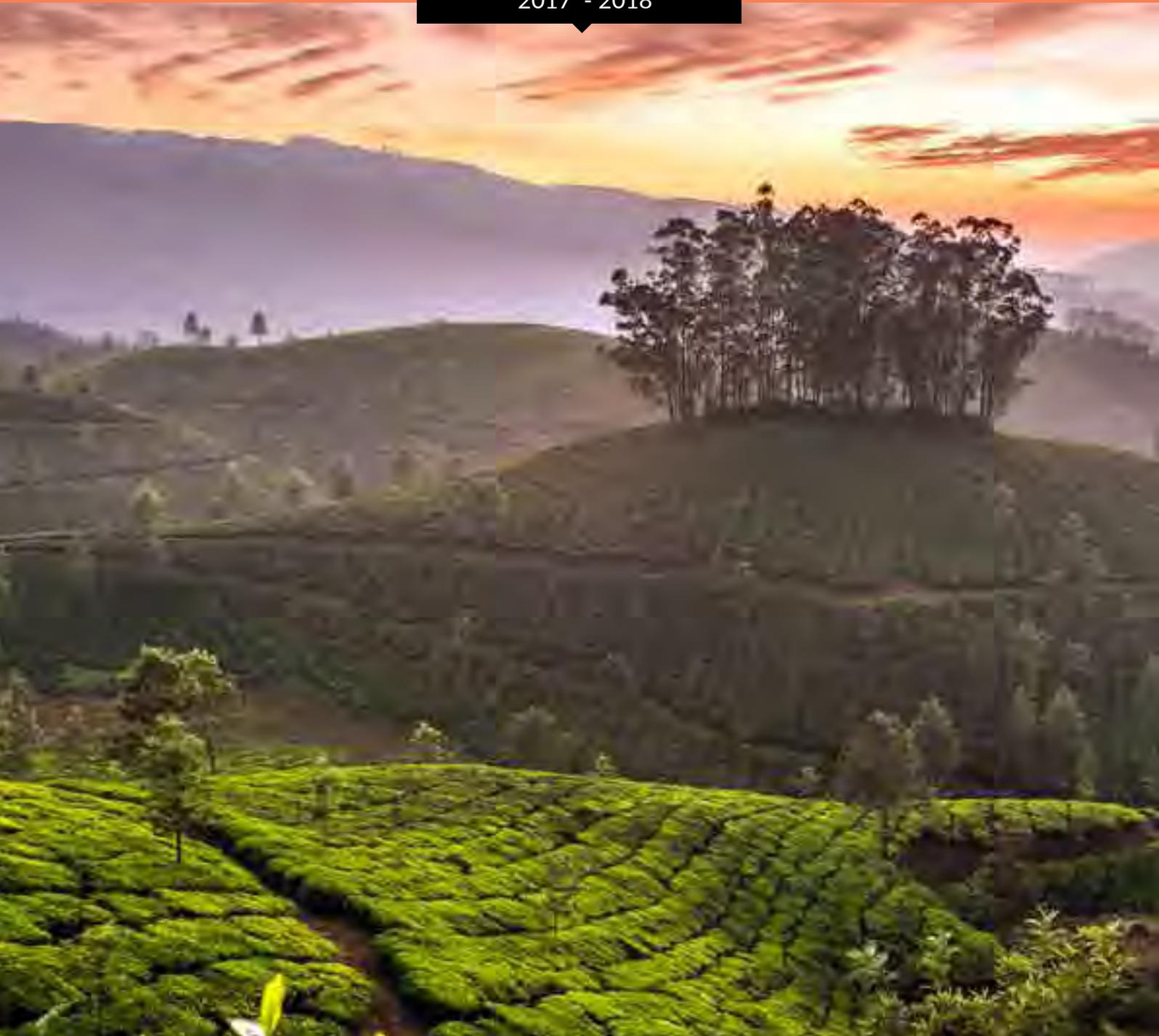


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Private Car Tours

Our featured independent tours provide you with your own private air-con car and driver, who will give insights into local customs ensuring flexibility and helping create your unique experience. In each town, a local English speaking guide will escort you when you visit sights and attractions contributing historical knowledge with the personal touches only a local can provide.

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Our featured itineraries can be customised to meet your requirements. You may want to add an extra day or two to any itinerary, or stay in a Heritage hotel - we can design a personalised itinerary to suit. We sell what we know the best and can advise on the little extras that help make your holiday something extraordinary - nothing is too much or too little for us.

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Flights

International flights are not included in any of our prices. Domestic flight costs are not included in the tour cost and are shown separately where applicable. All flight prices are indicative and can vary for different dates of travel and are subject to availability at time of booking.

Safe Travel

Prior to booking your holiday, we recommend that you check the travel advice, if any, issued by New Zealand Government on: <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/>

Best time to travel

India: North India from mid-September until mid-April experiences generally pleasant weather and then gets warm. Hilly areas of the north and east India have cooler climates throughout the year. South and West India are moderate year-round. Wildlife Parks in India close from May/June until September/October. Check with us before finalising plans.

Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka is a year-round destination, typically tropical, generally warm and humid in plains and a bit cooler in the highlands. Monsoons are expected between December and March in northern and eastern parts and between June and October in the south and west.

Nepal: May and early June can be quite warm, while October to April is a good time to visit Nepal, whether on a cultural trip or for trekking. High altitude treks will require specialised gear - ask us for details.

Maldives: Maldives has two distinct seasons, dry (northeast monsoon January-March) and wet season (southeast monsoon May to November) but the temperature rarely changes year round. Sun is a constant making the Maldives a year round destination however you might want to visit outside of monsoon months.

Bhutan: Bhutan is a mountainous country and experiences sporadic rains throughout the year (June to August is the heaviest rainfall). From December to February, Bhutan gets snow which can cause disruption and delay in programs due to frequent road closures. Others months are good to visit Bhutan.

Visa & Passport

Tourists require a visa to enter in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan. An ETA visa authorisation will need to be applied for online for travel to India, Nepal & Sri Lanka. Once this is obtained a 30 day visa (60 day for India) will be granted on arrival. Bhutan Visa can be applied through our local Operators 4 weeks prior to travel. For Maldives an Entry Permit for 30 day stays is granted on arrival. All Visa and passport requirements are subject to change - check the latest requirement with your agent or Consulates at time of booking.

Gratuities

Tipping is not mandatory but it is expected and appreciated by the people who serve you (like your driver, local guide, bell-boys, restaurant waiters etc). Before you tip the waiter, ensure that service charge has not been added.

Baggage Allowance

All domestic airlines in India have a strict policy of 15 kilos checked baggage and 7 kilos of hand bag per person allowance. Any excess baggage will be charged on the spot by the airlines. You can pre-purchase extra 5 or 10 kgs in advance.

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Multi-Award winning Specialist Tour Operators for India & Sub-Continent, Asia, Middle East & Europe

Exotic Holidays are passionate about travel and about providing a unique and extraordinary travel experience. Enthusiastic and accomplished travellers ourselves, Team Exotic recognises no two holidays are the same and hence, provide expertise in tailor-made individual and group holidays, offering practical advice based on personal travel experiences, professional approach and seamless travel arrangements.

We offer an extensive product range varying from economy hotels to the most exotic hotels, spas and resorts, private tours and luxurious rail journeys. With the expertise to design customised itineraries giving total flexibility and the ability to arrange private transfers, excursions and organised tours. Most of our packages can be operated in reverse or modified to suit any requirements.

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India

India, a country so vibrant, so diverse, so mesmerizing – bounded by the majestic Himalayan ranges in the north and edged by a spectacular coastline surrounded by three seas, India is a vivid kaleidoscope of landscapes, magnificent historical sites and royal cities, golden beaches, misty mountain retreats, colorful people, rich cultures and festivities. India, always warm and inviting, is a place of infinite variety - one that favors you with a different facet of its fascination every time you come on a visit.

Delhi

Delhi is the main gateway to India, and a colourful melting pot of ancient fortresses, majestic buildings and historic ruins merged with modern counterparts, tall skyscrapers, diplomatic enclaves and the well-planned townships of New Delhi. The people here, their lifestyles, traditions and even the climate are a rich and varied mixture of all that is India.

Agra

Agra is globally renowned as the city of the Taj Mahal, this crowning glory, a monument of love and imagination that represents India to the world. But this royal Mughal city has many monuments that epitomize the high point of Mughal architecture – like the towering ramparts of the Red Fort with its rose-red palaces, courts and gardens.

Jaipur

Jaipur, popularly known as the Pink City, is the capital of Rajasthan. Hawa Mahal or Palace of the Winds, is one of the major landmarks of Jaipur, this five storey building is a stunning example of Rajput artistry, with its pink semi-octagonal and delicately honeycombed sandstone windows. The City Palace is a wonderful blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture, and Jantar Mantar, the largest and best preserved observatory is a major attraction.

Jodhpur

Nestling within the depths of the Thar Desert, Jodhpur is the second largest city of Rajasthan. It is an island of marble palaces, cordoned off from the desert by an immense wall, with eight gates facing different directions.

Jaisalmer

Jaisalmer is one of Rajasthan's most alluring cities, deep in the heart of Thar Desert, abound in ancient palaces, temples and quaint settlements. As the sun sets, the sandstone buildings emit a lustrous glow that makes Jaisalmer the "Golden City".

Udaipur

There is no place in India which appeals more to the imagination of poets and painters, travellers and writers than Udaipur. Udaipur, the City of Dawn, looms up like a vision in white, surrounded by hills and mountains, and set on the edge of three lakes. The city's romance and beauty is found on its narrow streets lined by vivid coloured stalls, gardens, temples and palaces - every feature mirrored in the placid blue waters of Lake Pichola.

Varanasi

Varanasi is said to have been founded by Shiva, Lord of the Universe, and is one of the oldest living cities in the world, and also one of the most important pilgrimage

sites in India. Situated on the banks of the sacred Ganges, the city has been a centre of learning and civilization for over 2000 years. Varanasi's principal attraction is the long string of ghats, which line the bank of Ganges.

Khajuraho

Khajuraho is well known for its magnificent temples, built between 950 and 1050 A.D. The divine sculptures in these temples are a tribute to Life itself, embodying everything that is sublime and spontaneous about it. The murals depict the life and times of the Chandelas, and celebrate the erotic state of being.

Cochin

Cochin, set on a cluster of islands and narrow peninsulas, reflects the eclecticism of Kerala perfectly. With a rich past and a bustling present, it has been the business hub of the region from the very early days.

Kerala Backwaters Cruise

A houseboat cruise is the best way to explore the beauty of Kerala backwaters; sit back and relax while the boat winds through the labyrinth of narrow serene backwater canals that take you through nearby villages. Enjoy the sights of vast stretches of paddy fields, coconut lagoons, village schools, rice barges and so much more.

Munnar

High up in the Cardamom Hills, the town is surrounded by rolling tea plantations, the highest in the world at 6000ft, and interspersed with planters' bungalows and grand old churches from the Raj era. There are many interesting walks around the plantations and hills. Visit tea factories to see the process of tea packaging and trek through cardamom forests and landscaped tea shrubs.

Goa

Goa also known as "Pearl of the Orient" and a "Tourist Paradise", is located on the western coast. Stay in Goa offers not just golden beaches; beautiful sunset & liveliness of the relax city but also includes magnificent scenic beauty and the architectural splendors of its temples, churches and old houses which are important part of local and rich culture. Old Goa churches remind of its former glory that once rivaled that of Rome.

Kovalam

Kovalam is an internationally renowned beach with three adjacent crescent beaches. A massive rocky promontory on the beach has created a beautiful bay of calm waters. Besides a huge variety of beach sports available, the town has gained popularity for its Ayurvedic Retreats offering heaps of herbal treatments for various medical conditions, due to the moist humid climate and abundant supply of medicinal plants and herbs there.



20D Splendours of North and South

Delhi – Varanasi – Khajuraho – Jhansi – Agra – Jaipur – Khimsar – Jodhpur – Udaipur – Mumbai – Cochin – Kumarakom – Munnar – Cochin



Tour Highlights

- Delhi City Tour
- River Ganges Sunrise
- Temples, Forts & Palaces
- Taj Mahal
- Fatehpur Sikri,
- Lake Pichola Boat Ride
- Rajasthani Cooking Class
- Kerala Houseboat

Tour Price

from \$5721 NZD

Domestic flights from \$679 NZD

See the diversity of this amazing land, where food, customs, traditions, dress and language changes every 300kms. Experience the exotic duet of North and South India, an unforgettable journey which takes you from the timeless city of Delhi with its centuries old monuments and colonial touch of New Delhi, to the most photographed building in the world – beautiful Taj Mahal, visit the colourful and royal cities of Jaipur and Jodhpur with their magnificent forts, Udaipur – the most romantic city in India. Also visit 'God's own country – Kerala', humble life-style of the South treasuring some of the most remarkable pieces of architecture and the most enchanting Houseboat Cruise on the backwaters.

Day 1: Delhi

On arrival in Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

Morning tour of Old Delhi visiting Jama Mosque, Red Fort and take a rickshaw ride through fabled Chandni Chowk. Afternoon visit to New Delhi visiting Humayun's tomb, drive past Government Buildings, Connaught Place, Presidents House and India Gate.

Day 3: Delhi – Varanasi (B)

Flight to Varanasi and take a tour of Saranath, where Buddha preached his first sermon to his disciples. In the evening, witness Aarti, the sacred light ceremony, on the River Ganges.

Day 4: Varanasi (B)

Early morning boat ride to see the morning rituals of Hindus on the riverbank and take in a spectacular sunrise on River Ganges. This afternoon take a tour to Badi bazaar, which specializes in silk weaving and brocading. Visit stores popular for Banarsi silk and at one of the stores, you can witness a demo or try a hand on tying a Sari.

Day 5: Varanasi – Khajuraho (B)

Flight to Khajuraho. Visit the famous 9th century erotic temples. The erotic stone carvings here have come to symbolize the important role of love.

Day 6: Khajuraho – Jhansi – Agra (B)

This morning drive to Jhansi, enroute visiting Orchha, a medieval village famous for 16th century temples and palaces. Take an evening train for Agra.

Day 7: Agra (B)

Visit the beautiful Taj Mahal, a monument to love and take a horse-drawn cart to visit the Agra Fort. This afternoon enjoy High Tea at the rooftop of the Taj View Hotel, offering a spectacular view of Taj Mahal from a distance.

Day 8: Agra - Jaipur (B/D)

Travel to Jaipur visiting enroute Fatehpur Sikri, the mysterious 'ghost city' before exploring the colourful bazaars of Jaipur. Enjoy spectacular dinner at 1135AD Restaurant

Day 9: Jaipur (B)

Today visit the hilltop Amber Fort with its picturesque Sheesh Mahal. Afternoon city tour takes in Hawa Mahal, the Observatory-Jantar Mantar and City Palace.

Day 10: Jaipur - Khimsar (B/D)

Drive to Khimsar, perched on the edge on the great Thar Desert in the heart of rural India, the unique staying at Fort Khimsar. Enjoy dinner at your Hotel

Day 11: Khimsar – Jodhpur (B)

This morning take a walking tour to explore the village – a colourful village experience. Later drive to Jodhpur and enjoy an afternoon city tour visiting the royal forts.

Day 12: Jodhpur – Udaipur (B)

Drive to Udaipur enroute visiting Ranakpur Temples, an astounding creation with 29 halls and 1,444 pillars, all distinctly carved. On arrival at Udaipur enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola.

Day 13: Udaipur (B/L)

This morning enjoy cooking classes and lunch of aromatic Rajasthani dishes with the experts. Afternoon city tour takes you to City Palace, a fusion of Medieval European and Chinese architecture, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion ki Bari – the garden of maidens.

Day 14: Udaipur – Mumbai (B)

Flight to Mumbai and take a tour visiting the Prince of Wales Museum, Gateway of India, Gandhi museum and the bustling Dhobi Ghats.

Day 15: Mumbai – Cochin (B)

Flight to Cochin. This afternoon, take a sightseeing tour of Cochin visiting the Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, Dutch Palace and Spice market. In the evening, enjoy famous dance drama of Kerala, "Kathakali", characterized by grotesque gesticulations, amazing costumes and extensive make-up.

Day 16: Cochin – Kumarakom (B)

This morning Drive to Kumarakom, a coastal town in the backwaters of Kerala 'Jewels of Kerala'. Afternoon free

Day 17: Kumarakom – Alleppey (Houseboat) (B/L/D)

Board your houseboat for an exhilarating experience. As you sail down a maze of canals, you see villages, paddy fields, coconut palms, fishermen and local life. Meals and overnight are onboard.

Day 18: Alleppey (Houseboat) – Munnar (B)

Late morning, disembark at Alleppey, also known as "Venice of the East" for its narrow canals. Drive to Munnar, the highest town of Kerala with a cool, bracing climate exuding old-world charm and popular for extensive tea and cardamom plantations. Afternoon free

Day 19: Munnar (B)

This morning take a walk through the tea plantation and to the nearby factory as well to see the process of picking and packaging process of tea. Trek through cardamom forests and landscaped tea shrubs. Afternoon free

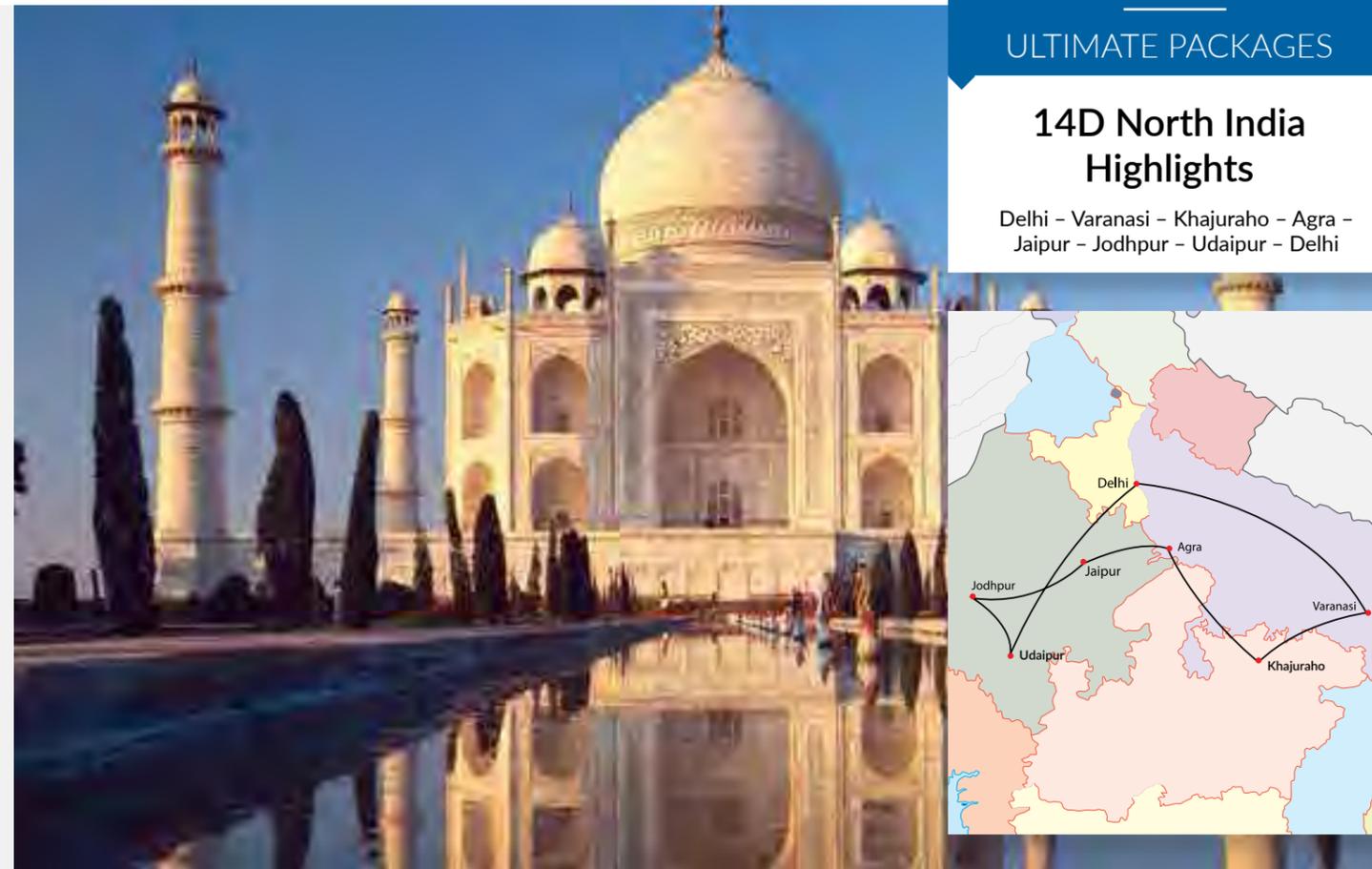
Day 20: Munnar – Cochin (B)

Morning drive to Cochin Airport to connect your onwards flight

Included: Accommodation for 19 nights with breakfast, transfers, sightseeing & meals as indicated, local guides and entrances

Excluded: International and domestic flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily (Taj is closed on Fridays)



14D North India Highlights

Delhi – Varanasi – Khajuraho – Agra – Jaipur – Jodhpur – Udaipur – Delhi

Combine the Golden Triangle of Delhi, Jaipur and Agra with the cultural sights of Varanasi and Khajuraho, and unlock the hidden gems of Jodhpur and the romantic city of Udaipur. This two week tour offers a colourful and vibrant insight into the best of North India and explores towns and cities that are full of atmosphere and character.

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

On arrival in Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

Full day tour of Old & New Delhi, visiting the Jama Mosque, Red Fort, Qutub Minar, Humayun's tomb, take a rickshaw ride through fabled Chandni Chowk and drive past India Gate, Parliament and Connaught Place.

Day 3: Delhi - Varanasi (B)

Fly to Varanasi and witness the evening Aarti, the sacred "light ceremony", on the riverbanks of Mother Ganges.

Day 4: Varanasi (B)

Early morning boat ride to see the morning rituals of Hindus on the riverbank, and take in a spectacular sunrise on River Ganges. Visit Sarnath where Buddha preached his first sermon, Museum, Bharat Mata Temple with marble statue of Mother India and Banares Hindu University, the oldest university in North India.

Day 5: Varanasi - Khajuraho (B)

Fly to Khajuraho. Afternoon is at leisure to explore this quaint little town at your own pace.

Day 6: Khajuraho – Jhansi - Agra (B)

Visit the famous 9th century erotic temples, before driving to Jhansi. Take an evening train for Agra, enroute visiting Orchha, a medieval village famous for 16th century temples and palaces.

Day 7: Agra (B)

Visit the beautiful Taj Mahal, a monument to love and take a horse-drawn cart to visit the Agra Fort.

Day 8: Agra - Jaipur (B)

Travel to Jaipur visiting enroute Fatehpur Sikri, the mysterious 'ghost city' before exploring the colourful bazaars of Jaipur.

Day 9: Jaipur (B)

Today visit the hilltop Amber Fort with its picturesque Sheesh Mahal. Afternoon city tour takes in Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), the Observatory-Jantar Mantar and City Palace.

Day 10: Jaipur - Jodhpur (B)

Drive from Jaipur to Jodhpur and explore this royal city in the afternoon.

Day 11: Jodhpur (B)

Morning tour visiting Meherangarh Fort - one of the most impressive and formidable in Rajasthan, Jaswant Thada, the Royal Cenotaphs and Mahamandir, dedicated to Lord Shiva, an architectural wonder with 84 intricately carved pillars.

Day 12: Jodhpur - Udaipur (B)

Drive to Udaipur enroute visiting the famous Ranakpur Temples, an astounding creation with 29 halls and 1,444 pillars, all distinctly carved.

Day 13: Udaipur (B)

Morning city tour takes you to City Palace,

Tour Highlights

- Delhi City Tour
- River Ganges Sunrise
- Taj Mahal
- Fatehpur Sikri,
- Amber Fort
- Meherangarh Fort
- Ranakpur Temples

Tour Price

from \$3561 NZD

Domestic flights from \$491 NZD

a fusion of Medieval European and Chinese architecture, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion ki Bari - the garden of maidens. Optional sunset boat ride on Lake Pichola.

Day 14: Udaipur - Delhi (B)

Fly to Delhi; connect onward flight or extend stay in India

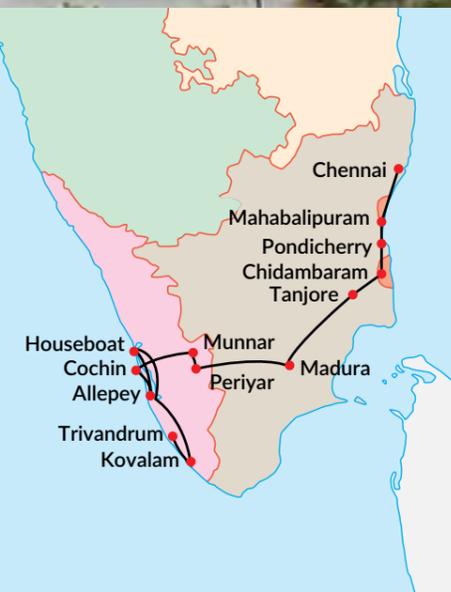
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14D Highlights of South India **NEW!**

Chennai - Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry - Chidambaram - Tanjore - Madura - Periyar - Munnar - Cochin - Alleppey - Houseboat - Alleppey - Kovalam - Trivandrum



Tour Highlights

- Mahabalipuram Tour
- Shaivite Pilgrim Centre
- Gandhi Museum
- Periyar Wildlife Park
- Tea Plantation Visit
- Kerala Houseboat
- Beach Stay at Kovalam

Tour Price

from \$2663 NZD

Day 1: Chennai - Mahabalipuram (B)
Arrive in Chennai and transfer to your hotel

Day 2: Mahabalipuram (B)
Full day tour of Mahabalipuram and Kancheepuram

Day 3: Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry - Chidambaram (B)
Drive to Chidambaram with an en-route stop in Pondicherry. Visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Auroville - City of Dawn, Aurobindo Handmade Paper factory, Pondicherry Museum, Manakkula Vinayagar Temple and Sacred Heart Church.

