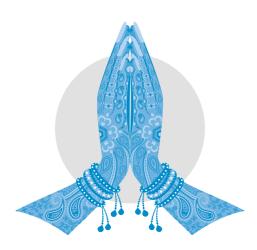


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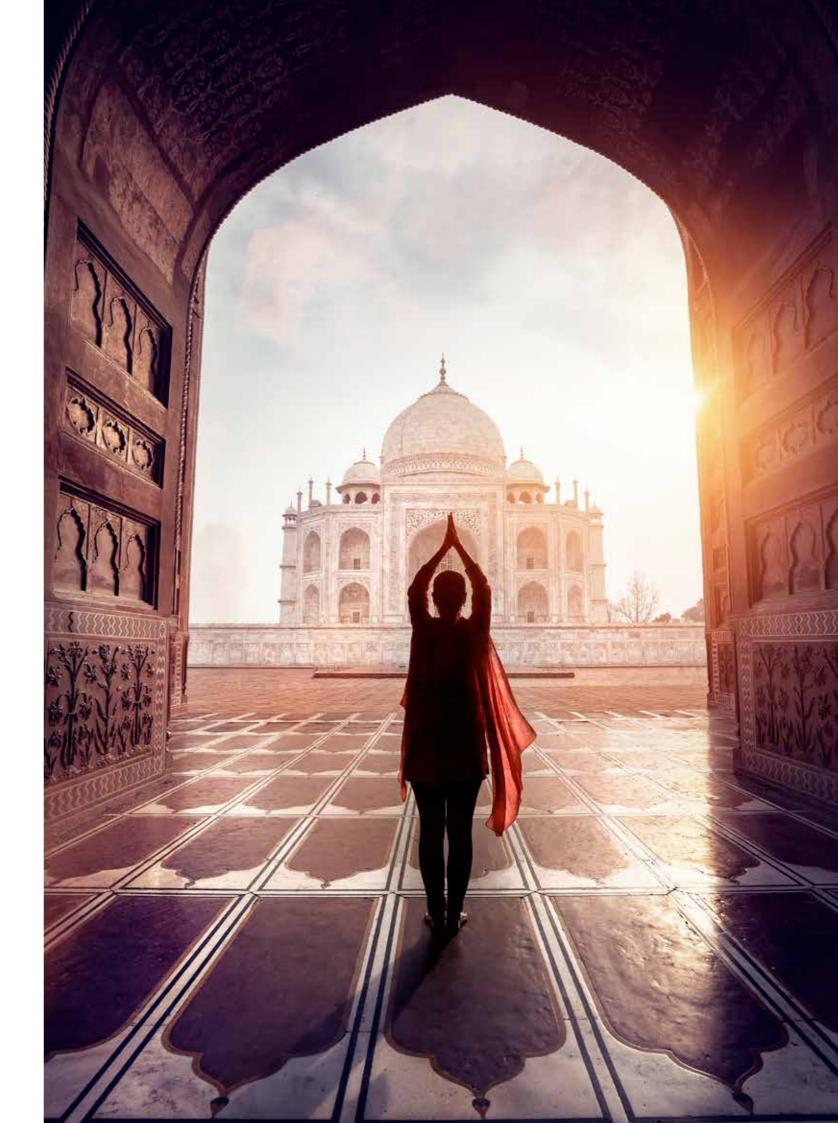
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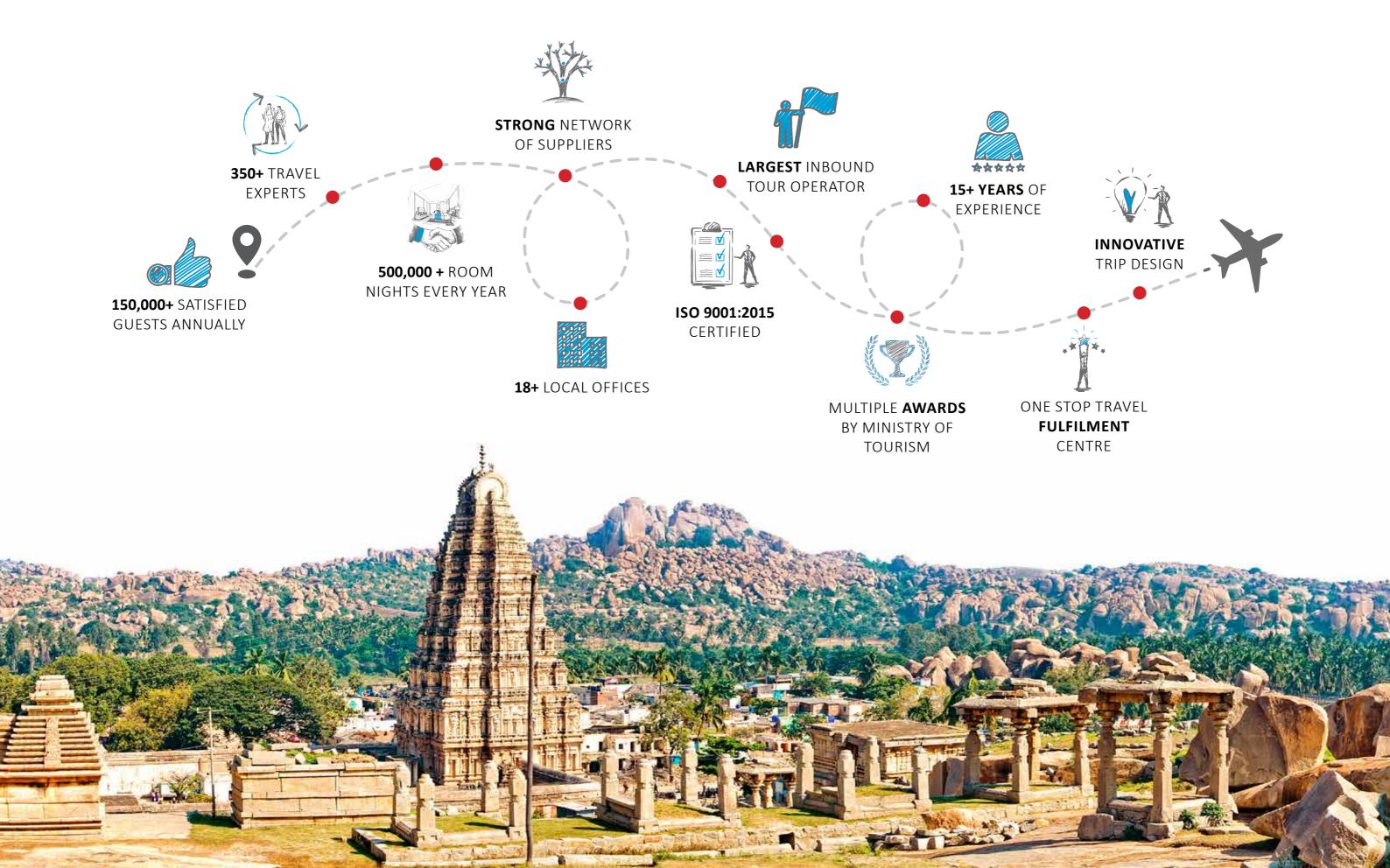
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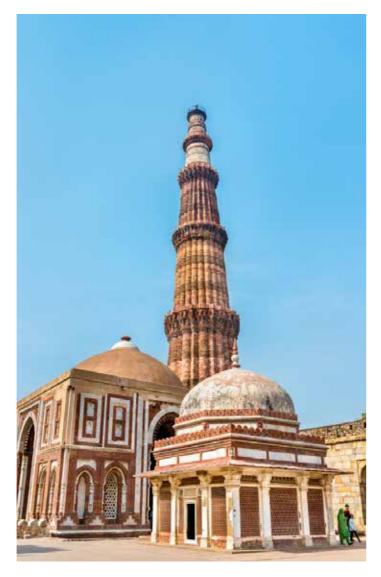
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# Why Travel with LPTI



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India is truly incredible. From stupendous UNESCO
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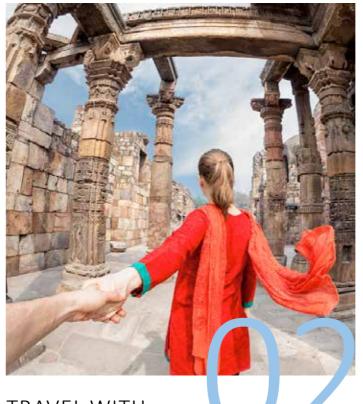




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We are constantly innovating to provide the best products in the market. Our dedicated product development team and our Pan India office network work together to continuously create and scout for new innovative products. We offer a wide array of products through specialised platforms such as luxury, wildlife and adventure, heritage tours and a lot more. In our quest for constant innovation, we strive to offer fresh new unique experiences during your travel. Our dedicated product development team and Pan India office network are always at work to add that extra zing to your experience.



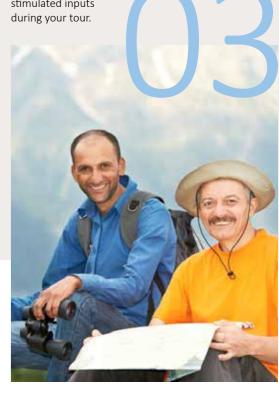
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While today, under the new normal, travellers will most likely prefer to explore India in small groups, our extensive experience also shows that quite a few visitors love to travel independently or in the company of their own travel mates. Besides making it safer for health concerns, we understand that this is also conducive for privacy. So, we have ensured that you enjoy lots of blissful moments with your near and dear ones, without bothering about travelling with strangers. Of course, help will always be near at hand, but it will be absolutely non-intrusive.



# WE HAVE OUR OWN GUIDE PANEL AND TRAINING ACADEMY

Our training academy covers our operational teams, guides, escorts and drivers across India. This ensures that our colleagues are well-versed as they have undergone rigorous educational and product development trainings. In fact, we have a highly dedicated destination-specific guide empanelment program and in-depth training processes. Our panel includes talented speakers, authors, wildlife experts and historians to offer stimulated inputs



ENJOY LOTS OF BENEFITS

Our client dedicated key account management teams specialise in various languages and caters to the specific needs of our clients. Our teams are well versed in a number of regional as well as global languages. We also have a fine modern transport fleet of GPS-fitted vehicles across India. Also, our Wi-Fi equipped vehicles ensure seamless connectivity with clients.

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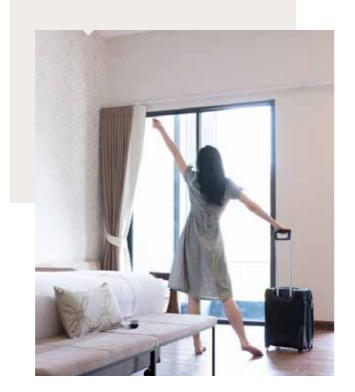
#### MEET AND GREET SERVICES

Representatives will wear masks and gloves, and won't accompany guests to hotels. There will be 'no garlanding' or 'aarti tikka', and 'Namaste' will be the standard greeting at every touch point. Welcome travel kits will be e-mailed to guests before travel, and no printed documents will be given. A 'covid protection kit' will be available for travellers at a supplement and our partners may opt for the same.



