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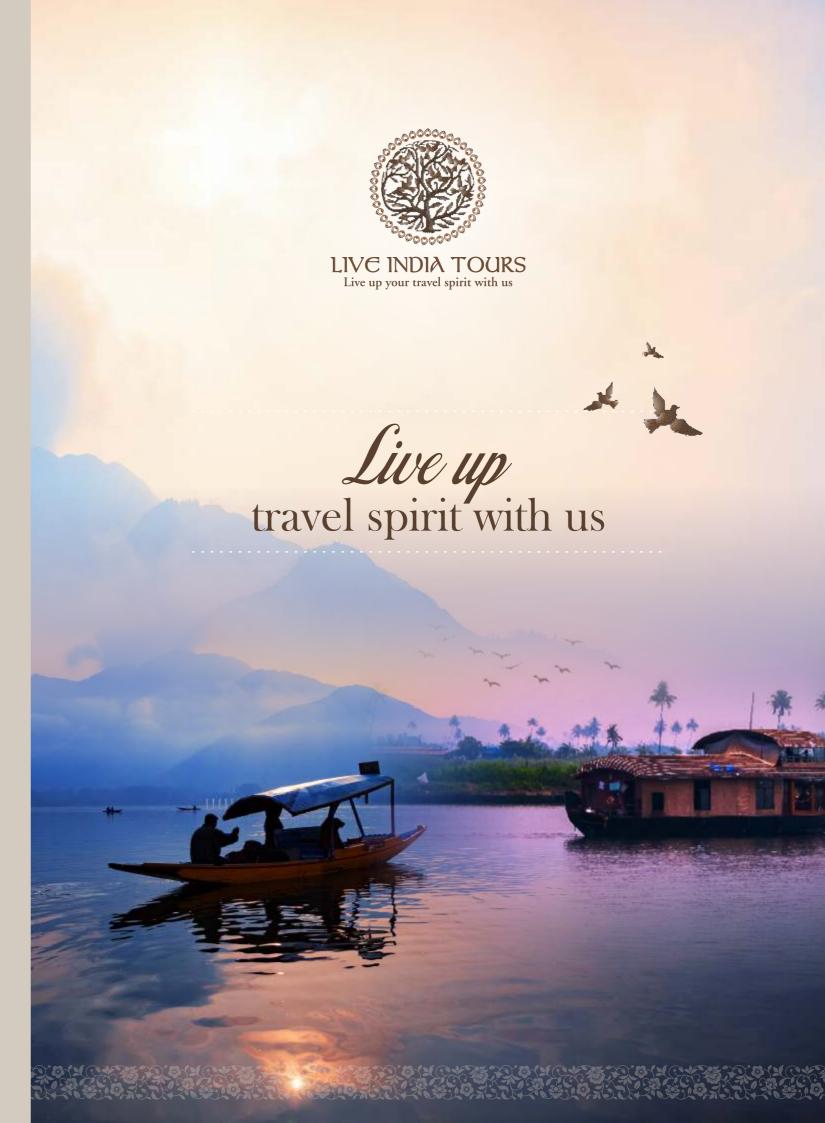












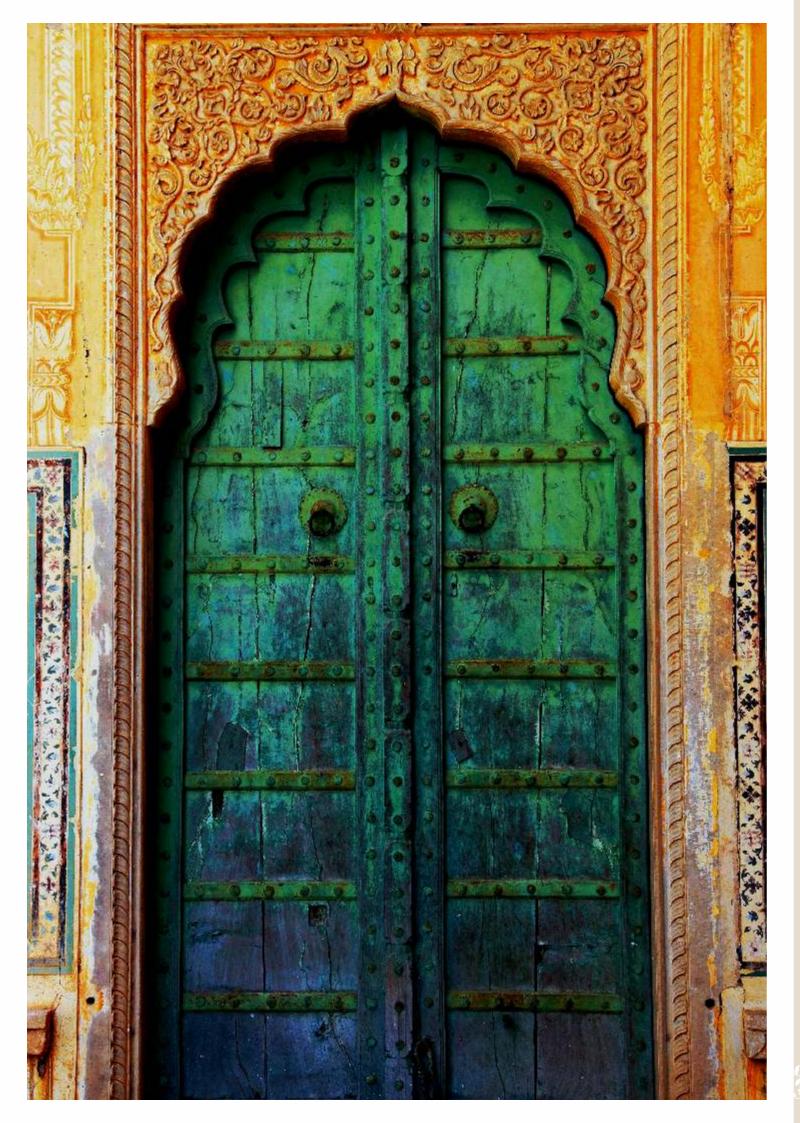


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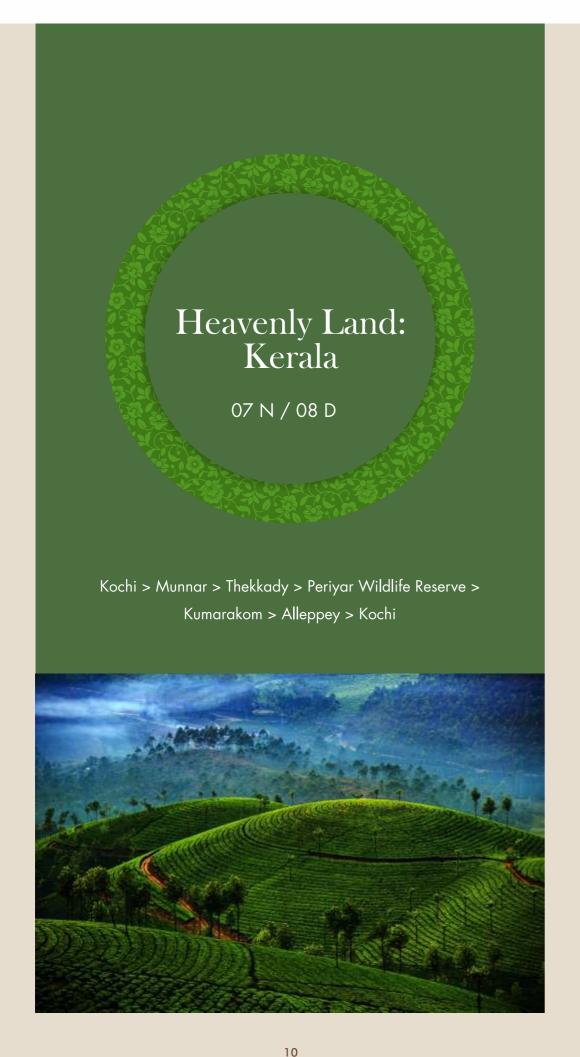
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### X Day 1

Arrive in Kochi (formerly known as Cochin)

Arrive at Cochin Airport / Railway Station. Transfer to your hotel and check in. Later in the day, explore the city's highlights including the Dutch Palace, Jewish Synagogue, Fort Kochi Beach and Chinese Fishing Nets. Overnight in Kochi.

#### \* Day 2

Cochin to Munnar (Distance 130 Kms. Duration 4 hrs)

Make your journey exciting by travelling to Munnar located at 5,200 ft. above the sea level. Arrive and check in at your hotel. The expansive tea plantations and charming cityscape enthralls the travelers. Evening at leisure. Overnight in

#### \* Day 3

Local Sightseeing in Munnar

Discover the charm of Munnar which was the summer resort of the British Government in the bygone era. Visit Tea Plantations, Tea Museum and the scenic sights of Mattupetty Dam and Kundala Lake. You may choose to go for hiking as \* Day 08 well. Overnight in Munnar.

#### X Day 4

Munnar to Thekkady (Distance 100 kms. Duration 3.5 hr.)

Travel to Thekkady (also referred as Periyar). It is famous for fascinating natural wildlife reserves, its incredible topography, diverse wildlife and pristine environs. Arrive and check-in at your hotel. Late afternoon / early evening visit a spice plantation park for an informative tour to see how white and black pepper, ginger, nutmeg, turmeric and cloves are grown. In the evening, enjoy Kalaripayattu Performance. It is an Indian ancient martial art originally developed in Kerala. Overnight in Thekkady.

#### X Day 5

Periyar Wildlife Reserve - Kumarakom (Distance 135 km. Duration 3.5 hrs.)

Start you day with a raft ride along some of the fairytale forest landscapes of the Periyar Reserve. This area is home to many species like - Tigers, Elephants, Sloth Bears and Jungle Cats and also to many birds. It is a paradise for ornithologists. If nature allows, we may spot animals on the shore. In the afternoon, travel to Kumarakom by road. Overnight in Kumarakom.

#### \* Day 6 Kumarakom

After breakfast at the hotel, set out to explore the heart of Kumarakom and enjoy backwaters of Kerala. Kerala is world renowned for Ayurveda and it is dotted with Ayurveda Wellness Centres offering treatments and care. You have an opportunity to undergo Ayurvedic Rejuvenation Therapy or Oil massage (you may enquire with us on treatment and therapy). Ayurveda, the age-old system of alternative medicine, is a science of holistic living and longevity offering various stress-relieving and rejuvenating treatments. Visit orsgo for nerve soothing oil massages which are known to eradicate muscle aches, relax body and mind and also does wonders with skin. Overnight in Kumarakom.

#### ♣ Day 7

Kumarakom - Alleppey - Kochi (Kumarakom to Alleppey 40 km; Alleppey to Kochi 70 km)

Drive to Alleppey. On reaching Alleppey, board a house boat for a 'Lunch on Cruise' experience.

Enjoy the scenic views and fresh air as the house boat sails through picturesque backwaters - an unforgettable experience! The cruise will take you across lake Vembanad, through narrow canals heading South, past the low-lying rice fields, churches, temples and schools giving an insight on the

Sumptuous lunch will be served on board. De-board the house boat and travel to Kochi. Up on arrival in Kochi, check in at the hotel. In the evening, witness the interesting traditional Kathakali dance performance - a folk dance performance with impressive masks and costumes. Overnight in Kochi.

Depart Kochi (formerly referred as Cochin)

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Morning visit to the sites of Kochi for an understanding of the cultural history of this multi-faceted destination. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to Kochi Airport for your onward flight.



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#### **PACKAGE-1**

Leh > Nubara Valley > Pangong Lake > Tso Moriri Tso Kar Lake > Jispa > Manali

#### **PACKAGE-2**

Leh > Zingchen > Rumbak > Stok > Leh



#### **PACKAGE-1**

## \* Day 01 Arrive in Leh

Arrive at Kushok Bakula Airport and exit to be welcomed by us. Transfer to hotel. Remaining day is kept at leisure to acclimatize for elevation. Cherish the honour of being in the Land of Lamas. An evening visit to the local market. Overnight inleh.

#### **%** Day 02

Leh Sightseeing

Proceed to visit the most sought-after Shey, Thiksey and Hemis Monasteries. A visit to the vicinity of Stok Palace will offer finest views of Stok-Kangri Mountains of the mighty Zanskar Range. Overnight in Leh.

#### **%** Day 03

An excursion to Phyang & Spituk

An interesting full day sightseeing tour of Indus Valley which includes a visit to Phyang and Spituk Monasteries. Sumptuous lunch will be served in picnic-style. In the afternoon, witness the confluence of Indus and Zanskar Rivers. Overnight in Leh.

#### **%** Day 04

Leh to Nubra Valley (via Khardung La Pass -situated at an elevation of 18,360 ft. approx.)

Arrive in Nubra Valley by noon and check into your hotel /camp. Nubra Valley, Ladakh, holds many surprises for its guests. One such surprise is Hunder Sand Dunes which are located at a distance of 10 km. from Diskit Village. Enjoy Bactrian camel safari across these whites and dunes. Today's journey will be of 6-7 hours approx. Overnight at camp.

#### \* Day 05

Nubra Valley to Pangong Lake

After breakfast, proceed to visit Diskit Monastery to enjoy enchanting views of the valley. Drive towards Pangong Lake along the pristine Shyok River. Arrive at Pangong and check-in at camp. Rest of the time is at your leisure. You can spend time cherishing the colour changing lake and the sunset on the banks of the high-altitude lake. Today's journey will be of 6-7 hours approx. Overnight at camp.

#### **%** Day 06

Pangong Lake to Tso Moriri

Start your day early and enjoy the surroundings of the lake. Capture the sights through your cameras / mobile phones. Later proceed to Tso Moriri Lake which is considered as one of the most beautiful, calm and sacred (for Ladakhis) high altitude lakes in India. In fact, it is the largest high-altitude lake of India that is entirely in the Indian Territory. Along the way, stop at Chumathang hot springs. You can spot Himalayan marmots on the way. By late noon, arrive in Tso Moriri and have an assisted checkin at camp. Rest of the evening is at your leisure. You can explore the marine life and bird species around the lake. Today's journey will be of 8-9 hours approx. Overnight at camp.

#### **A** Day 07

Tso Moriri to Tso Kar Lake

Leave for Tso Kar Lake early morning. En route, visit geothermal hot springs near Puga, Thukjey Village. See nomads along Polokongka pass and salt water Tso Kar Lake. One of the famous protected wetlands of Ladakh, Tso Kar Lake is home to various migratory birds from Central Asia. Today's journey will be of 3-4 hours approx. Overnight at camp.

#### **%** Day 08

Tso Kar Lake to Jispa (via Sarchu plains)

Along the way, cross Leh-Manali highway. Enjoy the village tour of Jispa and converse with the locals. Today's journey will be of 6-7 hours approx. Overnight in hotel.

#### **%** Day 09

Jispa to Manali (via Keylong town)

Cross Rohtang Pass (situated at 3,980 meters height) enroute to your hotel in Manali.

#### **X** Day 10

Depart

Tour ends with departure from Manali.

#### **SUGGESTIONS:**

- Time and interest permitting, you can consider option of taking an extended stay in Manali with the possibilities of combining it with Shimla or may be considering travelling further to Dharamshala and ending the tour in Amritsar.
- 2. The other interest is of wildlife. If you have a desire to spot a snow leopard in Ladakh, you may consider including the below defined trail to the program. You may connect with our experts for the same!!