Day 4: Chidambaram - Tanjore (B)
Visit the temple town of Chidambaram, 60 km

Enjoy the highlights of southern India along with the unique experience of an overnight stay on a traditional houseboat. Meander through the back waters soaking up the local life of the fisherman and villagers living along the river, enjoy the wildlife in Periyar National Park and the ancient temples and unique culture of Southern India.

south of Pondicherry, an important Shaivite pilgrim centre. Later drive to Tanjore visiting Trichy en-route visit Gangakonda Cholakuram.

Day 5: Tanjore - Madurai (B)
Morning visit to the Rock fort, Hall of Hundred pillars, Mathurbhuteshwar shrine and a Ganesha temple. Drive to Madurai. Afternoon tour of Madurai visiting Gandhi museum, Tirumalai Nayak Mahal and the temple tank Vaniyur Mariamman Teppakulam. Evening visit to Meenakshi Temple and take part in the prayer ceremony.

Day 6: Madurai - Periyar (B)
Drive to the wildlife park at Periyar and enjoy a nature walk through the spice plantation.

Day 7: Periyar - Munnar (B)
Morning garden tour before driving to Munnar, the highest town of Kerala. Afternoon free.

Day 8: Munnar (B)
Morning walk through the tea plantation and nearby tea factory. Trek through cardamom forests and landscaped tea shrubs. Afternoon free

Day 9: Munnar - Cochin (B)
Morning drive to Munnar. Afternoon tour of Cochin visiting the Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, Dutch Palace and Spice market. In the evening, enjoy famous dance drama of Kerala, "Kathakali",

characterized by grotesque gesticulations, amazing costumes and extensive make-up.

Day 10: Cochin - Alleppey - Houseboat (B/L/D)
Board houseboat at mid-day for an exhilarating experience. Sail down a maze of canals, viewing villages, paddy fields, coconut palms, fishermen and local life..

Day 11: Houseboat - Alleppey - Kovalam (B)
Disembark at Alleppey and transfer to Kovalam. A former fishing village and today the "Paradise of the South", Kovalam is a sleepy town with three crescent shaped beaches.

Day 12: Kovalam (B)
Day free to relax at the beach and enjoy the facilities at the resort.

Day 13: Kovalam (B)
Day free to relax at the beach and enjoy the facilities at the resort.

Day 14: Kovalam -Trivandrum (B)
Transfer to airport.

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Experience the royal heritage of Rajasthan, keenly preserved by the erstwhile Rulers, who converted their private palaces, forts and castles into hotels. Stay in castles and palaces in Mandawa, Gajner, Luni, Deogarh and Khejarla - you might even have a chance to get up close with the ex-Maharajas. Admire the beautiful Taj Mahal and visit the colourful and royal cities of Jaipur and Jodhpur with their magnificent forts and Udaipur.

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On arrival in Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)
Full day tour of Old & New Delhi, visiting the Jama Mosque, Red Fort, Qutub Minar, Humayun's tomb, take a rickshaw ride through fabled Chandni Chowk and drive past India Gate, Parliament and Connaught Place.

Day 3: Delhi - Mandawa (B)
Drive to Mandawa and walk through the village famous for cenotaphs, wells, forts and temples and the frescoes painted on the walls and gateways of Havelis.

Day 4: Mandawa - Bikaner - Gajner (B)
Drive to Gajner enroute visiting the desert town of Bikaner. An afternoon tour takes you to Junagarh Fort and Deshnoh Temple before proceeding to Gajner Palace.

Day 5: Gajner-Jaisalmer (B)
Drive to Jaisalmer, India's most exotic and unusual town - a medieval looking place, straight out of the 'Tales of the Arabian Nights'. Option to visit sand dunes and to witness a spectacular sunset in the desert.

Day 6: Jaisalmer (B)
Full day tour of the walled city which showcases palaces, Jain temples and magnificent Havelis, richly decorated and carved from golden yellow sandstone. Afternoon visit to the Royal Cenotaphs.

Day 7: Jaisalmer-Khejarla (B)
Drive to Khejarla, and tour the area visiting a fort, temples, cenotaphs and step wells. Optional for the more adventurous - camels are available to explore the countryside and to visit Raika and Bisnoi villages.

Day 8: Khejarla-Jodhpur-Luni (B)
Drive to Luni enroute visiting Jodhpur, a city at the edge of Thar Desert. Tour highlights include Meherangarh Fort - one of the most impressive and formidable in Rajasthan and Jaswant Thada, the Royal Cenotaphs. Continue to Luni and explore this Rajasthani village.

Day 9: Luni - Ranakpur - Udaipur (B)
Travel to Udaipur enroute visiting the famous Ranakpur Temples, an astounding creation with 29 halls and 1,444 pillars, all distinctly carved.

Day 10: Udaipur (B)
A morning city tour takes you to the City Palace, a fusion of Medieval European and Chinese architecture, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion ki Bari - the garden of maidens. Sunset boat ride on Lake Pichola.

Day 11: Udaipur - Deogarh (B)
Drive to Deogarh Palace, built in 1670 A.D and stands at a height of 2100 ft. with its bold battlements, domed turrets and balconies offering a commanding view of the Aravali mountains and its rugged rock-strewn countryside dotted by number of lakes.

Day 12: Deogarh - Pushkar (B)
Travel to Pushkar enroute visiting the Dargah at Ajmer. Pushkar is a holy city for Hindus, boasting ancient temples, and small Pushkar Lake is dotted with bathing ghats and temples. Afternoon tour of Pushkar.

Day 13: Pushkar - Jaipur (B)
Drive to Jaipur and take an afternoon city tour visiting Hawa Mahal (the Palace of Winds), the Observatory-Jantar Mantar and City Palace.

Day 14: Jaipur (B)
Visit the magnificent hill top Amber Fort and the Sheesh Mahal, its ceiling covered with tiny mirrors resembling a sky filled with brilliant stars.

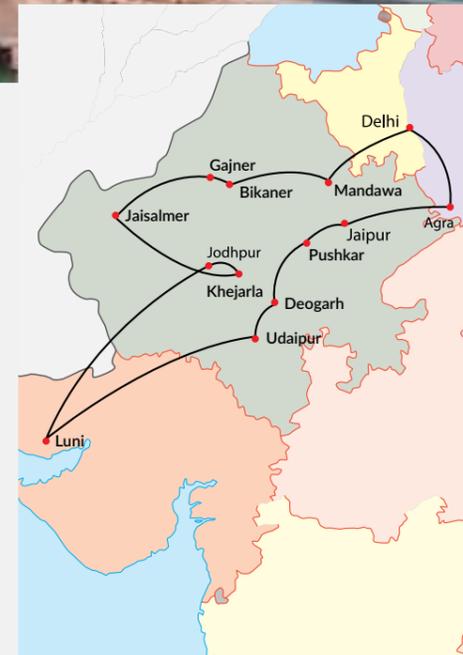
Day 15: Jaipur - Fatehpur Sikri - Agra (B)
Leave for Agra visiting enroute Fatehpur Sikri, the mysterious fortified 'ghost city'. Visit Taj Mahal, a monument to love, and take a horse-drawn cart to Agra Fort.

Day 16: Agra - Delhi (B)
Return to Delhi; connect onward flight or extend stay in India

Notes: This tour showcases the heritage hotels, havelis and fortresses for your accommodation in most places. Upgrades available.

16D Rajasthan Heritage Circuit

Delhi - Mandawa - Bikaner - Gajner - Jaisalmer - Khejarla - Jodhpur - Luni - Udaipur - Deogarh - Pushkar - Jaipur - Agra - Delhi



Tour Highlights

- Delhi City Tour
- Temples, Forts & Palaces
- Royal Cenotaphs
- Lake Pichola Sunset Boatride
- Pushkar Holy City
- Fatehpur Sikri
- Taj Mahal

Tour Price

from \$3900 NZD

Included: Accommodation for 15 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily (Taj is closed on Fridays)

6D Golden Triangle

Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Delhi



Tour Highlights

- Delhi City Tour
- Taj Mahal
- Fatehpur Sikri
- Amber Fort

Tour Price
from \$1287 NZD



No trip to India is complete without a visit to the cities on this classic route known as India's Golden Triangle. Spent some time in the vibrant city of Delhi, visit the renowned love monument to the Taj Mahal and the ancient city of Jaipur with the magnificent Amber Fort before returning to Delhi.

Day 1: Delhi

On arrival in Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

Full day tour of Old & New Delhi, visiting the Jama Mosque, Red Fort, Qutub Minar, Humayun's tomb, take a rickshaw ride through fabled Chandni Chowk and drive past India Gate, Parliament and Connaught Place.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (B)

This morning we depart to historical city of Agra. In the afternoon take a horse-drawn cart to visit the Agra Fort

Day 4: Agra - Jaipur (B)

In the morning visit the beautiful Taj Mahal, a monument to love.

Afterwards, travel to Jaipur visiting enroute

Fatehpur Sikri, the mysterious 'ghost city' before exploring the colourful bazaars of Jaipur.

Day 5: Jaipur (B)

Visit the magnificent hill top Amber Fort and the Hawa Mahal, the Observatory-Jantar Mantar and City Palace.

Day 6: Jaipur - Delhi (B)

Return to Delhi; connect onward flight or extend stay in India

Included: Accommodation for 5 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily (Taj is closed on Fridays)

11D Classic Kerala

Cochin - Munnar - Periyar
- Kumarakom - Backwaters -
Mararikulam - Cochin

Get an insight into the southern state of Kerala, with its famous backwaters influencing the daily lives of people in the region. Visit the tea gardens and beautiful natural landscape of Munnar and Periyar wildlife reserve before taking an enchanting Houseboat Cruise on the backwaters and ending with a few days at the famous Kovalam Beach.

Day 1: Arrive Cochin

Arrive in Cochin and transfer to Hotel. Evening show of the famous dance drama of Kerala, characterised by grotesque gesticulations, amazing costumes and very extensive make-up.

Day 2: Cochin (B)

Morning tour of Cochin visiting the Chinese Fishing Nets, Jewish Synagogue, St Francis Church, the oldest European Church in India, Santa Cruz Basilica, the Dutch Palace and the Spice market.

Day 3: Cochin - Munnar (B)

Morning drive to Munnar, the highest town of Kerala with a cool, bracing climate exuding old-world charm and popular for extensive tea and cardamom plantations. Visit tea estates and a tea factory.

Day 4: Munnar (B)

Morning visit to Pothamedu, to see the tea, coffee and cardamom plantations of Munnar. Also visit Devikulam, an idyllic hill station with its velvet lawns, exotic flora and fauna.

Day 5: Munnar - Periyar (B)

Drive to the wildlife park at Periyar on a scenic route dotted with plantations of rubber, cardamom, cocoa, green pepper and areca nut. Enjoy a nature walk through the spice plantation.

Day 6: Periyar (B)

Take a morning tour of the nearby garden where various species of spices and other aromatic plants are cultivated.

Day 7: Periyar - Kumarakom (B)

Drive to Kumarakom through the backwaters, 'Jewels of Kerala'. Visit of Kumarakom bird sanctuary in the afternoon.

Day 8: Kumarakom - Houseboat (B/L/D)

Board your houseboat at mid-day for an exhilarating experience. As you sail down a maze of canals, you see villages, paddy fields, coconut palms, fishermen and local life. Meals and overnight are onboard.

Day 9: Houseboat - Alleppey - Mararikulam (B)

Late morning, disembark at Alleppey jetty, also known as "Venice of the East" for its narrow canals and backwaters. Drive to Marari for a beach stay.

Day 10: Mararikulam (B)

Day at leisure.

Day 11: Mararikulam - Cochin (B)

Transfer to Cochin Airport.

Included: Accommodation for 10 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrances

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily

Tour Highlights

- Kathakali Evening Show
- Spice Markets
- Tea Plantations
- Periyar Wildlife Park
- Kerala Houseboat

Tour Price
from \$2559 NZD



17D Best of Gujarat **NEW!**

Mumbai – Udaipur- Mount Abu – Poshina – Dasada Little Rann of Kutch- Bhuj –Hodka – Gondal – Sasan Gir - Palitana – Velavadar – Lothal - Ahmedabad



See the highlights of Gujarat, this lesser known western state described as the land of legends & lions! From tribal villages to temples, safari's and sacred towns, this tour takes a unique and interesting look at this ancient area known throughout early civilisation.

Day 5: Poshina (B)

A full day visit of tribal villages around Poshina. Discover the customs of ethnic groups and Garacia Bhil and visit the temple of Ambaji, dedicated to the mother goddess Amba.

Day 6: Poshina- Dasada Little Rann of Kutch (B)

Today we drive to Little Rann Of Kutch, en-route visiting the sacred town of Siddhpur, Patan, know for its rich & ancient heritage in fine textiles & Temple of the Sun in Modhera.

Day 7: Little Rann of Kutch (B)

Day at leisure to this unique area.

Day 8: Little Rann of Kutch - Bhuj (B)

After breakfast drive to Bhuj. Upon arrival, check in at Hotel. Evening visit to the Bazar and Aiana Mahal Museum.

Day 9: Bhuj -Hodka (B)

Enjoy a full day excursion to Banni Villages, the last villages on the India-Pakistan border and known for traditional art and craft.

Day 10: Hodka - Bhuj (B)

A full day village tour includes a visit to Sofia, Salt desert, Kala raksha museum, weaving villages Nirona and Bunga villages before returning to Bhuj

Day 11: Bhuj – Gondal (B)

Today drive to Gondal, enroute visiting the communities of Shrujan, famous for its craft of embroidery & Khamir, a centre for crafts, heritage and cultural ecology of the Kachchh region of Gujarat

Day 12: Gondal – Sasan Gir (B)

Depart early for Sasan Gir en-route visiting the historic city of Junagadh & later Jambur Village and discover the unique culture of the Siddi people. On arrival in Sasan Gir, check into safari lodge.

Day 13: Sasan Gir - Palitana (B)

Early morning safari (subject to availability). GIR - Is the only place in the world outside Africa,

where the lion can be seen in it's natural habitat. Also view Panther, Hyena, Indian deer, Sambar, Spotted deer, Blue bull, Chinkara, Chowsingha (four horned antelope), bear, long tailed langur, birds and other small animals. Afternoon proceed to Palitana.

Day 14: Palitana - Velavadar (B)

Early morning climb the Shetrunjaya hills containg hundreds of Palitana temples. Later we drive to Velavadar.

Day 15: Velavadar – Lothal - Ahmedabad (B)

Visit Velavadar National Park is the best national park for black buck viewing in India. The park also provides suitable habitat for the endangered Indian wolf, the jackal, the Indian fox, the jungle cat, blue bull antelope and attracts a large number of birds.

Afternoon visit Lothal, for an insight into the Indus Valley civilization before continuing to Ahmedabad.

Day 16: Ahmedabad (B)

Today we visit Hatheesinh Jain Temple, Dada Hari nivav, ATMA house, Sabarmati Ashram, IIM, Husain DoshiGufa, N.C.Mehta Museum, LD Institute of Indology

Day 17: Depart Ahmedabad (B)

Morning transfer to airport for domestic flight to Mumbai. Meet & assistance upon arrival and transfer to Mumbai International airport to connect flight for onward destination.

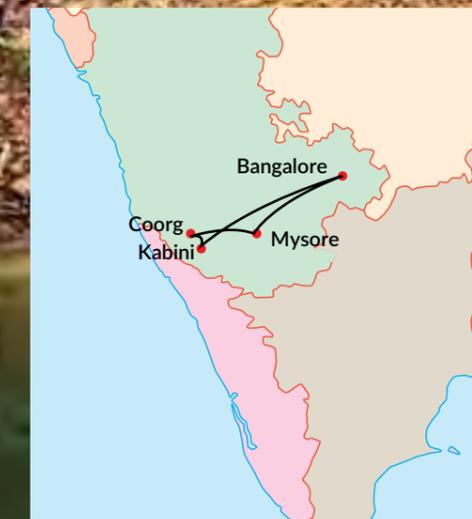
Included: Accommodation for 16 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Note: Sasan Gir Sanctuary and Velavadar National Park Santuary are closed from 15th June to 15th October every year.

9D Best of Kamataka **NEW!**

Bangalore – Kabini - Coorg – Mysore - Bangalore



The south western state of Kamataka has long been a popular choice for those interested in the wildlife and spice plantations of India. Join a safari, enjoy an evening bonfire and immerse yourself in village life and cultural activities.

Day 1: Bangalore

Meet & assist upon arrival at Bengaluru International Airport and transfer to your hotel. Day at leisure.

Day 2: Bangalore – Kabini (B)

Morning drive to Karnataka's most popular wildlife destination, Kabini. On arrival, check in at your hotel. Afternoon, choose a boat or vehicle safari into Nagarahole National Park and through Bandipur National Park.

Day 3: Kabini (B)

Morning safari into the famed Nagarahole Park and later the chance to see some elephants. After lunch, experience a ride on a coracle (traditional boat) and drift down the Kabini River, enjoying the sights and sunset.

Day 4: Kabini – Coorg (B)

Morning drive to Coorg, a popular hill station high in the Western Ghats and onto the plantation Orange County, set amidst virgin forests. Relax for the afternoon and later take a guided tour of the resort's 300-acre coffee and spice plantation.

Day 5: Coorg (B/L/D)

Explore the local village on an early morning guided cycling trip. Later visit the Ayne Mane

village and relish an authentic Kodava lunch. Take a sightseeing trip to Bylakuppe, a town renowned as the second largest Tibetan settlement in India. Enjoy an evening bonfire, cultural activities and dinner.

Day 6: Coorg – Mysore (B)

Morning proceed to Mysore, the second-largest city in the state of Karnataka. On arrival, check in to your resort. Afternoon visit to Mysore Palace and Museum and in the evening enjoy the beauty of Krishnaraj Sagara Gardens.

Day 8: Mysore - Bangalore (B)

After breakfast check out and proceed to Bangalore. En-route visit to famed Srirangapatna.

Day 9: Depart Bangalore (B)

In time transfer to Bangalore International Airport for your return journey.

Included: Accommodation for 8 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Tour Highlights

- Lake Pichola Sunset Boatride
- Nakki Lake
- Dilwara Temple Complex
- Tribal Villages
- Textiles, Art & Crafts
- Sasan Gir Sanctuary
- Velavadar National Park

Tour Price

from \$4340 NZD

Day 1: Mumbai - Udaipur

On arrival in Mumbai, take domestic flight to Udaipur. On arrival in Udaipur you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Udaipur (B)

A city tour takes you to the City Palace, a fusion of Medieval European and Chinese architecture, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion ki Bari - the garden of maidens. Sunset boat ride on Lake Pichola.

Day 3: Udaipur – Mount Abu (B)

Check into hotel and proceed to visit Nakki Lake and enjoy the scenery.

Day 4: Mount Abu – Poshina (B)

Today we visit Dilwara temple complex including Vimal Vasahi temple. Afterwards proceed to Poshina.

Tour Highlights

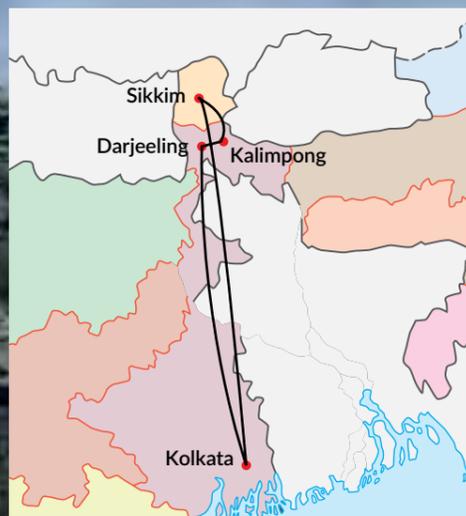
- Safari at Nagarhole National Park
- Coffee & Spice Plantation
- Ayne Mane Village
- Traditional Kodava Lunch
- Krishnaraj Sagara Gardens

Tour Price

from \$2352 NZD



10D Jewel of the East

Kolkata – Darjeeling – Kalimpong –
Sikkim – Kolkata2D Kerala Backwater
Houseboat CruiseBangalore – Kabini - Coorg – Mysore -
Bangalore

Tour Highlights

- Kolkata City & Museum Tour
- Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre
- Monasteries, Handicrafts & Handloom
- Scenic Views

Tour Price

from \$2364 NZD
Domestic flights from \$251

This trip starts in the legacy of British India with introduction to Kolkata, the capital of British India till 1911 and traditionally known as the centre of art, music and literature in India. Then continue on to the mountains, visiting the origin of world's best Tea – Darjeeling, with its panoramic views of Himalayas, tea gardens, Buddhist monasteries and colonial past, continue to visit arguably the most beautiful Indian state of Sikkim.

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata

On arrival in Kolkata, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Kolkata (B)

Full day tour visiting India Museum with its Italian architecture, Howrah Bridge, the most famous symbol of Kolkata, Victoria Memorial, a splendid architectural structure in white marble, and St Paul's Cathedral.

Day 3: Kolkata – Bagdogra - Darjeeling (B/D)

Transfer to airport for a flight to Bagdogra. On arrival, drive on to Darjeeling and afternoon at leisure.

Day 4: Darjeeling (B/D)

City tour of Darjeeling including a visit to Ghoom monastery and the magnificent statue of Maitreya. Visit Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre where you can see Tibetan craftsmen making traditional items like carpet, woolen boots, wood carvings and feather goods.

Day 5: Darjeeling - Kalimpong (B/D)

Drive to Kalimpong and visit Tharpa Choling Monastery, belonging to the Gelugpa sect followed by visit to flower nurseries. Drive back to Darjeeling in the evening.

Day 6: Darjeeling (B/D)

Full day is at leisure to explore the city on your own

Day 7: Darjeeling - Gangtok (B/D)

Drive to Gangtok and afternoon tour visiting

Dodrul Chorten and Enchey Monastery. Also visit the Research Institute of Tibetology and Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom; it is centre for promoting and keeping alive the traditional arts and crafts, a veritable storehouse of exquisite carpets, blankets and shawls in Lepcha weaves.

Day 8: Gangtok (B/D)

Enjoy an excursion to Rumtek Monastery, seat of the Kagyupa order, one of the four major Tibetan Buddhist sects. Afternoon, visit to Tashi view point which offers enchanting view of Mt. Kanchenjunga and Mt. Siniolch.

Day 9: Gangtok – Bagdogra - Kolkata (B)

Transfer to Bagdogra Airport to connect flight to Kolkata. Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 10: Kolkata (B)

Transfer to airport to connect your onward flight.

Included: Accommodation for 9 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers and tours in air conditioned private vehicle, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides and entrance fees.

Excluded: International and domestic flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily

Take a cruise on a traditional Houseboat, made from all natural material without use of any metal – you have a crew in attendance to show you the daily lives of humble people living in villages along the palm-fringed backwaters– walk through the villages and interact with local people, enjoy culinary delights specially prepared for you on order by your boat crew.

Day 1: Cochin-Houseboat (L/D)

This morning you will be picked up from Cochin & transferred to the pier for boarding Kerala rice houseboat. Cruise on the backwaters of Kerala on the houseboat, gently gliding past the villages touching the banks, canals where you will be able to see paddy fields, Kerala villages, churches, temples etc. on the sides. Relax on board. Overnight on board the Houseboat

Day 2: Houseboat-Cochin (B)

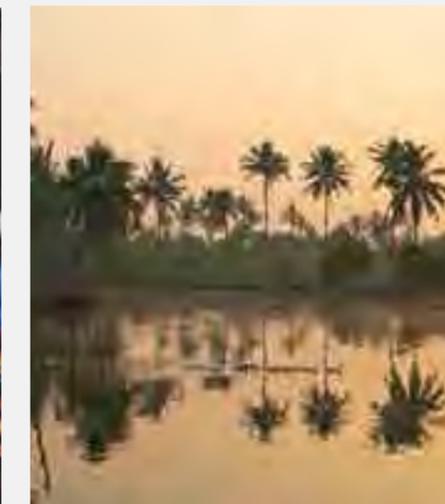
After breakfast you will be taken by houseboat to Alleppey jetty point & then transferred to Cochin.

Included: Accommodation for 1 night with meals on-board, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local guide and entrances.

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily

Notes: Ask for suggestion for pre/post arrangements.



Tour Price
from \$342 NZD

INDIA

SHORT TOURS

4D Holy Varanasi



Tour Price
from \$659 NZD

Varanasi, the oldest living city in the world, has been the ultimate pilgrimage spot for Hindus. Hindus believe that one who is graced to die on the land of Varanasi would attain salvation and freedom from the cycle of birth and re-birth. River Ganges in Varanasi is believed to have the power to wash away the sins of mortals.

Day 1: Arrive Varanasi

Arrive in Varanasi. Visit the Ghats to see the Aarti ceremony. As the sun starts to set, the temple priests perform Aarti, the sacred "light ceremony", on the banks of River Ganges.

