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Destination Management Company

# The Travelite Advantage



## Well Integrated ... in Tourism Industry

Travelite (India) is a part of the KTC Group. Established in 1943, our parent company, KTC India, pioneered luxury coach and car travel in the country. The group also includes KTC Grand Tours, our worldwide holiday division.

## Wealth ... of Experience

Nurtured with more than 70 years of experience, today Travelite (India) has created a dynasty of professionalism, cultivated with experience in the Indian Tourism Industry.

## Focus... on Service Excellence

Flowing from the top, Service Excellence is the foundation of KTC Group, being our first virtue, embedded in our culture by founder owner, Mr Des Raj Singh.

## Add Value... to Our Agents

We work with our agents. We aspire to differentiate our agents from the masses, by offering them top of the league products and services. Growth of our agents defines our success.

## Zero Tolerance... in Our Team

Tourism is our business, but each tour is a travellers' memory. We take responsibility to ensure these memories are cherished forever. We understand the significance of meticulous planning, cross checks, and follow ups to ensure seamless service.

## Nurture... Long Term Relationships

Our strongest business partners and team members have been with us longest, reiterating our belief that relationships are paramount in our business.

## Innovate... Unique Products & Services

Our aim is to exceed expectations of our travellers. Innovation keeps us one step ahead and ensures we surprise our travellers even on their n<sup>th</sup> tour with us.

## Continuous... Learning

Learning never stops and one can never learn enough! Our corporate growth is driven by continuous learning and development of our team members - together we can touch the sky!

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# Welcome to India : The Land of Euphoria

India is a medley of fascinating colours and cultures, an historical legacy, a canvas of architectural masterpieces, and an extravagant exuberance of royal splendour. This land of sages and ancient legends is home to the eternal symbol of love - the Taj Mahal, magnificent forts and palaces of Rajasthan, emerald beaches of Goa and Kerala, ancient caves of Ajanta and Ellora and the Golden Temple of Amritsar.

Crowned by Himalayas in the north and surrounded by oceans in the south, India offers a platter full of variety, packed in one country. Ranging from walking trails through Himalayan villages, to desert camps in the sand dunes, tribal and rural experiences, modern metropolitan cities, wildlife parks, serene backwaters, luxury trains, river cruises and adventure tours, the choice is only limited by your imagination!

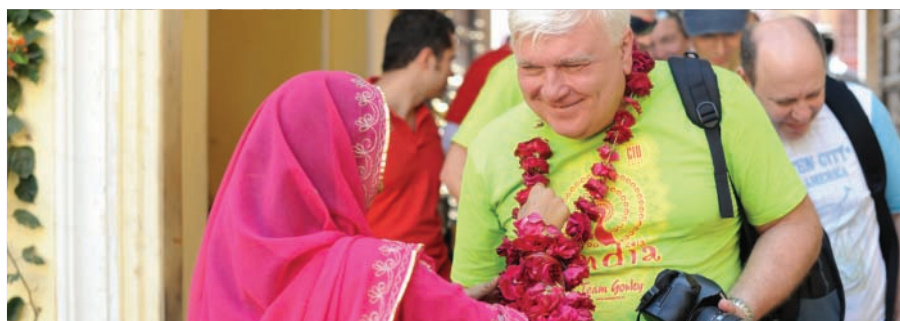
In this brochure, we introduce you to the mesmerising beauty of the Indian subcontinent. Combining the cultural splendours of India with

the snow covered Himalayan peaks of Nepal, the serenity of Bhutan, green tea estates of Sri Lanka and the turquoise beaches of Maldives, the Indian sub continent treasures it all.

When travelling to India, it is worth taking a short trip to a neighbouring country, to enhance your experience. You will notice a striking similarity, yet subtle differences in the people, food, culture, religion and lifestyle in the entire subcontinent. It is in these differences that we celebrate the 'unity in diversity' of the Indian subcontinent.

Allow us to create an experience of a lifetime, an inspiring journey to an exotic land, discovering the people, culture, tradition, history and legacy of our Incredible India and its neighbouring wonderlands. With our passion, experience and meticulous planning, we promise to weave memories you will cherish forever.

Welcome aboard your Indian voyage with Travelite (India)



# THE TRAVELITE EXPERIENCE



**OUR PEOPLE** are the core of Travelite (India), making each tour unique and interesting. From their gracious smile and friendly personality to their meticulous attention to detail, with every tour, they aim to achieve better than their best. With our high recruitment standards and regular performance reviews, we ensure we recruit and retain the best.

**OUR SERVICE** commences as soon as we receive your enquiry. We ensure your enquiry is handled by experienced staff, who understand the significance of replying in time, suggesting itineraries that meet your precise requirements and operating the tour with utmost attention to detail. Our staff will remain alert to your concerns and requirements till the time you return satisfied to your home country.

**OUR PRODUCTS** undergo continuous improvement. Our Central Research Team gathers innovative ideas from across the subcontinent. These ideas are discussed, deliberated and once tested and approved, immediately implemented in our tours. This ensures continuous innovation in our products, making our tours unique and interesting.

**OUR SUGGESTED HOTELS & RESTAURANTS** are hand picked by us. Our stringent selection criteria ensure we only approve the best in the category. Our preferred properties are periodically reviewed by us for their facilities, service standards, maintenance standards, surrounding developments and assessed against client feedback. We continuously monitor new upcoming properties to ensure our guests receive the best.

**OUR TRANSPORT** is owned, managed and run by our parent company, KTC India. Located in the same premises and operated by the same management allows us direct control over our vehicles and chauffeurs. Our fleet is maintained sparkling new with utmost attention given to cleanliness, regular vehicle maintenance, timely road safety checks and regular fleet renewal policy.

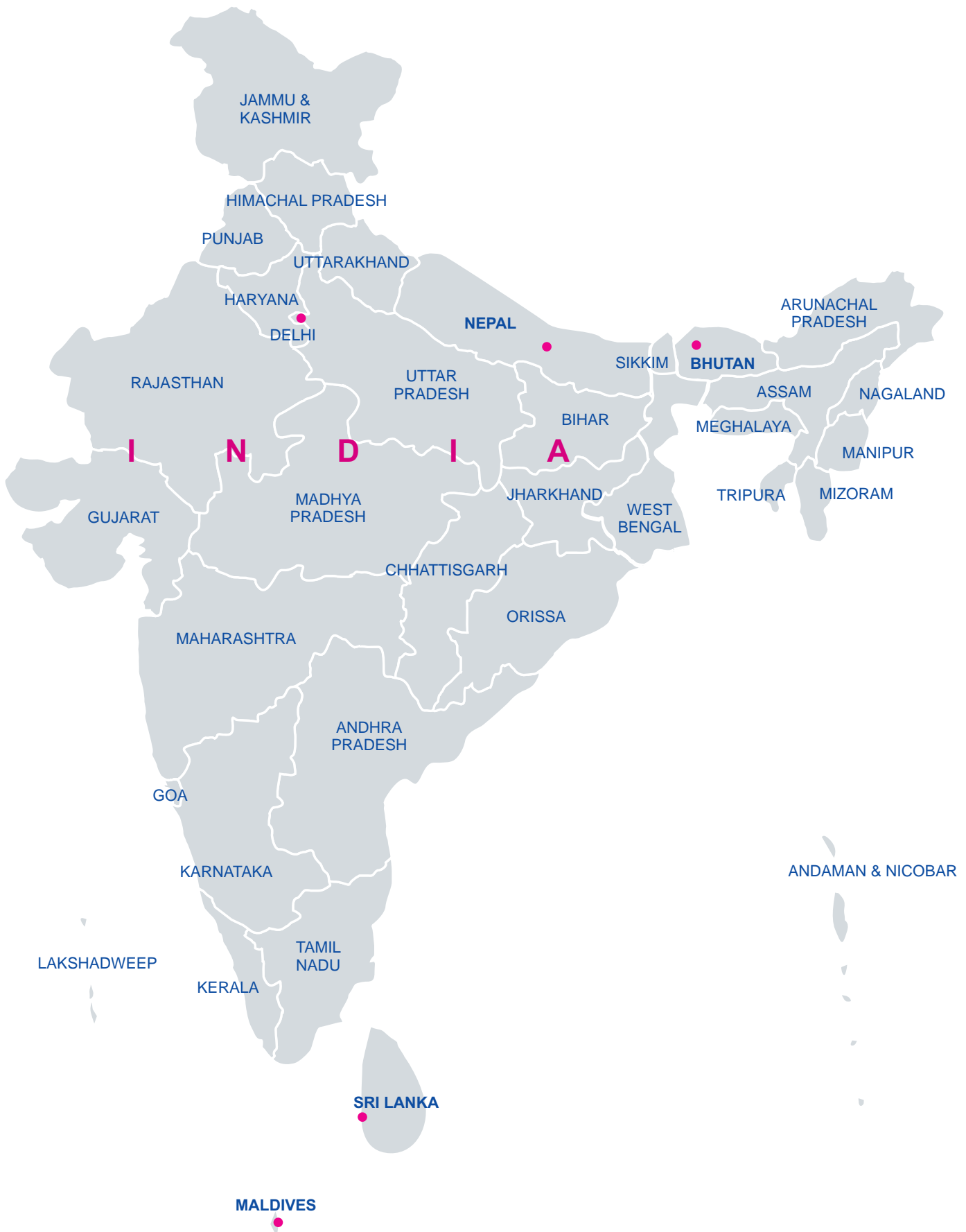
**OUR PRICE** is constantly reviewed, to ensure it remains at the lowest level possible. We take pride in knowing that our tours offer excellent value for money. When compared to another tour of similar standard, we are confident that our tours will not be over priced.

## SERVICE PORTFOLIO

- ★ Customized Tailor Made Tours
- ★ Fixed Departure Tours
- ★ Hotel Reservations
- ★ Sightseeing and Excursion Tours
- ★ Unique Culture Connection Experiences
- ★ Private Plane & Helicopter Charter Services
- ★ Government & VIP Delegations
- ★ Incentive Tours
- ★ Meetings & Conference Handling
- ★ Land Travel: We operate our own fleet of Premium Cars (e.g BMW, Mercedes, Audi) and Luxury Coaches (e.g Volvo, King Long)
- ★ Air Travel: Domestic & International Air Tickets
- ★ Train Travel: Train Tours around India; Luxury Train Journeys of India
- ★ Facilitation Services: Transfers & Assistance at all major airports & hotels across the Indian subcontinent
- ★ Language Speaking Guides / Escorts / Interpreters
- ★ 24 Hours Helpline Service for our Guests



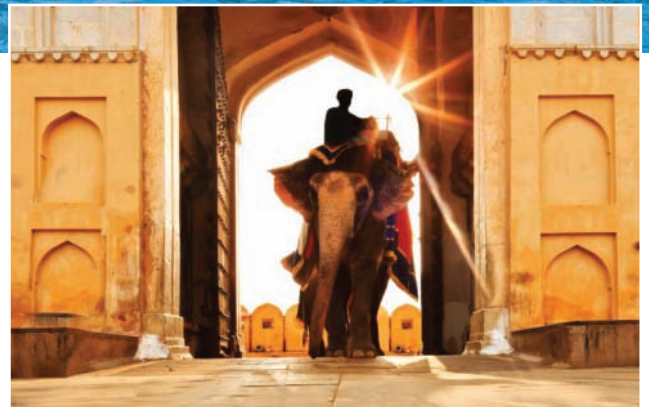
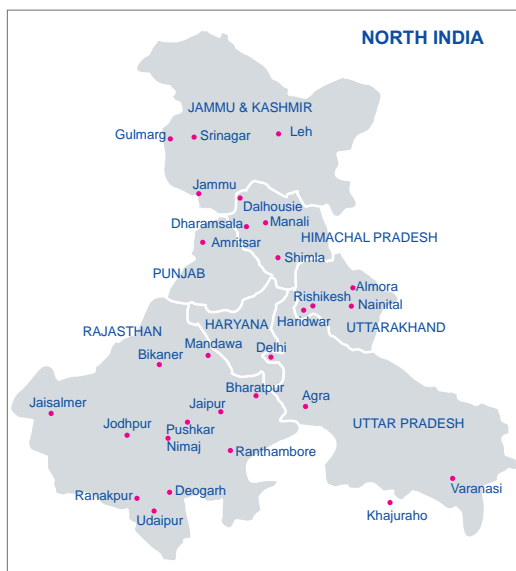
# INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT





## NORTH INDIA

North India is a medley of kingdoms, cultures, traditions, architectural marvels and a spectrum of varied landscapes. Ranging from the snow capped Himalayan crown to the agriculturally rich plains of Punjab, the arid deserts of Rajasthan, the contrasting extremes of Old and New Delhi, the wonder of the world Taj Mahal, and the ancient cities of Haridwar and Varanasi set along the banks of holy River Ganges, North India offers a continuum of unique experiences.



## Golden Triangle

The most popular tour of India, the Golden Triangle tour, includes a visit to Delhi, the capital of India; Agra, land of the world famous Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, the pink capital city of Rajasthan.

**AGRA**, the Mughal city founded in the 16th century, is one of the most visited tourist city of India. Agra is home to magnificent architectural masterpieces such as the beautiful wonder of the world, Taj Mahal and the splendid Agra Fort. The artisans of Agra still practice the Mughal art of marble in-lay work, creating magical beauty with marble.

**JAIPUR** is an exuberance of colours, folk dances, and traditional arts and crafts. This princely city is home to a wonderful collection of palatial masterpieces such as the City Palace, Amber Fort, Jal Mahal and Hawa Mahal. One of the most well planned cities of India, Jaipur is built in 9 rectangular sectors symbolising 9 divisions of the universe, as per Indian cosmology.

**DELHI**, the power seat of India, is divided into two parts - Old and New Delhi. The walled city of Old Delhi narrates the history of the city, whilst the contemporary New Delhi reflects the cosmopolitan face of India. From the chaotic streets of Chandni Chowk to the imposing features of Lutyen's Delhi, this capital city encapsulates the extremes of historic and modern India.





