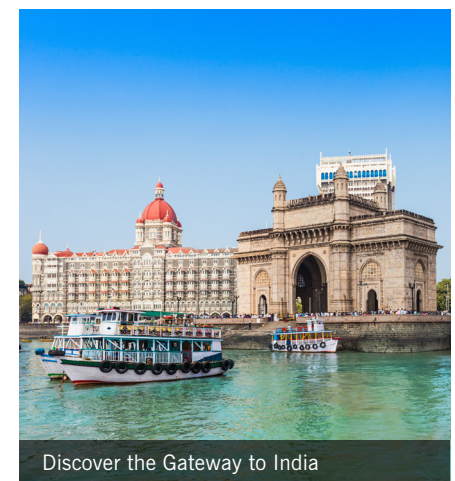
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05 Oct - 02 Nov £6,890 02 Nov - 30 Nov £7,090

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,470 (Delhi - Trivandrum)
- Single room from £1,190
- Tipping paid locally US\$180



Discover the Gateway to India



# HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- ✓ Explore ancient Sinhalese ruins
- ✓ Discover the delights of Colombo
- ✓ Visit Kandy's sacred temple
- ✓ Spot elephants while on safari
- ✓ See Galle's historic fort



Climb enormous 'Lion Rock'

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Discover Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Tour the wonderful conservation project at Kosgoda, where a specialist turtle hatchery works tirelessly to protect Sri Lanka's native sea turtle species, and meet its residents.
- ▶ In the island's cultural capital, Kandy, enjoy a fun and fascinating cultural performance of traditional Sri Lankan music and dance.
- ▶ In the cooler climes of Sri Lanka's Central Highlands, tour a tea factory and plantation to learn all about the cultivation and production of the refreshing tea grown in the area.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO COLOMBO

Fly overnight to Colombo. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel in the coastal town of Negombo, a short drive from Colombo. The rest of the day is yours to explore.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE SIGIRIYA

This morning travel to Sigiriya, home to the 5th-century UNESCO World Heritage-listed Rock Fortress, 'Lion Rock'. Built by King Kassapa as the centre of his short-lived kingdom, pass between a pair of colossal lion's paws and climb to the top for panoramic views. Explore the surrounding gardens as well as admiring the world-renowned Heavenly Maidens frescoes.

### DAY 4: DISCOVER POLONNARUWA

Visit the ancient kingdom of Polonnaruwa, another UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. The capital of Sri Lanka from the 11th to the 12th century, it is a well-preserved city of stupas, frescoes and statues. While here, explore the Gal Viharaya, a magnificent group of rock temples and the Vatadage, an ancient structure with elaborate stone carvings. Return to Sigiriya.

### DAY 5: ANURADHAPURA

Drive to celebrated Anuradhapura. The city's greatest treasures are its dagobas; domes enshrining sacred relics. The most notable is the Ruwanwelisaya Dagoba, dating back to the 2nd century BC, which you will visit today along with the Thuparamaya, said to contain the collarbone of Buddha. Discover the city's most renowned relic, the 2,250-year-old

sacred Bo Tree. Emperor Asoka's daughter brought to Anuradhapura a branch of this tree, under which Buddha is said to have gained enlightenment.

### DAY 6: DAMBULLA ROCK TEMPLE

After breakfast, travel to Dambulla where you will tour the Rock Temple. Dating back to the 1st century BC, the temple is made up of five cave sanctuaries where you'll find some of Sri Lanka's most important Buddha images. Visit a spice garden in Matale where you can see cinnamon, cardamom, pepper creepers and other spice trees growing and watch a cooking demonstration. Continue through majestic hill country to the city of Kandy, Sri Lanka's cultural hub.

### DAY 7: CULTURAL KANDY

This morning, visit the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens. Later, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, one of the most revered Buddhist sites in the world. Stolen at Buddha's funeral, the tooth was smuggled into Sri Lanka hidden in the hair of a princess who fled from India. Explore the remains of the Royal Palace, now a museum. This evening you will watch a colourful cultural dance performance.

### DAY 8: NUWARA ELIYA

Drive to Nuwara Eliya, the 'Little England' of Sri Lanka. Situated at 2,000m above sea level, Nuwara Eliya is the main hill station of Sri Lanka and is known for its excellent tea production due to the cool climate which creates tea with a unique flavour. Visit a tea plantation and tea factory en route. This afternoon enjoy high tea at the Grand Hotel.



Explore cultural Kandy



Discover Galle Fort

### DAY 9: UDAWALAWE

Travel to the Elephant Transit Home located near Udawalawe National Park, where abandoned baby elephants are cared for before they are released into the park. Continue to Yala, Sri Lanka's premiere national park.

### DAY 10: YALA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy morning and afternoon jeep safaris around the park. It is home to elephants, deer and many other mammal species, but most famous for its leopards, whose population density here is among the highest in the world.

### DAY 11: COASTAL DRIVE TO GALLE

Drive to the Hummanaya Blow Hole, the second largest of its kind in the world. After lunch, continue to Dikwella Wewurukannala Temple, dominated by an image of a seated Buddha that is over 48 metres high. Continue the drive along the coastline towards Galle. Stop along the way at Weligama where you may see the unique stilt fishermen, an old tradition practised by around 500 fishing families in the region.

### DAY 12: OLD GALLE

Explore the Southern capital city of Galle, Sri Lanka's finest colonial treasure. See the lighthouse, the Old Town and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Dutch Fort, before wandering narrow streets dotted with Dutch colonial villas, museums and antique shops.

### DAY 13: KOSGODA TURTLE HATCHERY

Travel to Colombo, stopping at Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery. The hatchery is home to Sri Lanka's pioneering sea turtle conservation project, established in 1981 to protect the local turtle population.

### DAY 14: EXPLORE COLOMBO

Embark on a city tour of Colombo this morning. Explore the Fort district, the historic centre of the city. Wander through Pettah Market. Visit the Dutch Church of Wolvendaal, dating back to 1749, Kelaniya Buddhist Temple, a major pilgrimage site for Buddhist devotees, and Colombo's finest museums.

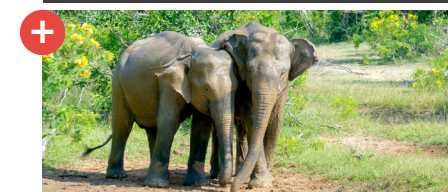
### DAY 15: FLY COLOMBO TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK arriving home the same or following day.

### NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### WILPATTU NATIONAL PARK EXTENSION

3 days from £530pp

### BENTOTA BEACH EXTENSION

4 days from £580pp

### TRINCOMALEE EXTENSION

4 days from £570pp

Visit page 46 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA

CLASSIC SRI LANKA

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An introduction to the beautiful country of Sri Lanka, travel from the rich heritage of the Cultural Triangle through the wilds of Yala National Park to the colonial seaside beauty of Galle.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Friday

### 2021 DATES

16 Apr - 30 Apr	£3,290	12 Nov - 26 Nov	£3,590
01 Oct - 15 Oct	£3,290	26 Nov - 10 Dec	£3,690
29 Oct - 12 Nov	£3,490		

### 2022 DATES

04 Mar - 18 Mar	£3,490	28 Oct - 11 Nov	£3,690
18 Mar - 01 Apr	£3,690	11 Nov - 25 Nov	£3,790
15 Apr - 29 Apr	£3,490	25 Nov - 09 Dec	£3,990

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £2,470 (Colombo - Colombo)
- Single room from £620
- Tipping paid locally US\$75

Dedicated solos departure



Visit the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy





# GO BEYOND TOURS

For those who want to venture off the beaten track

Featuring lesser-known destinations and unique experiences that are tantalisingly off the tourist trail, our flexible and often more active Go Beyond tours are all about helping you to see and experience places that may not have made it onto other travellers' radars. On these tours, you may find yourself away from the comforts of home, but you'll be rewarded with unique culture, interactions with local people and unforgettable sights.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International airfares
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Most meals
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees, guides and daily tours as stated
- Visa fees for UK passport holders

## UNDISCOVERED DESTINATIONS

We're proud of the fact that we really know our destinations, allowing us to offer tours that feature excursions to hidden gems and secret corners. If you're looking for a holiday that visits places that you thought were too hard to reach, or maybe haven't even heard of, these are the tours for you!

## SMALLER GROUPS

Exploring in smaller and more flexible groups with no more than 18 fellow travellers, we often step off the beaten track and experience the authentic ways of life in the places you're exploring. We make that even easier for you by including cultural visits and local encounters that will put you right in the heart of the destination. In a smaller group you can interact more easily with local communities and discover fascinating cultures so different from our own.

## EXPERT GUIDING

Your National Escort and local guides, all born and bred in your destination, are an endless source of information about the local history, heritage and culture. Of course, they are more than willing to share that wealth of knowledge about their homeland with you. Who better to help you get to grips with a magical sight, city or region than someone who knows it like the back of their hand?



NEW

# NORTHERN SRI LANKA EXPLORER

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£2,490**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Wilpattu National Park
- ✓ Visit World Heritage sites
- ✓ Enjoy the Hot Springs of Keerimalai
- ✓ Discover Trincomalee's harbour
- ✓ Visit Kandy's sacred temple
- ✓ Discover the delights of Colombo



Explore Jaffna Palace ruins

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



Look for Sri Lankan sloth bears

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit Jaffna market for an education in eating like a local! In this city known for its saccharine sweetness, you'll find all kinds of sweetmeats to tempt your tastebuds, as well as peanut candy and so much more.
- ▶ Wilpattu National Park offers spectacular sights and is well known for its population of elephant, sloth bear, spotted deer, mongoose and water buffalo. Enjoy a jeep safari through the park to spot the many species of wildlife that reside here.
- ▶ Get to know Colombo on a walking city tour that takes you into the past as you visit the Dutch Hospital Shopping Complex, stroll past the Cargill buildings and enjoy a cup of Ceylon Tea on the balcony of the Grand Oriental Hotel.



See Brazen Palace ruins

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO COLOMBO

Fly overnight to Colombo. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to Negombo, the rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure.

### DAY 3: NEGOMBO TO ANURADHAPURA

In the morning drive to Anuradhapura, experiencing a jeep safari through Wilpattu National Park en route. This park is known for its elephant, sloth bear and leopard population. Anuradhapura's greatest treasures are its dagobas domes enshrining sacred relics. Discover its most renowned relic, the 2,250-year-old sacred Bo Tree.

### DAY 4: ANURADHAPURA

Start the day embarking on a city tour to learn more about the history and archaeological sites of the city. It was the first capital of the ancient Ceylon and is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and still a sacred Buddhist center. Brazen Palace's stone columns are all that is left of a magnificent residence for monks.

### DAY 5: BUDDHIST TEMPLE

After breakfast, drive to Jaffna and check in to your hotel. This afternoon, a city tour takes you to Naguleswaram Temple, the Hot Springs of Keerimalai and the ruins of the Kantharodai Buddhist Temple. Keerimalai is a freshwater pond located a few feet from the sea. The water is clean and refreshing with two ponds segregated for male and female devotees.

### DAY 6: JAFFNA FORT

Today, enjoy your morning visiting Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil Temple, considered the most prominent Hindu religion attraction. Jaffna Fort is the second largest fort in Sri Lanka, constructed with black corals. Later you will visit vibrant Jaffna market.

### DAY 7: JAFFNA TO TRINCOMALEE

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and drive to Trincomalee. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to soak up the atmosphere.

### DAY 8: TRINCOMALEE AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at leisure to do your own exploring of one of the world's finest natural harbours, its Shiva Temple, sacred and religious sites, or simply relax at your hotel.