Day 2: Varanasi (B)

Early morning boat ride to see the morning rituals of Hindus on the riverbank and sunrise on River Ganges. Visit Kala Museum, Bharat Mata Temple with its marble statue of Mother India and Banares Hindu University, the oldest university in North India.

Day 3: Varanasi (B)

Morning visit of Sarnath, the ancient Buddhist learning centre where Gautam Buddha preached his first sermon to his disciples as portrayed in Bernardo Bertolucci's film "Little Buddha." Next

visit the Sarnath Museum (closed on Fridays), Ashoka's Lion Capital, and the beautiful Teaching Buddha.

Day 4: Varanasi (B)

Transfer to Airport for your onward program.

Included: Accommodation for 3 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers, tours as indicated, local guide and entrance fees.

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily

Notes: Sarnath Museum is closed on Fridays.

INDIA

SHORT TOURS

5D Highlights of Punjab **NEW!**

Delhi - Chandigarh - Amritsar - Delhi



Discover Punjab, the heroic land bore numerous invasions for centuries and still did not lose its glory and its strength. The land of Golden Temple, Green Revolution and of lion-hearted and courageous people.

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

On arrival in Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

Full day tour of Old & New Delhi, visit the Jama Mosque, Red Fort, Raj Ghat, and take a rickshaw ride through fabled Chandni Chowk. In afternoon discover New Delhi including Qutab Minar, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, India Gate, Presidents House and Government buildings

Day 3: Delhi-Chandigarh (B)

Drive this morning to Chandigarh, rated to be the most planned city of India. Afternoon city tour takes you to the world-acclaimed Rock Garden displaying art objects made from household and industrial waste, Sukhna Lake and Rose Garden with over 1600 varieties of rose.

Day 4: Chandigarh-Amritsar (B)

This morning drive to Amritsar, holy city of Sikhs. Amritsar stands head and shoulders above any other city, its status elevated and sanctified by the presence of the venerable Golden Temple. Afternoon free to explore on your own

Day 5: Amritsar (B)

Morning tour takes you to the world famous Golden Temple, spiritual and cultural centre for Sikh religion.

This afternoon, you will be taken to witness Change of Guards. Some distance from Amritsar lies the Wagah border- a ceremonial outpost on the India - Pakistan border. Every evening, at sundown, soldiers of both countries put up a spectacular and emotionally-charged change of guard ceremony.

Day 6: Amritsar - Delhi (B)

This morning, take a train from Amritsar to Delhi. Afternoon free.

Day 7: Delhi (B)

Transfer to the airport to connect your onward flight.

Included: Accommodation for 6 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers, tours, sightseeing as indicated, train, local guides and entrance fees

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily

Tour Price
from \$1508 NZD

INDIA

BEACH STAYS

5D Golden Goa



Day 1: Goa

Arrive in Goa and transfer to a beach resort

Day 2: Goa (B)

Half day tour of Old Goa, the ancient capital of Goa, visiting Old Goa Churches of Se Cathedral, St. Francis of Assisi, Basilica of Bob Jesus, Church of St. Cajetan, Chapel of St. Catherine, ruins of the Church of Augustine and Church of Our Lady Of Rosary. Later proceed towards the Capital city of Panaji, drive through Altinho visit Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception.

Day 3: Goa (B)

Enjoy the famous beaches of Goa

Day 4: Goa (B)

Enjoy the famous beaches of Goa

Day 5: Goa (B)

Transfer to airport.

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers and tours in air conditioned private vehicle, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides and entrance fees.

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Tour Price
from \$755 NZD



INDIA

BEACH STAYS

5D Relaxing Kovalam **NEW!**



Day 1: Cochin / Trivandrum - Kovalam

Arrive at Cochin/Trivandrum and transfer to Kovalam and check into your hotel

Day 2: In Kovalam (B)

Days free to relax at the beach and enjoy the facilities at the resort. Optional tour to Kanyakumari, the southernmost point of mainland India and enjoy tour and sunset.

Day 3: In Kovalam (B)

Days free to relax at the beach and enjoy the facilities at the resort.

Day 4: In Kovalam (B)

Days free to relax at the beach and enjoy the facilities at the resort.

Day 5: Kovalam -Trivandrum (B)

Transfer to airport.

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights, meals

as per itinerary and transfers in air conditioned private vehicle

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Tour Price
from \$696 NZD

INDIA

BEACH STAYS

5D Marvellous Mahabalipuram **NEW!**



Day 1: Chennai – Mahabalipuram
Arrive in Chennai and transfer to your hotel

Day 2: Mahabalipuram (B)
Day excursion to Kancheepuram & back. Evening at leisure

Day 3: Mahabalipuram (B)
Morning half day city tour of Mahabalipuram. Afternoon at leisure

Day 4: Mahabalipuram (B)
Day at leisure

Optional tour to Pondicherry visiting Sri

Aurobindo Ashram, Auroville – City of Dawn, Aurobindo Handmade Paper factory, Pondicherry Museum, Manakkula Vinayagar Temple and Sacred Heart Church

Day 5: Mahabalipuram – Chennai (B)
Transfer to airport

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights, meals as per itinerary and transfers in air conditioned private vehicle

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Tour Price
from \$705 NZD

INDIA

BEACH STAYS

4D Magnificent Marari **NEW!**



Day 1: Cochin – Mararikulam (B)
Arrive Cochin, drive to Marari and check into your hotel

Day 2: Mararikulam (B)
Day at leisure. Optional tour to Kumbalangi – a model fishing village near Kochi

Day 3: Mararikulam (B)
Day at leisure

Day 4: Mararikulam - Cochin (B)
Transfer to airport

Included: Accommodation for 3 nights, meals as per itinerary and transfers in air conditioned private vehicle

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

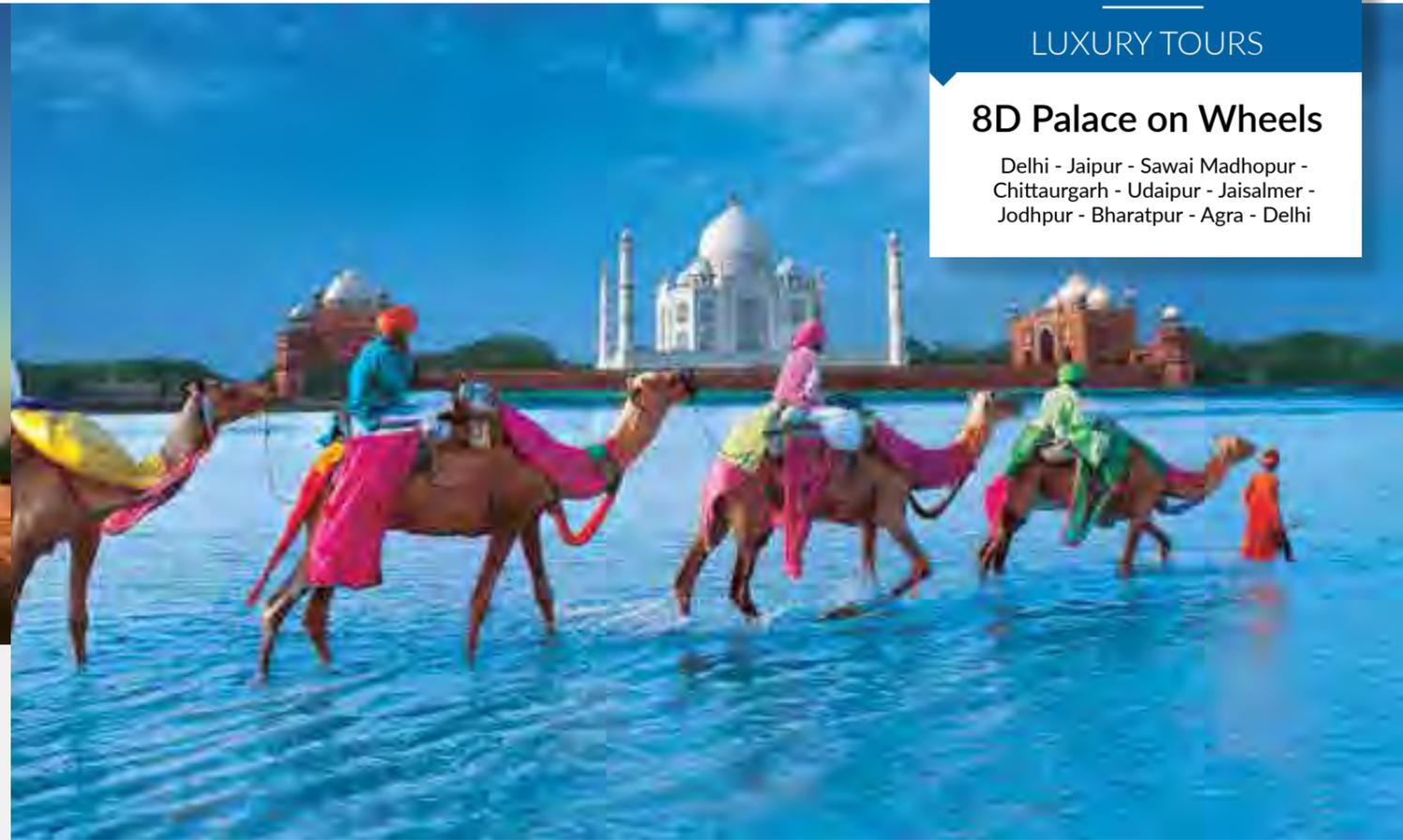
Tour Price
from \$574 NZD

INDIA

LUXURY TOURS

8D Palace on Wheels

Delhi - Jaipur - Sawai Madhopur - Chittaurgarh - Udaipur - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur - Bharatpur - Agra - Delhi



In times gone by, the rulers of the princely states of Rajputana, Gujarat, the Nizam of Hyderabad and the Viceroy of British India travelled by these luxurious coaches. You can experience the same memorable and glorious past in this special heritage tourist train - a journey that takes you to the royal land of sand dunes, regal forts and palaces, to the timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal.

Day 1 (Wed): Delhi (D)
Board the Palace on Wheels for a week-long extravaganza through fascinating Rajasthan.

Day 2 (Thu): Jaipur (B/L/D)
Enjoy tour of Jaipur, visiting Hawa Mahal or Palace of Winds, followed by a visit to the Amber Fort on an elephant. In the afternoon, visit the City Palace Museum and Observatory.

Day 3 (Fri): Sawai Madhopur-Chittaurgarh (B/L/D)
Arrive into Sawai Madhopur and visit Ranthambhore National Park - this wildlife sanctuary is the country's best for observing and photographing tiger activities. The train leaves in the afternoon for Chittaurgarh. Explore the historic fort, with its legends of valour and chivalry, before continuing on to Udaipur.

Day 4 (Sat): Udaipur (B/L/D)
Udaipur, the Lake City, is one of the most romantic cities of the East. Two of the most beautiful sites of Udaipur are the dream-like marble palaces - the Jag Niwas (Lake Palace) and the Jag Mandir, which appear to rise from the blue waters of Lake Pichola. Visit the City Palace overlooking Lake Pichola.

Day 5 (Sun): Jaisalmer (B/L/D)
In the heart of the Thar Desert, lies Jaisalmer, a walled city. See the palaces, Jain temples and magnificent Havelis. After lunch on board, visit sand dunes of Sam and enjoy camel rides in the desert. Dinner and cultural program at hotel before returning to the Palace on Wheels

Day 6 (Mon): Jodhpur (B/L/D)
Arrive in Jodhpur and visit Meherangarh Fort - one of the most impressive and formidable in Rajasthan, Jaswant Thada, the Royal Cenotaphs and Mahamandir, an architectural wonder with 84 intricately carved pillars. In the afternoon, visit handicraft showrooms for some bargains.

Day 7 (Tue): Bharatpur-Agra (B/L/D)
Arrive into Bharatpur and visit the world famous bird sanctuary, Keoladeo Ghana National Park, the nesting place for thousands of species of birds. A short journey takes you to Agra to visit the Agra Fort and Taj Mahal, a pristine monument of undying love. Agra is known for its splendid marble inlay work like the Pietra Dura work on the Taj, leather goods and jewellery.

Day 8 (Wed): Delhi (B)
Early morning arrival into Delhi, and disembark after breakfast.

Included: Accommodation for 7 nights with main meals, group transfers & sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrances.

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Wednesday, September - April

Notes: Option to take minimum 5 nights' experience also. Ask for suggestions for pre-post arrangements.

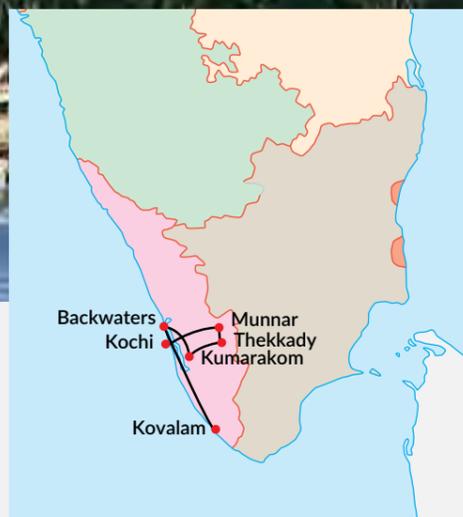
Tour Highlights

- Palace on Wheels Luxury Train
- Amber Fort
- Ranthambhore National Park
- Lake Pichola
- Temples, Forts & Palaces
- Keoladeo Ghana National Park
- Taj Mahal

Tour Price
from \$6408 NZD



12D Tranquil Kerala

Kochi – Munnar – Thekkady –
Kumarakom – Backwaters – Kovalam

Enjoy the best of Kerala visiting some beautiful and mesmerizing sites and staying in some wonderful places. Start your tour with a typical Metro with a traditional flavour Cochin before exploring the highlands of Munnar famous for its endless tea plantations and tea factory. Cast away amidst the serene environs of a backwater islet; treat your body and soul to 'Ayurveda' - the sacred knowledge of life; take a cruise on a houseboat with palm fringed land on either side and experience the many faces of the backwater life of Kerala. Exotic brings you a unique program to experience the awe-inspiring natural beauty and the cultural mosaic of God's own country.

Day 1: Kochi

Arrive in Cochin and transfer to Hotel. Enjoy an evening performance of ritualized "Kathakali" which tells stories from the ancient Hindu epics. The dancers narrate the story through intricate facial expressions and gestures, with sudden leaps, spins and freeze balances, each wearing fantastic costumes and elaborate make up. Overnight in Hotel Brunton Boatyard

Day 2: Kochi (B)

Tour of Cochin takes you to the famous Chinese fishing nets, St. Francis Church, the Mattancherry Palace, also known as Dutch Palace; and the Jew town and Jewish Synagogue and a visit to spice markets. Afternoon, visit Kumbalangi village, a tiny eco-friendly fishing village on the backwaters.

Day 3: Kochi – Munnar (B)

Morning drive to Munnar, the highest town of Kerala with a cool, bracing climate exuding old-world charm and popular for extensive tea and cardamom plantations. Overnight in Hotel Windermere Estate

Day 4: Munnar (B)

Morning visit to Pothamedu, to see the tea, coffee and cardamom plantations of Munnar. Also visit Devikulam, an idyllic hill station with its velvet lawns, exotic flora and fauna.

Day 5: Munnar - Thekkady (B)

Proceed by car to Thekkady. It's fabulous landscape is diffused with exotic spice plantations, green carpets of endless tea plantations and lush tropical forests. Visit the cardamom plantations and learn how spices are cultivated. Overnight in Hotel Spice Village

Day 6: Thekkady (B)

Visit the Periyar Tiger Reserve, the largest sanctuary in Kerala. People who once made a living by illegal operations in the forests have since become forest protectors and earn their livelihood through the programs conducted for

visitors. Afternoon visit to a tribal village.

Day 7: Thekkady - Kumarakom (B)

This morning, proceed to Kumarakom, popularly known as the rice bowl of Kerala. A huddle of tiny islets on the Vembanad Lake, it's a pictorial, unsoiled village, an incredibly stunning ecstasy of mangrove forests, pea green paddy meadows and coconut coppices intermingled with enthralling waterways and canals. Overnight in Zuri Resort

Day 8: Kumarakom - Backwater Cruise (B/L/D)

Morning visit to the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary. Egrets, darts, teal, waterfowl, cuckoo, wild duck and migratory birds like the Siberian stork live here in flocks. Late morning, board your 'Kettuvallam' - the traditional houseboat. As you sail on the Lake Vembanad to Alleppey witness the natural beauty and tranquillity of the backwaters and experience a way of life, little changed through the centuries.

Day 9: Alleppey - Kovalam (B)

Disembark in Alleppey and transfer to Kovalam. A former fishing village and today the "Paradise of the South", Kovalam is a sleepy town with three crescent shaped beaches. Overnight in The Leela Resort

Day 10 & 11: In Kovalam (B)

Days free to relax at the beach and enjoy the facilities at the resort.

Day 12: Kovalam -Trivandrum (B)

Transfer to airport.

Included: Accommodation for 11 nights in 5-star Hotels and Deluxe Houseboat, transfers, tours as indicated, local guides and entrances.

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily

15D Forts & Palaces of Rajasthan

Cochin - Munnar - Periyar
- Kumarakom - Backwaters -
Mararikulam – Cochin

This is a wonderfully classic trip, taking in the splendour of the Mughal cities of Delhi and Agra and the majesty of Rajasthan, where we experience the spectacular history and heritage of this Land of Maharajas. You get to experience the old world charm, staying in few of these Palaces, now converted into Hotels.

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel. Stay for two nights in Hotel Taj Mahal

Day 2: Delhi (B)

Full day tour of Old & New Delhi, visiting the Jama Mosque, Red Fort, Qutub Minar, Humayun's tomb, take a rickshaw ride through fabled Chandni Chowk and drive past India Gate, Parliament and Connaught Place.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (B)

Drive from Delhi to Agra. Visit the beautiful Taj Mahal, a monument to love and take a horse-drawn cart to visit the Agra Fort. Overnight in ITC Mughal

Day 4: Agra - Samode (B/L)

Travel to Samode visiting enroute Fatehpur Sikri, the mysterious ghost city and stopping for lunch at royal Laxmi Vilas Palace. Continue to Samode, famous for its magnificent havelis, mansions and handicrafts and a great place to see the rural life and flavors of Rajasthan. Overnight in Samode Palace

Day 5: Samode - Jaipur (B)

This morning, go for a stroll in Samode village to have a first-hand experience of a fascinating village scene Samode is a place of great interest for people who appreciate culture and local arts. At your pace, leave for Jaipur and explore the colourful bazaars in the afternoon.

Day 6: Jaipur (B)

Today visit the hilltop Amber Fort with its picturesque Sheesh Mahal. Afternoon city tour takes in Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), the Observatory-Jantar Mantar and City Palace. Stay for two nights in Jai Mahal Palace

Day 7: Jaipur - Mandawa (B/D)

Drive to Mandawa. Afternoon walking tour through the village to see the cenotaphs, wells, forts, temples and frescoes painted on the walls and gateways of Havelis. Overnight in Mandawa Castle

Day 8: Mandawa - Khimsar (B/D)

Drive to Khimsar. Perched on the edge on the great Thar Desert, the unique fort at Khimsar offers a wide range of experiences. The battle-scarred walls and turrets reminds one of the glorious past. Overnight in Fort Khimsar

Day 9: Khimsar - Jaisalmer (B)

Leave for Jaisalmer, India's most exotic and unusual town - a medieval looking place. This beautiful city is situated inside a huge mud fort and it still retains remnants of caravan sarais. Stay for two nights in Fort Rajwada. Afternoon

visit Sam sand dunes with one hour camel ride which culminates at high dune to see sunset in the desert.

Day 10: Jaisalmer (B)

This morning, visit this desert city which shines like a golden jewel above the hard sand. Visit the palaces, the Jain temples and the magnificent Havelis or merchant's houses, each richly decorated and carved from golden yellow sandstone. Afternoon visit the Royal Cenotaphs of the Rawals...also the best place to watch the spectacular sunset in the desert.

Day 11: Jaisalmer - Jodhpur (B/D)

Drive to Jodhpur and explore this royal city in the afternoon, visiting Meherangarh Fort - one of the most impressive & formidable in the whole of fort-studded Rajasthan is situated on a high natural rock bluff and Jaswant Thada - the Royal Cenotaphs. This evening, you can enjoy dinner at Pal Haveli, one of the most exclusive Restaurants of Jodhpur. Overnight in Umaid Bhawan Palace

Day 12: Jodhpur - Udaipur (B/L)

Drive to Udaipur enroute visiting the famous Ranakpur Temples, an astounding creation with 29 halls and 1,444 pillars, all distinctly carved. After lunch at Maharani Bagh Retreat, continue to Udaipur. Enjoy sunset boat ride on Lake Pichola. Stay for two nights in Fateh Prakash Palace

Day 13: Udaipur (B)

Morning city tour takes you to City Palace, a fusion of Medieval European and Chinese architecture, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion ki Bari - the garden of maidens.

Day 14: Udaipur - Mumbai (B)

Flight to Mumbai. Take an afternoon tour visiting Prince of Wales Museum built in Indo-Saracenic style, Gateway of India. Take a glimpse of the bustling Dhobi Ghats, and drive through Marine Drive, an esplanade that runs along the shoreline of the Arabian Sea.

Day 15: Mumbai (B)

Transfer to Airport

Included: Accommodation for 14 nights in Heritage Hotels (in most places) with breakfast, transfers, sightseeing, meals as indicated, local guides and entrances

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily (Taj is closed on Fridays)



Tour Highlights

- Delhi City Tour
- Taj Mahal
- Fatehpur Sikri
- Samode Village
- Temples, Forts & Palaces
- Royal Cenotaphs
- Lake Pichola Sunset Boat Ride
- Kerala Houseboat

Tour Price

from \$6784 NZD
Domestic flights from \$124 NZD



Tour Highlights

- Kathakali Evening Show
- Spice & Tea Plantations
- Periyar Tiger Reserve
- Tribal Village
- Kumarakom Backwaters Cruise
- Kovalam Beach Stay

Tour Price

from \$4026 NZD



11D Wildlife Tour

Mumbai – Gir – Pench –
Kolkata – Kaziranga

Tour Price

from NZ \$3978

Domestic flights from \$754 NZD

India offers a wide spectrum of wild habitats rich with exotic animals. This tour takes you to some of the best wildlife sanctuaries – starting with Sasangir NP - built primarily to conserve the most endangered Asiatic Loins. Further, you will explore Pench NP, home for Leopard, Tigers, Cheetal, Sambar and Nilgai and it also has been the inspiration for Kipling's Jungle Book. Continue to visit Kaziranga NP popular for a large population of One-Horned Rhinoceros.

Day 1: Mumbai

On arrival in Mumbai you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Mumbai – Gir (B/L/D)

This morning transfer to Airport for your flight to Rajkot. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to Gir National Park – the only natural habitat of world popular Asiatic Lions.

Day 3: Sasangir (B/L/D)

Proceed for Jeep Safari in the early morning and afternoon to see various other species.

Day 4: Sasangir (B/L/D)

Proceed for second day Jeep safari experience in the National Park giving you more chance to spot wildlife animals in their natural habitat

Day 5: Sasangir – Pench National Park (B/L/D)

Transfer to Airport to connect flight to Nagpur. On arrival, transfer to Pench National Park. Leopard, Cheetal, Sambar, Nilgai are commonly spotted among various other wild animals

Day 6: Pench National Park (B/L/D)

Today we will go for jungle safari in Pench forest. Prepare for morning and afternoon safari and spot wild animals in their natural habitats.

Day 7: Pench – Kolkata (B)

This morning proceed on an early morning Jeep Safari. Later, you will be transferred to Nagpur

Airport for your flight to Kolkata. On arrival, transfer to Hotel.

Day 8: Kolkata – Kaziranga (B/L/D)

Transfer to Airport for your flight to Guwahati. On arrival, transfer to Kaziranga. Kaziranga National Park is famous especially for endangered 'one horned Rhinos'. Rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 9: Kaziranga National Park (B/L/D)

Today morning take jungle safari by open Jeep in search of one-horned rhinos. In the afternoon take elephant safari to observe breathtaking view of the jungle.

Day 10: Kaziranga National Park (B/L/D)

Continue with another day of jungle safari.

Day 11: Guwahati (B)

Transfer to Guwahati Airport for your onward flight.

Included: Accommodation for 10 nights, transfers, jeep safari and meals as indicated, local guides.

Excluded: International and domestic flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily (except from June-Sept as Parks are closed)

15D Culinary Tour
of IndiaDelhi - Agra - Karauli - Jaipur - Udaipur
- Kochi - Periyar - Alleppey - Kochi

This delectable trip allows you to indulge in the history, culture and piquant food of India. Immerse yourself in the customs and cuisine as you travel south from Delhi to Kochi gathering ingredients, enjoying cooking demonstrations and delighting in learning the secrets of preparing and serving Indian fare culminating with a relaxing Cruise aboard a Kerala Houseboat.

Tour Price

from \$4088 NZD

Domestic flights from \$312 NZD

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

On arrival in Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B/D)

Tour of Old & New Delhi; visit Jama Mosque, Red Fort, Raj Ghat and rickshaw ride through fabled Chandni Chowk. Discover New Delhi visiting Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb, passing by India Gate and President's House.

In the evening, learn about Indian culture, lifestyle and some secrets of India cooking with dinner at an Indian home.

Day 3: Delhi-Agra (B)

Drive to Agra. Take 'Tonga' horse cart ride to Taj Mahal followed by visit to Agra Fort.

Day 4: Agra-Karauli (B)

Visit Fatehpur Sikri this morning and drive to Karauli, get the opportunity to interact with members of Karauli's royal family; discover their history, heritage, rich culture and cuisine.