## Golden Triangle Extensions

Spice up the classic Golden Triangle tour by extending it to any the following interesting destinations

**MANDAWA**, the open air art gallery of Rajasthan, is a quaint village in the heart of Shekhawati region. Mandawa has preserved fine examples of frescoes and painted havelis, as masterpieces of art from bygone era.

**SAMODE**, a small village near Jaipur, is famous for its magnificent Samode Palace. An ideal location for a gala event or a palatial wedding, Samode Palace features extravagantly painted Durbar Hall and the exquisite Sheesh Mahal.

**NEEMRANA FORT-PALACE**, is an architectural jewel spread over 25 acres of land. Cut into an hillside, the fort-palace is stepped, rising to 10 levels and commanding the most splendid views of the region.

**KHAJURAHO**, the city famous for its enchanting sculptured temples, which draw their inspiration from the ancient art of Kama-sutra

**VARANASI**, the oldest living city in the world! Set along the banks of holy River Ganges, Varanasi is the spiritual hub of India.

**GWALIOR**, the city of warrior kings, poets, musicians and saints. A historic city, Gwalior is known for its old magnificent fort which houses a number of ruined palaces and interesting temples.



## Wildlife Extensions

**RANTHAMBORE**, acclaimed as one of the best places in the world to photograph tigers in the wild.

**BHARATPUR**, home to Keoladeo Ghana National Park, one of the finest bird sanctuaries in Asia

**SARISKA**, the erstwhile hunting resort of the royal family of Alwar, Rajasthan

## Suggested Itineraries

- ★ **Classic Golden Triangle** : Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Delhi
- ★ **Golden Triangle with Tigers** : Delhi - Jaipur - Ranthambore Bharatpur - Agra - Delhi
- ★ **Golden Triangle with Samode** : Delhi - Agra - Samode - Jaipur - Delhi
- ★ **Golden Triangle with Neemrana** : Delhi - Neemrana - Jaipur - Agra - Delhi
- ★ **Rustic Charm of Golden Triangle** : Delhi - Mandawa - Jaipur - Agra - Delhi
- ★ **Images of North India** : Delhi - Jaipur - Agra - Orchha / Khajuraho - Varanasi
- ★ **Grand Heritage of North India** : Delhi - Jaipur - Agra - Gwalior Orchha / Khajuraho - Varanasi



## Forts & Palaces of Rajasthan

India's forts and palaces are the country's treasured manuscripts narrating the saga of this Land of Maharajas. The desert state of Rajasthan is where history comes alive in the form of art, architecture, sculptures and cultures that brings thousands of heritage lovers to India.

Rajasthan houses the largest number of forts and palaces in the world. Today, some of these architectural marvels have been converted into heritage hotels, allowing you the luxury of a palatial stay in India.

**JODHPUR**, the blue hued city of Rajasthan, houses the splendid Mehrangarh Fort, one of the most impressive and formidable structures in Rajasthan. Jodhpur is also home to the magnificent Umaid Bhawan Palace, a fine example of early 20th century palatial architecture in India.

**UDAIPUR**, the lake city surrounded by Aravalli ranges, is regarded as one of the most romantic cities of Rajasthan. The majestic City Palace in Udaipur, is one of the largest palace complexes in Rajasthan. Taj Lake Palace, set in the middle of Lake Pichola, is an 18th century white marble and mosaic palace which is today a luxury hotel and the landmark property of Udaipur.

**JAISALMER**, the city of golden sand dunes, in the far west of Rajasthan, is popularly called 'the golden city of India'. Jaisalmer Fort is the second oldest fort of Rajasthan, encapsulating five beautiful palaces. The grand havelis of Jaisalmer, featuring intricate designs and luxurious interiors, are fine examples of architectural brilliance of the Rajput Maharajas.



**BIKANER**, the camel city of India, is renowned for the best riding camels in the world. The Junagarh Fort in Bikaner is an impressive formidable structure built in the 16th century. The relatively modern red sandstone palace, Lalgarh Palace, was built in the early 20th century and is an architectural marvel surrounded by sprawling lawns and gardens.

**KUMBALGARH**, the magnificent fortress, stands unconquerable, except for once when the fort was conquered by Emperor Akbar. Built on a hilltop, Kumbhalgarh fort is circumferenced by a 36 kilometres long wall, claimed to be the second longest wall in the world, after the Great Wall of China. The fort encapsulates remains of erstwhile palaces and more than 300 temples.

**CHITTAURGARH**, the tragic historical fort of Rajasthan, was occupied for more than 800 years before being abandoned in the 16th century. The fort was invaded thrice and on all three occasions the civilians of the region chose to sacrifice their lives rather than leading a life of submission. Inside the fort are ruins of erstwhile palaces and temples still in active worship.





**DEVIGARH**, an 18th century palace nestled in the Aravalli ranges, is situated in the village of Delwara. It took years of restoration and rebuilding, to convert Devigarh Palace into one of India's top heritage palace hotels. The immaculate interiors of the palace are designed with detail, using local marbles and semi-precious stones, creating an eclectic mix of heritage and contemporary designing.

**POKARAN**, home to the magnificent yellow sandstone citadel, Fort Pokaran, is situated in the Thar desert, between Jodhpur and Jaisalmer. Fort Pokaran encapsulates exquisite palaces, a museum showcasing an assortment of weapons, paintings, pottery and costumes of the erstwhile Maharajas, and a heritage hotel run by the royal family.

**NIMAJ**, is a small village famous for its splendid Nimaj Palace. One of the oldest heritage properties of India, Nimaj Palace is an architectural masterpiece. Over centuries the Thakurs of Nimaj have refurbished the palace to evoke memories of their chivalrous days. The palace facade, painted in white, makes it a distinctive landmark in the region.

**KHIMSAR**, a quaint village perched on the edge of the Thar desert, is renowned for its grand Khimsar Fort. A 16th century marvel, today the Khimsar Fort is a luxurious heritage hotel run by the 20th generation of royal lineage who still reside in the fort.

## Suggested Itineraries

- ★ **Deserts of Rajasthan** : Delhi - Mandawa - Bikaner - Jaisalmer - Pokaran - Jodhpur - Udaipur - Jaipur - Agra - Delhi
- ★ **Forts of Rajasthan** : Delhi - Mandawa - Kuchamman - Khimsar - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur - Kumbalgarh - Udaipur - Chittaurgarh - Jaipur - Delhi
- ★ **Palatial Golden Triangle** : Delhi - Agra - Samode - Jaipur - Neemrana - Delhi
- ★ **Desert Delights** : Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Nimaj - Jodhpur - Pokaran - Jaisalmer - Bikaner - Mandawa - Delhi
- ★ **Taj Mahal & Gems of Rajasthan** : Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Mandawa - Bikaner - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur - Udaipur



## Desert Camps of Rajasthan

Rajasthan, home to the golden sand dunes, is a haven for desert camps in India. For the erstwhile Maharajas, campaigning in distant lands meant long stays in desert camps. During wars or expeditions, camps were the only luxury available and soon these “homes away from home” evolved into mobile, mini-palaces.

Today, Rajasthan offers a wonderful selection of desert camps, to create the ideal nomadic desert retreat. Most camps offer camel and jeep safaris to nearby villages and evening entertainment with bon fire, local musicians & dancers, puppet shows, juggling, and other regional performances.

**PUSHKAR**, is the hub of India's largest annual camel fair held in November every year. Pushkar is home to a beautiful collection of desert camps, ranging from the luxurious tents at Greenhouse and Aaram Bagh to the deluxe tents at Pushkar Bagh, which swing to life with people and large flocks of camel every November.

**NAGAU**R, like Pushkar, is home to an annual cattle fair, held in February every year. Founded in the 4th century, the city of Nagaur is dominated by the Nagaur Fort complex, which encompasses luxury tents, using the finest of Marwar traditional skills.

**JAISALMER**, the golden city of Rajasthan and a haven for desert camps offers a wonderful selection of camps to suit every budget. Popular desert camps in and around Jaisalmer include:

- ★ The Serai, a luxury desert camp and spa, offers 21 tents, including a 'Royal Suite' with its private pool, spa and lounging tent and 6 'Luxury Tents' with private walled gardens and plunge pools.
- ★ Mirvana Nature Resort, located midway between Pokhran and Jaisalmer, provides 15 luxury tents, raised on a marble platform, crafted using local natural materials. Being a nature resort, Mirvana also offers organic food and fresh farm dairy.
- ★ Mool Sagar Camp, a historic camp with 18 luxurious tents, delightful stone pavilions and fountains, and a swimming pool, set amidst wonderful gardens.
- ★ Dune Safari Camp, in the sand dunes of Sam, consists of 20 deluxe tents, with a rustic charm. The camp can also arrange desert marathons and desert survival lessons for small groups.

**OSIAN**, is a famous landmark camp in the sand dunes of Rajasthan. Featuring a refreshing swimming pool, the camp is a feat of architectural engineering in the sand dunes. Osian camp is famous for its safari bar, a wonderful place to relax in the evenings with a drink and cigar.

**ROHETGARH**, located close to Jodhpur, is a wilderness camp, with large tents furnished with typical Rajasthani decor. The tents are set up around a central lounge and dining area, which is beautifully relaxing by day and romantically lit with candles by night. The camp is located on a small dune, with spectacular views.

**MANVAR**, a tented camp amidst the wilderness surrounded by sand dunes, is an oasis of rare exclusivity. 30 safari-style tents arranged in a semi-circle around a central durbar hall, allow for commanding views over the desert wilderness. These luxurious tents are more like mini-marquees with polished teak furniture, rich jute rugs and lovely custom designed block-printed tent linings.

**MANDAWA**, a quaint town in the heart of Shekhawati region in Rajasthan, offers rural charm in the form of mud cottages at the Desert Resort and spacious swiss tents at Camp Mandawa.

**ABHANERI**, the historic site of 7th century step wells, offers rustic camps as an ideal stop over en-route the famous golden triangle. The camp offers 12 deluxe tents with wall to wall carpets, mesh windows, wood and wrought iron furniture.

**NIMAJ**, a small village in central Rajasthan is home to the luxurious Chhatra Sagar Camp, set along the banks of a water reservoir. Each tent is carefully hand stitched with interiors block printed in traditional floral motifs. The camp has 11 tents along the banks of the lake and 2 tents atop a hill providing complete privacy and breathtaking 360 degree views.

**RANTHAMBORE**, the wildlife hub of Rajasthan, is home to a beautiful collection of desert camps ranging from the luxurious tents at Oberoi Vanyavilas and Aman-i-Khas, to the eco friendly lavish tents and cottages at Sherbagh and Khemvilas, deluxe cottages at Tiger Den and Pugmark, and the budget tents at Ranthambore Bagh.





## Rural Rajasthan

In the heart of Rajasthan, lie a number of small towns and villages, which define the true essence of this land. A visit to these hidden gems, provides an opportunity to learn about the people, culture and lifestyle of rural India. Stay at erstwhile forts and palaces, which have now been converted to heritage hotels, and experience the intriguing traditions and customs of tribal Rajasthan.

**NARLAI**, situated midway between Jodhpur & Udaipur, is known for its 17th century villa, Ravla Narlai, now converted to a heritage hotel. A stay here, allows an opportunity to explore the surrounding village.

**LUNI**, is a hub of activity with its many artisans fashioning metal, clay and wood into intricate designs, demonstrating the skills learnt over centuries. Stay at Fort Chanwa of Luni, an exceptional example of elegance and symmetry in Indian architecture, now a heritage hotel.

**CHANDELAO**, a rustic village close to Jodhpur, offers jeep, camel and bullock cart safari options to explore the village. Chandelao artisans excel in pottery and weaving. The medieval fort of Chandelao, has now been converted into a heritage hotel called 'Chandelao Garh'.

**MADHOGARH**, the village of potters, carpenters and cobblers, displaying their skills pursuing their ancient family trades. Stay at Fort Madhogarh, now a heritage hotel.

**PACHEWAR**, is a village famous for pottery, carpets, tie and dye fabrics, terra cotta and nomadic blacksmiths. Stay at Pachewar fort, a well-preserved 300 year old fort with massive ramparts, now a heritage hotel.

**BUNDI**, is home to an impressive medieval fort famous for its delicate miniatures, step-wells that functioned as water reservoirs centuries ago, and the nearby villages with more than 1,200 looms producing Kota Doriya Saris.

**BIJAIPUR**, a small rusty village, where life revolves around the beautiful Bijaipur Castle built in the 16th century. Converted into a heritage hotel, Bijaipur Castle is the centre of attraction in Bijaipur today.

**KHEMPUR**, is an ethnic village renowned for its trained Marwari and Kathiawari horses. Ravla Khempur, a converted heritage property, offers the option to explore the nearby villages on horsebacks.

**DEOGARH**, a charming village in the heart of Rajasthan offers a convenient base for visiting the famous Kumbalgarh and Chittaurgarh forts and the Jain temples of Ranakpur. Deogarh Fort, a magnificent architectural masterpiece, is now a heritage hotel.

**JOJAWAR**, in the foothills of Aravalli Ranges offers a unique train safari through the picturesque Aravallis.





## Himalayan Beauty

The Himalayas extend over 2,500km in east-west and between a range of 250-425km in north-south direction. Formed in three parallel ranges, the Himalayas extend over more than one country. Himalayan tours can be designed to suit diverse interests including adventure, culture, wellness, spiritual, wildlife, walking or leisure tours.

**LADAKH**, renowned for its remote mountain beauty, is strongly influenced by Tibetan culture and popularly called "Little Tibet" of India. Famous as the adventure capital of Himalayas, Ladakh offers mountain climbing, cycling, jeep safaris, yak safaris, mountaineering, river rafting, village walks and trekking.