For wildlife enthusiasts, Ladakh is an excellent opportunity to spot some of the most exotic animal species that roam freely in their natural habitat. You will be able to spot various wild animals such as Blue Sheep, Snow Leopard, Tibetan Argali, and many more. Spotting these exotic species in rugged terrains, which in winters become inaccessible for humans, is a thrilling experience. On the last day of tour, enjoy trekking on the Stok La Pass (4,900m) and also a visit to the Stok Palace.



#### **PACKAGE-2**

### **%** Day 01

Leh-Phey-Rumbak (5 hr)

After breakfast, leave for Phey Bridge. After crossing the bridge, walk to reach the Zingchen Gorge. Hemis National Park consists of 200 Snow Leopards and it is the only habitat of Ladakh Urial or Shapo in India. It is home to small mammals, including the Mountain Weasel, Himalayan Marmot and Himalayan Mouse Hare. You can spot signs of the Snow Leopard along the bottom of the valleys during winters or early spring or fall. Overnight in hotel.

## Day 02 Rumbak

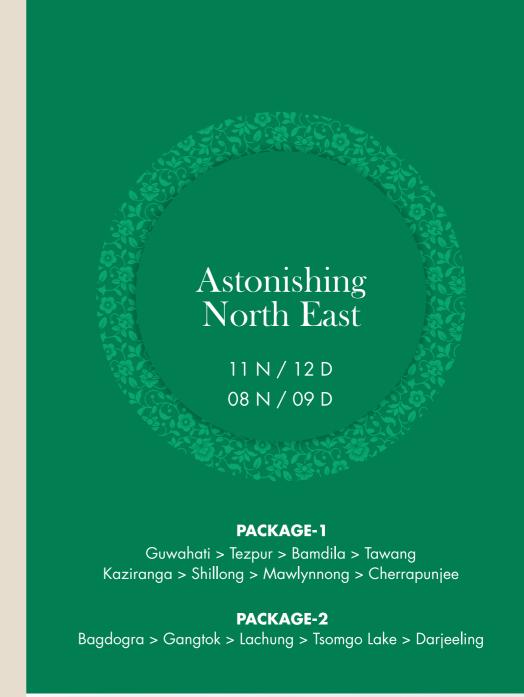
Proceed for a full-day wildlife tour. You will be accompanied by an expert local guide. You may spot various species of animals such as the great Tibetan Sheep also called Aragali, Blue Sheep, Tibetan Wolf and various migratory bird species, exquisite flora and if really lucky, a Snow Leopard. Return to hotel for night stay.

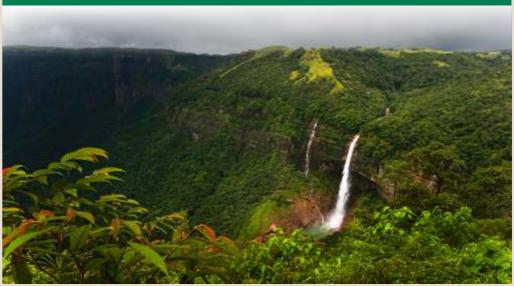
\* Day 03
Rumbak to Stok to Leh (8 hrs)

Start early for a trek up to the Stok La Pass (4,900m& 3 hr approx.), move towards the extreme left along the south facing hill. After an hour, you will start your ascend to the pass. From here, you can get an amazing view of the Indus Valley. Slide downwards to the Stok Village. A visit to Stok Palace Museum can also be arranged. Later, drive towards Leh. On arrival, check in at hotel for night stay.

#### **%** Day 04

Departure from Leh for your onward journey.







March to June are the best months to visit the North East. These are ever-blooming days ideal for exploring the tribes, trails and teas of this magnificent region. North East India is often referred to as a kingdom in its own right. And, for a good reason too!

India's North Eastern region is comprised of 8 states. Out of these, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura are famously referred as seven sisters; plus one joining them is Sikkim, thus making total eight states for North Eastern region.

#### **PACKAGE-1**

#### \* Day 01

Guwahati - Tezpur (Distance 180 km. Duration 4.5 hr)

Arrival at Guwahati Airport. Proceed to Tezpur - a city located on the banks of river Brahmaputra. Along this journey, visit temples and drive past the region famous for its tea gardens / plantations. This area attracts large number of tourists. Overnight in Tezpur.

#### **%** Day 02

Tezpur - Bomdila

(Distance 150 km. Duration 4 hr)

Start your day by visiting the ancient Mahabhairab Temple. Next, proceed to Bomdila - located at an elevation of 7,900 ft. above the sea level. It is amongst the hills of the North-Eastern state of Arunachal Pradesh. This district is one of the hidden treasures of the country. It will be an exclusive natural experience. Overnight in Bomdila.

#### **%** Day 03

Bomdila-Tawang (Distance 150 km. 5.5hr)

Today, visit Bomdila Monastery - a beautiful monastery set amidst natural environs. Continue your journey to Tawana and immerse yourself in delightful views of eastern Himalayan ranges. Overnight in Tawana.

#### \* Day 04

Tawang

Experience spiritual beauty as you traverse through the picturesque town of Tawang located in the western forefront of Arunachal Pradesh. The town holds religious significance for the Buddhists. Gorgeous mountains, breath-taking views and abundance of nature will leave you mesmerized. Overnight in Tawang.

#### **%** Day 05

Tawang - Bomdila

Visit Tawang Monastery - the 2ndlargest monastery in Asia. Later, proceed to Bomdila. Enroute, visit Nuranang Waterfall at Jang - one of the most spectacular waterfalls which offers a pristine and beautiful sight. Overnight in Bomdila.

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#### **%** Day 06

Bomdila - Kaziranga (Distance 200 km. 5.5 hr)

Today, proceed to Kaziranga where wildlife flourishes offering a beautiful rendezvous with nature. Along the journey, visit famous temples. Overnight in Kaziranga.

#### \* Day 07

Kaziranga

Enjoy a thrilling game drive at Kaziranga National Park. Kaziranga is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and it is famous for One Horned Rhino, Elephant, Deer and rare migratory birds. Also visit Orchid Park which is home to over 600 species of wild orchid, Bamboo and Medicinal Herbs. In the evening enjoy spectacular indigenous folk dance of Assam - Bihu. Overnight in Kaziranga.

#### **%** Day 08

Kaziranga - Shillong (Distance 260 km. Duration 6 hr)

Today, proceed to Shillong, the capital city of Meghalaya. Enroute, enjoy the view of beautiful Umiam Lake. Overnight in Shillong.

#### **%** Day 09

Shillong - Mawlynnong - Shillong (Distance 90 km. Duration 3 hr)

Today, explore Mawlynnong Village which has been granted the title of 'Cleanest Village in Asia'. Also visit the Balancing Rock and the Living Root Bridge. These are centuries old bridges grown from tangled roots. Continue your journey to see crystal-clear waters of Dawki River and enjoy boating on the river. Overnight in Shillong.

#### 🔆 Day 10

Shillong - Cherrapunjee - Shillong (Cherrapunjee one way distance is 55 km)

Visit Cathedral of Mary, Elephant Falls and Ram Krishna Mission. Proceed with an excursion to Cherrapunjee which is referred to as the wettest place on earth. Further make a visit to Mawsmai Caves, Seven Sisters Falls and Nohkalikai Fall which is the tallest plunge waterfall in India. Overnight at Shillong.

#### 💃 Day 1

Shillong - Guwahati (Distance 100 km. Duration 2.5 hr)

Today travel to Guwahati. Upon arrival, visit the Kamakhya Temple - one of the 51 Shakti Peethas in the country and enjoy a ride in the longest river ropeway over the massive Brahmaputra. Later, enjoy rivercruise on Brahmaputra. Overnight in Guwahati.

#### L Day 12

Depar

Transfer to the Airport / Railway station for your next destination / home.

#### **SUGGESTIONS**

- 1. You may inquire for a shorter duration tour or opting for a tour to Meghalaya and Assam only.
- Sikkim tour with West Bengal (Darjeeling comes under West Bengal). Check with us on taking this journey covering -Darjeeling, Gangtok, Namchi and Lachung. Below is an outline for Sikkim and Darjeeling journey.

#### PACKAGE -2: SIKKIM - DARJEELING - GANGTOK

#### \* Day 01

Bagdogra-Gangtok

(Distance 130 kms. Duration 4.5 hr)

Arrive at Bagdogra and proceed to Gangtok. Upon arrival in Gangtok, check in at hotel. Overnight in Gangtok.

#### \* Day 02

Gangtok

Explore Gangtok by visiting Ranka Monastery, Banjhakri Waterfall (subject to operation), Namgyal Institute of Tibetology and Dordul Chorten Stupa. Later, visit the Flower Exhibition Centre, Hanuman Tok, Ganesh Tok and Tashi View Point to capture incredible views of the Himalayan ranges. Overnight in Gangtok

#### **X** Day 03

Gangtok - Lachung

Journey to Lachung. It is arguablyone of the most stunning Himalayan Villages. Overnight in Lachung.

### ⊁ Day 04

Lachung

Proceed to visit Zero Point. It is located near Indo - Chinese border in the vicinity of Yumthang Valley. It is a paradise for nature lovers for its captivating blend of flora and fauna and remarkable scenic beauty.

Note: Zero Point is guarded by the Border Security Force (BSF) and visit is subject to permission. Overnight in Lachung.

#### **%** Day 05

Lachung - Gangtok

Today, proceed to Gangtok. In the evening, enjoy local folk dance. Overnight in Gangtok

#### **X** Day 06

Gangtok - Tsomgo Lake - Gangtok

Tsomgo Lake is a high-altitude scenic lake and considered to be sacred by the Sikkimese. In the evening, leisure time to explore Gangtok. Overnight in Gangtok

#### **½** Day 07

Gangtok - Darjeeling

(Distance 105 km. Duration 3 hr)

Proceed to Darjeeling today. It is a premier Indian hill station. The evening is at leisure to relax and explore the surroundings. Overnight in Darjeeling.

#### **%** Day 08

Darjeeling

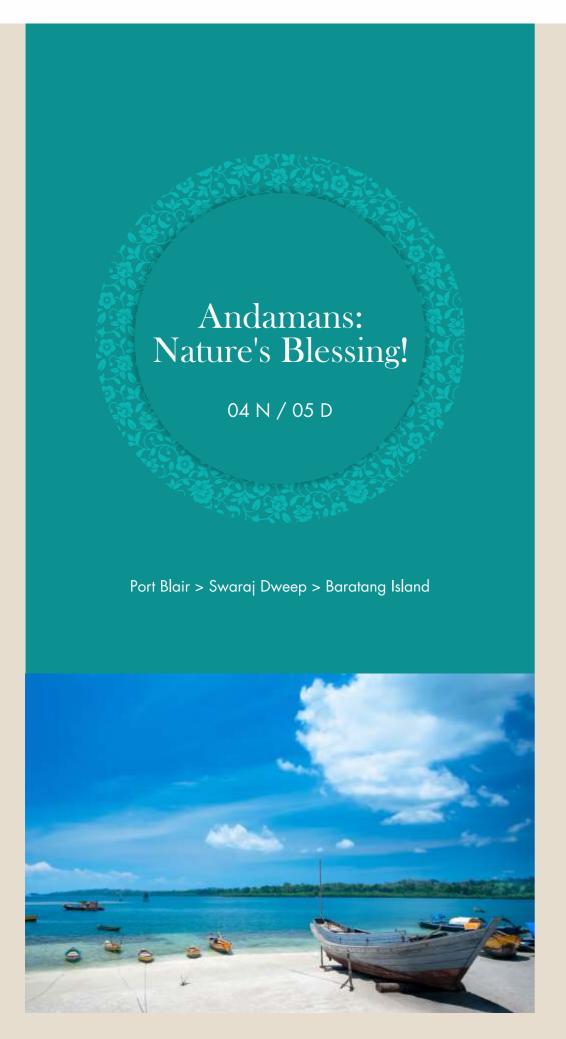
Early morning visit to Tiger Hill to enjoy a mesmerising sunrise over the Kanchenjunga Ranges. Visit Batasia Loop, Ghoom Monastery, Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI), Zoological Park and Tenzing Rock. Later, visit the Tea Estates and taste the renowned local Darjeeling Tea. Overnight in Darjeeling.

### **%** Day 09

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Darjeeling - Bagdogra

Depart from Sikkim with pleasant memories. Transfer to Bagdogra Airport (Distance 70 km. Duration 2.5 hours) or to New Jalpaiguri Railway Station.





Andaman and Nicobar Islands shimmer like emeralds in the Bay of Bengal. Its tropical forest comprises a blend of flora with elements from Indian, Myanmar, Malaysian and endemic floral strains. The dense and picturesque forest which cover these islands creates an extremely poetic and romantic

These islands are home to India's best nesting beaches for 3 species of marine turtles - Hawksbill, Green Turtle and the world's largest sea turtle - the Leatherback. It is a paradise for water sports enthusiasts as Scuba Diving is a must and prevalent activity here.



Arrive in Port Blair

Arrive at the Airport and exit to be welcomed by us. Transfer to hotel. Visit the 1906 Cellular Jail, which is also notoriously known among Indian Freedom Fighters as Kalapani. Later, explore Corbyn's Cove Beach and enjoy an informative light and sound show. This show brings to life the jail's profound connection to the independence movement and the freedom fighters. Overnight in Port Blair.

#### **%** Day 02

Swaraj Dweep (formerly referred as Havelock Island), Radhanagar Beach

Early ferry ride to reach Swaraj Dweep - formerly referred to as Havelock Island, famous for its coastal line. Check in to your hotel upon arrival. Later, visit Radhanagar beach on the island. It is considered to be amongst the best places for swimming as there are no rocks along the coast and it doesn't invite high tides. Although Havelock is the most developed island, it still enjoys the charm of being very quaint - a world away from the busy life of mainland India. Overnight on Havelock.

Note: For morning ferry departure, we suggest you to carry packed breakfast with you.

#### **%** Day 03

Swaraj Dweep (Havelock) to Port Blair

Return to Port Blair by morning ferry. Check in to your hotel. After lunch, visit the local market, admire the local handicrafts and also make a visit to Anthropological Museum. Overnight



#### **X** Day 04

Baratang Island through Jarawa reserve and Limestone Caves

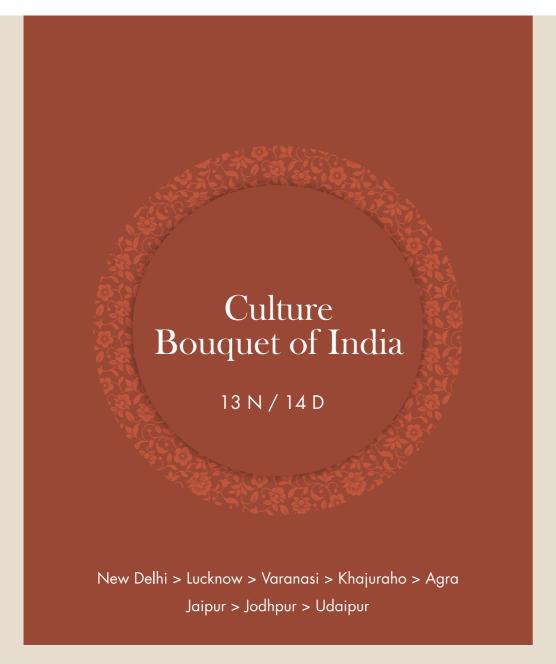
Start early for an excursion to Baratang - an ideal place for nature lovers seeking solitude of untouched and pristine nature. You can either take land route or a ferry ride from Port

Visit the exotic Limestone Caves (Close every Monday). Baratang also has an active Mud Volcano that squirts little fountain of mud. The volcano is created by natural gases emitted by underground decaying organic matter.