Day 5: Karauli (B/D)

Visit the City Palace of Karauli and enjoy a stroll through the local village. Visit an organic farm, local charity school and handicrafts. Tonight enjoy a cooking demo and dine with the descendants of Royal family of Karauli.

Day 6: Karauli-Jaipur (B/D)

Morning drive to Jaipur. In the evening, visit an ancestral home of a local Jaipuri family, where generations have lived together in a joint family system. Learn about their history and heritage, view the traditional arts and antique furniture and learn to cook a typical Rajasthani meal.

7: Jaipur (B)

Explore Amber Fort Palace and Jaipur city including Hawa Mahal, Jantar Mantar and the City Palace Museum.

Day 8: Jaipur-Udaipur (B)

Morning drive to Udaipur and afternoon is at leisure.

Day 9: Udaipur (B/L)

Enjoy a morning city tour visiting City Palace and Jagdish Temple. Afternoon cooking demonstration by the owners of Devra.

Day 10: Udaipur-Kochi (B)

Flight from Udaipur to Kochi via Mumbai. In the evening visit the famous dance drama of Kerala, the "Kathakali", characterized by grotesque gestulations, amazing costumes and extensive make-up.

Day 11: Cochin (B/D)

Morning tour of Cochin visiting Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, Dutch Palace, Spice Gardens and Chinese fishing nets. Evening visit to a local family for home cooked dinner and to learn the culinary art of south Indian cuisine.

Day 12: Cochin-Periyar (B/L)

Morning drive to Periyar. Take motorboat cruise along backwaters to a farmhouse. Get a unique opportunity to interact with the local family, enjoy a home cooked meal, about traditional South Indian Kerala cuisine and enjoy a tour of the family farm. Cruise back to jetty and drive to Periyar.

Day 13: Periyar (B)

Morning plantation tour in nearby spice garden. Afternoon enjoy a walk through the local market.

Day 14: Periyar-Alleppey (B/L/D)

Board Kerala rice houseboat and enjoy an amazing cruise on the backwaters, visiting local villages on the way. Buy a lobster or try catch some fish and the chef will cook for you.

Day 15: Alleppey-Kochi (B)

After breakfast, disembark from the houseboat



and transfer to the Kochi airport to connect your flight.

Included: Accommodation for 14 nights, transfers, tours, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees.

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily

INDIA

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

13D Yoga & Meditation **NEW!**

Delhi-Haridwar-Rishikesh- Rudpragyag – Kausani - Bhimtal – Kathgodam – Delhi



Take some time out of life's busy schedule and find some peace and tranquility. Combine yoga and meditation with some of India's most sacred destinations. Retreat to the ancient temples, wash in the holy waters of the Ganges and experience spiritual ceremonies while enjoying your yoga & meditation classes in nature and the surrounding beauty.

surface to Rishikesh, a religious destination the evening witness the Aarti on the banks of the sacred Ganges River. In ceremonies at Rishikesh Ghat.

Day 4: Rishikesh (B)

Start the day with a yoga and meditation session. Yoga in Rishikesh is completely pure and traditional in form, stemming from the roots of Hatha yoga. The session includes practice of Asana, Yogic, a lecture by expert, and consultation. Afternoon is at leisure.

In evening you may participate in private yoga and meditation sessions or experience the sacred Yagna (fire purification) ceremony on the banks of River Ganges.

Day 5: Rishikesh (B)

Today drive to Vashishtagruha cave located in the middle of high hills where the Ganges flows right to the cave. Enjoy a meditation & yoga session at Vashishtagruha

Day 6: Rishikesh – Rudpragyag (B/L)

Drive to Rudrapragyag en-route visit the Dev Paryag confluence of Bhagirathi & Alaknanda and stopping at Srinagar. Continue to the temple of Rudranath before arriving at Rudpragyag, Evening at leisure.

Day 7: Rudpragyag (B)

Enjoy a yoga & meditation session in the natural beauty of Rudpragyag. Evening witness the Aarti ceremony at the confluence of Mandakini & Alaknanda.

Day 8: Rudpragyag – Kausani (B)

Drive to Kosani which, 1890 meters high above sea level in the serene and heavenly Kumaon hills. En-route visit Karanpragyag confluence

of Alaknanda and Pindar River, Gwaldam and Baijnath.

Day 9: Kausani (B)

Morning yoga & meditation session. Afternoon visit Kausani's famous Tea Garden which is known as Giria Uttaranchal Tea Estate. Also visit Anashakti Ashram – The guest House where Mahatma Gandhi stayed.

Day 10: Kausani - Bhimtal (B)

Drive to another beautiful Himalayan valley which is known as Bhimtal, an ancient place named after Bhima of Mahabharata, The main attraction here is Bhimtal Lake. Evening at leisure or explore the surrounding areas.

Day 11: Bhimtal (B)

Morning enjoy a yoga & meditation session. Afternoon sightseeing of Sat Tal & Kurpa Tal lakes – a tranquil spot for some meditation

Day 12: Bhimtal (B)

Morning yoga & meditation session. Afternoon excursion tour to Nanital, a hill station with a lake and surrounded by mountains.

Day 13: Bhimtal – Kathgodam – Delhi (B)

Drive to Kathgodam railway station to connect train for Delhi. Meet & assistance on arrival at Delhi railway station and transfer to International airport to connect flight for onward journey.

Included: Accommodation for 12 nights, transfers, tours, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

INDIA

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

15D Tea Tasting **NEW!**

Kolkata - Bagdogra – Kalimpong – Gangtok – Darjeeling - Bagdogra – Guwahati - Jorhat – Dibrugarh



Famous for Darjeeling and Assam tea, India is the world's second largest producer of tea. Indulge and experience the art of tea tasting with visits to a number of excellent tea estates and local monasteries.

Day 1: Kolkata

On arrival in Kolkata you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Kolkata – Bagdogra (B)

This morning travel to Bagdogra and proceed to Samabeyong Tea Estate and check in.

Day 3: Bagdogra - Kalimpong (B)

Morning tea estate tour with a member of staff. Discover the art of Tea Tasting with a connoisseur and visit the community development projects in the area. Afternoon drive through dense forest and small villages to Kalimpong.

Day 4: Kalimpong – Gangtok (B)

Morning visit to Zang Dog Palri Fo-Brang Monastery at Durbin Hills, Thongsa Gumpa, Tharpa Choling Monastery & Nursery, Proceed to Gangtok in the afternoon.

Day 5: Gangtok (B)

Excursion to Temi Tea Estate and return to Gangtok

Day 6: Gangtok – Darjeeling (B)

Morning visit to Enchey Monastery & Cottage Industry. In the afternoon transfer from Gangtok to Darjeeling via Tibetology, Do Drul Chorten and Rumtek Monastery. Evening Tea Tasting at

a local Tea Shop.

Day 7: Darjeeling (B)

Early morning excursion to Tiger Hill & Ghoom Monastery, visit Tukver Tea Estate & Happy Valley Tea Estate. Evening toy train ride up to Ghoom subject to availability.

Day 8: Darjeeling – Bagdogra - Guwahati (B)

Transfer from Darjeeling to Bagdogra. Arrive at Guwahati airport and transfer to hotel

Day 9: Guwahati – Jorhat (B)

Morning visit to Kamakhya Temple. Later on drive from Guwahati to Jorhat

Day 10: Jorhat (B)

Morning visit to Gatoonga Tea Estate, visit the tea garden and factory, also experience the tea tasting. Afternoon visit Tocklai Tea Research Institute & Museum

Day 11: Jorhat – Dibrugarh (B)

Morning drive from Jorhat to Dibrugarh, En-route sightseeing at Sivasagar visiting Kareng Ghar, Talatal Ghar, Rang Ghar and Sivasagar Tai Museum.

Day 12: Dibrugarh (B)

Morning proceed to Mancotta Tea Estate (Orthodox tea), visit the tea garden

Tour Price

from \$4854 NZD

Domestic flights from \$251 NZD

and factory, also experience the tea tasting. Afternoon proceed to Ethelwold Tea Estate (CTC tea), visit the tea garden and factory, also experience the tea tasting.

Day 13: Dibrugarh (B)

Morning excursion to Singpho village, visit the organic tea gardens. Later on back to Dibrugarh, en-route visit World War II Cemetery and The Oil Museum at Digboi.

Day 14: Dibrugarh - Kolkata (B)

Departure transfer to Dibrugarh airport for flight to Kolkata. Meet & assistance upon arrival and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon proceed for Kolkata sightseeing tour.

Day 15: Kolkata (B)

Transfer to Kolkata International airport to connect flight for onward destination.

Included: Accommodation for 14 nights, transfers, tours, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Perched at the very top of India, the beautiful Gulmarg sits in the lap of Pir Panjal range. With the installation of world's highest gondola and a skiable vertical of 2000 metres consisting of vast alpine bowls and awesome tree skiing it has become one of the world's must visit destinations for adventurous skiers and boarders. The majestic views, amazing powder and unique cultural experience make Gulmarg one of the greatest skiing destinations on earth.

Day 01: Delhi – Srinagar (D)

Flight from Delhi to Srinagar and transfer to Houseboat. Evening Shikara boat ride on Dal Lake. Overnight on Houseboat

Day 02: Srinagar – Gulmarg (B/D)

This morning, drive to Gulmarg. Enjoy afternoon sightseeing tour of Gulmarg.

Day 03: Gulmarg (B/D)

Full day is at leisure for Skiing

Day 04: Gulmarg (B/D)

Full day is at leisure for Skiing

Day 05: Gulmarg – Srinagar – Delhi (B)

Drive back to Srinagar to connect flight to Delhi.

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights with breakfast & dinner, transfers

Excluded: Ski fee and equipment hire, International and domestic flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

INDIA

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

5D Skiing in Kashmir

Delhi – Srinagar – Gulmarg – Srinagar – Delhi

Tour Price

from NZ \$894

Domestic flights from \$249



Tour Price

from \$3224 NZD

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

On arrival in Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

Tour of Old & New Delhi; visit Jama Mosque, Red Fort, Raj Ghat and rickshaw ride through fabled Chandni Chowk. Discover New Delhi visiting Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb, passing by India Gate and President's House.

Day 3: Delhi-Haridwar-Rishikesh (B)

Early morning transfer to the New Delhi railway station to connect train for Haridwar. Meet & assistance upon arrival at Haridwar railway station and later you will be transferred by

INDIA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESStreet food
in DelhiTour Price
from \$75 NZD

Proceed to Kari Baoli, a wholesaler market for spices and observe the late morning hustle-bustle in one of the biggest spices markets in Asia. Continue your walk and visit the famous Paranthi Wali Gali (Parantha is a baked or light-fried multi-layered India bread, generally stuffed with variety of vegetables and spices) – opportunity for you to have a taste of a parantha with stuffing of your choice – made right in front of you.

INDIA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESHeritage Walk in
Old DelhiTour Price
from \$99 NZD

This morning, proceed on a special Heritage Walk in Old Delhi, showcasing history, heritage, culture and uniqueness of this centuries-old city. Walk through a myriad of galis (narrow alleys and lanes) in Chandni Chowk and as you walk along, you see spicy roadside food vendors, jewellers, shops for retreaded tyres, cycle repair, spices, office stationery and decorations for every Indian ceremony. Visit the magnificent Jama Masjid, a Jain Temple with adjoining Bird Hospital and Dariba, a popular market for precious stones, gems, gold and silver jewellery.

INDIA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESHome-Hosted Dinner
(Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Mumbai)Tour Price
from \$87 NZD

Enjoy an enriching experience of dining with an Indian family. You get the opportunity to meet a modern and well educated Indian family and learn about Indian traditions and ways of life. Enjoy a great dine-at-home experience with an opportunity to see a cooking demo.

INDIA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESJeep Safari to Bishnoi
Village (Jodhpur)Tour Price
from \$84 NZD

In the afternoon, enjoy a Bishnoi village tour, to get a feel for the local lifestyle of Rajasthani villagers. Bishnoi's are famous for their cultural Rajasthani lifestyle and their love for nature and animals. They are believed to be the pioneers of green movement in the world. The huts of Bishnoi Village are neat and clean and the people lead a vegetarian lifestyle.

INDIA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESDharavi Slum Tour
(Mumbai)Tour Price
from \$87 NZD

Drive to Dharavi, a bustling modern slum. The tour will showcase the sense of community and good nature of the people despite the obvious problems that they face. We see the recycling areas (paper, plastic, metal), food making, temple making, clothes making, potteries, bakery, soap factory, papad making – all operating from small rooms in the maze of small alleys. The tour tells you about Dharavi and its history, talk about and give facts about issues such as sanitation, education and more.

INDIA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESDabbawalla Tour
(Mumbai)Tour Price
from \$87 NZD

See the 'Dabbawallahs', members of the Bombay Union of Tiffin Box Carriers. Each morning, the 2500 dabbawallahs call on suburban housewives who pack a freshly cooked lunch into small circular aluminium or stainless steel containers - 'dabbas'. Typically the dabbawallahs collect 30-40 boxes, arrange them on a long pole and cycle to the nearest station, where they hand them over to fellow dabbawallah who then transports them into the city for delivery to the consumer.

Rates are per person per night based on twin share including breakfast

Le Meridien New Delhi ★★★★★

From \$227 NZD

Location: Centrally located, the Hotel is a short walk from the main shopping hub Connaught Place.
Rooms and Amenities: Luxurious and well-decorated 358 Rooms across 14 floors, with Wi-Fi, TV, Safe, Iron and telephone
Facilities: Room service, 6 restaurants and bar, business center, gym, outdoor pool, spa and steam

The Lalit ★★★★★

From \$227 NZD

Location: Located in City Centre, the main commercial, shopping, and office district
Rooms and Amenities: All 461 rooms & suites have mini bar, tea/coffee maker, electronic safe, telephone, multi-channel TV.
Facilities: Room service, Restaurants, poolside bar, fitness center, spa and steam bath, nightclub and lockers

Metropolitan Hotel, Delhi ★★★★★

From \$160 NZD

Location: Located in the Connaught Place Business District overlooking the Connaught Place
Rooms & Amenities: Features splendid guest rooms and suites with host of innovative features including LCD flat screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, telephone, tea/coffee facilities, minibar, safe and complimentary newspaper.
Facilities: A number of dining options include India's first ever Japanese restaurant, traditional craft store, art gallery, wellness centre, swimming pool, business & travel services

Jaypee Palace, Agra ★★★★★

From \$111 NZD

Location: Located in the main tourist district of Agra, close to the Taj Mahal.
Rooms & Amenities: 341 luxuriously appointed rooms including 13 suites and 40 Executive rooms with all the modern comforts including Wi-Fi, air conditioning, satellite TV, tea/coffee facilities, minibar and complimentary newspaper.
Facilities: A number of dining options, wellness centre, swimming pool, travel desk.

Ramada Jaipur ★★★★★

From \$75 NZD

Location: Set in the business district of the Pink City, close to Airport and Railway Station.
Rooms & Amenities: 155 rooms and 5 suites featuring air-conditioning, tea/coffee facilities, complimentary bottled water, LCD satellite television, luxurious bedding, telephone, minibar, wired & wireless high speed internet and electronic safe.
Hairdryer and iron/ironing board on request.
Facilities: Three restaurants, bar, rooftop outdoor pool, rooftop gym, parking, 24 hour in-room dining, business services and laundry service.

ITC Rajputana, Jaipur ★★★★★

From \$109 NZD

Location: Located close to city centre and to main tourist attraction.
Rooms & Amenities: 218 guest rooms all the modern comforts including Wi-Fi, air conditioning, satellite TV, tea/coffee facilities, in-room safe, fresh fruits, minibar, digital console, ironing board.

Facilities: A number of dining options, Room service, spa and wellness centre, swimming pool.

Castle Mandawa, Mandawa ★★★★★

From \$86 NZD

Location: Castle Mandawa, a fortress, now converted into a heritage hotel is a curious mixture of the old and the new - medieval turreted towers, palanquin-roofed balconies, blended with modern comforts in old-world rooms.
Rooms & Amenities: 70 suites featuring own distinct flavour featuring
Facilities: Restaurants, bar, ayurvedic centre, swimming pool, spa, billiard & pool room.

Ramada Plaza JHV, Varanasi ★★★★★

From \$128 NZD

Location: Located close to Bharat Mata & Vishwanath Temples, Kashi Vishwanath Temple and Ghats.
Rooms & Amenities: 120 guest rooms with contemporary and stylish décor with view of garden or pool. Rooms feature work desk with high-speed Internet access, toiletries, tea/coffee maker, minibar, telephone and electronic safe.
Facilities: Three restaurants, two bars, fitness centre, spa and beauty salon.

Radisson Blu Udaipur ★★★★★

From \$111 NZD

Location: Located near Fateh Sagar Lake, close to tourist attractions, overlooking the lush jungle and lawns or the dazzling lake
Rooms and Amenities: All 240 plush rooms and suites have all the modern comforts including, internet, television, refrigerator, air conditioned, safe, telephone and iron
Facilities: Pool snack bar, kids club, restaurants and bar, business center, kid's pool, spa and Gym

Udai Kothi Hotel, Udaipur ★★★★★

From \$99 NZD

Location: A boutique hotel a short stroll from old city, modern, blending with old-world charm.
Rooms & Amenities: Each guestroom has its own character and style, carefully selected furniture, soft furnishings and décor; and a delightful view from the jharokha (window seat).
Facilities: Rooftop restaurant, a multi-cuisine restaurant, bar, room service, garden, health club, spa, rooftop Jacuzzi, internet, organic garden and laundry service.

Le Meridien, Kochi ★★★★★

From \$111 NZD

Location: Located in city centre, easy access to all attractions
Rooms & Amenities: 223 rooms featuring air-conditioning, telephone, cable/satellite television, toiletries, mini bar, telephone.
Facilities: Restaurants, bar, room service, outdoor pool, poolbar, sauna, streamroom, health club, sports club, and laundry facilities.

Travancore Heritage Resort, Kovalam ★★★★★

From \$103 NZD

Location: Ideally located on the famous Kovalam Beach, 35 kms from Trivandrum Airport
Rooms & Amenities: 90 bedrooms, all are tastefully furnished with internet access, air conditioning, balcony/terrace, mini bar.
Facilities: Restaurant, Room Service, internet facilities, outdoor pool, health club, spa, massage, safe lockers.



Shrouded for centuries in the misty serenity of the great Himalayas, the Land of the Thunder Dragon, or Bhutan, is now known to the rest of the world. The landscape consists of a succession of lofty and rugged mountains and deep valleys. Bhutan is one of the last areas still pristine in all its nature - where nature and the people live in perfect harmony. Unspoilt flora, untouched fauna, rare plants, the colourful bird life and the scenic beauty offer a treat for everyone.

The Bhutanese have cautiously safeguarded and preserved their rich culture and traditions. Bhutan is a land where the past and the contemporary co-exist in harmony. A trip through Bhutan, in many ways, is a journey into the past.



Paro
Paro is a place where nature and man conjured to create their dearest image. It contains a wealth of attractions - Mount Chomolhari and the glacier waters from its five sister peaks, the elegant and perfectly symmetrical Rinpung Dzong, Tiger's Nest and so much more.

Thimphu
Thimphu, perhaps the most unusual capital city in the world, is a bustling town on the banks of its own river and set gloriously in the hills of its own valley. Old wooden houses stand side by side with newly constructed concrete buildings, all painted and constructed

in traditional Bhutanese architectural style. Recommended to see Handicrafts Emporium, National Memorial Chorten, Simtokha Dzong.

Punakha
It's blessed with a temperate climate and served by Phochu and Mochu rivers. Visit Punakha Dzong housing many sacred temples including the Machen where the embalmed body of Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal.

Wangdi Phodrang
Wangdi Phodrang is like a large village with a few well provided shops towards the south of Punakha. At the confluence

of Mochu and Tangchu rivers stands the impressive Wangdi Phodrang Dzong. Phubjikha in Wangdi Phodrang is the winter retreat for the rare Black Necked cranes. The district is also known for its fine bamboo work including slate and stone carvings.

Bumthang
Bumthang comprise of four smaller valleys, this deeply spiritual region is shrouded in religious legend. The valley is home to the scared Jambey Lhakhang and to the Kurjey Lhakhang. Both the temples are believed to have been built in the 8th century.

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7D Highlights of Bhutan

Paro - Thimphu - Punakha - Thimphu - Paro



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12D Cultural Bhutan

Paro - Punakha - Bumthang - Trongsa - Thimphu - Paro



Opportunity to delve into the fascinating Cultural History of this unknown land. Enjoy the spectacular scenery as you absorb the myths and legends with highlights including a trek to a Monastery for stunning views and a teahouse lunch, visit a typical Bhutanese village home, incredible scenic drives through Mountain Passes, visit the King's Winter Residence, a mountaintop picnic, walk through local villages and purchase souvenirs at locals shops.

Day 1: Paro (L/D)

On arrival in Paro airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum, Rinpung Dzong and Durgyel Dzong.

Day 2: Paro Valley (B/L/D)

Drive north and take short trek to the famed Taksang (Tiger's lair) monastery. After lunch at the teahouse with magnificent views, return trek downhill. Return to Paro and visit a typical Bhutanese village home.

Day 3: Paro - Punakha (B/L/D)

Drive to Punakha enroute stopping in Thimphu to visit Tamchoe Lhakhang temple. Continue journey to Punakha across Dochula Pass, a scenic drive through changing vegetation and altitude.

Day 4: Punakha (B/L/D)

Morning tour into the idyllic countryside for a short trek to Crown Prince's stupa and Sonagasa, King's winter residence and Punakha Dzong. From here, proceed to Chimi Lhakhang temple to see bold Phallus symbols and paintings on the houses and temple.

Day 5: Punakha - Bumthang (B/L/D)

Drive from Punakha to Mt Chomolhari, Bhutan's sacred peak before stopping at Chedebji Chorten for a picnic lunch. Continue to Trongsa where you may visit the inner courtyard of historical Trongsa Dzong before driving on to Bumthang. Visit Chumey Palace, Prakar Monastery and Yathra weaving centre in Bumthang Valley.

Day 6: Bumthang Valley (B/L/D)

Morning walking tour takes you to Jambay Lhakang, Kurjey Lhakang and Tamshing Lhakang. Drive to Jakar.

Day 7: Bumthang- Day Excursion to Ura valley (B/L/D)

This morning drive across the Shertang Pass to Ura, the highest of Bumthang's four major valleys. Walking tour before return to Jakar for the evening, en route visit Flaming Lake (Mebar Tsho).

Day 8: Bumthang-Trongsa (B/L/D)

Leave the Bumthang valleys on the twisting mountain road towards the Yotong and on to Trongsa. After lunch, visit the Trongsa Dzong and the watchtower above the main Dzong. In the evening, wander around Tongsa township.

Day 9: Trongsa-Thimphu (B/L/D)

Start your journey towards Thimphu passing through Wangdue and a tea stop at Dochu La Pass to view the peaks of the eastern Himalayas. Proceed to Tibetan village of Hongtsho before arriving in Thimphu.

Day 10: Thimphu (B/L/D)

Enjoy city tour with a visit to a nunnery, the Textile Museum, the Heritage Museum. We may also visit few temples - Changangkha and Zangthopelri before spending some time at the colourful weekend market. Evening visit Tashichho Dzong, seat of Bhutan's administrative and religious center

Day 11: Thimphu - Paro (B/L/D)

After breakfast visit Cheri Monastery. After a

Tour Highlights

- Thimphu City Tour
- Dochula Pass
- Village Visit
- Durgyel Dzong Fortress
- Chelela Pass

Tour Price
from \$3197 NZD



See the diversity of this amazing land, where food, customs, traditions, dress and language changes every 300kms. Experience the exotic duet of North and South India, an unforgettable journey which takes you from the timeless city of Delhi with its centuries old monuments and colonial touch of New Delhi, to the most photographed building in the world -beautiful Taj Mahal, visit the colourful and royal cities of Jaipur and Jodhpur with their magnificent forts, Udaipur -the most romantic city in India. Also visit 'God's own country - Kerala', humble life-style of the South treasuring some of the most remarkable pieces of architecture and the most enchanting Houseboat Cruise on the backwaters.

Day 1: Paro - Thimphu (L/D)

On arrival in Paro airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Thimphu.

Day 2: Thimphu sightseeing (B/L/D)

City tour visits Trashichhodzong, the 'fortress of the glorious religion', Memorial Chhorten, National Library, Art School, the Textile and Folk Heritage Museum and Government Handicrafts Emporium.

Day 3: Thimphu - Punakha - Wangdue (B/L/D)

Drive to Punakha and Wangdue via the Dochula Pass. Afternoon visit to Punakha Dzong which lies between Pochu and Mochu Rivers. Take a short hike to Chimi Lhakhang, the temple of Lama Drukpa Kunley across rice paddies and through a small village.

Day 4: Punakha - Thimphu (B/L/D)

A short walk to visit Khamsum Yuley Namgyal Chorten and nearby villages. In the afternoon drive back to Thimphu crossing over the Dochu La Pass and passing Simtokha village and dzong.

Day 5: Thimphu - Paro (B/L/D)

Morning drive to Paro, passing via Simtokha village and Dzong. In Paro, visit Durgyel Dzong, a ruined fortress followed by visit to a traditional farmhouse which offers a good insight into local life.

Day 6: Paro (B/L/D)

Day trip to Ha valley via Chelela Pass with spectacular views of Mt. Jhumolhari and visit a mountain village.

Day 7: Paro (B)

Transfer to the airport.