**KUMAON**, towered by the highest Himalayan ranges in India, is a confluence of cultures, architectural and archeological wonders such as Jageshwar temple, Katarmal sun temple, prehistoric rock art, and charming local villages blending British and Kumaoni architecture. Gems of Kumaon region include the first British hill station of Almora, the lake town of Nainital and the wilderness of Corbett National Park.

**MANALI**, nestled in the Kullu valley, surrounded by snow-capped peaks, is known for its flourishing orchard industry, as trailhead for treks and for heli-skiing in the valley.

**SHIMLA**, the former summer capital of British India, is set amidst snow capped mountains, which offer stunning views of the Himalayas. Shimla is an architectural legacy of the British Raj, with mall, churches, theatre and half timbered bungalows peppered around town.

**PALAMPUR**, a quaint town in the foothills of Himalayas, is the tea capital of northwest India and known for its colonial architecture and temples. Set on the rising slopes of Kangra Valley, the scenery is dominated by rural plains and majestic hills, with pine scented air.

**SRINAGAR**, set along the banks of River Jhelum in Kashmir valley, was aptly named by the Mughals as 'Paradise on Earth'. Set like a jeweled crown on the map of India, Kashmir changes its hues with seasons - in winter, when snow carpets the mountains, there is skiing and sledge riding along the gentle slopes; in spring and summer, the honey-dewed orchards, rippling lakes make the valley breathtakingly beautiful. Drifting down the serene lakes in Shikaras and living in wooden houseboats are unique experiences offered by Srinagar.

### Village Walks in the Himalayas

One of the most fascinating and unique ways to discover the hidden beauty of Himalayas is through village walks amidst the serenity of the mountains. A uniquely authentic Himalayan experience, offers you ample opportunity for interaction with local villagers and tribes of the region, along with a rare chance to stay in hand picked, renovated traditional village houses. Alongside village walks and driving around the hilly terrain, you also get an opportunity to visit some of the famous Hindu Temples and Buddhist monasteries of the region.

Available in \* Kumaon \* Ladakh \* Sikkim



## In the Land of Sages

**DHARAMSALA**, a serene town overlooking the beautiful Kangra valley, is the current home of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. With strong Tibetan influence, Dharamsala is dotted with monks and monasteries and is an important pilgrimage site for Buddhism in India.

**AMRITSAR**, the seat of power of Sikh religion in India, is flocked by thousands of pilgrims and tourists everyday. The main attraction of Amritsar is the sparkling Golden Temple (Harmandir Sahib), surrounded by a reservoir, believed to be holy water.

**RISHIKESH**, set along the banks of holy River Ganges, is the spiritual hub of Hinduism and a centre of learning for yoga and meditation.

## Suggested Itineraries

- ★ **Himalayan Glory** : Delhi - Amritsar - Dharamsala - Manali - Keylong - Sarchu - Leh - Alchi - Leh - Delhi
- ★ **Himalayan Moonland Tour** : Delhi - Manali - Keylong - Sarchu - Leh - Delhi
- ★ **Holy Himalayas** : Delhi - Haridwar / Rishikesh - Shimla - Manali - Dharamsala - Amritsar - Delhi
- ★ **Ladakh & Nubra Valley Jeep Safari** : Leh - Alchi - Khardung La Pass - Nubra Valley - Leh
- ★ **A Date with Nature** : Delhi - Corbett - Rishikesh - Auli - Kaudilya - Haridwar - Delhi





## Luxury in North India

### THE OBEROI VILAS

\* Amarvilas, Agra \* Rajvilas, Jaipur \* Vanyavilas, Ranthambore  
\* Udaivilas, Udaipur

### PALACE HOTELS

\* Taj Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur \* Taj Rambagh Palace, Jaipur  
\* Taj Jai Mahal Palace, Jaipur \* Samode Palace, Samode \* Taj Lake  
Palace, Udaipur \* Devigarh Resort, Udaipur \* Leela Palace, Udaipur  
\* Amanbagh, Alwar \* Taj Nadesar Palace, Varanasi

### DESERT CAMPS

\* The Serai, Jaisalmer \* Chhatrasagar, Nimaj

### HIMALAYAN RETREATS

\* 360 Leti, Almora \* Ananada in the Himalayas, Rishikesh \* Oberoi  
Wildflower Hall, Shimla \* The Lalit Grand Palace, Srinagar

### LUXURY IN & AROUND THE CAPITAL CITY

\* The Imperial, Delhi \* Oberoi Gurgaon \* Leela Palace, Delhi \* Dusit  
Devrana, Delhi \* The Oberoi, Delhi

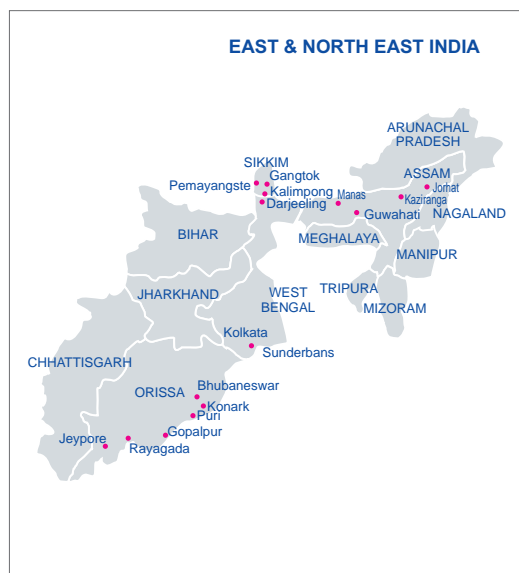






## EAST & NORTH EAST INDIA

This region of India is a confluence of cultures, peoples, history and traditions. Ranging from the primitive tribal villages and temples of Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, to the historic sites tracing the life of Lord Buddha, the cultural splendours of West Bengal, the serenity and beauty of Sikkim and the wildlife of Assam, the east and north east regions treasure the unseen beauty of India.



**WEST BENGAL**, one of the most culturally and ethnically diverse states of India, was an integral part of British India. The state offers varied landscapes ranging from the mighty Himalayas in the north to the verdant plains, hilly terrains, and mangrove forests in the south.

- ★ **Kolkata**, the capital of West Bengal, was the founding city of British East India Company. An amalgamation of cultural and architectural legacy of British India, Kolkata is famous as the 'City of Joy', the hub of Indian literature and the city chosen as home by Mother Teresa.
- ★ **Darjeeling**, a serene hill resort, is famous for its tea plantations and breathtaking views of the snow capped Himalayas. Strongly influenced by Tibetan culture and Buddhism, Darjeeling is peppered with monasteries.
- ★ **Sunderbans**, a UNESCO world heritage site, treasures dense mangrove forests, winding rivers, narrow creeks, remote villages and tribal settlements, wild crocodiles, spotted deer, and the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger.

**SIKKIM**, the stunning Himalayan paradise, offers breathtaking mountain views, monasteries in the clouds, mesmerising valleys, and serene experiences like village walks and sharing a cup of chai with monks! The diverse terrain and unfolding scenery of Sikkim is best explored from:

- ★ **Gangtok**, the picturesque capital city of Sikkim, offers spectacular views of the snow capped Mt Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak in the world.
- ★ **Pemayangste**, a little hamlet nestled in the Himalayas, is known for its monastery, one of the oldest monastery in Sikkim
- ★ **Kalimpong**, the beautiful hill town, is a meeting point of the three closed lands of Tibet, Nepal and Bhutan.
- ★ **Lachen**, a quaint hamlet in north Sikkim, is dotted with hot springs, lakes and trek routes offering pristine Himalayan purity and a flavour of local lifestyle.





## Temples, Tribes & Tea

**ORISSA**, aptly called 'Miniature India', is a fascinating state with unspoilt beaches, sprawling lakes, rich forests, historic monuments and temples, exotic handicrafts, traditional tribes, colourful fairs, festivals and dances.

- ★ **Bhubaneswar**, the capital city of Orissa, home to ancient rock cut caves, wall paintings and sculptures.
- ★ **Puri**, the beautiful beach town of Orissa, known for the famous temple of Lord Jagannath.
- ★ **Konark**, a small hamlet, renowned for the magnificent Konark Sun Temple.
- ★ **Chilika**, Asia's largest brackish water lake, treasures a wide variety of migratory birds and dolphins.
- ★ **Gopalpur, Rayagada, Jeypore** are home to unusual tribes who still live in forests in a subsistence village economy, bartering their produce for survival. Some of these primitive tribes are far removed from the concept of clothing and wear wooden and stone artefacts as cover. Visit tribal villages and markets, and have first hand encounters with primitive tribes of India.

**CHHATTISGARH**, a treasure for mineral resources, is India's industrial hub for steel, aluminium and cement industries. The state of Chhattisgarh is famous for its tussar & mulberry silks, ancient rock and limestone caves, Chitrakote waterfalls - the largest waterfall in India, and for its unique tribal experiences which allow for visits to tribal villages, haat bazaars, and seeing tribal dances, festivities and museums.

**ASSAM**, a land nestled in myths and mysteries, has rich green terrain of rolling plains and dense forests. River Brahmaputra charts its majestic course through Assam, feeding Majuli, the largest river island in the

world. Assam is renowned for its tea, rich flora and fauna, the world famous one horned rhinoceros and other rare species of wildlife found in Kaziranga and Manas National Parks.

## OTHER STATES OF NORTH EAST INDIA

The north eastern region of India includes unexplored states of Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland. Whilst not fully explored for tourism yet, this remote region is nature's paradise. Offering exotic landscapes of emerald green valleys, untouched wilderness, looming mountains, enchanting caves, serene blue lakes and rivers, cascading waterfalls, whispering pines and fresh air, the north eastern region of India offers all this and more. The tribal belt of this region includes unique ethnic tribes, with their distinctive habitats and lifestyles, not found anywhere else in India.

## Suggested Itineraries

- ★ **Highlights of West Bengal and Sikkim** : Kolkata - Bagdogra / Darjeeling - Pemayangste - Gangtok - Kalimpong - Bagdogra / Kolkata
- ★ **Tribes of Orissa** : Bhubaneshwar - Puri - Gopalpur - Rayagada - Jeypore - Gopalpur - Bhubaneshwar
- ★ **Assam Valley Tour** : Guwahati - Jorhat - Sivasagar - Jorhat - Toklai - Kaziranga - Guwahati
- ★ **Natures Paradise** : Shillong - Cherrapunji - Kaziranga - Kohima - Touphema - Dimori Cove - Jorhat - Majuli - Guwahati
- ★ **Tea Trails** : Dibrugarh - Digboi - Jorhat - Kaziranga - Guwahati
- ★ **North Eastern Wildlife** : Guwahati - Manas - Nameri - Kaziranga - Dibrugarh - Dibruaikhowa - Deban - Dibrugarh



## In the Footsteps of Buddha

Follow the path of enlightenment, in the footsteps of Lord Buddha, imprinted in the various Buddhist pilgrimage sites associated with important milestones in the life of Lord Buddha.

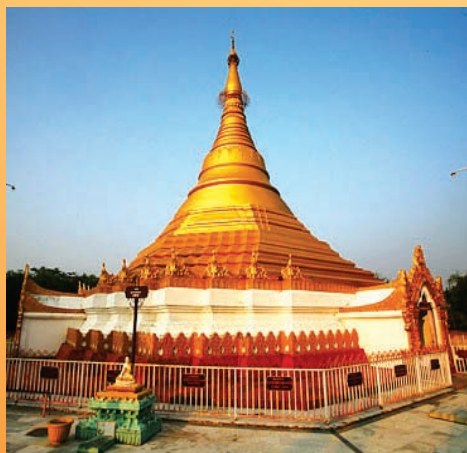
**SRAVASTI** (Uttar Pradesh), founded by the mythological King Sravast, this land hosted Lord Buddha and His disciples for 24 years. Lord Buddha is believed to have performed the only miracles of His life to convince the non-believers at Sravasti.

**NALANDA** (Bihar), treasures the ruins of the first residential international university of the world, where more than 10,000 monk students studied and lived. Though Lord Buddha visited Nalanda several times during his lifetime, this famous center of Buddhist learning shot to fame much later, during 5th-12th centuries

**RAJGIR** (Bihar), the town where Lord Buddha stayed for 12 years and delivered many of His sermons. It was here that the teachings of Lord Buddha were recorded in writing for the first time.

**BODHGAYA** (Bihar), was the place where Prince Siddhartha attained enlightenment and became Lord Buddha. It was here that Lord Buddha entered into meditation after being moved by the sufferings of mankind. Bodhgaya is often visited by the Dalai Lama and other Lamas (Buddhist religious heads).

**SARNATH** (Uttar Pradesh), was the place where Lord Buddha, after attaining enlightenment, preached his first sermon to his five disciples.







**VAISHALI** (Bihar), the town where Lord Buddha preached his last sermon and announced His prospective 'Mahaparinirvana' to take place in Kushinagar. Vaishali is also believed to be the first republic of the world, having an elected body of representatives and an efficient administration as early as 6th century BC.

**KESARIYA** (Bihar), a small town, located in the city of Champaran, where Lord Buddha spent the night before he achieved 'Mahaparinirwana', during his travel from Vaishali to Kushinagar.

**KUSHINAGAR** (Uttar Pradesh), the place where Lord Buddha breathed His last words. Today, Kushinagar tops the list of Buddhist pilgrimage sites in India.

In addition to the above mentioned places in East India, other places of Buddhist interest include:

**LUMBINI** (Nepal), the celebrated birthplace of Lord Buddha.

**BUDDHIST MONASTERIES** : scattered around India, especially in the Himalayan ranges of Ladakh, Dharamsala, Darjeeling and Sikkim.

**BUDDHIST CAVES** : Udaigiri, Ratnagiri and Lalitgiri near Bhubaneswar in Orissa ; Ajanta and Ellora caves in Aurangabad; Kanheri caves near Mumbai.

\* Buddhist monasteries, caves and monuments are also found in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bhutan.