### DAY 9: KANDY

Rise early this morning to travel to Kandy. Explore this small lakeside town set amongst the hills and discover the bazaar, arts and crafts offerings, museums and fruit markets. Kandy is home to the famous UNESCO World Heritage site, the Temple of the Tooth Relic – one of the most sacred places of Buddhist worship. This evening you will enjoy a cultural show.



See centuries old Naguleswaram Temple



Relax on Trincomalee beach

### DAY 10: COLOMBO

After breakfast, this morning you will transfer to the west coast city of Colombo. Why not visit the Lighthouse, Galle Face Promenade with cannons from World War II, National Museum and many more historical landmarks to fill your day.

### DAY 11: FLY COLOMBO TO UK

Transfer to Colombo Airport after breakfast for your flight.

NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP? Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Wander Galle Face Promenade, Colombo

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### GALLE BEACH EXTENSION

4 days from £680pp

### BENTOTA BEACH EXTENSION

4 days from £580pp

Visit page 46 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



Explore Kandy lakeside town

## NORTHERN SRI LANKA EXPLORER

GO BEYOND SRI LANKA

PHYSICAL RATING



## IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover the wonders of Northern & Eastern Sri Lanka. The east coast introduces you to the tranquil harbour and fine beaches. Travelling inland you'll experience temples, history, heritage and colourful arts and crafts at local bazaars.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Thursday returning Wednesday

### 2021 DATES

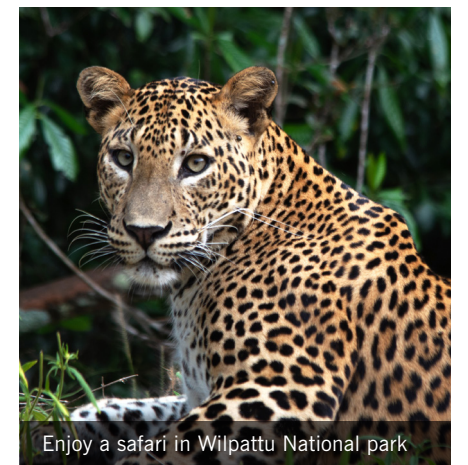
16 Jul - 26 Jul	£2,490	03 Sep - 13 Sep	£2,490
13 Aug - 23 Aug	£2,690		

### 2022 DATES

15 Jul - 25 Jul	£2,590	02 Sep - 12 Sep	£2,590
12 Aug - 22 Aug	£2,790		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,770 (Colombo - Colombo)
- Single room from £490
- Tipping paid locally US\$75



Enjoy a safari in Wilpattu National park



# HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS

24 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£5,990**

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MOST MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Discover Kolkata's culture
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Kanchenjunga
- ✓ Spot rhinos and elephants
- ✓ Soak up Bhutan's culture
- ✓ Hike through paddy fields
- ✓ Explore tea plantations



See costumed monks perform traditional dance

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 22 breakfasts, 21 lunches & 22 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders



See the views from Tiger's Nest Monastery

## EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Follow a well-trodden trail, festooned with colourful prayer flags and the occasional prayer wheel, to reach one of Bhutan's most magnificent sights, Tiger's Nest Monastery, perched 900 metres up the steep side of the spectacular Paro Valley.
- ▶ Pay a visit to the fascinating Black-Necked Crane Information Centre in the spectacular Phobjikha Valley, where you can learn about these sacred birds and their environment.
- ▶ Explore Kolkata's traditional potters' quarter, Komortuli, where you'll see the skilled artisans sculpting idols of gods and goddesses for festivals.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO KOLKATA

Fly overnight to Kolkata. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: EXPLORE KOLKATA

Enjoy a relaxed morning before venturing out for an afternoon tour with visits to the magnificent Victoria Memorial and Kalighat Temple – you'll also see Fort William.

### DAY 4: TRAIN TO NEW JALPAIGURI

Get up early to visit a fragrant flower market and view the cantilever Howrah Bridge. Stop by Kumortuli, the potters' quarter, and see a Jain temple. Later board a train to New Jalpaiguri before driving to Siliguri to spend the night.

### DAY 5: DRIVE TO DARJEELING

Head out of Siliguri through endless tea plantations to the famous hill station of Darjeeling, which is located at a cool 2,134 metres.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE DARJEELING

Wake before dawn to catch the sun rising over Mount Kanchenjunga from Tiger Hill, which you'll reach by jeep. On the way back to Darjeeling visit Yiga Choling Monastery. Later, all aboard the famous 'Toy Train' which winds its way through the lush green hills and plantations before exploring the Himalaya Mountaineering Institute.

### DAY 7: INTO SIKKIM

Drive north to Pelling, crossing into the state of Sikkim. Visit Pemayangtse Monastery, one of Sikkim's oldest, where you can find tranquillity along with amazing views.

### DAY 8: KHECHEOPALRI LAKE

Visit the spectacular Khecheopalri Lake, considered sacred by both Buddhists and Hindus, and the magnificent Kanchenjunga Falls.

### DAYS 9-10: DISCOVER GANGTOK

Drive through more spectacular scenery to Sikkim's vibrant capital Gangtok, stopping at 18th-century Tashiding Monastery en route. There is nowhere better than Gangtok to enjoy exotic flowers and mountain panoramas. The next day visit the Enchey Monastery and the Sikkim Research Institute of Technology.

### DAY 11: RUMTEK MONASTERY

Begin the day at Dharma Chakra Centre and old Rumtek Monastery, before continuing to the bustling bazaar town of Kalimpong.

### DAY 12: KALIMPONG AT LEISURE

Take a day to catch your breath and enjoy some leisurely explorations of Kalimpong – there are plenty of spots to enjoy Himalayan panoramas and also flower nurseries full of local orchids.

### DAY 13: GORUMARA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Take a jeep safari into the depths of Gorumara Wildlife Sanctuary, where you might be lucky enough to spot one-horned rhinos, elephants, leopards and bison.

### DAY 14: INTO BHUTAN

Cross into Bhutan and continue to Phuentsholing. Later visit the Zangtho Pelri Lhakhang Temple in the centre of the town.



Visit Buddhist monasteries in Thimphu



Explore glorious Punakha Dzong

### DAYS 15-16: DISCOVER THIMPHU

Follow the national highway to Bhutan's capital Thimphu, stopping en route at Kharbandi Gompa, a Tibetan Buddhist monastery. The next day, explore the city with time at the National Library, Institute for Zorig Chusum, the Handicrafts Emporium and Folk Heritage Museum, Textile Museum and Trashi Chhoe Dzong.

### DAY 17: TRAVEL TO GANGTEY

Drive over the dramatic Dochu La mountain pass admiring the views as you travel to the Phobjikha Valley. Visit Gangtey Gompa, the only Nyingmapa monastery in the region and explore Gangtey village and the surrounding valley.

### DAY 18: WALKING IN GANGTEY

Enjoy a day of leisure with the option of a hike through the valley for exceptional views across the stunning landscape.

### DAY 19: RURAL BHUTAN

Leave Gangtey for Punakha visiting the Black Necked Crane Information Centre en route. On arrival visit Punakha Dzong before hiking through the paddy fields and local villages to Chimi Lhakhang, a temple of fertility.

### DAY 20: DISCOVER PUNAKHA

This morning visit the magnificent temple complex at Sangchen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang. Later appreciate the incredible views from Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten which is said to have been built to promote peace, stability and harmony in the changing world.

### DAY 21: TRAVEL TO PARO

Drive to Paro, stopping en route at the Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress in the kingdom. Paro is surrounded by some of Bhutan's oldest temples and monasteries, visit Ta Dzong and Rinpung Dzong.

### DAY 22: TIGER'S NEST MONASTERY

Taksang (Tiger's Nest) is Bhutan's most famous monastery, perched on the side of a cliff 900 metres above the Paro Valley. It can only be reached by a moderately challenging hike along a woodland trail – the views along the way are the perfect distraction! Returning to Paro, visit Kyichu Lhakhang.

### DAY 23: FLY TO KOLKATA

Rise early to fly back to Kolkata, where you'll have the afternoon at leisure.

### DAY 24: FLY KOLKATA TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

### NOT LOOKING TO JOIN A GROUP?

Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



Discover the delights of Gangtey

## GO BEYOND INDIA & BHUTAN

PHYSICAL RATING



### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This adventurous overland journey takes you through Darjeeling into Bhutan where you'll hike to Tiger's Nest monastery. Accommodation and facilities can be basic in remote areas but it's worth it for the incredible experience.

## PRICES & DEPARTURES

Departing Friday returning Sunday

### 2021 DATES

09 Apr - 02 May **£6,190** 12 Nov - 05 Dec **£5,990**

### 2022 DATES

08 Apr - 01 May **£6,990** 11 Nov - 04 Dec **£6,690**

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,350 (Kolkata - Kolkata)
- Single room from £1,310
- Tipping paid locally US\$155

## EXTEND YOUR STAY...



### VARANASI EXTENSION

4 days from £660pp

### SHIMLA EXTENSION

4 days from £580pp

### NEPAL EXTENSION

6 days from £610pp

Visit page 46 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



# TAILORMADE INDIA AND BEYOND

The very best of India, exactly the way you want it

## WHAT IS A TAILORMADE HOLIDAY?

Quite simply, a tailor-made holiday is a journey designed and created especially for you. There's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to travel, so tailor-made holidays are the perfect opportunity for travellers looking to embark on that once-in-a-lifetime adventure or epic honeymoon, for people who want to indulge their special interest, or for those who simply want to do things their own way.

## WHY TRAVEL TAILORMADE?

You're completely in control of the what, where and when. You can choose the pace, where to linger longer, where to pass through and where to bypass completely. The hotels (from comfortable to all out luxury), what and where you eat, the number of nights, when you depart, the sort of experiences that you'll have, is all up to you too!

Whether you have a fully formed itinerary in mind, or just a vague inkling of what you want to see and do, one of our Personal Travel Specialists will be able to craft you something marvellous – with as much, or as little, input from you as you wish.

## WHY GO TAILORMADE WITH WENDY WU?

We've long prided ourselves on our abilities to make extraordinary tours, so it goes without saying that we're also pretty good at putting together tailor-made ones. Our team of Personal Travel Specialists, who are wonderfully well-travelled and expert travel planners, are on-hand to advise and recommend – just let them know what you're after and they'll do the rest. With a wide range of accommodation options, private guiding when you want it and exceptional knowledge of local flavours and the most authentic local experiences, we've got you covered.