Note: Bhutan visa is included. A copy of your passport must be received at least 4 weeks from date of departure for visa application process.

Included: Accommodation for 6 nights, all main meals, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrances.

Excluded: International flights, insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Tour Highlights

- Taksang Monastery
- Village Visit
- Dochula Pass
- Punakha Dzong
- Kurjey Lhakang
- Thimphu City & Market Tour

Tour Price
from \$5355 NZD

picnic lunch return to Thimphu. In the evening drive back to Paro

Day 12: Paro (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight

Note: Bhutan visa is included. A copy of your passport must be received at least 4 weeks from date of departure for visa application process.

Included: Accommodation for 11 nights, all main meals, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides, entrances and Bhutan visa

Excluded: International flights, insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Add-on: We can assist with flight to/from Paro from Delhi or Kolkata or road transfers from/to India

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5D Bhutan Experience

Paro - Thimphu - Paro



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10D Best of Bhutan

Paro - Punakha - Bumthang - Trongsa - Thimphu - Paro



With amazing photographic opportunities at the Red Panda Habitat, colourful weekend market and tea stop in a Tibetan Village high in the Himalaya's, savour the best Bhutan has to offer in this trip capturing the essence of the "Land of the Thunder Dragon." Absorb the fascinating culture and heritage as you enjoy City Tours, Museums, and Temples with ancient symbols and paintings certain to make you blush and a Monastery perched high on a Cliffside.

Day 1: Paro (L/D)

On arrival in Paro airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum and Rinpung Dzong which has a long, fascinating history. Durgyel Dzong, a ruined fortress and Taktsang Monastery.

Day 2: Paro (B/L/D)

Excursion to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) which clings on seemingly impossible sheer, vertical cliff.

Day 3: Paro - Punakha (B/L/D)

Drive to Punakha enroute stopping in Thimphu to visit Tamchoe Lhakhang temple. Continue journey to Punakha across Dochula Pass, a scenic drive through changing vegetation and altitude.

Day 4: Punakha (B/L/D)

Morning tour into the idyllic countryside for a short trek to Crown Prince's stupa and Sonagasa, King's winter residence and Punakha Dzong. From here, proceed to Chimi Lhakhang temple to see bold Phallus symbols and paintings on the houses and temple.

Day 5: Punakha - Bumthang (B/L/D)

Drive from Punakha to Mt Chomolhari, Bhutan's sacred peak before stopping at Chedebji Chorten for a picnic lunch. Continue to Trongsa and visit the inner courtyard of historical Trongsa Dzong before driving on to Bumthang. Visit Chumey Palace, Prakar Monastery and Yathra weaving centre in Bumthang Valley.

Day 6: Bumthang Valley (B/L/D)

Morning walking tour takes you to Jambay Lhakang, Kurjey Lhakang and Tamshing Lhakang. Drive to Jakar.

Day 7: Bumthang - Trongsa (B/L/D)

Morning drive to Yotong La, a habitat for Red Panda before driving to Trongsa. Afternoon visit to historical Trongsa Dzong and watchtower, containing original Mongol Armour and a large prayer wheel. Evening visit to local market.

Day 8: Trongsa - Thimphu (B/L/D)

Start your journey towards Thimphu passing through Wangdue and a tea stop at Dochu La Pass to view the peaks of the eastern Himalayas. Proceed to Tibetan village of Hongtsho before arriving in Thimphu.

Day 9: Thimphu sightseeing, Weekend Market (B/L/D)

City tour visits Trashichho Dzong, the 'fortress of the glorious religion', Memorial Chhorten, National Library, Art School, the Textile and Folk Heritage Museum and Government Handicrafts Emporium. On weekends, Thimphu sees a colourful weekend market, a great photo opportunity.

Day 10: Thimphu (B)

Transfer to Paro airport.

Note: Bhutan visa is included. A copy of your passport must be received at least 4 weeks from date of departure for visa application process.

Included: Accommodation for 9 nights, all main meals, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides and entrances

Excluded: International flights, insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Tour Highlights

- Taktsang Monastery
- Dochula Pass
- Punakha Dzong
- Kurjey Lhakang
- Thimphu City & Market Tour

Tour Price
from \$4595 NZD



Tour Highlights

- Thimphu City Tour
- Durgyel Dzong Fortress
- Village Visit
- Taktsang Monastery

Tour Price
from \$2198 NZD



This Tour has a few extra nights giving the chance to get a more in depth look at this mystical country. Discover the History and Culture with City Tours; immerse yourself in local life at a traditional farmhouse and Trek to a Monastery clinging on a vertical cliff for unforgettable views and spectacular photographs.

Day 1: Paro - Thimphu (L/D)

On arrival in Paro airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Thimphu.

Day 2: Thimphu sightseeing (B/L/D)

City tour visits Trashichhodzong, the 'fortress of the glorious religion', Memorial Chhorten, National Library, Art School, the Textile and Folk Heritage Museum and Government Handicrafts Emporium.

Day 3: Thimphu - Paro (B/L/D)

Morning, drive to Paro passing via Simtokha village and Dzong. In Paro, visit Durgyel Dzong, a ruined fortress followed by a visit to a traditional farmhouse which offers a good insight into local life.

Day 4: Paro (B/L/D)

Excursion to the Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) which clings on seemingly impossible sheer, vertical cliff. Walk takes 2 hours each way.

Day 5: Paro (B)

Transfer to the airport.

Note: Bhutan visa is included. A copy of your passport must be received at least 4 weeks from date of departure for visa application process.

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights, all main meals, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides and entrances

Excluded: International flights, insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

15D Himalayan Adventure

Kolkata - Darjeeling - Kalimpong - Gangtok - Phuntsholing - Thimphu - Punakha - Paro - Kolkata



Tour Highlights

- Kolkata City Tour
- Darjeeling Tea Plantations
- Tibetan Rumtek Monastery
- Thimpu City Tour
- Dochula Pass
- Durkgyel Dzong
- Taktsang Monastery

Tour Price from NZ \$5795

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata
Arrive in Kolkata.

Day 2: Kolkata (B)
Full day city tour visiting India Museum, built in Italian architectural style, Howrah Bridge, one of the three bridges on River Hooghly and a famous state landmark, Victoria Memorial, modelled on the Taj Mahal, and St Paul's Cathedral.

Day 3: Kolkata - Bagdogra - Darjeeling (B/D)
Transfer to airport for a flight to Bagdogra. Transfer to Darjeeling

Day 4: Darjeeling (B/D)
With a backdrop of the mighty Himalayan peaks, Darjeeling is famous for its tea. Sightseeing includes visit to Ghoom Monastery and its magnificent statue of Maitreya, "the future Buddha" draped in white silk scarves. Visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and the Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre where you can see Tibetan craftsmen making traditional items.

Day 5: Darjeeling - Kalimpong (B/D)
Drive to Kalimpong known for its flowers and nurseries. Visit Tharpa Choling Monastery, belonging to the Gelugpa sect.

This trip takes you to mountainous east India, visiting the origin of the world's best Tea - Darjeeling, with its panoramic views of the Himalayas, tea gardens, Buddhist monasteries and colonial past. Continue on and visit arguably the most beautiful Indian state of Sikkim and the Land of the Dragon - mystical Bhutan. See Tibetan and Buddhist Monasteries with amazing architecture, get close to a raw and rustic Bhutan, which is still to open its doors to globalization, where people are humble and yet so proud of their heritage.

Day 6: Kalimpong - Gangtok (B/D)
Drive to Gangtok frequently dotted by stupas and monasteries. Visit the Do-drul Chorten Stupa, which contains rare Mandalas, Enchey Monastery, blessed by the great tantric master Lama Druptab Karpa, known for his flying powers. Lastly visit the Research Institute of Tibetology, centre for promoting and keeping alive the traditional arts and crafts of the region.

Day 7: Gangtok (B/D)
Excursion to Rumtek Monastery, the seat of the Kagyupa, and one of the four major Tibetan Buddhist sects. The centre houses some of the world's most unique religious scriptures and objects. Visit Tashi which offers enchanting view of Mt. Kanchenjunga and Mt. Siniolchu.

Day 8: Gangtok - Phuntsholing (B/L/D)
Morning drive to Bhutan's border town of Phuntsholing passing through lush green tea gardens. Visit Zangtho Pelri Lhakhang, the temple representing heaven of Guru Rinpoche followed by a stroll around local market.

Day 9: Phuntsholing - Thimpu (B/L/D)
Take a scenic drive to Thimphu, the modern capital, enroute visiting Kharbandi Goemba, a beautiful monastery. Visit Simtkha Dzong, the oldest fortress of the Kingdom which now houses the school for Buddhist studies.

Day 10: Thimpu (B/L/D)
City tour visiting Trashichhodzong, the 'fortress of the glorious religion', Memorial Chhorten, National Library, Art School, the Textile and Folk Heritage Museum and Government Handicrafts Emporium.

Day 11: Thimpu - Punakha (B/L/D)
Drive to Punakha across Dochula Pass (3,050m) that heralds the most enchanting views of Bhutan. Visit 17th century Punakha

Dzong, followed by visit to Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chhorten. Visit Wangduephodrang with its interesting local market and majestic Wangduephodrang Dzong on a hilltop at the confluence of Punakha Chhu and Tang Chhu rivers.

Day 12: Punakha - Paro (B/L/D)
Drive to Paro Valley showcasing a rich culture, scenic beauty and hundreds of myths and legends.

Visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum and Rinpung Dzong which has a long, fascinating history.

Day 13: Paro (B/L/D)
Morning visit to Durkgyel Dzong, a ruined fortress followed by visit to a traditional farmhouse which offers a good insight into local life. Followed by an excursion to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest).

Day 14: Paro - Kolkata (B)
Transfer to Paro Airport to board flight for Kolkata (flight operates only on Tue, Wed, Fri and Sun).

Day 15: Kolkata (B)
Transfer to airport.

Note: Bhutan visa is included. A copy of your passport must be received at least 4 weeks from date of departure for visa application process.

Included: Accommodation for 14 nights, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides and entrances

Excluded: International and domestic flights, insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature



The Himalayan country of Nepal cannot be described in just a few words. For some, it is the country where 8 of the world's tallest 9 peaks lie. For others, it is a country where the Royal Bengal Tiger stalks Chital in the open grasslands of the southern plains. Some travellers come here to trek the Himalayan foothills, others to experience the exhilaration of rafting the white waters of Himalayan rivers' and still others to view flora and fauna from the back of an elephant.

Some come here to witness the geographical miracle of Nepal - in just 50 km north to south, Nepal grows tropical fruit's like papaya and mangoes in the south, while housing musk deer on the northern border, lined by the Himalayan range. Others come to wonder at the unique cultures that have developed from the marriage of two major religions of the world, Buddhism and Hinduism.

Nepal



Kathmandu

Kathmandu is the capital situated along Bagmati River. The city is home to the old Royal Palace, Freak Street once popular for hippy trail, Thamel, the new tourist hub a short walk from the city centre of Durbar Square. Kathmandu is the hub of Nepal's traditional culture and arts and to explore historic and artistic temples and monuments. Kathmandu is a fascinating portrayal of orthodox but vibrant Buddhist and Hindu traditions and well preserved architecture.

Pokhara

Pokhara, the centre of adventure activities, occupies the central location in Nepal and is dominated by the peaks of Annapurna range. Pokhara town is only

50 kms from Annapurna, clearly seen from the valley. Pokhara is the starting point for many of Nepal's most popular trekking and rafting routes. The serenity of Phewa Lake and the magnificence of the fish-tailed summit of Machhapuchhre (6,977 m) rising behind it create an ambience of peace and magic.

Chitwan National Park

Royal Chitwan, the oldest national park in Nepal, covers an area of 932 sq. kms. Earlier, Chitwan was well known for big game and was an exclusive hunting reserve for the Prime Ministers and their guests. The park consists of 3 rivers characterized by tropical to subtropical forest. The park is renowned for the protection of endangered one-horned

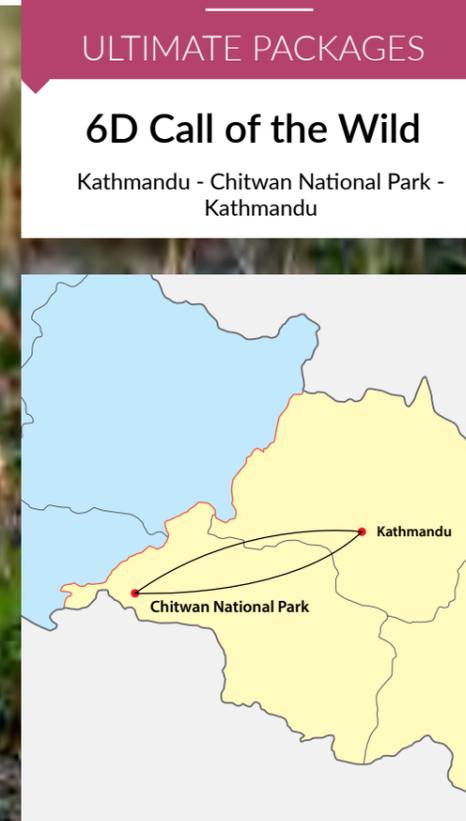
rhino, tiger, gharial crocodile, gaur, wild elephant, leopard, four horned antelope, striped hyena, pangolin, Gangetic dolphin, monitor lizard and python etc. The Park closes annually for visitors from 01 June till 30 September.

Nagarkot

Nagarkot is situated at an altitude of 2175m and offers the widest range of Himalayas including Mount Everest with your bare eyes from here on a clear day. It is also one of the best spots to visit for the most stunning views sunrise and sunset. Nagarkot is also an ideal place to start small trekking trips to Sankhu, Changu Narayan, Dhulikhel, Sundarijal, Nala, etc.

9D Highlights of Nepal

Kathmandu - Pokhara - Chitwan National Park - Nagarkot - Kathmandu



6D Call of the Wild

Kathmandu - Chitwan National Park - Kathmandu

Tour Highlights

- Kathmandu City Tour
- Boudhanath Stupa
- Phewa Lake
- Chitwan National Park
- Nagarkot
- Bhaktapur City

Enjoy Kathmandu valley with its temples, old capital, the modern city and the well-kept monuments. Visit Pokhara, city of lakes and starting point of most adventure routes and mountain treks, with backdrop of mighty peak of Annapurna and continue to Chitwan National Park, home to one-horned Rhinoceros, Royal Bengal Tiger and a variety of flora and fauna. Take a break in the mountain resort town of Nagarkot from where you have a good panoramic view of Himalayas including Mt. Everest on a clear day.

Day 1: Arrive Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu. Afternoon tour visiting Durbar Square, Hanuman Dhoka Palace, Taleju Temple, Jagannath Temple, gigantic figure of Kala Bhairaba, Shiva Parvati Temple, Kumari Ghar and Kasthamandap.

Day 2: Kathmandu (B)

Full day tour of Boudhanath Stupa with its colossal stupa and the iconic four pairs of the Buddha's eye painted on four cardinal directions, Pashupatinath Temple, Patan city and Swayambhunath Chaitya - one of the world's most glorious Buddhist Chaityas. Chaityas offers excellent panoramic view of Kathmandu valley.

Day 3: Kathmandu - Pokhara (B)

Leave Kathmandu for a scenic drive to Pokhara. On arrival check into hotel.

Day 4: Pokhara (B)

Half day sightseeing tour of Old Pokhara Bazar, David Fall, Kali Temple & Gupteshwor Cave along with one hour boating on Phewa lake.

Day 5: Pokhara - Chitwan (B/D)

Leave Pokhara and drive to Chitwan National Park. On arrival check into lodge. Rest of the day free.

Day 6: Chitwan (B/L/D)

Enjoy full day of jungle walk, bird watching and dugout canoe ride to view the water birds and reptiles and walk to Tharu Village.

Day 7: Chitwan - Nagarkot (B)

After breakfast transfer from Chitwan to Nagarkot. On arrival check into hotel. Rest of the day at your leisure

Day 8: Nagarkot - Kathmandu (B)

After breakfast transfer from Nagarkot to Kathmandu en route sightseeing tour of Bhaktapur City

Day 9: Kathmandu (B)

Transfer from Hotel to airport in time to connect your flight to onward journey.

Included: Accommodation for 8 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfer and sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily (September - May)

Notes: Chitwan National Park is closed every year from 01 June till 31 August.

Excellent tour for wildlife enthusiasts and for those keen to spot the rare one-horned rhinoceros, and the most elegant and feared predator - the Royal Bengal Tiger. Besides the elusive tiger, Chitwan National Park offers visitors several species of deer, sloth bear, leopard, wild boar and nearly 450 distinct species of birds, fresh water dolphin and crocodile. Combine your wildlife tour with some spectacular historical sights of Kathmandu with the backdrop of the mighty Himalayas.

Day 1: Arrive Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu. Afternoon tour visiting Durbar Square, Hanuman Dhoka Palace, Taleju Temple, Jagannath Temple, gigantic figure of Kala Bhairaba, Shiva Parvati Temple, Kumari Ghar and Kasthamandap.

Day 2: Kathmandu (B)

Full day tour of Boudhanath Stupa with its colossal stupa and the iconic four pairs of the Buddha's eye painted in four cardinal directions, Pashupatinath Temple, Bhaktapur city and Patan city.

Day 3: Kathmandu - Chitwan (B/D)

Leave Kathmandu for a scenic drive to Chitwan National Park. On arrival check into lodge. Rest of the day free.

Day 4: Chitwan (B/L/D)

Enjoy a full day of activities, a jungle walk, bird watching, dugout canoe ride to view the water birds and reptiles and a walk to Tharu Village.

Day 5: Chitwan - Kathmandu (B)

Drive from Chitwan National Park to Kathmandu. Afternoon visit to Swayambhunath Chaitya - one of the world's most glorious Buddhist Chaityas. Chaityas offers excellent panoramic view of Kathmandu Valley.

Day 6: Kathmandu (B)

Transfer to airport.

Includes: Accommodation for 5 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers and sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily (September - May)

Notes: Chitwan National Park is closed every year from 01 June till 31 August.

Tour Highlights

- Kathmandu City Tour
- Boudhanath Stupa
- Chitwan National Park
- Swayambhunath Chaitya

Tour Price
from \$1349 NZD



Tour Price
from \$1918 NZD



8D Best of Nepal

Kathmandu - Pokhara - Chitwan National Park - Kathmandu



4D Kathmandu Valley Trek

Kathmandu - Sundarijal - Chisopani - Nagarkot - Dhulikhel - Kathmandu



Tour Highlights

- Kathmandu City Tour
- Boudhanath Stupa
- Phewa Lake
- Chitwan National Park
- Patan City

Tour Price
from \$1738 NZD



Discover Nepal's cultural and wildlife on a tour that takes in the countries best - Kathmandu, Pokhara and Chitwan National Park. Temples, monuments, lakes, mountains, Royal Bengal Tiger, wildlife and more await you on this very scenic tour.

Day 1: Arrive Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu. Afternoon tour visiting Durbar Square, Hanuman Dhoka Palace, Taleju Temple, Jagannath Temple, gigantic figure of Kala Bhairaba, Shiva Parbati Temple, Kumari Ghar and Kasthamandap.

Day 2: Kathmandu (B)

Full day tour of Boudhanath Stupa with its colossal stupa and the iconic four pairs of the Buddha's eye painted on four cardinal directions, Pashupatinath Temple, Bhaktapur city and Swayambhunath Chaitya - one of the world's most glorious Buddhist Chaityas. Chaityas offers excellent panoramic view of Kathmandu valley.

Day 3: Kathmandu - Pokhara (B)

Leave Kathmandu for a scenic drive to Pokhara. On arrival check into hotel.

Day 4: Pokhara (B)

Half day sightseeing tour of Old Pokhara Bazar, David Fall, Kali Temple & Gupteshwor Cave along with one hour boating on Phewa lake.

Day 5: Pokhara - Chitwan (B/D)

Leave Pokhara and drive to Chitwan National

Park. On arrival check into lodge. Rest of the day free.

Day 6: Chitwan (B/L/D)

Enjoy full day of jungle walk, bird watching and dugout canoe ride to view the water birds and reptiles and walk to Tharu Village.

Day 7: Chitwan - Kathmandu (B)

Drive from Chitwan National Park to Kathmandu. Afternoon tour of Patan city.

Day 8: Kathmandu (B)

Transfer to airport.

Included: Accommodation for 7 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfer and sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees.

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily (September - May)

Notes: Chitwan National Park is closed every year from 01 June till 31 August.

This short trekking tour is ideal for those wishing to experience this popular activity. Starting in Kathmandu make your way to your accommodation at a local teahouse in Chisopani. Enroute to Nagarot enjoy views of the famous Mt Everest amongst other magnificent scenery. Trek through the primeval Newari village and to the Nava Buddha Stupa Buddhist monastery before returning to Kathmandu.

Day 1: Kathmandu-Sundarijal - Chisopani (L/D)

Early morning drive from Kathmandu to Sundarijal & trek 2 hrs steep up to Mulkharak. After lunch, walk down (1.5hrs) to Chisopani (height 1285-2185 m). Overnight at local tea house at Chisopani

Day 2: Chisopani-Nagarkot (B/L/D)

After breakfast depart lodge for 2 hours flat walk and 1 hour walk down to Chauki Bhangung and stop for lunch. After lunch 1 hour walk to Nagarkot. We can see Mt. Everest, Ganesh Himal, Langtang & Gaurishankar Himal. Overnight at local tea House.

Day 3: Nagarkot-Dhulikhel (B/L/D)

After Breakfast 2 hour's easy walk and then 3 hours walk down to Dhulikhel. Lunch en route

Dhulikhel is a scenic & primeval Newari

village down located 30km from Kathmandu. Overnight at local tea house.

Day 4: Dhulikhel-Kathmandu (B)

Early morning breakfast & then walk to Nava Buddha Stupa Buddhist monastery & stop for Nava Buddha & 2 hrs walk to Panauti & drive back to Kathmandu. Upon arrival in Kathmandu check-in with your Hotel

Included: 3 nights on Full Board in Tea Houses, Sherpa guide and porter and conservation fee, transfers.

Excluded: Flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Notes: Min two persons required to operate this program. Trek not recommended during monsoon from 15 June to 15 Sep.



Tour Price
from \$599 NZD

8D Nepal Village Trek **NEW!**

Kathmandu – Changu Narayan – Nagarkot – Dhulikhel - Namu Buddha - Balthali - Panauti - Kathmandu



After taking in the highlights of Kathmandu, enjoy a trek through the pine forests with stunning views of Mt Everest. Walk through ancient villages where little has changed over the centuries, through paddy fields and amazing scenery while getting a real insight into village life in the mountains.

Day 1: Arrive Kathmandu

On arrival at airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check in.

Day 2: Kathmandu (B)

In the morning, visit Bungamat and Khokana, Newari villages where not much has changed over the last couple of centuries. Evening visit to Patan Durbar Square, the Golden Gate, the sky piercing temple of Taleju and the statue of Yogendra Malla, Krishna Mandir, Sati Temple, Hiranya Varna Mahabiar (the golden temple), and Mahabouddha.

Day 3: Kathmandu - Changu Narayan - Nagarkot (B)

Morning drive to Changu Narayan (1500m), said to be the oldest temple of Kathmandu valley and is listed in the UNESCO World Heritage monument list. Trek to Nagarkot (2175m). Walking through the pine forest along the ridge through the villages with splendid view of the valley and mountains including Mt Everest

Day 4: Nagarkot - Dhulikhel (B)

Early morning sunrise view from the hotel. Enjoy walks through pine forest, paddy fields and small villages. Approximate walk of five to six hours will take us to Dhulikhel an ancient town situated 30 kms east of Kathmandu.

Day 5: Dhulikhel - Namu Buddha - Balthali (B)

Morning walk to the Namu Buddha (1982m), situated on hill above Panauti. It takes about

three hours to reach from Dhulikhel. Later walk another three hours and reach the enchanting Balthali village offering excellent mountain views at an altitude of 1,730m.

Day 6: Balthali Village Sightseeing (B)

Visit a typical Tamang village, Dada Gaun, where a Buddhist Community live. Walk to Pada Gaun (2100) and on to Karnali, a hamlet of nature, and follow the banks of the Ladku River back to the resort.

Day 7: Balthali - Panauti - Kathmandu (B)

Leisurely walk to the thriving Newari village of Panauti. Panauti is wedged between the Punyamata and Roshi streams. Later enjoy a Nepali Authentic Dinner with Cultural Dance at Bhojan Griha

Day 8: Kathmandu (B)

Transfer to the International airport to connect the flight to onward destination.

Includes: Accommodation for 7 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers and sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Notes: Min two persons required to operate this program. Trek not recommended during monsoon from 15 June to 15 Sep.



Tour Price
from \$1538 NZD

8D Ghorepani Trek

Kathmandu - Pokhara - Hile - Ghorepani - Tadapani - Ghandruk - Pokhara - Kathmandu



Beginning in Pokhara, city of lakes, this Trek combines the stunning backdrop of the mighty peak of Annapurna with bamboo and magnificent Oak Forests. Discover the Culture and History of the area with a City Tour before embarking on this unforgettable experience through some of the most beautiful regions of North Nepal while encountering local Villagers on the journey.

Day 01: Kathmandu

On arrival in Kathmandu you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check in.

Day 02: Kathmandu - Pokhara (B)

After breakfast transfer from Kathmandu to Pokhara. On arrival check into hotel. Afternoon half day sightseeing tour of Old Pokhara city, Kali temple, David fall & Gupteshowre cave

Day 3: Pokhara - Nayapul - Hile (L/D)

Drive from Pokhara to Nayapul where you start your trek that leads through bamboo forest. Trail reaches Sudami then gradually ascends to reach Hile (1495m).