Suggestion: While visiting Baratang, it is advisable to carry drinking water and food packets. The journey to Baratang is through a tribal reserve belt and on the way, you may see Jarawa people. Taking their photographs or interacting with them is an offence and may lead to prosecution. Overnight in



Conclude your tour with transfer to the airport to board your return flight back home.



Enter the magnificent era of Indian history and embark upon an illuminating journey highlighted with poetry, music, fine dining that offers gastronomic delights, courtly etiquette and a sneak peek into a closeknitcommunity where people of diverse religious believes and cultures lived together for a long time.

#### \* Day 01

Arrive in New Delhi

Arrive at Delhi Airport / Railway Station and exit to be welcomed by us. Transfer to hotel. Overnight in Delhi.

### **X** Day 02

Experience the sights and sounds of India's capital with a full day tour which includes witnessing city's magnificent Mughal architecture, visiting the bustling bazaars of Old Delhi and driving past New Delhi also referred to as Lutyens' Delhi; being named after much acclaimed British Architect Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869–1944) who designed the area during the British rule in India. Overnight in Delhi.

#### \* Day 03

Delhi to Lucknow

Transfer to the airport. Board a flight for Lucknow. Alternatively, you have an option of train journey which is of an approximate 6 hours and 45 minutes. You may check this with our experts. Lucknow 'The City of Nawabs' has a magical blend of centuries old charm and new-age charisma. Evening at leisure with a few

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interesting experiences like - 'Nawabs and Kababs'. 💃 Day 09 Overnight in Lucknow.

#### **%** Day 04

Lucknow

Explore Lucknow! Dotted with Islamic and British architecture, Lucknow offers a very interesting blend as you step out to visit fascinating bazaars and savour food delights that are world \* Day 10 renowned like - Tunday Kebabs, Basket Chaat, Kulfi Falooda, Lucknowi Biryani and more.

#### **X** Day 05

Lucknow to Varanasi

Today travel by road to Varanasi (an approximate travel distance of 320 km and 6 hr travel time). In the evening, visit banks of River Ganges for a magical and once in a lifetime 🐇 experience. Witness a ritual worshipping of River Ganga that takes place every day at dusk. Overnight in Varanasi.

#### **%** Day 06

Varanasi to Khajuraho

Discover India's spirituality from another perspective by taking an unforgettable sunrise boat ride on the Ganges. Float past the ghats and see worshippers appearing on the banks for morning rituals.

Continue to explore this ancient city known for temples. Vishwanath Temple is the city's popular shrine which is dedicated to Lord Shiva. Visit the famed Banaras Hindu University, founded by the great nationalist leader, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in 1916.

Later board a flight to Khajuraho. Arrival in Khajuraho and 🗱 Day 13 transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, visit the beautiful Khajuraho Temples, built by Chandela kings between 950 and 1050 AD, showcasing architectural geniuses. They are known for remarkable sculpted panels which represent sensitivity and warmth and reflect the society that was free from inhibitions. Overnight in Khajuraho.

#### **X** Day 07

Khajuraho to Agra

Proceed to Jhansi Railway Station and visit Orchha enroute. Orchha was established as the capital of the powerful Bundelkhand Empire by the king Rudra Pratap Singh in 1501 AD. Interestingly here River Betwa splits into seven channels known as Satdhara. As legends state, this happens in honour of the seven erstwhile rulers of Orchha. Transfer to the Railway Station for your journey to Agra (Duration 2.5 hr). Upon arrival, transfer to hotel. Overnight in Agra.

## **\*** Day 08

Visit Taj Mahal. It is among the seven wonders of the world and one of the most visited monuments. This white marble marvel, built by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan, is a sight to behold. Enjoy a guided tour before heading out to visit the impressive Agra Fort. Overnight in Agra

Agra to Jaipur

Proceed to Jaipur by road (an approximate distance of 240 km, 4.5 hr. duration). Along the way, visit Abhaneri - famous for its step wells (water reservoirs) which are more than a thousand years old. Overnight in Jaipur.

Drive to the scenic hill-top 16th century Amber Fort on the outskirts of the city. In the afternoon, visit historical sites including the Royal Observatory and the City Palace. Don't forget to click your pictures with Palace of the Winds or Hawa Mahal in the background. Overnight in Jaipur.

#### Day 11

Jaipur to Jodhpur

Travel to Jodhpur (approximate distance 320 km, duration 6.

Jodhpur, the blue city, is a popular tourist destination. Neighboring the Thar Desert, Jodhpur offers an opportunity to explore the palaces, forts and temples that signify city's historic grandeur. Overnight in Jodhpur.

#### **%** Day 12

Jodhpur to Udaipur

Travel to Udaipur by road (approximate distance 260 km, duration 5 hr). Along the journey, visit the famed Ranakpur Temples-religiously visited by followers of Jainism. These are known for splendid architectural style. Overnight in Udaipur.

Udaipur

Start your day by visiting the 18thcentury fountain gardens of Saheliyon Ki Bari. Then visit the City Palace Complex - a labyrinth of richly decorated courtyards and frescoed galleries. A short stroll will take you to Jagdish Mandir where music or chanting is heard throughout the day. Enjoy an afternoon boat ride on Lake Pichola followed by sumptuous dinner at Royal Repast - a restaurant owned by the descendants of Bedla clan who have played a significant role in the affairs of the Udaipur State. Overnight in Udaipur.

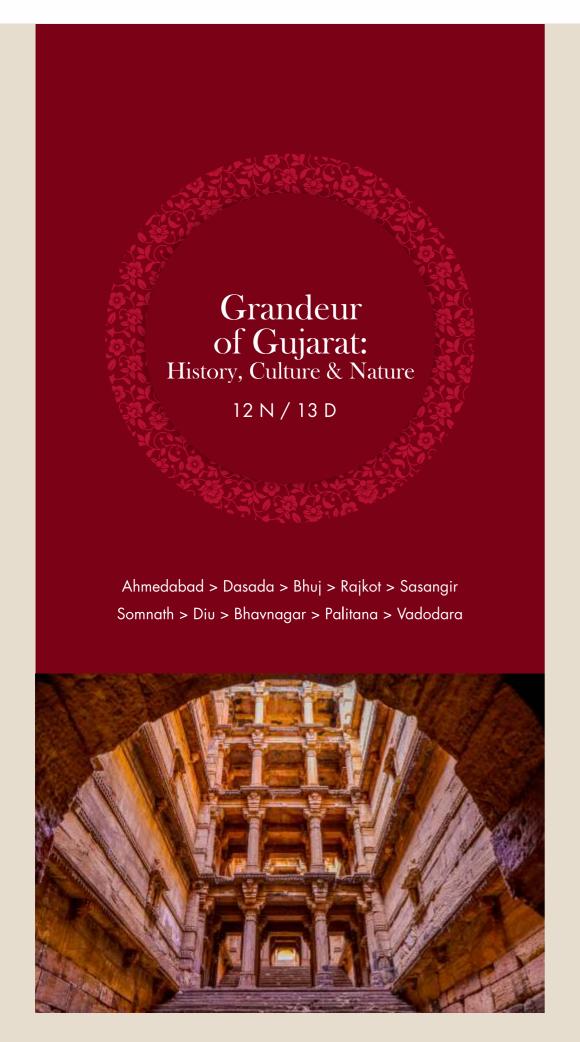
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Depart Udaipur

Transfer to the airport for your travel to next destination. You may pick conveniently your preferred choice, picking fight combination for return travel to home or considering options to continue Indian exploration.

Suggestions: You may include a visit to Ranthambore to spot the renowned Bengal Tiger or continue your Indian sojourn by taking extension trips covering Mumbai, Goa or combining Mumbai with Kerala - famous for spices, its coastline and backwaters.



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Guiarat is well known for its old towns, beaches, wildlife and temples. In addition, it also offers breathtakingly beautiful nature which helps in showcasing the state's finest landscapes to tourists.

#### X Day 1

Arrive in Ahmedabad

Arrive at Ahmedabad Airport / Railway Station. Transfer to hotel. Check in and enjoy rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Ahmedabad.

#### \* Day 2

Ahmedabad Sightseeing

It is a city with rich heritage, history and culture offering deeper understanding on India's approach in the past towards independence. Visit prominent sites of the city including religious sites and old mansions along with an option of having lunch at a local restaurant, and a visit to Adalaj Stepwell. Overnight in Ahmedabad.

#### \* Day 3

Ahmedabad to Dasada (Distance 250 km. Distance 7.5 hr)

Make an early morning start today to visit Rani Ki Vav and Sun Temple at Modhera. You may avail an option of having lunch at a local restaurant in Modhera and proceed to Dasada. Rani ki Vav (translated as Queen's Well) is filled with masterful sculptures, elaborate carvings and infinite passages. In the \* Day 11 evening, set out for the Wildlife Safari to spot Asiatic Wild Ass and enjoy bird watching at Bajna Lake. Overnight in Dasada.

#### X Day 4

Dasada - Bhuj (Distance 280 km. Duration 6.5 hr)

Continue your journey and travel to Bhuj, famous for its small, meandering streets, palaces and temples. It has the oldest museum of Gujarat. Around the city are old traditional villages famous for their traditional handicrafts and embroidery. Visiting them will be a delightful experience. Overnight in

### X Day 5

Visit the city's highlights - Kutch Museum, Bhartiya Sanskrati Darshan, Maharao Lakhpatji's old palace - The Aaina Mahal or 'Hall of Mirrors' which was built in traditional Kutchi style, has a vibrant collection of art and archaic pieces, a treasure for all the history enthusiast and art lovers. Overnight in Bhuj.

Bhuj- Rajkot (Distance: 230 km. Duration 5.5 hr) Proceed to visit Rajkot. Rajkotis famous for its traditional handicrafts including silver work, embroidery and Patola weaving. Overnight in Rajkot.

#### A Day 7

Rajkot-Sasangir (Distance 180 km. Duration 4.5)

Proceed to Sasangir. Enroute, make a stop at Shri Jalaram Bappa Temple and Junagarh. Spend some quality time at Uparkot Fort; Mahaprabhuji Baithak. Overnight in Sasangir.

Sasangir - Somnath - Diu (Distance 70 km. Duration 2 hr)

Enjoy adventurous game drive in Sasangir National Park and later proceed to Diu. Along the way make a stop for a spiritual rendezvous at famous Somnath Temple - one of the twelve Jyotirlingas amongst the followers of Hinduism. Arrive at Diu. Overnight in Diu.

## X Day 9

Head out for a full day exiting excursion in Diu. Explore this scenic land and spend your day at leisure watching beautiful sunset and soaking in holiday vibe. Overnight in Diu.

#### **X** Day 10

Diu-Bhavnagar (Distance 210 km. Duration 5 hr)

Travel to Bhavnagar. It is known for its pleasant climate and prominent historical significance. It offers tourist attractions like Takhteshwar Temple, Gaurishankar Lake, Barton Library and Museum. Overnight in Bhavnagar.

Bhavnagar - Palitana - Vadodara

Leave for Vadodara. On the way, take a stop to explore Palitana which is famous for its hill-top Jain Shatrunjay Temple. Arrive at Vadodara. Overnight in Vadodara.

## Day 12

Explore the attractions of Vadodara City including Laxmi Vilas Palace-the luxurious residence of Vadodara's Royal Family. built in the 19thcentury. It is constructed using Indo-Saracenic Architecture covering the area of over 500 acres. It is the largest private home ever built till date. It is four times bigger than the UK's Buckingham Palace. Overnight in Vadodara.

#### **X** Day 13

Depart Vadodara

Transfer to the Airport / Railway Station for your journey to next destination.



#### **SUGGESTIONS AND OPTIONS:**

The program can be tailor-made according to your interest and requirements. Gujarat is a dynamic state with colourful celebrations throughout the year according to the seasons and festival dates. The programmes can be adjusted depending on the time of travel and events such as the Hindu festival of Navratri or the Uttarayan Festival, also known as the Kite Festival, can be included. You may consider taking below travel extensions or may consider using them with adjustments to the above program. Please check with us on interesting recreations and additions.

#### DWARKA AND PORBANDAR 02 nights / 03 days

Make a visit to Dwarka which is well known as the pilgrimage destination for Hindus and famous for its magnificent temples. The Dwarkadhish Temple, also called Jagat Mandir, is located at the heart of Dwarka. Also visit the city where Mahatma Gandhi was born-Porbandar. This historical port city represents rich cultural heritage and its seasons and festivals are a treat to the senses.

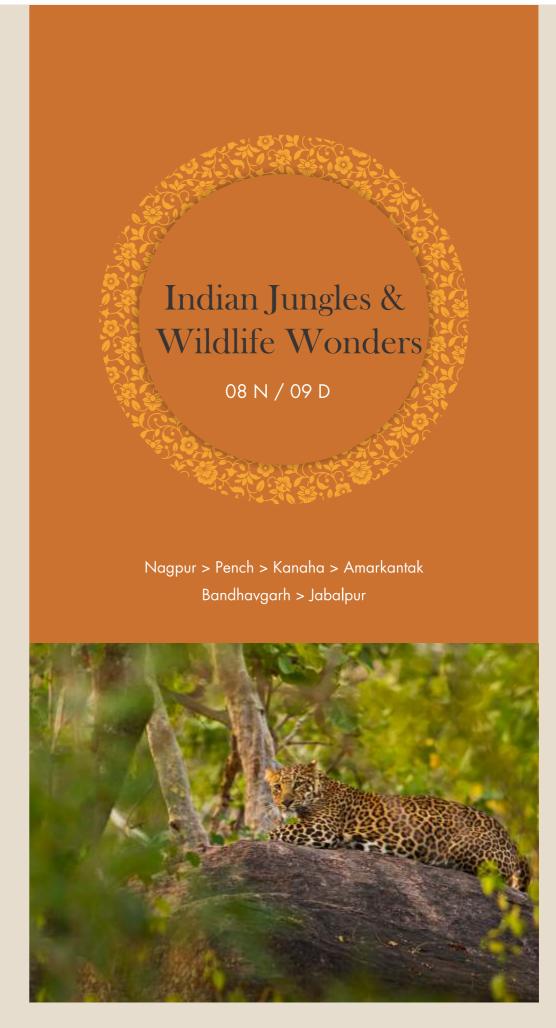
## CHAMPANER & STATUE OF UNITY: 02 nights / 03 days

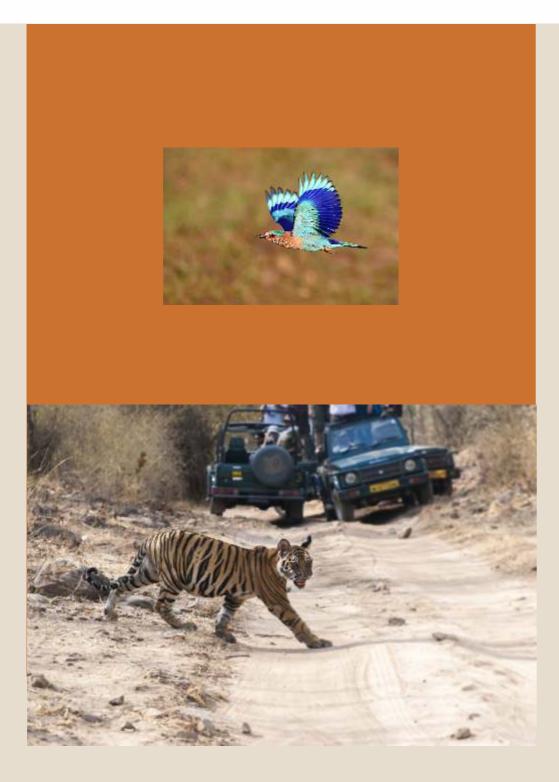
Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park is an Archaeological and Historical attraction situated in the Panchmahal District of Gujarat State. It features many living cultural heritage properties at the backdrop of impressive landscape

The massive 182 meters high Statue of Unity is within a short access from Champaner. It is one of the world's tallest statues. It narrates and represents the life and history of India's great freedom fighter, the first deputy Prime Minister and home Minister of Independent India - Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.