# How does it work?

It's really so simple – just follow the steps below:

*"We are writing to say a very big thank you for giving us a wonderful tailor-made holiday to India. We were so impressed by how well organised the whole trip was, with reps on hand to meet us at each new destination, local guides for every city who were very informative, and a brilliant driver who looked after us so well during the entire tour."*

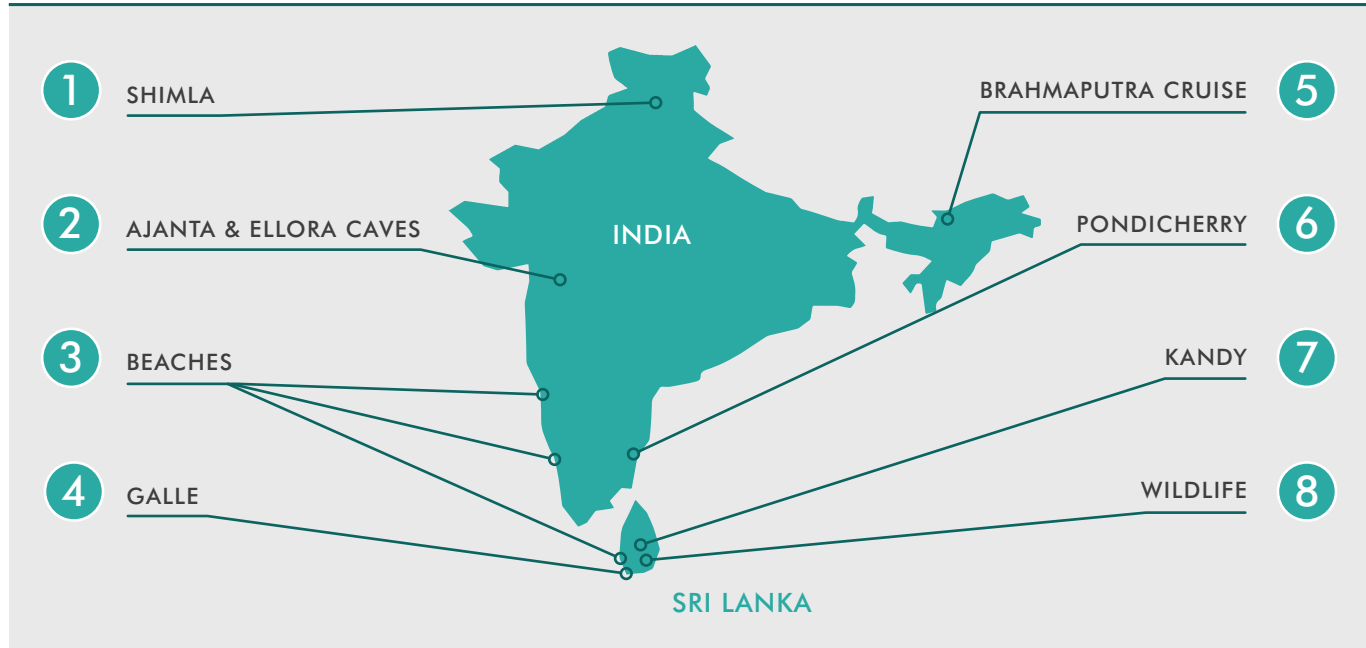
Kevin & Shirley Mears





# Tailormade touring

Inspirational ideas for your bespoke holiday in India.



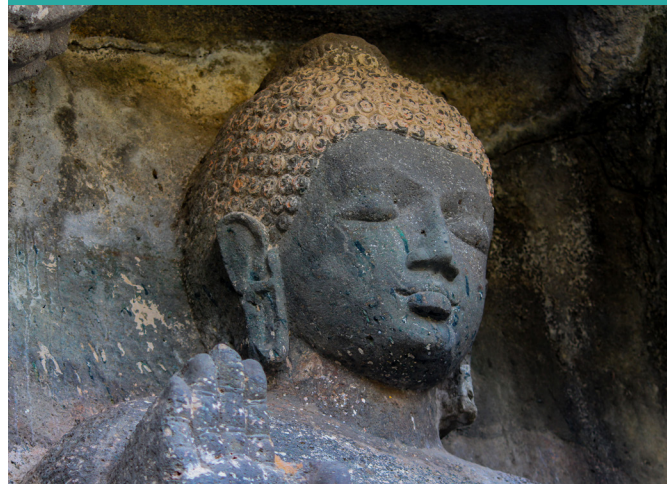
## 1 SHIMLA

Shimla is magnificently placed in the foothills of the Himalaya, perfect for hiking and biking, and there is also the UNESCO-listed Toy Train, for a wonderfully picturesque train ride.



## 2 AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

Two of India's cultural treasures, these cave complexes are full of ancient and intricate frescoes and carvings by Buddhist, Jain and Hindu monks.



## 3 BEACHES

Goa, Kovalam or Marari in India or Bentota on Sri Lanka's south-west coast.

## 4 GALLE

As well as its UNESCO-listed fort, Galle offers whale watching and bike rides and walks through the patchwork of paddy fields, spice gardens and plantations that surround it.



## 5 BRAHMAPUTRA CRUISE

The Brahmaputra River flows through national parks and remote communities giving a wonderfully authentic glimpse of India not often seen.



## 6 PONDICHERRY

This old French city is full of colonial era architecture and a chilled-out vibe that makes it a joy to explore. It's also a hub of yoga, with the Sri Aurobindo Ashram close by.



## 7 KANDY

Head to Kandy to experience Sri Lanka's classical arts, and to explore the surrounding tea plantations. The Kandy to Ella train, one of the world's most scenic railway journeys, is unmissable.



## 8 WILDLIFE

Sri Lanka is home to a wealth of wonderful wildlife and glorious national parks – Yala, Udawalawe, Horton Plains, Wilpattu and Sinharaja.



# Special groups

Travelling in your own private group?

If you plan to travel in your very own private group of 10 passengers or more, our award-winning Group Organiser will arrange a Private Group tour just for you. Whether that is a group of friends, family members or even a club or association, we can tailor any of our existing tours, or create a bespoke itinerary, so your group get to see, do and experience exactly what they want.

Every private group will have its own National Escort who will stay with you for the duration of your holiday and will guide you through some truly amazing experiences and adventures. You will also benefit from the vast knowledge of local guides, who join your group in different locations to point out hidden gems you might otherwise miss, and to offer invaluable tips.

With incredible destinations to choose from, your group will never be stuck for places to visit. We offer fully inclusive, escorted tours to Asia, Latin America and the Middle East and can also plan Private Group tours to many other places around the world including Europe and North America.



For more information or to receive a quote please check [www.wendywutours.co.uk](http://www.wendywutours.co.uk) or call Glen, our Private Group organiser, on 07852 759567.



"We had the most fantastic time and would like to thank Glen at Wendy Wu Tours for making our numerous experiences so memorable, especially at such late notice! Glen had planned everything to perfection and we saw so much in just 19 days. Our guides, Sonny in North India and Ajith in the south, were excellent and could not do enough for us."

Lin Wilson – Fareham



# EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way not only to break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

Most of the extensions and stopovers that you'll find in the following pages are available to be added onto any of our tours. Just ask your reservations consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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Varanasi
- 50 Amritsar  
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Dubai & the Desert



## RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

4 DAYS

Ranthambore is India's most famous national park. Centred around a magnificent old fort, it is home to many animals including leopards, hyena and, most importantly, Bengal tigers!



See tigers in Ranthambore National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£480	£750
Superior	£540	£850
Deluxe	£670	£1,090

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Ranthambore / 1 night Delhi)
- Return transfers
- Return train tickets
- Meals as listed
- 3 shared safaris
- English speaking local guides

**DAY 1: DELHI TO RANTHAMBORE**

After breakfast you will be met and transferred to Delhi railway station for your train to Sawai Madhopur. Upon arrival, transfer to Ranthambore National Park and check-in at the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

**DAY 2: RANTHAMBORE SAFARIS**

Today you will enjoy an early morning and a mid-afternoon safari around the reserve, keeping your eyes peeled throughout for glorious wildlife. (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: RANTHAMBORE TO DELHI**

This morning enjoy an early morning safari before returning to the hotel for breakfast.

After check-out you will be transferred to Sawai Madhopur railway station in time for your train back to Delhi. Upon arrival at Delhi railway station you will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy at your leisure. (B)

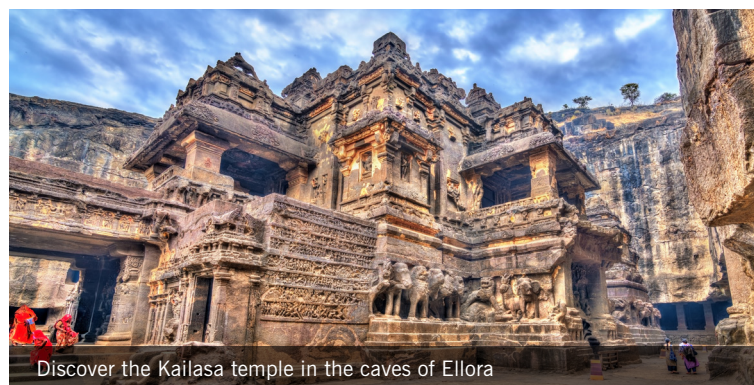
**DAY 4: DEPART DELHI**

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward flight home. (B)

## AJANTA & ELLORA CAVES

3 DAYS

These magnificent caves, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites, are famous for their beautiful Buddhist, Hindu and Jain paintings and intricately carved sculptures. Enjoy two full days exploring their wonders.



Discover the Kailasa temple in the caves of Ellora

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£360	£610
Superior	£390	£640
Deluxe	£440	£710

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Aurangabad)
- Return transfers
- Monument entrance fees
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- English speaking local guides

Excludes flights to Aurangabad.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE AURANGABAD**

Upon arrival at Aurangabad airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

**DAY 2: EXPLORE AJANTA**

Enjoy a tour to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Buddhist caves of Ajanta. The Ajanta site includes 30 rock-cut caves where you will find paintings and sculptures, considered to be a masterpiece of Buddhist religious art. (B,L)

**DAY 3: DISCOVER ELLORA**

This morning, visit the exquisite caves of Ellora, which consists of 34 rock-cut shrines representing Buddhist, Hindu and Jain art. Later this afternoon you will be transferred to Aurangabad airport where your arrangements end. (B,L)

## SHIMLA

4 DAYS

Travel on the famous Toy Train into the Himalayan foothills to Shimla, the summer capital of the British Raj and the 'Queen of Hill Stations', to explore its spectacular views and colonial gems.



Take a ride on the famous Shimla Toy Train

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£580	£1,010
Superior	£650	£1,180
Deluxe	£800	£1,430

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Shimla / 1 night Delhi)
- Return transfers
- Return train tickets
- Toy Train tickets
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- English speaking local guides

**DAY 1: TRAIN TO SHIMLA**

Rise early to meet your guide at your Delhi hotel to transfer to the station. Take the express train to Kalka where you will switch to the famous Toy Train, travelling on this narrow-gauge mountain railway to Shimla. Nicknamed the 'Queen of Hill Stations', Shimla sits in a stunning location sprawling across a ridge deep in the Himalayan foothills.

**DAY 2: EXPLORE SHIMLA**

Start the day with a walk to Jakhoo Temple, which sits at the highest point of the city, offering incredible views. Later discover Shimla's most important sights including the old Christ Church and Scandal Point.

Visit the Himalayan Aviary this afternoon, home to many species, including the Himalayan Monal. (B,L)

**DAY 3: SHIMLA TO DELHI**

This morning admire the renaissance grandeur of the Vice Regal Lodge located on Observatory Hill, before driving back to Kalka. Take the train to Delhi enjoying dinner on board. On arrival this evening transfer to your hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 4: DEPART DELHI**

After check-out you will be transferred to Delhi airport for your onward flight. (B)

## VARANASI

4 DAYS

Journey to the holy city of Varanasi for a spiritual experience including a cruise along the River Ganges and the chance to witness a sacred puja ceremony to Ganga Aarti.



Visit the ghats of Varanasi

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£660	£1,020
Superior	£710	£1,050
Deluxe	£730	£1,100

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Varanasi / 1 night Delhi)
- Return flights to Varanasi
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- English speaking local guides

**DAY 1: ARRIVE VARANASI**

This morning you will be met and transferred to Delhi airport for your flight to Varanasi. Upon arrival at Varanasi airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening take a rickshaw down to the atmospheric ghats on the River Ganges to witness a puja ceremony.

**DAY 2: VARANASI**

Early this morning, take a boat ride along the River Ganges to see the morning activity on the ghats. Return to your hotel for breakfast and afterwards, embark on a brief city tour of Varanasi.