Day 4: Hile - Ghorepani (B/L/D)

From Hile, the trail leads to a stone staircase with a steep climb. It leads to the village of Uleri at 2070m with spectacular views of Annapurna (7219m), Himchuli (6440m) and Fishtail (6996m). After that, the trail passes through magnificent oak and Rhododendron forest up to Ghorepani (2850m).

Day 5: Ghorepani - Poonhill - Tadapani (B/L/D)

Ghorepani to Poonhill (3210m), trail climbs very steeply on a stone staircase to scenic views of the Himalayas. After Poonhill, descend to

Tadapani (2590m) often ascending enroute, passing several villages through oak forest.

Day 6: Tadapani - Ghandruk (B/L/D)

Trail leads to Ghandruk (1940m) from Tadapani all the way of descent and flat through the oak Forest.

Day 7: Ghandruk - Nayapul - Pokhara - Kathmandu (B)

Ghandruk trail leads to Nayapul, the route descending passing several mountain villages. From Nayapul, drive back to Pokhara and fly to Kathmandu. On arrival check into hotel.

Day 08: Departure (B)

After breakfast transfer from Hotel to airport to connect flight to onward journey

Included: 4 nights on Full Board in Tea Houses, 3 nights in Hotels with breakfast, Sherpa guide and porter and conservation fee for trek and transfers

Excluded: Flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Notes: Min two persons required to operate this program. Trek not recommended during monsoon from 15 June to 15 Sep.



Tour Price
from \$1399 NZD

13D Jomsom Trek

Kathmandu - Pokhara - Hile - Ghorepani - Tatopani - Ghasa - Tukucho - Kagbeni - Muktinath - Jomsom - Pokhara - Kathmandu

Tour Price

from \$2108 NZD

Domestic flights from \$501 NZD



This trek is the perfect way to get a real feel for this incredible part of the world. Explore the Mountains, Forests and Rivers as you Trek through breath-taking scenery and admire the spectacle of Annapurna. With highlights including a river crossing by suspension bridge, Trekking at the deepest gorge in the world and magnificent waterfalls, this Trek also includes a day at leisure to marvel at the beauty and serenity of Muktinath.

Day 01: Kathmandu

On arrival in Kathmandu you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 02: Kathmandu - Pokhara

After breakfast transfer from Kathmandu to Pokhara and check into hotel. Afternoon half day sightseeing tour of Old Pokhara city, Kali temple, David fall & Gupteshowre cave

Day 3: Pokhara - Nayapul - Hile (B/L/D)

Drive from Pokhara to Nayapul, From Nayapul, trek for around 5 hours to Hile Camp. From the river the mountain trail leads through bamboo forest and passes a large waterfall and swimming hole. The trail reaches Sudami then climbs steadily up through the valley reaching Hile Camp (1495m).

Day 4: Hile - Ghorepani (B/L/D)

From Hile, trek to the large village of Uleri. From there one can see first eye catching mountain views of Annapurna south (7219m), Himchuli (6440m) and Fishtail (6996m). After that, the trail leads through deep magnificent oak and Rhododendron forest up to Ghorepani (2850m). Walking time takes about 7 hours.

Day 5: Ghorepani - Tatopani (B/L/D)

From Ghorepani, trail descends through several villages such as Chite (2350m), Sikha (1980m), Ghara (1700m), to Kali Gandaki River. After crossing Kali Gandaki River through the suspension bridge, reach Tatopani (1190m). Walking time takes about 6 hours.

Day 6: Tatopani - Ghasa (B/L/D)

At Tatopani, the trail heads up the Kali Gandaki gorge. It is said to be the deepest in the world from the height of Annapurna I and Dhaulagiri. Between it lays a tunnel and a rock trail brings you to Dana and the Hamlet with the picturesque waterfall of Rupachhahara. From there ascend to Ghasa. Time takes approximately 6 hours.

Day 7: Ghasa - Tukucho (B/L/D)

A steep climb through the forest to Lete khola and on to Kalopani. From there, the trail leads

up through the banks of Kali Gandaki River and enters Tukucho. Walking time takes about 6 hours.

Day 8: Tukucho - Kagbeni (B/L/D)

After Tukucho, a dramatic change in the vegetation from Pine and Onifer forest to desert like country. The flow of air between the peak of Annapurna and Dhaulagiri creates strong winds. From there, the trail leads flat through Marpha, Jomsom Eklaibhatti and reaches Kagbeni (2800m). Walking time takes about 6 hours.

Day 9: Kagbeni - Muktinath (B/L/D)

From Kagbeni, trail leads upwards through Khirgar (3270m), Jharkot (3550m) reaching Muktinath with an easy walk within 4 hours.

Day 10: Muktinath (B/L/D)

Free day at leisure

Day 11: Muktinath - Jomsom (B/L/D)

At Muktinath, come back through the same trail to Jomsom. Walking time takes approximately 5 hours.

Day 12: Jomsom - Pokhara - Kathmandu (B)

Early after breakfast fly back to Pokhara and onto Kathmandu. On arrival in Kathmandu check into hotel

Day 13: Departure (B)

After breakfast transfer from Hotel to airport to connect flight to onward journey.

Included: 9 nights on Full Board in Tea Houses and 3 nights in Hotels with breakfast, Sherpa guide and porter and conservation fee for trek and transfers

Excluded: Flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Notes: Min two persons of good levels of fitness are required to operate this program. Trek not recommended during monsoon from 15 June to 15 Sep. Ask us for pre/post Trek add-ons

18D Everest Base Camp Trek

Kathmandu - Lukla - Phakding - Namche Bazaar - Khumjung - Tengpoche - Pheriche - Pheriche - Lobuje - Gorak Shep - Everest Base Camp - Pheriche - Tengpoche - Namche Bazaar - Lukla - Kathmandu

Among all the popular of the trekking and adventure trips in Nepal, this one stands out to be the most popular one. Get up close to the tallest peak in the world - at the base camp of Mt. Everest.

Day 01: Kathmandu

On arrival in Kathmandu you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check in.

Day 2: Kathmandu - Lukla - Phakding (L/D)

Fly from Kathmandu to Lukla (2800m). At Lukla, trek north from the airstrip to the edge of Lukla Plateau. After an easy walk through several villages arrive at Phakding (2800m). Walking time takes 5 hours at an easy pace.

Day 3: Phakding - Namche Bazaar (B/L/D)

At first, follow a soft trail passing several villages, beautiful pine forest, to Jorsalee (2800m). From Jorsalee following up Dudhkosi River, climbing slowly up a steep trail to Namche. Enjoy first view of Everest (8848m), Nuptse (7879m) and Lotse (8383m). Walking time takes about 6 hours.

Day 4: Namche Bazaar (B/L/D)

Day free to acclimatise

Day 5: Namche Bazaar - Khumjung (B/L/D)

At Namche Bazaar, the trail climbs steeply to Shyangboche. From the top of Shyangboche, view Mt. Everest (8848m), Ama Dablam (6856m), Themserku (6608m), Nuptse (7879m), and Lotse (8383m). Afterwards trail downwards to Khumjung, where you can see Sir Edmund Hillary School and hospital. Walking time takes about 3 hours.

Day 6: Khumjung - Tengpoche (B/L/D)

From Khumjung, trail descends crossing several villages through a beautiful pine forest up to Phunki Thanga. After that, rapid steep climb to Tengpoche. Walking time takes about 6 hours.

Day 7: Tengpoche - Pheriche (B/L/D)

From Tengpoche, it's a short steep and muddy descending to Devuche through birches, conifers and Rhododendron forest. After a long walk passing several villages such as Devuche, Pangboche reach Pheriche. Walking time takes about 6 hours.

Day 8: Pheriche (B/L/D)

Day free at leisure

Day 9: Pheriche - Lobuje (B/L/D)

At Pheriche trail leads very softly up to Dugla (4620m). After ascending for about 2 hours, returning to soft climb to Lobuje. Walking time takes about 6 hours.

Day 10: Lobuje - Gorak Shep (B/L/D)

From Lobuje trail changes from soft, ascending and descending to Gorak shep. Walking time takes about 4 hours.

Day 11: Gorak Shep - Rest (Everest Base Camp) (B/L/D)

The next day walk to Everest Base Camp. There can be seen Everest glacier and come back to Gorak shep. Walking time takes about 5 hours return.

Day 12: Gorak Shep - Rest (Kalapattar) (B/L/D)

At the place of Gorak Shep, trail climbs up to Kalapattar (5545m). Kalapattar is the most popular place for breath taking mountain views' such as Mt. Everest (8848m), Ama Dablam (6856m), Themserku (6608m), Nuptse (7879m), and Lotse (8383m). Walking time takes about four hours return.

Day 13: Gorak shep - Pheriche (B/L/D)

From Gorak shep, walk back to Pheriche the same way as arriving. Walking time takes about 6 hours.

Day 14: Pheriche - Tengpoche (B/L/D)

Form Pheriche, trekking the same way to Tengpoche. Walking time takes about 5 hours.

Day 15: Tengpoche - Namche Bazaar (B/L/D)

Walking time takes about 5 hours back the same way.

Day 16: Namche Bazaar - Lukla (B/L/D)

Walking time takes about 8 hours back the same way.

Day 17: Lukla - Kathmandu (B)

In the morning fly back to Kathmandu. On arrival in Kathmandu check into hotel.

Day 18: Departure (B)

After breakfast transfer from Hotel to airport to connect flight to onward journey.

Included: 15 nights on Full Board in Tea Houses and 2 nights in Hotels with breakfast, Sherpa guide and porter and conservation fee for trek and transfers

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Notes: Min two persons of high level of fitness are required to operate this program. Trek not recommended during monsoon from 15 June to 15 Sep. Ask us for pre/post Trek add-ons

Tour Price

from \$2727 NZD

Domestic flights from \$709 NZD



Rates are per person per night based on twin share including breakfast

KATHMANDU

Hotel Yak & Yeti ★★★★★

From \$165 NZD
 Location: This 100-year-old palace and hotel with its antique fountains, gilded temples and emerald gardens is only moments away from the shops.
 Rooms & Amenities: All 270 deluxe rooms and suites, have en-suite bathrooms, International Direct Dial telephones, color television and a fully stocked mini bar.
 Facilities: Restaurant, café, bar, bakery, shopping arcade, swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, tennis courts, gym, spa, beauty parlour, business centre and casino.

Hotel Tibet International ★★★★★

From \$127 NZD
 Location: Located on the doorstep of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Boudhanath Stupa, the local area provides a rich and vibrant cultural experience and window into the Tibetan Buddhist community in Kathmandu.
 Rooms & Amenities: 69 well-appointed rooms stylishly decorated in Tibetan style equipped with highspeed internet access, flat screen television, minibar, safe, air-conditioning and tea/coffee makers.
 Facilities: Restaurant, café, bar, tea garden, spa, meditation room, travel desk, Tibetan carpet showroom

Grand Hotel ★★★★★

From \$83 NZD
 Location: Situated in the heart of the city's dynamic business, cultural and entertainment hubs. Easily accessible to most tourist attractions and Malls.
 Rooms & Amenities: 91 well-appointed elegant guest rooms, including 7 suites featuring wireless internet, telephone, hairdryer, satellite television, air-conditioning.
 Facilities: Restaurant, coffee shop, tea lounge, bar, swimming pool, fitness centre, 24 hour room service, currency exchange, safe deposit box, gift shop, business centre and laundry service.

POKHARA

Fish Tail Lodge ★★★★★

From \$132 NZD
 Location: Situated with Fewa Lake on one side and a forest-covered hill on the other, close to town centre.
 Rooms & Amenities: 60 tastefully decorated comfortable guestrooms with an array of modern amenities. All have hot and cold water, air-conditioning, television, telephone and fridge.
 Facilities: Central dining room and bar, swimming pool, safe deposit locker, currency exchange and laundry service.

CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK

Maruni Sanctuary Lodge

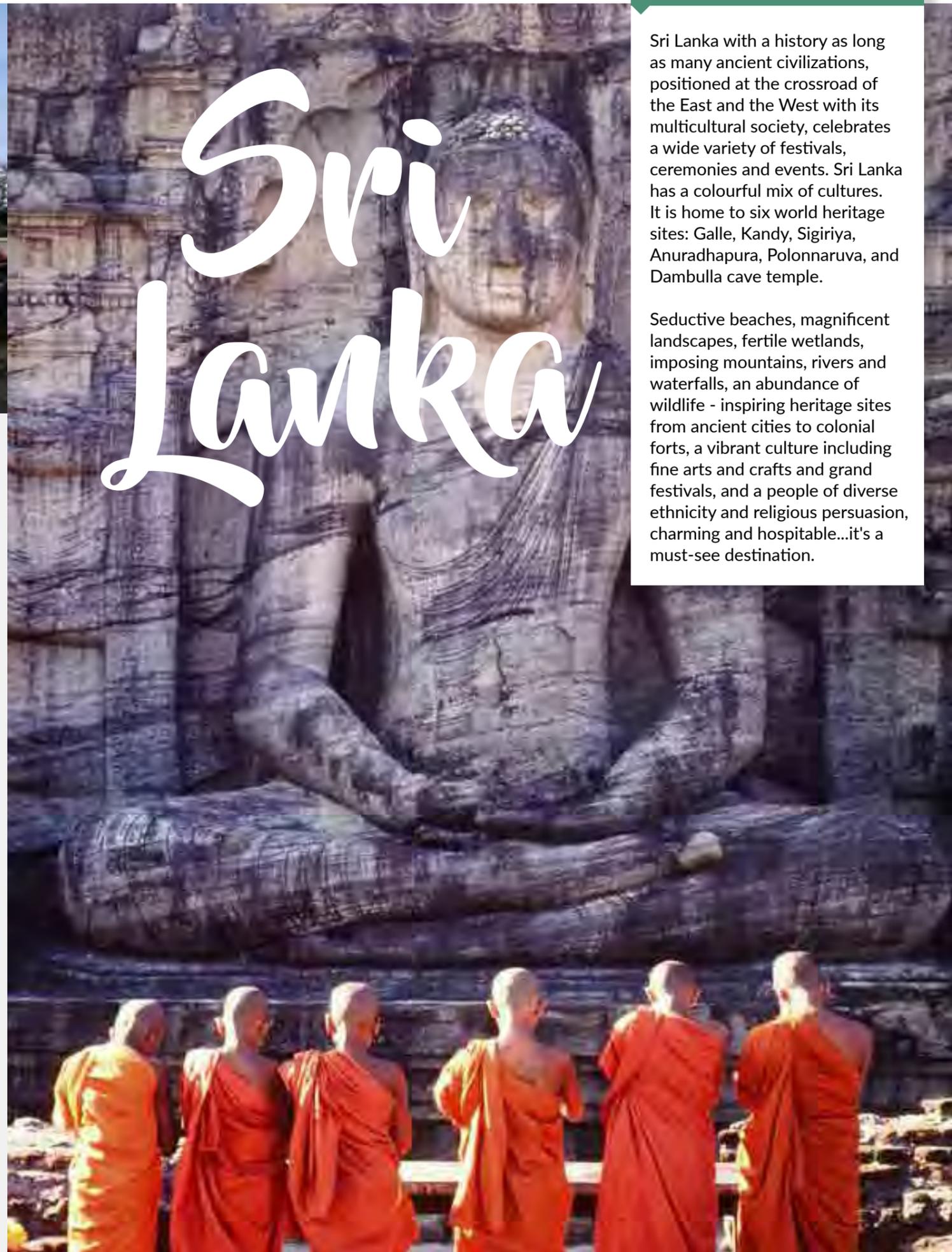
From \$161 NZD
 Location: This lodge is located in a pristine natural environment on the edge of the Chitwan National Park.
 Rooms & Amenities: Large clean rooms, longhouse, cabins & den with air conditioning and hot water.
 Facilities: Facilities include restaurant and bar with patio, gazebo and outdoor dining options. Activities include Elephant Safari, Canoe or Jeep Safari, jungle walks, bird watching, Ox cart ride and other jungle activities.

Eco Wildlife Lodge

From \$165 NZD
 Location: Lodge is set in peaceful surroundings with views of the Annapurna and Manaslu Himalayas. Rapti River is only a short walk away as is the entrance to Chitwan National Park.
 Rooms & Amenities: There are 22 twin-bed cottage style rooms, comfortable, furniture and a veranda. They have private bathrooms, including showers heated by solar power, and electric lighting.
 Facilities: Restaurant hall, bar, fireplace and meeting hall.
 Activities include Safaris and jungle walks.

The Tigerland Safari Resort

From \$270 NZD
 Location: Situated in the lush green jungle on the edge of Chitwan National Park overlooking the Rapti River, this resort is spread over 20 acres of lush landscape.
 Rooms & Amenities: 32 individual air-conditioned deluxe villas, built on stilts with natural sustainable materials.
 Facilities: Restaurant, bar, jungle safari, jungle excursions and bird watching.



Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka with a history as long as many ancient civilizations, positioned at the crossroad of the East and the West with its multicultural society, celebrates a wide variety of festivals, ceremonies and events. Sri Lanka has a colourful mix of cultures. It is home to six world heritage sites: Galle, Kandy, Sigiriya, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, and Dambulla cave temple.

Seductive beaches, magnificent landscapes, fertile wetlands, imposing mountains, rivers and waterfalls, an abundance of wildlife - inspiring heritage sites from ancient cities to colonial forts, a vibrant culture including fine arts and crafts and grand festivals, and a people of diverse ethnicity and religious persuasion, charming and hospitable...it's a must-see destination.

Colombo

It is the political, commercial and financial center. Bustling and noisy, the city is an attractive blend of old and new. In the downtown area, modern skyscrapers tower over snarling three-wheeled taxis; smart businessmen jostle side by side with street vendors and Buddhist monks walk silently past expensive shops begging for alms. It has the lazy charm of the bygone era combined with the verve and vivaciousness of a modern city.

Kandy

Quiet and homely, residents cluster around the economic hub that buzzes a bazaar atmosphere. Life moves sedately, though not with inactivity. Away from tourist trappings, Kandy is home to the Royal Palace and the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic.

Sigiriya

Sri Lankan architectural tradition is well displayed at Sigiriya, with its combination of buildings and gardens with their trees, pathways, water gardens, the fusion of symmetrical and asymmetrical elements, use of varying levels of radial planning. Sigiriya, the spectacular 'Lion rock' fortress, stands majestically overlooking the lush green jungle surroundings and is one of the most iconic places in Sri Lanka.

Nuwara Eliya

Nuwara Eliya is a mountain station in a splendid landscape and surrounded by lush tea plantations. The city was built during the 19th century and its architecture mimics that of an English country town, with red-brick walls, country house like hill club and mock-Tudor half-timbering. Even modern buildings are built in the same fashion to preserve Nuwara Eliya's unique atmosphere. A great place to get an insight into tea plantations, processing and packaging.

Dambulla

Dambulla is famous for the richly painted Dambulla Cave Temple, comprising of 5 caves and a picturesque facade carved into the side of a steep rock face. Temple houses ancient statues and paintings depicting the Buddha and his life.

Anuradhapura

This sacred city was established in the 3rd century B.C. and was a political and religious capital that flourished for 1300 years. Its an interesting site with its palaces, monasteries and monuments.

Yala National Park

Yala is nature reserve and a national park, consisting of light forests, scrubs,

grasslands, tanks and lagoons. The park is home to 44 varieties of mammal and 215 bird species. Among its more famous residents are the world's biggest concentration of leopards, majestic elephants, sloth bears, sambars, jackals, spotted deer, peacocks, and crocodiles. The best time to visit Yala is between February and July when the water levels of the park are quite low, bringing animals into the open. Closes from 01-30 September every year.

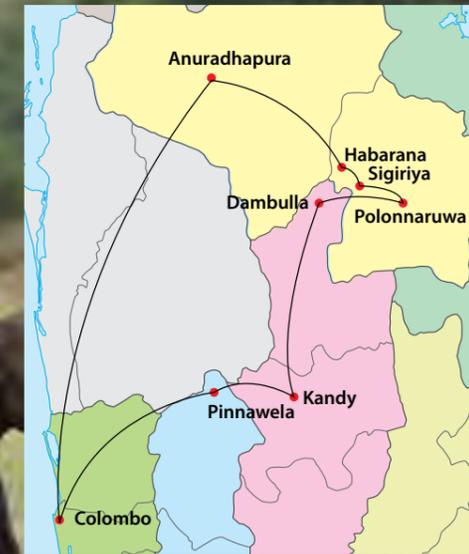
Trincomalee

Trincomalee, one of the finest natural deep-water harbours, is also home to the fine beaches of Nilaveli, Uppuveli and the off-shore Pigeon Island. Recently Trincomalee has become popular as a Whale Watching destination as well. The Dive centres at Nilaveli and Uppuveli offer tourists the opportunity to enjoy diving, snorkeling and swimming. Trincomalee is studded with a multitude of ruins of ancient Buddhist temples and is considered a major Buddhist cultural and archaeological site of Sri Lanka.



6D Heritage Tour of Sri Lanka

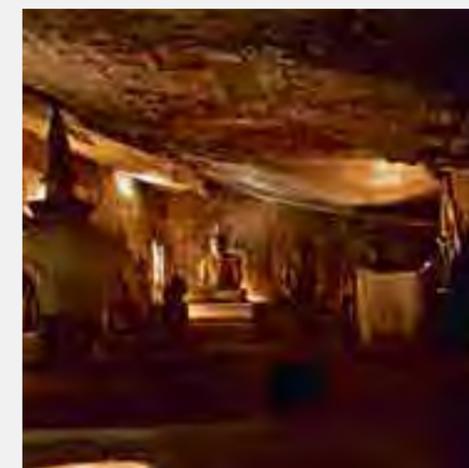
Colombo - Anuradhapura - Habarana - Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Dambulla - Kandy - Pinnawela - Colombo



Tour Highlights

- Colombo City Tour
- Ancient City of Anuradhapura
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Dambulla Caves & Temple
- Kandy Evening Tour
- Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage

Tour Price
from \$1558 NZD



This tour offers a closer look at the culture and heritage of this wonderful Indian Ocean Island. The bustling modern metropolis of Colombo, 2500 year old ancient cities and monuments, the green mist-laden heart of world renown 'Ceylon Tea' area and a number of World Heritage sites of historic importance.

Day 1: Colombo

Arrive at Colombo airport and enjoy an island tour before proceeding to Colombo city. Evening tour of Colombo, visiting Cinnamon Gardens, the Fort and Sea Street, the goldsmith's quarters in the Pettah area, the Bazaar area and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha and Independence Square.

Day 2: Colombo - Anuradhapura - Habarana

This morning, leave for ancient city of ruins - Anuradhapura. After a tour of Anuradhapura continue your drive for Habarana.

Day 3: Habarana - Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Habarana

Leave for Sigiriya and climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Proceed to Polonnaruwa, the medieval capital of Sri Lanka from 11th - 13th AD. Return to Habarana

Day 4: Habarana - Dambulla - Kandy

This morning, leave for Kandy enroute visiting Dambulla Caves & Temple. Evening tour of Kandy visiting Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum and Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Day 5: Kandy - Pinnawela - Colombo

After breakfast leave for Colombo enroute visiting the Elephant Orphanage in Pinnawela.

Day 6: Colombo

Transfer to the airport.

Included: Accommodation for 5 nights, transfers, sightseeing as indicated with English speaking driver-guide and entrances

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily

7D Highlights of Sri Lanka

Colombo – Kandy – Nuwara Eliya – Yala - Colombo



Tour Highlights

- Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic
- Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens
- Nuwara Eliya Evening Tour
- Yala National Park

Tour Price
from \$1858 NZD



Tour the highlights of Sri Lanka's 2500-year history with preserved ancient cities and monuments, UNESCO Heritage Sites, a rich culture, amazing natural landscape, inland lakes, gardens of fresh Spices, mist-laden mountains and tea estates producing world famous 'Ceylon Tea', cascading waterfalls, flowing rivers, wildlife sanctuaries and vast stretches of expansive golden beaches.

Day 1: Colombo

On arrival in Colombo you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Colombo (B)

Morning tour visiting Cinnamon Gardens, the Fort and Sea Street, the goldsmith's quarters in the Pettah area, the Bazaar area and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha and Independence Square.

Day 3: Colombo - Kandy (B)

This morning drive to Kandy enroute visiting a Spice Garden at Mawanalle. Afternoon city tour of Kandy. Visit Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum and Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Day 4: Kandy – Peradeniya - Nuwara Eliya (B)

Morning visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya, a 14th century pleasure retreat of Pandyan kings. Continue to Nuwara Eliya and in the evening enjoy a city tour of Nuwara Eliya.

Day 5: Nuwara Eliya - Yala (B)

Drive down from the mountains and to coastal Yala. Arrive in Yala National Park famous for sightings of elephants, leopard and bear and check into hotel.

Day 6: Yala - Colombo (B)

After a jeep safari in Yala National Park, drive to Colombo enroute visiting Galle Fort, a mask factory and a turtle hatchery.

Day 07: Colombo (B)

Transfer to the airport

Included: Accommodation for 6 nights, transfers, sightseeing as indicated with English speaking driver-guide and entrances

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily



Discover authentic, diverse and compact Sri Lanka. A 2500-year history with preserved ancient cities and monuments, World Heritage Sites, a rich culture, amazing natural landscape, inland lakes, gardens of fresh Spices, mist-laden mountains producing world famous 'Ceylon Tea', cascading waterfalls, flowing rivers, wildlife sanctuaries and vast stretches of expansive golden beaches.