#### **HOTEL SELECTION**

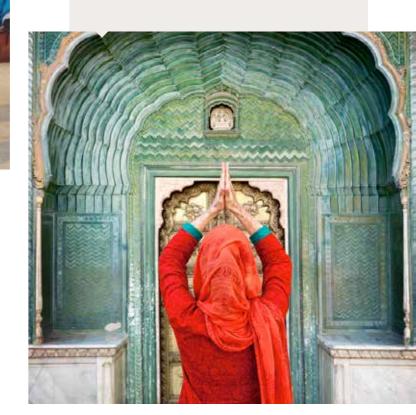
We will select hotels that strictly abide abide temperature checks of guests and staff and also



by the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Tourism, and also follow our own health and safety protocols. These include, daily ensuring a distance of at least six feet during interactions with guests. Reception areas must have two-meter distance markings to ensure safe check in. Rooms should have a buffer of 24 hours between each check in and check out. Staff need to use masks, gloves and sanitizers. These are just some of the points of our hotel selection policy.

#### SIGHTSEEING

Visiting crowded places will be avoided. Similarly, special experiences such as village walks, school and community centre visits, interaction with artisans, and cooking with a family will be suspended until further notice. All guidelines as issued and mandated by state tourism boards, Ministry of Tourism and the Archaeological Survey of India (AS I) will be strictly followed.



# **GUIDES AND TRAVEL ESCORTS**

They will also play a major role in the new normal. All guides will have to don masks and gloves, while maintaining adequate distance during tours. Guides will meet guests at the monument, unless it's absolutely necessary to visit the hotel and/ or travel with guests.



### **REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND** OTHER SERVICES

Guests will also be registered on Aarogya Setu - a mobile app developed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. This app alerts users if they pass within six feet of an infected person and also has a plethora of other features. Room drops and gifts will be avoided. Refillable sanitized water bottles (message in a bottle) will be provided on arrival and feedback will be collected electronically.

precision. The helper will be equipped with disposable gloves and masks before the sanitization process. The driver and crew – helper & cleaner – shall wear mask while travelling and in public places for their as well as our guests' safety. Face shields will be used by driver and helper for the intercity transfer and long tours.

Keeping in mind the need for social distancing, each

vehicle will only utilize 50% of the seating capacity to

maintain safe distance between the travellers. All the

vehicles will be sanitized thoroughly post every usage.

Mirrors, documents pouch etc – will be sanitized with

All the frequently touched spots, such as window

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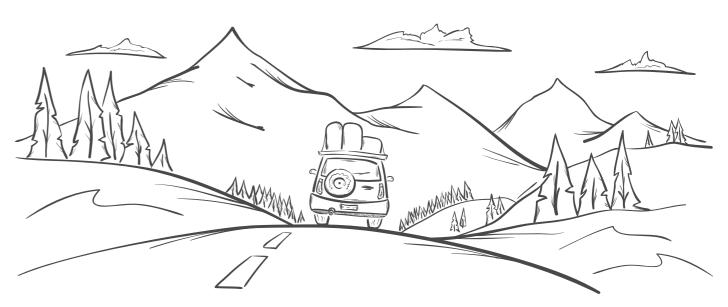
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# Mandawa, Bikaner & Jaipur



04 NIGHTS / 05 DAYS PDELHI – MANDAWA – BIKANER - JAIPUR - DELHI



#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

Bikaner and Mandawa are renowned for their extraordinary painted havelis (traditional Indian mansions) and dazzling murals. These charming destinations still exude the relaxed vibe of a small town charm, striking fine contrast to the hustle and bustle of Jaipur. Discover the highlights of these three cities on this 4 night / 5 day tour.

#### DAY BY DAY

# DAY 01: DELHI - MANDAWA (260 KMS - 6

The drive from Delhi to Mandawa takes approx. six hours, excluding stops. On arrival, check in to your hotel.

Post lunch, stroll down the meandering small lanes of this ancient town and visit the famous havelis (traditional Indian mansions) such as Hanuman Prasad Goenka Haveli, Goenka Double Haveli and Mohan Lal Saraf Haveli. Each of these havelis reflect the opulence of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries and have differing themes such as religion, wedding processions and fairs etc.

You may also visit various cenotaphs of the ancestors of the royal family members of Mandawa and stroll through the colourful

Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 2 -MANDAWA - BIKANER (200 KMS -3 HRS.30 MINS)

After a relaxed morning, drive to Bikaner and check in to your hotel.

There is a lot to see in Bikaner. Start your tour by visiting the Karni Mata, also known as the Temple of Rats, famous for thousands of black rats living there. Next, stop at the Junagarh Fort, a magnificent structure built in 1588 AD. The fort complex comprises a plethora of palaces, built by different rulers. Also, stop at Lalgarh Palace and Museum, where you will join a heritage walk tour. The last stop today is at the National Research Centre on Camel. The centre also has a museum and an ice cream parlour. where goodies made from camel milk are

Return to your hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel. (B)

#### DAY 03: BIKANER - JAIPUR (260 KMS - 4 HRS. 30 MINS.)

Drive to Jaipur and check in to your hotel. No activities envisaged today. Overnight stay at the hotel. (B)

#### DAY 04: JAIPUR

After breakfast, drive to the Hawa Mahal for a photo stop, before proceeding to Amer Fort.



\The weather-beaten façade of the nearly 420-year old Amer Fort belies the elegant beauty of its majestic interiors. Some of the most spectacular structures are 'Diwan-i-Aam', 'Sheesh Mahal', and 'Sukh Mahal'.

After visiting Amer Fort, head to the Jantar Mantar – one of the world's largest observatories. Many of the huge ancient instruments here are still in working condition.

Next, visit the City Palace. It's a blend of Mughal, Rajput and European architectural styles as it was built by different succeeding rulers. The Chandra Mahal (Moon Palace)

here has been turned into a museum. Now, head to Chaura Rasta, known for branded showrooms and antique bookstores. Continue through the famous Bapu bazaar and Johri bazaar. Return to your hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel. (B)

#### DAY 05: JAIPUR – DELHI (275 KMS – 5 HRS.30 MINS)

Check out at Noon and post lunch drive back to Delhi to catch your flight (suggested timing should be evening) for your onwards





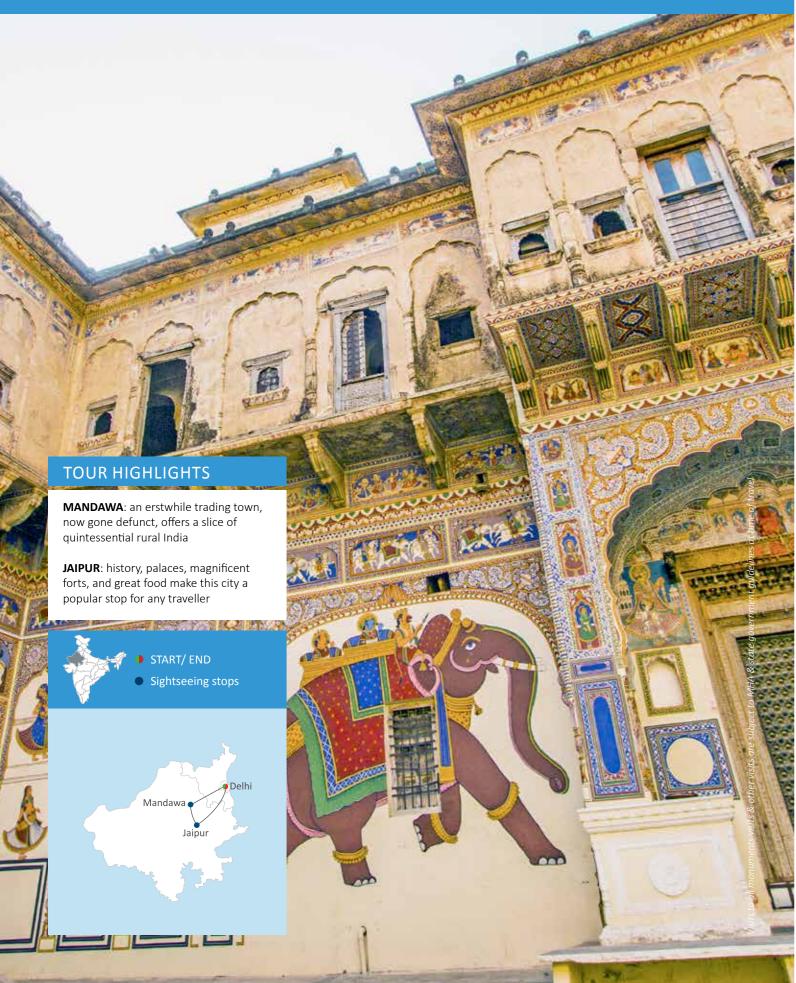




# Mandawa & Jaipur Getaway

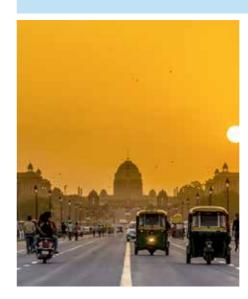






#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

Located in the Shekawati region, Mandawa is a charming 18th-century settlement that exudes a laidback small-town vibe and makes for an ideal destination to explore havelis (traditional Indian mansions) and murals. Combined with Jaipur, where on one hand, the city's majestic historical landmarks transports you to the past, and on the other hand, the hustle and bustle of the markets, sprawling malls, and modern wonders brings you back on a rollercoaster-like ride to the present, this 3 nights/4 days tour is a perfect getaway for any travel enthusiast.



#### DAY BY DAY

## DAY 01: DELHI – MANDAWA (260 KMS – 6

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Overnight stay at the hotel.