## River Cruises

### ASSAM BENGAL NAVIGATION: Assam & Bengal

Experience the hidden beauty and treasures of remote north eastern regions of Assam and Bengal.

Cruising through River Brahmaputra and Hugli, experience elephant and jeep safaris in some of India's most treasured wildlife parks- Manas, Kaziranga and Orang National Park.

Cruising through the Holy River Ganges and Hugli, you get an opportunity to see unique cattle fairs of eastern India, holy temples, remains of the British Raj, and some historic Buddhist sites

Enjoy tribal encounters and village walks, interact with the locals, discover tea plantations, explore country towns on cycle rickshaws, relish barbecues on deserted river islands, enjoy folk dance performances, visit temples, shrines and local craft workshops. This is your chance to experience the real rural India... still far from any signs of modernity.



For detailed itineraries, departure dates, and river boat specifications, log on to our website [www.traveliteindia.com](http://www.traveliteindia.com)





## Beach Havens of India

India's coastline is home to some of the finest beaches in the world. The golden sun kissed beaches can be enjoyed in the privacy of your own villa or by staying at luxurious five star resorts. You also have the option to cruise in style, whether on a private yacht or aboard a luxury liner in the vast Indian oceans.

GOA, the beach capital of India, is home to the finest luxury hotels, resorts and private villas in the country. With glistening sands, swaying coconut palms and fresh sea food, Goa offers everything from sunny beaches, swimming, adventure sports, relaxing massages, and the finest spas in India.

KERALA, offers turquoise waters along the shores of Arabian sea, ideal for a relaxing beach vacation. Golden beaches dotted with coconut and palm groves, are peppered with Ayurveda and spa resorts. Sun bathing, swimming, Ayurveda treatments, yoga and meditation, fishing with local fishermen are some popular beach activities at Kerala. Renowned beaches include Kovalam, Marari, Kollam, Bekal and Varkala.

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS, covered with rain forests, are replete with serene beaches famed for their natural beauty. Sandy beaches of these islands are famous for turtle nesting and exquisite marine life, making snorkelling and scuba diving an experience to remember. Most islands are still uninhabited, some are inhabited by aboriginal tribes and some are now gearing up to welcome tourists!

LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS, home to the only coral reef in India, provide crystal clear waters ideal for snorkelling, diving and wind surfing. The islands can be accessed via cruise or flight from Kochi. With beach cottages set along the shores, Lakshadweep offers green, clean and sandy beaches far from any signs of modern city life.

SHORES OF EAST INDIA, are home to unique beaches, such as Puri, the only Indian beach flaunting amazing sand sculptures made by professional artists; Pondicherry, the erstwhile coastal French hamlet of east India; Mahabalipuram, famous for its shore temple and rich heritage





## Gujarat to Karnataka

**AHMEDABAD**, the largest city in Gujarat, has earned the reputation of 'Manchester of the East' for its booming textile industry. Ahmedabad is famous for its mosques, step wells, Gandhi ashram, textiles and textile museum.

**MUMBAI**, home to Bollywood and India's celluloid capital, is one of the fastest paced cities of modern India. Mumbai reflects the face of cosmopolitan India and also treasures historical edifices such as the 06th century cave temples on the nearby island of Elephanta.

**AURANGABAD**, the ancient city famous for its fascinating rock cut cave temples of Ellora, dating back to 05th century. Aurangabad also treasures the horse shoe shaped Buddhist caves of Ajanta featuring intricate frescoes, paintings and sculptures dating back to 03rd century. The hidden secret of Aurangabad is its mini Taj Mahal, called 'Bibi Ka Maqbara'.

**BANGALORE**, the garden city of India, is known for its flourishing IT industry. Bangalore is blessed with pleasant weather throughout the year allowing it to maintain its green botanical gardens offering rich diversity of flora. The city's legislative chambers are a fine example of amalgamation of modern and traditional Dravidian temple style architecture.

**HAMPI**, the last capital of Hindu Kingdom of Vijayanagar, remains one of the most fascinating historical sites in South India and the most beautiful and evocative of all ruins in the state of Karnataka. The Dravidian temples and palaces at Hampi date back to the 14th and 16th centuries and some of the structural ruins still exemplify magnificent architectural marvels.

**HASSAN**, the gateway to heritage marvels of Belur and Halebidu. Belur is famous for its magnificent Hoysala Temple Complex with intricate sculptures. Halebidu, the erstwhile capital of the Hoysalas, is home to the Hoysaleswara Temple, a sculptural extravaganza perched on a star-shaped base.

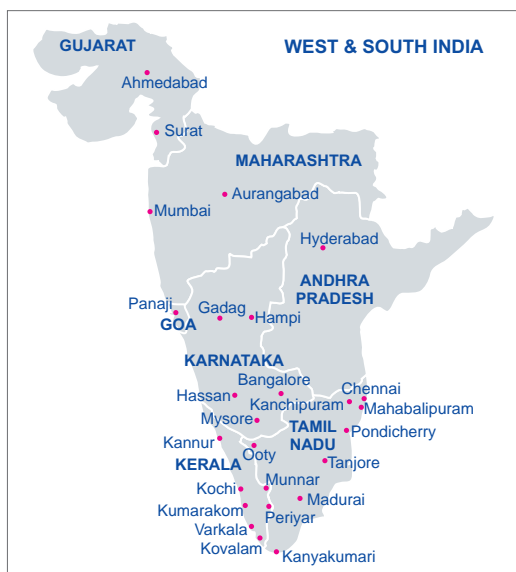
**MYSORE**, the city renowned for its rich silks and sandalwood, is home to one of the newest and largest palaces of India, the Maharaja's Palace, built in the late 19th century. Near Mysore is the Chamundi Hill temple, housing one of the largest statues of Nandi Bull.

**OOTY**, a quaint hill resort of south India, popularly called the 'Queen of Nilgiri hills'. Ooty is famous for its rolling hills covered in pine and eucalyptus, sparkling waterfalls and its coffee and tea plantations.

**HYDERABAD**, popularly known as the 'City of Nizams', is the capital of the state of Andhra Pradesh. Hyderabad offers an interesting blend of old and new the old 'Nawabi' culture, architecture and minarets and the new modern high rise buildings and shopping centres.

## WEST & SOUTH INDIA

The western and southern region of India is a kaleidoscope of natural and cultural beauty ranging from the beach capital of Goa, to the fast pace of Mumbai, the modern face of Bangalore, the lush green mountains of Munnar and Ooty, the palm lined backwaters of Kumaramkom, temple trails of Madurai, Trichy, Tanjore, exotic silks of Kanchipuram, and heritage of Hampi, Belur and Badami, west and south India offers all this and a lot more.







## Kerala : Gods Own Country

Located along south western coast of India, Kerala resembles a banana leaf clinging between the Western Ghats and beaches of Arabian sea.

Kerala has been included in the top 50 tourist destinations for once in a life time visit by National Geographic Channel. The beauty of Kerala lies in its placid nature encompassing serene backwaters, beaches, hill stations, spice plantations, flora and fauna, Ayurveda, boat races, natural harbours and more.

**KOCHI**, the most cosmopolitan city of Kerala, is also known as 'Queen of the Arabian Sea'. The distinctive architecture seen in Dutch mansions, Portuguese churches, Jewish synagogue, British store houses and 14th century Chinese fishing nets, reflects Kochi's long history as an important sea port and trading centre. Kochi is renowned for its spectacular Kathakali performance, one of the oldest theatre forms in India. Performed by characters with vividly painted faces and elaborate costumes, Kathakali is a spectacular combination of drama, dance, music and rituals, re-enacting stories from the Hindu epics of Mahabharata and Ramayana.

**PERIYAR**, the hub of spice plantations in Kerala, is also famous for its wildlife park which is best experienced aboard a boat cruise on Lake Periyar. The wildlife sanctuary is home to elephants, deer, wild boars, bears, flying squirrels, and a variety of bird and reptile species. The town is fragranced with the spicy aromas of pepper, cardamom, cinnamon, cloves, ginger and nutmeg.

**MUNNAR**, a famous hill resort in east Kerala, had long fascinated Europeans and became the southern summer resort of British India. Munnar valley was developed by Scottish planters in the early 20th century. Munnar is carpeted by thick forests and tea estates. The specialty of Munnar is jungle honey, tea and a rare flower 'Neela Kurunji' which blooms once in 12 years.

**WAYANAD**, a quaint town in North Kerala, is famous for its wildlife, Ayurveda centres and plantation resorts. In close vicinity are schools of 'Kalari', a popular martial art form of south India and the hill resort of Lakkidi, offering options for trekking and visiting caves more than 5000 years old.

**BACKWATERS** of Kerala encompass a complex network of lagoons, lakes, & canals, that are best experienced aboard traditional thatched-roofed rice houseboat, known as 'Kettu Vallam'. On display is life on the banks, lush green rice fields, and coconut groves with an occasional temple or church as you cruise through the backwaters. The houseboats come along with a chef on board, preparing authentic Kerala cuisine. The serene backwaters around Kumarakom and Alleppey can also be enjoyed in the privacy of a deluxe villa, luxury hotel or resort with canals running through the property!

**BEACHES** of Kerala, along the shores of Arabian sea, are ideal for a relaxing vacation. Golden beaches dotted with coconut and palm groves, are peppered with Ayurveda and spa resorts. Sun bathing, swimming, Ayurveda treatments, yoga and meditation, fishing with local fishermen are some popular beach activities at Kerala. Renowned beaches include Kovalam, Marari, Kollam, Bekal and Varkala.

**VILLAGES** along the coast of Kerala offer an insight into the local lifestyle, crafts, traditions and cultures of the region. Popular coastal villages of Kerala include *Beyyore*, a quaint village known for centuries as the shipbuilding centre of south India, is famous for its country boats called 'Uru'; *Mahe*, an erstwhile French settlement in Kerala; *Kannur*, a coastal town known for its pristine beaches and handloom industry, is also renowned for its old 'hookah' factory.





## Temple Trails of Tamil Nadu

The south eastern state of Tamil Nadu is home to magnificent temple complexes and serene beaches with character. Rich in heritage and cultural beauty, this region of India specialises in rock cut sculptures, intricate stone work and rich woven silks.

**CHENNAI**, a city that grew from a small fishermen's village, was an ancient hub of Portuguese traders in India. Home to the first British Church in the country, Chennai also houses Fort St George, the first original outpost of British East India Company, established in the 17th century.

**PONDICHERRY**, the French Riviera of south east India, is a former French colony which still retains its distinctive charm. Pondicherry is also popular for one the largest ashrams in India, Auroville, a unique experiment in human unity and international living.

**MAHABALIPURAM**, a 7th century UNESCO world heritage site, is famous for its magnificent shore temple, with an unusual statue of sleeping Lord Vishnu. Mahabalipuram is also popular for its monolithic rock sculptures with intricately carved animals and scenes from the Hindu epic, Mahabharata.

**KANCHIPURAM**, one of the seven holiest Hindu cities in India, is famous for its numerous temples and hand woven silks. Kanchipuram silks are exotic pieces of art, often decorated with fine gold and silver threads (zari).

**TRICHY**, a bustling temple city, thriving with priests and elephants granting blessings to devotees, is famous for its magnificent rock fort and beautifully carved temples.

**TANJORE**, a quiet town, set along the banks of River Cauvery, is renowned for its 10th century Brihadeshwara temple, a magnificent structure carved out of granite, displaying intricate carvings and beautiful frescoes on its surrounding walls.

**MADURAI**, a famous temple city of South India, is home to the splendid Meenakshi temple. Being one of the most visited temples in the region, Meenakshi temple is always bustling with devotees.

## Suggested Itineraries

- ★ **Mumbai to Kerala Tour** : Mumbai - Bangalore - Hassan - Mysore - Ooty - Calicut - Kochi - Periyar - Kumarakom - Kovalam - Trivandrum
- ★ **Jewels of South India** : Bangalore - Hassan - Mysore - Ooty - Kochi - Alleppey / Kumarakom - Periyar - Madurai - Trichy / Tanjore - Pondicherry - Mahabalipuram - Kanchipuram / Chennai
- ★ **Deccan Delights** : Hyderabad - Gulbarga - Bijapur - Badami - Hampi - Goa
- ★ **Temples of South India** : Chennai - Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry - Tanjore - Madurai - Kanyakumari - Trivandrum
- ★ **Kerala - God's own country** : Kochi - Munnar - Periyar - Kumarakom - Houseboat - Kovalam
- ★ **Emerald Waters of India** : Mumbai - Goa - Kochi - Kumarakom - Kovalam





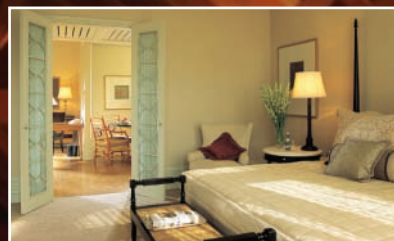
# Luxury in South India

## Luxurious City Stays

\* Taj Mahal, Mumbai \* The Oberoi, Mumbai \* The Leela, Mumbai \* Four Seasons, Mumbai \* Leela Palace, Bangalore \* Vivanta by Taj Malabar, Kochi \* Taj Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad

## Luxury Beach & Backwater Resorts

\* Park Hyatt, Goa \* The Leela, Goa \* Grand Hyatt, Goa \* Vivanta by Taj Holiday Village, Goa \* Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kumarakom \* Niraamaya Surya Samudra, Kovalam \* The Leela Kovalam \* Oberoi M.V. Vrinda, Houseboat in Alleppey





## WELLNESS IN INDIA

India is home to a wonderful selection of Yoga and meditation retreats, Ayurveda centres and Spa resorts. These are scattered all over the country - in the hills, amidst spice plantations, along the backwaters, on the beach, in palace hotels, in desert camps, and in modern cities. Varying in style, comfort and price, the choice is only limited by your imagination!