This afternoon, head to Sarnath, an important Buddhist pilgrimage site, where it is believed that Buddha delivered his first sermon. (B,L)

**DAY 3: VARANASI TO DELHI**

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Varanasi airport for your flight back to Delhi. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. (B)

**DAY 4: DEPART DELHI**

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward flight. (B)



## AMRITSAR

3 DAYS

Travel on the Shatabdi Express train to Amritsar to visit the sacred Golden Temple and experience the extravagant closing ceremony of the border between India and Pakistan.



See the Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib) in Amritsar

## Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£510	£970
Superior	£520	£990
Deluxe	£540	£1,020

## Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Amritsar)
- Return transfers
- Return train tickets
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Monument entrances
- English speaking local guides

## DAY 1: DELHI TO AMRITSAR

Transfer from your hotel to Delhi's railway station to board the Shatabdi Express for Amritsar. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a two-night stay. In the evening, enjoy a visit to the Golden Temple for the nightly 'Palki Ceremony'.

## DAY 2: AMRITSAR

The day begins with a city tour, where you return to the Golden Temple to soak up the atmosphere, followed by a visit to the infamous

Jallianwala Bagh. In the afternoon, travel out to Wagah, a border post between India and Pakistan, and enjoy a flag ceremony performed by the border security force from both sides. (B)

## DAY 3: AMRITSAR TO DELHI

Transfer to the railway station and board your return train for Delhi. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to either the airport or hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

## KOVALAM BEACH

5 DAYS

Kovalam is home to three spectacular crescent beaches. Kerala's idyllic coastal surroundings are the ideal place to relax and unwind, especially thanks to the area's abundance of Ayurveda spas.



Visit Kovalam's Lighthouse Beach

## Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£260	£690
Superior	£380	£730
Deluxe	£780	£1,490

## Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Kovalam)
- Return transfers
- Breakfast daily
- 1 day tour of Trivandrum with lunch

Excludes flights to Trivandrum.

## YOUR HOTEL

Located close to the beauty of the palm-fringed Light House Beach, the Soma Palmshore Beach Resort is set on its own private beach. Full of local tradition and culture, you'll find an Ayurveda spa and outdoor pool, as well as opportunities to practice yoga on the beach. Each room has a balcony with a sea view.

## UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Just 15 metres from the sea on Kovalam Beach, the Uday Samudra Beach Resort is surrounded by spacious lawns and coconut groves. Set on top of a rocky promontory, overlooking a private sandy bay, the Leela Kovalam is one of Kerala's

most decadent properties. Rooms have garden or beach views and are resplendent in traditional Kerala décor – all have private sun decks. The best spot for sunset is sitting at the rooftop bar.

## ADDING THIS ON

Kovalam is a 30 minute drive from Trivandrum, which is accessed via numerous direct flights from all over India. This is the ideal extension if you are on our 'Grand Tour of India' tour which finishes in Trivandrum. All of our airline partners will get you home from Trivandrum, with Emirates, Qatar Airways and Etihad routing via the Middle East instead of connecting again through northern India.

## GOA BEACH

5 DAYS

A little slice of paradise on the Arabian Sea, Goa has gorgeous beaches and a rich Portuguese heritage. Discover it all on this five-day extension, the perfect way to round off your India adventure.



Enjoy the gorgeous Goa Beach Resort

## Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£530	£990
Superior	£590	£1,160
Deluxe	£1,060	£1,980

## Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Goa)
- Return transfers
- Breakfast daily
- 1 day tour of Goa with lunch

Excludes flights to Goa.

## YOUR HOTEL

The O Resort and Spa sits right on Candolim Beach. Overlooking the Arabian Sea, the lush tropical gardens that surround the hotel give it a wonderfully secluded feel. There is a spa, an infinity pool and two restaurants, whilst bedrooms are light and airy with sea panoramas.

## UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Set in ten acres of riverside paradise, the Resort Rio is perfectly located for a number of northern Goa's best beaches. Rooms are cool and spacious. Hang out at the vibrant café and bar, relax by the pool or on the nearby beach. On Goa's south coast, marooned amongst lush paddy fields and the Arabian Sea, the Alilia Diwa

is a resort that exudes peace and tranquillity. Each room is a sanctuary of contemporary elegance, a space of Goan design, with a private terrace or balcony and free-standing bathtub.

## ADDING THIS ON

There are many direct flights into Goa from all over India. Flying time is approximately 2 hours 30 mins from Delhi and just over an hour from Mumbai. All of our airline partners will get you home from Goa with Qatar Airways routing via Doha instead of connecting again through northern India.

## MUMBAI

3 DAYS

Explore the culture, history and architectural treasures of Mumbai, India's most colourful, dynamic and frenetic city, also home of the world's biggest cinema industry, Bollywood!



Discover the Gateway to India

## Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£390	£690
Superior	£410	£710
Deluxe	£490	£830

## Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Mumbai)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Touring
- English speaking local guides

Excludes flights to Mumbai.

## DAY 1: ARRIVE MUMBAI

Arrive into Mumbai's airport, where you will be met and transferred to your city hotel. The rest of the day will be at leisure to start soaking up the local culture.

## DAY 2: EXPLORE MUMBAI

Embark on a day tour of this bustling city and its surroundings. Visit the famous Gateway to India on the waterfront at Apollo Bunder, the fascinating temples at Elephant Caves and Mani Bhavan, once the Mumbai headquarters of Mahatma Gandhi.

Continue on to Dhobi Ghat, a fascinating open-air laundry where clothes are scrubbed, dyed and dried, finishing the day at the bustling Crawford Market and Flora Fountain. (B,L)

## DAY 3: DEPART MUMBAI

Check out after breakfast and be transferred to Mumbai airport where your arrangements come to an end. (B)



## MARARI BEACH

4 DAYS

A small fishing village on Kerala's gorgeous Malabar Coast, the peaceful, palm-lined, white sands of Mararikulami (or Marari Beach) are perfect for those after a quieter, less busy beach experience.



Relax on Marari Beach

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£330	£670
Superior	£530	£1,090
Deluxe	£610	£1,190

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Marari)
- Return transfers
- Breakfast daily

Excludes flights to Kochi.

### YOUR HOTEL

Overlooking the scenic white sands of Marari Beach, the Abad Turtle Beach Resort offers an Ayurvedic centre with wellness treatments, a restaurant serving a range of cuisines, and elevated infinity pool overlooking lush, tropical vegetation, and a sunbathing deck.

### UPGRADE YOUR EXPERIENCE

For a quieter, more exclusive hideaway experience, A Beach Symphony is the ideal hotel. Set in large lush gardens filled with palm trees and tropical plants, it offers the ultimate in privacy where indoor and outdoor living merge seamlessly. The Marari Beach Resort offers a stay in an eco-friendly garden villa

with meandering pathways and hammocks, as well as delicious food, yoga classes, cooking experiences and plenty of leisurely strolls along the beach.

### ADDING THIS ON

Marari is a one hour drive from Kochi airport, accessed via numerous direct flights from all over India. If you've just completed our Kerala & Southern Highlights Tour then it's even easier with a three and a half hour drive from Trivandrum. All our airline partners will get you home from Trivandrum, with Emirates, Qatar Airways and Etihad routing via the Middle East instead of connecting again through northern India.

## BHUTAN

5 DAYS

Discover the dramatic natural beauty and feel the warm embrace of the Bhutanese people in this nation that values happiness over wealth.



Admire Taktsang Monastery

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£1,140	£1,310

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Thimphu, 2 nights Paro)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Bhutan visa fee
- English speaking local guides

Excludes flights to Paro.

### DAY 1: PARO TO THIMPHU

Upon arrival at Paro airport you will be met and transferred to your Thimphu hotel (L,D).

### DAY 2: THIMPHU

Tour Thimphu, including a visit to the National Library, the Institute for Zorig Chusum (Painting School), the National Memorial Chorten, the Folk Heritage and National Textile museums and explore the Trashie Chhoe Dzong (B,L,D).

### DAY 3: THIMPHU TO PARO

Head back to Paro and visit Simtokha Dzong en route. Upon arrival, explore Ta Dzong, an ancient watch tower and walk down a hillside trail to Rinpung Dzong, home of the Paro Festival (27-31 Mar) (B,L,D).

### DAY 4: PARO

Hike to the Taktsang Monastery, known as 'Tiger's Nest'. The moderate hike will take you past a cafeteria, which is located approximately halfway up the trail. Here you will enjoy lunch and the wonderful views. Visit the ruins of Drukgyel Dzong and Kyichu Lhakhang on your return to Paro (B,L,D).

### DAY 5: DEPART PARO

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Paro airport for your onward flight (B).

## NEPAL

6 DAYS

Discover the wonders of the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal with this whistle-stop tour through the Kathmandu Valley, a highlight of this intriguing nation.



See the Boudhanath in Kathmandu

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£610	£1,010
Superior	£660	£1,160
Deluxe	£830	£1,450

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Kathmandu, 2 nights Nagarkot)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- English speaking local guides

Excludes flights to Kathmandu.

### DAY 1: KATHMANDU TO NAGARKOT

You will be met at your Kathmandu hotel and transferred to Nagarkot, a mountainous resort village with spectacular views over the Himalayas. (L).

### DAY 2: NAGARKOT

Depending on weather conditions, you may wish to rise early to view the sun rise over the magnificent Himalayas. Later, wander down to the villages of Bastola with a local guide and spend some time exploring through the village. Meet a local family and take part in a cooking class, dining on the results for lunch. Later this afternoon enjoy some time at leisure to relax or hike in the surrounding area. (B,L)

### DAY 3: KATHMANDU

Travel back to Kathmandu, visiting the 9th-century former city-state of Bhaktapur en route. (B,L)

### DAY 4: KATHMANDU TO PATAN

Tour Patan, including the former Royal Palace and Patan's Durbar Square. Return to Kathmandu and visit two of the city's most significant sights, the Boudhanath and Swayambhunath stupas. (B,L)

### DAY 5: KATHMANDU

Enjoy the day at your leisure to explore Kathmandu. (B,L)

### DAY 6: DEPART KATHMANDU

After check-out you will be transferred to Kathmandu airport where your arrangements end. (B)

## CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

3 DAYS

Home to rhinos, tigers, elephants and many other creatures across a wide range of habitats, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Chitwan National Park is the place to go for Asia's best wildlife viewing.



Discover Chitwan National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£500	£760
Superior	£630	£990
Deluxe	£710	£1,040

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Chitwan)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Park entrance fees & taxes
- English speaking local guides

Excludes flights to Kathmandu.

### DAY 1: KATHMANDU TO CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

On arrival at Kathmandu airport you will be transferred to Chitwan National Park (approximately 5-6 hours drive). Enjoy a jungle safari or a nature walk, depending on the time of your arrival. (L,D)

### DAY 2: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Begin your day with an early morning nature walk. Today brings opportunities to get up close to an elephant, spot one of the elusive Bengal tigers and see the magnificent

one-horned rhino. You'll also visit the elephant stables, take a canoe ride along the river and watch the elephants bathing. This evening, enjoy a traditional dance performance and a campfire dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK TO KATHMANDU

After breakfast you will be transferred back to Kathmandu airport. (B)

Note: Itinerary is subject to change according to local conditions.



## CHENNAI

5 DAYS

Explore India's 4th largest city where most of its attractions have a colonial influence. Visit ashrams, temples and cathedrals in nearby Pondicherry and Mamallapuram.