# DAY 02: MANDAWA – JAIPUR (180 KMS – 3

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Spend the rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

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#### DAY 04: JAIPUR - DELHI (275 KMS - 5 HRS. **30 MINS)**

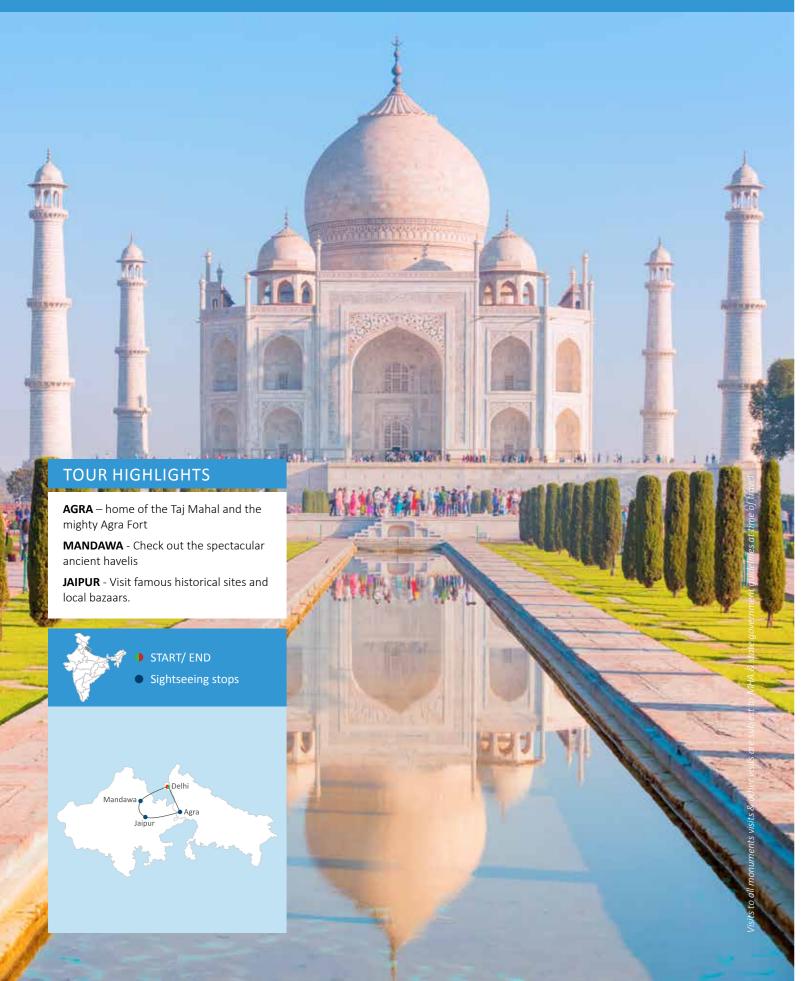
The morning is at leisure. Check out at Noon and post lunch drive back to Delhi to catch your flight (suggested timing should be evening) for your onwards journey. (B)



# Taj, Forts & Havelis



04 NIGHTS / 05 DAYS OBLHI – AGRA – JAIPUR – MANDAWA – DELHI



#### DAY BY DAY

DAY 01: DELHI – AGRA (235 KMS – 4 HRS) The drive from Delhi to Agra, excluding stops, takes approx. four hours. On arrival, check in to the hotel.

This afternoon, start your tour of Agra at the Itmad-ud-Daulah tomb.

From here, drive to the imposing Agra Fort.

The Mughal Emperor, Akbar, rebuilt the fort as a beautiful fort palace. The work was completed by his son and grandson.

Now, drive to the Taj Mahal.

This stunning mausoleum was built for Shah Jahan's wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It has been aptly described by the poet laureate Tagore as 'A tear on the face of eternity'. Return to your hotel after sunset. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: AGRA - JAIPUR (240 KMS - 6 HRS.)

This morning, you will drive to Jaipur. The drive takes six hours, excluding stops.

Your first stop is Fatehpur Sikri, which is around two hours away from Agra. Just over 400 years old, this deserted ancient city, still presents a pristine sight.

Your next stop is the 9<sup>th</sup> century, Chand Baori stepwell – an architectural wonder with 3,500 perfectly symmetrical, narrow steps. Adjoining the Chand Baori is the Harshat Mata Temple. This 9th-10th century temple is dedicated to Harshat Mata.

Continue your drive and reach Jaipur by evening. Check in to your hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

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#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

From the stunningly beautiful Taj Mahal in Agra to the charming 18<sup>th</sup>-century settlement of Mandawa, bedecked with havelis (traditional Indian mansions) and murals, and from Jaipur's majestic historical monuments to thriving present-day bazaars and malls, this 4 N/5 D tour of North India will treat you to a delightful medley of unforgettable wonders.

# DAY 04: JAIPUR- MANDAWA (180 KMS – 3

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Mandawa and stroll through the colourful bazaars.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

## DAY 05: MANDAWA - DELHI (260 KMS - 6

Your tour comes to an end today. Check out after an early breakfast for your drive to Delhi and head to the airport for your flight (suggested timing should be evening) for your onward journey.



# Jaisalmer Extension







#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

In the heart of Rajasthan's Thar Desert, the golden city of Jaisalmer is home to elegant old mansions, beautiful sand dunes stretching far into the horizon, a fairy-tale fort and myriad other endearing charms. With two days to spend in this magnificent town, you'll be able to take in Jaisalmer's unforgettable sights, sounds, scents and tastes at a relaxed pace.

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: ARRIVE JAISALMER (BY FLIGHT)

You will be met by a representative on arrival at the airport and assisted with your transfer to your hotel.

Spend the evening is leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: JAISALMER

After breakfast, your sightseeing starts and the first destination is the legendary Jaisalmer Fort.

Built in 1156 by the Bhati Rajput ruler, the fort has been the scene of many battles. This classic desert fort, a World Heritage Site, is built of golden coloured sandstone, which looks tawny during the day, the colour subtly changing to an almost honey gold at sunset. Standing at a height of 100 meters over the city, this living fort is home to almost a quarter of the city's population, who live within the walls of the fort.

Next, make your way through the narrow lanes towards the havelis.

The havelis of Jaisalmer are exceptional. Similar in style to the homes of Venetian merchants, they were wealthy traders, who grew rich on the flourishing trade of the era. Their houses have beautifully carved facades, jali (lattice) screens and oriole windows. Each haveli has an inner courtyard, surrounded by richly decorated living quarters.

Of these, the Patwon Ki Haveli is exceptionally captivating. After all, it's the most elaborate and the largest of Jaisalmer's havelis. In fact, the haveli's construction took as long as 50 years. We also recommend a stop at Nathmal ji ki Haveli, which is one of the last of the great havelis to be built in the late 19th century.

While visiting the havelis, you will pass small silversmith establishments, stalls selling goods made from local products and colourful shawls and blankets. Equally artistic are the homes of the ordinary folks. The flat-roofed white houses with bands of ochre and brown are decorated with folk art on the walls and geometric patterns on the floor.

Lastly, drive to Gadi Sagar Lake. During spells of drought, this lake proved to be the mainstay of the town and has many interesting stories and legends associated with it.

This evening, you will enjoy an exclusive dinner in the desert against the backdrop of the mesmerising sand dunes.

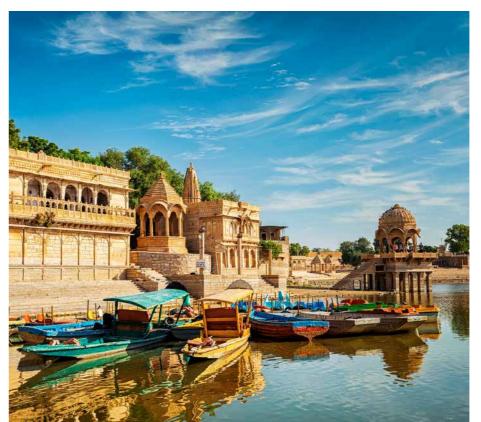
Open jeeps will ferry you to the desert and you will enjoy a cocktail, while watching a spectacular desert sunset.

Return to your hotel after sunset. Overnight at hotel (B,D)

#### DAY 03: JAISALMER DEPARTURE (FLIGHT)

The tour comes to an end today.

After breakfast, check out and drive to the airport for the next leg of your onwards journey.

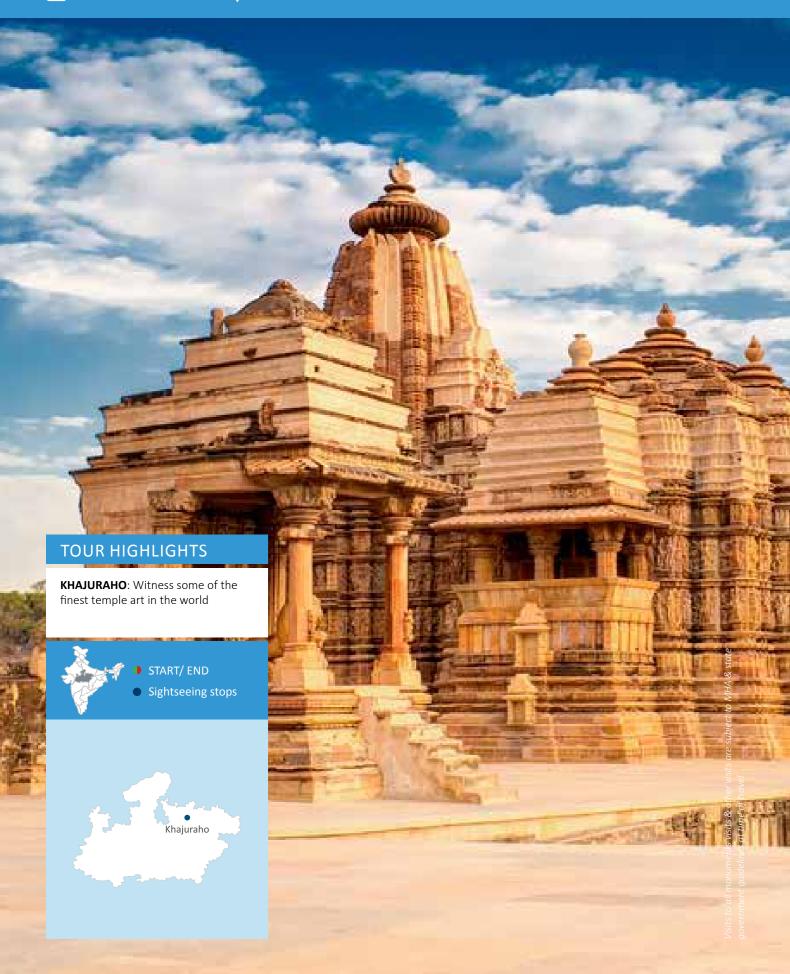




# Khajuraho Extension

02 NIGHTS / 03 DAYS KHAJURAHO







#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: ARRIVE KHAJURAHO (BY TRAIN)

The Bhopal Shatabdi train is a comfortable mode of transport that brings you to Jhansi.

In Jhansi, you transfer to your waiting vehicle and drive to Khajuraho. The drive is approx. 180 km and takes five hours, excluding stops.

Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. Spend the evening at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: KHAJURAHO

After breakfast, drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, known as the 'Western Group of Temples'. Start your visit with the Kandariya Mahadev temple, the most popular and beautiful massive structure here. It is a magnificent piece of artistic sculptural work decorated with over 870 statues and carvings.

Stroll through other temples, including the Chausath Yogini Temple. Unlike other Chausath Yogini temples elsewhere, this one is rectangular in shape and not rounded. The temple dates back to the late 9th century and is said to be Khajuraho's oldest surviving temple.

In the afternoon, explore the local handicrafts of the town. In this small town, tourism accounts for the main source of earnings for its local people. Notice how nearly every household is engaged in some kind of commercial activity. Houses are

50-minute show is played out.

Voiced by India's movie superstar, Mr. Amitabh Bachchan, the show narrates the fascinating story of these magnificent temples and relives the life and times of the great Chandela rulers.