India is also the budding hub for medical tourism. With quality hospitals, qualified doctors, impeccable service and no waiting time, the country is gradually becoming the first choice for patients requiring specialist surgeries and medical procedures.

### Ayurveda

Ayurveda, the oldest form of healthcare in the world, has been practiced in India for thousands of years. 'Ayurveda' means 'knowledge of life'. India offers holistic Ayurvedic therapies, based on physical treatment and philosophical and psychological healing. Ayurveda views ailments as a result of combination of factors along with specific components of diet, and customises treatments for patients. Ayurvedic principles are found in detail in Atharva Veda, one of the four ancient Vedas (Holy Scriptures) of Hinduism.

Ayurvedic treatments are divided into eight branches \* Kaya chikilsa (general medicine) \* Shalya (surgery) \* Shalakya (ENT and ophthalmology) \* Graha (psychotherapy) \* Damshitra (toxicology) \* Bala (pediatrics and gynaecology) \* Jara (rejuvenation) \* Vrishya (aphrodisiacs)

Travelite (India) offers customised Ayurveda packages and courses at popular centres in India.

### Medical Tourism

Medical Tourism includes the provision of cost effective private medical care for patients needing surgical and other forms of specialised treatments. Medical or Health tourism has become a popular form of vacationing, and combines leisure and relaxation with wellness and healthcare.

To meet the growing demand for medical tourism, Travelite (India) has aligned itself with leading international standard hospitals in India and specialist panel of doctors to provide necessary information and services on various medical treatments to patients. Our role is to

provide access to a panel of reputed specialists to help the patient identify a suitable hospital and doctor providing the appropriate treatment for his / her ailment.

India offers expertise in a range of surgical and elective procedures, popular ones being:

**Surgical Procedures** \* Hip Resurfacing \* Hip Replacement \* Knee Replacement \* Spinal Cord Surgery \* Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (C.A.B.G.) \* Coronary Balloon Angioplasty & Stent Implantation \* Angiography \* Cardiac Valve Replacement \* Gastric Bypass \* Gastric Banding \* Plastic Surgery

**Elective Procedures** \* Eye care including treatments for cataract, glaucoma, treatment for retinal diseases and laser surgeries \* ENT treatments for disorders related to diseases, injuries, or deformations of the ears, nose, throat \* Dental care including implants, crowns, bridges, dentures, root canal treatments and aesthetic beauty treatments \* Cosmetic treatments

### Yoga & Meditation

The birthplace of yoga and meditation, India is an ideal destination for rejuvenation of mind, body and soul. Offering techniques for self realization and purification, yoga and meditation present a complete spiritual experience. A discipline of exercises for physical and mental well being, yoga combines stylised postures with deep breathing and meditation to achieve a calm and focussed body and mind.

Travelite (India) offers customised yoga and meditation packages and courses at popular retreats in India.





## Relaxing Spas

If you wish to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life, and relax in the serenity of India, we offer you some hand picked destinations, with renowned relaxing Spas to de-stress and calm your senses. Ranging from north to south India, spectacular spa resorts can be found all across the country. From hidden hamlets in the Himalayas to sandy Goan beaches, backwaters of Kerala, outskirts of metropolitan cities, there is a relaxing haven near you, wherever you are in India!

## Popular Retreats

**Ayurveda & Yoga Retreats** \*Ananda In The Himalayas, Rishikesh \*Niraamaya Surya Samudra, Kovalam \* The Leela, Kovalam \*Carnaustie Ayurveda & Wellness Resort, Marari \* Somatheeram & Manaltheeram Beach Resort, Kovalam \* Travancore Heritage, Kovalam \* CGH Kalari Kovilakom, Palakkad \* CGH Kalari Rasayana, Kollam \* Neeleshwar Hermitage, Neeleshwar \* CGH SwaSwara, Gokarna \* Soukya, Bangalore \* Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kumarakom \* CGH Coconut Lagoon, Kumarakom \* CGH Marari Beach Resort, Marari \* Dr Franklin Panchkarma Institute, Kovalam \* Bethsaida Hermitage, Kovalam

**Oberoi Spas** : Ranked amongst the best spas of the world, Oberoi Spas provide a serene and truly unforgettable experience of pure pampering and relaxation in exquisitely beautiful surroundings, using holistic therapies and massages which combine the very best of Eastern and Western practices.

\* Vanyavilas, Ranthambore \* Udaivilas, Udaipur \* Amarvilas, Agra \* Rajvilas, Jaipur \* Wildflower Hall in the Himalayas, Shimla \* The Oberoi, New Delhi \* Oberoi Gurgaon

**Taj Spas** : A seamless blend of old-world charm and new-age luxuries, Taj Spas promise the finest and most unique leisure experiences. Taj Spas offer a spectrum of authentic and traditional Indian wellness treatments and experiences in a stylish and soothing ambience.

\* Taj Rambagh Palace, Jaipur \* Taj Jai Mahal Palace, Jaipur \* Taj Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur \* Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur \* Taj Exotica, Goa \* Taj Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad

**Other Popular Spas**: \* Sereno Spa, Park Hyatt Goa \* ESPA at The Leela, Delhi & Bangalore \* Devigarh Resort, Udaipur \* Kaya Kalp - ITC Mughal, Agra \* The Imperial Spa, Delhi \* The Zuri Resort & Spa, Kumarakom





## LUXURY TRAIN JOURNEYS

The opulence, splendour, lavish lifestyle and cultural heritage of the princely states of India is reflected not only in the forts, palaces and havelis of the country but also in India's luxury trains and royal carriages. Touring India aboard a luxury train, makes travel between destinations as much of an experience as the destinations themselves!

Luxury train tours provide guests an experience of a life time, exploring palaces, forts, museums, temples, wildlife parks, mixing with people of the land during the day and resting in royal luxurious saloons of the train at night. Step aboard and explore India like Royalty!



### PALACE ON WHEELS

Roll back the pages of time for one glorious week, re-capture the pomp and luxury of history in royal grandeur. Step aboard the Palace on Wheels, once the personal railway coaches of erstwhile rulers of the princely states of Gujarat and Rajputana, the viceroy of British India and the Nizam of Hyderabad.

Rated amongst the 10 best luxury rail journeys in the world, the exquisite and exclusive 'Palace On Wheels' features 14 fully air-conditioned deluxe saloons with 4 chambers each, wall to wall carpeting, a well stocked bar and 2 dining cars.

**Tour Route** : New Delhi - Jaipur - Sawai Madhopur - Chittaurgarh - Udaipur - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur - Bharatpur - Agra - Delhi

**Tour Duration** : 7 Nights / 8 Days

**Departure Days** : Every Wednesday

**Operates from** : September to April



### MAHARAJAS' EXPRESS

A train that never falls short of promising you a royal experience, the Maharajas' Express features five carriages for Deluxe Cabins, six for Junior Suites, two for Suites and one for grand Presidential Suite. Every cabin has large panoramic windows, individual temperature controls, LCD televisions, DVD players, direct dial telephone, internet and an electronic safe deposit box. The Maharajas' Express features two fine dining restaurants, an exotic Safari bar and a Raja Club Lounge.

The train offers a variety of journeys through different regions of India across varying durations. Each journey has fixed departure dates.

**INDIAN SPLENDOUR** (7 Nights) : Delhi - Agra - Ranthambore - Jaipur - Bikaner - Jodhpur - Udaipur - Balasinor - Mumbai

**HERITAGE OF INDIA** (7 Nights): Mumbai - Ajanta - Udaipur - Jodhpur - Bikaner - Jaipur - Ranthambore - Agra - Delhi

**TREASURES OF INDIA** (3 Nights): Delhi - Agra - Ranthambore - Jaipur - Delhi

**GEMS OF INDIA** (3 Nights): Delhi - Agra - Ranthambore - Jaipur - Delhi

**THE INDIAN PANAROMA** (7 Nights): Delhi - Jaipur - Ranthambore - Fatehpur Sikri - Agra - Gwalior - Orchha - Khajuraho - Varanasi - Lucknow - Delhi







## GOLDEN CHARIOT

Golden Chariot inherits its name from the Stone Chariot in Hampi. Taking you on an enchanting and mesmerising journey through Karnataka, the Golden Chariot complements the rich culture of the state of Karnataka, and is a marvel in itself. The coach chambers of the train are steeped in history, under a sky of intricate craftsmanship that narrates timeless tales. A journey on board the Golden Chariot will give you a chance to experience the luxurious lifestyle of erstwhile Maharaja's, seeing history and heritage unfold itself!

The Golden Chariot features 26 twin bed cabins, 17 double bed cabins and 1 cabin for physically challenged. There are 2 lavish restaurant cars, a well stocked lounge/bar car, an Ayurvedic massage centre and a gymnasium.

**Tour Route** : PRIDE OF THE SOUTH: Bangalore - Kabini - Srirangapatnam - Mysore - Shravanabelagola - Belur - Halebid - Hampi - Badami - Pattadakal - Goa - Bangalore

SOUTHERN SPLENDOUR: Bangalore - Chennai - Pondicherry - Tanjavur - Madurai - Thiruvananthapuram - Alleppey - Kochi - Bangalore

**Tour Duration** : 7 Nights / 8 Days

**Departure Days** : Fixed Departure Dates

**Operates from** : September to April

## DECCAN ODYSSEY

The Deccan Odyssey flaunts tourism jewels of the state of Maharashtra, including the heritage, ancient caves, local arts, crafts and cuisine of the state. The week long Deccan Odyssey tour includes exotic destinations covering the vast expanse of Maharashtra and a pinch of Goa.

The Deccan Odyssey has 21 coaches, of which 11 are passenger cars with 4 coupes each. There are 2 Presidential Suite Cars with 2 coupes in each. The train also has a conference car (can be redesigned as dance floor at night) and 2 restaurant cars. There is also a lounge/bar car and a Spa Car.

**Tour Route** : Mumbai - Sindhudurg - Tarkarli - Goa - Kolhapur - Daulatabad - Tadoba - Ajanta - Nashik - Mumbai

**Tour Duration** : 7 Nights / 8 Days

**Departure Days** : Fixed Departure dates

**Operates from** : September to April



## ROYAL RAJASTHAN ON WHEELS

The Royal Rajasthan on Wheels was conceived to rekindle heritage and luxury with modern amenities. The train is designed in contemporary royal style, featuring exquisite silk and velvet bedspreads and draperies, and finely carved wooden furniture in the super-deluxe suite. This luxury train is a regal delight, where every moment is woven together into an everlasting experience.

Royal Rajasthan on Wheels features 13 deluxe coaches named after the famous palaces of Rajasthan and the super deluxe coach called 'Taj Mahal'. There are 2 lavish and well stocked resto-bars, a business centre, board room and fitness centre.

**Tour Route** : New Delhi - Jodhpur - Udaipur - Chittaurgarh - Sawai Madhopur - Jaipur - Khajuraho - Varanasi - Agra - New Delhi

**Tour Duration** : 7 Nights / 8 Days

**Departure Days** : Every Sunday

**Operates from** : September to April







## WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

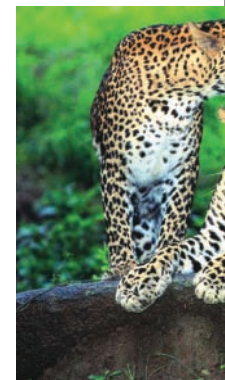
With its incredibly diverse climate, terrain and vegetation, India is home to a variety of wildlife, bird-life, flora and fauna. There are a number of protected areas and wildlife parks in India, offering first hand encounters with the royal Indian tiger, the majestic elephants, leopards, one horned rhino's and other wildlife.

**RANTHAMBORE**, acclaimed as one of the best places in the world to photograph tigers in the wild. Situated in Rajasthan, near the outer fringes of the Thar Desert, Ranthambore is surrounded by Vindhya and Aravalli ranges. Popular wildlife to be seen at the national park includes sambar, chital, blue bull, chinkara, langur, wild boar, sloth bear, jackal, tigers and leopards, and crocodiles around the lake.

**BHARATPUR**, a world heritage site, famous for Keoladeo Ghana National Park, is located on the eastern edge of Rajasthan. A marshy area, stretching over 29 sq km of forests, grasslands and shallow lakes, the park offers over 350 species of birds, native and migratory. Bharatpur is the Siberian Crane's only known wintering ground in India.

**SARISKA**, sprawling across 800 sq km of Aravalli ranges, is easily accessible by road from Delhi or Jaipur. The erstwhile hunting resort of the royal family of Alwar, Sariska national park is home to leopard, jungle cat, hyena, jackal, sambar, nilgai, wild boar and tiger.

**KANHA**, in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, is spread over 1,945 sq. km of dense Sal forests, interspersed with extensive meadows, trees and clumps of wild bamboo. Kanha national park is best known as the natural habitat of the tiger and as home to Mowgli in Rudyard Kipling's famous 'Jungle Book'.



**BANDHAVGARH**, renowned for its fabulous white tigers, is also home to a variety of species of mammals and birds. The national park, in the heart of Madhya Pradesh, has a number of domesticated elephants, allowing you to enjoy elephant safaris on your tiger hunt. Bandhavgarh wildlife park is set in the Vindhya mountain range with the highest known density of tiger population in India.

**PENCH**, one of central India's lesser known reserves, is a small national park, dominated by hills, forests and valleys. The park derives its name from River Pench, which runs from north to south, dividing the park into almost equal halves. A typical central Indian teak jungle, Pench supports a rich variety of wildlife, including tiger, leopard, gaur, sambar, chital and brilliant birdlife.

**PANNA**, situated in the Vindhya ranges, along the banks of the River Ken, is a mere 30 km from the world famous temples at Khajuraho. With its deep ravines, cascading waterfalls and thick teak forests, Panna national park is predominantly a plateau, with sprawling flatlands punctuated by hills, deep valleys and gorges. The reserve is renowned for sightings of nilgai, sambar, chital, wild boar, crocodile, leopard, wolf, hyena, jackal, sloth bear and sometimes even tigers.