## RANN OF KUTCH FESTIVAL 02 nights / 03 days

The annual Kutch Rann Utsav takes place from November to February. The mesmerising white Rann appear to be an apt canvas for the vibrant painting that represents cultural splendour filled with music and dance. Experiencing this beautiful extravaganza on a full moon day is every traveller's dream.





Jungle safaris in India offer you an excellent opportunity to enjoy wildlife in the best of ways. Be it to spot magnificent Bengal Tigers, Elephants, or rare bird species, Indian Jungles will never disappoint you. India has done an excellent job of preserving the food chain, safeguarding its fauna, and upholding ecological stability. The renowned author of 'The Jungle Book,' Rudyard Kipling, was born and raised in India. He spent a considerable amount of time there and was greatly influenced by the wild life of Central India, which provided inspiration for the development of the book's iconic characters, including Mowgli, Bagheera, Sher Khan, Baloo, Haathi, and Akela.

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**%** Day 01

Arrive in Nagpur (Distance 75 km. Duration 2 hr)

Arrive at Nagpur Airport and exit to be welcomed by us. Proceed to Pench.

Pench is one of the most famous national parks of India. It is an abode of the majestic Bengal tiger and countless other animals. Let nature welcomes you in this incredible and wildlife rich region.

In the afternoon, set out for an adventurous Jeep Safari with our expert guides who will assist you in spotting the nocturnal Indian leopard, the elusive Sloth Bear and the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger. Don't miss out the vibrant flocks of birds as they fly along the beautiful horizon. Overnight in Pench.

#### **%** Day 02

Pench

Early morning signals the beginning of another thrilling wildlife exploration. This morning jeep safari can be full of anticipation, excitement and action as this is the time when the entire jungle is active. Stay alert with your cameras ready as you may witness a tiger or a leopard on prowl.

In the afternoon, soak yourself in the surroundings by taking a stroll around the resort and absorbing the sights and sounds of the nearby jungle. Overnight in Pench.

#### **%** Day 03

Travel from Pench to Kanha National Park (Distance 220 km. Duration 5 hr)

Early morning, head out to Kanha National Park. Check in to your hotel / resort upon arrival at Kanha National Park. Blend in the charming environment of the place and enjoy an evening park safari.

Kanha is one of the finest wildlife zones in the world. It is spread across the Satpura range of Madhya Pradesh. Declared a forest reserve in 1879 and revalued as a wildlife sanctuary in 1933, Kanha National Park is home for a plethora wild species right from the mighty tigers to the most populated Barasingha and the countless species of plants, birds, reptiles and insects. Kanha has fascinated and attracted wildlife lovers from across the globe. Overnight in Kanha.

#### **%** Day 04

Kanha

Adventure awaits in the jungle as you set out for a morning safari. Assuring every comfort, you will be served packed breakfast. Kanha is famed for significant tiger population existing along with Leopard, Wild dog, Wild Cat, Fox and Jackal. Overnight in Kanha.

#### **X** Day 05

Travel from Kanha to Amarkantak (Distance 245 km. Duration 5 hr)

After the adventurous rendezvous, take an ascend to unwind in the mountains. Visit Amarkantak and give yourself a chance to relax in peace in the pristine surroundings.

Amarkantak, also known as 'Teerthraj' (the king of pilgrimages), is located amidst the Vindhya and Satpura mountain ranges in Madhya Pradesh. Situated at an altitude of 1,065 meters, this hill station offers visitors a chance to visit some of the most exquisite temples that are hard to find elsewhere. Overnight in Amarkantak.

#### **%** Day 06

Amarkantak

Enjoy your day by visiting the remarkable Amarkantak sites op attractions to visit in Amarkantak are:

- Narmada Udgam Temple
- Ancient Temples of Kalachuri
- Kapildhara Waterfall
- Shri Yantra Mandir
- Amareshwar Mahadev Temple
- Overnight in Amarkantak.

#### \* Day 07

Amarkantak to Bandhavgarh (Distance 190 km. 4.5 hr)

Arrive at Bandhavgarh. It is a park with a rich historical past. Before it was declared a national park, it was known to be a Shikaargah (or a hunting ground) of the Maharajas and their guests in the bygone era. Set out for an evening park safari. Overnight in Bandhavgarh.

#### **%** Day 08

Bandhavgarh

Discover Bandhavgarh National Park with morning and late afternoon game drive / jeep safaris.

Early morning sip a hot cup of tea before heading out for a game drive. Local expert naturalist will be accompanying you. It will be an exciting and informative game drive as most of these naturalists have spent their life growing up in these jungles and are well-versed with the surroundings and are expert judge of animal behaviour. Enjoy this adventurous ride into the jungle. Overnight in Bandhavgarh.

#### Day 09

Travel from Bandhavgarh to Jabalpur Airport

Travel to Jabalpur Airport to board a flight for your next destination. An approximate travel distance will be 175 km and takes 4.5 hr to reach. If travelling by train, the nearest Railway Stations are Umaria (35 Km. 45 Min drive) and Katni (100 Km. 2 Hr drive)

#### **SUGGESTION**

These programs can be tailored to choose your interests and preferences. For instance, we can tweak the above proposed program by including a few leisure locations with the likes of Delhi, Agra, Jaipur and adding Ranthambore to the itinerary. Ranthambore is one of the most renowned Tiger Reserves of India. If your interested in spotting Rhinos in the wild or Elephants of the North East India, we can offer you this extension trip to the beautiful Indian state of Assam. Or according to your preference, to Gir Sanctuary in Gujrat for Asiatic Lions and Ladakh region for elusive Snow Leopards. India has a rich wildlife diversity nurturing in well-protected and maintained natural habitats. All you need is to get in touch with us and we'll make sure to surpass your expectations.



# Odisha: The Soul of Incredible India

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Bhubaneswar > Puri > Gopalpur > Taptapani



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The delightful diversity of Odisha is represented well by state's rich culture, history and cuisine. This eastern part of the country is as beautiful as spiritual it is. Being home to one of the four most significant Hindu pilgrimage sites, Odisha never fails to entice travellers in search of peace, spirituality and enjoyment.

### **%** Day 01

Arrive in Bhubaneswar

Arrive at Bhubaneswar Airport / Railway Station and exit to be welcomed by us. Travel to Puri. Enroute, visit Khandagiri, Udayagiri Caves (oldest rock cut caves). The caves are reminiscent of the influence of Buddhism and Jainism in Orissa. Also visit Dhauli Hills (Shanti Stupa) India's famous Buddhist Hill. Arrival at Puri and check in at hotel. Overnight in Puri.

#### **%** Day 02

Puri and Konark

Today in the morning, proceed to visit Lord Jagannath Temple and Gundicha Temple. A visit to Golden Beach will make your senses unwind. Later, visit the famous Konark Sun Temple. Konark accommodates a massive temple dedicated to the Sun God. There are three images of the Sun God located at three different sides of the temple. Overnight in Puri.

#### **%** Day 03

Puri to Chilika to Gopalpur (boat journey Puri-Chilika 3-4 hr; Chilika-Gopalpur 115 km. Duration 2.5 hr)

After sumptuous breakfast, transfer to Chilika Lake at Satpada. It is the largest salt water lake in Asia and second largest coastal lagoon in the world. Take a boat cruise to spot the Irrawaddy Dolphins and visit Sea Mouth and Red Crab Island.

Continue your journey with travel to Gopalpur. It is a coastal city. During the British rule, a trade route was developed from Gopalpur to Burma to trade rice. There are still intriguing remnants of colonial times present in form of old warehouses. Overnight in Gopalpur.

## \* Day 04

Gopalpur Day excursion to Taptapani

Taptapani is a famed hot spring known for its Medicinal Sulfuric Water. According to local folklore, it has been around for more than 300 years. It is worshipped by the tribals as Kandhuni Devi. Overnight in Gopalpur.



Gopalpur-Textile Village - Bhubaneswar

In the morning, depart for Bhubaneswar. Enroute, visit the unique textile village at Olasingh which is famous for Khandua Pattern Kosa Silk Saree and Cotton Saree.

Travel Journey Gopalpur - Olasingh 130 km. 3 hr. Travel Journey Olasingh - Bhubaneshwar 50 km: 1 hr. Upon arrival in Bhubaneshwar, check in at hotel. Overnight in Bhubaneswar.

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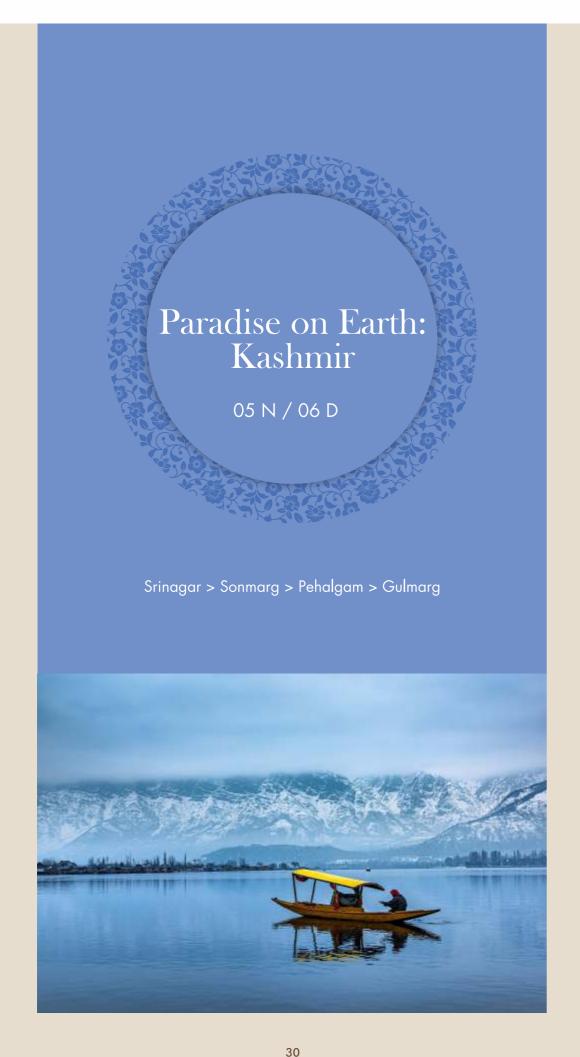
Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, the capital, is also the largest city of Odisha. Explore the interesting historical sites including Dhauli where Emperor Ashoka embraced Buddhism and became a pacifist. You will be visiting famous temples like Parasurameswar, Mukteswar, Lingaraj and Rajarani. Later, the same day, you will be transferred to Airport or Railway Station for your onward journey.

Important Note: Some Hindu temples / religious sites may follow entry restrictions for non-Hindus to the main sanctum.

#### **Suggestions:**

Odisha or Orissa has a famous tribal tour. If interested, you may check with us on the same. Tribes like Munda, Oram, Gond, Kondh and Santal are amongst the popular tribes of Odisha. Their livelihood mainly depends on agriculture, fishing, farming, hunting and gathering. Our experts will guide and curate the program combining some tribal tour locations with other attractions.





Amir Khusrau, the famed Sufi singer, Poetand Scholar from India famously described Kashmir in the following lines "Gar firdaus bar roo-e zameenast, hameenast-o, hameenast-o, hameenast. (If ever there is Paradise on Earth, it is here! Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir is dotted with beautiful lakes, surrounded by magnificent valleys, with views of mesmerizing snow-clad mountains, countless gardens with terraced lawns, magical fountains and flowerbeds containing rare flowers.

#### **%** Day 01

Arrive at Srinagar

Arrive at Srinagar Airport. Following baggage collection, exit to be welcomed by us. Transfer to your hotel / houseboat. In the afternoon, visit Mughal Garden, Shalimar Bagh or 'Garden of Love' (built by Jahangir for his wife Noor Jahan) and Nishant Bagh or 'Pleasure Garden' situated on the well-known Dal Lake. Experience the magical sunset on Dal Lake while on Shikara Ride. Overnight at hotel / houseboat.

#### **%** Day 02

Srinagar - Day excursion to Sonmarg (One way distance 85 km. Duration 2 hr).

Experience life's most beautiful drive from Srinagar. Along the way, discover some of the most beautiful sites. Sonmarg, located at an elevation of 2,690 meters, is also known as 'Meadow of Gold.' Visit Thajiwas Glacier, with an option of taking a horse ride during this visit. Snow remains round the year at Thajiwas Glacier which is also known as Gateway of Ladakh. Return to Srinagar. Overnight at hotel / houseboat.

#### **%** Day 03

Srinagar to Pahalgam Distance 90 km. Duration 2.5 hr.

If a perfect nature escape exists in Jammu & Kashmir, it has to be the gorgeous Pahalgam Valley also know as the Valley of Shepards. Enroute, explore Saffron fields, visit Avantipura Ruins and Anantnag Sulphur Springs.

Overnight at hotel / resort.

#### **%** Day 04

Pahalgam to Srinagar Distance 90 km. Duration 2.5 hr

Today's journey will take you to Aru Valley. Here a small village lies near the Lidder River creating a stunning scenery. Upon your arrival in Srinagar, check in at hotel / houseboat. Overnight at hotel / houseboat.

#### \* Day 0

Srinagar to Gulmarg - Day Excursion Distance 65 km. Duration 1.5 hr.

