Welcome to TransIndus

For nearly three decades, TransIndus has blazed new trails across Asia, devising innovative itineraries and facilitating meaningful interaction with local people across the continent.

Proud recipients of several awards, we are a family-owned business committed to providing exciting journeys for discerning travellers. Our tours reflect a deep knowledge of Asia's multi-faceted culture, history and cuisine – an understanding derived in part from our own Asian heritage.

To help travellers develop a more rounded understanding of their destinations and host communities, the routes we create combine the must-see sights of a region with carefully selected, off-track gems. Drawing on continual on-the-ground research, our in-depth knowledge is the main thing that sets us apart from other tour operators. It means we are able to offer inspirational experiences that linger in the memory of our guests long after their journey ends.

Expert guides and tour leaders take care of the logistics, allowing you to focus on enjoying every aspect of your award-winning TransIndus holiday.

Why not put us to the test? Call to speak with one of our team or drop in at our refurbished Victorian fire station in South Ealing to discuss your next holiday to Asia over a cup of coffee or glass of wine.

Amrit Singh - MD

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Discover Asia with TransIndus

Booking a holiday is one of the most important decisions of the year. Most of us spend a great deal of time researching potential destinations and aim to ensure that our effort pays dividends. We wish to return from our holiday feeling invigorated and refreshed, and hopefully a little bit better informed about the world.

At TransIndus, we understand what you are looking for: adventure, comfort, security and inspirational experiences. We are confident that we can help you find the trip most likely to fulfil your expectations. We take great pride in our destination knowledge and expertise, and great care in handling the logistics of each trip to provide a seamless experience.

Our highly-trained travel consultants, each with an absolute passion for all things Asian, also have a developed understanding of the needs of British travellers. All of this helps us to design and operate enjoyable and memorable holidays time after time. We are very proud to say that 98% of our clients give us a perfect satisfaction rating, and that well over half choose to holiday in Asia with TransIndus again. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing our expertise.

Travelling on a Small Group Tour

The small size of our groups (maximum 16) ensures a stimulating tour with a close-knit atmosphere as you and your co-travellers have the full attention of your local guides and tour leaders. If you seek inspiring journeys and enjoying experiencing new ways of life, then one of these itineraries may well be the trip you are looking for. Our clients are drawn from a broad span of age ranges and backgrounds, but all have a passion for exploring the destinations they visit. Some travel as a couple, or with family members and friends; others solo. But they all value the sense of discovery and knowledge-building on a TransIndus tour, and the conviviality that comes with travelling as part of a group.

Lower Costs

Small group travel is more easily affordable. Because we block-book the accommodation and vehicles we use a year or more in advance, we're able to offer our trips at a generous discount.

Small Groups

We maintain a maximum group size of 16, which means you never have to travel in one of those large parties trailing behind a guide waving a flag!

Escorted Travel

All of our trips are accompanied by a knowledgeable, qualified, well-trained, English-speaking tour leader/guide, usually drawn from the country you're travelling in, who will be available 24/7.

Smooth Travel

Whether a short ride across town or a full day's drive, overland travel on our group tours is always comfortable. We only use new vehicles that are air-conditioned, clean and well maintained.

Flexibility

On a TransIndus group tour, you are never obliged to join in the day's planned excursions or activities, and can explore alone and at your own pace, or simply laze back at the hotel, if you prefer.

Comfortable Accommodation

We personally check the quality of all the hotels and guest houses to ensure they meet an acceptable standard, and wherever possible we use small, good value heritage hotels in central locations.

Quality Food

We know from experience what a difference a decent meal makes to a day's travel, and go to great lengths to ensure our groups are served high-quality cuisine.

Extension Options

Group tours follow a fixed itinerary but you can personalise your holiday by adding pre- and post-tour extensions. Recommended options appear alongside each tour featured in this brochure.

Scheduled Flights

To give you flexibility, our tours are planned without international flights. However if you would like us to organise your flights we would be happy to do so, and we will only use reputable airlines.

Private Travel Option

If you are keen on a more personl experience as a couple or with family and friends, we would be happy to set up a private departure to fit your preferred dates.

Accommodation in Asia

Finding great places for our clients to stay is at the heart of what we do as a company and we put a great deal of effort identifying the best accommodation choices. The small heritage properties and centrally-located hotels we choose are designed to make your experience more pleasurable and provide convenient access to principal sights.

We check the quality of every property to ensure they meet our exacting standards for cleanliness, service delivery and health safety. In remote regions and destinations where tourism is still in its infancy, availability of rooms can be limited but we nevertheless endeavour to always use the best accommodation available.

All city-based hotel rooms have private en-suite bathrooms, air-conditioning and heating. Most have at least one restaurant and usually a bar. Other leisure facilities might include a gym, swimming pool and spa. Some larger hotels may additionally offer a foreign exchange, business centre and complimentary WiFi.

Suggestions for hotel upgrades are offered with every tour, and we our consultants would be happy to discuss these in more detail with you.

Asia on a Plate

Discovering regional specialities is one of the great joys of travelling around Asia, and there is a great diversity across the continent. Whether it be the refined Mughlai cuisine in north India or delicate coconut-based, fresh seafood dishes in the south, Vietnamese street food or a Chinese hotpot, we encourage you tour clients to sample authentic local experience some real local food wherever possible, recommending local restaurants.

If you have particular dietary requirements or suffer from an allergy of any sort, do let us know so that we can ensure the hotels and restaurants cater for you.

Responsible Travel

Each year we choose to work with a number of projects across Asia that we feel are working towards these same goals. In order to give back a little to the societies that host us and our clients, we like to support smaller charities undertaking valuable work at a local level. A few of the causes we support are:

Wildlife

With so many of Asia's wild animals under threat, we support every endeavour that seeks to keep endangered species from the brink of extinction. Most countries have a programme of conservation and have created national parks in order to protect the country's natural habitats. It is gratifying to be able to report a rise in the numbers of Royal Bengal tigers and Asiatic one-horned rhino in recent years, causes we have supported throughout the years.

Waterharvest

This non-profit organisation helps provide safe drinking water in rural villages in Rajasthan & Gujarat. In 2018, TransIndus pledged five WaterHarvest systems to provide safe, clean, sustainable water for five families in the Barmer area of Rajasthan. We chose this pledge because we wanted to make a difference to the destination that has given the company and its guests so much. We also wanted to help protect its delicate rural community.

And at our annual Summer Garden Party in 2019, thanks to the generous donations of our guests, we raised £287 through a charity raffle prize draw. TransIndus matched this money raised for a total donation of £575 to WaterHarvest.

The Jaipur Virasat Foundation

The Jaipur Virasat Foundation (JVF) is a charitable trust, set up in September 2002 to conserve Jaipur's heritage, and brings together traditional arts and craft skills with modern market requirements to generate employment. We encourage our clients to visit JVF workshops as part of their tours, and donations from TransIndus travellers help to sustain the foundation's programme.

Glimpse of India

Delhi – Agra – Jaipur – Delhi

This short but comprehensive journey through India's Golden Triangle is a great introduction to the country.

8 days from £845

Highlights

- Visit Old and New Delhi
- Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- Explore Fatehpur Sikri
- Visit the Amber Fort at Jaipur
- Discover astronomical methods at the Jantar Mantar Observatory

Special Experiences

- Take a thrilling cycle rickshaw ride through the narrow lanes of Old Delhi
- See the changing colours of the Taj Mahal with a visit at sunrise
- See the impressive 9th Century Chand Baori step well at Abhaneri

Accommodation

- Delhi - Suryaa Hotel
- Agra - ITC Mughal
- Jaipur - The Lalit

Introduction

Popularly known as the Golden Triangle, this tour takes in the most popular sights of the country and is a true introduction to India. Start in the city of Delhi with the tree-lined boulevards of Lutyen's New Delhi and the hustle and bustle of the Old City. Move on to Agra to admire one of the most iconic and beautiful buildings in the world, the Taj Mahal, as well as the impressive Agra Fort with its Diwan-i-Am & Diwan-i-Khas (halls of public and private audience) and lastly, the Pink City of Jaipur, with its stately forts, sprawling palaces and colourful bazaars.

Itinerary

Day 1: Delhi

Greeted on arrival in Delhi and transferred to the Suryaa Hotel or similar for two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure, with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant in the evening.

Day 2: Delhi

Explore Delhi on a full day sightseeing tour. Start with a tour of Old Delhi in the morning: enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride in the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk followed by a visit to see the Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, and the Raj Ghat, a memorial built for Mahatma Gandhi. In the afternoon, drive past Lutyen's Delhi. Visit the tomb of Humayun and the lofty Qutab Minar.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra

Drive to Agra (4-5 hours) for an overnight stay in the ITC Mughal hotel. In the afternoon visit Agra Fort, the tomb of Itamud-ud-Daula and take a heritage walk of Agra.

Day 4: Agra - Jaipur

Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise. After breakfast back at your hotel, continue to Jaipur (6-7 hours) with an en route stop at Fatehpur Sikri, the red sandstone city built by Emperor Akbar that was abandoned after just 14 years. Closer to Jaipur, stop to see the impressive 9th Century Chand Baori step well at Abhaneri. Stay at The Lalit or similar for three nights.

Day 5: Jaipur

Visit the 17th century hilltop fort of Amber and the sparkling Mirror Palace. In the afternoon visit the City Palace including, the museum and the 18th century Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory. Drive through the busy bazaars for a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal.

Day 6: Jaipur

Day at leisure or take one of our optional excursions. This evening enjoy a colourful cultural performance and dinner at an ethnic restaurant.

Day 7: Jaipur - Delhi

Drive back to Delhi this afternoon (5 hours) for an overnight stay at an airport hotel.

Day 8: Delhi

Today you will be transferred to Delhi International airport for your onward flight.

Suggested Extensions

Ganges at Varanasi – 2 nights

Day 7: Jaipur - Varanasi

Transfer to the airport for a short flight to Varanasi. Transfer to the Gateway Hotel Ganges for two nights.

Day 8: Varanasi

Varanasi is the oldest continuously inhabited places on earth. Streams of Hindu worshippers still come here today to bathe in the sacred waters. Enjoy a peaceful early morning boat ride on the Ganges. The afternoon is spent visiting Sarnath, the site of Buddha's first public discourse. In the evening we head back to the Ganges to witness ceremonial worship with oil lamps.

Day 9: Varanasi - Delhi

A midday flight back to Delhi. On arrival, transfer to an airport hotel for the night.

Day 10: Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Golden Temple Amritsar – 3 nights

Day 8: Delhi - Amritsar

Take the early morning Shatabdi Express (5 hr train journey) to Amritsar for a two night stay at the Holiday Inn. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 9: Amritsar

Visit the Golden Temple complex, one of the holiest shrines of the Sikh faith and Jallianwala Bagh. In the afternoon drive to the Wagah border to see the indulgent joint 'retreat' ceremony of the Indian and Pakistani guard.

Day 10: Amritsar

Fly back to Delhi. On arrival, transfer to an airport hotel for the night.

Day 11: Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
02-Feb-20	Sun	£895	£465
16-Feb-20	Sun	£895	£465
05-Mar-20	Thu	£945	£465
Holi special - lunch in Jaipur on 10 Mar			
05-Apr-20	Sun	£845	£395
18-Oct-20	Sun	£965	£485
09-Nov-20	Mon	£1,055	£485
Diwali special - dinner in Jaipur on 14 Nov			
17-Jan-21	Sun	£965	£485
07-Feb-21	Sun	£965	£485
28-Feb-21	Sun	£965	£485
25-Mar-21	Thu	£1,055	£485
Holi special - lunch in Jaipur on 29 Mar			

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Elefantastic Visit, Jaipur	£95
Walking Tour, Jaipur	£30
Cooking Class, Jaipur	£65
Textile Tour, Jaipur	£35

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 2, 4 and 5
- Dinner on days 1 and 6

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road
- Accommodation for 7 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort, when minimum group size is achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Ganges at Varanasi	£595	£195
Golden Temple Amritsar	£395	£185

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Taj Mahal, Delhi	£195	£189
Samode Haveli, Jaipur	£245	£195

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

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Golden Triangle & Tigers

Delhi – Agra – Ranthambore – Jaipur – Delhi

An exciting tour of India's classic Golden Triangle and Ranthambore National Park to see the elusive Bengal tiger.