Return to your hotel after the show. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

### DAY 03: KHAJURAHO DEPARTURE (BY

Your tour ends today. Set out after breakfast for your return drive to Jhansi, approx. 4 hrs away. In Jhansi, you board the Gatiman Express train for your onwards (B)



converted into budget hotels, shops and

This evening, you also have the option

to attend a captivating Sound and Light

show. Set out at 18:00 hours and drive to the Western group of temples, where this

restaurants.

# Varanasi Extension

02 NIGHTS / 03 DAYS VARANASI





#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

The ancient holy city of Varanasi, picturesquely situated on the crescent shaped left banks of the Ganges, is one of the oldest seats of spiritual learning in India, and the city's name is said to be a compound of the names of two streams, the Varuna and the Assi, which still flow in the north and south of the city. Since times immemorial. it has been a great one of the most sacred pilgrim destinations.

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: ARRIVE VARANASI (BY FLIGHT)

On arrival at Varanasi airport, you will be met by our representative, who will also help you with the transfer to your hotel.

Varanasi is the spiritual heart of India and one of the oldest living cities in the world with a history going back 2,500 years. The true name for Varanasi is 'Kashi', which is derived from a Sanskrit word meaning 'to shine and look brilliant' and Kashi (today, the old city area) is believed to be the home of the most powerful of the Triumvirate Indian deity, Lord Shiva.

This evening, drive to the old city and explore the narrow streets on foot, after parking the vehicle. You will also see the ghats (embankments by the Ganges) and







At the ghats, join the throng of devotees to witness the mesmerising evening aarti ceremony. The rituals are largely performed by Hindu priests – they are well-versed with the Vedas and Upanishads. Donned in traditional attire, they chant mantras and carry out various fascinating rituals. Return to your hotel after the aarti ceremony.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: IN VARANASI

Wake up early in the morning to visit the ghats on time – a magnificent sunrise

Gandhi, which interestingly houses one of the most perfect relief maps of India and is dedicated to Mother India. Another famous one is the Durga Temple, dedicated to Goddess Durga. In the afternoon, proceed for a guided excursion to SARNATH – where Lord Buddha preached his first sermon.

A major Buddhist centre, Sarnath lies 10 kilometres north east of Varanasi. It was here that Buddha preached his message of the 'middle way' to nirvana after achieving enlightenment at Bodh Gaya. In around 234 BC, Emperor Ashoka, a great follower of Buddhism, erected a stupa here. Between the 3rd century BC and the 11th century AD, several Buddhist structures were built here. Most of the Sarnath's monuments are set in large picturesque gardens.

awaits you. Also, there will be a memorable

boating tour on the Ganges, and you

will witness the incredible sight of huge

crowds of devotees performing religious

rituals, making sun salutations and other

Later, this morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour

Start by visiting some of the important

temples such as Bharat Mata Mandir, a

unique temple inaugurated by Mahatma

Return to your hotel for breakfast.

memorable acts.

of Varanasi.

After your tour of Sarnath, return to the city and spend the evening at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 03: DEPARTURE

Your tour comes to an end this morning. We will arrange your drop to Varanasi airport, for your onwards flight. (B)



# Ranthambore National Park Extension







#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

The forest around Ranthambore was once the private hunting grounds of the Maharajas of Jaipur and is one of the largest national parks in Northern India. While Ranthambore National Park is renowned for its tiger population, you may well come across other wild animals such as leopard, nilgai, wild boar, sambar deer, hyena and sloth bear.

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: DELHI - SAWAI MADHOPUR -DRIVE RANTHAMBORE

Upon arrival in Sawai Madhopur by the Jan Shatabdi train, you will be met and assisted with your transfer to the hotel for check in.

The remainder of the evening is free to enjoy at your leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK Today, you will enjoy an early morning and a mid-afternoon canter safari around an estimated area of 400sq km of game reserve. Each game drive lasts for around four hours.

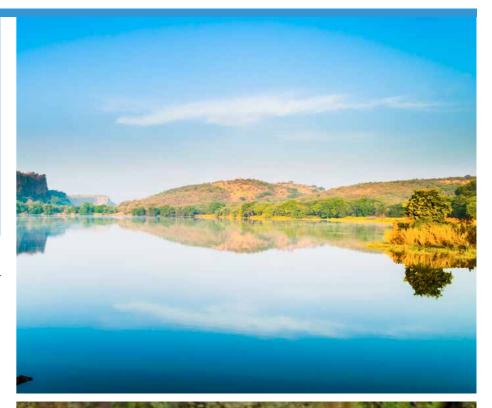
In between game drives, you can enjoy the facilities of your hotel.

Please note: Photo ID is required when visiting the Park. Please ensure you bring your passport to gain entry. Overnight stay at the hotel (B, L, D)

#### DAY 03: RANTHAMBORE - SAWAI MADHOPUR - TRAIN TO DELHI

This morning, you will be transferred to Sawai Madhopur railway station in time for your train to Delhi.

Upon arrival at Delhi Railway station, you will be picked up and dropped at the airport. Finally, the tour will conclude.





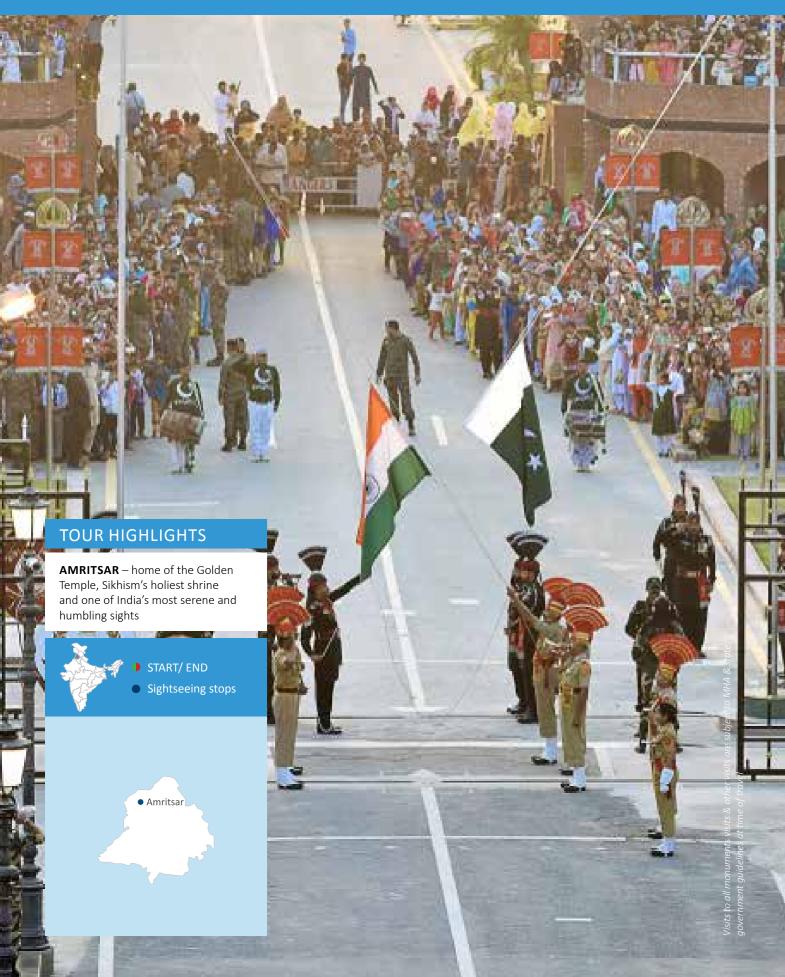




# **Amritsar Extension**

02 NIGHTS / 03 DAYS P AMRITSAR





#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

Amritsar, one of the largest cities in the state of Punjab, has many tales to tell. Not surprising, considering the fact that the destination has witnessed some major events in history. Tourism has long remained a major pillar of the economy here. Amritsar is also a thriving hub of carpet and fabric production, farm produce and handicrafts. So, souvenir hunters can look forward to some awesome collectibles! Quite a few freedom fighters and other eminent personalities have been born here.

night. It is a symbolic gesture, conducted

with utmost devotion and a visual delight.

Some particular hymns are read by the

respected priest, and finally the book is

closed and placed in a golden Palanquin which is carried by all the devotees who

#### DAY BY DAY

#### **DAY 01: ARRIVE AMRITSAR**

Meeting and assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel in Amritsar.

Amritsar was founded by Guru Ram Das, fourth Guru of the Sikh religion. He settled down next to a pool, said to have miraculous healing powers. His son, Guru Arjun Dev, built the temple within the pool, and later Maharaja Ranjit Singh covered it with pure gold leaf.

Late afternoon, visit the border town the Wagah Border which is one of the points of the Indo-Pak border and every evening the 'lowering of the flags' or the 'Beating Retreat' ceremony attracts many onlookers. The iron gates are opened and border guards of both the countries lower their respective flags amidst much pomp and show. The atmosphere gets electrified as they try to outdo each other in the drill. After the ceremony return to the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: AMRITSAR

After breakfast, proceed to visit the Golden Temple- the sacred Sikh sanctuary spread out in a vast complex around a huge water tank, in the midst of which stands the marble sanctum where the holy book of the Sikhs, the Guru Granth, is reverently placed. The roof of the sanctum is goldleafed. The community kitchen provides free meals to up to 10,000 pilgrims and visitors in a day. On the way to the temple, you walk by the busy bazaars of the city and explore the local market.

Also visit the Jallianwala Bagh. It's a memorial park and symbolizes one of the most tragic moments in India's freedom movement.

Later visit Durgiana temple dedicated to Goddess Durga. This is a Hindu Temple and has lots of similarities with the Golden Temple.

Late evening, proceed to attend 'Palki sahib ceremony' (night ceremony) which happens twice a day. The ceremony involves carrying the holy book Guru Granth Sahib to the Sanctum Santorum early in the morning and carrying it back at

lined up to give offerings. It all happens amidst much chanting and reciting of hymns.

Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### **DAY 03: AMRITSAR DEPARTURE**

Your tour comes to an end this morning.

We will arrange your drop to Amritsar airport for your onwards flight.





# Serene Kerala



05 NIGHTS / 06 DAYS 
OCHI – MUNNAR – MADURAI – THEKKADY – KUMARAKOM – KOCHI



#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

On this 5 nights/ 6 days tour of Kerala, you will visit some of the most popular travel destinations of this beautiful state. From thriving cities to deeply-revered temples, lofty hills and the world-famous backwaters, many wonders await you.

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: ARRIVAL KOCHI – MUNNAR (120 KMS/4 HRS)

Meet our tour representative on arrival at Kochi airport and directly transfer from airport to Munnar hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: MUNNAR

Today, your will visit the Eravikulam National Park (closed on Feb and March every year). Also, visit local markets.

Spend the afternoon at leisure.

You may also take a leisurely walk through a tea plantation, enjoying the scenery. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 03: MUNNAR - MADURAI (4 H 30 MIN - 153.2 KM)

After breakfast, drive down to the temple city of Madurai.