See Kapaleeswarar Temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£460	£820
Superior	£560	£980
Deluxe	£620	£1,130

## Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Chennai)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Monument entrances
- English speaking local guides

## DAY 1: ARRIVE CHENNAI

Arrive in Chennai where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

## DAY 2: CHENNAI

Enjoy a city tour after breakfast, visiting Kapaleeswarar Temple and St Mary's Church before travelling to Pondicherry where you will check in at your hotel. (B,L)

## DAY 3: PONDICHERRY

After breakfast, visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram and the gothic-style church of Eglise De Sacre Coeur De Jesus before continuing to an old French-style village. (B,L)

## DAY 4: MAMALLAPURAM

Travel to Mamallapuram, once a port of Pallava rulers. Tour Shore Temple, Panch Pandava Rath and the Varaha Cave. (B,L)

## DAY 5: DEPART CHENNAI

Check out of your hotel after breakfast and transfer back to Chennai where your arrangements end.

## TRINCOMALEE

4 DAYS

Encounter the diverse coastal town of Trincomalee on Sri Lanka's north-east coast – the meeting point of exotic beaches, marine life, local fishing communities, colourful temples and colonial history.



See the spectacular statues at Koneswaram temple

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£660pp	£1,230pp

## Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Trincomalee)
- Return transfers
- Private driver on day 3
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Trincomalee day tour
- English speaking local guide

## DAY 1: TRANSFER TO TRINCOMALEE

You will be met at your Colombo or Bentota hotel and transferred to Trincomalee by road for your 3-night stay.

## DAY 2: TRINCOMALEE TOUR

Spend the day exploring the fantastically varied city of Trincomalee. Take a tour of the Portuguese fort at the heart of the city, and marvel at the colourful Koneswaram and Pathirakali Amman temples. With their flamboyant painted figures, they were built by the Tamil community that call this area of Sri Lanka home. (B)

## DAY 3: EXPLORE TRINCOMALEE

Enjoy a day at leisure today. You could soak up the sun on the beautiful beach, go snorkelling around Pigeon Island, take a whale watching trip, or even explore more of the surrounding area – you'll have a car and driver available all day to do just that. (B)

## DAY 4: TRINCOMALEE TO COLOMBO

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward flight. (B)

## JAFFNA

4 DAYS

Journey to Jaffna, on the northernmost tip of Sri Lanka, and discover a mixture of colonial history and traditional culture from the 17th-century fort, ornate Hindu temples and captivating museums.



Visit Vallipuram Alvar temple in Jaffna

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£680	£1,190

## Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Jaffna)
- Return train tickets
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- One day tour of Jaffna

## DAY 1: COLOMBO TO JAFFNA

You will be picked up from your hotel and taken to Colombo's railway station to board the train to Jaffna. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. (B)

## DAY 2: JAFFNA

Start the day at the ancient port of Dambakola Patuna before heading to Keeramallai town, the site of the holy bathing ponds, famous for their healing powers. Later visit Casuarina Beach, where the water is so shallow you can walk for miles into the sea and make a photo stop at Point Pedro, Sri Lanka's most northerly point. Back in Jaffna, visit the ancient NallurKandaswamy Kovil Temple for the nightly puja ceremony. (B)

## DAY 3: JAFFNA

After breakfast spend a day at leisure exploring some more of this fascinating area. (B)

## DAY 4: JAFFNA TO COLOMBO

You will be transferred back to Jaffna railway station to board the train back to Colombo. On arrival, your arrangements end. (B)

## WILPATTU NATIONAL PARK

3 DAYS

Full of picturesque lakes and dense forest, Wilpattu National Park offers a wonderful slice of genuine Sri Lankan wilderness and is a must for anyone who is an avid safari fan.



Spot blue-tailed bee-eaters in Wilpattu National Park

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	£620	£890

## Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Wilpattu)
- Return transfers
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Entrance fees
- English speaking local guides

Excludes flights to Colombo.

## DAY 1: COLOMBO TO WILPATTU

You will be collected from Colombo and transferred to Wilpattu. On arrival, join an afternoon safari of the national park. Around the park's many lakes (villus) you'll have the chance to spot a wealth of animal species – spotted deer, sambhur, barking deer, wild boar, buffalo, sloth bear, mongoose and crocodiles. There are also populations of leopards and elephants to keep an eye out for too!

## DAY 2: WILPATTU SAFARI

This morning, embark on your second Wilpattu safari before spending a free afternoon relaxing at your hotel. (B)

## DAY 3: WILPATTU TO COLOMBO

After breakfast, transfer back to Colombo where you can be dropped off at the airport or your hotel where your arrangements come to an end. (B)



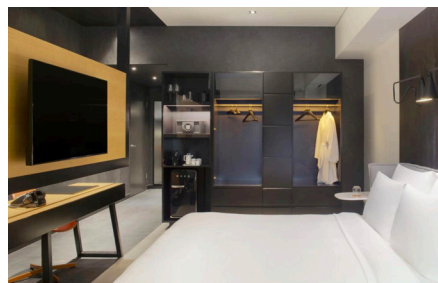
# DUBAI STOPOVERS

Dubai is the ultimate urban destination – a city full of cutting-edge architecture, epic shopping malls, the finest of the world's luxury hotels and a cosmopolitan nightlife, all topped off with excellent beaches. As modern and extravagant as Dubai might be, there is still plenty of rich and traditional culture to be found, particularly amongst the labyrinthine alleys of the old city.

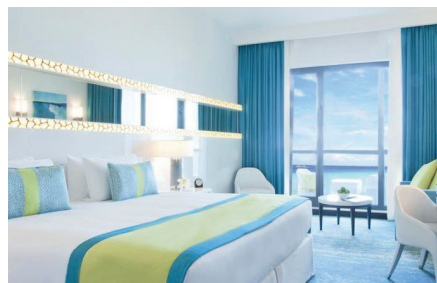


Explore downtown Dubai

## DUBAI HOTELS



**CANOPY BY HILTON DUBAI AL SEEF ★★★★★**  
Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef is a contemporary new hotel located on the waterfront promenade which means you are spoilt for choice for shops and restaurant options. The view from the rooftop pool is simply superb.



**JA OCEAN VIEW HOTEL ★★★★★**  
Across the road from Jumeirah Beach on lively 'The Walk', the JA Ocean View is comfortable and modern. All rooms have sea views from their spacious balconies, and there are seven restaurants, along with a beautiful infinity pool.



**MÖVENPICK HOTEL JUMEIRAH BEACH ★★★★★**  
Located on 'The Walk', the Mövenpick is well situated for shopping and entertainment. A chic and modern property, contemporary rooms have balconies with partial or full views of the Gulf, and there is an outdoor pool and wellness centre.



**HILTON DUBAI, THE WALK ★★★★★**  
Located on 'The Walk' and close to 'The Beach' mall, this hotel offers modern and tasteful décor. With easy access to the beach, many rooms have views of the beachfront and some offer a kitchenette and seating area.



**AMWAJ ROTANA, JUMEIRAH BEACH ★★★★★**  
The Amwaj Rotana boasts the largest guest rooms of the Jumeirah Beach Residence, each tastefully furnished and with a spacious balcony. This is the hotel for those looking for fun-filled entertainment in the evenings.



**SHERATON JUMEIRAH BEACH RESORT ★★★★★**  
Ideally located on a private beach in Dubai Marina, the Sheraton has excellent facilities, including a spa and water sports. The combination of the contemporary hotel and its expansive landscape gardens creates a modern paradise.

## DUBAI STOPOVERS

### ESSENTIAL DUBAI

3 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Admire the incredible architecture – ultra-modern and deeply traditional, and browse through the wares of Dubai's old souks, as atmospheric today as they have been for centuries.



Dubai Creek

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
4★ Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef	£430	£780
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£580	£1,080
5★ Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Hotel	£620	£1,160

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

**DAY 1: ARRIVE DUBAI**

Upon arrival in Dubai, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

**DAY 2: EXPLORE DUBAI**

Enjoy a half day seat-in-coach tour of the city, which provides an insight into Dubai's rich history. Stop for photos at Jumeirah Mosque and the Presidential Palace, before visiting the Dubai Museum. Next, take a

step back in time and cross Dubai Creek by traditional abra (water taxi) to Deira. Wander through the vibrant spice and gold souks – where the wares have been the same for centuries – and haggle for a bargain or two! The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

**DAY 3: DEPART DUBAI**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)

### DUBAI & THE DESERT

4 DAYS

See a whole other side of Dubai on a stopover that includes a half day city tour that provides insight into Dubai's rich history. Also included is a desert safari where you spend the evening enjoying the entertainment as you feast on Arabic cuisine under the stars at a traditional Bedouin-style camp.



Dubai Desert

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
4★ Canopy by Hilton Dubai Al Seef	£520	£870
5★ Movenpick Hotel Jumeirah Beach	£770	£1,320
5★ Sheraton Jumeirah Beach Hotel	£950	£1,730

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Dubai)
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees
- Dune safari & dinner

Note: This stopover is usually available with no additional flight costs if travelling with Emirates.

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**DAY 3: DESERT ADVENTURE**

The day is at leisure before you head out into the desert for a magical evening. View falcons at an amphitheatre before an exciting drive into the sand dunes, with a stop at the perfect spot for sunset. Stop at a Bedouin-style camp for a delicious Arabic-style buffet with unlimited drinks of selected beverages. Here, you can also try camel riding, sandboarding and have a traditional henna design drawn on your hand. (B,D)

**DAY 4: DEPART DUBAI**

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Dubai airport for your onward flight. (B)



# Flying in style

At Wendy Wu Tours, we pride ourselves on the strong relationships we have with our airline partners. We can offer you not only the most convenient flights to complement your tour, but the best value too. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go! All of our tour prices include return international economy class flights, but if you're celebrating or just fancy treating yourself, upgrading your cabin class is a great option.



Emirates Economy Class

## ECONOMY CLASS

Offering a comfortable seat, in-flight entertainment and meal service, the economy cabin varies little between airlines. You can expect to find the following:

- Legroom between 31 and 33 inches
- Personal screen with on-demand entertainment and headphones
- In-flight meals, catering for dietary requirements
- Complimentary baggage allowance



British Airways World Traveller Plus

## PREMIUM ECONOMY

Some airlines offer a Premium Economy option on their international flights. With a dedicated cabin and more spacious seating, Premium Economy offers an improved experience over Economy, but without the price tag of Business Class. Perks of Premium Economy include:

- 1-2 extra inches of seat width, 2-3 inches of extra legroom and 2-3 inches extra seat recline
- Adjustable head rests, leg rests or lumbar support
- Larger personal screens
- Premium food service
- Increased complimentary baggage allowance



Virgin Atlantic Premium (A350)

## BUSINESS CLASS

Found mostly on long-haul, international routes, those who upgrade to Business Class can expect significantly more comfort and amenities than Economy and Premium Economy. You'll have:

- A dedicated check-in and Business Class lounge access
- Fast track through airport security
- Varying greatly between airlines, Business Class seats range from recliner seats to flatbed seats to 'suites'
- Large personal screens and extra viewing options
- Premium dining and wine service
- Increased cabin crew to passenger ratio
- Extra baggage allowance
- Luxury amenity kit



Etihad First Class

## FIRST CLASS

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- Luxury amenity kit including pyjamas

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# Preferred Airline Partners



## BRITISH AIRWAYS

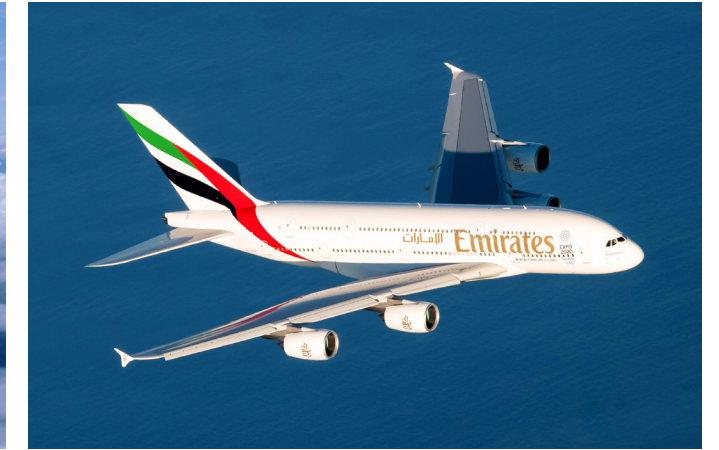
Wendy Wu Tours is delighted to be a British Airways preferred partner, which means we can offer you its most competitive fares. You can fly direct from London Heathrow to Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai and Hyderabad, with a wide range of connecting regional flights from all over the UK. We recommend the extra space and comfort of BA's premium economy cabin, World Traveller Plus.