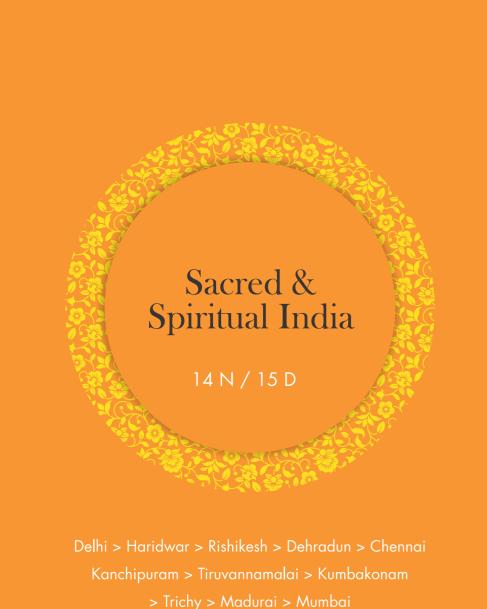
Visit Gulmarg today. It has the best ski slopes in the world and also the world's highest 18 holes golf course. If weather is clear, you may get uninterrupted views of Nanga Parbat. You may choose a pony ride or Gondola Ride (rope way) up to Khillanmarg.

Return to Srinagar. Overnight at hotel / houseboat.

#### **%** Day 06

Depart Srinagar

You will be transferred to the Airport for your flight to the next destination.





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Spirituality is the soul of India. The India's spiritual tradition which is almost 5,000 years old, still embraces country's values and traditions. This scared land has given birth to numerous saints and sadhus who have kept this spirituality alive till date. Embark upon a journey into your pure self in this land of yoga and ayurveda.

#### **%** Day 01

Arrive in New Delhi

Arrive at the Delhi Airport / Railway Station. Exit to be welcomed Transfer to hotel. Overnight in Delhi.

## **%** Day 02

Set yourself free in this vibrant Indian capital with a full day tour that leads you to the highlights of the city's magnificent Mughal era architecture; bypassing the bustling streets and lanes of old Delhi. Drive past New Delhi, also known as Lutyens' Delhi. It was named after the British Architect Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944) who was responsible for the development of this area during the British Raj. Conclude your day by returning to your hotel. Overnight in Delhi.

#### **X** Day 03:

Delhi-Haridwar (Distance 245 km. 5 hr)

Upon arrival in Haridwar, check in at hotel. Witness the radiant Aarti Ceremony at Har Ki Pauri Ghat (Usual timinas are 6:00pm-7:00pm. However, you will be notified in advance if there is any change in timings). This 'Ceremony of Light' is performed by waving bright lighted oil lamps facing the holy river Ganges. The glow emitted from them is considered auspicious. These lamps represent enlightenment, prosperity and wisdom. Overnight in Haridwar.

#### **%** Day 04

7:00 am in the morning, indulge in Meditation and Yoga for an approximate 45 minutes - 1 hour session.

The day is dedicated to temples exploration.

Start your day by visiting Maya Devi Temple. It's a Hindu temple which is considered as one of the

Siddh Peeths (significant pilgrimage centre / destination). Goddess Maya, an incarnation of Goddess Shakti, is the deity of Maya Devi Temple and it is believed that the heart and navel of Goddess Sati fell in the region where the temple stands today and thus it became a Shakti Peetha. Next visit to Mansa Devi Temple which is one of the Panch Tirth (Five Pilgrimages). Also visit other locations of religious significance. Overnight in Haridwar.

#### **X** Day 05

Travel Haridwar to Rishikesh (Distance 25-30km)

7:00 am in the morning, indulge in Meditation and Yoga for an approximate 45 minutes - 1 hour session. After breakfast, embark upon a journey to explore the Gateway of Garhwal Himalayas -Rishikesh. It is one of the holy pilgrimage destinations of India renowned for yoga and meditation training / studies. Temples and Ashrams accommodate the eastern bank around Swarg Ashram. It is a traffic-free, alcohol-free city and one can only find vegetarian food choices. Move on to visit Janki Jhula, Ram Jhula and Parmarth Niketan Ashram.

Note: Laxman Jhula is undergoing renovation and entry may be restricted. For adventure seekers, the city also offers white water rafting and other adventure activities like bungee jumping,

Kayaking, Cliff jumping and more.

End your day in bliss by witnessing Aarti Ceremony at Triveni Ghat. Overnight in Rishikesh.

### \* Day 06

7:00 am in the morning, indulge in Meditation and Yoga for an approximate 45 minutes - 1 hour session. Explore Vashishta Cave (Gufa), situated on the banks of river Ganges. It is recognised as one of the most exquisite locations for deep meditation. Son of Lord Brahma, Sage Vashishta, is said to have meditated in this very cave. One of the seven great sages (Saptarishis), Vashishta served as Lord Rama's guru or instructor. Vashistha Cave is located about 25 kilometres away from Rishikesh. It is advisable to spend some time here to absorb positivity of the place. Proceed to Shivpuri Beach and be at leisure. Here you can take a swim, sunbathe or just sit idle and wave at rafters who go past the water rapids. Return to Rishikesh. Overnight in Rishikesh

#### Day 07

Rishikesh - Dehradun - Chennai (Dehradun airport 30 km. Duration 40 min)

Transfer to Jolly Grant Airport, Dehradun, for your flight to Chennai. Arrive at Chennai Airport and exit to be welcomed by us. Overnight in Chennai.

#### **%** Day 08

Travel Chennai to Kanchipuram

(Distance 85 km. Duration 2 hr)

Spend your morning exploring Chennai and, in the afternoon proceed with your travel to Kanchipuram. Kanchipuram - Tamil Nadu has over 30,000 temples and is rightly known as the 'Land of Temples.' The birthplace of Dravidian Art & Culture, Tamil Nadu is a beautiful place to visit. It is distinguished by its music and dance and also renowned for its numerous vibrant festivals. Overnight in Kanchipuram.

#### Day 09

Kanchipuram

Dedicate your day to spirituality by visiting the temples of Bhoomi (Earth) Lingam, Sri Kailasthanathar, Sri Ekambareshwar and Sri Varadaraja. Sri Ekambareshwar Templeis one of the largest in India. The temple complex is spread across massive 25 acres; housing 4 gateway towers known as Gopurams. The tallest is the southern tower comprised of 11 stories and measuring 58.5216 metres (192 ft.) making it one of the tallest temple towers in India. Later visit Sri Varadaraja Temple (one of the 108 Divya Desams dedicated to Lord Vishnu). It holds prestigious religious status. Overnight in Kanchipuram.

#### Day 10

Kanchipuram to Tiruvannamalai (Distance 120 km. Duration 3.5 hr)

Drive to Tiruvannamalai to visit Agni (Fire) Lingam. Also visit Sri Arunachaleshwar Temple which is dedicated to God Arunachaleeshwarar who is considered to be a form of Fire (Agni). Here lighting a lamp on the mountain top is considered very auspicious. Overnight in Tiruvannamalai.

#### \* Day 11

Tiruvannamalai to Kumbakonam.

Enroute visit Chidambaram

Optional/ Add On– Devotees engage in a religious practice called Girivalam where they encircle the Annamalai Hill when the moon is full every month. It is known to bring salvation to devotees. Half of this 14 km long stretch goes through town limits. It can be performed on foot or on a vehicle. You can do this either in the night of Day 10 or at the start of Day 11 of your journey. Check out and proceed to travel to Chidambram (distance 230 km, duration 6 hr) enroute visit Sri Nataraja Temple. It is believed that Lord Nataraja's big toe lies at the centre point of World 's Magnetic Equator. The ancient Tamil Scholar Thirumoolar has claimed to prove this about 5,000. His treatise 'Thirumandiram' is considered to be a scientific guide for the world. Many western scientists have believed to agree with him. Overnight in Kumbakonam.

#### \* Day 12

Kumbakonam-Trichy (Distance 120 km. Duration 2.5 hr)

After a morning visit to Kumbakonam Temples, depart for Trichy. Kumbakonam is tranquil town situated on the edge of Cauvery and Arasalar rivers. Dubbed as 'Temple Town', Kumbakonam is home to around 188 temples. The most prominent temple here is the Kumbeswarar Temple which is dedicated to Lord Shivaand built in the 7thcentury. Take a comfortable drive to Trichy to visit temple of Lord Ranganatha who is considered to be a recumbent version of Lord Vishnu. Later, visit of Jambukeshwara (Water Temple) and Rockfort Temple that offers an incredible aerial view of Trichy. Overnight in Trichy.

#### **%** Day 13

Trichy to Madurai (Distance 135 km. Duration 3 hr)

Upon reaching, check in at hotel. In the afternoon, enjoy the narrow streets of Madurai on a rickshaw. Later, in the evening, visit the most famed Meenakshi Temple and experience spirituality in the rituals that take place there. Return to hotel. Overnight in Madurai.

#### **X** Day 14

Madurai to Mumbai (by air)

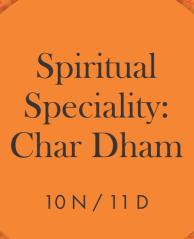
Transfer to Madurai Airport to board a flight to Mumbai. Upon arrival in Mumbai, exit to be welcomed by us. Transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, set out to explore the highlights of this extravagant commercial capital of India. Visit the Gateway of India which is almost synonymous to Mumbai. It was built in 1911. Drive past the University of Mumbai and High Court of Mumbai. Later, visit Crawford Market and Hanging Gardens. Drive past Malabar Hills - the residential area that accommodates rich and famous personalities of Mumbai. We suggest you make a visit to well-known Siddhivinayak Ganapati Temple in the evening. Overnight in Mumbai.

#### **X** Day 15

Depart Mumbai

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.





Haridwar > Barkot > Uttarkashi > Guptakashi Kedarnath > Guptakashi > Badrinath > Haridwar or Dehradun



This is a journey that's meant to wash sins, committed 🗱 Day 05 unknowingly. Hindus are advised to take this journey at least once in a lifetime.

Char Dham Yatra: This pilgrimage of Hindus referred to as Char Dham Yatra. The below mentioned both the routes are known Char Dham Yatra circuits.

- a) This first route goes through the 4 holy sites Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath. These destinations arenestled high up in the Himalayas in the state of Uttarakhand, also known as Devbhoomi or an 'Abode of Gods'. Being at high-altitude, these shrines remain closed for 6 months in a year. Opens during April/May and closes in October / November.
- b) The second route is believed to help in attain Moksha or Salvation. Each of these 4 destinations represent 4 Yugas (Yuga, in Hindu cosmology, means world ages).Badrinath represents Satyuga, Rameshwaram represents Tretayuga, Dwarka represents Dwaparyuga and Puri represents Kaliyuga.

#### \* Day 01

Reach Haridwar. Start the tour by visiting temples and attend evening Aarti ceremony at Ghat - Har Ki Pauri (6:00pm-7:00pm (You will be notified in advance in case of timing changes) Known as 'Ceremony of Light', Aarti is performed by waving bright lighted oil lamps on the bank of holy river Ganges. The radiance emitted from them is considered auspicious as they represent enlightenment, prosperity and wisdom. Overnight in Haridwar.

#### \* Day 02

Travel from Haridwar to Barkot / Janki Chatti. Distance from Haridwar to Barkot is approximately 195 km and from Barkot to Janki Chatti approximately 45 km)

Barkot town is located on the banks of river Yamuna.

Janki Chatti is a mid-point of the trek to Yamunotri which is accessible by jeeps. Janki Chatti is 7kms before Yamunotri and the place is popular for thermal springs.

Enroute, today visit the famed Kempty Falls via Mussoorie. This man-made waterfall was created around 150 years ago. Overnight in Barkot / Janki Chatti.

#### \* Day 03

Visit to Yamunotri

After making the pilgrimage to Yamunotri, resume your 7 km journey there and spend the night at Barkot or Janki Chatti. This stunning sacred site honouring the Yamuna River comforts visitors' minds and exudes a peaceful atmosphere. Overnight at Janki Chatti or Barkot.

#### **\*** Day 04

Barkot / Janki Chatti to Uttarkashi (Distance 125 km. Duration 4.5 hr)

Continue to make your pilgrimage to Uttarkashi. Situated on the banks of Bhagirathi, Uttarkashi is famous for its historical structures and a bouquet of wonderful activities it offers. Vishwanatha Temple, which is located in the heart of the town, is one of the oldest temples of Lord Shiva. Overnight in Uttarkashi

Uttarkashi - Day excursion Ganaotri (Distance 100 Km. Duration 3.5 hr one way)

Uttarkashi loosely translates as Kashi of North India. It isa religious place of Hindus known for spirituality and adventurous tourism.

The history of Gangotri dates back to centuries. Legend states that Goddess Ganga transformed herself into a river to dissolve the sins of King Bhagirath's forefathers, following his penance. Gangotri is a popular pilgrim place in India, which stands at an altitude of 3, 042 metres and emits a highly pious aura. Return to Uttarkashi for night stay.

#### \* Day 06

Uttarkashi to Guptakashi (Distance 210 km. Duration 8 hr)

Leave early morning by road to Guptakashi. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. Overnight in Guptakashi.

#### \* Day 07

Guptakashi to Gaurikund and from Gaurikund a 20 km trek to Kedarnath

Start very early in the morning to reach Gaurikund by 6:00 am. (Travel time from Gaurikund to Guptakashi is 35 km and takes around 2 hr time). Begin your adventure with trek to Kedarnath Temple. Overnight at Kedarnath.

Kedarnath Temple is located in the midst of beautiful snowclad Himalayas. Experience an out-of-the-world phenomenon as you will be welcomed by the sounds of temple bells and chants praising Lord Shiva.

Optional: Helicopter service is also available till Kendarnath. If interested, you may check price and availability with us.

#### **X** Day 08

Kedarnath to Gaurikund

Night stay at Guptakashi Trek back to Gaurikund. Upon reaching, proceed for 35 km journey to Guptakashi where you will be staying.

Optional: Instead, proceed to Rudraprayag for night stay. It is 75 km from Gaurikund, but saves a lot of time on day 9 while travelling to Badrinath.

#### Day 09

Guptakashi to Badrinath (Distance 190 km. Duration 7 hr)

Start your day by proceeding to Badrinath. This entire town is felt immersed in the blessings of Lord Vishnu. Must visit is the holy confluence of river Alaknanda and river Mandakini. Overnight in Badrinath.

#### **%** Day 10

Badrinath

Indulge in spirituality by experiencing morning and evening Aartis at Badrinath Temple. You may enjoy the pony rides as you move towards the temple complex. Take a dip in the holy waters of the Tapt Kund (hot springs). Overnight in Badrinath.

### **X** Day 11

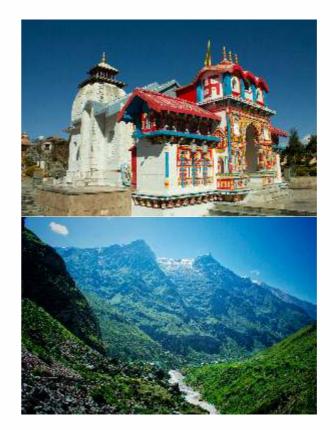
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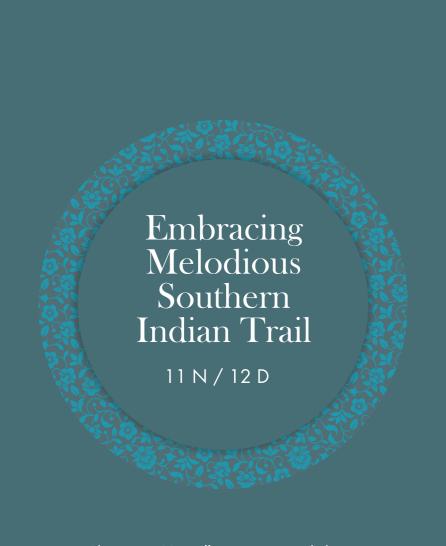
Start early for Haridwar as you enter the last leg of your journey. It will be approximately 310 km and it will take 10 hr. Upon arrival in Haridwar, check in at hotel for night stay. On return, you may consider overnight at Rishikesh. If time permits, you may also take a late evening flight from Dehradun or a late evening train from Haridwar. We can make the arrangements for you on your request.