**CORBETT**, India's first national park, set up in 1936, is located in the foothills of Western Himalayas. The Park was created with the help and advice of the great hunter and conservationist, Jim Corbett. Enjoy jeep and elephant safari's here, seeing sambar, deer, antelope, wild elephants, crocodiles, a variety of birds and maybe even tigers.

**PERIYAR**, is set within the ranges of Western Ghats in the south Indian state of Kerala. Enjoy exploring the wildlife reserve aboard a boat cruise on Lake Periyar, spotting local wildlife including gaurs, sambars, deer, and elephants along the banks.

**SUNDERBANS**, a UNESCO world heritage site, treasures dense mangrove forests, winding rivers, narrow creeks, remote villages and tribal settlements. Part of the world's largest delta formed by River Ganges and Brahmaputra, Sunderbans is home to a variety of wildlife including wild crocodiles, spotted deer, and the majestic royal Bengal tiger.

**KAZIRANGA**, is situated in the north eastern state of Assam, along the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra River. Kaziranga national park is the natural habitat to one of the most endangered species in the world, the one horned rhino. Enjoy elephant safari's in this remote national park, sighting a variety of birdlife and wildlife along with freely roaming one horned rhino's.

**MANAS**, is situated along the foothills of Himalayas, in the north eastern state of Assam. Manas national park is a stunning pristine wildlife habitat, with spectacular landscapes. A world heritage site, Manas national park is a tiger, elephant and biosphere reserve. Named after River Manas, this national park is renowned for rare and endangered Assam Roofed Turtle, Hispid Hare, Golden Langur and Pygmy Hog.

**GIR**, situated in the western state of Gujarat, is the last abode of the Asiatic lions in India. Gir national park is also home to other wildlife such as leopards, sambars, deers and marsh crocodiles. The park is also a paradise for bird watchers with frequent sightings of changeable hawk eagle, crested serpent eagle, Bonelli's eagle, Peregrine falcon, black-hooded and golden oris, and marshall's

## Luxury Wildlife Retreats

\* Taj Mahua Kothi, Bandhavgarh National Park \* Taj Baghvan, Pench National Park \* Taj Pashan Garh, Panna National Park \* Taj Banjaar Tola, Kanha National Park \* Oberoi Vanyavilas, Ranthambore National Park \* Aman-i-Khas, Ranthambore National Park



## SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

India offers a variety of special interest tours, to suit the requirements and unique interests of discerning travellers. Travelite (India) organises a selection of tours, covering a range of such special interests. Our focus remains on making the tour tangible, so you can touch, feel and experience the real sights, flavours and marvels of your tour, making it a memorable experience. Each tour is accompanied by professional experts, hand picked by us for their experience and knowledge of the subject.



### FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

India, the land of colour and celebrations, is a rich country exuberating festivities 365 days a year!

The large population, geographic and cultural variety, and the number of religions practiced by the people of India, makes every day an occasion and a reason to celebrate. Where ever you are in India, you will never be far from festivities!

We have hand picked a selection of popular Indian festivals from different parts of the country that are sure to impress tourists. Not only are these festivals entertaining, they are also educative, allowing you to learn more about our country, its people and their customs and beliefs.

Contact us for suggestions on most suitable festival to attend in the most convenient place at the most appropriate time.

All our festival tour suggestions are custom designed to suit particular interests and requirements.



### GOLF : TEE OFF IN INDIA

India was the first country outside Great Britain to take up the game of golf. Golf had already been played in India for more than half a century, before the first major course was opened in USA and Europe!

Tee off in India and enjoy the diversity of its golf courses. Not only does India have the oldest golf club in the world (outside Great Britain), the Royal Calcutta Golf Club established in 1829, but also the highest, at Gulmarg (altitude 2,700 metres) in Kashmir. There are golf courses in the mountains, plains, deserts and at beach resorts. Each course is unique in its culture and history, highlighting all that makes India a diverse destination.

Golf courses in India are located in strategic cities and have convenient domestic and international air connections along with world class accommodation.

Allow us to arrange customized golf tour packages for you. Let us take care of all your travel arrangements so you can have a hassle free tour and enjoy the game.

### GOURMET TOURS

The finest of India's cuisines are as rich and diverse as the country's civilization!

Indian cooking is a form of art that has flourished through generations. Renowned for its exotic gravies, Indian food is wide ranging in variety, taste and flavour. Given the geographic diversity of the country, each region has its own cuisine and distinct style of preparation.

Ranging from the tandoori grills, chapattis, cottage cheese and milky sweets of north India; to the spicy veggies, pickles and chutneys of Rajasthan and Gujarat; the Portuguese influenced Goan specialities; the rice, dosa and coconut flavoured sea food of south India; to the simple delicacies and extravagant sweets of east India - Indian food is a potpourri of flavours and aromas.

We organise gourmet tours to India covering the length and breadth of the country in a platter full of variety. To enhance the experience, our trademark gourmet tours have been designed to include cooking demonstrations, t ê t e - à - t ê t e with renowned chefs, meals at speciality restaurants, visits to local food markets, local family hosted dinners and where possible a visit to spice plantations.





## ARCHITECTURAL MARVELS

Being one of the oldest civilizations on earth, India is an architectural wonderland. India's architecture reflects a fusion of various cultures and religions amalgamated with waves of time.

The architectural wonders of India include *Himalayan Crown*: Ladakhi architecture, arising from basic survival needs in the Himalayan weather; Buddhist monasteries with Tibetan influences; *North India*: majestic forts and palaces of Rajasthan; farming centric architectural style of Punjab; British influence in the grand Parliament structures of New Delhi; amalgamation of Hindu and Muslim architectural styles of Old Delhi; world famous architectural masterpiece of Taj Mahal in Agra; *Central India*: rock cut caves of Ajanta and Ellora; great Buddhist stupa at Sanchi; temples and shrines of Orchha and Ujjain; erotic sculptured Khajuraho temples; *West India*: Victorian influence in the famous landmarks of central Mumbai; influences of the Indus Valley Civilization in the architecture and fascinating step wells of Gujarat; *East India*: remains of British architecture in Kolkata and Darjeeling; East Himalayan architecture with Tibetan influence in Himalayan foothills of Sikkim; *South India*: exquisite temples of Hoysalas and Chalukyas; fascinating ruins of Hampi; Maharajas Palace of Mysore; colourful temples of Madurai; rock cut extravagance of Mahabalipuram; backwaters architecture of Kerala; galaxy architecture of Auroville

## TEXTILE TOURS

Indian textiles are rich in variety, owing to great diversity in the cultural set-up of Indian society. The textiles produced in different regions of India are unique and epitomize historical traditions and artistry.

Indian textile marvels range from *Pashmina*, the soft and luxurious wool, reflecting the meticulous craftsmanship of Kashmir; *Phulkari*, the colourful floral embroidery, originating from Punjab; *Bandhani*, a unique fashion from Rajasthan and Gujarat, featuring rainbow-tinged fabrics often used as turbans by men and skirts and scarves by women of the region; *Block Printing*, the ancient trait of Rajasthan; *Ikat*, the age-old art of weaving in Patan; *Khadi*, the Indian handspun and hand-woven fabric endorsed by Mahatma Gandhi; *Kantha work*, the local Bengali tradition of embroidery; *Banarasi Brocade*, the rich woven silks of Varanasi; *Kanchipuram Silk*, a speciality of Kanchipuram, valued for its gold and silver threads; *Muga Silk*, of Assam used in manufacturing warm winter clothes, and the list could go on forever!

We take you behind the scenes to show you how exotic masterpieces of Indian textiles are woven and designed to precision. Meet artisans and weavers perfecting their generations old trade, see ancient handlooms in real life, appreciate the natural processes used for dying and printing, see the wooden blocks creating a medley of designs on fabric, and try your hand at making your own piece of silk!

## GEMS & JEWEL TRAILS

Desire for precious jewels, stones and metals is not new to Indian men and women. Excavations at the site of Indus Valley civilization, dating back to 3rd century unearthed several examples of jewellery fashioned with skill. Today, that historic passion has transformed into a modern and thriving industry, marked with quality, precision and perfection.

*Gold*, the yellow majestic shiny metal, has been at the centre stage of India's rich legends. Gold hubs in India are centred around southern states of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu. *Silver* ornaments popular in rural India and tribal societies, form a large chunk of jewellery exports from India. The states of Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka are famous for their finely crafted silver jewellery. *Diamonds* are found in abundance in Gujarat, as majority of the world's diamonds are flown into Gujarat to be cut and polished for that sparkling lusture. *Pearls*, associated with wealth, purity and dignity, are found in abundance in Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, which is the largest centre for pearl trading in the world! Ivory engraving and carving is a medium of artistic expression in India from times immemorial. *Ivory* inlaid furniture, miniature paintings, centre pieces, decorative plaques, and carved elephant figures are few popular ivory products sought from India.





## ADVENTURE IN INDIA

Crowned by the Himalayan ranges in the north and surrounded by stretches of emerald oceans in the south, India provides a range of adventure tour options.

From trekking in the snow capped Himalayan ranges, to river rafting in the gushing fresh water rivers, camping in varied terrains, experiencing close wildlife encounters on jungle safaris, snorkelling in the exotic oceans, India offers ample choice for adventure enthusiasts.

**ANGLING** in the majestic Himalayan valleys, snow-fed streams, high altitude lakes, innumerable rivers along the Ganges plains, and wide coastal stretches of the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal

**WHITE WATER RAFTING** in the rivers of Ladakh, down the Himalayan ranges along River Ganges and its tributaries in Shivpuri and Rishikesh

**SCUBA DIVING AND SNORKELLING** in Goa, Lakshadweep, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands, watching the beautiful underwater marine life and virgin coral reefs.

**CYCLING** in the mountainous trails of Himalayan ranges, along the serene backwaters and villages of Kerala, down the coastal belt of Goa, in the golden triangle discovering the heritage of Jaipur and Agra, and through rustic Rajasthani villages.

**WALKING** through Himalayan villages, rural Rajasthani hamlets, Keralan spice plantations, the French town of Pondicherry, the Portuguese interior of Goa







**CAMPING** in varied terrains ranging from the high Himalayan altitude, to the sand dunes of Rajasthan and the jungles of Sunderbans

**TREKKING** in north and north east Himalayas ranging from Ladakh and Zaskar ranges, to the mountains of Shimla and Manali, Garhwal and Kumaon, and the north east region of Sikkim and Darjeeling

**SKIING AND HELI SKIING** along the Himalayan glaciers and slopes of Auli, Gulmarg, Pithoragarh, Solang Valley, Shimla, Manali, Nainital

**WILDLIFE SAFARIS** on jeeps, canters and elephant backs in numerous national wildlife parks spread across India

**DESERT SAFARIS** on jeeps and camel backs through the sand dunes and rustic villages of Rajasthan

**MOUNTAINEERING** in the Himalayan stretches from north to north-east of India along the regions of Ladakh, Garhwal, Kumaon, Kullu Valley, Spiti, and Sikkim.

**HORSE RIDING** in rural villages of Rajasthan and green meadows of Himalayan ranges

**CANOEING** in country boats along the backwater canals and ethnic villages of Kerala

**FARMING** along with local farmers in the fertile plains of Punjab or paddy fields of Kerala





## M.I.C.E

Our M.I.C.E team has a host of ideas to offer when it comes to your Meetings, Incentives, Conferences or Events in the Indian subcontinent. We ensure your event is handled professionally by an expert member of our M.I.C.E Team, who remains accessible and accountable to you at all times.

**Incentive Tours :** We create customized incentive solutions for your clients to suit their requirements and preferences. When we start working on your incentive request we will discuss in detail about the nature of event, profile of client, expectation from the destination and experience, duration of tour, pace of tour etc to suggest an incentive tour that is most appropriate to meet your clients request.

**Meetings & Conferences :** From initial stages of venue search through to post event evaluation we adopt a comprehensive approach to ensure all aspects of the event are concurrently reviewed and assessed. We understand and appreciate the inherent differences between different types of meetings and conferences such as a sales kick off meeting, a pharma training, a financial forecast meeting or a bankers conference – each conference is approached with an industry specific perspective to ensure we deliver on expectations.

Our first step i.e. 'understanding your precise requirement' guides us all the way to a successful finale. This understanding navigates every important step including:

- \* Recommending & contracting of ideal event venue
- \* Recommending & contracting for accommodation
- \* Theme & Logo development
- \* Promotional marketing campaign
- \* Registration services
- \* Event management services
- \* Efficient administrators & secretarial staff for 'back-room' management
- \* Audio Visual requirements
- \* Set design and Production style
- \* Multilingual real time translation requirements
- \* Emergency Medical Services
- \* Fully networked computerized operations
- \* Organizing pre & post tours
- \* Organizing spouse programmes and arrangements for accompanying guests
- \* Travel and transport arrangements
- \* Airport facilitation services
- \* Organizing Gifts, Certificates, Trophies for the event



## Themes

To keep your guests amused and entertained, a variety of theme events can be organized in India. Contact us for details and more ideas.

**ROYAL MUGHAL THEME :** An evening of royal splendour that takes you back in time to the golden era of the Mughal dynasty, can be arranged at a 5\* hotel or in an outdoor setting.

**ETHNIC INDIAN VILLAGE THEME :** Recreating the splendour of an Indian village, an outdoor venue in a garden setting is set up to look like a mock village, with artisans showcasing their skills, arts and crafts

**INDIAN DURBAR EVENING AT A PALACE HOTEL :** A Palace hotel decorated and illuminated for the evening, where guests arrive in camel carts, recreating the magic of the lifestyle of erstwhile Maharaja's of India.

**CAMEL SAFARI AND SAND DUNE EVENING :** Enjoy a royal nomadic experience, on a camel safari in the desert and nearby villages, followed by dinner and dance at a desert camp, an experience very unique to Rajasthan.