## VIRGIN

Virgin Atlantic operates a daily direct flight from London Heathrow to Delhi and, new from October 2019, a daily direct flight to Mumbai too. Renowned for its in-flight service, Virgin Atlantic offers choice of three meals with separate dessert service and complimentary drinks; and free amenity kit. Their on-demand entertainment system, features hundreds of movies, television programmes, news updates and games.

Other airline partners to India include: KLM, Air France and Oman Air.



## EMIRATES

With Emirates you can fly to Delhi, Mumbai, Cochin, Kolkata, Chennai, Trivandrum, Colombo and Kathmandu, connecting from a range of UK airports including Birmingham, Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle and Edinburgh, as well as Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted. Exceptional in-flight service, a more generous seat pitch and the chance to stopover in Dubai all make Emirates a popular choice for our customers to India.



## ETIHAD

Etihad operates daily flights from London Heathrow and Manchester to Delhi, Chennai, Trivandrum, Cochin and Mumbai in India, as well as Colombo in Sri Lanka and Kathmandu in Nepal. Flights are via Abu Dhabi. Etihad is one of the world's fastest growing airlines and their flights offer high quality customer service, comfortable seats, excellent in-flight entertainment and exclusive lounges.



# Hotels

Your accommodation is chosen for the convenience of its location, levels of comfort or quirky character, so it can range from a smart business hotel here to a family-run guesthouse there. Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

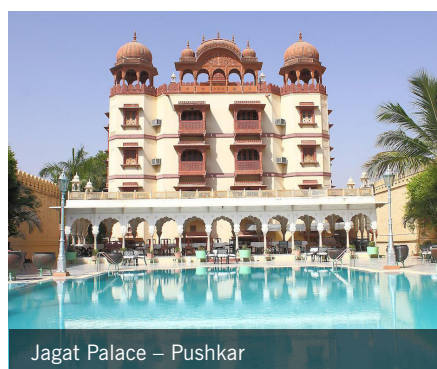
## EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN INDIA



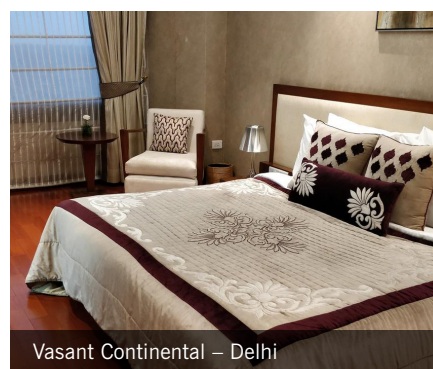
The Ambassador – Mumbai



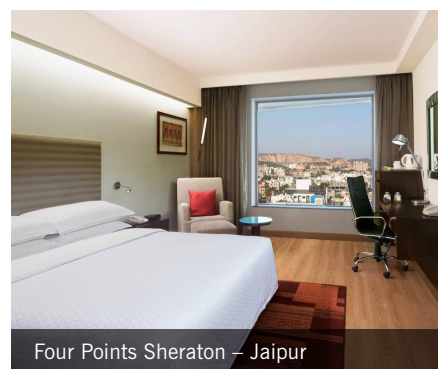
Fairfield by Marriott – Jodhpur



Jagat Palace – Pushkar



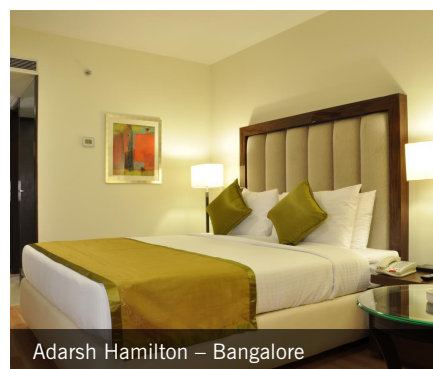
Vasant Continental – Delhi



Four Points Sheraton – Jaipur



The Sher Garh Resort – Ranthambore



Adarsh Hamilton – Bangalore

Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between the UK and India. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

# India & beyond for all seasons

Our tours cover the length and breadth of the Indian Subcontinent. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the region.

DELHI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	7	18	23
Feb	11	23	18
Mar	15	28	13
Apr	22	36	8
May	26	39	13
Jun	27	37	74
Jul	27	34	180
Aug	26	33	173
Sep	24	33	117
Oct	19	31	10
Nov	13	27	3
Dec	8	21	10

JAIPUR			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	7	22	6
Feb	10	25	10
Mar	15	31	5
Apr	21	37	4
May	25	40	18
Jun	27	39	51
Jul	25	34	213
Aug	24	32	227
Sep	23	33	80
Oct	19	34	12
Nov	13	29	8
Dec	8	24	3

## Delhi

Delhi's location allows a clash of climate types, meaning that it has distinct summer and winter seasons. May is the peak of the summer where temperatures reach the high 30s until the break of the monsoon at the end of June.

## Jaipur

In the desert state of Rajasthan, Jaipur has mild pleasant winters from November to February, whilst summer (April to June) temperatures hover at around 30 degrees. The monsoon hits from June to September.

KOCHI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	32	20
Feb	24	31	20
Mar	25	32	40
Apr	26	33	110
May	25	32	180
Jun	22	29	690
Jul	23	29	460
Aug	22	28	330
Sep	22	29	340
Oct	23	30	280
Nov	23	30	140
Dec	23	31	30

MUMBAI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	18	30	10
Feb	18	31	10
Mar	21	32	10
Apr	24	33	10
May	27	33	10
Jun	26	32	560
Jul	25	30	640
Aug	25	30	520
Sep	25	31	320
Oct	24	33	90
Nov	22	33	20
Dec	19	32	10

## Kochi

Down in the very south of India in the state of Kerala, Kochi enjoys a tropical monsoon climate. Due to being close to the equator and on the coast, there is little variation in temperature throughout the year.

## Mumbai

Although the monsoon sweeps through Mumbai between June to late September, generally the city has fairly stable weather, located as it is on the coast and close to the equator. The coolest month in Mumbai is January.

KOLKATA			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	13	27	10
Feb	15	29	31
Mar	21	34	36
Apr	24	36	43
May	25	36	140
Jun	26	33	297
Jul	26	32	325
Aug	26	32	328
Sep	26	32	252
Oct	24	32	114
Nov	18	29	20
Dec	13	26	5

DARJEELING			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	3	10	17
Feb	5	12	15
Mar	8	16	41
Apr	11	19	86
May	13	19	166
Jun	15	20	468
Jul	16	20	710
Aug	16	20	529
Sep	15	20	375
Oct	12	13	121
Nov	8	16	15
Dec	5	12	4

## Kolkata

On the Bay of Bengal, Kolkata has a tropical wet and dry climate. The summers here are hot and humid; the temperatures in May and June can exceed 40 degrees! Monsoon arrives in the city from June to September.

## Darjeeling

A former hillstation, Darjeeling has a temperate climate, with wet summers caused by the monsoon, whilst the spring (March and April) and autumn (September to November) offer cool and clear weather.

COLOMBO			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	31	62
Feb	23	31	69
Mar	24	32	130
Apr	25	32	253
May	26	31	382
Jun	26	30	186
Jul	25	30	125
Aug	25	30	114
Sep	25	30	236
Oct	24	30	369
Nov	23	30	310
Dec	23	30	168

KATHMANDU			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	2	17	13
Feb	4	19	14
Mar	8	24	10
Apr	12	28	29
May	15	29	70
Jun	17	29	129
Jul	18	27	325
Aug	18	27	239
Sep	17	27	175
Oct	14	25	67
Nov	9	22	7
Dec	4	18	8

## Colombo

Sri Lanka's capital tends to be temperate all year round with temperatures hovering between 26 and 30 degrees. The monsoon brings rain to the city between May and August and also between October and January.

## Kathmandu

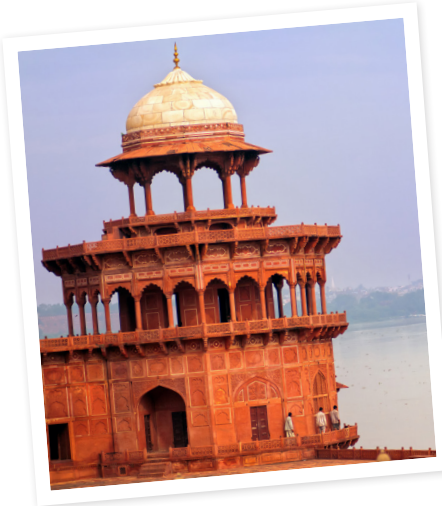
Located in the Kathmandu Valley, Kathmandu's climate is somewhat complex, changing slightly here and there due to elevation. In general, though, the summers are hot with temperatures of 28-30 degrees, whilst winter is cool, with temperatures around 10 degrees.



# Your India questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



**Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?**

**A.** Once we have received your deposit payment, we will send you a confirmation invoice within 24 hours.

**Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?**

**A.** It is essential that you read the relevant Tour Dossier before booking, which you can find on [wendywutours.co.uk](http://wendywutours.co.uk), or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook as well as a suggested packing list with your final documents.

**Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?**

**A.** Hotel details will be sent with your final documents around two weeks prior to departure. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

**Q. How do I get my visa?**

**A.** We have a detailed visa section located on our website with comprehensive instructions on how to obtain a visa for the country you are visiting, this information can be found here <https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas> contact us for visa application information.

**Q. Do I need travel insurance?**

**A.** Your protection and safety are our main priority. That's why having adequate travel insurance is a condition of booking with us for all the destinations you plan to travel to. Your travel insurance policy must include full cover for COVID-19 both before and during your tour.

**Q. What vaccinations do I need?**

**A.** Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up to date information please refer to [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk) and always seek your doctor's advice. You may also need to comply with local requirements to undertake COVID-19 tests.

**Q. What size are your tour groups?**

**A.** The group size on our Classic Tours is on average around 21 passengers, with a maximum group size 28. On our Go Beyond Tours and exclusive Solo Departures the average group size is around 14 and the maximum is 18. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. On our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in greater comfort.

**Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?**

**A.** Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

**Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?**

**A.** We offer two ways to avoid paying a single supplement. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travelers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (along with other features like free chauffeur airport transfers in the UK, free access to an airport lounge and a drinks reception on arrival). The second is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option, where you don't have to pay a single supplement if you are willing to share with another tour member of the same gender. You will be introduced to your share partner on arrival at the start of the tour. Happy to Share is on request when booking less than 75 days before departure. Alternatively a private room of your own is available on any of our tours at an extra cost. Please check the tour pages or our website for details.

**Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?**

**A.** If your tour includes internal flights your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 15kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights. If there are no internal flights on your tour then your allowance is the international flight limit.

**Q. What currency should I take?**

**A.** We recommend you take US dollars as well as the local currency and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras. Tipping must be in US dollars.