Madurai is most famous for the Meenakshi Amman Temple, dedicated to Goddess Parvati and her husband, Lord Shiva. The Nayaka Kings laid out the old town in the pattern of a lotus with narrow streets surrounding the Meenakshi Temple at the

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This museum houses a Picture Gallery, which presents the Mahatma's visual biography. Other attractions include the Special Exhibition section, the 'Hall of Relics', and the library.

There is also the popular Tirumalai Nayakar Palace, along with its massive courtyard and grand hall. Return to hotel.

Later tonight, after dinner, again visit the Meenakshi Temple to witness the rituals of 'palliyarai', the last puja of the day. Return for overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 04: MADURAI - THEKKADY (4 HRS. -148 KM)

Start after breakfast and travel by surface to Periyar National Park in Thekkady.

Periyar National Park has a picture postcard beauty and one of the best places for viewing wildlife here is Lake Periyar. Arrive in time for lunch at your hotel.

You will also experience a mesmerising plantation tour.

In the afternoon, go boating on Periyar Lake and view wildlife from the safety of vour boat.

Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 05: THEKKADY - ALLEPPEY -KUMARAKOM (4 HRS - 160 KMS)

After a relaxed breakfast, drive to Alleppey.

After reaching Alleppey, check in to a houseboat in time for lunch and go on a day cruise towards Kumarakom. You will sail for around four hours. Disembark early evening to reach your hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel (B,L)

#### DAY 06: KUMARAKOM - KOCHI -SIGHTEEING AND KOCHI DEPARTURE

After an early breakfast, drive to Kochi for a bit of sightseeing, before heading to the Kochi airport.

After reaching Kochi, explore the town's historic districts. Your walking tour will take you to Jew Town. Then, make your



way to the Mattancherry Palace (Closed on Fridays).

Stroll through Fort Kochi and also witness the Chinese Fishing Nets. Visit the St Francis Church too. Finally, head to the airport (approx. 1.5 hrs. from city centre) for your onwards journey.







# **Best of Kerala**





TRIVANDRUM – KOVALAM – ALLEPPEY (BACKWATERS) – MUNNAR - KOCHI



#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

God's Own Country is a spellbinding destination and during this 5 Night/6 Day tour, you will explore and experience its myriad delightful charms. From soul-stirring religious places and culturally evocative cities to spectacular hill destinations, tea plantations and a tryst with the worldfamous backwaters, this tour will leave you with countless fond lifelong memories.

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: ARRIVAL TRIVANDRUM -KOVALAM (18 KMS – 30 MINS)

You will be met on arrival and assisted with your transfer to Kovalam. Check in to your resort hotel.

Yoga sessions are available and various excursions can be arranged by the hotel such as boating and sightseeing in Trivandrum.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: KOVALAM – EXCURSION TO KANYAKUMARI (100 KMS – 03 HRS - ONE

Enjoy an excursion today to the southernmost tip of India and visit some of the historic temples and monuments. Stop at Padmanabhapuram Palace (closed on Mondays) on the way. The palace was constructed around 1601 CE. After the palace, next stop is Suchindram temple

Continue to Kanyakumari and after reaching there, visit the most famous monument- Vivekananda Rock Memorial. Back on the mainland, visit the Gandhi Memorial.

Also, visit the ancient Kanya Kumari Temple. The last stop is the beautiful Kanyakumari beach.

Return to Kovalam by evening. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

# DAY 03: KOVALAM - ALLEPPEY (165 KMS -

After breakfast, drive to Alleppey and check in to a houseboat in time for lunch. Spend the rest of the day, cruising the legendary backwaters.

A luxurious cruise aboard a houseboat, is the finest way to experience the natural beauty in this part of the world. Overnight stay aboard the houseboat (B



# DAY 04: ALLEPPEY - MUNNAR (190 KMS - 6

Disembark after breakfast and drive to the hill station of Munnar. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel.

Munnar's scenic beauty defies any description. In the evening, learn all about tea making on a Tea Museum tour (closed on Mondays).

Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 05: MUNNAR - ATHIRAPPILLY - KOCHI (240 KMS – 6.5 HRS)

After breakfast, drive down to Kochi.

On the way, take a deviation to the mesmerising Athirappilly Falls. Continue driving to Kochi and check in to your hotel.

In the evening, enjoy an enthralling performance of Kathakali. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 06: KOCHI SIGHTEEING AND **DEPARTURE**

Today morning, explore the town's historic districts.

You will stroll down Fort Kochi's historical European precincts. Also, see the Chinese Fishing Nets and the ancient St. Francis Church.

Your walking tour will take you to Jew Town. Then, make your way to the Mattancherry Palace (Closed on Fridays).

You may also visit the St. Francis church, before returning to the hotel. Finally, the tour concludes as you check out of the hotel and drive to the airport (40 Km /1.5

Note: In order to cover the sightseeing of Kochi on this day, the return flight should be in the evening time (B)







# God's Own Country: Classic Kerala





#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

Kerala, by virtue of its remarkable geography, rich history, and simply outstanding natural beauty, has many and varied places of tourist interest. One day you're exploring a centuries-old yet wonderfully progressive, cosmopolitan, and modern city; the next day you're up in the hills, exploring lakes, peaks and dams, before finding yourself lazily cruising the stunning backwaters – God's Own Country has all this and much more.

# DAY 05: ALLEPPEY - MARARI (22 KMS / 45

Disembark after breakfast and board your waiting vehicle. The drive to Mararikulam is short and upon arrival check in to your lovely resort.

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: ARRIVE IN KOCHI

Upon arrival at Kochi International airport you will be met by a representative who will assist with the transfer and hotel check in. Later, you will visit the must-see sights of the city.

The Fort Kochi area is the place, where the influence of different colonial powers is most evident. There are lots of charming old-world streets and buildings here.

You will also see the ancient Chinese fishing nets, St. Francis Church and Dutch Palace (Mattancherry Palace).

In the evening, enjoy an enthralling performance of Kathakali. Overnight stay at the hotel.

# DAY 02: KOCHI - MUNNAR (140 KMS / 4

Start after breakfast and take a very scenic drive up the hills to Munnar, visiting the Cheeyappara and Valara seasonal waterfalls on the way.

On arrival in Munnar, check in to the hotel and spend the rest of the afternoon, exploring this quaint little hill station. Tea is one of Munnar's claims to fame. Besides tea plantations, there are also eucalyptus plantations.

This evening, take a tour through the Tea Museum (closed on Mondays). Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 03: MUNNAR

Today, your will visit the Eravikulam National Park (closed on Feb and March every year). Also, visit local markets.

Spend the afternoon at leisure.

You may also take a leisurely walk through a tea plantation, enjoying the scenery. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 04: MUNNAR - ALLEPPEY (6 HRS / 190 KMS.)

After breakfast, drive down and finally board a jetty for a tryst with the famous backwaters of Kerala.

You board your houseboat in time for lunch



and spend the rest of the day sailing the backwaters.

The journey will be done by houseboats known as 'Kettuvalloms'.

Traditionally, the kettuvalloms were old barges used to ferry rice and spices. Today they are modified houseboats – mini resorts in the water that are equipped with every facility.

Overnight aboard the houseboat.(B, L, D)

Marari's tranquil coast defies description. Surrounded by local fishing communities. and within acres of parkland scattered with lotus ponds and coconut groves, this is a hidden gem.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 06: MARARI - KOCHI (2 HRS)

Your tour comes to an end today. Check out after breakfast and drive to the airport.

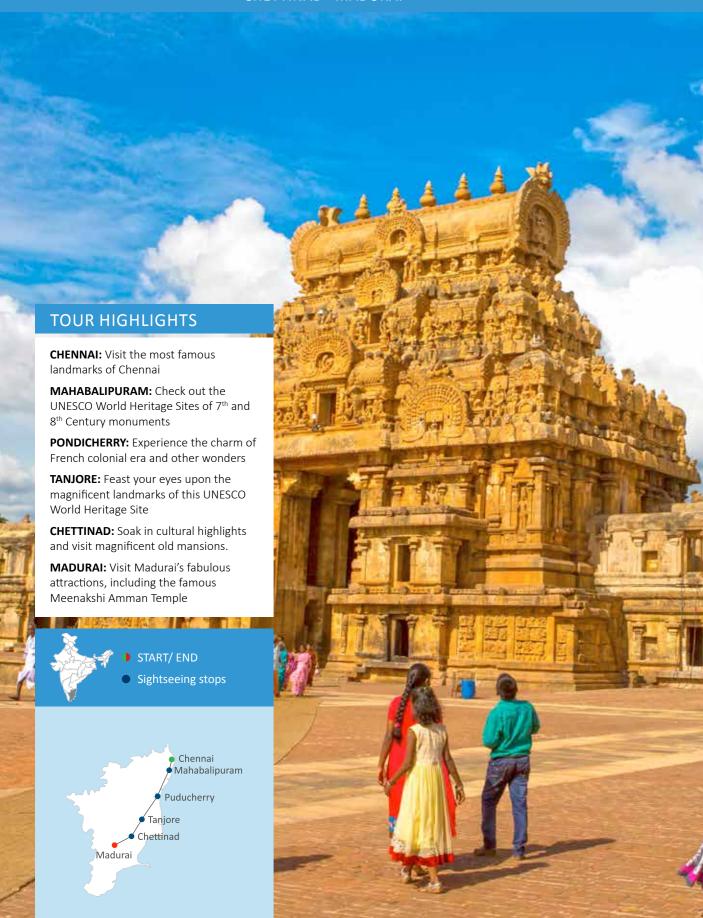


# Cultural Tamil Nadu





05 NIGHTS / 06 DAYS CHENNAI – PONDICHERRY, VIA MAHABALIPURAM – TANJORE – CHETTINAD - MADURAI



#### DAY BY DAY

#### **DAY 01: CHENNAI ARRIVAL**

You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel.

This afternoon, set out to enjoy a half day tour of the city.

Start with a drive through the old part of the historical city, past magnificent historical landmarks.

Return to your hotel for an overnight stay.

#### DAY 02: CHENNAI - MAHABLIPURAM -PONDICHERRY (155 KMS - 3 HRS.)

After breakfast, drive to Pondicherry, with a stop at Mahabalipuram. Begin your sightseeing with a visit to the 7<sup>th</sup> century ruins of the Shore Temple.

Continue on to Arjuna's Penance, the crowning masterpiece of Mamallapuram's stonework.

After the tour, continue your drive to reach Pondicherry. Transfer to your hotel and check in. After freshening up, set out on a tour of Pondicherry starting with a visit to Aurobindo Ashram.

Aurobindo Ashram has a spiritual centre and Samadhi dedicated to the 'Mother' and Sri Aurobindo.

Next, go on stroll through the tree-lined boulevards of Ville Blanche. Also, walk down the Promenade.

You may also try out the charming local cafes and restaurants before returning to your hotel.

Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 03: PONDICHERRY - TANJORE (218 KMS - 4 HRS.30 MINS)

After breakfast, drive to Tanjore. On the way, stop at the Chidambaram temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. Continue driving to Tanjore and check in to your hotel.