9 days from £1,245

Highlights

- Visit Old and New Delhi
- Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- Explore Fatehpur Sikri
- Safaris in Ranthambore
- Visit the City Palace and Amber Fort in Jaipur

Special Experiences

- Take a cycle rickshaw ride through the narrow bazaars of Old Delhi
- See the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- Enjoy a traditional Rajasthani dinner over a cultural performance
- Search for the elusive tiger in Ranthambore

Accommodation

- Delhi - Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel
- Agra - ITC Mughal
- Ranthambore - Sawai Vilas
- Jaipur - ITC Rajputana

Introduction

Ideal for first time visitors who want to explore a little of India's nature along with the big hitting sights. We start a tour of Old Delhi's Bazaars and Red fort, travel through Lutyen's Delhi and head towards the Qutab Minar. In Agra we visit the iconic Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Our foray into nature takes us to Ranthambore for where we seek out the tiger and lastly, the Pink City of Jaipur, with its stately forts, sprawling palaces and colourful bazaars.

Itinerary

Day 1: Delhi

Greeted on arrival in Delhi and transferred to the Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel or similar for two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure, with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Delhi

Explore Delhi on a full day sightseeing tour. Start with a tour of Old Delhi in the morning: enjoying a cycle rickshaw ride in the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk followed by a visit to see the Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, and the Raj Ghat, a memorial built for Mahatma Gandhi, a prominent figure in India's struggle for freedom. In the afternoon, drive past Lutyen's Delhi. Visit the tomb of Humayun and the lofty Qutab Minar, an early Mughal structure made of red sandstone and white marble.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra

Drive to Agra (4-5 hours) for an overnight stay in the ITC Mughal hotel or similar. In the afternoon, visit the impressive Agra Fort whose buildings, made of red sandstone and marble, are a mix of Hindu and Islamic architecture followed by a visit to the ornate tomb of Itamud-ud-Daula. Finish the day with a heritage walk of Agra.

Day 4: Agra - Ranthambore

Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise. After breakfast back at your hotel, continue to Ranthambore (6-7 hours) with an en route stop at Fatehpur Sikri, the red sandstone city built by Emperor Akbar that was abandoned after just 14 years. We stay for two nights at Sawai Vilas, your base to explore Ranthambore National Park.

Day 5: Ranthambore

Enjoy morning and evening game drives in Ranthambore National Park in search of the elusive Royal Bengal tiger. Other animals include leopard, sloth bear, sambar deer, chital, nilgai, black buck, langur and macaque.

Day 6: Ranthambore - Jaipur

Enjoy a morning game drive. Later drive to Jaipur (4-5 hours). Stay at ITC Rajputana or similar for two nights.

Day 7: Jaipur

Visit the 17th century hilltop fort of Amber and the sparkling Mirror Palace. In the afternoon visit the City Palace complex including its museum and the 18th century Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory. Drive through the busy bazaars for a photo stop at the recently restored Hawa Mahal, one of the most famous buildings in Jaipur.

Day 8: Jaipur - Delhi

Drive back to Delhi this afternoon (5 hours) for an overnight stay at an airport hotel.

Day 9: Delhi

Today you will be transferred to Delhi International airport for your onward flight.

Suggested Extensions

Shimla Hills - 4 nights

Day 9: Delhi - Kalka - Shimla

Board the early morning Shatabdi Express to Kalka. Journey onward, on the narrow gauge railway towards Shimla. On arrival, check-in at the legendary Clarke's hotel for three nights.

Day 10: Shimla

A morning's sightseeing tour of Shimla includes a visit to the Vice Regal Lodge, Mock Tudor Library and, Jakhu Temple as well as a walk down the busy Mall Road to see the Gaiety Theatre and Christ Church. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 11: Shimla

Your day is at leisure to explore the neighbouring towns of Kufri, Naldhera and Chail or enjoy a walk in the picturesque mountains.

Day 12: Shimla - Delhi

Drive to Kalka (2 1/2 hrs) to board the Shatabdi Express back to Delhi. Stay overnight at Pride Plaza or similar.

Day 13: Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Ganges at Varanasi - 2 nights

Day 8: Jaipur - Varanasi

Transfer to the airport for a short flight to Varanasi. Transfer to the Gateway Hotel Ganges for two nights.

Day 9: Varanasi

Varanasi is the oldest continuously inhabited places on earth. Streams of Hindu worshippers still come here today to bathe in the sacred waters. We will enjoy a peaceful early morning boat ride on the Ganges. The afternoon is spent visiting Sarnath, the site of Buddha's first public discourse. Evening we head back to the Ganges to witness ceremonial worship with oil lamps.

Day 10: Varanasi - Delhi

A midday flight back to Delhi. On arrival, transfer to an airport hotel for an overnight stay .

Day 11: Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
08-Feb-20*	Sat	£1,275	£495
22-Feb-20*	Sat	£1,275	£495
14-Mar-20*	Sat	£1,275	£495
11-Apr-20*	Sat	£1,245	£475
17-Oct-20	Sat	£1,595	£795
21-Nov-20	Sat	£1,595	£795
16-Jan-21	Sat	£1,595	£795
06-Feb-21	Sat	£1,595	£795
13-Mar-21	Sat	£1,595	£795

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Cooking Class, Jaipur	£65

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 5 and 6
- Dinner on days 1, 4 and 5

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road
- Accommodation for 8 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides and naturalist
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Game drives & nature activities in Ranthambore
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

**These departures will operate using alternative hotels. Please call for further details.*

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Shimla Hills	£735	£375
Ganges at Varanasi	£595	£195

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Samode Haveli, Jaipur	£195	£165

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

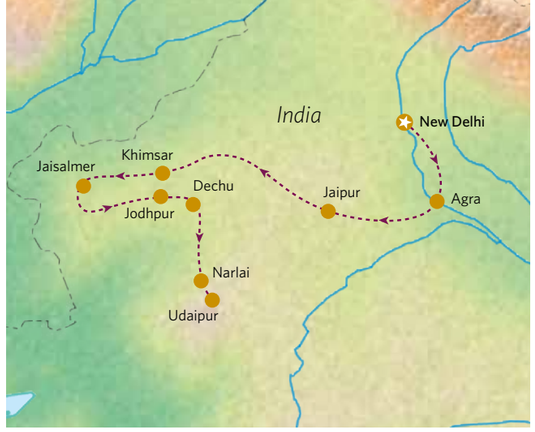
For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Rajasthan, Land of Kings

Delhi – Agra – Jaipur – Khimsar – Jaisalmer – Dechu – Narlai – Udaipur

Focusing on India's royal heritage, this popular two week tour follows a classic route through Rajasthan.

15 days from £1,795



Highlights

- Tour Old and New Delhi
- Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise
- Explore the 'Pink City' of Jaipur
- Venture into the desert fort of Jaisalmer
- Enjoy a night in a tented desert camp
- Visit the 'Blue City' of Jodhpur
- Relax around the lakes of Udaipur

Special Experiences

- Stay in elegant period palaces
- Experience a night in a desert camp
- Dine under the stars with folk music
- Enjoy a scrumptious high tea while cruising Lake Pichola, Udaipur

Accommodation

- Delhi - Suryaa Hotel
- Agra - ITC Mughal
- Jaipur - Narain Niwas
- Khimsar - Khimsar Fort
- Jaisalmer - Rang Mahal
- Dechu - Samsara Camp
- Narlai - Rawla Narlai
- Udaipur - Laxmi Vilas Palace

Introduction

Focusing on Rajasthan's royal heritage, including the Taj Mahal and other great monuments of the 'Golden Triangle', this popular two-week tour follows a classic route around northwest India's more regal and opulent locations: from the Mughal wonders and packed bazaars of Delhi to Akbar's ghost city at Fatehpur Sikri, Jaipur (the 'Pink City') and the fairy-tale desert citadel of Jaisalmer. From there, you head back across the sandflats of the Thar to Jodhpur, known as the 'Blue City', before dropping south to end the trip in high romantic style, with a spell beside the shimmering waters of Lake Pichola at Udaipur. Along the way, you'll get to spend time in some rural locations as well as cities, staying in elegant period palaces that give a flavour of the lifestyles enjoyed by India's Maharajas before Independence.

Itinerary

Day 1: Delhi

Greeted on arrival in Delhi and transferred to the Suryaa Hotel or similar for two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure, with a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Delhi

Explore Delhi on a full day sightseeing tour. Start with a tour of Old Delhi in the morning: enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride in the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk followed by a visit to Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, and the Raj Ghat, a memorial built for Mahatma Gandhi, a prominent figure in India's struggle for freedom. Drive through Lutyen's New Delhi in the afternoon. Visit the tomb of Humayun and the lofty Qutb Minar, an early Mughal structure made of red sandstone and white marble.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra

Drive to Agra (4-5 hours) for an overnight stay at the ITC Mughal hotel or similar. In the afternoon visit the impressive Agra Fort whose buildings, made of red sandstone and marble, are a mix of Hindu and Islamic architecture. This is followed by a visit to the ornate tomb of Itamud-ud-Daula, and a heritage walk of Agra.

Day 4: Agra - Jaipur

Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise. After breakfast back at your hotel, continue to Jaipur (6-7 hours) with a stop at Fatehpur Sikri, the red sandstone city built by Emperor Akbar that was abandoned after just 14 years. Closer to Jaipur, stop to see the impressive 9th Century Chand Baori step well at Abhaneri. Stay Narain Niwas or similar, for two nights.

Day 5: Jaipur

Visit the 17th century hilltop fort of Amber and the sparkling Mirror Palace. In the afternoon visit the City Palace complex including its museum and the 18th century Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory, a UNESCO World Heritage monument. Drive through the busy bazaars for a photo stop at the recently restored Hawa Mahal, one of the most famous buildings in Jaipur.

Day 6: Jaipur - Khimsar

Leave the "Pink City" in the morning and head towards rural Khimsar (5-6 hours). Arrive and check-in to traditionally decorated rooms at the Khimsar Fort hotel for an overnight stay. The afternoon is at leisure to relax by the pool or explore this 16th century fort and village. Bikes are available or a camel cart ride can be arranged.

Day 7: Khimsar - Jaisalmer

Drive west for 5-6 hours towards the lone city of Jaisalmer, at the edge of Thar desert. The old part of the city was built almost entirely of yellow sandstone, lending to the settlement being affectionately termed "The Golden City". Stay at the Rang Mahal or similar for two nights.

Day 8: Jaisalmer

In the morning, visit Jaisalmer Fort, which dominates the local landscape. This impressive structure comprises a maze of alleyways and narrow lanes that lead to various Havelis or merchant homes and Jain temples, all enclosed within the fort. Also visit the Gadisar Tank, once the sole water supply of the city and now a repository of small temples and shrines.

Day 9: Jaisalmer - Dechu

Drive towards Dechu (5 hours) for a royal experience complete with dining under the stars and unwinding as local folk musicians play out the night at the Samsara Tented Camp.

Day 10: Dechu - Jodhpur - Narlai

Turning eastwards, the morning's drive (2 hours) brings us to 'The Blue City' of Jodhpur. Stop here for a visit to the imposing Mehrangarh Fort. Drive on to the village of Narlai (3 hours) for a two night stay at the Rawla Narlai.

Day 11: Narlai

Today is free to explore this authentic Rajasthani village which is dotted with curious temples. There is also the option of a jeep safari or a dinner on the edge of the 1100 year old step-well.