**TRANQUIL BACKWATERS OF KERALA :** Cruise through the backwaters of Kerala aboard a beautifully decorated house boat, enjoying Keralan cuisine on board and splendid fireworks on the shores.







## Activities

If your guests would like some action, and prefer to get out and experience the real India, allow us to provide them an experience of a lifetime! Read on for a few interesting activities that can be arranged in India. Contact us for details and more ideas.

**ELEPHANT POLO MATCH** : Ride on elephant backs and play the sport of erstwhile Maharaja's of Rajasthan, the royal game of Elephant Polo!

**HOT AIR BALLOON FLIGHT & VILLAGE SAFARI** : Enjoy a sunrise hot air balloon flight and village safaris, at various locations in Rajasthan such as Jaipur, Pushkar, Ranthambore.

**GO CAMPING IN THE DESERTS OF RAJASTHAN** : Experience a stay at a fine desert camp of Rajasthan, along with camel safaris to nearby villages. To make the experience more rustic, we can put up our own tents in the middle of nowhere!

**ENJOY A WILDLIFE SAFARI** : Visit the wildlife parks in India, where you can enjoy first hand encounter with the royal Indian tiger, the majestic elephants, leopards, one horned rhino's and other wildlife.

**VILLAGE WALKS IN THE HIMALAYAS** : One of the most fascinating and unique ways to discover the hidden beauty of Himalayas is through village walks amidst the serenity of the mighty Himalayas.

**LEARN TO COOK A TYPICAL INDIAN MEAL** : The finest of India's cuisines are as rich and diverse as the country's civilization! Step inside an Indian kitchen and learn the age old art of Indian culinary delights.

**WATCH THE SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE MOHABBAT-THE-TAJ** : Witness the Indian heritage come alive, with a fascinating theatre performance 'Mohabbat-the-Taj : the saga of love', the only show of its kind in India!







## PRIVATE CHARTERS

Discover the convenience of flying in helicopters and private aircrafts. We understand that truly luxurious travel is carefree travel, with a sense of ease and plenty of pampering.

With private planes and helicopters you can have access to airfields in more than 400 cities and towns of India as compared to less than 200 that can be reached by regular commercial airlines. The helicopters we arrange have the ability to land almost anywhere, so you get unmatched connectivity to every corner of the country.

Travelite (India) has aligned itself with reputed international companies, offering top of the range aircrafts and helicopters to provide you ultimate luxury in the Indian sub continent.

Save your precious time,

Avoid commercial terminals,

Make your own itinerary &

Select your own landing destination...

Discover the quickest and the most luxurious way to explore our Incredible India!





## WEDDINGS IN INDIA

Indian weddings are known for their grandeur and magnificence. With opulent celebrations, lasting over several days, the extravagance ranges from elephant processions, flower showers by helicopters, grand splendid marquees and decor, elaborate fireworks, fire dances, and performances by Bollywood celebrities!

India offers a range of options for theme weddings, such as:

- ★ Exotic Beach Weddings in Goa and Kovalam
- ★ In Lavish Palaces, Forts and Heritage Havelis of Rajasthan
- ★ In Desert Camps amidst the sand dunes of Rajasthan
- ★ Along the Backwaters of Kerala
- ★ In the snow capped Himalayan Ranges
- ★ A Jungle Wedding at a Wildlife Resort
- ★ Cosmopolitan City Celebrations
- ★ A Portuguese Church Wedding

We work with professional wedding planners to provide you with complete services ranging from \* Selection of venue \* Decoration of venue \* Arranging the wedding ceremony of your choice \* Registration requirements \* Wedding day management \* Elaborate buffet and Champagne dinner \* Exclusive accommodation for bride and groom and accompanying guests \* Transport arrangements \* Professional photographers \* Hair and make up \* Wedding dress for bride and groom \* Wedding cake \* Luxury spa treatment for bride and groom \* Honeymoon arrangements and everything to make your Indian wedding a memorable experience to be cherished forever!







## KINGDOM OF NEPAL

The Kingdom of Nepal is an extravaganza of culture, heritage and natural Himalayan beauty. Despite being a small country, Nepal offers a variety of experiences such as trekking in the hilly terrains of Himalayan ranges, walking around villages and small towns and mixing with the tribes of the region, boating in serene lakes, visiting Hindu and Buddhist temples, experiencing an elephant back safari and enjoying scenic flights over Mount Everest.



**KATHMANDU**, the capital city of Nepal, is set in an exotic valley, with ancient Buddhist stupas and temples amidst stunning natural beauty. The city is renowned for the impressive palaces and temples of Darbar square, more than 2500 years old Swayambhunath stupa, the Hindu temple of Pashupatinath, the intriguing eyes of Boudhanath stupa and the potters, weavers and crafts of Bhaktapur.

**NAGARKOT**, located towards the north east of Kathmandu, is famous for its panoramic views of the snowy Himalayan peaks. Situated approx 2200 meters above sea level, Nagarkot offers stunning sunrise and sunset views of the Himalayas, including a distant pyramid of Mount Everest on a clear day.

**CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK**, set in the subtropical southern region of Nepal, is home to a variety of birds and wildlife including tigers, elephants and indigenous one horned rhino. The park offers exciting options of walking tours, jeep safaris, elephant back safaris and river canoe trips.

**POKHARA**, is situated on the shores of Lake Phewa, surrounded by Annapurna range and the famous fishtail mountain. Offering breathtaking scenery, Pokhara is the starting point of many treks in Nepal. Boating, cycling, walking and trekking are popular ways to enjoy the stunning beauty of Pokhara.

## Suggested Itineraries

- ★ **Touch base with Nepal** : Kathmandu - Nagarkot - Kathmandu - Pokhara - Kathmandu
- ★ **Jewels of Nepal** : Kathmandu - Nagarkot - Kathmandu - Pokhara - Chitwan National Park - Kathmandu
- ★ **Trekking Beauty** : Kathmandu - Chisopani - Nagarkot - Dhulikhel - Kathmandu
- ★ **Nepalese Heights** : Kathmandu - Duhilikhel - Nagarkot - Kathmandu - Kurintar - Pokhara - Chitwan National Park - Kathmandu





## SCENIC FLIGHTS OVER MOUNT EVEREST

Nepal offers the unique experience of scenic mountain flights over the world's highest peak, Mount Everest. Enjoy spectacular views of the snow capped Mount Everest and Himalayan ranges, aboard a small plane, with every seat having its own window! The hour long flight, takes off from Kathmandu airport.

## WHEN TO TRAVEL TO NEPAL

Nepal's climate is very similar to North India, so the best time to travel is from October to March. Whilst December & January are cold months, they also offer stunning views of Himalayan peaks. Being a mountainous country, morning and night temperatures drop significantly, even though the day may be warm and pleasant. Game viewing in Chitwan National Park can be very chilly in the morning.

## Hotels in Nepal

Dwarika's Hotel, Kathmandu  
 Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu  
 Yak & Yeti, Kathmandu  
 Soaltee Crown Plaza, Kathmandu  
 Radisson, Kathmandu  
 Shangri-La, Kathmandu  
 Tiger Mountain Lodge, Pokhara  
 Fishtail Lodge, Pokhara  
 Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, Chitwan  
 Tiger Tops Tented Camp, Chitwan

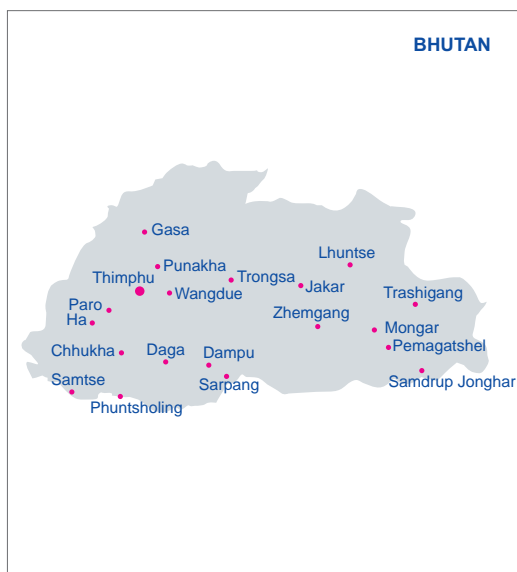






## BHUTAN : THE DRAGON KINGDOM

Bhutan, the serene mountain kingdom, untouched by modernity, still retains its old world charm. Opened to tourists in 1974, Bhutan is an ancient land, rich in Buddhist culture, where Buddhism overpowers every aspect of routine life, art and traditions. Dotted with ancient monasteries, temples and stupas, Bhutan lies in the ranges of eastern Himalayas bordered by Tibet on the north and India on the south.



**PARO**, the beautiful Bhutanese valley, encapsulates within itself a rich culture, scenic beauty and hundreds of myths and legends. The most historic city of Bhutan, Paro is popular for its Paro Dzong, also known as Rinpung Dzong, meaning “fortress sitting on a heap of jewels” , a fine example of Bhutanese architecture. Paro is also home to Taktsang monastery, popularly called the Tiger’s Nest, one of the most popular spiritual heritage sites, perched precariously on the rock face of a sheer cliff 2950m above the ground.

**PUNAKHA**, the erstwhile winter capital of Bhutan, heralds the most enchanting views of the Himalayas. Punakha Dzong was the second dzong to be built in Bhutan and was the seat of government when Punakha was the capital city. En-route from Paro to Punakha lies the Dochula Pass, offering mesmerizing views of the Himalayan ranges, valleys and meadows.

**THIMPHU**, the capital city of Bhutan, is the largest city and administrative head office of Bhutan. Thimphu’s landmark is Trashichho Dzong, the impressive fortress/monastery which houses the Secretariat building, the throne room of His Majesty and various government offices. The National Memorial Chorten in Thimphu, treasures paintings and statues providing a deep insight into Buddhist philosophy. The city is also renowned for its Handicrafts Emporium, Textile and Folk Heritage museum and the National Library displaying a wide range of beautifully hand-woven textiles, craft products, books on Bhutan, Buddhism and Himalayan culture and ancient Buddhist texts and manuscripts.





**BHUMTHANG**, a spectacular Bhutanese valley, is the largest valley in the country. Popular sites in Bhumthang include the Kurje Lhakhang, the resting place of deceased kings of Bhutan; the Jambe and Tamshing Lhakhangs, two of the oldest temples dating to the 7th century; the Jakar Dzong, the Dzong fabled to have been founded by a white bird. Bhumthang markets offer the unique speciality of the region such as rich woollen textiles dyed with natural colours and 'Yatas', a thin woollen cloth with bright patterns often made into warm jackets and scarves.

**TRONGSA**, the ancestral home of Bhutan's royal family, is renowned for its Trongsa Dzong, one of the most impressive dzong in Bhutan, built in 1647. The dzong's labyrinth of temples, corridors, offices and living quarters for the monks add up to a masterpiece in Bhutanese architecture. Located close to Trongsa is the Gantey valley and Phobjika valley, well known as one of the last wintering grounds of the endangered and graceful black-necked cranes that fly in from northern China, Mongolia and Siberia.



## Hotels in Bhutan

Amankora, Paro  
Uma, Paro  
Taj Tashi, Thimphu  
Amankora, Thimphu  
Amankora, Punakha  
Amankora, Bhumthang



## Suggested Itineraries

- ★ **Touch Base with Bhutan**: Paro - Thimphu - Punakha - Paro
- ★ **Discover Bhutan**: Paro - Punakha - Trongsa - Bhumthang - Thimphu - Paro
- ★ **Bhutanese Heights**: Paro - Thimphu - Wangdue - Punakha - Paro

## WHEN TO TRAVEL TO BHUTAN

The best time to visit Bhutan is during dry season which lasts from October to May. Whilst December & January are cold months, they also offer stunning views of Himalayan peaks. Pleasant day temperatures allow convenient sightseeing even during winter months. Being a mountainous country, morning and night temperatures drop significantly, even though the day may be warm and pleasant.



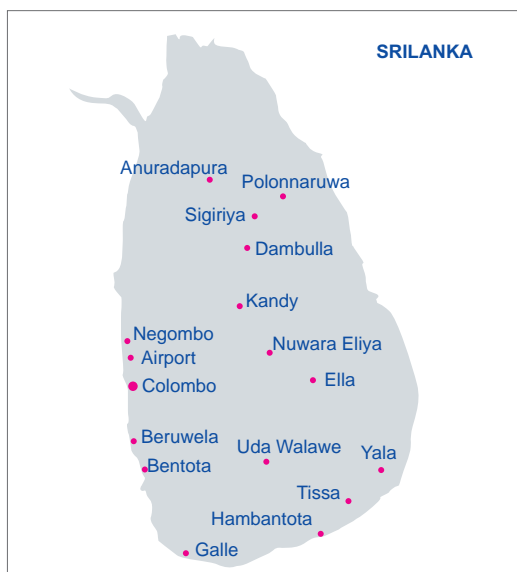


**COLOMBO**, the capital of Sri Lanka, is the largest city and main port of Sri Lanka. It is also the commercial and financial center of the country. A bustling metropolis, the city is an attractive blend of old and new architecture and culture. Colombo is famous for its National Museum, churches, Buddhist temples, parks and the focal areas of the Fort and Pettah bazaar.

**THE CULTURAL TRIANGLE**, is the name given to the historic sites of Sigiriya, Dambulla and Polonnaruwa, located north east of Colombo.

## SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka, the tea country island, is rich in cultural, archaeological and natural treasures. Offering ample of colonial history, Sri Lanka is a land of diversity with its towering Buddhas, ancient cities and towns, green carpeted hill resorts, national wildlife parks, tea plantations, scenic golf courses and beautiful beaches.