This afternoon, visit the stunning Brihadishvara Temple and the Tanjore Palace. The Brihadishvara Temple is a World Heritage monument, largely built with

Return to your hotel by evening. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 04: TANJORE - CHETTINAD, VIA TRICHY (95 KMS - 1HR 30 MINS)

After breakfast, drive to Chettinad, stopping at Trichy on the way. The ancient city of Trichy is famous for its old temples. After a bit of sightseeing, resume your drive to

#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

This 5 nights/6 days Cultural Tour of Tamil Nadu takes you on a memorable journey, where you discover the history of the ancient Chola dynasty, the influences of Hinduism and the sheer wealth of temple architecture, unequalled perhaps in the entire world. The tour also packs in plenty of other delightful experiences.

Chettinad and finally check in to your hotel. Later, visit the famous tile making factory at Athangudi and some spectacular ancient mansions. Time permitting, also take a leisurely walk through the local market. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

# DAY 05: CHETTINAD – MADURAI (105 KIMS

Enjoy Tamil Nadu Cuisine for breakfast, before driving to Madurai.

At the entrance of Madurai City, visit the flower market before resuming your drive and checking in to your hotel. Today, the ancient city of Madurai is most famous for the Meenakshi Amman Temple. Also, explore the streets and markets around the temple. Next, visit the historical Gandhi Museum and Thirumalai Nayaka Palace. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 06: MADURAI DEPARTURE

Your tour comes to an end today. After breakfast, drive to the airport for your flight.





# South India Temple Tour



05 NIGHTS/ 06 DAYS • CHENNAI – TIRUPATHI – PONDICHERRY – MAHABALIPURAM – CHENNAI

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

CHENNAI – The Gateway to South India has many delightful attractions.

**TIRUPATHI** – Experience the joy of visiting one of largest pilgrim destinations in India.

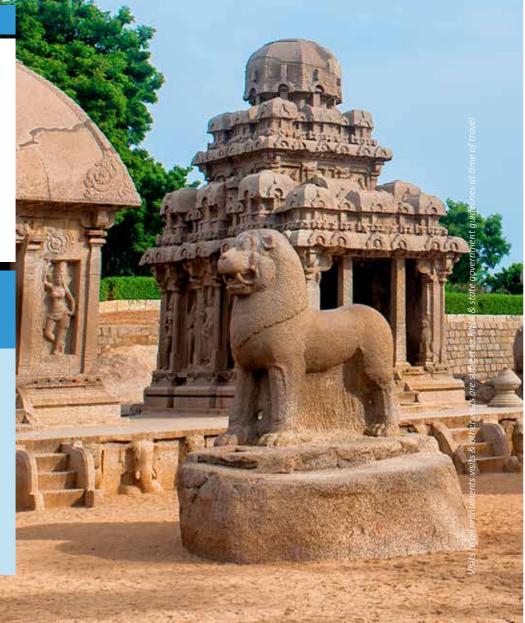
**PONDICHERRY** – This destination is a perfect amalgamation of the traditional Indian sensibilities and French

**MAHABALIPURAM** – Explore UNESCO world Heritage sites of 7th and 8th Century spectacular monuments



- START/ END
- Sightseeing stops





#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

This 5 nights/6 days South India Temple Tour takes you on a visit to sacred temples and religious shrines to help you discover your spiritual side.

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: CHENNAI ARRIVAL

You will be met on arrival, and assisted with your transfer to the hotel.

This afternoon, enjoy a half day tour of the

Begin with a drive through the historical part of the town and feast your eyes upon charming old buildings. Proceed to drive along the Marina Beach, followed by visit to Sri Kapaleeshwarar Temple. Return to your hotel for an overnight stay.

#### DAY 02: CHENNAI - TIRUPATI (3 H 10 MIN -133.0 KM)

After breakfast, drive to Tirupati and upon arrival, check in to the hotel. This afternoon, proceed for a local sightseeing tour of Tirupati.

The temple town of Tirupati is a major Hindu pilgrimage centre famous for its Lord Venkateswara Temple. Its history dates back to the 9th Century A.D. Depart for Tirumala Hills from your hotel to report to the allotted counter/location for joining the Darshan Queue allotted to you. (Darshan to be arranged by guests directly and online tickets to be secured prior to arrival). Return to your hotel after the Darshan. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

# DAY 03: TIRUPATI – PONDICHERRY (5H 30

After breakfast, drive to Pondicherry and check in to your hotel.

Today, walk through the former French Quarters of the town. Also, there are many cafes and charming local restaurants you can try before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 04 - PONDICHERRY

After breakfast, start the day with a visit to Auroville and Aurobindo Ashram. Aurobindo Ashram has been named after its creator- Sri Aurobindo Ghosh. The ashram also has a spiritual centre and Samadhi dedicated to the Mother and Sri Aurobindo. Auroville, called the city of dawn, is the epitome of tranquillity. Also, visit the Botanical Garden – home to several exotic varieties of rare plants as well as an aquarium.



Take a late evening walk through the Promenade.

Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 05 - PONDICHERRY -MAHABALIPURAM (2 HRS.)

After breakfast, drive to Mahabalipuram. The tiny seaside village of Mahabalipuram is famed for its monolithic chariots, rockcut caves, shore temples and shrines, and a precariously balanced boulder left behind by the glaciers of the last Ice Age. Start the day with a visit to the 7<sup>th</sup> Century ruins of the Shore Temple.

Continue on to Arjuna's Penance, the crowning masterpiece of Mamallapuram's stonework.

Then visit the ruins of the rest of the Panch

(five) Rathas (chariots).

You may like to stop for a visit at Dakshin Chitra, a heritage museum which showcases the culture of the four southern Indian states – Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. Return to your hotel by evening. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 06: MAHABALIPURAM – CHENNAI (2 HRS.), DEPART

It is worth waking up early this morning to explore Mamallapuram Beach. Return to vour hotel for breakfast.

Check out post breakfast for your return to Chennai and directly drive to the airport.



# Hill Stations of Tamil Nadu



04 NIGHTS / 05 DAYS PMADURAI – KODAIKANAL – OOTY - COIMBATORE



#### DAY BY DAY

#### **DAY 01: ARRIVAL MADURAI**

You will be met by our representative and assisted with the transfer to your hotel.

Madurai, the oldest city in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, has an ancient history of global trade. Today, the city is most famous for the Meenakshi Amman Temple, dedicated to Goddess Parvati and her husband, Lord Shiva, The Navaka Kings laid out the old town in the pattern of a lotus with narrow streets surrounding the Meenakshi Temple at the centre. Later, explore the markets surrounding the temple.

The area is a like a huge open-air department store, each street dedicated to one particular item. There is even one lane dedicated to bananas – South India boasts over 50 varieties! Next, visit the Gandhi Museum.

This museum houses a Picture Gallery, which presents the Mahatma's visual biography. Other attractions include the Special Exhibition section, the 'Hall of Relics', and the library.

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#### DAY 02: MADURAI – KODAIKANAL (117 KM -3 HRS.)

Start after breakfast and leave the plains for the lovely hill station, Kodaikanal.

This afternoon, explore the town starting at the Kurinji Andavar Murugan temple dedicated to Lord Murugan. The temple is also famous for the kurunji flower, which blooms once in 12 years.

Take a stroll around the manmade starshaped Kodai Lake, spread over 60 acres.



You may go boating or ride a rented bicycle on the banks.

The Bryant's Park near the lake is a wonderful botanical garden across 20 acres.

Make your way to La Saleth Church which is more than 130 years old and finally travel to Green Valley View for an excellent panoramic view of the plains.

Return to your hotel by the evening. Overnight stay at the hotel. (B)

# DAY 03: KODAIKANAL - OOTY (251 KMS - 6

Today, you will drive to Ooty, along the way, you will pass by rubber, tea, cardamom and coffee plantations.

On arrival, check in to your hotel and explore Ooty on your own in the evening. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 04: OOTY

Start after a relaxed breakfast and visit Ooty Lake. Also, walk through the tea plantations and see colonial-era heritage buildings. Another highlight is the stunning botanical gardens. You have the option to experience the NMR- Nilgiris Mountain Railway on a spectacular journey (optional – Pre purchase of train tickets recommended). Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 05: OOTY - MADURAI AIRPORT / COIMBATORE AIRPORT >> DEPART

Your tour comes to an end today.

In-time departure for Madurai OR Coimbatore Airport to connect your flight back home. If you wish you can also opt for stay at Coimbatore.

# Tamil Nadu Pilgrimage Circuit



03 NIGHTS / 04 DAYS • MADURAI – RAMESHWARAM – KANYAKUMARI – MADURAI



#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

The temples of Tamil Nadu have always been among this region's biggest attractions. This 3 night/4 day tailor-made itinerary covers Madurai, the abode of Goddess Parvati and Lord Shiva; Rameshwaram, one of the Char Dham destinations, and Kanyakumari devoted to the virgin Goddess. You also get to visit the nearby attractions to experience an all-the-more memorable journey.

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: ARRIVAL MADURAI

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#### DAY 02: MADURAI - RAMESWARAM (190 KMS - 3 HRS. 30 MINS.)

Start after breakfast for your drive to the holy city of Rameswaram, which is home to famous temples. On your way stop at Pamban Bridge for pictures.

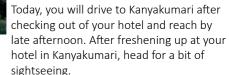
Arrive into Rameswaram by lunch time and transfer to your hotel.

This afternoon explore the temples of this town starting with the Badrakaliamman Temple.

Next, pay your respects at the Ramanathaswamy Temple. Dedicated to Shiva, this temple is the biggest attraction of the town. Also, visit Kothandaramaswamy Temple. This iconic temple is dedicated to Lord Rama.

Another highlight is the Panchmukhi Hanuman Temple, dedicated to Lord Hanuman.

Your final stop is Agni Tirtham - one of the



Visit the most famous monument – the Vivekananda Rock Memorial. Back on the mainland, visit the Gandhi Memorial. Also, visit the ancient Kanya Kumari Temple.

The last stop is the beautiful Kanyakumari

Overnight stay at the hotel. (B)

#### DAY 04: KANYAKUMARI – MADURAI, DEPART (245 – 5 HRS) | TRIVANDRUM (96 KMS - 2 HRS)

You may perform a bit of Surya Namaskar by the sea at sunrise. Finally, the tour concludes as you check out and drive to the airport at Madurai (suggested timing should be late afternoon/ evening) for your onward journey.