Day 12: Narlai - Udaipur

Heading south, traverse the Aravalli Hills to Ranakpur, home of an intricately and painstakingly carved Jain Temple complex. Continue to Udaipur where we stay for two nights at The Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace or similar.

Day 13: Udaipur

A morning city tour takes in the City Palace, a complex of 11 palaces, all with intricate stone work and interiors featuring glass mirror and ornamental tile. Also visit Sahelion Ki Bari, the old city and the Jagdish Temple. The afternoon is at leisure to browse through the markets. Enjoy a sunset high tea cruise on the lake in the evening.

Day 14: Udaipur

Fly back to Delhi for overnight at the Pride Plaza Aerocity or similar.

Day 15: Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Suggested Extensions

Beaches of Goa - 3 nights

Day 14: Udaipur - Mumbai - Goa

Take a set of flights via Mumbai to Goa, arriving mid afternoon. Transfer to the Holiday Inn or similar (upgrades available) for three nights.

Days 15 & 16: Goa

At leisure.

Day 17: Goa

Transfer to the airport.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
02-Feb-20	Sun	£1,825	£845
16-Feb-20	Sun	£1,825	£845
27-Feb-20	Thu	£1,875	£875
Holi special - lunch in Udaipur on 10 Mar			
15-Mar-20	Sun	£1,825	£845
05-Apr-20	Sun	£1,795	£795
18-Oct-20	Sun	£2,095	£695
02-Nov-20	Mon	£2,175	£695
Diwali special - dinner in Udaipur on 14 Nov			
24-Jan-21	Sun	£2,095	£695
07-Feb-21	Sun	£2,095	£695
21-Feb-21	Sun	£2,095	£695
19-Mar-21	Fri	£2,175	£695
Holi special - lunch in Narlai on 29 Mar			

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Walking Tour, Jaipur	£30
Cooking Class, Jaipur	£65

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 2, 4, 5, 10 and 12
- Dinner on days 1 and 9

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road
- Accommodation for 14 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort, when minimum group size is achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Beaches of Goa	£695	£445

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Taj Mahal, Delhi	£195	£189
The Lake Palace, Udaipur	£425	£395

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

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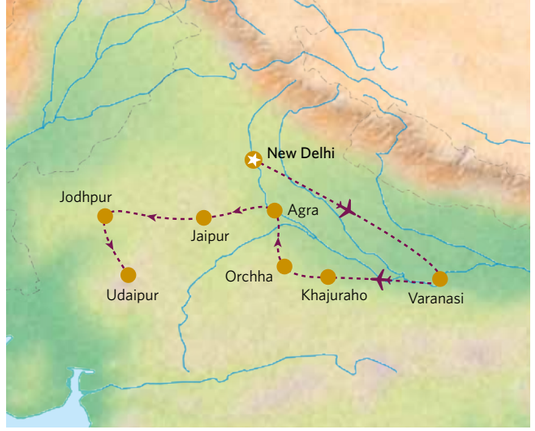
Classic India

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

Experience India's highlights and religious sites on this heritage tour travelling across the north of the country.

15 days from £2,045



Highlights

- Explore British Heritage in India's capital
- Visit the erotic temples at Khajuraho
- See the changing hues of the Taj Mahal
- Explore Jaipur, The 'Pink City' of Rajasthan
- Visit Jodhpur's Mehrangarh Fort
- See the Jain temples of Ranakpur
- Relax on the banks of Lake Pichola, Udaipur

Special Experiences

- Visit the pilgrimage site of Sarnath where Buddha gave his first sermon in 530 B.C.
- Witness the pre-dawn rituals on the River Ganges at the holy town of Varanasi
- Explore the atmospheric chattris in Orchha
- Enjoy a traditional Rajasthani meal as private guests of a local family in Jodhpur

Accommodation

- Delhi - Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel
- Varanasi - Taj Gateway Hotel Ganges
- Khajuraho - LaLit Temple View
- Agra - ITC Mughal
- Jaipur - ITC Rajputana
- Jodhpur - Ajit Bhawan
- Udaipur - Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace

Introduction

Staying in five star hotels, you will experience India's cultural, sacred and religious heritage on this tour of the North's historic highlights. Spanning 2,500 years of monumental architecture, this loop from Delhi across the Gangetic Plains to Varanasi and southern Rajasthan weaves between India's most iconic temples, palaces and forts, culminating with a stay in the dreamy lakeside city of Udaipur. In the course of a highly varied fortnight you'll travel in the footsteps of the Buddha, experience the erotic intensity of Khajuraho's tantric stone carvings and watch the sunrise over the Ganges, as well as seeing the Taj Mahal and many other fabulous medieval wonders of Agra, including a couple of rarely visited gems. Your experienced English-speaking escort and guide remains with you throughout the journey ensuring your every comfort at all times.

Itinerary

Day 1: Delhi

Greeted on arrival in Delhi and transfer to the Shangri-La's - Eros Hotel or similar, for two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure, with a welcome dinner at a restaurant in the evening.

Day 2: Delhi

Explore Delhi on a full day sightseeing tour. Enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride in the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi followed by a visit to Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India and the Raj Ghat, a memorial built for Mahatma Gandhi, a prominent figure in India's struggle for freedom. In the afternoon, drive past Lutyen's New Delhi. Visit the tomb of Humayun and the lofty Qutb Minar, an early Mughal structure made of red sandstone and white marble.

Day 3: Delhi - Varanasi

Take a short flight to Varanasi, one of the oldest inhabited cities in the world and, for Hindus, one of the holiest places in India. Stay at The Gateway Hotel or similar for two nights. The afternoon is at leisure. Witness the spectacular Ganga Aarti (spiritual worship) this evening on the ghats of the Ganges river.

Day 4: Varanasi

A peaceful early morning boat ride on the Ganges to see devotees at prayer at the waters' edge. Visit Sarnath, the site of Buddha's first public discourse and now home to many magnificent stupas and monasteries. Afternoon stop by at one of Varanasi's famous silk workshops.

Day 5: Varanasi - Khajuraho

Take a midday flight to Khajuraho and transfer to the LaLit Temple View or similar for an overnight stay. Enjoy an afternoon tour of the temples of Khajuraho, renowned for their erotic art.

Day 6: Khajuraho - Orchha - Agra

A morning drive (4 hours) to the unhurried settlement of Orchha to see the 16th century temples and palaces. A short drive to Jhansi, after lunch, to board an express train to Agra, arriving in the evening. Stay at ITC Mughal or similar for two nights.

Day 7: Agra

A half day sightseeing tour of Agra starts with a visit to the Taj Mahal, regarded as one of the finest examples of Mughal architecture. Followed by a visit to the impressive Agra Fort whose buildings, made of red sandstone and marble, are a mix of Hindu and Islamic architecture. Finally, see the ornate tomb of Itamud-ud-Daula. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 8: Agra - Jaipur

A full day drive to Jaipur (6-7 hours) with a stop at Fatehpur Sikri, the red sandstone city built by Emperor Akbar and abandoned after just 14 years. Closer to Jaipur, stop to see the impressive 9th century AD Chand Baori step well at Abhaneri. Stay at ITC Rajputana or similar for two nights.

Day 9: Jaipur

Visit the 17th century hilltop fort of Amber this morning and the sparkling Mirror Palace. In the afternoon visit the City Palace with its museum and the 18th century Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory. Drive through the busy bazaars for a photo stop at the recently restored Hawa Mahal, one of the most famous buildings in Jaipur.

Day 10: Jaipur - Jodhpur

A long drive (6-7 hours) through the heartland of this desert state to Jodhpur. Stay at Ajit Bhawan or similar for two nights.

Day 11: Jodhpur

Enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Jodhpur focussed on the majestic Mehrangarh fort. Also visit the Jaswant Thada, a marble cenotaph and take a walk through the Sadar Bazar to see its Clock Tower. Afternoon at leisure. In the evening, enjoy dinner at the residence of a local family.

Day 12: Jodhpur - Udaipur

Head to the scenic beauty of the Aravalli Hills and the town of Ranakpur (3 hours) to visit the intricately carved Jain temples before continuing on to Udaipur (3 hours). Stay at The Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace or similar for two nights.

Day 13: Udaipur

A morning city tour takes in the City Palace, a complex of 11 palaces, all with intricate stone work and interiors featuring glass mirror and ornamental tile. Also visit the gardens of Sahelion Ki Bari, the old city and the Jagdish Temple. The afternoon is at leisure. Optional: Sunset champagne hiking.

Day 14: Udaipur

Fly back to Delhi for overnight at the Pride Plaza Aerocity or similar.

Day 15: Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Suggested Extensions

Laid-back Kerala – 5 nights

Day 14: Udaipur - Mumbai - Cochin

Take a set of flights via Mumbai to Cochin, arriving mid afternoon. Transfer to the Casino Hotel or similar for two nights. In the evening, take a sunset cruise in the harbour for views of the landmark Chinese fishing nets.

Day 15: Cochin

Sightseeing of historic Fort Cochin includes a visit to the Dutch Palace, the Jewish Synagogue and St Francis, the oldest church in India. Attend a Kathakali dance performance.

Days 16 - 18: Cochin - Kumarakom

Drive to Kumarakom (2 hours). Stay at the Zuri Kumarakom for three nights; days at leisure.

Day 19: Cochin

Transfer to Cochin airport.

Beaches of Goa – 3 nights

Days 14 - 16: Udaipur - Mumbai - Goa

Take a set of flights via Mumbai to Goa, arriving mid afternoon. Transfer to the Holiday Inn or similar (upgrades available) for three nights. Spend your days at leisure.

Day 17: Goa

Transfer to the airport.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
09-Feb-20*	Sun	£2,225	£995
27-Feb-20*	Thu	£2,275	£995
Holi special - lunch in Udaipur on 10 Mar			
15-Mar-20*	Sun	£2,225	£995
05-Apr-20*	Sun	£2,045	£935
11-Oct-20	Sun	£2,795	£1,095
02-Nov-20	Mon	£2,875	£1,095
Diwali special - dinner in Udaipur on 14 Nov			
10-Jan-21	Sun	£2,795	£1,095
07-Feb-21	Sun	£2,795	£1,095
07-Mar-21	Tue	£2,795	£1,095

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Camel Cart Ride, Jodhpur	£85
Sunset Champagne Hike, Udaipur	£95

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12
- Dinner on days 1 and 11

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road
- Accommodation for 14 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort, when minimum group size is achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

**These departures will operate using alternative hotels. Please call for further details.*

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Beaches of Goa	£695	£445
Laid-back Kerala	£745	£435

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
The Imperial Hotel, Delhi	£225	£195
The Lake Palace, Udaipur	£425	£395

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a nominal price you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Golden Temple & the Himalayas

Amritsar – Dharamsala – Pragpur – Shimla – Delhi

This tour ventures off-track to take in the Golden Temple at Amritsar and the summer capital of the British Raj, Shimla.

11 days from £1,395

Highlights

- The Golden Temple at Amritsar
- Experience a 'beating-the-retreat-ceremony'
- Visit Mcleod Ganj a Buddhist conclave
- Walk the cobbled streets of Pragpur Village
- Explore Shimla, the summer capital of British India
- Ride the famous 'Toy Train' to Kandaghat

Special Experiences

- Experience the Golden Temple and participate in preparation of food for the daily communal feeding (langar) of thousands of devotees
- Enjoy a picnic lunch and visit a tea plantation
- Visit Dharamsala, the Dalai Lama's residence

Accommodation

- Amritsar - Hyatt Amritsar
- Dharamsala - Fortune Moksha
- Pragpur - Judges Court
- Shimla - Clarke's Hotel
- Delhi - Pride Plaza Aerocity

Introduction

This interesting, off-the-beaten track tour invites you to the impressive Golden Temple, situated in a shimmering man-made tank in Amritsar. Driving into neighbouring Himachal Pradesh towards Buddhist country, take in the picturesque scenery of Dharamsala and McLeod Ganj, the residence of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Travel onward to the Kangra Valley Shimla, the summer capital of the British Raj before returning from Delhi.