Suggestion for the other 4 abodes which are also marked Char Dham in Hindu mythology.

We suggest that visit to any of the 4 abodes (Char Dham) to be taken as add on / extension or pre-tour along with any of your outlined India trip.

Reason being, these are located at a significant distance from each other. Badrinath is in North India and the nearest airport is Dehradun at a travelling distance of 310 km. Rameshwaram is in south in Tamil Nadu and the nearest airport is Madurai at a traveling distance of 175 km. The city also has good rail connectivity with rest of India. Dwarka is in Gujrat and the nearest airport is Jamnager at a traveling distance of 140 km and Puri in Orissa and the nearest airport is Bhubaneshwar at a traveling distance of 70 km.





Chennai > Mamallapuram > Pondicherry

Thanjavur > Madurai > Periyar > Kumarakom > Alleppey

Kochi > Mumbai



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#### ≯ Day 1

Arrive in Chennai

This morning, after your arrival in Chennai, proceed for an all-inclusiveChennai tour. Later visit Mamallapuram (also known as Mahabalipuram). It is a small town, but holds great significance from travellers' point of view. It is located on the Coromandel Coast. Chennai - Mamallapuram distance is approximately 60 km. Upon arrival, check in at hotel. Overnight in Mamallapuram.

#### Day 2

Mamallapuran

After breakfast, leave for excursion trip of Kanchipuram with a professional guide. This place is highly famed for high-quality silk and also known as the 'Golden City of a Thousand Temples'. These temples are from 2ndcentury. Return to Mamallapuram.

Mamallapuram: The seashore of Mamallapuramor Mahabalipuram is famous for ancient rock temples. Here you will find a reflection of Dravidian style of architecture. Most of these magnificent temples belong to early 7thcentury. Overnight in Mamallapuram.

#### \* Day 3

Mamallapuram - Pondicherry (Distance 100 km. 2.5 hr)

Explore Mamallapuram including a very interesting walk to the nearby village to discover and experience the rural life of Southern India. Later in the afternoon, proceed to beautiful Pondicherry (Puducheri) literally means 'the New Settlement'. It was a French settlement and we can still find traces of French architecture across the town. It is fondly called Pondy. Overnight in Pondicherry.

#### X Day 4

Pondicherry to Thanjavur (Distance 190 km)

Enjoy the charm of this old town and experience the colonial French appeal in its architecture and cityscape. In the afternoon drive to Thanjavur visiting Kumbakonam.

Visit Brihadeeshwara Temple in the evening. This beautiful temple displays Chola art. Also visit the Palace of Nayak and other significant sites of Thanjavur. Overnight in Thanjavur.

#### & Day

Thanjavur - Madurai

(Thanjavur to Tiruchirapalli 65 km. Tiruchirapalli to Madurai 145 km)

Start your day early and drive to Madurai; along the way visiting Tiruchirapalli.

Tiruchirapalli, also known as Trichy, was a Chola citadel before Christianity. Its most famous landmark is the Rock Fort Temple. Arrive in Madurai, check in at hotel. Explore the narrow lanes of the town on a rickshaw in the afternoon and in the evening witness the evening ceremony rituals at the renowned Meenakshi Temple. Overnight in Madurai.

#### \* Day 6

Madurai - Periyar (Distance 160 km. Duration4 hr)

In the morning, explore and feel the mystical atmosphere of Madurai before heading out for Periyar. Upon arrival, check in at hotel in Periyar. Reserve your late afternoon / early evening for a visit to spice plantation park. Learn how white and black pepper, ginger, nutmeg, turmeric and cloves are grown. The evening show of Kalarippayat - Performance, an Indian ancient martial art, will be worth watching. Overnight in Periyar.

#### ★ Day 7

Periyar Wildlife Reserve - Kumarakom

Take a raft ride to sail through the pristine forest landscapes of Periyar Reserve. It is home to Tigers, Elephants, Sloth Bears, Jungle Cats and many bird species too for which it is considered paradise for ornithologists.

In the afternoon, drive to to Kumarakom, (135 km. 3.5 hr). Arrive at Kumarakom, check in at hotel. Overnight in Kumarakom.

#### X Day 8

Kumarakom

After breakfast at hotel, morning exploration of Kumarakom awaits. Enjoy backwaters of Kerala. Kerala has always been a renowned centre for Ayuvedic treatment and medicines. You may unwind your senses through Ayuvedic rejuvenation therapy or oil message (you may please check with us on this).

Ayurveda, Kerala's ancient medical system, provides a wide range of revitalising and stress-relieving treatments. It is considered to be a science of holistic living and longevity. Here guests generally take a traditional oil massage, which relieves tension from body, relaxes mind & soul and leaves skin glowing. Overnight in Kumarakom.

#### \* Day 9

Kumarakom - Alleppey - Kochi (Kumarakom to Alleppey 40 km; Alleppey to Kochi 70 km)

Drive to Alleppey. On reaching Alleppey, board a house boat for cruising experience-lunch inclusive.

Sail through the picturesque backwaters of Kerala for an unforgettable experience. This cruise will take you across Lake Vembanad. Sail through narrow canals, head South and navigate through low lying rice fields, churches, temples, schools and witness an entirely beautiful water world. Lunch will be served on board.

Later, deboard and proceed to Kochi. Upon arrival in Kochi, check in at hotel. In the evening you will see the traditional Kathakali dance performance. It is a folk dance where performers appear in striking masks and costumes. Overnight in Kochi.



Day 10
Kochi – Mumbai

After breakfast at hotel, head out in the morning to make the most of your day by visiting the marvellous sites of Kochi. Later in the afternoon, transfer to Kochi Airport for your onward flight to Mumbai.

The city tour of Kochi will offer a close look into the cultural history of this multi-faceted city.

Arrive in Mumbai, transfer to hotel. Overnight in Mumbai.

#### \* Day 11 Mumbai

Breakfast at hotel.

The city tour of Mumbai will let you visit the iconic Gateway of India, built in 1911, and Elephanta Caves. You have an option of visiting these caves by ferry or you may chooseto discover other sites of Mumbai or indulge in shopping.

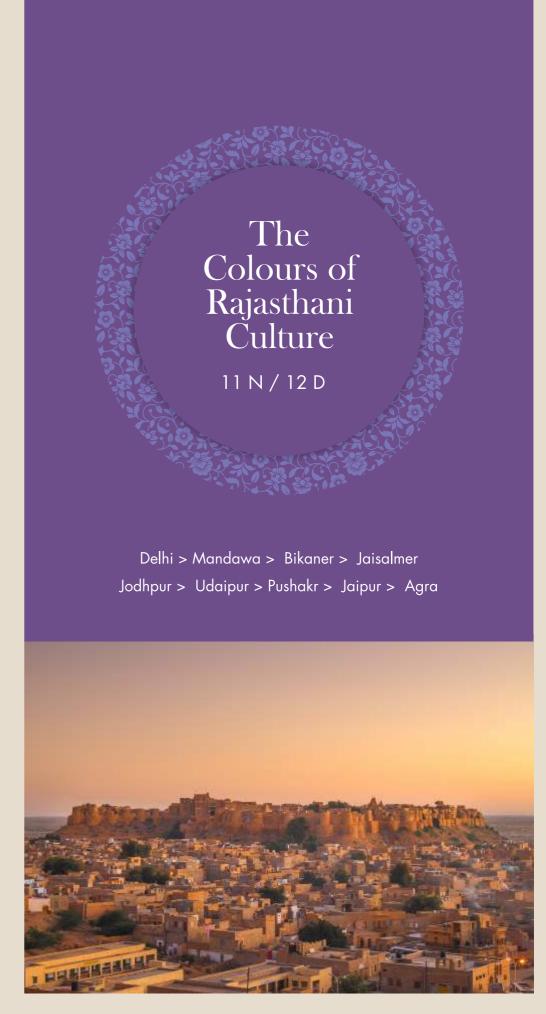
Afternoon visit to the other sites of Mumbai. Drive past the University of Mumbai and High Court of Mumbai. The tour will end at Crawford Market and a visit to Hanging Gardens. Drive past Malabar Hills - the residential area of rich and famous of Mumbai.

Return to hotel or go on a shopping spree. Overnight in Mumbai.

## Day 12 Depart Mumbai

Today, you will be transferred from hotel to the Airport for your onward flight.

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#### **%** Day 01

Arrive in New Delhi

Arrive at Delhi Airport / Railway Station and exit to be welcomed by us. Transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Delhi.

#### **%** Day 02

Set yourself free in this vibrant Indian capital with a full day tour that leads you to the highlights of the city's magnificent Mughal era architecture; bypassing the bustling streets and lanes of old Delhi. Drive past New Delhi, also known as Lutyens' Delhi. It was named after the British Architect Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944) who was responsible for the development of this area during the British Raj. Conclude your day by returning to your hotel. Overnight in Delhi.

#### **\*** Day 03

Travel from Delhi to Mandawa (Distance 270 km. Duration 6.5 hr)

Travel to Mandawa, a quaint town in the Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan. The place is dotted with countless stunning Havelis (Grand Mansions). This region is a true connoisseur of art and architecture. Overnight in Mandawa.

#### **\*** Day 04

Travel from Mandawa to Bikaner

(Distance 200km, Duration 4.5 hr)

After breakfast, drive to Bikaner and enroute visit Nadine Culture Centre, a 210-year-old mansion fully restored to its glory and converted into an art gallery and cultural center by the French artist Nadine Le Prince. Upon reaching Bikaner, check in at hotel.

Explore Bikaner in the afternoon. This city is surrounded by the great Thar Desert. It is known for the 16thcentury Junagarh Fort, a huge complex of ornate buildings and halls. Inside the fort, there's Prachina Museum that exhibits traditional textiles and royal portraits. Enjoy an auto-rickshaw ride in the old city. Overnight in Bikaner.

#### **X** Day 05

Travel from Bikaner to Jaisalmer (Distance 330 km. 7 hr).

Drive to Jaisalmer. It is a former princely state and medieval trading center known as the 'Golden City'. It stands out due to the yellow sandstone architecture. Jaisalmer speaks a lot about the greatness and valor of its courageous rulers. Overnight in Jaisalmer.

#### **%** Day 06

Jaisalmer Sightseeing

Start by visiting Jaisalmer Fort or the Golden Fort. Built in 1156 AD, it is one of the largest forts in the world. This beautiful structure in golden and yellow sandstone displays Rajasthan's glory. Later, visit to Bada Bagh, a memorial where nobles and their families were cremated, and Patwon Ki Haveli which reflects remarkable architecture work of the bygone era.

Visit the soul of Rajasthan - The Sand Dunes. Enjoy desert safari, click gorgeous pictures and watch a beautiful sunset while sitting on warm sand. In the evening, watch entertaining folk dance performance. Return to hotel for night stay. Overnight in Jaisalmer.

#### **%** Day 07

Travel from Jaisalmer to Jodhpur (Distance 300 km. Duration 6 hr)

Proceed to Jodhpur. Upon reaching, check in at hotel. This vibrant city oozes magic and majesty. Also known as the Blue City, it was founded in 1459 A.D. Visit Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada and get amazed by the grandeur.

Rao Jodha constructed this magnificent hill fort in 1460 A.D. Mehrangarh towers over the city's skyline by about a hundred feet. This imposing structure of red sandstone is known for its stunning beauty. You may walk around a few steps to find \* Day 12 authentic handcrafted goods. Next, visit Jaswant Thada. This bouquet of magnificent cenotaphs is located next to Mehrangarh Fort and built in white marble. Overnight in Jodhpur.

#### **%** Day 08

Travel from Jodhpur to Udaipur (Distance 260 km. Duration 5.5 hr)

Travel to Udaipur and visit Ranakpur Temples enroute. Ranakpur Temple is among the 5 major pilgrimages in Jainism. It is an architectural marvel.

On reaching Udaipur, check in at hotel.

In the afternoon, enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola. Get a chance to know the beautiful culture of the place in the evening through demonstration of the art of donning a sari or turban followed by ethnic folk dance performance. Enjoy sumptuous dinner at Royal Repast - a restaurant owned by descendants of the Bedla clan. Overnight in Udaipur.

#### **%** Day 09

Travel from Udaipur to Pushkar (Distance 300 Km. Duration 6.5 hr)

Start your perfect day in the morning by visiting the sites of Udaipur. Visit the 18thcentury fountain gardens of Saheliyon Ki Bari, followed by a trip to City Palace complex. It is a labyrinth of richly decorated courtyards and frescoed galleries. Short walk away is Jagdish Mandir, where music or chanting is heard throughout the day.

In the afternoon drive to Pushkar. On reaching Pushkar, check in at hotel. Overnight in Pushkar.

#### **%** Day 10

Travel from Pushkar to Jaipur (Distance 145 Km. Duration 3 hr)

Pushkar is known to have the only Brahma Temple in India. Visit the temple and take a walk around the pristine lake. Later, proceed to Jaipur.

Jaipur is the capital city of Rajasthan and it is known as the Pink City owning to the pink colored cityscape. It has splendid monuments and irresistible shopping options.

In the afternoon, visit city's historical sites including the Royal Observatory and the City Palace. Don't forget to click picture outside the famous facade of Palace of the Winds. Overnight in Jaipur.

#### **%** Day 11

Travel from Jaipur to Agra (Distance 240km. Duration 5.5 hr)

As day starts, drive up to the hill top Amber Fort. Its commanding presence, on the outskirts of Jaipur, is sure to leave you spellbound. Continue to travel to Agra and along the way visit Abhaneri Step Wells (Chand Baori). These step wells are more than 1,000 years old. Abhaneri is a village in the Dausa district of Rajasthan. Upon arrival in Agra, check in at hotel. Overnight in Agra.

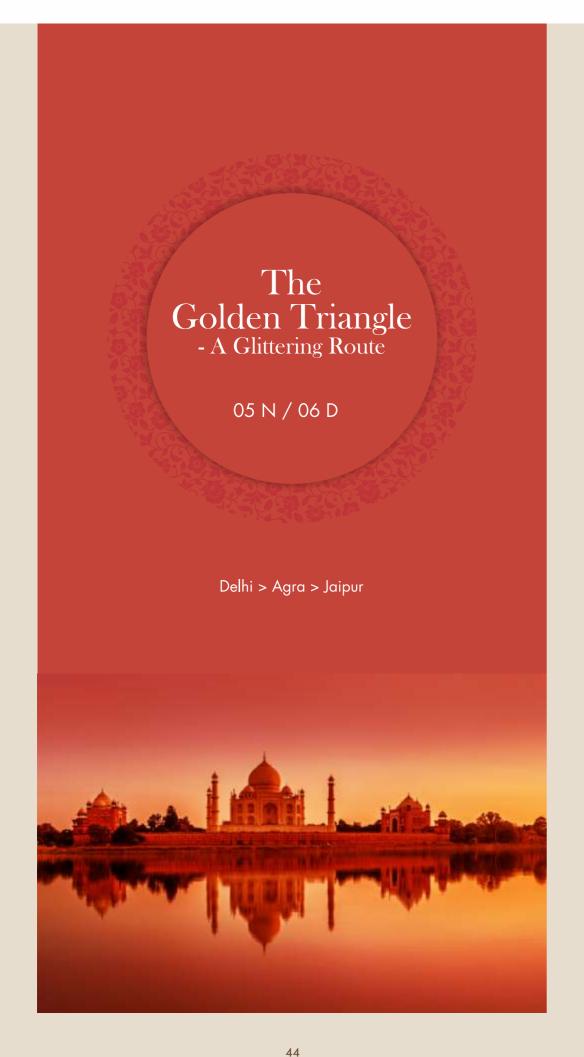
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Later, continue with your journey to Delhi. Arrive Delhi for your onward international flight.