Alternatively, you may depart from Trivandrum Airport – just a two-hour drive. If you select this departure city, you are assisted with your in-time transfer for your onwards flight.



most visited pilgrim centres in the city. Return to your hotel for an overnight stay

#### DAY 03: RAMESWARAM - KANYAKUMARI (310 KMS - 6 HRS.)

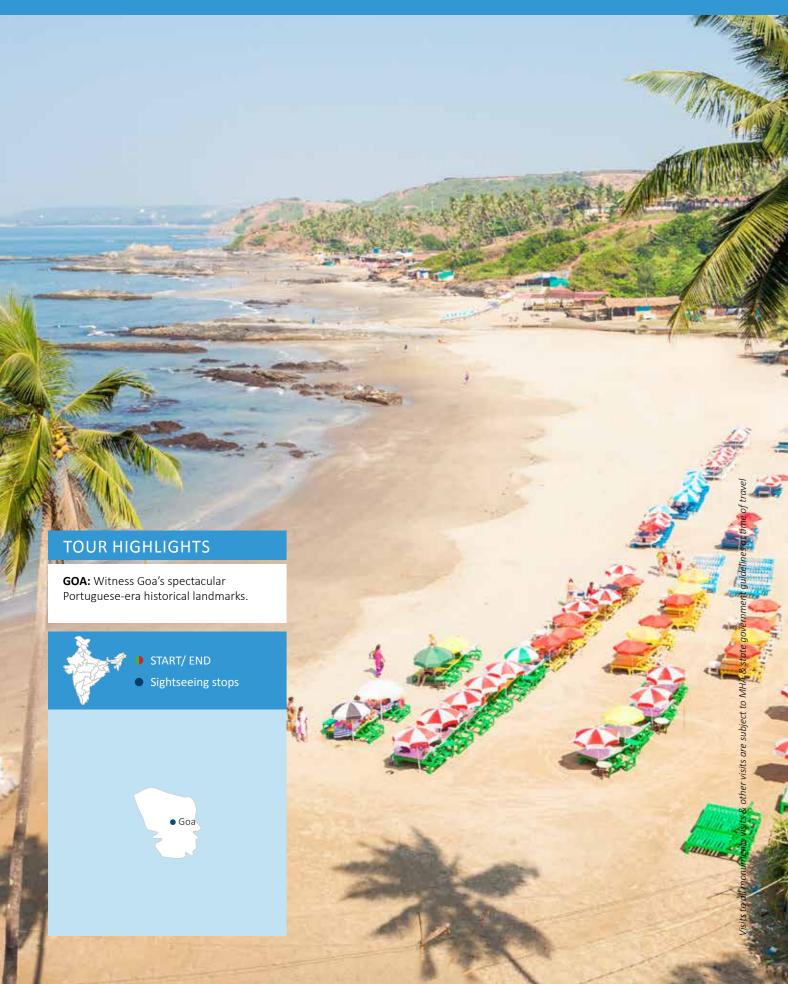
Early in the morning, proceed to Dhanushkodi Beach. One of the smallest towns in the world, with a length of just 50 yards, Dhanushkodi is the land border between Sri Lanka and India. This town has a vast stretch of beach, running up to 10 km.



# Goa Getaway

03 NIGHTS / 04 DAYS OGOA





#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

The tiny western state of Goa is located on the Konkan Coast, fringed by the Western Ghats Mountain Range. Goa's magnificent natural beauty and its architectural splendours have made it one of the most popular travel destinations in Asia. The Portuguese, who arrived here in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, gave Goa its extraordinary legacy and its distinctive heritage – seen in the baroque architecture, whitewashed churches, old forts, vibrant festivals and ceremonies, and superb Indo-Portuguese

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: ARRIVAL GOA (FLIGHT)

You will be met on arrival, and assisted with the transfer to your hotel.

Affectionately called the 'Pearl of the Orient' and a 'Tourist Paradise', the state of Goa is located on the western coast of India in the coastal belt known as Konkan. The magnificent scenic beauty and the architectural splendours of its temples, churches and old houses have made Goa a globally popular destination.

Spend the rest of the day at your leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel

#### DAY 02: GOA

There are a couple of half-day sightseeing tours you can consider:

Note: The optional tours are not included in the main tour and cost extra, but they are definitely worth a consideration. Overnight stay at the hotel. (B)

#### DAY 03: GOA

Spend the day at leisure today. Overnight stay at the hotel. (B)

#### DAY 04: GOA DEPARTURE (FLIGHT)

The tour comes to an end today.

After breakfast, check out and drive to the airport for the next leg of your onwards journey. (B)

#### OLD GOA - OPTION 1

### OPTION 2





# Haridwar & Rishikesh Getaway

03 NIGHTS / 04 DAYS PHARIDWAR - RISHIKESH





#### DAY BY DAY

#### **DAY 01: ARRIVE HARIDWAR**

You are met on arrival at the railway station and assisted with your hotel transfer and check in.

Haridwar is considered to be the gateway of the Gods and one of the holiest pilgrimage spots in the world for Hindus as the river Ganges descends to the flatlands here. The bathing steps or 'ghats' along the river are lined with temples and ashrams. Many sadhus can be spotted here.

This evening, walk through the bustling bazaars to attend the evening prayer (Aarti) dedicated to the Goddess Ganges at the Har-ki-Pauri Ghat. It is a spectacle of sound and colour with the pealing of temple bells and blowing of conch shells. The ritual starts at dusk with the priests lighting lamps and reaches a crescendo, lasting nearly half an hour. Hymns and mantras echo across the banks of the Ganges. Devotees chant along with the clash of cymbals and chiming bells. The reflection of golden hues of floating candles 'Diyas' in the river Ganga is an incredible sight. This is one of the most magical moments in India, a time when one is in communion with both God and nature.

Return to your hotel after the ceremony. Overnight stay at the hotel

#### DAY 02: HARIDWAR - EXCURSION TO RISHIKESH (21 KMS – 1 HR.)

You take a day trip to Rishikesh today after

There is plenty to do in Rishikesh and you will start the tour from Lakshman Jhula- the popular hanging bridge across the holy river Ganga. Its 450ft long and is built at a height of 70ft from the river and 3kms away from Rishikesh city. Next, walk over Ram Jhula, another iron suspension bridge on river Ganga. It connects Muni ki Reti with Swargashram.

Later, visit the different Ashrams of Rishikesh such as Sivananda Ashram, Parmath Niketan Temple, Gita Bhavan, Swarg Ashram, Maa Anandamayee Ashram, Saptrishi Ashram, and of course the recently restored Beatles Ashram.

Time permitting, take a stroll through the local markets as well before resuming your drive back to Haridwar, arriving by evening. Overnight stay at the hotel. (B)

#### DAY 03: HARIDWAR DEPARTURE

The tour comes to an end today. Check out after breakfast for an in-time departure to the railway station to catch your train.

#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

Uttarakhand is a land of ancient history and mythology. An evening visit to the Har Ki Pauri ghat along the Ganges in Haridwar is a soul stirring experience. Rishikesh is also settled along the flowing Ganges River, surrounded by forested hills with temple bells ringing, as sadhus, pilgrims and others come together each evening to prepare for the nightly Ganga aarti. Amidst the ancient temples, ghats, ashrams, yoga and meditation centers, there is a sense of calm and tranquillity in both cities that is hard





# Shimla Getaway

03 NIGHTS / 04 DAYS SHIMLA & KUFRI





#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

Shimla, one of India's most famous hill stations, derives its name from Goddess Shyamala, an incarnation of Goddess Kali, the deity of power and wrath. However, unlike its name, Shimla is a perfect heaven for the ones in search of tranquillity. Nature has blessed this capital city of Himachal Pradesh with innumerable gifts and man has used them to make Shimla one of India's best locales.

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: ARRIVAL SHIMLA

You will be met on arrival in Shimla and assisted with the transfer to your hotel.

Spend the rest of the day at your leisure and enjoy the comfort of the hotel. You can also delight yourself in the tranquil beauty of the surroundings or take a leisurely walk in the compound of the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: SHIMLA

After breakfast, proceed for a sightseeing tour, starting with a drive to Kufri. The drive takes 45 mins (14 km).

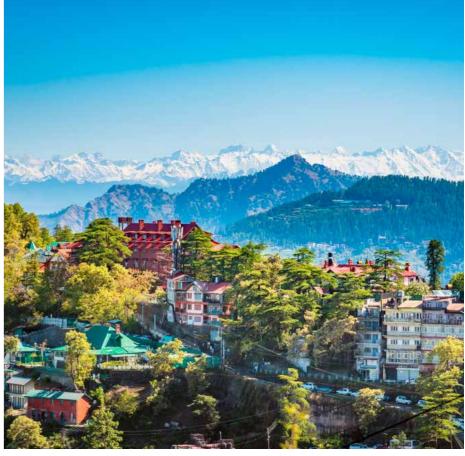
Nestled at an elevation of 8000 ft. above sea level. Kufri is a popular hill station in the Shimla district. The scenic views have won over visitors from all parts of the world.

Make sure that you check out the Indira Bungalow – absolutely spectacular views of the surrounding landscapes await you here. Then, visit Himalayan Zoo, also known as Himalayan Nature Park or Kufri Zoo – this is the natural habitat of many species of rich flora and fauna.

After the zoo, drive back to Shimla, where you spend the rest of the day, exploring the local sights, including the Vice Regal Lodge, which was the summer residence of the British viceroy of India. The well-manicured gardens make for a pleasant stroll.

Continue walking towards the Mall to Scandal Point, known to be the place where Prince of Patiala flirted with the daughter of the Viceroy of India and thus the scandal. The Patiala Prince was banished from Shimla and he then built another town with its own palace at Chail.

The other heritage buildings we will see are the General Post Office, Christ's Church, built in the neo-Gothic style in 1857 to serve the British community, the Town Hall and the Gaiety Theatre. Another magnificent sight is the Gorton Castle with





its red galvanized iron roofing, giving it a fairy-tale feel, when seen from a distance. Its red towers stand out brightly amid the surrounding deodar trees and the Vidhan Sabha, which was inaugurated by Lord Reading, the then Viceroy of India, on August 27, 1925.

Return to your hotel by the evening. Overnight stay at the hotel. (B)

#### DAY 03: SHIMLA

The day is at your leisure for independent



Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 04: DEPARTURE SHIMLA

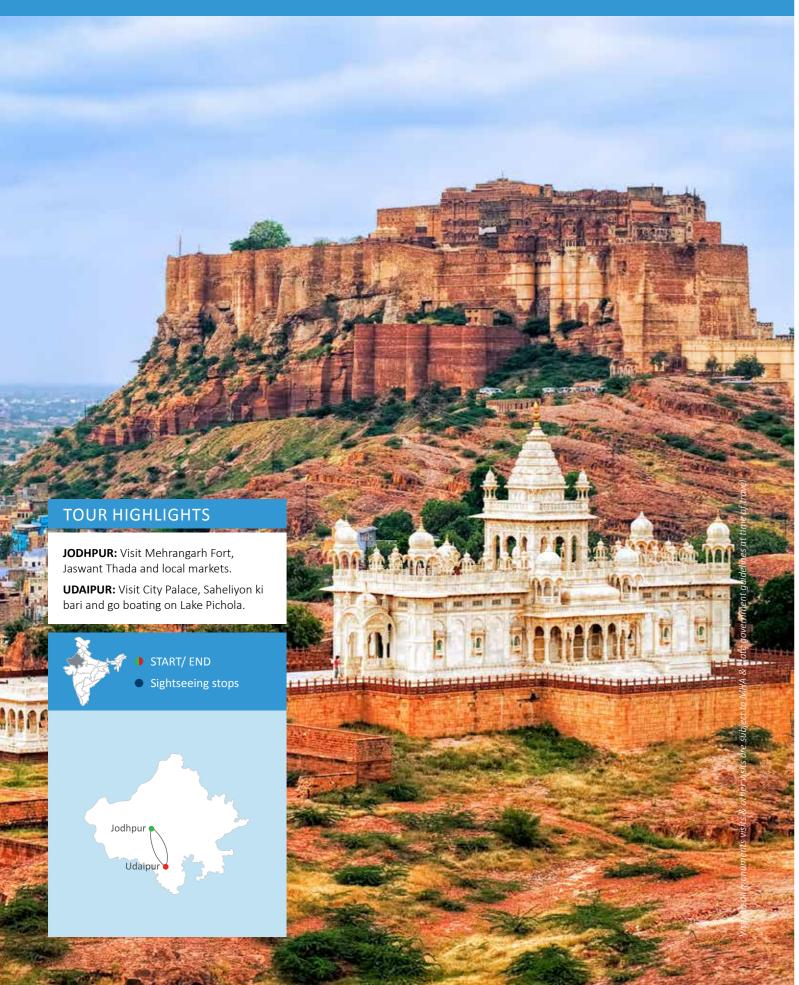
The tour comes to an end today.