Itinerary

Day 1: Amritsar

Met on arrival in Amritsar and transferred to the Hyatt Amritsar or similar for two nights. The rest of the day is free for relaxation with a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 2: Amritsar

A full day of sightseeing starts with a walk through the bustling lanes of the old city followed by a visit to Jallianwala Bagh. Visit the majestic Golden Temple complex, one of the holiest shrines of the Sikh faith. Take part in the communal lunch (langar) where thousands share a free meal every day. In the afternoon drive to the Wagah border to see the indulgent joint 'beating-the-retreat' ceremony of the Indian and Pakistani guard.

Day 3: Amritsar - Dharamsala

Heading north, leave the plains of the Punjab and reach the town of Dharamsala (4-5 hours), the residence of His Holiness The Dalai Lama, in the foothills of the Himalaya. Stay for two nights at Fortune Moksha or similar. In the afternoon visit the nearby Norbulingka Institute, built in the style of the Dalai Lama's former summer residence in Lhasa (Tibet).

Day 4: Dharamsala

A morning sightseeing tour through the Tibetan Buddhist enclave of Mcleod Ganj with visits to the Namgyal Monastery, the Kalachakra Temple and the Bhagsunath Temple. In the afternoon, relax in one of the many inviting cafes or explore some of the smaller local monasteries.

Day 5: Dharamsala - Pragpur

Drive down to the heritage village of Pragpur (2 1/2 hours) with the option of a ride on the Kangra heritage railway line. Two nights are spent at the Judges Court.

Day 6: Pragpur

Enjoy a walk through Pragpur's intriguing medieval narrow stone-cobbled streets. A picnic lunch is followed by a visit to a tea plantation.

Day 7: Pragpur - Shimla

Leaving Pragpur, drive through picturesque countryside ending with a steep and spectacular climb through the Shivalik Hills to the hill station of Shimla (6 hours). Stay at the legendary Clarke's Hotel for three nights.

Day 8: Shimla

The morning's sightseeing tour of Shimla includes a visit to the Vice Regal Lodge, Library and Jakhu Temple and a walk along the busy Mall Road to see the Gaiety Theatre and Christ Church. In the afternoon take a ride on the affectionately named 'toy train' to Kandaghat.

Day 9: Shimla

Day at leisure, with an option to play golf at the picturesque, Naldehra Golf Course.

Day 10: Shimla - Delhi

Drive down to Kalka (2 1/2 hours) for the express train back to Delhi, staying overnight at Pride Plaza Aerocity or similar.

Day 11: Delhi

Transfer to the airport.

Suggested Extensions

Ananda in the Himalaya – 3 nights

Days 10: Shimla - Rishikesh

Drive to Rishikesh (6-7 hours). Stay three nights at the Ananda in the Himalayas, a deluxe resort and spa, renowned for yoga and Ayurveda.

Days 11 & 12: Rishikesh

At leisure.

Day 13: Rishikesh - Delhi

Return to Delhi by train and stay overnight at The Park Hotel.

Day 14: Delhi

Transfer to the airport for your onwards flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
07-Feb-20*	Fri	£1,395	£625
05-Mar-20*	Thu	£1,445	£625
Holi special - Holi in Pragpur on 10 Mar			
10-Apr-20*	Fri	£1,395	£625
16-Oct-20	Fri	£1,575	£765
13-Nov-20	Fri	£1,645	£765
Diwali special - dinner in Amritsar			
19-Feb-21	Fri	£1,575	£765
24-Mar-21	Wed	£1,645	£765
Holi special - Holi in Pragpur on 28 Mar			
02-Apr-21	Fri	£1,575	£765

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Naldehra Golf Course, Shimla	£185

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 2, 6 and 8
- Dinner on day 1

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road and rail
- Accommodation for 10 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

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**These departures will operate using alternative hotels. Please call for further details.*

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Ananda in the Himalaya	£1,325	£825

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Oberoi Cecil, Shimla	£235	£195

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

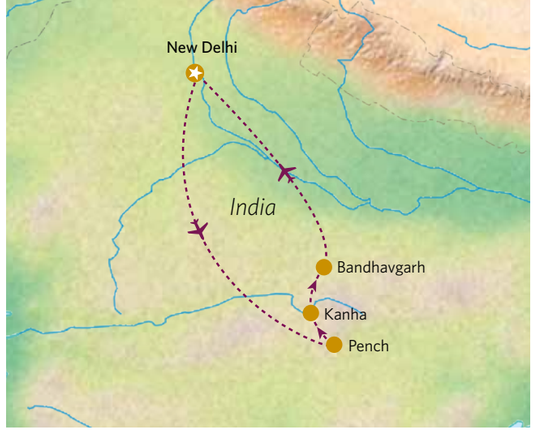
For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Land of Tigers

Delhi - Pench - Kanha - Bandhavgarh - Delhi

The ultimate tour for wildlife enthusiasts, visit three of India's national parks in search of the tiger and experience the biodiversity of the parks.

11 days from £2,435



Highlights

- Explore India's best National Parks for Tiger
- Observe the contrasting ecosystems
- Stay in cottages and tented suites on the edge of the jungle
- Enjoy alfresco, lantern lit dinners listening to the sound of nature

Special Experiences

- Enjoy evening lectures by resident experts on India's flora and fauna
- Visit local villages and schools
- Learn about wildlife conservation projects

Accommodation

- Delhi - The Claridge's Hotel
- Pench - Pench Jungle Camp
- Kanha - Kanha Jungle Lodge
- Bandhavgarh - Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge
- Delhi - Pride Plaza Aerocity

Introduction

Join TransIndus on a trip to the wild heart of India. Covering three of the country's most remote and beautiful national parks, this special group tour will give you the best possible chance of sighting tigers, as well as other magnificent and rare animals, including leopard, nilgai (blue bull), bison, sloth bears, civet and pangolins. A luxurious journey deep into India's untrammeled interior – domain of the world's most adored and endangered creature, the Royal Bengal tiger.

Itinerary

Day 1: Delhi

On arrival, the group will be met by TransIndus's representative in Delhi and escorted to The Claridge's hotel, where we'll stay for one night. Spend the remainder of the day recovering from the journey, perhaps venturing out later for a stroll around the nearby Lodi Gardens.

Day 2: Pench

After breakfast transfer to the airport, for a morning flight to Nagpur. Travelling onwards from there to Pench National Park. Stay at Pench Jungle Camp or similar for two nights. In the evening enjoy an introductory talk on the local flora and fauna, followed by supper.

Day 3: Pench

Morning and afternoon game drives account for most of your third day on tour, with the screening of a wildlife documentary in the evening before supper. Between safaris, enjoy the luxury facilities of the camp, which include a large, oval pool screened by stately old mahua and teak trees.

Day 4: Kanha

A final game drive at Pench in the morning, followed by a long journey northeast to Kanha National Park in the afternoon, where we'll spend three nights at Kanha Jungle Lodge or similar.

Day 5: Kanha

Your first full day at Kanha features morning and evening safaris, beginning at 5am (an earlier start than usual is recommended in order to get the paperwork done and gain a head start on other vehicles entering the park) and at 2.30pm.

Day 6: Kanha

Enjoy another safari in the morning. In the afternoon, the group will have the choice between a second game drive, or visiting the local village and school.

Day 7: Bandhavgarh

After an early breakfast, the group will travel to Bandhavgarh National Park in time for lunch and an afternoon safari. We stay for three nights at Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge or similar. This is the largest of the three parks we visit. It boasts a wide variety of animals including sloth bear, antelope, several varieties of monkey and an array of birdlife.

Day 8: Bandhavgarh

Enjoy a day full of jungle activities including morning and afternoon drives in the park .

Day 9: Bandhavgarh

Your final day of park safaris begins with the usual early morning wake-up call at around 5.15am, when a tray of 'bed tea' will be brought to your cottage. Breakfast will be served in the park during the drive.

Day 10: Delhi

Depart for Jabalpur airport, where we'll catch a flight back to Delhi. Stay at Pride Plaza Aerocity or similar for the night.

Day 11: Delhi

After breakfast transfer to the terminal building of nearby Delhi international airport for your return flight back home.

Suggested Extensions

The Taj Mahal – 1 night

Day 11: Delhi - Agra

Take the early morning express train to Agra. Spend the day in Agra visiting the Taj Mahal, the impressive Agra Fort whose buildings, made of red sandstone and marble, are a mix of Hindu and Islamic architecture and the ornate tomb of Itamud-ud-Daula. Return to Delhi by train and stay at the Pride Plaza Aerocity or similar.

Day 12: Delhi

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Beaches of Goa – 3 nights

Day 11: Delhi - Goa

Fly from Delhi to Goa, arriving mid afternoon. Transfer to the Holiday Inn or similar (upgrades available) for three nights.

Days 12 & 13: Goa

At leisure.

Day 14: Goa

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
02-Feb-20	Sun	£2,525	£525
12-Apr-20	Sun	£2,525	£525
15-Nov-20	Sun	£2,435	£735
07-Feb-21	Sun	£2,435	£725
21-Mar-21	Sun	£2,435	£735

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily in Delhi
- Full Board in national parks

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road and air
- Accommodation for 10 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides and naturalist
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Game drives and nature activities in national parks
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
The Taj Mahal	£295	£185
Beaches of Goa	£695	£445

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
The Imperial Hotel, Delhi	£275	£265

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a supplementyou can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Golden Triangle & Kerala Backwaters

Delhi – Agra – Jaipur – Mumbai – Cochin – Periyar – Rice Boat – Kovalam

This comprehensive tour combines the highlights of North India and Kerala.

14 days from £1,895

Highlights

- Explore the contrasts of Old & New Delhi
- Marvel at The Taj Mahal and Agra Fort
- Visit Jaipur, home to the Amber Fort
- Explore the Dutch Port of Cochin
- Cruise the backwaters on a rice barge
- Relax on the beaches of Kovalam

Special Experiences

- Ride through busy markets of old Delhi
- Taj Mahal at sunrise
- Explore Mumbai's Colaba and Fort districts
- Overnight cruise on rice barge
- Walk through Periyar nature reserve

Accommodation

- Delhi - Suryaa Hotel
- Agra - ITC Mughal
- Jaipur - The Lalit
- Mumbai - Trident Nariman Point
- Cochin - Killians Boutique Hotel
- Periyar - Cardamom County Resort
- Overnight cruise on a converted Rice Barge
- Kovalam - Travancore Heritage

Introduction

One of the questions we're most frequently asked by clients contemplating their first trip to India is 'whether to go north or south'? This two-week group tour neatly sidesteps the dilemma by combining the highlights of both. Beginning with a whistle-stop round of the Golden Triangle and Rajasthan's monuments – including the Taj Mahal, Delhi's Jama Masjid and "Pink City" of Jaipur – it uses Mumbai's ultra-efficient flight connections as a stepping stone to the far southern state of Kerala, whose lush, tropical backwaters and tea plantations provide the perfect counterpoint to the Mughal grandeur and desert vistas of the previous week. As ever with our Group Tours, accommodation is luxurious and reflective of the variety of different landscapes and cultures you'll experience on this trip of a lifetime through India's top sights.

Itinerary

Day 1: Delhi

Greeted on arrival in Delhi and transferred to the Suryaa Hotel or similar for two nights. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Delhi

Explore Delhi today starting with Old Delhi in the morning: enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride in the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk followed by the Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, and the Raj Ghat, a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. In the afternoon, drive past Lutyen's New Delhi and visit the tomb of Humayun and the Qutb Minar.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra

Drive to Agra (4-5 hours) for an overnight stay in the ITC Mughal hotel or similar. In the afternoon, visit the impressive Agra Fort, a mix of Hindu and Islamic architecture followed by a visit to the ornate tomb of Itamud-ud-Daula. Finish the day with a heritage walk of Agra.