**Q. When is the best time to visit the India Subcontinent?**

**A.** India, Sri Lanka and Nepal are year-round destinations. While October to March are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists. See page 61 for more detailed information about the weather.

**Q. When are Indian and Sri Lankan public holidays?**

**A.** There are too many public holidays in India and Sri Lanka to list and most are only observed on a regional basis. Major holidays include the Holi Festival (10 March 2020 and 29 March 2021) and Independence Day (15 August). If your tour coincides with a major holiday some businesses and attractions may be closed, you may encounter crowds, and the availability of certain food and drink may be restricted.

**Q. How fit do I need to be?**

**A.** Our Group tours are graded on each page with a Physical Rating to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice.

Our range of Private tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.



## WHILE ON TOUR

**Q. What does escorted touring mean?**

**A.** Every Group Tour which has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from when you land at the airport to when you depart. On multi-country tours different National Escorts are used in each country. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable Local Guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private Tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable Local Guides in each location.

**Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?**

**Air:** Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

**Road:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our Group Tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our Private Tours we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

**Water:** Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element. To undertake these excursions, you will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.

**Rail:** Trains are used on some tours and our groups will travel in air conditioned standard carriages. The trains are generally clean; however you cannot expect western standards.

**Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?**

**A.** Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate when visiting religious buildings.

**Q. Are meals included?**

**A.** All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. Please note that in remote areas, meals may be simple and choices limited. Meals included in Private Tours are stated in the itinerary and include several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. If you book a fully inclusive Classic Tour your first meal will be dinner on the day of arrival and will end with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

**Q. Are there any optional excursions?**

**A.** From time to time your National Escort or Local Guide may suggest optional sightseeing in addition to the standard sightseeing planned, depending on local conditions. Such options are at an additional cost, with prices usually per person. This is paid in cash (local currency) to the guide on the day of the optional excursion – just ask your guide if you need to visit a cash machine before touring for that day commences.

**Q. Is tap water safe to drink?**

**A.** We strongly recommend that you drink bottled water only.

**Q. Can special requests be arranged?**

**A.** If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.

**Q. What is the flying time to India, Nepal and Sri Lanka?**

**A.** Approx. 8 hours (if flying direct to India) or 11 hours to Sri Lanka or Nepal.

**Q. Do you allow children on your tours?**

**A.** We allow children 12 years and over on our Group Tours. We recommend families with children of any age to consider our Private Tours offering greater flexibility whilst on tour and suitable for any age group.

**Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?**

**A.** Our groups are generally made up of travellers from the UK, Australia and New Zealand. Occasionally we are joined by English speaking passengers from other countries.

**Q. What is the average age on your group tours?**

**A.** The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

**Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?**

**A.** They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures or to visit sights at the best time of day.

**Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?**

**A.** They Tipping is expected in the Indian Subcontinent. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our Group Tours so your National Escort will look after this aspect of your trip for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each Group Tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private Tours and Extensions, we will advise recommended amounts. The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

## Health & Safety

Your health, safety and well-being on holiday are of paramount importance to us. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, the Wendy Wu Tours team carries out health and safety checks on accommodation, transport and excursions; and works with our destination partners and suppliers towards improving health and safety standards throughout the regions in which we operate. All travellers should be aware that safety standards vary across the different regions we visit and may not match the standards we enjoy in the UK. In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.

## COVID-19 Precautions

We have established a set of firm but practical safety requirements for our overseas partners to follow in 2021 and for as long as COVID-19 is a threat. These are designed to help protect you as well as our local teams of drivers, guides, National Escorts and others. Guided by the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organisation) and WTTC (World Travel & Tourism Council) as well as local government regulations, our safety protocols cover all aspects of touring, be it travelling, sightseeing, mealtimes or your hotel stays. Measures include personal protection, extensive disinfecting and social distancing. Please see our website for full details, as these are likely to change and evolve over time. Needless to say, for your own protection you will be expected to follow the rules and regulations laid down by the health authorities in your host destination. Rest assured that we will do everything possible to keep you safe on your holiday, while also helping you enjoy every moment along the way!





# Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1–2–3.

## 1. Choose your tour

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

## 2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

## 3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay a deposit and secure your booking from £350pp. Final payment is usually due 75 days before departure.



# Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

### BECOME A WENDY WU TOURS VIP

Our Wendy Wu VIP loyalty scheme will get you exclusive offers and updates before anyone else plus you'll move up membership levels with every new trip you book – which means bigger savings!

**Bronze VIP**  
£100 per person discount  
When you book your  
2nd Wendy Wu holiday



**Silver VIP**  
£150 per person discount  
When you book your  
3rd Wendy Wu holiday



**Gold VIP**  
£200 per person discount  
When you book your 4th  
or more Wendy Wu holiday



Terms and conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.

### RECOMMEND A FRIEND

We'll send you a gourmet hamper as a thank you for the first booking we receive. Plus for every subsequent booking, we'll send you £50 worth of shopping vouchers.



## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Wendy Wu Tours Ltd, Ground Floor, Cottons Centre, Cottons Lane, 47-49 Tootley St, London SE1 2QG, company number 05107061. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, you confirm that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, the brochure and tour dossier and agree to be bound by them.

These booking conditions only apply to holiday arrangements which you book with us in the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. For tailor-made holidays, please refer to our Wendy Wu Tailor Made brochure and terms and conditions, or visit our website. In these booking conditions, "you" and "your" means all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Limited.

### 1. Your Holiday Contract

The first named person on the booking ("lead name") must be authorised to make a booking on the basis of these booking conditions by all persons named on the booking and by their parent or guardian for all party members who are under 18 when the booking is made. By making a booking the lead name confirms that he/she is so authorised. The lead name is responsible for making all payments due to us and to indemnify us for the liability of all party members. The lead name must be at least 18 when the booking is made. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see clause 4 "Payment" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the "lead name" or your Travel Agent. Your invoice will be sent to your travel agent or the lead name on the booking if you have booked direct with us. Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See clause 8).

We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see clause 13) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings can either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

### 2. Your financial protection

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays. For flight-based holidays this is through our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL number 6639) issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 0YR, UK, telephone 0333 103 6350, email [claims@caa.co.uk](mailto:claims@caa.co.uk). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive package\* from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you, and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an

alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

\*The flights and flight-inclusive packages we arrange are ATOL protected providing they are made available in the UK. For further information visit the ATOL website at [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk).

We are a member of ABTA (ABTA number W7994). If your package holiday does not include a flight, protection is provided by way of a bond held by ABTA The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ [www.abta.co.uk](http://www.abta.co.uk).

The combination of travel services offered to you is a package within the meaning of the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. Therefore, you will benefit from all EU rights applying to packages. We will be fully responsible for the proper performance of the package as a whole. Additionally, as required by law, we have protection in place to refund your payments and, where transport is included in the package, to ensure your repatriation in the event that we become insolvent. More information on key rights can be found by visiting <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111168479/contents>.

### 3. Your Holiday Price

Please note, changes and errors occasionally occur. You must check the price of your chosen holiday at the time of booking. The cost of your travel arrangements was calculated using known costs and exchange rates of £1 to 125JPY, £1 to 8.60CNY and £1 to 1.25USD in July 2020. We reserve the right to increase and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error which we are aware of and inform the new applicable price at the time of booking. Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not be subject to change.

### 4. Payment

In order to confirm your chosen holiday, a non-refundable deposit of at least £350.00 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of departure) must be paid at the time of booking. In some cases the amount of deposit may be higher: where, for example, we need to pre-purchase flights tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. The balance of the holiday cost must be received by us not less than 75 days prior to departure. This date will be shown on the confirmation invoice. Reminders are not sent. Our preferred method of deposit payment is by bank debit card or credit card. Balance payment may be made by bank debit card, credit card or cheque (providing there is time to clear it to meet the payment schedule shown above – you should allow 5 working days for clearance from the time we receive it). If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date. Except for flight inclusive bookings, all monies you pay to one of our authorised travel agents for your holiday with us will be held by the agent on your behalf until a contract between us comes into existence. After that point, your agent will hold the monies on our behalf until they are paid to us. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us. Please note that on very rare occasions, errors may occur when inputting prices onto our website and systems. We regret that any contract entered into on the basis of a pricing error will be invalid. In the unlikely event that this situation arises, you will be given the option to pay the correct price or cancel with a full refund.

## 5. Travel documents and visas

A Passport with a minimum of six months validity from the intended date of travel, and contains a minimum of two blank pages, is required for travel for the majority of countries in our programme. As visa requirements are constantly changing, you must regularly check the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) website for the most up to date entry requirements. Visa fees, where required, are included for UK British Citizen passport holders and will be specified whether included on your confirmation invoice. If you hold any other British passport (British Subject, British National Overseas) or you are a non-UK passport holder or you reside outside of the UK, you will be required to obtain your own visas at your own expense. It is your responsibility to ensure the visa issued to you is correct. Whilst we include the cost of the standard visa application service in your tour price (for UK British Citizen passport holders), we will pass on any additional charges incurred for non-standard visa processing, or where visa charges are increased following publication of the brochure. Should your visa application be refused for any reason and you wish to cancel your booking the cancellation charges under clause 8 will apply. An express visa process is available for an additional cost depending on the country of visit. We make no promises that your Visa application will be successful and we cannot accept bookings conditional on the issuing of a visa, or payment of the balance of the holiday cost (see clause 4) to be deferred until visas have been issued. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with you. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility in this regard. We accept no responsibility for passports lost in the post. It is the responsibility of each passenger to ensure that you carry all necessary passport, visa and other travel documentation as required by the country you are visiting, and that all documents are in date and valid. We do not accept responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements for any part of your holiday. Failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us in full. For the most up to date information on visa requirements for all destinations that we feature, please visit our website <https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/>.

## 6. Travel Insurance, Health and Safety

It is a condition of booking with us that you take out suitable travel insurance covering at least circumstances leading to the cancellation of your booking and providing sufficient medical cover for illness or injury and repatriation while overseas, including COVID-19 cover. You must provide us with the name of your insurers and their 24 hour emergency contact number when you book or as soon as possible thereafter. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking. You will indemnify Wendy Wu Tours in respect of any assistance or payment made by us in these circumstances. Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens for your holiday are available from the websites listed below. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions, including COVID-19 protection, in good time before departure. Details are available from your GP surgery and from the National Travel Health Network and Centre [www.nathnac.org](http://www.nathnac.org). Information on health can be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk). Health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office publishes regularly updated travel information on its website [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

## 7. If you wish to change your booking

If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, we will endeavour to make these changes, but it may not always be possible. Any request for changes to be made must be from the lead name on the booking or your Travel Agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge as set out below per person and any further cost we incur together with any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers in making this alteration. Examples include:

- Minor amendments to the tour booked OR Minor amendments made within 30 days of departure OR Transferring between tours or changing departure date – £50
- Transferring between tours or changing departure date within 75 days of departure is not permitted and cancellation fees will apply
- Reissue of airline tickets, where possible – £50 plus any non-refundable costs of the cancelled ticket and any additional costs of the new ticket



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You can transfer your booking to another person, who satisfies all the conditions that apply to your booking, by giving us notice in writing as soon as possible and no later than 7 days before departure. Both you and the new traveller are responsible for paying all costs we incur in making the transfer.

Once a booking is confirmed no changes are permitted otherwise than in accordance with these terms and conditions.

It is important to note that some arrangements such as certain types of air tickets cannot be changed after a booking has been made as they are sold as part of your fixed package. You will be advised of any such non refundable charges prior to confirming your booking. Any change will be treated as a cancellation in which case cancellation charges will apply. Note that only one change per booking is permitted. Any requests for changes to your booking must be emailed to operations@wendywutours.co.uk.