After breakfast, check out and drive back to either Delhi or Chandigarh for the next leg of your onward journey.

# Jodhpur & Udaipur Getaway







#### DAY BY DAY

#### **DAY 01: ARRIVE JODHPUR**

You will be met on arrival and assisted with the transfer to your hotel.

This evening, stroll down the colourful Sadar Bazaar, near the Clock Tower. The bazaar offers plenty of souvenir hunting prospects. Highlights include string puppets, slippers, and the famous tie and die fabrics.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

# DAY 02: JODHPUR - UDAIPUR (250 KMS -

After breakfast, check out and enjoy a tour of the city before driving to Udaipur.

Start the tour with a visit to the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort. Replete with ornate red sandstone carvings, its top highlights include the gorgeous Phool Mahal, the Sheesh Mahal, and the alluring Moti Mahal. After Mehrangarh, head to the Jaswant Thada. This burial ground of the rulers of Marwar, was built in 1899 by Maharaj Sardar Singh, as a royal cenotaph, to commemorate his father, Maharaja Jaswant Sing II, the 33rd Rathore ruler.

After the sightseeing, embark on your drive to Udaipur. On the way, stop at the white marble temples of Ranakpur. The entire place, including the extraordinary collection of 1144 uniquely carved pillars. the richly decorated ceilings, and the friezes depicting the lives of the 24 Jain Tirthankaras (gurus) is fascinating. Continue with your drive to Udaipur. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and spend the evening at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 03: UDAIPUR

After breakfast, visit the City Palace.

This sprawling palace was built over three centuries and is a series of four interconnecting palaces, illustrative of various architectural styles. Of particular note here is the exquisite collection of priceless Rajput Miniature Paintings done in the Mewari tradition.

Also walk through the Crystal Gallery which has a rather eclectic collection of crystal d'art and furniture, including a complete bedroom set.

You may also visit Bagore Ki Haveli.

This gracious 18th-century haveli, set on the water's edge in the Gangaur Ghat area, was built by a Mewar prime minister and has since been carefully restored. The haveli also houses a gallery featuring a

#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

This 3 night / 4 day tour will take you to the magnificent cities of Jodhpur and Udaipur. While Udaipur, or rather, 'the city of lakes' casts a spell with its romantic settings, the 'Blue City' of Jodhpur boasts one of the most iconic forts in India. The Mehrangarh Fort completely woos one with its terrific museum and art gallery. The tour also leads to the Jaswant Thada and Ranakpur temples – truly incredible pieces of architecture that exude tranquillity.

fascinating collection of period photos of Udaipur and a surreal collection of world-famous monuments carved out of polystyrene.

Also, visit the Saheliyon ki bari. This is elegant garden is said to have been laid out for a group of forty-eight young women attendants who accompanied a princess to Udaipur as part of her dowry.

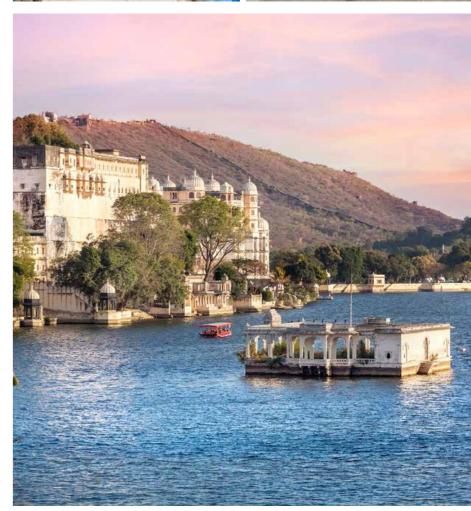
Cap the day with some boating on the beautiful Lake Pichola. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 04: UDAIPUR DEPARTURE

Your tour comes to an end this morning. We will arrange your drop to Udaipur's airport for your onwards flight.







# **Bharatpur Getaway**

02 NIGHTS / 03 DAYS BHARATPUR





#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

Bharatpur is famous for the wonderful UNESCO-listed Keoladeo National Park, a wetland and significant bird sanctuary. Apart from the park, Bharatpur also has a few historic attractions worth visiting.

#### DAY BY DAY

### DAY 01: DELHI – BHARATPUR (222 KMS. – 4

You will be picked up from the airport or your hotel in Delhi this morning (timing to be advised).

The drive, excluding stops, takes approx. 4

Check in to your hotel and spend the evening at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: BHARATPUR

Today, after breakfast, explore the Keoladeo National Park.

It was declared as a protected sanctuary in 1971. Over 230 species of birds are known to have made the bird park their home. The sanctuary is one of the richest bird areas in the country and Asia. It is known for the nesting of its resident birds and the visiting migratory birds, including water birds. The rare Siberian cranes used to come to this park in the winter for breeding.

The relaxing and soothing call of forest birds, lush green surroundings and fresh air is a great start to any day.

The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 03: BHARATPUR – DELHI, DEPART The tour comes to an end today.

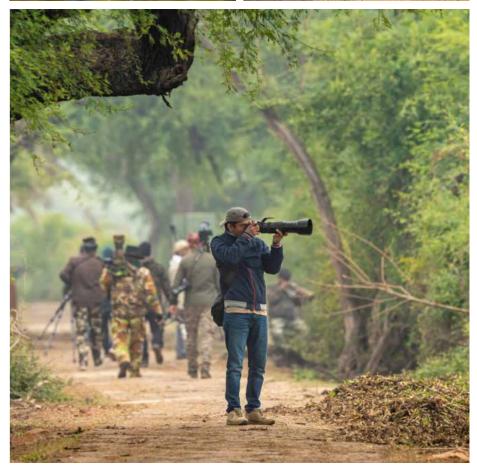
After breakfast, check out and drive to Delhi, approx. 4 hrs., excluding stops. In Delhi, transfer either the airport for the next leg of your onwards journey or proceed to be dropped off at your Delhi city hotel.











# Royal Rajasthan Getaway

02 NIGHTS / 03 DAYS 9 JAIPUR





#### **TOUR OVERVIEW**

Translated from Hindi, Rajasthan means 'the land of kings', and its capital, Jaipur, is defined by royalty. In the 18th-century, Maharaja Jai Singh designed the city to meet his every whim and even today, Jaipur has retained its flair and prolific royal architecture. Aside from the monuments, there is much to be discovered in the many local markets and bazaars where you will meet artisans, traders and shopkeepers who keep the city ticking and alive.

#### DAY BY DAY

#### DAY 01: ARRIVE JAIPUR

You will be met by our representative at the airport and assisted with your transfer to the hotel.

The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### DAY 02: JAIPUR

This morning enjoy a full day tour of the important sights of the city.

Start after breakfast and drive first to Hawa Mahal, the iconic monument of the city. This is a photo stop.

Continue your drive to Amer Fort.

The weather-beaten façade of the nearly 420-year old Amer Fort belies the elegant beauty of its majestic interiors. Some of the most spectacular structures of the fort are 'Diwan-i-Aam' (hall of public audience), 'Sheesh Mahal' (glass palace), and 'Sukh Mahal' (pleasure palace).

After Amer Fort, return back to the city for a tour of Jantar Mantar. It's one of the world's largest observatories, and is carved in stone and marble. Many of the huge ancient instruments here are still in working condition.

Also on the itinerary is a visit to the Maharaja's City Palace.

Built on the orders of Sawai Jai Sigh II, the City Palace is a blend of Mughal, Rajput and European architectural styles as it was built in parts by different succeeding rulers. The Chandra Mahal (Moon Palace) here has been turned into a museum and has lots of interesting exhibits.

Finally, take a stroll through the many markets of the city.

Head to Chaura Rasta, known for branded showrooms and antique bookstores. Continue through the famous Bapu bazaar, which features Mojri footwear, soft-leather items, colourful block printed fabrics from Jaipur, and more. Next up is the Johri bazaar, which has Jaipuri quilts, colourful turbans, and traditional Kundan jewellery.

The evening is at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel (B)

#### **DAY 03: JAIPUR DEPARTURE**

Your tour comes to an end this morning.

We will arrange your drop to the airport for your onwards flight. (B)



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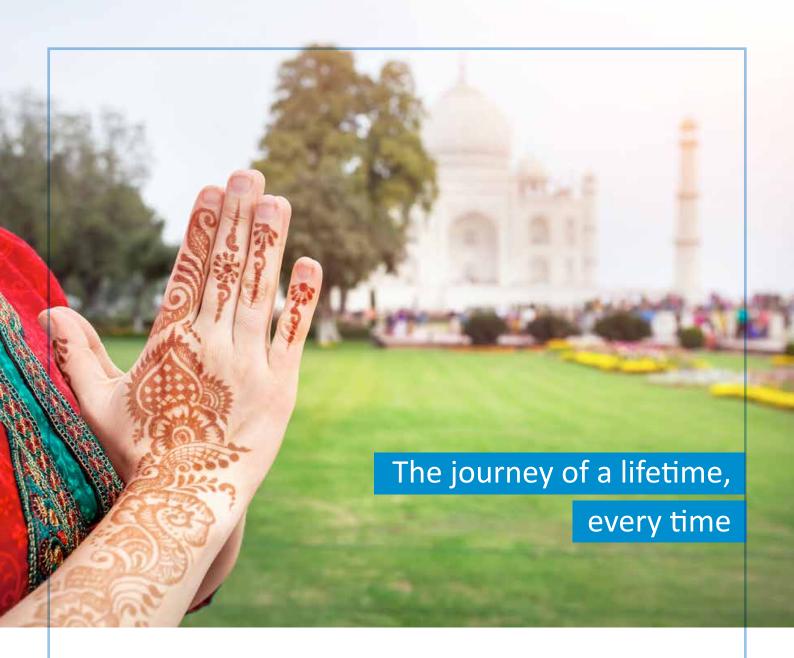
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