Day 4: Agra - Jaipur

Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise. After breakfast back at your hotel, continue to Jaipur (6-7 hours) visiting Fatehpur Sikri en route. Closer to Jaipur we stop at the impressive 9th century step well at Abhaneri. Stay at The Lalit hotel or similar for two nights.

Day 5: Jaipur

Visit the 17th century hilltop fort of Amber and the sparkling Mirror Palace. In the afternoon visit the City Palace complex including its museum and the 18th century Jantar Mantar astronomical observatory. Drive through the busy bazaars for a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal Palace, one of Jaipur iconic locations.

Day 6: Jaipur - Mumbai

Take an early morning flight to Mumbai and transfer to the hotel Trident Nariman Point or similar for an overnight stay. This afternoon visit the Gateway of India. Drive past Mumbai High Court and the ornate Victoria Terminus. Drive along the Marine drive and visit the Hanging Gardens, offering a splendid view of the city.

Day: 7 Mumbai - Cochin

Take a morning flight to Cochin. Transfer to Killians Boutique Hotel or similar for two nights. Later, visit the Dutch Palace, with its murals of the Ramayana, and the Jewish Synagogue (time permitting).

Day: 8 Cochin

Visit the Kumbalangi village in the morning, where you will have the chance to interact with fishermen as they demonstrate local techniques used to harvest prawns, crabs, oysters and small fish. In the evening, enjoy a sunset cruise on the harbour, a signature Kerala experience, for views of the landmark Chinese fishing nets, which provide a spectacular photo opportunity at dusk.

Day: 9 Cochin - Periyar

Drive along meandering roads through lush, green countryside ascending into the 'Western Ghats' at Periyar (5 hours). Enjoy lunch at a rubber plantation. Stay at the Cardamom County Resort or similar for two nights. In the evening attend a Kathakali performance, a traditional dance drama in which the dancers wear elaborate costumes and make up.

Day 10: Periyar

This morning take a walk in Periyar Nature Reserve with tribal trackers, in search of wildlife. Afternoon visit a spice plantation which offers an interesting insight into how various spices such as cardamom, cloves and cinnamon are grown, cultivated and processed.

Day 11: Periyar - Rice Boat

Drive back down through the hills and plantations towards the backwaters to board a rice boat for an overnight cruise through Lake Vembanad and the backwaters. This is a region that not only shelters some unique animal and bird life, but also lush paddy fields. This is one of the few places in the world where farming is done below sea level.

Day 12: Rice Boat - Kovalam

Drive to the southern coastal town and the inviting beaches at Kovalam. Stay at the local styled Travancore Heritage for two nights.

Day 13: Kovalam

Day at leisure

Day 14: Kovalam - Trivandrum

Travel to Trivandrum airport for your onward journey.

Suggested Extensions

Kovalam Beach Extension – 3 nights

Days 14 - 16: Kovalam

Stay for an additional three nights at the Travancore Heritage.

Day 17: Kovalam - Trivandrum

Transfer to Trivandrum airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
02-Feb-20	Sun	£2,095	£925
16-Feb-20	Sun	£2,095	£925
15-Mar-20	Sun	£2,095	£925
05-Apr-20	Sun	£1,895	£795
18-Oct-20	Sun	£2,225	£925
22-Nov-20	Sun	£2,225	£925
17-Jan-21	Sun	£2,225	£925
07-Feb-21	Sun	£2,225	£925
28-Feb-21	Sun	£2,225	£925
14-Mar-21	Sun	£2,225	£925

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Cooking Class, Jaipur	£65
Kalaripayattu	£25

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 11
- Dinner on days 1 and 11

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road
- Accommodation for 13 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Escorted walks in Periyar
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Kovalam Beach Extension	£235	£150

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Taj Mahal, Delhi	£195	£189
Samode Haveli, Jaipur	£245	£195
Brunton Boatyard, Cochin	£375	£375
The Leela, Kovalam	£225	£195

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Essence of Kerala

Cochin – Periyar – Alleppey (Rice Boat) – Kovalam

A leisurely exploration of the lush and tropical state of Kerala, 'God's own country'.

8 days from £835

Highlights

- Explore the historic sites of Fort Cochin
- Witness a Kathakali dance performance
- Visit rubber and spice plantations
- Spend a night on a traditional rice barge
- Relax on the beaches of Kovalam

Special Experiences

- Lunch at a rubber plantation near Periyar
- Learn how rubber is tapped
- See cultivation of pineapple and tapioca
- Join a tribal tracker and ranger on an early morning walk through Periyar National Park

Accommodation

- Cochin - Killians Boutique Hotel
- Periyar - Cardamom County Resort
- Overnight on a traditional rice barge
- Kovalam - Travancore Heritage Hotel

Introduction

At the southern tip of India lies the oblong state of Kerala, aptly referred to as "God's Own Country" for its miles of golden sandy beaches dotted with coastal villages, verdant landscapes of the Western Ghats, fragrant spice, tea and coffee plantations and its own vibrant culture. Our Essence of Kerala tour commences with sightseeing in the historic Fort Cochin and Jew Town to see influences left by the Chinese, English, Dutch and Portuguese settlers. Enjoy sweeping views whilst journeying through the beautiful countryside towards Periyar National Park. Enjoy a nature walk and visit a spice plantation. Travel onward to the myriad of complex waterways that make up the backwaters of Kerala for an overnight stay on a traditional rice boat. A couple of days on the beach at Kovalam beckon, where the golden sands invite you to relax and swim before returning home.

Itinerary

Day 1: Cochin

Greeted on arrival in Cochin and escorted to the Killians Boutique Hotel or similar for two nights.

Day 2: Cochin

Spend the morning taking in the sights of historic Fort Cochin. Explore the colonial streets and St Francis, the oldest church in India. Visit the Dutch Palace, with its murals of the Ramayana. In the evening take a sunset cruise on the harbour, a signature Kerala experience, for views of the landmark Chinese fishing nets, which provide a spectacular photo opportunity at dusk.

Day 3: Cochin - Periyar

Drive along meandering roads through lush, green countryside ascending into the 'Western Ghats' at Periyar (5 hours). Enjoy lunch at a rubber plantation. Stay at the Cardamom County Resort or similar for two nights. In the evening attend a Kathakali performance, a traditional dance drama in which the dancers wear elaborate costumes and make-up to enact the story of the Mahabharat epic.

Day 4: Periyar

This morning take a walk in Periyar Nature Reserve with tribal trackers, in search of wildlife. In the afternoon visit a spice plantation which offers an interesting insight into how various spices such as cardamom, cloves and cinnamon are grown, cultivated and processed.

Day 5: Periyar - Rice Boat

Drive back down through the hills and plantations towards the backwaters to board a rice boat for an overnight cruise through Lake Vembanad and the backwaters. This is a region that not only shelters some unique animal and bird life, but also lush paddy fields. This is one of the few places in the world where farming is done below sea level.

Days 6 & 7: Rice Boat - Kovalam

Drive to the southern coastal town and the inviting beaches at Kovalam. Stay at the local styled Travancore Heritage or similar for two nights.

Day 8: Kovalam - Trivandrum

Travel to Trivandrum airport for your onward flight.

Suggested Extensions

Kovalam Beach Extension – 3 nights

Days 8 - 10: Kovalam

Stay for an additional three nights at the Travancore Heritage. Remain at leisure.

Day 11: Kovalam - Trivandrum

Transfer to Trivandrum airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
08-Feb-20	Sat	£985	£475
22-Feb-20	Sat	£985	£475
21-Mar-20	Sat	£985	£475
11-Apr-20	Sat	£835	£325
24-Oct-20	Sat	£995	£475
15-Nov-20	Sun	£995	£475
23-Jan-21	Sat	£995	£475
13-Feb-21	Sat	£995	£475
06-Mar-21	Sat	£995	£475
20-Mar-21	Sat	£995	£475

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Kalaripayattu Martial Arts show, Periyar	£25

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 2, 3 and 5
- Dinner on day 5

Group Size

6 to 12 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road
- Accommodation for 7 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Escorted walks in Periyar
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Kovalam Beach Extension	£235	£150

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Brunton Boatyard, Cochin	£375	£375
The Leela, Kovalam	£225	£195

Private Travel Options

£75 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Kerala Adventure

Cochin – Thattekad – Munnar – Periyar – Alleppey (Rice Boat) – Varkala

Designed for the mildly active, this tour ventures off track to take in Kerala's abundant birdlife and wildlife.

12 days from £1,525

Highlights

- Enjoy a sunset cruise of Cochin Harbour
- Enjoy birdwatching in Thattekad
- Walk up the region's second highest peak
- Spend a night on a traditional rice barge
- Relax on Varkala Beach

Special Experiences

- Spend two nights on a remote tea plantation, only accessible by 4WD
- Hike and raft through Periyar National Park
- Spend a night on board a traditional rice barge as you cruise Lake Vembanad and Kerala's backwaters

Accommodation

- Cochin - Killians Boutique Hotel
- Thattekad - Hornbill Camp
- Munnar - Fragrant Nature Resort
- Periyar - Cardamom County Resort
- Overnight on a traditional rice barge
- Varkala - The Taj Gateway Hotel

Introduction

We were among the very first operators to offer group tours to Kerala, way back in the early 1990s, and continue to devise the most innovative and compelling itineraries on the market – as this tour vividly demonstrates. Designed for the active traveller looking to experience not merely the main sights, but some authentic, offbeat ones as well, it takes you from the coast to the mountains and back via a birding safari by kayak on the Periyar River, an ascent of the region's second highest peak, a couple of nights at a remote tea plantation only accessible by 4WD, and a wildlife trek in the forests of the interior led by a tribal tracker. You'll also get to enjoy the state's more conventional tourist experiences, such as a rice boat cruise in the backwaters and a sunset jaunt around Cochin harbour.

Itinerary

Day 1: Cochin

Greeted on arrival in Cochin and escorted to The Killians Boutique Hotel or similar for two nights. Take a sunset cruise in the harbour, a signature Kerala experience at dusk.

Day 2: Cochin

Tour historic Fort Cochin in an auto rickshaw in the morning. Explore the colonial streets and take in the Dutch Palace with its murals of the Ramayana and St Francis, the oldest church in India. Visit the Kumbalangi village in the afternoon interact with fishermen for a demonstration of oyster and prawn harvesting.

Day 3: Thattekad

Drive to Thattekad in the morning. Check in to the Hornbill Camp for the night. The afternoon is at leisure with opportunities to go on a birding walk or take a kayak trip across the river.

Day 4: Munnar

Drive to Munnar (4-5 hours) for three nights at the Fragrant Nature Resort or similar. Remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the surroundings or take one of the many walks available.

Day 5: Munnar

Take a four-hour hike with a naturalist and guide through tea estates and villages. Visit the tea factory which is reputed to be amongst the highest in the world that produces tea using orthodox processes from the times of the British Raj.

Day 6: Munnar

A full day moderate trek to Meesapulimala , one of the highest peaks in southern India, with picnic lunch.

Day 7: Periyar

Take the scenic road through the Western Ghats towards Periyar National Park. Stay at the Cardamon County Resort or similar, for two nights. A late afternoon tour of a spice garden offers an interesting insight into how cardamom, cloves, cinnamon and other spices are grown, cultivated and processed.

Day 8: Periyar

Explore some of the richest forest tracks of Periyar National Park on a full day of hiking and bamboo rafting inside the park.

Day 9: Rice Boat

Travel to the bustling canal side town of Alleppey. Check in to a rice boat for an overnight cruise on the picturesque backwaters and Vembanad lake.

Day 10: Varkala

Drive to the southern coastal town of Varkala in the morning. Check in to The Taj Gateway Hotel or similar, for two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 11: Varkala

Day at leisure: Sightseeing and cycling trips can be arranged locally for a supplement.