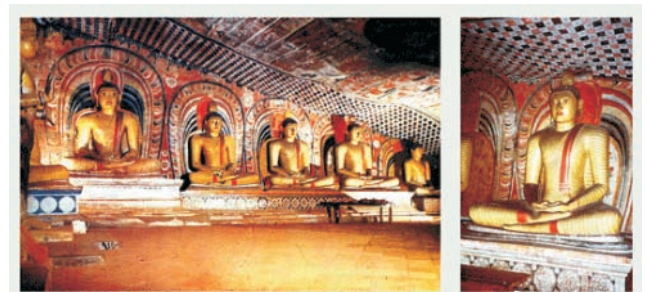


★ **SIGIRIYA** rock towers over the surrounding landscape with steep steps leading to the ruins of the 5th century fort on top. Also known as Lion's rock, this ancient rock fortress is surrounded by the remains of an extensive network of gardens, reservoirs, and other structures. Sigiriya is also renowned for its ancient frescos, reminiscent of the Ajanta Caves in India.

★ **POLONNARUWA**, an ancient city of Sri Lanka, dates back to the 11th century. The ruins of erstwhile palaces, temples, baths and audience halls in Polonnaruwa indicate the sophisticated lifestyle followed in the region in ancient times. The museum here stores a good collection of antique statues and pottery. Nearby are five magnificent statues of Lord Buddha, carved from bed rock in standing, sitting and sleeping positions.

★ **DAMBULLA CAVES**, date back to the 1<sup>st</sup> century and provide an illuminating insight into Buddhism. These are the best preserved cave temples in Sri Lanka and one of the finest in Asia. The caves house more than 150 statues of Lord Buddha and intricate paintings depicting Buddha and his life.

**KANDY**, the beautiful hill town, is set besides a lake and surrounded by hills covered in spice and tea plantations. At its heart is the ancient temple that houses the tooth relic of Lord Buddha. Within close proximity to Kandy is the Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, where you can see herds of elephants being bathed and fed, where baby elephants are hand fed with bottles.







**NUWARA ELIYA**, the picturesque hill resort, still retains its British charm with its race track, golf course, and colonial bungalows with gardens. Popular for its Ceylon tea, the town is surrounded by dozens of tea estates and tea processing centres. With its natural beauty and serenity, Nuwara Eliya, is a tranquil retreat, far from the bustling city life.

**NATIONAL PARKS** in Sri Lanka are famed for their elephant herds, crocodiles, sloth bear, leopards, and a variety of bird life. The most popular wildlife park is Yala National Park, which is reported to have the highest density of leopards in Asia. Other popular wildlife parks include Uda Walawe National Park, Sinharaja Biosphere (a world heritage rain forest, renowned for its variety of reptiles and birds) and Minneriya National Park (located at the centre of the cultural triangle, famous for its wild elephants).

**GALLE**, the coastal town along the south west coast of Sri Lanka, is dotted with hidden beaches and beautiful beach resorts. The Portuguese landed in Galle in the 16th century, followed by the Dutch in the 17th century who built the walled fort, which has now been declared as world heritage site.

## Hotels in Sri Lanka

Casa Colombo, Colombo  
Elephant Stables, Kandy  
Cinnamon Citadel, Kandy  
Heritage Kandama, Sigiriya  
Cinnamon Lodge, Sigiriya  
Heritage Tea Factory, Nuwara Eliya  
Amangalla Resort, Galle  
Saman Villas, Bentota



## Suggested Itineraries

- ★ **Best of Sri Lanka:** Colombo - Habarana - Sigiriya - Kandy - Colombo
- ★ **Gems Sri Lanka :** Colombo - Sigiriya - Kandy - Nuwara Eliya - Colombo
- ★ **Around Sri Lanka :** Colombo / Negombo - Sigiriya - Kandy - Nuwara Eliya - Sinharaja - Galle - Colombo

## WHEN TO TRAVEL TO SRI LANKA

Traditionally, Sri Lanka used to have 2 monsoon seasons i.e. May to July in south west and December to January in north east of the country. However, owing to the global climate change, rains now occur even outside the official monsoon period. Sri Lanka experiences short and heavy showers rather than prolonged rain, allowing sightseeing to continue with short breaks! The highlands around Nuwara Eliya remain cool throughout the year. With temperatures hovering around late twenties to early thirties throughout the year, November to April is a good time to travel around the country.





## MALDIVES

Maldives are a cluster of 1,190 emerald islands with dazzling green centre of palm trees fringed with white sand and bordered by the clear turquoise Indian Ocean. A paradise for sun lovers, snorkellers and divers, Maldives is a perfect destination for a romantic getaway, honeymoon or a tranquil relaxing holiday. The airport, Male, is located centrally between the islands, and a speed boat or sea plane is used for airport to hotel transfers. The Maldives feature a variety of resorts, each resort located on its own little island, with its own unique charm. Accommodation ranges from individual cottages to overwater villas. We present to you a selection of some of the finest resorts in Maldives.

**MEDHUFUSHI ISLAND RESORT**, offering 112 private villas, each designed to offer subtle and natural luxury in a picture-postcard paradise, with every ingredient to satisfy your dream of the perfect hideaway! For water-sports enthusiasts and divers the opportunities are endless, whilst relaxation seekers have a great selection of spa therapies.

**CONRAD RANGALI ISLAND RESORT**, an award-winning resort, set on two private islands among miles of picturesque white-sand beach and vibrant coral reef. Arrive in style in a seaplane over the lagoon, dine in the world's first all-glass undersea restaurant and indulge in luxurious spa therapies. Twice voted 'Best Hotel in the World', the resort boasts 50 luxurious water villas, 79 exotic beach villas and 21 fabulous spa water villas with private treatment rooms.







**SHANGRI-LA'S VILLINGILI RESORT AND SPA**, offers a stylish experience in a spacious, all-villa resort, surrounded by lush vegetation including 17,000 coconut trees and over 6 kilometres of scenic coastline. Tastefully furnished accommodation includes private ocean retreats and tropical tree house villas - unique to the Maldives - with superb views. Those seeking an experience with a difference can enjoy a cruise on a luxury yacht with lunch on the equator!

**ZITAHILI RESORTS AND SPA KUDA FUNAFARU**, surrounded by untouched reefs, turquoise water and pristine beaches, is a breathtaking luxury resort comprising of 50 contemporary villas designed to inspire peace, solitude and relaxation. Offering privacy and seclusion, the resort exemplifies classic Maldivian hospitality. The spa with plunge pools, herbal baths, luxurious relaxation lounges provides organic therapies with an holistic approach to health and well-being. Arrival by seaplane will take your breath away!

**ADAARAN PRESTIGE WATER VILLAS**, located centrally, a short ride away from Male, is a sublime tropical paradise providing indulgent luxury. Guest staying at the Water Villas experience the very best in personalised luxury with each guest assigned their own personal butler! Every need is tended to, enabling you to completely relax in the serene and enchanting tranquillity of this blissful heaven on Earth.

**ONE AND ONLY REETHI RAH RESORT**, is a member of the prestigious 'Leading Small Hotels of the World', and winner of the 2008 Conde' Nast Travellers Award for the best resort in the world. With glorious Water Villas overlooking the placid, rhythmic climes of the Indian Ocean, and adorned with stunning white sandy coves and turquoise waters this is undoubtedly heaven on earth.

**SONEVA FUSHI BY SIX SENSES**, offers a subtle mix of remoteness and sophistication, conveying the natural charm and indigenous feel of the Maldives with exceptional level of elegance and luxury. The resort's philosophy of 'no news, no shoes' dictates that guests should feel a real sense of 'abandon' and 'escape' here. The limited accommodation choices ensure service is always of the highest order. The island, measuring 1.5 km, is surrounded by exotic jungles and lapping waves of the surrounding blue lagoons for the perfect romantic setting.

**W RETREAT & SPA MALDIVES**, is an ultra-stylish resort located on the exclusive island of Fesdu. W's contemporary approach focusses on a lifestyle-orientated concept that is in perfect harmony with the island. The traditional Maldivian exteriors conceal modern interiors with sweeping arcs of gleaming white sand and calm turquoise waters. Luxuriously appointed private accommodation provides guests with every comfort; facilities and out of the ordinary diving opportunities make this island retreat the place to 'Get Set to Jet Set'

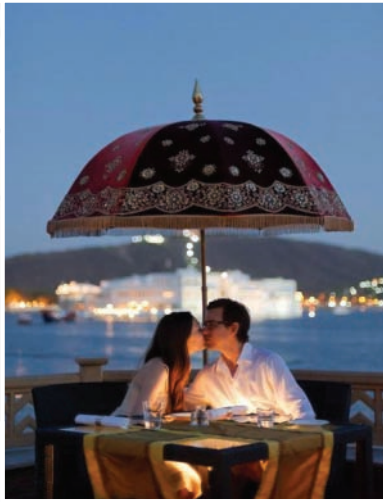
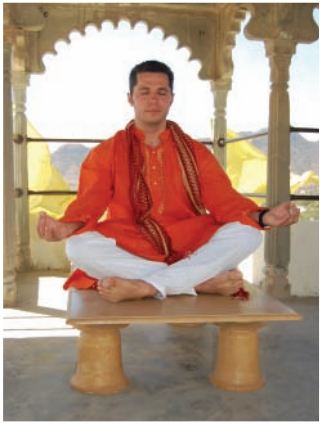




# EXPERIENCE THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

<p><b>NORTH INDIA, NEPAL &amp; BHUTAN</b></p> <p>Experience the culture and spirituality of the Indian sub continent. Enrich your senses in the medley of cultural extravaganza of North India, Nepal and Bhutan</p>	<p>NORTH INDIA * Varanasi * Khajuraho * Orchha * Agra * Kolkata * Delhi * Haridwar * Rishikesh * Amritsar * Dharamsala</p> <p>NEPAL * Kathmandu * Pokhara * Lumbini * Chitwan</p> <p>BHUTAN * Paro * Punakha * Thimphu * Bhumthang</p>
<p><b>RAJASTHAN, THE LAND OF FORTS AND PALACES</b></p> <p>Rajasthan, the 'Land of Princes', still living in its' historic past, houses the largest number of forts and palaces in the world. Renowned as the land of sand dunes and camel safari's, a trip to India cannot be complete without a visit to Rajasthan</p>	<p>* Mandawa * Bikaner * Jaisalmer * Jodhpur</p> <p>* Udaipur * Jaipur * Samode * Rohet * Pushkar</p> <p>* Khimsar * Ranthambore * Nagaur * Ranakpur</p>
<p><b>HEALTH AND WELLNESS</b></p> <p>India is home to a wonderful collection of Yoga retreats, Ayurveda (a vedic science known as 'the Science of Life') and Spa resorts. Enjoy a luxurious stay at some of the finest wellness retreats in the country</p>	<p>* Ananda In The Himalayas, Rishikesh * Niraamaya Surya Samudra, Kovalam</p> <p>* The Leela, Kovalam * Carnaustie Ayurveda &amp; Wellness Resort, Marari</p> <p>* Somatheeram &amp; Manaltheeram Beach Resort, Kovalam * Travancore Heritage, Kovalam * CGH Kalari Kovilakom, Palakkad * CGH Kalari Rasayana, Kollam * Neeleshwar Hermitage, Neeleshwar * CGH SwaSwara, Gokarna</p> <p>* Soukya, Bangalore * Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kumarakom * CGH Coconut Lagoon, Kumarakom * CGH Marari Beach Resort, Marari * Dr Franklin Panchkarma Institute, Kovalam * Bethsaida Hermitage, Kovalam</p>
<p><b>HIMALAYAN GLORY</b></p> <p>In Sanskrit, Himalaya means "abode of snow" (hima' means 'snow', and 'aalaya' means 'abode'). Experience the cool Himalayan breeze in the land of sages</p>	<p>* Kashmir * Ladakh * Dalhousie * Dharamsala</p> <p>* Shimla * Manali * Mussoorie * Darjeeling</p> <p>* Almora * Sikkim</p> <p>* Nepal * Bhutan</p>
<p><b>SOUTH INDIA &amp; SRI LANKA</b></p> <p>South India &amp; Sri Lanka offer a variety ranging from Ayurveda and Spas, to Beaches &amp; Backwaters, Wildlife, Temples, Heritage &amp; Culture, Luxury Trains, Spice Plantations, Hill resorts and a lot more.</p>	<p>SOUTH INDIA * Mumbai * Kochi * Kumarakom * Alleppey * Munnar * Periyar * Kovalam * Hyderabad * Hampi * Badami * Bangalore * Mysore * Ooty * Chennai * Mahabalipuram * Kanchipuram * Pondicherry * Madurai</p> <p>SRI LANKA * Colombo * Sigiriya * Polonnaruwa * Dambulla * Anuradhapura * Kandy</p>
<p><b>WILDLIFE</b></p> <p>Experience the rich diversity of the flora and fauna of the Indian sub continent. The sight and sounds of a majestic elephant, a peacock's dance, the one horned Rhino, the roar of a tiger are unparalleled experiences offered by various Wildlife Parks in the Indian subcontinent.</p>	<p>INDIA * Kanha * Bandhavgarh * Bharatpur * Ranthambore * Corbett * Pench * Manas * Bandipur * Sunderban * Kaziranga * Periyar * Sariska</p> <p>NEPAL * Chitwan National Park</p> <p>SRI LANKA * Yala National Park, * Uda Walawe National Park * Sinharaja Biosphere * Minneriya National Park</p>
<p><b>BEACHES AND BACKWATERS</b></p> <p>Experience the serene beaches and backwaters of the Indian sub continent</p>	<p>INDIA * Goa * Kovalam * Kollam * Bekal * Kumarakom * Alleppey * Mahabalipuram * Puri * Lakshdweep * Andaman</p> <p>SRI LANKA * Galle * Bentota * Trincomalee</p> <p>MALDIVES</p>
<p><b>LUXURY TRAINS</b></p> <p>India offers a beautiful selection of luxury trains operating in different regions of the country.</p>	<p>* Palace on Wheels * Royal Rajasthan on Wheels</p> <p>* The Deccan Odyssey * The Golden Chariot</p> <p>* Maharajas' Express</p>







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