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Additional Options: This tour can easily include a chance to spot tigers! Check with us about adding two days between Agra and Jaipur in Ranthambore National Park.





Golden Triangle remains the most-sought after tour program for the travelers visiting India - featuring Old Delhi's winding alleys, magnificent palaces of Jaipur and the marvels of Agra like Taj Mahal. This program is sure to let you fall in love with India

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Arrive in New Delhi

Arrive at Delhi Airport / Railway Station and exit to be welcomed by us. Transfer to hotel. Overnight in Delhi.

## Day 02 Delhi

Experience the sights and sounds of India's capital with a full day tour which includes witnessing city's magnificent Mughal architecture, visiting the bustling bazaars of Old Delhi and driving past New Delhi also referred as Lutyens' Delhi being named after much acclaimed British Architect Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869–1944) who designed the area during the British rule in India. Overnight in Delhi.

## Day 03 Delhi to Agra

Proceed with your drive to Agra. Travel distance is an approximately 220 km and it takes approximately 3.5-4 hr. to

Visit Taj Mahal: Get mesmerized by this Wonder of the World and enjoy a guided tour of this iconic monument before continuing to explore the majestic Agra Fort. Overnight in Agra.

#### **%** Day 04

Agra to Jaipur

Proceed with a drive to Jaipur, (an approximate distance 240 km and 4.5-5 hr. travel time) along the way, make a stop to visit Abhaneri - famous for its Step Wells (water reservoir) which are more than 1,000 years old. Overnight in Jaipur.

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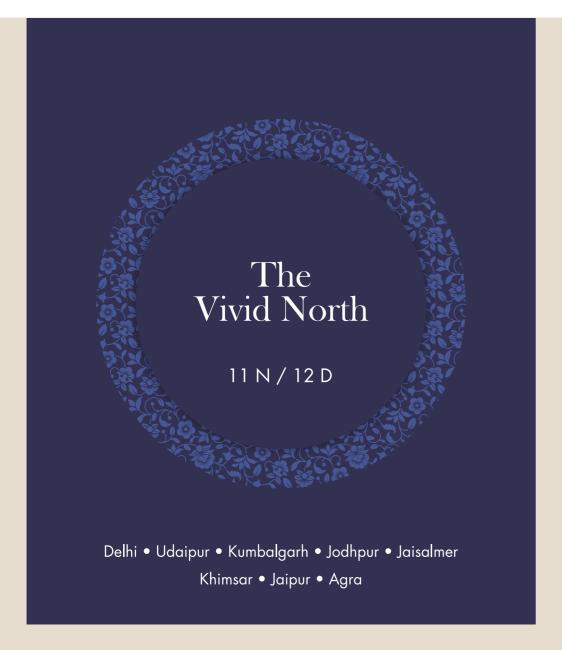


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Delhi to Udaipur

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In the afternoon, take a boat ride on Lake Pichola followed by cultural evening where you will witness the art of sari and turban tying. Sumptuous dinner at Royal Repast - a restaurant owned by descendants of the Bedla clan who have played a significant role in the affairs of the Udaipur State. Overnight in Udaipur

#### **%** Day 04

Udaipur to Kumbalgarh (Distance 100 km. Duration 2.5 hr)

Reserve your morning to explore the remarkable sites of Udaipur. In the late afternoon, proceed with your journey to Kumbalgarh.

In Udaipur, start day visiting the 18thcentury Fountain Gardens of Saheliyon Ki Bari, followed by a visit to City Palace complex - a labyrinth of richly decorated courtyards and frescoed galleries. Short walk away is Jagdish Mandir, where music or chanting is heard throughout the day.

Kumbhalgarh is famed for one of the largest forts in the country-the magnificent Kumbhalgarh Qila. This awe-inspiring fort features the world's second largest wall. Overnight in Kumbalgarh.

#### **%** Day 05

Travel Kumbhalgarh to Jodhpur (Distance 190 km. Duration 4.5 hr)

Proceed with your journey to Jodhpur and along the way visit famous Ranakpur Temples.

Ranakpur Temple is among the 5 major pilgrimages in Jainism. It is an architectural marvel. Upon arrival in Jodhpur, check in at hotel. In the afternoon, proceed for safari to the village of Bishnoi Tribe. Bishnois tribe is an eco-friendly sect of Hinduism, founded by Guru Jambheshwar of Bikaner, a set of 29 tenets / beliefs, from which the name Bishnoi is derived (bish means twenty, noi means nine). These tenets were directed to contribute towards personal hygiene, maintaining good basic health, social behaviour and encourage good animal husbandry. Special emphasis on ban of animal slaughter and offering protection to all life forms. The community is also directed to see that the firewood they use is devoid of small insects. Wearing blue clothes is prohibited because the dye used for colouring them is obtained by cutting a large quantity of shrubs. Overnight in Jodhpur.

#### **%** Day 06

Jodhpur to Jaisalmer (Distance 320 km. Duration 6.5 hr)

In the morning, visit famous sites of Jodhpur.

Jodhpur is a popular tourist destination. It offers striking blue buildings in the city which is surrounded by a huge fortress wall with bastions. It is close to the neighbouring Thar Desert. Explore the beautiful culture and city's historic grandeur to get mesmerized with this royal town. Beautiful attractions of the city are Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswanthada, and local markets - a must visit for the trip.

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#### **%** Day 08

Jaisalmer to Khimsar (Distance 290 km. Duration 6.5 hr)

Drive to Khimsar and enroute, visit Pokhran. An oasis-like village in Thar Desert, Khimsar is a hidden jewel. It is

characterized by vast dunes, offering excellent opportunities for desert safaris and sunset experiences. It is an ideal destination for those who appreciate nature. It is also famous for its Jain Temples, Sachiya Mata Temple and Khimsar Fort. Overnight in Khimsar.

#### **Day 09**

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If interested, visit Mehtab Bagh or Moonlight Garden. It offers incredible views of the Taj. It was built for Emperor Shah Jahanto serve as a viewing point for Taj Mahal. Overnight in Agra.

#### Day 12

Agra to Delhi

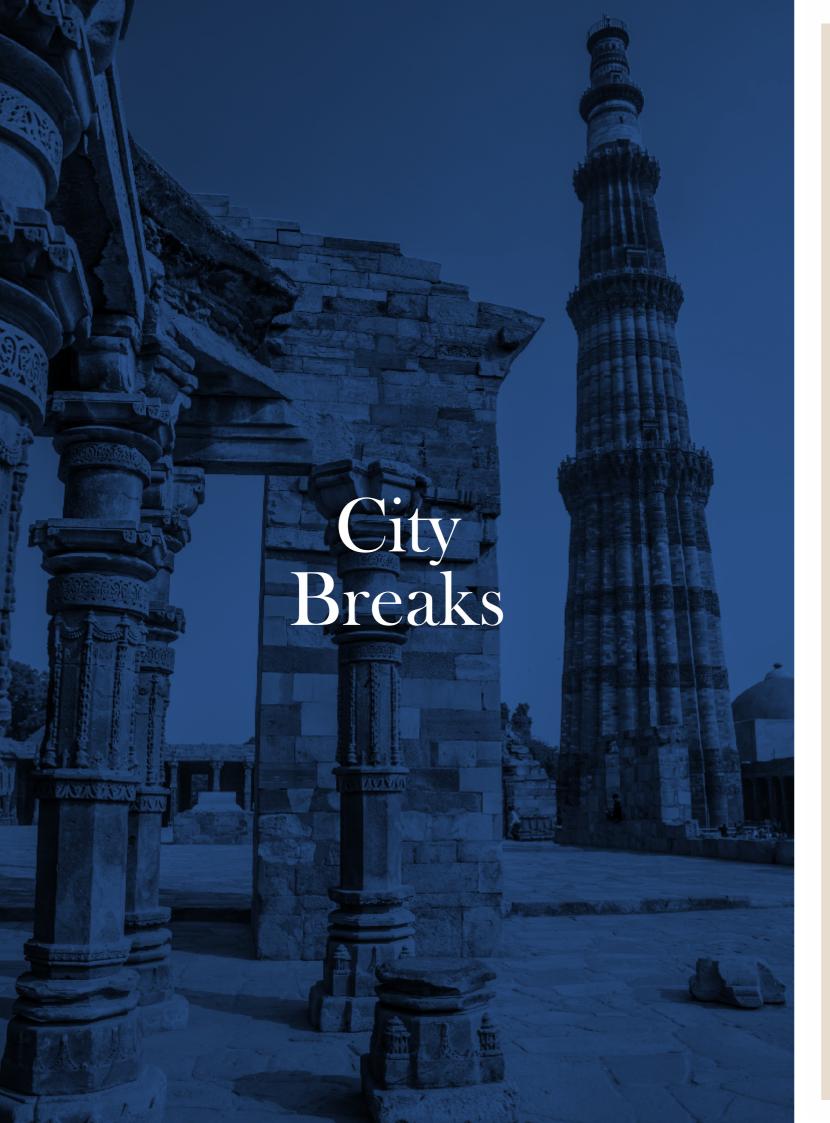
(Duration 220 km. Distance 4 hr)

Drive to Delhi. Your tour ends with a drop-off at Delhi Airport or any other location of your interest, should you prefer.

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Additional Options: This tour can easily include an opportunity to spot tigers! Check with us about adding 2 days between Agra and Jaipur in Ranthambore National Park.

You may consider taking an extension trip to Amritsar - famous for Golden Temple or adding a trip to Kashmir. The suggested add-ons will provide you delight and certainly not missing out to consider options of adding Himachal Pradesh (famous for its locations with likes of Shimla, Manali and Dharamshala)







#### **%** Day 01

Arrive in Amritsar

(Amritsar is well connected with multiple cities through Rail, Road and Air Network)

The Holy city for Sikhism followers, Amritsar is known for its vibrant rich culture, glorious tourists' sites, fertile soil and tempting cuisines. Amritsar, translated as The Lake of the Holy Nectar, exhibits an amazing blend of historic, spiritual and leisure avenues.

Upon arrival at the Airport or Railway Station, drive to the hotel and check in.

In the evening, visit the much-famed Wagah Border 'India-Pakistan Border' which is famous for its Retreat Ceremony. At sunset, witness the flag-lowering ceremony as the audience on both the sides cheer for their respective nations. Back to Hotel and Overnight in Amritsar.

Day 02
Golden Temple- The most sacred Sikh Shrine

After Breakfast, start your day by seeking blessings at Sri Harmandir Sahib, also known as the Golden Temple. It is the most sacred shrine of the Sikh religion. This Gurdwara is surrounded by a large lake or holy tank, known as the Sarovar.

In the afternoon, visit Jallianwala Bagh. It is a memorial made in the memory of people who lost their lives in Jallianwala massacreon 13th April, 1919.

Return to hotel. Overnight in Amritsar.

#### **%** Day 03

Depart Amritsar for further journey

Breakfast at the hotel and checkout. Proceed for further journey.



## Corbett / Nainital 03 N / 04 D



Located in Uttarakhand, Jim Corbett National Park is India's first national park. It is well-known for its Bengal Tigers and has a wide range of flora. It's Dhikala zone is home to a variety of animals, including Tigers, Leopards, and Elephants.

Nainital, the charming Himalayan Lake town, is the most famous hill-station and tourist destination of Northern India. It is famous for the Naini Lake where it is believed that Lord Shiva performed Tandava. The Naini peak or the China peak is the highest point in Nainital with a height of 2,611 meters.

#### \* Day 01

Delhi - Corbett (260 kms / 06 hr drive)

Proceed to Corbett. Upon arrival, check-in at resort/hotel. Freshen-up and leave to visit Garjia Devi Temple. There is a huge rock in the middle of river Kosi, which has been named as Garjia Devi. Return to resort/hotel and overnight in Corbett.

#### \* Day 02

Morning Jeep Safari in Corbett National Park

Explore the Tigers' territory early morning with jeep safari in Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve. The pristine wilderness of the park, the smell of the jungle and incredible spotting will make your day. Later, in the afternoon, visit to see Corbett Museum at Dhangarhi Gate.

Return back to resort and overnight in Corbett.

#### \* Day 03

Corbett - Nainital (60 Kms / 02 hr drive)

After breakfast, start your drive to Nainital. This will be one of the best drives you have ever taken. Green fields on one side and majestic hills on the other will be a sight to behold for a long time.

Upon arrival in Nainital, check-in at the hotel. After a little rest and freshening up, visit the iconic Mall Road which is famous for offering multiple best shopping and eating options. Enjoy a boat ride on Naini Lake. Return to hotel. Overnight in Nainital.

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#### \* Day 04

Sightseeing in Nainital / Transfer to Delhi (330 Kms / 7-8 hr drive) After breakfast, checkout from hotel and drive back to Delhi.



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#### **%** Day 01

Arrive in Goa

(Goa is well connected with multiple cities through Rail, Road and Air Network).

Goa, rightly known as the 'Pearl of the East', is visited for its pleasant coastal weather, pristine palm-fringed beaches, marvelous churches, age-old ruins, coconut groves, water sports, bubbly folk music, sumptuous cuisine and phenomenal Portuguese architecture.

Sun, sand and sea being the major highlights, Goa is a perfect destination for relaxation and rejuvenation.

Upon arrival at the Airport or Railway Station, drive to the hotel and check in.

First day at leisure. Make the most of this time by enjoying the sun-kissed beaches and relishing the amazing Goan delicacies.

Optional: You may consider visiting famous Gaon Casinos to try luck. Overnight in Goa.

#### **%** Day 02

North Goa sightseeing tour

After breakfast, set out to explore North Goa.

Visit the famed Fort Aguada. Later, explore the famous beaches - Calangute, Baga, Candolim / Anjuna.

Optional: If weather permits, you may also include water sports.

Return to hotel and overnight in Goa.

#### **%** Day 03

South Goa sightseeing tour

After breakfast, explore the tourist hotspots of South Goa by visiting Shri Shantadurga Temple at Kavlem and Shri Manguesh Temple at Priol.

Next, visit the magnificent churches of Old Goa - Basilica of Bom Jesus and Se Cathedral.

In the afternoon, visit the Dona Paula Bay and Miramar Beach. Later, treat yourself by indulging in street shopping at the Panjim Market.

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Sail through the Mandovi River on a boat cruise to unwind your senses in the evening. Return to hotel and overnight in Goa.