Day 12: Varkala

Transfer to Trivandrum airport for your onward flight.

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Brunton Boatyard, Cochin	£375	£375

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
16-Feb-20	Sun	£1,735	£955
01-Mar-20	Sun	£1,735	£955
15-Mar-20	Sun	£1,735	£955
12-Apr-20	Sun	£1,525	£745
25-Oct-20	Sun	£1,795	£825
15-Nov-20	Sun	£1,795	£825
24-Jan-21	Sun	£1,795	£825
21-Feb-21	Sun	£1,795	£825
13-Mar-21	Sun	£1,795	£825

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 2 - 6, 8 and 9
- Dinner on days 3 - 6 and 9

Group Size

4 to 12 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road and air
- Accommodation for 11 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides and naturalist
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Game drives and nature activities in national parks
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Southern Explorer

Mamallapuram – Pondicherry – Thanjavur – Madurai – Periyar – Kumarakom – Alleppey (Rice Boat) – Cochin

Journey across southern India taking in UNESCO Sites, colourful temples and picturesque backwaters.

13 days from £1,699

Highlights

- Visit the ancient Shore Temple
- Explore the French colony of Pondicherry
- Experience the ornate Meenakshi Temple
- Search for herds of wild elephant in Periyar
- Cruise overnight on the Kerala backwaters
- Explore the Dutch heritage of Fort Cochin

Special Experiences

- Enjoy a traditional Tamil thali lunch
- Marvel at the rituals of Brihadeeshwara Temple
- Explore Airavateshwara Temple at Darusaram
- Travel over the picturesque Western Ghats

Accommodation

- Mamallapuram - Ideal Beach Resort
- Pondicherry - Hotel de Petit
- Thanjavur - Ideal River View
- Madurai - GRT Regency
- Periyar - Cardamom County Resort
- Kumarakom - Zuri Kumarakom Resort
- Overnight on a traditional rice boat
- Cochin - Killians Boutique Hotel

Introduction

Covering some of the finest sights of the southern-most states of India, our Southern Explorer tour commences with the atmospheric temple towns of Tamil Nadu. In seafront Mamallapuram, see the stunning bas-relief and the ancient Shore Temple. After an overnight stop in the uniquely French town of Pondicherry, drive to Thanjavur to see another UNESCO World Heritage site, the Brihadeeshwara Temple. Continue southwest to visit the vibrant and bustling Meenakshi temple at Madurai before crossing over into the Western Ghats at Periyar in Kerala. Take a boat ride on tranquil Lake Periyar and spend a night under the stars, in a rice boat, on the picturesque backwaters. Colonial Fort Kochi is the final stop before heading home.

Itinerary

Day 1: Chennai - Mamallapuram

Greeted on arrival in Chennai and transfer to the Ideal Beach Resort at Mamallapuram or similar for two nights. Enjoy a restful day at the beach followed by a welcome dinner.

Day 2: Mamallapuram

Morning sightseeing of Mamallapuram includes the ancient Shore Temple and its impressive rock carvings and reliefs. The afternoon is at leisure. Optional: Chennai city tour.

Day 3: Mamallapuram - Pondicherry

Drive south to the former French colony of Pondicherry (3 hours) and explore the city on foot. Spend the night at Hotel de Petit or similar for the night.

Day 4: Pondicherry - Thanjavur

A day's drive inland to Thanjavur (6 hours), via Darusaram, home of the UNESCO World Heritage Airavateshwara Temple. Stay at the Ideal River View or similar for two nights.

Day 5: Thanjavur

Today is a full day of sightseeing in Thanjavur, including the Brihadeeshwara Temple complex and enjoy a traditional Tamil thali lunch.

Day 6: Thanjavur - Madurai

Drive onwards to Madurai (4-5 hours), to visit the stunning Meenakshi Temple with its vast colourful gopuram (towers). Stay overnight at the GRT Regency or similar.

Day 7: Madurai - Periyar

In the morning, drive across state borders into Kerala arriving at Periyar National Park, for two nights at the Cardamom County Resort or similar.

Day 8: Periyar

This morning take a walk in Periyar Nature Reserve with tribal trackers, in search of wildlife. Afternoon visit a spice plantation which offers an insight in the cultivation and processing of cardamom, cloves, cinnamon, pepper and more.

Day 9: Periyar - Kumarakom

Today we descend through the Western Ghats towards Kumarakom (4 hours), a sleepy village on the shores of Lake Vembanad, for an overnight stay at the Zuri Kumarakom Resort or similar. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 10: Kumarakom - Rice Boat

Late morning, board a rice boat for an overnight cruise on Lake Vembanad - a region of amazing animal and bird life along its calm serene waters.

Day 11: Cochin

Depart after breakfast for Cochin (2 hours). Check-in at the Killians Boutique Hotel or similar for two nights. In the evening, take a sunset cruise on Cochin harbour.

Day 12: Cochin

Spend the morning taking in the sights of Fort Cochin and exploring its colonial streets. In the evening, enjoy a Kathakali dance performance.

Day 13: Cochin

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Suggested Extensions

Ooty and Mysore - 5 nights

Day 13: Cochin - Hillgrove

A long drive (6-7 hours) from the coast, through paddy fields and up to Hillgrove for a two nights' stay at the Kurumba Village Resort.

Day 14: Hillgrove

A day to relax in your pretty surroundings with options for a tribal village visit, bird watching excursions or walking.

Day 15: Hillgrove - Mysore

In the morning, take the Nilgiri Mountain railway to Ooty, through scenic villages and beautiful mountain landscapes. Journey onward by car to Mysore (4-5 hours) and spend two nights at the Radisson Blu Hotel.

Day 16: Mysore

A full day of sightseeing in Mysore commences with a visit to Srirangapatna to see Tipu Sultan's Palace. Drive up into the Chamundi hills for stunning views of the surrounding area and a visit to the monolithic Nandi Bull. Spend time at the grand Mysore Palace and visit the colourful Devaraja market.

Day 17: Mysore - Bangalore

A morning drive (4-5 hours) to Bangalore: a city that is popularly known as the IT hub of India. The afternoon is at leisure. Stay at the Fortune Hotel or similar for one night.

Day 18: Bangalore

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
02-Feb-20	Sun	£1,859	£849
23-Feb-20	Sun	£1,859	£849
08-Mar-20	Sun	£1,859	£849
29-Mar-20	Sun	£1,699	£699
10-Apr-20	Fri	£1,699	£699
11-Oct-20	Sun	£1,875	£845
08-Nov-20	Sun	£1,895	£855
10-Jan-21	Sun	£1,895	£855
21-Feb-21	Sun	£1,895	£855
14-Mar-21	Sun	£1,895	£855

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
City Sightseeing, Chennai	£65
Birdwatching, Kumarakom	£55

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 3, 4, 5 and 10
- Dinner on days 1 and 10

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road
- Accommodation for 12 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Escorted walks in Periyar
- Accompanying tour escort, when minimum group size is achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Ooty and Mysore	£765	£395

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Radisson Temple Bay, Mamallapuram	£55	£50
Svatma, Thanjavur	£115	£95
Brunton Boatyard, Cochin	£375	£375

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Emerald Isle - Sri Lanka

Colombo – Habarana – Kandy – Nuwara Eliya – Yala – Waskaduwa

Experience the best of Sri Lanka including the Cultural Triangle, tea plantations and Yala National Park.

13 days from £1,765

Highlights

- A comprehensive tour of Sri Lanka's key attractions
- Explore the ancient capital of Anuradhapura
- Smell the flowers at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Kandy
- Visit the verdant landscapes in Tea Country
- Relax on the golden sands at Waskaduwa

Special Experiences

- Go in search of leopard and sloth bears on a thrilling safari at Yala National Park
- Walk to 'World's End' – a spectacular, vertigo-inducing, 900-metre drop with far-reaching views across the southern hills
- Watch the pilgrims as they present flowers and offerings to the Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy

Accommodation

- Colombo - Galle Face Hotel
- Habarana - The Village by Cinnamon
- Kandy - Swiss Residence
- Nuwara Eliya - Blackpool Hotel
- Yala National Park - The EKHO Safari Hotel
- Waskaduwa - Citrus Waskaduwa

Introduction

Experience the very best Sri Lanka has to offer on this luxury group tour combining the principal sights of the Cultural Triangle with a handful of less well known locations amid the tea plantations of the interior. It includes stays in Kandy and the famous Yala National Park, with a relaxing two-night beach break on the southwest coast at the end. Whether this is your first trip or you're an old hand, we're confident you'll find plenty of inspiration in our varied, carefully devised trip around South Asia's Emerald Isle.

Itinerary

Day 1: Colombo

On arrival at Colombo's Bandaranaike International Airport, you will be met by the TransIndus team and escorted to the Galle Face Hotel or similar. In the afternoon enjoy an orientation tour of the capital, followed by a welcome dinner in the evening.

Day 2: Habarana

After breakfast, drive four hours inland to Habarana, in the Cultural Triangle region, where the group will be spending three nights at The Village by Cinnamon or similar. Enjoy a guided village walk in the afternoon.

Day 3: Habarana

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of the ancient Sinhalese capital of Anuradhapura, a forty-minute drive away from the hotel, and Mihintale, the birthplace of Buddhism in Sri Lanka.

Day 4: Habarana

In the morning, we visit the UNESCO-listed site of Sigiriya. Accessed by a steep 600 feet hike up to the ancient natural rock fortress that dominates the surrounding landscape. After lunch, head to Polonnaruwa the most compelling of the ancient capitals. From the 11th to 13th centuries, a succession of ancient kings developed an immense city here.

Day 5: Kandy

Today morning drive to Kandy, Sri Lanka's second largest city in the Central Highlands, stopping to see the beautiful Dambulla Caves en route. In Kandy stay at the Swiss Residence or similar for two nights.

Day 6: Kandy

The Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya will be the first stop on today's tour. Later, we'll visit the Temple of the Tooth Relic before attending a music and dance performance at the neighbouring Kandyan Cultural Centre.

Day 7: Nuwara Eliya

A long but scenic drive takes us in the morning from Kandy to the undulating tea country of Nuwara Eliya, where we'll spend a couple of nights at the Blackpool Hotel or similar. Visit Pedro Estate for a tea plantation and factory tour.

Day 8: Nuwara Eliya

Enjoy an early excursion to the Horton Plains, site of the famous World's End viewpoint, followed by a tour of Nuwara Eliya's sights in the afternoon.

Day 9: Yala National Park

The tour continues with another half-day journey, this time to Sri Lanka's deep south, to visit the island's premier wildlife reserve, Yala National Park. You'll be staying at the EKHO Safari Hotel or similar, 20 minutes from the park gates.

Day 10: Yala

Enjoy morning and evening game drives in the park. Between safaris, relax in the pool and grounds of your hotel, located beside a lake that is home to the leopard and herds of wild elephant as well as compelling variety of birdlife.

Day 11: Waskaduwa

Today drive along the coastal highway to the World Heritage city of Galle. Enjoy lunch before a tour of the town's main sights, including the Dutch Museum, Groote Kerk (Great Church) and the National Maritime Museum. Later, drive onward 90-minute to Waskaduwa Beach, where you'll be spending the last two days of your trip. Stay at the Citrus Waskaduwa or similar for two nights.

Day 12: Waskaduwa

Spend the day enjoying Waskaduwa's magnificent golden sand beach.

Day 13: Waskaduwa - Colombo

Time to bid farewell to Sri Lanka as you transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Suggested Extensions

Waskaduwa Beach - 3 nights

Day 13: Waskaduwa

Stay an additional three nights at Citrus Waskaduwa.

Days 14 & 15: Waskaduwa

Days at leisure.

Day 16: Waskaduwa

An early start back to the Bandaranaike International airport for your onward flight.