### 8. If you wish to cancel your booking

Because we start to incur costs in relation to your arrangements from the time we confirm your booking, if you cancel we have to make a charge and the nearer to your departure date you cancel, the higher the charge will be. If you wish to cancel a confirmed booking you must do so by writing to our head office. Cancellation takes effect from the day we receive your letter. Cancellation charges are shown in the table below and will be payable immediately on cancellation. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges. Insurance premiums and amendment charges are not refundable in the event of cancellation:

75 or more days	Retention of deposit
74 – 42 days	30% including deposit
41 – 28 days	60% including deposit
27 – 15 days	90% including deposit
14 days or less	100% including deposit

Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned and we have no liability in these circumstances.

### 9. If we change or cancel your holiday

Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors in brochure and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed and cancel confirmed bookings. Whilst we always endeavour to avoid changes and cancellations, we must reserve the right to do so. The right is also reserved to any change in airline, aircraft types and vessels scheduled for any specific departure.

#### If we change your holiday

Even after we have confirmed your booking we may have to make alterations to confirmed arrangements. Most such alterations will be minor and of little effect on your overall arrangements and while we will do our best to notify you of any such minor change before your departure, we will have no other liability to you. Occasionally we may have to make a significant change to your confirmed arrangements. Significant changes include but are not limited to the following (which are illustrative):

- Change of UK departure airport. (A change from one London airport to another is not considered a major change. London airports are Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Luton and London City)
- Change of your time of departure or return by more than 12 hours
- Change of resort
- Change of holiday accommodation to accommodation of a lower official rating.

If we have to make a significant change, we will notify you as quickly as possible and offer you the following options:

(a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us, of a similar standard to that originally booked if available. We will offer you at least one alternative holiday of equivalent or higher standard for which you will not be asked to pay any more than the price of the original holiday. If the holiday is cheaper than the original one, we will refund the price difference. If you do not wish to accept the holiday we specifically offer you, you may choose any of our other available holidays. You must pay the applicable price of any such holiday. This will mean you paying more if it is more expensive or receiving a refund if it is cheaper or (c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us.

In addition, if you choose (a) or (b) above, and the change is not due to 'unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances' (see below),

you will receive as compensation a credit towards the cost of your arrangements, or any alternative selected, of the amount shown in Scale A below. If you choose (c) we will pay you compensation of the amount shown in Scale B below. In all cases we will have no liability for any other or greater compensation, or for expenses or losses incurred as a result of any change.

Period before departure date notification given by us	Compensation per fare paying passenger (excluding children)
0 – 7 days	£50
8 – 14 days	£40
15 – 28 days	£30
29 – 42 days	£20
43 – 75 days	£10

#### If we cancel your holiday

If we have to cancel your booking we will not cancel less than 60 days before your departure date, except for unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, or failure by you to pay the final balance, or because the minimum number required for the package to go ahead hasn't been reached. Unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. The minimum number required will be provided to you with the holiday description, along with the time limit for us to tell you if the package has to be cancelled. If your holiday is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an alternative holiday of comparable standard from us if we offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value).

No compensation will be payable and the above options for either a change or cancellation will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where a change is a minor one.

Please note, in the event of a cancellation, airline schedule change or change of departure airport, we are not liable to cover the cost of flights, trains or any form of transportation or any other expenses incurred by these changes.

### 10. Our liability to you

(1) We will take reasonable care to ensure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we may accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result solely of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used and you have suffered loss as a result if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(2) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
- 'Unavoidable and Extraordinary Circumstances' as defined in clause 9 above.

(3) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract including any excursion you purchase in resort. Please also see clause 11 "Excursions". In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care in performing our contractual obligation as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(4) The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract - and the laws, regulations and relevant standards of the country in which your claim or complaint

occurred - will be used as the basis for deciding whether the services in question had been properly provided. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as having been properly provided. This will be the case even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those services been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable holiday maker to refuse to take the holiday in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 10 (1). We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

(5) As set out in these booking conditions, we limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us. Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,500 per person affected unless a different limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 10(6) below. You must ensure you have appropriate travel insurance to protect your personal belongings. For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is three times the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 10(6) below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

(6) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/ or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea, rail or road carrier to which any international convention or regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(7) Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self employed loss of earnings.

### 11. Excursions

We may provide you with information (before departure and/or when you are on holiday) about activities and excursions which are available in the area you are visiting. We have no involvement in any such activities or excursions which are neither run, supervised nor controlled in any way by us. They are provided by local operators or other third parties who are entirely independent of us. They do not form any part of your contract with us even where we suggest particular operators/other third parties and/or assist you in booking such activities or excursions in any way. We cannot accept any liability on any basis in relation to such activities or excursions and the

acceptance of liability contained in clause 10(1) of our booking conditions will not apply to them. We do not however exclude liability for the negligence of ourselves or our employees resulting in your death or personal injury. We cannot guarantee accuracy at all times of information given in relation to such activities or excursions or about the area you are visiting generally or that any particular excursion or activity which does not form part of our contract will take place as these services are not under our control. If you feel that any of the activities or excursions referred to in our brochure, on our website and in our other advertising material which are not part of our contract are vital to the enjoyment of your holiday, write to us immediately and we will tell you the latest known situation. If we become aware of any material alterations to area information and/or such outside activities or excursions which can reasonably be expected to affect your decision to book a holiday with us, we will pass on this information at the time of booking.

### 12. Complaint procedure

If you have a problem during your holiday concerning any service provided as part of the arrangements we have confirmed, you must inform our National Escort or Local Guide (or, if none available, with our local agent or hotel manager) immediately to enable them to try to resolve the matter. Any notification must be put in writing and given to our representative / agent and the supplier as soon as possible. Our emergency number is manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is 01888 288 288. Until we know about a complaint or problem, we cannot begin to resolve it. If you remain dissatisfied, however, you must write to us within 28 days of your return to the UK giving your booking reference and full details of your complaint. Please address all correspondence to customer@wendywutours.co.uk. Only the lead name should write to us. If you fail to follow this simple complaints procedure, your right to claim any compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

### 13. Arbitration

As ABTA members, we are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. Disputes arising out of, or in connection with your booking which cannot be amicably settled may be referred to arbitration if you so wish under a special scheme arranged by ABTA Ltd and administered independently. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration and is approved by the Chartered Trading Standard's Institute. Further information on the Code of Conduct and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found at [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com). You can also access the European Commission Online Dispute (ODR) Resolution platform at <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/>. This ODR platform is a means of notifying us of your complaint; it will not determine how your complaint should be resolved.

### 14. Conditions of Suppliers

Many of the services which make up your holiday are provided by independent suppliers. Those suppliers provide these services in accordance with their own terms and conditions. Some of these terms and conditions may limit or exclude the supplier's liability to you, usually in accordance with applicable international conventions (see clause 10(4) and 10(6)). Copies of the relevant parts of these terms and conditions and of the international conventions are available on request from ourselves or the supplier concerned.

### 15. Behaviour

When you book a Holiday with Wendy Wu Tours Limited you accept responsibility for the proper conduct for yourself and your party whilst on Holiday. If we or any other person in authority is of the reasonable opinion that you or any member of your party is behaving in such a way as to cause or be likely to cause danger or upset to any other person or damage to property, we will be entitled to terminate the holiday of the person(s) concerned. The person(s) concerned will be required to leave the accommodation or other service and we will have no further responsibility to them including any return travel arrangements. No refunds will be made and we will not pay any expenses or costs incurred as a result of the termination. You will be responsible for making full payment for any damage or loss caused by you or any member of your party during your time away. Payment must be paid directly at the time to the service supplier concerned. If the actual cost of the loss or damage exceeds the amount paid where estimated, you must pay the difference once known. If the actual cost is less than the amount paid, the difference will be refunded. You will also be responsible for meeting any claims subsequently made against us and all costs incurred by us (including our own and the other party's full legal costs) as a result of your actions.

### 16. Special Requests

If you have any special requests, including dietary requirements, you must inform us prior to booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we

cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. Unless you receive written confirmation from the supplier that a special request will be complied with, you must assume that it will not be. The responsibility for providing the special request lies solely with the supplier and not with Wendy Wu Tours. We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

### 17.Fitness, Medical Conditions & Disabilities

Please note that Asia is a vast area with varying terrain (including steps, steep hills and uneven walkways) which can be difficult to negotiate. An indicated 'physical rating' is outlined clearly in this brochure and in the tour specific Tour Dossiers. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that you are sufficiently fit and well to negotiate these areas, without any adverse effect on the overall group or tour operation. You should check that your proposed areas of travel are suitable dependant on your own health, including any medical condition and/or disability that you may have. If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/ or making the booking. Dietary allergy requests must be made at time of booking and will be passed on to the relevant supplier, but unfortunately we cannot guarantee these requests can be met and cannot be held responsible for any illness or death caused by food consumed as part of your tour package with us. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your holiday develops after your booking has been confirmed. Should this condition not be met, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to terminate the holiday of the person(s) involved, as described in section 9.

### 18. Flights

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community list" which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm). In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 9 "If we change or cancel your holiday" will apply. We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time. Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

### 19. Delay and Denied Boarding Regulations

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international

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rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our website, we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so. Any airline concerned may however provide refreshments etc. We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 10(2) of these Booking Conditions (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time). In addition, we will not be liable for any delay unless it has a significant effect on your holiday arrangements. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, and/ or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If, for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If your airline does not comply with these rules you may complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 0333 022 1500 or by completing the relevant online form at [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk).

### 20. Data privacy and protection

In order to process your booking and meet your requirements, we need to collect personal data from you and pass your personal details on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. Depending on what's required, the personal data we collect may include names and contact details, credit/debit card or other payment information and special requirements such as those relating to any disability or medical condition which may affect holiday arrangements and any dietary restrictions which may disclose your religious beliefs ("sensitive personal data"). The person who makes the booking is responsible for ensuring that other members of your party are aware of our booking conditions and this privacy policy and that they consent to your acting on their behalf in your dealings with us.

In making your booking, you consent to personal data being passed on to the relevant suppliers and other third parties. We take appropriate technical and organisational measures which are intended to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data.

By making a booking with us, you agree to allow your insurers, their agents and medical staff to disclose relevant information to us in circumstances where we may need to act in your interests or in the interests of everyone in any group with whom you are travelling.

In accordance with current legislation and GDPR regulations our privacy policy is available at <https://www.wendywutours.co.uk/help-and-advice/privacy-policy/>. We would also like to hold your information (including any email address), where collected by us, for our own future marketing purposes (for example, to inform you of promotional/ competition offers or to send you our brochure). Wendy Wu Tours Ltd. may wish to contact you by post, e-mail and/or telephone with news, information and offers on its holidays we may have available and for market research purposes. If you prefer not to be contacted for the purposes set out above then please contact the Data Protection Officer at the above web address. You can opt out of all communications at any time.

You are generally entitled to ask us what details of yours are being held or processed, for what purpose and to whom they may be or have been disclosed. Please identify any such enquiry as a Subject Access Request and direct your enquiry to a member of our Customer Services team, who will respond to you within one month. In certain circumstances we are entitled to refuse your request. If you believe that any of your personal data which we are processing is incorrect, please contact us immediately so it may be updated.



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- Outstanding guides
- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants
- Extensive range of group, private and tailor-made holidays
- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Depart from many regional UK airports
- Visa service included
- 5-star TripAdvisor rating and Feefo Gold Award every year
- Safe and secure with ABTA, ATOL & IATA
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