Day 1: Colombo

On arrival in Colombo you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Colombo (B)

Morning tour visiting Cinnamon Gardens, the Fort and Sea Street, the goldsmith's quarters in the Pettah area, the Bazaar area and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha and Independence Square.

Day 3: Colombo - Yala (B)

Leave for Yala driving inland via Ratnapura. Arrive in Yala National Park famous for sightings of elephants, leopard and bear and check into hotel.

Day 4: Yala - Nuwara Eliya (B)

After a jeep safari in Yala National Park, drive to Nuwara Eliya, famous for its tea estates. Stop in Ella to enjoy spectacular views of eastern plains and visit the Haggala Botanical Gardens. Stop at a tea plantation and factory to see the processing of fresh tea. Evening tour of Nuwara Eliya.

Day 5: Nuwara Eliya (B)

Early morning visit to Horton Plains for a spectacular view of the tropical vegetation. Trek to visit Bakers Falls and 'World End' – sheer drop over 1000 meters.

Day 6: Nuwara Eliya - Kandy (B)

Depart Nuwara Eliya and visit the Royal

Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya, a 14th century pleasure retreat of Pandyan kings. Proceed to Kandy. Afternoon tour visiting Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum and Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Day 7: Kandy - Dambulla - Sigiriya (B)

Leave for Dambulla and enroute visit a spice garden in Matale. Visit to the historic Cave Temple in Dambulla before continuing to Sigiriya. In the afternoon climb the Sigiriya Rock Fortress.

Day 8: Sigiriya - Habarana - Polonnaruwa - Trincomalee (B)

Depart Sigiriya and enjoy an elephant safari through the Habarana countryside. Visit the ancient ruins of Polonnaruwa. Proceed to the re-awakened' east coast of Sri Lanka and the historic town of Trincomalee.

Day 9: Trincomalee (B)

In Trincomalee visit Fort Fredrik, Konneswaram Hindu Temple and see the well-known 'lovers leap'.

Day 10: Trincomalee - Auradhapura (B)

Leave for the historic ancient capital of Anuradhapura. Arrive and visit key historical locations in this ancient city.

Day 11: Anuradhapura - Negombo (B)

Drive along the western coastal route of the country to the beach resorts of Negombo.

12D Sri Lanka Overland

Colombo – Yala – Nuwara Eliya – Kandy – Sigiriya – Trincomalee - Auradhapura - Negombo - Colombo



Tour Price
from \$3119 NZD

Tour Highlights

- Colombo City Tour
- Yala National Park
- Nuwara Eliya Evening Tour
- Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens
- Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress.
- 'Lovers Leap'
- Ancient City of Anuradhapura
- Negombo Beach Resort

Day 12: Negombo

Transfer to airport.

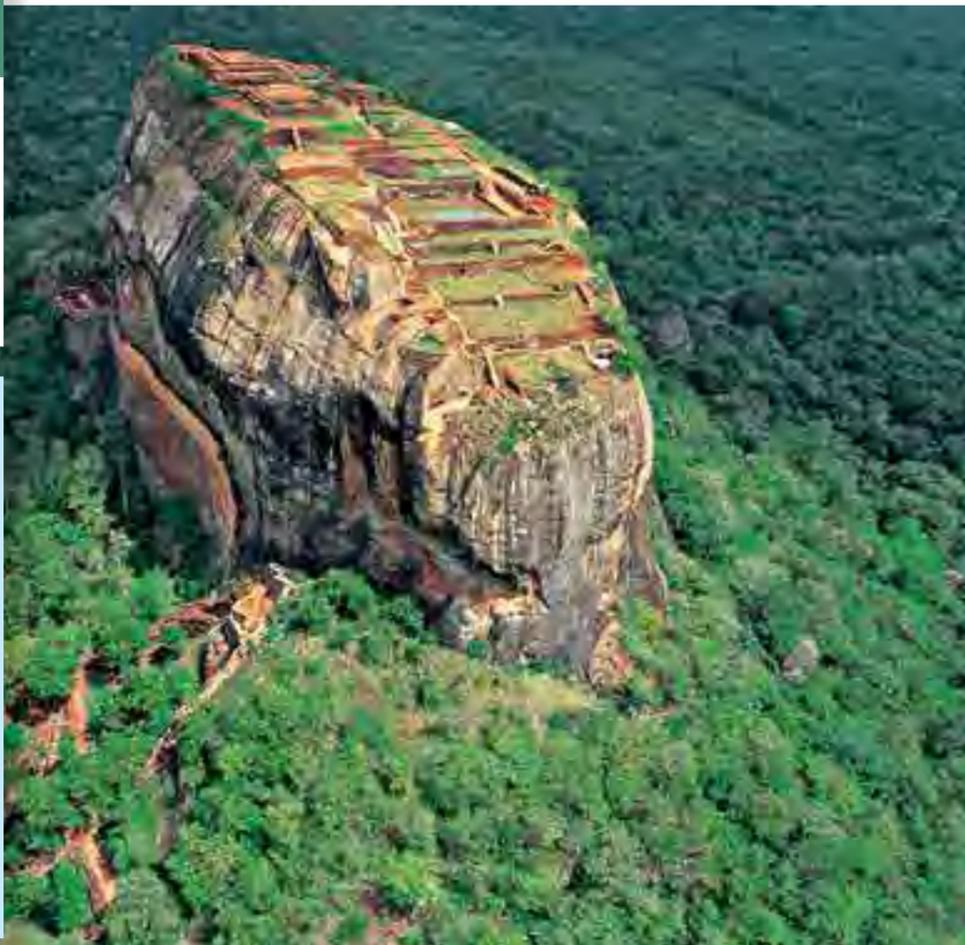
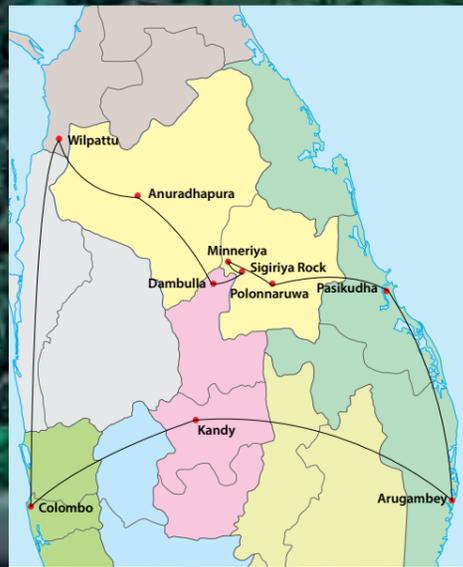
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Departs: Daily

14D Splendours of Sri Lanka

Colombo – Wilpattu – Anuradhapura – Dambulla – Sigiriya Rock – Minneriya – Polonnaruwa – Pasikudha – Arugambey – Kandy – Colombo



Experience the glamour of Sri Lanka. Once you get here, you may surprisingly find that how diversified and intriguing the Sri Lanka tours can be: from timeless UNESCO sites like Temple of Tooth & Sigiriya rock fortress, a taste of the pure Ceylon tea at idyllic tea factory, the world's most scenic journey between Kandy and Nuwara Eliya, to the up-close interaction with oodles of elephants at Pinnawala, all are indispensable elements for an unforgettable Sri Lanka travel experience. Enjoy the alluring beaches, colonial-style ports, tasty food and welcoming people there.

Day 1: Colombo

On arrival in Colombo you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Colombo (B)

Take a morning tour of Colombo visiting Fort, former British military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmith's quarters, Bazaar, a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, Dutch Church of Wolfendhal and Independence Square.

Day 3: Colombo – Pinnawala – Dambulla (B)

This morning, drive for Dambulla en route visiting Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. Pinnawala houses abandoned and wounded elephants. A unique experience visiting this place. Continue your drive to Dambulla.

Day 4: Dambulla – Sigiriya – Dambulla (B)

A day trip to Sigiriya, home to 5th century Fortress in the Sky, also known as Lion Rock because of the huge lion that used to stand at the entrance to this fortress. On its summit are the foundations of what was once a great palace and gardens. Afternoon free

Day 5: Dambulla – Anuradhapura – Dambulla (B)

Take a day trip to Anuradhapura, from where, Sinhalese Kings ruled for over 1000 years. It is the most extensive and important of the Sri Lankan ancient cities, famous for its Temples, Reservoirs, and beautifully landscaped gardens, the ruins of which still remain to this day. Return back to the hotel.

Day 6: Dambulla – Polonnaruwa – Minneriya – Dambulla (B)

Take a morning tour to visit Polonnaruwa, which has some splendid and spectacular statues. Lankatilake, Tivanka and Thuparama are the most beautiful and largest Image Houses and Tivanka has the best examples of frescoes of the Polonnaruwa period. After this visit, continue for safari in Minneriya NP.

Day 7: Dambulla – Kandy (B)

This morning drive to the Sacred City of Kandy enroute visiting the Spice Garden in Matale. This evening, you will have an insight in Sri Lankan cooking with a cooking class with Shantha Mayadunne. Blending her 30 years of experience in the field of culinary art, Shantha

Mayadunne today is a household name in Sri Lanka.

Day 8: Kandy (B)

Morning is at leisure. Afternoon commence tour visiting Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum and Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. Also visit Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya, a 14th century pleasure retreat of Pandyan kings

Day 9: Kandy – Nuwara Eliya (B)

This morning, drive to Nuwara Eliya - The 'Little England' of Sri Lanka, is set against beautiful backdrops of Mountains, Valleys, Waterfalls and Tea Plantations. All around Nuwara Eliya you will see evidence of the British influence. Rest of the day is at leisure

Day 10: Nuwara Eliya (B)

Take a morning sightseeing tour of Nuwara Eliya. A trip to the highlands of Sri Lanka is never complete without witnessing the age-old traditional tea plucking and sipping a cup of "Ceylon Tea". The areas around Nuwara Eliya also provide the main output of tea in Sri Lanka

Day 11: Nuwara Eliya – Ella – Yala (B)

Transfer to train station for a train to Ella. Upon arrival, transfer to Hotel in Yala. Rest of the day is at leisure

Day 12: Yala (B)

This morning take a Safari at Yala National Park by Jeep. This is the most famous National Park where wild animals and birds could be observed. The Wild animals include Elephants in herds of varying sizes, Leopards, Wild Boar, Wild Buffalo, Crocodiles, Peacocks, Jackal, Sloth Bear and other animals. Also take an afternoon safari in the National Park to enjoy viewing wildlife as the sun sets

Day 13: Yala (B)

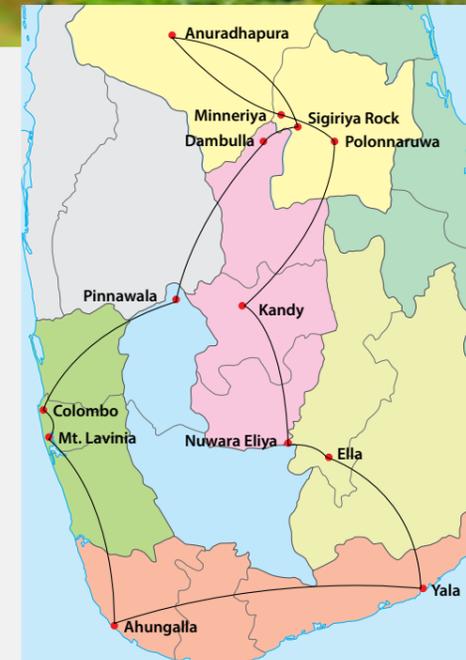
Enjoy morning and afternoon safaris in Yala National Park by a Jeep

Day 14: Yala – Galle – Ahungalla (B)

This morning drive to Ahungalla en route visiting Galle Dutch Fort. This city has the most ancient and important harbour of the country, until the Colombo Harbour was established and identified as the 'Tarshis' of the Bible.

19D Experience Sri Lanka

Colombo – Pinnawala – Dambulla – Sigiriya Rock – Anuradhapura – Minneriya – Polonnaruwa – Kandy – Nuwara Eliya – Ella – Yala – Ahungalla – Mt. Lavinia – Colombo



Tour Price

from \$4977 NZD

Day 15: Ahungalla (B)

Full day is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of the Hotel.

Day 16: Ahungalla (B)

This morning visit the Turtle Hatchery, known for its efforts to protect Sea Turtles from extinction. They have released more than 500,000 Sea Turtles to the ocean. Afternoon free

Day 17: Ahungalla (B)

Full day is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of the Hotel.

Day 18: Ahungalla – Mt. Lavinia (B)

This morning proceed to Mount Lavinia, on the edge of Colombo city. Afternoon is at leisure.

Day 19: Mt. Lavinia – Colombo (B)

Transfer to Colombo Airport

Included: Accommodation for 18 nights, transfers, sightseeing as indicated with English speaking driver-guide and entrances

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily

Tour Price from \$3189 NZD

Tour Highlights

- Ancient City of Anuradhapura
- Sigiriya Rock Fortress
- Dambulla Caves & Temple
- Beach Stay
- Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic
- Colombo City Tour

Day 1: Colombo

On arrival in Colombo you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Colombo-Wilpattu-Anuradhapura (B)

This morning drive to Anuradhapura visiting Wilpattu enroute. Wilpattu is among the oldest and most important protected areas in the country. After the visit, continue to Anuradhapura.

Day 3: Anuradhapura-Dambulla (B)

Today visit key historical locations in this ancient city, from where, Sinhalese Kings ruled for over 1000 years. It is the most extensive and important of the Sri Lankan ancient cities, famous for its Temples, Reservoirs, and

This outstanding introductory tour to Sri Lanka combines the cultural triangle's ancient cities with scenic hill country, man-made marvels and abundant wildlife. Explore Kandy, the last Sinhalese city to fall to the British, and search for leopards and sloth bears in Wilpattu National Park

beautifully landscaped gardens, the ruins of which still remain to this day. Later, leave for Dambulla.

Day 4: Dambulla-Sigiriya Rock-Dambulla (B)

This morning climb the 5th century Sigiriya rock fortress which is a world heritage site. Also visit the world-renowned frescoes of the 'Heavenly Maidens' of Sigiriya, which are in a sheltered pocket of the rock approached by a spiral stairway.

Day 5: Dambulla-Dambulla Cave-Minneriya-Dambulla (B)

This morning enjoy visiting Dambulla Cave. Later, proceed to Minneriya for a safari in Minneriya National Park before returning to Dambulla.

Day 6: Dambulla-Polonnaruwa-Pasikudha (B)

Enjoy Polonnaruwa city tour, world heritage site for its historical importance, it shows the ancient master sculpture work and irrigation systems which are still mysterious to the present world. Later, drive to Pasikudha.

Day 7: Pasikudha (B)

Free day at leisure to enjoy the lovely beaches

Day 8: Pasikudha (B)

Free day at leisure

Day 9: Pasikudha-Arugambey (B)

Drive to Arugambey. Rest of the day at leisure

Day 10: Arugambey (B)

Free day at leisure to enjoy the beach facilities

Day 11: Arugambey-Kandy (B)

Drive to Kandy. Rest of day at leisure

Day 12: Kandy (B)

Morning tour visiting Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum and Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. Also visit Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya, a 14th century pleasure retreat of Pandyan kings.

Day 13: Kandy-Colombo (B)

Drive to Colombo and enjoy visiting Cinnamon Gardens, the Fort and Sea Street, the goldsmith's quarters in the Pettah area, the Bazaar area, Dutch Church of Wolfendhal and Independence Square.

Day 14: Colombo (B)

Transfer to airport

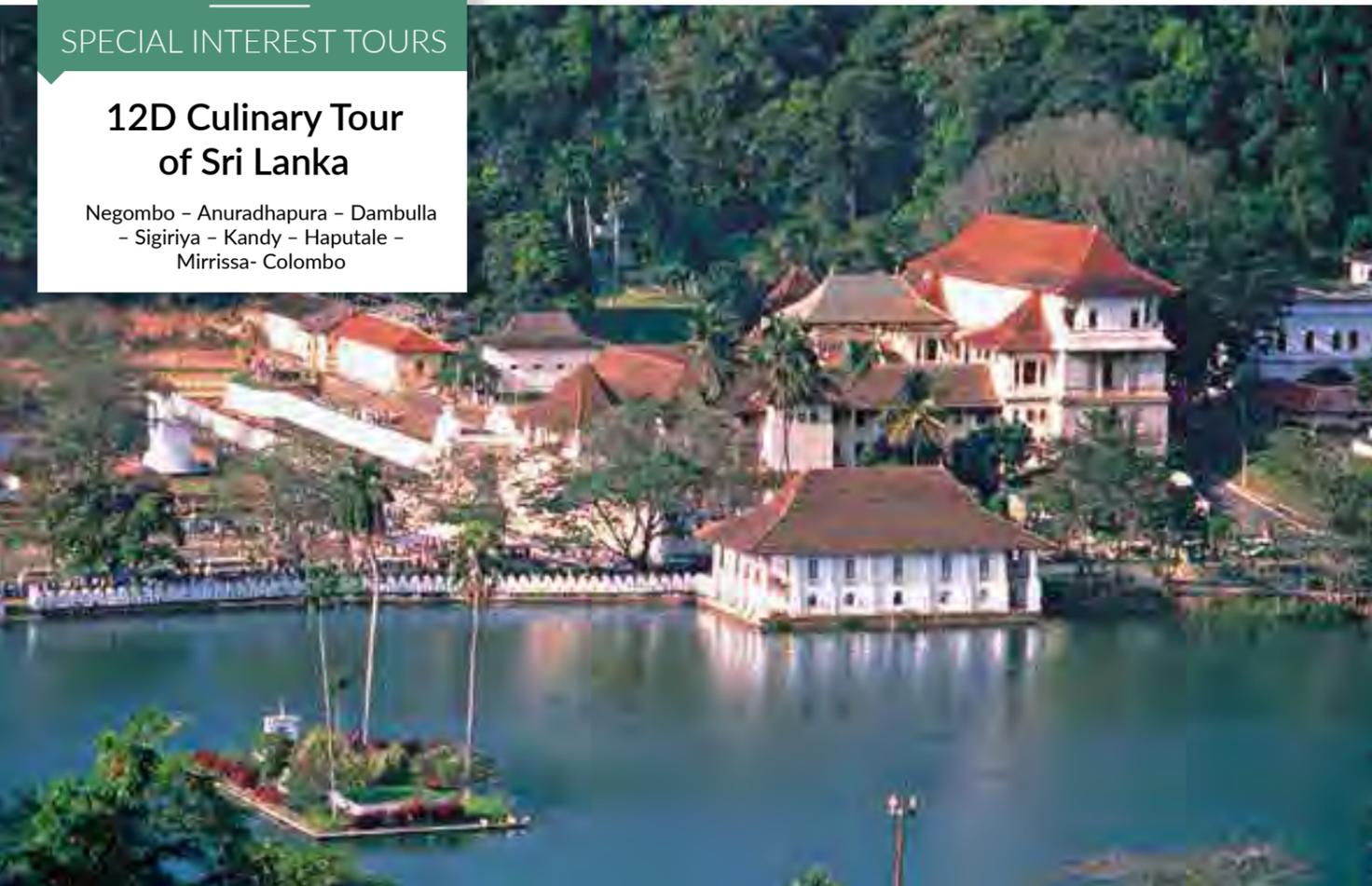
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Departs: Daily

12D Culinary Tour of Sri Lanka

Negombo - Anuradhapura - Dambulla - Sigiriya - Kandy - Haputale - Mirrissa- Colombo



Tour Price from \$3401 NZD

This trip provides food connoisseurs with a holiday spent in varied exotic locations sampling and actively participating in the excitingly delicious food-fare that the island has to offer. Savor the island's amazing gastronomical delights as you discover the heritage of this island nation.

Day 1: Negombo

On arrival in Negombo you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Negombo (B/L)

Take a city tour, lunch at a seafood restaurant, continue to coconut plantation in Maravilla and taste their fiery coconut sambal, walk through street stalls sampling traditional snacks, such as hoppers and paratha.

Day 3: Negombo - Anuradhapura (B/D)

Drive to Anuradhapura, taking a tour of Sri Lanka's small bites - delectable bite-size morsels at street food stands and hole-in the wall vendors, cycle around some of Anuradhapura's sacred sites before preparation of meal and dinner with local family.

Day 4: Anuradhapura - Dambulla (B)

Continue to Dambulla's cave temples, afternoon visit to wholesale exotic produce markets

Day 5: Dambulla - Sigiriya - Kandy (B)

Early morning drive to the top of Sigiriya for stunning views, continue to Kandy via Matale spice garden and learn about the different spices grown in the area.

Day 6: Kandy (B)

Visit colourful market, make dana (offerings) to monks, cook a meal to share with them, evening traditional Kandyan dance performance and visit Temple of the Tooth.

Day 7: Kandy - Haputale (B/L/D)

Scenic train to Haputale, stay overnight overlooking tea plantations, learn to prepare vegetables and fish the local way.

Day 8: Haputale (B/L)

Visit tea plantation, sample Tamil cuisine lunch with local family.

Day 9: Haputale - Mirrissa (B)

Visit Sinhalese family to taste traditional desserts like vadi and aluwa, continue to Mirrissa,

Day 10: Mirrissa (B)

Leisure time at beach before meeting local stilt fishermen.

Day 11: Mirrissa - Colombo (B)

Visit Galle Fort, continue to Colombo.

Day 12: Colombo (B)

Transfer to airport

Included: Accommodation for 11 nights, transfers, sightseeing and meals as indicated with English speaking driver-guide and entrances

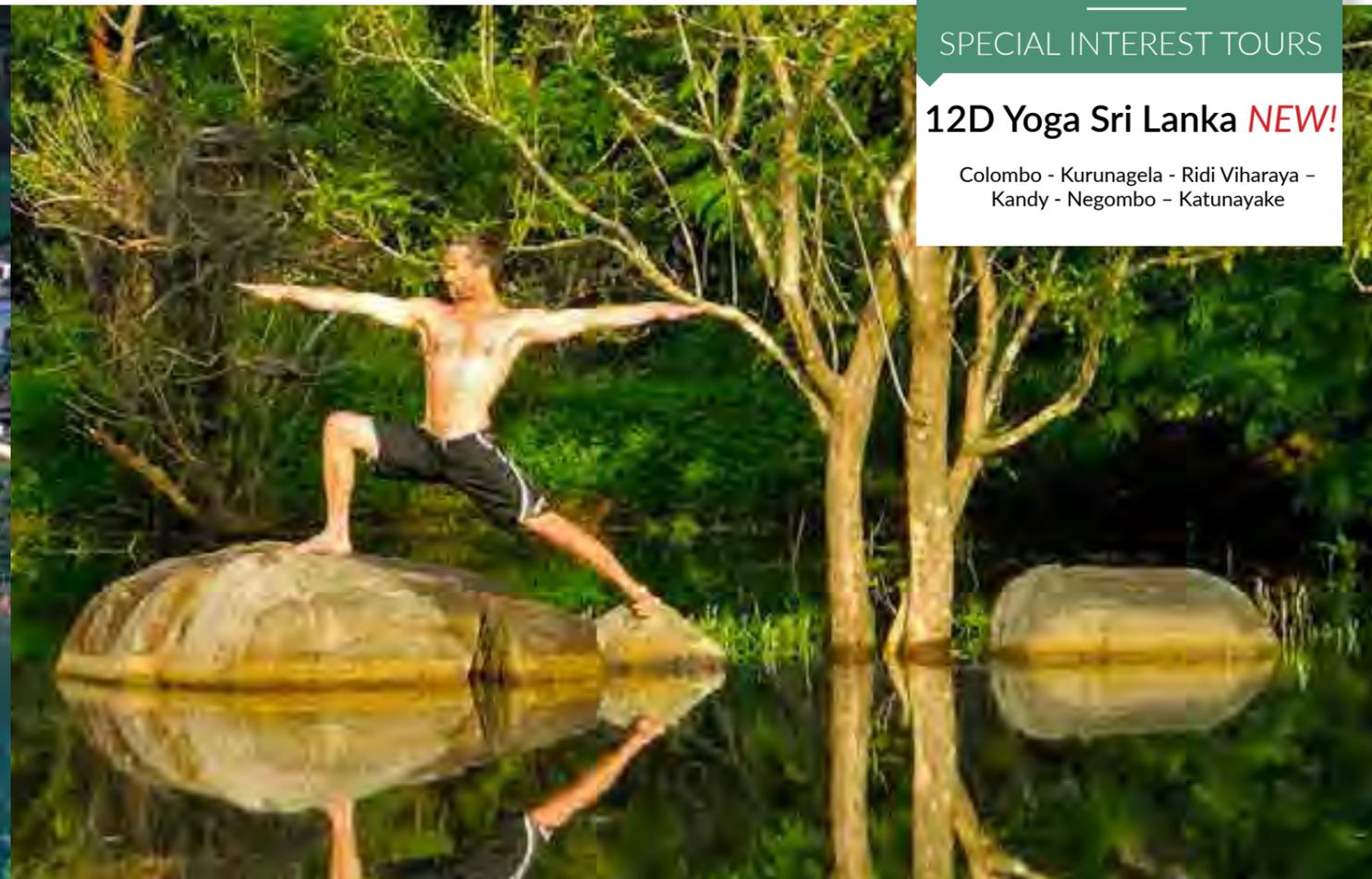
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Departs: Daily



12D Yoga Sri Lanka **NEW!**

Colombo - Kurunagela - Ridi Viharaya - Kandy - Negombo - Katunayake



Relax your mind, body & soul with this unique yoga themed tour of Sri Lanka. Take in some local sights and end your trip with some time to chill by the ocean. A treat tour for the senses.