### **%** Day 04

Depart Goa

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel. Proceed for further journey.



# Haridwar / Rishikesh



Haridwar, termed as 'Gateway to Gods', is a paradise for nature enthusiasts. Its significance reflects in the fact that it is a point of entry to Dev Bhoomi and Char Dham. A pilgrimage to Haridwar is a transformative journey and unison of mind, body and soul.

#### \* Day 01

Delĥi to Haridwar (240km / approximately a 6hr drive)

Leave Delhi early morning for a comfortable drive to Haridwar. Upon reaching, check in at hotel and spruce yourself up. Exploration commences with a visit to Har Ki Pauri. It is one of the most famous ghats in Haridwar. Take a refreshing holy dip in Ganga before witnessing the spellbinding Ganga Aarti in the evening.

Explore the vibrant and very interesting local markets of Haridwar to indulge in shopping. You may find spiritual items, handicrafts, souvenirs among many other exciting stuffs.

Return to hotel and overnight in Haridwar.

#### \* Day 02

Haridwar to Rishikesh (30km / approximately an hour drive)

Nothing is better than starting your day with a yoga session in the hotel. It will surely relax your mind and body. After breakfast, check out from the hotel and drive to Rishikesh. Upon reaching, check in at hotel and spruce yourself up. Later, visit the iconic Laxman Jhula & Ram Jhula - the 2 suspension bridges over the river Ganges. Also, explore the famous ashrams in Rishikesh, such as Parmarth Niketan and Sivananda Ashram, known for yoga and meditation practices. Relish a boat ride on the pristine Ganges River. In the evening, attend the Ganga Aarti at Triveni Ghat.

Return to hotel and overnight in Rishikesh.

#### \* Day 03

Depart Rishikesh for Delhi (250km / approximately 6hr drive)

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel. Visit the famous Neelkanth Mahadev Temple, located approximately 32 kilometers from Rishikesh, before heading to Delhi.





The distinctive and soothing pink cityscape makes Jaipur literally a 'Pink City'. One of the three destinations that comprise the Golden Triangle, Jaipur is extremely rich in culture, heritage and history. Jaipur has everything from - Rajasthani traditional Jewelry, traditional fabrics and handicrafts, authentic Rajasthani cuisine, bazaars, forts and temples to grand palaces.

#### **%** Day 01

Arrivein Jaipur

(Jaipur is well connected with multiple cities through Rail, Road and Air Network)

Upon arrival at the Airport or Railway Station, drive to the hotel and check in. Afternoon at leisure to relax. In the evening, visit Chowki Dhani - an ethnic village resort that offers many entertaining options including local folk dance, music, food and royal kind of luxury accommodations.

Return back to hotel. Overnight in Jaipur.

#### **%** Day 02

Jaipur Sightseeing

After breakfast at hotel, proceed to visit the magnificent hill-top Amber Fort situated on the outskirts of the city. Feel like a Maharaja as you enjoy an Elephant ride to ascend the Fort. Also visit the City Palace and Jantar Mantar obser vatory. Later in the day, visit Hawa Mahal - The palace of winds and don't forget to take pictures at the amazing backdrop of this beautiful palace. In the evening, explore local markets for shopping in Jaipur.

Return back to hotel. Overnight in Jaipur.

#### 外 Day 0:

Depart from Jaipur for further journey...

Breakfast at the hotel and checkout Proceed for further journey.



# Kabini / Mysuru



#### \* Day 01

Bangalore to Kabini (200km / approximately a 4hr drive)

Well known for amazing flora and fauna, Kabini Wildlife Sanctuary has a lot of adventure activities to offer to its guests like wildlife safari tours, boat rides, nature walks and campfires.

Upon Arrival at Bangalore Airport or Railway Station, drive to Kabini. Upon reaching, check in at hotel and relax. In the evening, explore the local market at your leisure.

Return to the hotel and overnight in Kabini.

#### \* Day 02

Kabini Sightseeing

After breakfast, start a full day sightseeing of Kabini. Kabini Wildlife Sanctuary, located on the banks of Kabini river in Karnataka, is home to a great diversity of wildlife species such as Elephant, Leopard, Panther, Sambhar, Sloth Bear, Monkeys, Cheetal, Spotted Deer, Crocodile and unbelievable 250 species of birds

One can enjoy a Jungle Jeep Safari or an Elephant Safari and explore Kabini Dam and Kabini River. Return to hotel and overnight in Kabini.

#### **%** Day 03

Kabini to Mysore (25km / approximately a 45 min drive)

Declared as a 'Heritage City', Mysore is also known as Palace City of India. It is world renowned for its sandalwood and rosewood artifacts, stone sculptures, incense sticks, inlay work with ivory and exquisite silk sarees.

(Mysore is well connected with multiple cities through Rail, Road and Air Network)

After breakfast, checkout from Kabini hotel and proceed to Mysore. On arrival, checkin at hotel and relax. Later, visit the famous Mysore Palace and proceed to visit Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens, Sri Chamundeshwari Ammanavara Temple and Melody World Wax Museum. Explore the Devaraja marketin the evening.

Return to hotel and overnight in Mysore.

#### Day 04

Mysore to Bangalore and depart for further journey

After breakfast, checkout from Mysore hotel and drive to Bangalore. Then proceed for further journey.



# Mathura / Vrindavan / Agra 02 N / 03 D



#### \* Day 01

Delhi - Mathura/Vrindavan

Mathura is a birth place of Lord Krishna and Vrindavan is a small, but a significant town from religious perspective. It has hundreds of temples echoing the melody of Radha-Krishna's love tales.

Delhi pick-up and drive to Mathura/Vrindavan. On arrival, check in at hotel and freshen-up. Later, visit the Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple, Dwarkadhish Temple, Banke Bihari Temple and Prem Mandir. Enjoy the

## **X** Day 02

Vrindavan - Agra

(Agra has one of the Seven Wonders of the World - Taj Mahal)

sacred atmosphere and surrender yourself to holy spirit of the place.

In the morning, visit Isckon temple, Nidhivan, Vishnu Devi Temple, Gokul before driving to Agra. On arrival, check in at hotel. Freshen up and set out to explore the Agra Fort, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for Mughal architecture grandeur. In the evening, indulge in some shopping at a local market. Overnight in Agra.

#### **\*** Day 03

Agra - Delhi

Early morning, visit the iconic Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Return back to hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast, check out and drive back to Delhi.



# Mumbai



#### \* Day 01

Arrive in Mumbai

(Mumbai is well connected with multiple cities through Rail, Road and Air Network).

Mumbai, the commercial capital of India, is one of the major cosmopolitan cities. It is a popular tourist destination. Mumbai is famous for Bollywood (Indian Film Industry) large markets, mesmerizing beaches, towering buildings and luxury five-star hotels and amazing night life.

Upon arrival at the Airport or Railway Station, drive to hotel and Check in.

Proceed for local sightseeing which includes Shri Siddhivinayak Mandir and Bandra–Worli Sea Link.

Return to hotel. Overnight in Mumbai.

#### \* Day 02

Mumbai Sightseeing

After breakfast, proceed for sightseeing tour of Mumbai visiting Gateway of India, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Hanging Gardens(on the slopes of Malabar Hills offering nice view of Marine Lines and Chowpatty Beach), Kamla Nehru Park, Mani Bhawan (where Mahatma Gandhi used to stay) and Dhobi Ghat.

Also visit Afghan Church, Flora Fountain (Bombay nerve center), Colorful Crawford Market and Marine Drive.

Return to hotel. Overnight in Mumbai.

#### **%** Day 03

Depart Mumbai for further journey.

After breakfast, check out from hotel. Proceed for further journey.





Mussoorie, Queen of the Hills, is one of the most famed hill-stations with picturesque cliffs, panoramic views, variety of flora fauna and snow-covered mountains in winters. Mussoorie is undoubtedly a serene holiday destination.

- Nearest Airport: Jolly Grant International Airport, Dehradun, located 60 km away
- Nearest Railway Station: Dehradun Railway Station located 70 km away
- Well connected by Road from Delhi, Rishikesh, Haridwar, Dehradun and other cities as well

#### **X** Day 01

Arrive in Mussoorie

Upon arrival at Dehradun Airport or Dehradun Railway Station, reach hotel and check in. Afternoon is at leisure.

In the evening set out to enjoy the natural beauty and shopping on the famous Mussoorie Mall Road. Return to hotel. Overnight in Mussoorie.

### \* Day 02

Mussoorie Sightseeing

After breakfast, head out for a full day sightseeing tour of Mussoorie visiting Kempty Fall, Camel's Back Road, Gun Hill with Cable Car ride (provides a 360-degree view of Himalayan ranges) and Company Garden.

Later enjoy a stroll on the mall road; engaged in shopping and appreciating natural beauty. Return to hotel. Overnight in Mussoorie.

#### **%** Day 03

Depart Mussoorie for further journey

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel. Proceed for further journey.





Popularly referred to as the 'Switzerland of India', Ooty is known for the beauty of its lush green tea plantations, the vast meadows, the towering mountains, dense pine and eucalyptus trees, sparkling waterfalls and serene lakes. It remains one of India's most favorite hill stations for nature lovers and adventure seekers.

- Nearest Airport: Coimbatore International Airport in Tamil Nadu located 90 km away
- Nearest Railway station: Mettupalayam Railway station in Tamil Nadu located 50 km away
- Well connected by Road from Bangalore, Mysore, Coimbatore, Kozhikode and other cities as well

#### \* Day 01

Arrive in Ooty

Upon Arrival at the Airport / Railway Station, drive to hotel. Check in at hotel and freshen up. Set out to visit the Doddabetta Peak(the highest mountain of the Nilgiri Range), Botanical Garden, Ooty Lake and Rose Garden which boasts the largest collection of over 2,500 varieties of roses. Return to hotel. Overnight in Ooty.

#### **%** Day 02

Ooty Sightseeing

After breakfast, start a full day sightseeing tour by visiting Pykara Waterfalls - a perfect amalgam of clouds, sparkling water, scenic beauty and mountains. Later, visit Wenlock Downs and Pine Forest shooting point. Return to hotel. Overnight in Ooty.

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#### \* Day 03

Depart Ooty After breakfast, checkout from the hotel. Proceed for further journey.



# Shimla / Manali 04 N / 05 D



Shimla is the capital and largest city of Himachal Pradesh. Its stunning beauty, picturesque views and rich history make it a favorite spot for travelers from across the globe.

Manali is known for limitless adventure opportunities it offers to the guest along with breathtaking natural exquisiteness. It is home to the famous Hadimba Temple, the scenic Rohtang Pass, the snow-laden Solang Valley and delightful culinary experience.

#### **X** Day 01

Delĥi to Shimla (370 km / approximately a 7-8 hr drive)

Shimla & Manali are well connected with multiple cities by Rail, Road and Air Network.

Early morning travel from Delhi to Shimla. Enjoy the scenic Himalayan views on the way towards Shimla. Upon reaching Shimla, check in at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Shimla.

#### \* Day 02

Shimla (Full day trip to Kufri and local)

After breakfast, visit Sankat Mochan Temple and proceed to explore the famous hill spot of Kufri, Jakhoo Hills, Voisroi Lodge and Chini Bungalow.

Evening at leisure to discover prime sites of Shimla like Lakkar Bazaar, The Ridge, Christ Church, Mall Road, Scandal Point, Kali Bari Temple etc. It will be an ideal time for shopping and eating out at restaurants on the mall road. Return to hotel. Overnight in Shimla.

#### ※ Day 0:

Shimla to Manali (250 km approximately a 7-8 hr drive)

After breakfast, check out from hotel and drive to Manali via Kullu.

Optional: One can enjoy River rafting at Beas River at Kullu. Upon reaching Manali, check in and time for leisure. Overnight in Manali.

#### **%** Day 04

Manali (Snow-point / Rohtang Pass)

After breakfast, visit Hadimba Devi temple and then proceed for a full day excursion of Rohtang Pass. It will offer an opportunity to get indulged in adventure activities like skiing, snow scootering, paragliding and mountain biking. While descending, halt at the Solang Valley. Return to hotel. Overnight in Manali.

#### \* Day 5

Depart Manali for Delhi (520 km / approximately a 11-12 hr drive) After breakfast, checkout from hotel and drive towards Delhi.



# Vadodara



Vadodara is a city also called Kala Nagari (City of Art) and Sanskari Nagari. Nestled beautifully on the banks of the lovely River Vishwamitri, Vadodara is famous fora perfect blend of stunning art, interesting sights and vibrant street life. Apart from the abundance in culture and heritage, the city has flawless infrastructure facilities in terms of design, drive and connect.

#### Day 01

Vadodara: (Vadodara is well connected with multiple cities through Rail, Road and Air Network).

Upon Arrival at the Airport or Railway Station, drive to the hotel. Check in and freshen up.

A day of excitement awaits as you will visit the Makarpura Palace, Laxmi Vilas Palace, Maharaja Fateh Singh Museum, Kirti Mandir, Sardar Patel Planetarium, Baroda Museum & Picture Gallery, Sayaji Baug, EME Temple and Mandvi Gate. If time permits, visit the Kotna Beach (river bank) which is famous for several water sports.

Return to hotel. Overnight in Vadodara.

#### \* Day 02

Vadodara - Poicha - Kevadia - Vadodara

After breakfast, take an excursion trip to Kevadia. Enroute, visit the Nilkanth Dham Swaminarayan Temple at Poicha. Upon reaching Kevadia, visit the Statue of Unity, Sardar Sarovar Dam, Valley of Flowers, Cactus Garden, Butterfly Garden and Zoological Park. In the evening, witness the mesmerizing 'Sound and Light' show at the Statue of Unity. The show narrates and celebrates the life and achievements of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the leader the statue commemorates. Later, return to Vadodara. Overnight in Vadodara.

#### \* Day 03

Depart Vadodara for further journey

After breakfast, checkout from the hotel and you will be transferred to the Airport/Railway Station for further iourney.



# Varanasi



#### \* Day 01

Arrival in Varanasi

(Varanasi is well connected with multiple cities through Rail, Road and Air Network).

Varanasi (Kashi) is the ultimate Pilgrimage spot for Hindus for ages. 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 rebirth. This explains the significance of this ancient city.

Upon arrival at the Airport or Railway Station, drive to the hotel. Upon arrival, check in and freshen-up. Later in the evening, enjoy a boat ride on River Ganga and witness Ganga Aarti. Return to hotel. Overnight in Varanasi.

#### **%** Day 02

Varanasi Local Sightseeing

Visit the Kashi Vishwanath Temple - one of the famous Hindu temples dedicated to Lord Shiva. Here a Hindu is expected to perform pilgrimage at least once in a lifetime, and if possible, also pour the remains (ashes) of cremated ancestors here in river Ganges.

Visit the other famous temples as well like Annapurna Temple, Kal Bhairav Temple, Bharat Mata Mandir, Tulsimanas Temple and also BHU or Banares Hindu University.

In the afternoon, take an excursion to Sarnath - the place where Buddha delivered his first sermon to his disciples. The attractions at Sarnath are the Buddha temples, the Dhamekha Stupa, Chaukhandi Stupa and the Archaeological Museum.

#### **%** Day 03

Depart Varanasi for further journey...

Breakfast at the hotel and checkout. Proceed for further journey.

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