Sinharaja Rainforest - 2 nights

Day 13: Waskaduwa - Sinharaja

Drive to Deniyaya, a large reserve of virgin rainforest inside Sinharaja National Park. Check in to the Rainforest Edge eco retreat for a two nights.

Day 14: Sinharaja

Day at leisure

Day 15: Sinharaja - Colombo

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
02-Feb-20	Sun	£1,895	£825
16-Feb-20	Sun	£1,895	£825
15-Mar-20	Sun	£1,895	£825
29-Mar-20	Sun	£1,825	£775
11-Oct-20	Sun	£1,765	£595
15-Nov-20	Sun	£1,795	£635
10-Jan-21	Sun	£1,975	£755
21-Feb-21	Sun	£1,975	£755
14-Mar-21	Sun	£1,935	£715

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 3, 4, 6, 8 and 11
- Dinner on day 1

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road
- Accommodation for 12 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides and naturalist
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Game drives and nature activities in national parks
- Accompanying tour escort, when minimum group size is achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Waskaduwa Beach	£345	£295
Sinharaja Rainforest	£495	£115

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Cinnamon Wild, Yala	£115	£115
Taj Bentota	£355	£125

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Wildlife of Sri Lanka

Colombo – Waikkal – Udawalawe – Yala – Galle – Colombo

Discover Sri Lanka's abundant wildlife including leopards, elephant, birds and reptiles in its lush green rainforests and jungles.

8 days from £1,365

Highlights

- Bird watching in Waikkal
- Elephant Shelter in Udawalawe
- Leopards in Yala
- Whale watching in Mirissa

Special Experiences

- Go in search of leopard, elephant and sloth bears on a thrilling safari in Yala
- Enjoy the country's vast variety of bird life
- Marvel at the incredible blue whales and sperm whales

Accommodation

- Waikkal - Suriya Resort & Spa
- Udawalawe - Grand Udawalawe
- Yala - Laya Safari
- Galle - Amari Galle

Introduction

Discover the remarkable natural diversity of Sri Lanka, from the birds and reptiles in the rainforests to large mammals in the national parks and the abundant marine life in the waters off the south coast. Starting from the Waikkal biosphere, renowned for its endemic birds, this tour visits the Udawalawe and Yala National Parks in search of wild elephants and leopards. Continue to the west of the island to look for blue whales and sperm whales off the coast of Galle and see turtles hatch in Kosgoda, before returning to Colombo.

Itinerary

Day 1: Colombo - Waikkal

Greeted on arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport, and transferred to your hotel in Waikkal, an hour's drive away. Stay overnight at Suriya Resort or similar. Late afternoon enjoy a boat ride on Negombo lagoon to observe the bird life. A welcome dinner is arranged this evening.

Day 2: Waikkal - Udawalawe

Drive to Udawalawe National Park in the morning, visiting en route an elephant shelter. Stay for two nights at Grand Udawalawe or similar.

Day 3: Udawalawe

Enjoy morning and afternoon safaris in the park. Udawalawe National Park is a wonderful place to see wild Asian elephants in their natural habitat. The park is home to approximately five hundred elephants. Other wildlife includes sambar deer, water buffalo, jackals and monkeys including the grey langur and the endemic toque macaque. A total of 183 species of birds have been recorded here, some of which are resident and the others, migrant. The endemic Sri Lanka jungle fowl, brown-capped babbler, malabar pied hornbill and the Sri Lanka spurfowl are all excellent sightings for birdwatchers. Of the water birds, the rare osprey and Indian cormorant are also of note.

Day 4: Udawalawe - Yala

After a leisurely breakfast, we drive for about two hours to arrive at Yala National Park. Stay for two nights at Laya Safari or similar.

Day 5: Yala

Enjoy morning and afternoon safaris in Yala Park. One of Sri Lanka's oldest and largest national parks, Yala covers an area of 1500 sq km and has one of the highest densities of leopards in the World. The park is home to variety of wildlife including spotted deer, crocodiles, wild boar, wild buffaloes, langurs, peacocks and over 200 species of birds.

Day 6: Yala - Galle

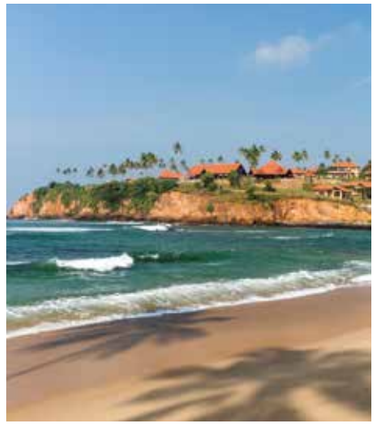
Drive to Weligama in the morning to see stilt fishing, a tradition unique to Sri Lanka. Later drive on to Galle. Stay for two nights at Amari Galle.

Day 7: Galle

Today we have an option to visit Mirissa for a whale watching expedition (November to April) or cycling tour through Eluvila bird sanctuary. In the afternoon visit a turtle hatchery at Kosgoda. In the evening enjoy a walk through Galle city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to visit Galle Fort, Maritime Museum, the old Church, the Sun and the Moon bastions and the lighthouse.

Day 8: Galle - Colombo

Today morning we drive to Colombo airport in time to board our return flight home.



Suggested Extensions

Sinharaja Rainforest - 2 nights

Day 8: Galle - Sinharaja

Drive to Deniyaya, a inside Sinharaja National Park. Check in to the Rainforest Edge eco retreat.

Day 9: Sinharaja

Spend a day inside the magnificent tropical jungle with your specialist guide to explore the endemic flora and fauna.

Day 10: Sinharaja - Colombo

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Waskaduwa Beach - 3 nights

Day 8: Waskaduwa

Drive to Waskaduwa. Stay for three nights at Citrus Waskaduwa. Afternoon at leisure.

Days 9 & 10: Waskaduwa

Day at leisure

Day 11: Waskaduwa - Colombo

An early start back to the Bandaranaike International Airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
02-Feb-20	Sun	£1,425	£525
16-Feb-20	Sun	£1,425	£525
15-Mar-20	Sun	£1,425	£525
12-Apr-20	Sun	£1,365	£425
15-Nov-20	Sun	£1,545	£455
17-Jan-21	Sun	£1,625	£525
14-Feb-21	Sun	£1,625	£525
14-Mar-21	Sun	£1,625	£525

Meal Plan

- Half board

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road
- Accommodation for 7 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides and naturalist
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Game drives and nature activities in national parks
- Accompanying tour escort, when minimum group size is achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Waskaduwa Beach	£345	£295
Sinharaja Rainforest	£495	£115

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Kalu's Hideaway	£75	£25
Cinnamon Wild, Yala	£115	£115
Galle Fort Hotel	£125	£115

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

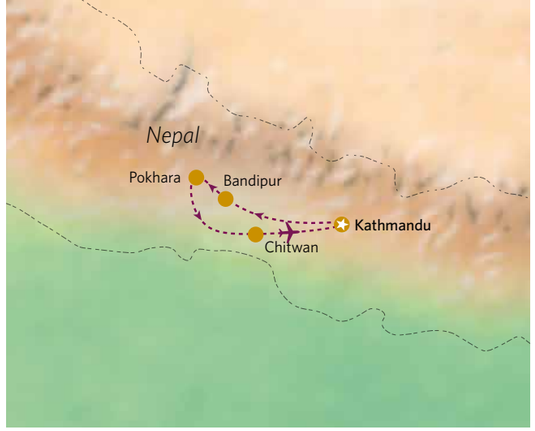
For a nominal price you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Nepal Experience

Kathmandu – Bandipur – Pokhara – Chitwan – Kathmandu

An exciting tour of Nepal including the Kathmandu city, Himalayan ice peaks, lakeside villages and wild rhinoceros.

9 days from £1,125



Highlights

- Visit Boudhanath, Nepal's largest stupa
- Explore the Tibetan border town of Bandipur
- Relax lakeside at Pokhara
- Rhinoceros and tiger in Chitwan
- Visit Swayambhunath Temple for sunset

Special Experiences

- Enjoy a seven-course Nepali banquet at the famous Bhojan Griha restaurant in Dillibazar
- Take the cable car to Pokhara's Peace Pagoda overlooking the dramatic Himalayan mountains
- Optional: Enjoy a scenic flight over Mount Everest

Accommodation

- Kathmandu - Kantipur Temple House
- Bandipur - Old Inn Hotel
- Pokhara - Temple Tree Resort
- Chitwan - Machan Country Villa

Introduction

A compelling mix of landscapes, religious monuments and vibrant Nepali cultures are showcased on our popular, 9-day group tour through the Himalayan foothills of the Kathmandu Valley. It starts in the capital, with visits to Durbar Square and the historic town of Bhaktapur, site of the country's best preserved medieval temples, before heading west to Bandipur, where you'll get your first really spectacular view of the Himalayan ice peaks. Next, it's on to the lakeside town of Pokhara, whose surrounding ridges offer more astounding panoramas of the nearby snow line. From there, you'll proceed southeast to Chitwan National Park in the tarai grasslands, where wild rhino and other rare animals may be sighted on a jeep safari. A final night in Kathmandu, visiting the famous stupa of Swayambhunath, brings the trip to a suitably magical conclusion.

Itinerary

Day 1: Kathmandu

Greeted on arrival in Kathmandu and transfer to the Kantipur Temple House or similar for two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a traditional seven-course dinner at the Bhojan Griha.

Day 2: Kathmandu

A full day sightseeing of this vibrant city includes the renowned Durbar Square and an excursion to the ancient and beautifully crafted Newari city of Bhaktapur. Optional: Mountain flight over Mount Everest.

Day 3: Kathmandu - Bandipur

An early start for a four-hour, winding drive to the breathtaking mountain village of Bandipur. Stay overnight at the Old Inn hotel or similar. Spend the afternoon at leisure.

Day 4: Bandipur - Pokhara

Explore the streets of this delightful village, known for its medieval, rustic charm and take a cable car ride to see the local temple which is perched on a hill. Mountain views from this vantage point are tremendous. In the afternoon, drive three hours to Pokhara. Check in at the Temple Tree Resort or similar for two nights.

Day 5: Pokhara

The day is at leisure. For those keen to do a bit of walking and trekking on their own, there are several short trekking routes in this area which offer stunning views of the Himalaya. Optional: Sunrise tour of the town. Afternoon trekking.

Day 6: Pokhara - Chitwan

A long drive (5-6 hours) through the countryside towards Chitwan National Park. Check in at the Machan Country Villa or similar for two nights.

Day 7: Chitwan

A full day of jungle activities including a jeep safari, canoe ride and nature walk. Also visit the local Tharu villages and a co-operative that uses elephant dung to make paper.

Day 8: Chitwan - Kathmandu

In the morning, there is the option of a cycle ride around Sauraha or another safari in the park. Take an early afternoon flight to Kathmandu for an overnight stay at the Kantipur Temple House or similar. Visit the impressive Buddhist stupa, Swayambhunath, to wind off the evening.

Day 9: Kathmandu

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

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Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
08-Feb-20	Sat	£1,125	£425
19-Sep-20	Sat	£1,245	£425
10-Oct-20	Sat	£1,245	£425
14-Nov-20	Sat	£1,245	£425
13-Feb-21	Sat	£1,245	£425
20-Mar-21	Sat	£1,245	£425

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Everest flight, Kathmandu	£235
Sunrise in Pokhara	£35
Trek in Pokhara	£45

Meal Plan

- Lunch on days 2 and 4
- Dinner on day 1

Group Size

6 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road and air
- Accommodation for 8 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides and naturalist
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Game drives and nature activities in national parks
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Dwarika's, Kathmandu	£195	£195

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Essential Bhutan

Kathmandu – Thimpu – Gangtey – Punakha – Paro – Kathmandu

Discover the mystery of Bhutan on this tour of the country's highlights, including Thimphu, Gangtey, Punakha and Paro.