Tour Price from \$5165 NZD

Day 1: Colombo (D)

On arrival in Colombo you will be met and transferred to your hotel. In the evening enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Day 2: Colombo - Kurunagela (B/L/D)

This morning drive to Kurunagela and check into Uloptha Resort, your home for the next 7 nights.

Day 3: Kurunagela (B/L/D)

Over your 7 night stay enjoy 2 yoga classes per day, a consultation with resident Ayurveda doctor, a full day excursion, a massage and use of bicycles, sauna, steam bath and hot water bathing areas.

Day 4: Kurunagela (B/L/D)

Relax and unwind with 2 yoga sessions and resort facilities

Day 5: Kurunagela (B/L/D)

Relax and unwind with 2 yoga sessions and resort facilities

Day 6: Kurunagela (B/L/D)

Relax and unwind with 2 yoga sessions and resort facilities

Day 7: Kurunagela (B/L/D)

Relax and unwind with 2 yoga sessions and resort facilities

Day 8: Kurunagela (B/L/D)

Relax and unwind with 2 yoga sessions and resort facilities

Day 9: Kurunagela - Ridi Viharaya - Kandy (B/D)

Morning drive to Kandy, stopping enroute at Ridi Vihara, a monastery complex and Ridi Viharaya, the Silver Temple. On arrival in Kandy, check into hotel and evening at your own leisure before dinner at your hotel.

Day 10: Kandy-Peradeniya (B/D)

After an early morning yoga session proceed to the Royal Botanical Garden Peradeniya. In the afternoon enjoy a city tour including a visit to The Temple of the Tooth Relic, Kandy Lake, town & bazaar, the Arts & Crafts Centre, museum and a Cultural Show.

Day 11: Kandy - Negombo (B/D)

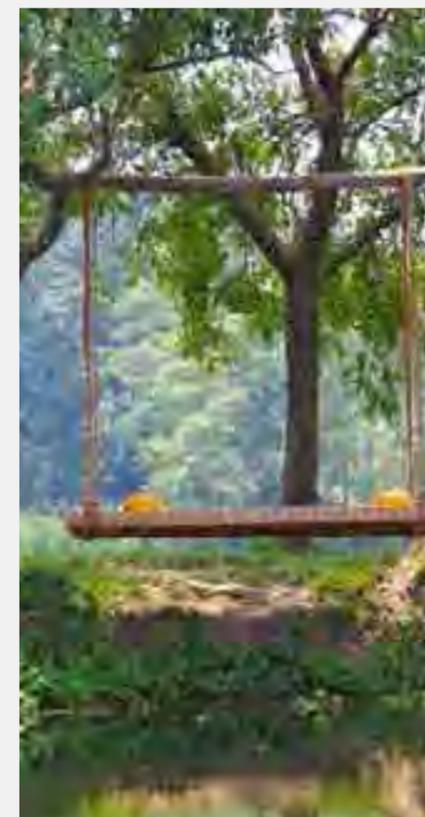
After a morning yoga session drive to Negombo, a beach resort on the coast. Check into resort and rest of the time at leisure.

Day 12: Negombo - Katunayake Airport (B)

Included: Accommodation for 11 nights, transfers, yoga sessions as listed, sightseeing as indicated with English speaking driver-guide and entrances

Excluded: International flights, visa & insurance, tipping, beverages and items of a personal nature

Departs: Daily



SRI LANKA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES

Sri Lanka Village

Tour Price

from \$284 NZD

Experience life as the locals do in a typical Sri Lankan Village while contributing to the local community.

Stay in a basic but clean and comfortable accommodation, interact and integrate with the local community joining in everyday chores with the villagers. Options include small farms, preparing food and local cottage industries.

SRI LANKA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESRekewa Turtle
Sanctuary

Tour Price

from \$70 NZD

Between January and June is peak season for turtle nesting. Depart early evening for Rekewa Turtle Sanctuary located on a stretch of protected coastline and home to 5 species of turtles. Enjoy the tour and briefing conducted in the information hut on the beach by torchlight before waiting for the nesting turtles to arrive. Sit amongst them as they dig their nest and lay over 100 eggs.

SRI LANKA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESHot Air Ballooning
(Dambulla)

Tour Price

from \$574 NZD

Watch the sun rise as you soar above the tropical forest, dramatic rock formations, ancient temples, paddy fields and wildlife in an early morning balloon ride over the cultural triangle before setting down to enjoy a tropical champagne breakfast. The trip includes transfers, balloon ride, pre-flight tea and biscuits.

SRI LANKA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES

Pigeon Island

Tour Price

from \$70 NZD

Just off the coast of Nilaveli (Trincomalee), lies Pigeon Island with fine white sand and some of Sri Lanka's best coral reefs. This protected Marine Park was once a shooting range and the turquoise waters are home to a wide array of marine life including dolphins, reef sharks, manta rays, whale and turtles and popular with divers and snorkelers.

SRI LANKA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESStilt Fishing
at Koggala

Tour Price

from \$21 NZD

A unique opportunity to join local fisherman as they balance on a narrow stilt and catch the fish that the current brings in the early morning or late afternoon.

SRI LANKA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESTrain and Trekking in
Nuwara Eliya

Tour Price

from \$38 NZD

Begin your journey with a train ride from Kandy to Nuwara Eliya, sit alongside locals and tourists as you pass through lush and tranquil countryside before trekking through the farms, colonial buildings, tea plantations and roses of the quiet, serene countryside.

SRI LANKA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESCulinary Masterclass
(Colombo)

Tour Price

from \$136 NZD

Spend 4 hours alongside a celebrity master chef as he teaches you the secrets of creating an authentic Sri Lankan feast of your choice before enjoying the fruits of your labours.

SRI LANKA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESWhale watching in
Mirissa and Kalpitiya

Tour Price

from \$74 NZD

An early morning excursion between November and April to the beach town of Mirissa to spot blue, sperm, orca and pilot whales and dolphins. February and March are the best times for spotting sperm whales, spinner dolphins and the rare humpback dolphin in Kalpitiya.

SRI LANKA

AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCESNight Cycle Tour
(Colombo)

Tour Price

from \$150 NZD

3 hour evening cycling tour departing from Independence Square and taking in the main landmarks before enjoying a dinner of street food.



Rates are per person per night based on twin share including breakfast

COLOMBO

Cinnamon Grand Colombo ★★★★★

From \$206 NZD

Location: Located in 10 acres of landscaped gardens, in the heart of Colombo's business, shopping and entertainment centre
Room amenities: Room and suites have all modern conveniences including air-conditioning, safe, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, bottled drinking water, flat screen television with satellite TV, high speed internet, 24 hour housekeeping, iron/ironing board, alarm clock, toiletries, hairdryer, bathroom, slippers, desk and complimentary local newspaper.
Facilities: Restaurants, cafes, bars, High Tea lounge, Angsana Spa, swimming pool, gym, kid's playroom, hospitality lounge for early arrivals, and business centre.

Mt Lavinia, Colombo ★★★★★

From \$156 NZD

Location: Located on the beachfront 12km south of the city of Colombo, this romantic hotel is in the coastal town of Mount Lavinia, overlooking the Indian Ocean.
Room amenities: Air-con, minibar, Satellite TV, hairdryer, complimentary newspaper.
Facilities: Restaurants, beach bar, 24 hour room service, gym, swimming pool.

SIGIRIYA

Chaaya Village Habarana ★★★★★

From \$162 NZD

Location: Sprawled across 27 acres of luxuriant land bordering a stunning lake. Habarana is situated 176 km from Colombo in the heart of Sri Lanka's cultural triangle.
Room amenities: The hotel's cozy cottages, inspired by the typical thatched roof huts found locally, lie in clusters with low roofs and brownish yellow exteriors. The paint used is specially mixed with mud, in true native fashion, to ensure the facade is in harmony with nature.
Feature mini bar, cable TV, toiletries and tea/coffee facilities.
Facilities: Restaurant, coffee shop and bar.

Cinnamon Lodge Habarana

From \$195 NZD

Location: In the heart of Sri Lanka's world famous cultural triangle of Kandy-Anuradhapura-Polonnaruwa. Set in 27 acres, shielded by over 1700 tall trees, surrounded by three nature reserves-Ritigala, Minneriya and Kaudulla.
Room & Amenities: Rooms and suites feature all modern conveniences including air-conditioning, safe, mini bar, tea/coffee facilities, bottled drinking water, IDD telephone, flat screen satellite TV, 24 hour room service, 24 hour hot/cold running water in bathroom, iron/ironing board, alarm clock, umbrellas, toiletries, hairdryer, desk, aroma oil burner and verandah with chairs/table.
Facilities: Restaurants, bar, Azmaara Spa, swimming pool, library, business centre and gift shop.

KANDY

Amaya Hills ★★★★★

From \$130 NZD

Location: A cool retreat perched high above Kandy, a city renowned as the most beautiful in Sri Lanka. Amaya Hills

overlooks the forest-covered hills of Heerasasagala and is 7 kms from the heart of Kandy.

Room amenities: 91 rooms and suites with balcony and valley or mountain views, featuring air-conditioning, cable television, minibar and coffee making facilities.
Facilities: Restaurant, bar, tea room, nightclub, Ayurvedic Spa, swimming pool, billiards lounge, squash court, gym, shopping arcade, Wi-Fi access, 24 hour room service, laundry service, currency exchange, IDD facilities and safety lockers.

NUWARA ELIYA

Heritage Tea Factory ★★★★★

From \$354 NZD

Location: It's a theme hotel located on a 25-acre lush green tea estate 6,800 ft above sea level, and maintains the authentic atmosphere of living in a tea factory. The hotel began as a factory built during British Raj and has been converted while preserving much of the original style and machinery.
Room amenities: 57 luxurious colonial style rooms with views of tea plantations featuring heating, satellite television, minibar, coffee/tea facilities, bathtub, shower and toiletries.
Facilities: 3 restaurants, bar, Spa, Wi-Fi, concierge, currency exchange, library, 24 hour room service, safety deposit box, laundry, gym and children's play area.

BEACH RESORTS

Jetwing Blue, Negombo ★★★★★

From \$205 NZD

Location: Standing tall among the many hotels in the iconic coastal town of Negombo is Jetwing Blue. Conveniently located 38km north of Colombo and approximately 20 minutes away from the airport, this luxury beach hotel is the popular choice of discerning travellers.
Room amenities: Rooms & suites featuring private terrace or balcony with ocean view, WIFI, air-conditioning, cable TV, minibar, tea/coffee facilities, IDD telephone, safety deposit box, toiletries and hairdryer.
Facilities: Restaurant, bar, grill, beach dining, 2 swimming pools, spa, gym, jewellery shop and room service.

Vivanta by Taj, Bentota ★★★★★

From \$265 NZD

Location: Set along one of the finest beach on the south west coast, just 62 kms south of Colombo.
Room amenities: 163 rooms with private sit outs, telephone, minibar, tea/coffee maker, 24 hour room service, satellite television, safe, toiletries and 24 hour in room dining.
Facilities: Restaurants, lounge, terraced infinity pool with a sunken bar, nightclub, fitness centre, concierge service and Jiva Spa.

AHUNGALLE

Heritage Ahungalla ★★★★★

From \$223 NZD

Location: Set on the famous beach, and surrounded by thick coconut groves, just 76 kms from Colombo.
Room amenities: 154 elegantly decorated rooms with a choice of bathrooms fitted with luxurious rain shower, bathtub or Jacuzzi. Rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, digital safe, mini bar, tea/coffee facility, telephone, hair dryer and toiletries.
Facilities: 3 restaurants, 5 bars, room service, library, Jacuzzi, laundry service, shopping arcade, fitness centre, swimming pool, spa and Wi-Fi Internet.

Maldives

If relaxing on a sandy white beach surrounded by palm trees, deep blue seas and turquoise reefs sounds like your kind of holiday then the Maldives are where you should be. With over 105 resort islands and a range of hotel options, Maldives offers a sun holiday like no other. The islands are surrounded by thousands of reefs allowing the opportunity to enjoy some of the world's best snorkelling, swimming and diving. The weather is almost always warm and sunny and it's culture eclectic.

On arrival in Male, the capital and main gateway to the Maldives, transfer options to the islands include speedboat or seaplane either provided privately or by the resorts themselves. Resorts will provide all meal options with either full board or all inclusive options (incl. beverages and snacks).

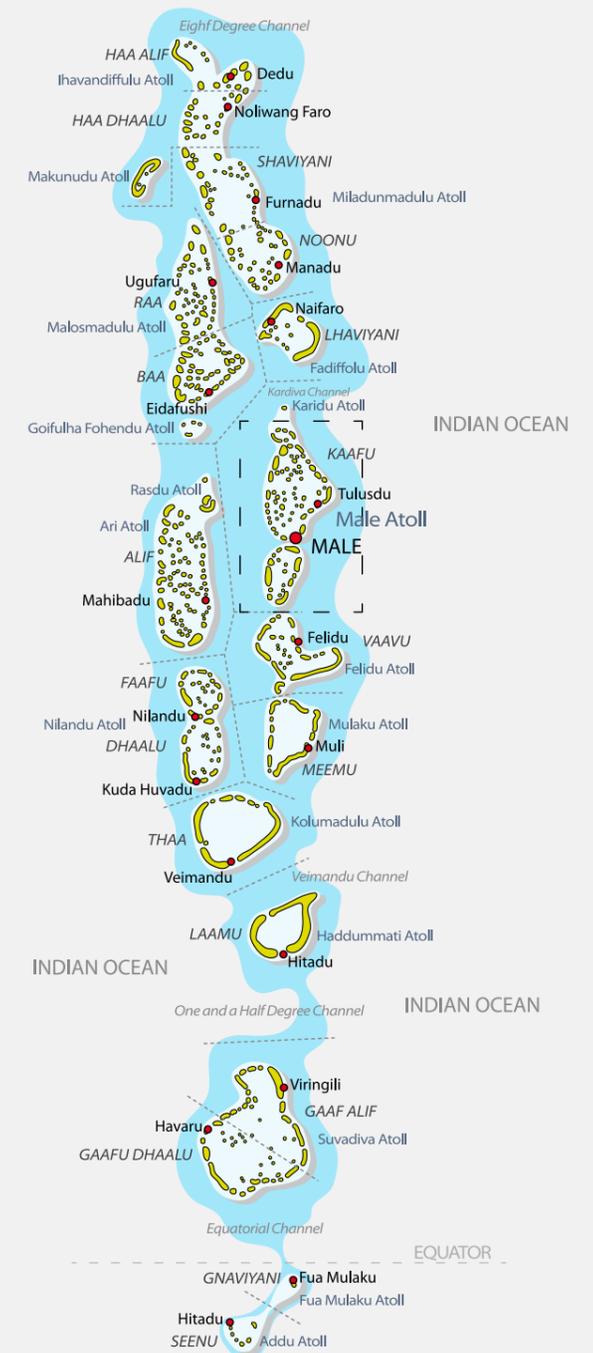
Things to do include water sports, diving, surfing, snorkelling, spa retreats, night fishing or island visits. Of course relaxing and unwinding is one of the most popular activities here.

Maldives hotels specialise in honeymoon and wedding anniversary packages. There are few places in the world more romantic and spectacular to celebrate than here. Please contact us for more details!

TRANSFER OPTIONS

Seaplane: Available for flights arriving in Male after 8am and before 5pm, some resorts offer transfer by seaplane to the hotel. This is a quicker option by resorts located on atolls further from the airport. Catching a seaplane is a rare treat that adds an extra layer to your experience of the Maldives by putting its unique geography into perspective through cottony layers of cloud. Flying over the islands at low heights you can see the shapes of reefs and colours of shallow waters around every island, and, if your trip is timely, perhaps even a couple of dolphins crossing the atolls channels.

Speedboat: Travelling by speedboat is on its own a fun adventure too! As it roars cleanly over the deep blue water, you feel the salt on your lips, the sun on your face, and the wind tugging on your hair. Dhoni, the local boat used for travelling by locals is most gentle but by no means a less enjoyable means of getting to where you want to. Speedboat departures run day and night.



Maldives Hotels - Rates are per person per night based on twin share including breakfast

Sun Island Resort and Spa ★★★★★



Beach Bungalow Half Board

From \$138 NZD
Return transfer by domestic flight from \$448 NZD

Location: Situated on beautiful island of Ari Atoll, it enjoys an idyllic setting immersed in natural tropical beauty. Just 200 metres from the beach where one can explore the reef and its cacophony of vibrant colour and abundant sea life.
Rooms & Amenities: All rooms offer satellite TV, private terrace, mini bar, IDD telephone, room safe, sitting area and fully air conditioned.
Facilities: 5 Restaurants including a beach BBQ grill, bar, coffee shop & bar, water sports, library, spa, hot tub, swimming pool, land sports, kids pool, beach & poolside bar, garden and nightclub,

Royal Island Resort & Spa ★★★★★



Beach Villa Half Board

From \$188 NZD
Return transfer by domestic flight from \$448 NZD

Location: Set in a crystal clear lagoon surrounded by a coral garden at the heart of Baa Atoll
Rooms & Amenities: Rooms offering terrace with beach view,

sun beds, outdoor showers private entrance, TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker and safety deposit box.
Facilities: Restaurants, Coffee shop, poolside bar, kids pool, BBQ service, swimming pool, spa, gym, garden, land and water sports.

Sheraton Maldives Full Moon ★★★★★



Water Villa B&B

From \$1286 NZD
Return transfer by speedboat from \$240 NZD

Location: The hotel borders the beach and lies 7 km from the airport and offers something for everyone. Guests will feel they belong here from the moment they step into this warm, tropical oasis. Spacious and ideally located around the island, each room offers privacy and convenient access to the beach and lagoon.
Rooms & Amenities: All of the Villas offering terrace or balcony view, outdoor showers, Wi-Fi, TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker and safety deposit box.
Facilities: Facilities include restaurants, Coffee shop, poolside bar, kids pool, BBQ service, swimming pool, spa, gym, library, garden, land and water sports

Cinnamon Dhonveli ★★★★★



Superior Room Half Board

From \$272 NZD
Return transfer by speedboat from \$306 NZD

Location: A 25-minute speedboat ride from Male, Dhonveli's proximity and diversity combine to make it one of the most popular destinations in the Maldives. The island is constantly buzzing with action as divers, surfers and beach goers alike find a common ground in the world of excitement this little island has to offer.
Rooms & Amenities: Bungalows, suites and rooms offering satellite TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea & coffee maker and safely deposit box.
Facilities: Facilities include 3 restaurants & bars, 24 hour room service, spa, swimming pool, private dining and surfing

Adaaran Prestige Vadoo ★★★★★



Sunrise Water Villas B&B

From \$636 NZD
Return transfer by speedboat from \$260

Location: As the gateway to the South Atolls, Vadoo possesses its own exotic reef teeming with vibrant aquatic flora and fauna. Awarded as the World's Leading Water Villa retreat at the World Travel Awards in 2010, Adaaran Prestige Vadoo is a luxurious Maldives Island resort that stands out amongst the best
Rooms & Amenities: Water villas offering the best in service and style. Villas offer mini bar, sun deck, private dining, satellite TV, tea & coffee maker, safety deposit box, internet connection and direct access to ocean.
Facilities: Facilities include 2 restaurants & 2 bars, spa, swimming pool, gym, beach volleyball, snorkelling and diving,

Adaaran Prestige Water Villas ★★★★★



Water Villas All Inclusive

From \$749 NZD
Return transfer by seaplane from \$699 NZD

Location: Enclosed by white stretches of sandy beach and crystal clear azure waters Adaaran Prestige Water Villas is situated on the coral island of Meedhupparu in the Raa Atoll. The perfect gateway offering unparalleled luxury and pampering for the most discerning travellers provide a relaxing and carefree vacation.
Rooms & Amenities: Water villas offering the best in service and style. Villas offer mini bar, sun deck, satellite TV, tea & coffee maker, safety deposit box, internet connection and direct access to ocean.
Facilities: Facilities include restaurant, spa, sauna, steam room & gym, swimming pool, table tennis, beach volleyball, tennis, jet ski, water skiing, wind surfing, snorkelling and diving,

Adaaran Select Meedhupparu ★★★★★



Beach Villa All Inclusive

From \$282 NZD
Return transfer by seaplane from \$699

Location: With air-conditioned villas located directly on the white sandy beaches of Raa Atoll, this hotel provides a warm setting with panoramic views of the horizon. Surrounded by native flora, white sandy beaches and calm azure seas, this hotel is ideal for nature lovers, divers and adventurous travellers.
Rooms & Amenities: Beach villas offering satellite TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea & coffee maker and safely deposit box.
Facilities: Facilities include restaurant, spa, sauna, steam room & gym, swimming pool, table tennis, beach volleyball, tennis, jet ski, water skiing, wind surfing, snorkelling and diving.

Centara Grand Island Resort & Spa ★★★★★



Hotel Beds Beach Suite All Inclusive

From \$772 NZD
Return transfer by seaplane from \$863 NZD

Location: Delivering the ultimate in barefoot luxury, the Centara Grand Island Resort & Spa is located amongst the tropical islands in the South Ari Atoll. A rich house reef complemented by a dedicated sunken ship wreck and easy access to the top dive spots make the resort perfect for divers.
Rooms & Amenities: 112 suites and villas offering satellite TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, Wi-Fi, tea & coffee maker and safely deposit box.
Facilities: Facilities include 3 restaurants, 2 bars & lounge bar, kids club and swimming pool, island club, water sports, spa, swimming pool, business centre and medical facility.

Paradise Resort & Spa ★★★★★



Superior Beach Bungalow Half Board
From \$207 NZD
Return transfer by speedboat from \$208 NZD

Location: Located in North Male's Atoll, with beaches all around boasting excellent marine life, this resort is just at a distance of 9.6 kilometers from the airport.
Rooms & Amenities: All villas and suites offer air conditioning, Wi-Fi, private terrace with serene ocean views, satellite TV, a safe, refrigerator & tea/coffee maker.
Facilities: 4 restaurants, bar, fitness centre, water sports, spa, diving

Bandos Island Resort & Spa ★★★★★



Classic Room B&B
From \$226 NZD
Return transfer by speedboat from \$154 NZD

Location: This suburb beach resort is beautifully set amidst rustling palm trees fringing the pristine seafront in the Maldives. The hotel is just a 15 minutes' speedboat ride from male and Male international airport
Rooms & Amenities: 215 villas & rooms offer satellite TV, Wi-Fi, minibar, air-con, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker, safety deposit box
Facilities: 2 restaurants, café, bar & pool bar, fitness centre, outdoor pool, land and water sports, spa, kids club, children's playground and business centre

Angsana Velavaru ★★★★★



Hotel Beds Villa Beach Front Bed & Breakfast
From \$605 NZD
Return transfer by seaplane from \$835 NZD

Location: Located on its own tropical paradise this resort is filled with tropical palm trees and surrounded by white sandy beaches. It is only a picturesque 45 minute flight from Male
Rooms & Amenities: Villas offer indoor and outdoor showers, Wi-Fi, LCD TV, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker electronic safe and wooden outdoor deck
Facilities: Restaurant & bar, fitness centre, outdoor pool, dive centre, water sports, craft shop, kids club, spa

Coco Bodu Hithi ★★★★★



Villa Bed & Breakfast
From \$1187 NZD
Return transfer by speedboat from \$224 NZD

Location: This breathtaking and luxurious hotel is located in the North Male Atoll only a 40 minute speedboat ride from the international airport. The island, surrounded by a white sandy beach and clear blue waters will leave guests speechless.
Rooms & Amenities: Villas offer air-con, Wi-Fi, LCD TV, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker, safe, minibar
Facilities: Restaurants & bars, fitness centre, spa, beauty salon, outdoor pool, yoga sessions, water sports, diving

JA Manafaru



JA Manafaru ★★★★★
Bungalow Beach Front Bed & Breakfast
From \$976 NZD
Return transfer by seaplane from \$1086 NZD

Location: On the northern most Haa Alif private island, this hotel is situated on 35 acres of peaceful white sandy beach providing the utmost in luxury
Rooms & Amenities: Villas and suites offer private pools, air-con, Wi-Fi, satellite TV, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker, safe, minibar
Facilities: 4 restaurants, wine bar, bar & lounge, 3 pools, water & land sports, fitness centre, library & gaming zone, kids club, diving & marine centre

Angsana Ihuru ★★★★★



Beach Front Bed & Breakfast
From \$804 NZD
Return transfer by speedboat from \$274 NZD

Location: With its canopy of palm trees and surrounding gorgeous white beach, Angsana Ihuru conforms exactly to the tropical island stereotype and often features in photographs

publicizing the Maldives.
Rooms & Amenities: Villas offer private gardens, Wi-Fi, flat screen TV, tea/coffee maker, electronic safe and outdoor wooden swing
Facilities: Restaurant & bar, fitness centre, outdoor pool, diving, water sports, spa, gift shop & business services

Lily Beach Resort & Spa ★★★★★



Villa Seaview All Inclusive
From \$1068 NZD
Return transfer by seaplane from \$599 NZD

Location: Located at Huvahendhoo, this resort is reputable for having pristine beaches and lush tropical vegetation. The exotic house reef is just a few metres away. Its ideal location within the popular Ari Atoll promises the most exclusive dive sites all around.
Rooms & Amenities: Villas & suites offer private deck or terrace with access to lagoon air conditioning, satellite TV, safe, tea/coffee maker & minibar
Facilities: 4 restaurants, 3 bars, spa, gym, kids club, children's playground & pool, diving, water sports

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