10 days from £2,145

Highlights

- Visit Durbar Square in Nepal's capital
- Explore the sites of Thimphu, including the Folk Museum and Buddhist Painting School
- Visit the 17th-century dzong at Gangtey
- Discover the spectacular Punakha monastery complex, set on the confluence of two rivers

Special Experiences

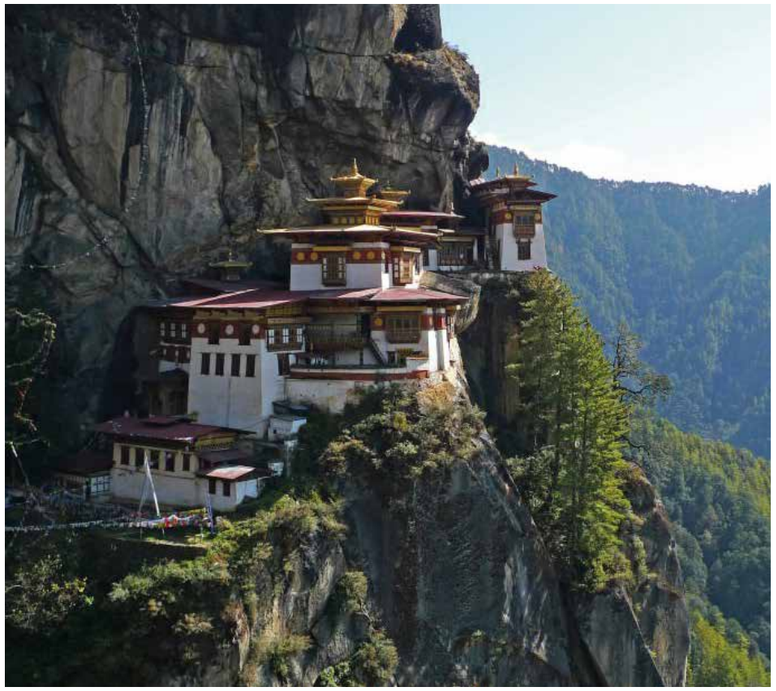
- Set at 3,100 metres, admire the breathtaking scenery as you travel over the dramatic Dochu La Pass
- Learn about the black-necked cranes at a sanctuary deep in the Phobjikha Valley
- Climb to the top of Tiger's Nest Monastery perched on a cliff

Accommodation

- Kathmandu - Malla Hotel
- Thimpu - Kisa Hotel
- Gangtey - Dewachen Resort
- Punakha - Damchen Resort
- Paro - Gangtey Palace Hotel

Introduction

Discover the magic and mystery of Bhutan on this interesting tour covering the sights of Paro and Thimphu, and taking in the astonishing fortified monastic complexes at Punakha. Also included is the beautiful valley of Gangtey, famous for its population of migrant black-necked cranes, and an excellent base for walks. The tour is bookended with short stays in the capital city of Nepal, Kathmandu, where you will have the opportunity to do some sightseeing and souvenir shopping between flights.



Itinerary

Day 1: Kathmandu

Greeted on arrival in Kathmandu transfer to the Malla hotel or similar for an overnight stay. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the bustling Thamel quarter on your own.

Day 2: Kathmandu - Thimphu

Take a short flight on Druk Air, Bhutan's national carrier, landing in Paro. Greeted on arrival and driven to Thimphu, the capital city, for your two nights' stay at Kisa Hotel or similar.

Day 3: Thimphu

A full day is spent visiting the sights of Thimphu. This includes an impressive dzong, a fortified monastic building found in nearly all of Bhutan's main settlements as well as the King's Memorial, the Painting School where students undergo a 6-year training in Bhutan's 13 traditional arts and crafts, Simply Bhutan Museum, Textile Museum, Buddha Point and a local craft bazaar.

Day 4: Thimphu - Gangtey

Begin the journey eastward with a morning's drive up to the Dochu-la pass (3,088 metres). Continue on to Gangtey and the valley of Phobjika. Two nights are spent at the simple Dewachen Resort or similar.

Day 5: Gangtey

The valley is considered sacred to the Bhutanese as it is the winter residence of a small but significant black necked crane population that migrate over the Himalaya from Tibet. Visit the black necked crane centre to learn more about these birds and the significant place they hold in local folk lore.

Day 6: Gangtey - Punakha

Drive to Punakha in the morning for one night at the Damchen Resort or similar. Visit the beautiful Punakha Dzong this afternoon, considered to be one of the finest examples of dzong architecture in Bhutan. Later take a short excursion to Chimi Lhakhang also known as 'Fertility Temple'.

Day 7: Punakha - Paro

Drive in the morning to Paro (4-5 hours). En route visit Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress of the country, which now houses the School for Buddhist studies. Stay at Gangtey Palace hotel or similar for two nights. Afternoon is at leisure. Optional: Experience a local hot stone bath.

Day 8: Paro

A full day's sightseeing including visits to the Ta Dzong, which houses the National Museum, the Rinpung Dzong and an arduous walk up to the famous Taktsang ('Tiger's Nest') monastery, which rests precariously on a rocky hillside overlooking a wide forested valley.

Day 9: Paro - Kathmandu

Fly back to Kathmandu for an overnight stay at the Malla hotel or similar.

Day 10: Kathmandu

Transfer to the airport.

Suggested Extensions

Enchanting Nepal - 4 nights

Day 9: Paro - Kathmandu

Fly back to Kathmandu. On arrival, check in at the Malla hotel for two nights. Later visit the vibrant Durbar Square.

Day 10: Kathmandu

A full day's sightseeing includes the Buddhist Stupa of Swayambhunath and the city of Bhaktapur.

Optional: Everest flight: For those keen on viewing Mount Everest you have the option of taking a 45 minute round trip flight in a 14-seater Beechcraft. It can be booked locally since it is dependent on weather conditions.

Day 11: Kathmandu - Pokhara

Take a short flight to Pokhara. Check in at the Temple Tree Resort for two nights. Afternoon at leisure to take a stroll around the lake for brilliant views of the Annapurna mountain range.

Day 12: Pokhara

The day is at leisure. For those keen to do a bit of walking and trekking, there are several short trekking routes in this area which offer stunning views of the Himalaya.

Day 13: Pokhara - Kathmandu

Take an early afternoon flight to Kathmandu for an overnight stay at the Malla hotel.

Day 14: Kathmandu

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
13-Mar-20	Fri	£2,145	£395
10-Apr-20	Fri	£2,145	£395
11-Sep-20	Fri	£2,225	£395
02-Oct-20	Fri	£2,225	£395
06-Nov-20	Fri	£2,225	£395
12-Mar-21	Fri	£2,225	£395

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Hot stone traditional Bath, Paro	£45
Everest Flight, Kathmandu	£235

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily in Kathmandu
- Full board in Bhutan

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- International flight: Nepal and Bhutan
- Visa fees for Bhutan
- Accommodation for 9 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Enchanting Nepal	£895	£325

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Le Meridien, Thimpu	£295	£95
Babar Mahal Vilas, Kathmandu	£195	£115

Private Travel Options

£275 per person

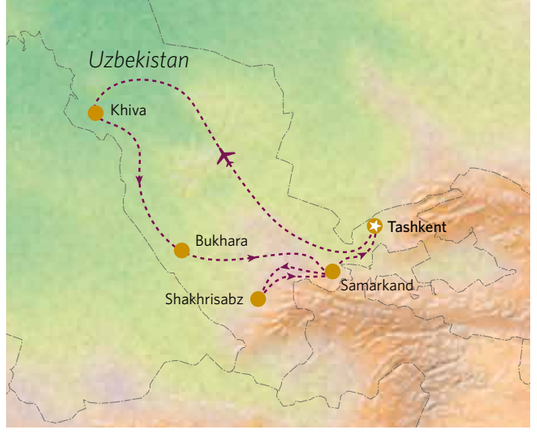
For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Uzbekistan Discovery

Tashkent - Khiva - Bukhara - Samarkand - (Shakhrisabz) - Tashkent

Travelling into the heart of the ancient Silk Road, in the footsteps of Alexander the Great we explore three of the world's oldest cities and much more.

11 days from £1,995



Highlights

- See the great architectural masterpieces of the ancient Silk Road
- See the world's oldest handwritten Qurans
- Explore the open-air museum city of Khiva
- Be awed by Shakhrisabz
- Visit the magnificent Registan Square

Special Experiences

- Discover the crafts of the Timurid Dynasty that influenced so much of Asia
- Visit the 7th century ruins of Afrosiab
- Lunch at a traditional pottery

Accommodation

- Tashkent - Itchan Qala Hotel
- Khiva - Malika Khiva
- Bukhara - Sasha & Sons
- Samarkand - Emirkhan Hotel

Introduction

Join TransIndus for an escorted Group Tour to Uzbekistan, a country whose cultural legacy spans more than three millennia. Marvel at the emerald, lapis blue and wax-yellow patterns adorning Samarkand's Registan Square – one of the great wonders of the Islamic world. Shop for hand-woven kilims, silk scarves and soft, camel-wool shawls in the bazaars of Bukhara. And savour the desert as you cross the Oxus Delta in the footsteps of Alexander the Great and Marco Polo. The itinerary has been carefully devised to showcase the architectural genius of the Timurids and their successor. Along the way, you'll have opportunities to meet local people, experience traditional music and dance, watch ceramicists, carpet weavers and embroiderers at work, and shop for fabulous, locally made silk garments. Accommodation will be in comfortable, Western-style hotels, and all meals are included in the price.

Itinerary

Day 1: Tashkent

On arrival in the Uzbek capital, the group will be met at the airport by our local TransIndus representative and driven to our hotel. Spend the rest of the morning recovering from the journey. Later, enjoy an afternoon of guided sightseeing of this beautiful city.

Day 2: Tashkent - Khiva

Early morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Khiva, via Urgench. Enjoy an introductory tour of Khiva.

Day 3: Khiva

A full day's guided sightseeing in Khiva today focusses on the principal highlights of the old walled city, the Itchan-Kala, which has been beautifully restored and is traffic free. As well as monuments, there are lots of crafts stalls and workshops to browse around the backstreets.

Day 4: Khiva - Bukhara

A long drive across the Kyzl Kum desert to Bukhara takes up most of today. En route, we'll traverse the Amu Darya River, known in the time of Alexander the Great (who crossed it twice) as the 'Oxus'.

Day 5: Bukhara

Enjoy a full day's tour of Bukhara's medieval monuments today, covering the mighty Poi-i-Kalan, the Lyabi Hauz complex, with its shimmering pond, and mausoleums of Ismail Sami and Kashma Ayub.

Day 6: Bukhara

On the morning of your second day in Bukhara, we visit the Ark fortress, at the northwest side of the old walled town, followed by the iconic Chor Minor Madrassa. In the afternoon you'll be free to explore and shop at your own pace, with or without your guide.

Day 7: Bukhara - Samarkand

Continue east through the green belt lining the Zeravshan River to Samarkand, pausing for lunch at a traditional pottery. On arrival, visit Timur's azure-domed tomb, the Gur-i Amir.

Day 8: Samarkand

A memorable excursion awaits today as you visit the oasis town of Shakhrisabz, on the far side of the Gysar Mountains. Later, enjoy the superb tilework and sociable atmosphere of the Shah-i-Zinda tomb complex back in Samarkand.

Day 9: Samarkand

The ninth day of the tour starts with a visit to the magnificent Registan, the greatest ensemble of buildings surviving from Timurid times, followed by Bibi Khanum mosque and nearby Siab market.

Day 10: Samarkand - Tashkent

Visit the site of ancient Samarkand in the morning, followed by a tour of Ulugbeg's famous observatory in the afternoon, ahead of your return by high-speed train to Tashkent in the evening.

Day 11: Tashkent

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
21-Mar-20	Sat	£1,995	£95
10-Oct-20	Sat	£1,995	£95
20-Mar-21	Sat	£1,995	£95

Meal Plan

- Full board

Group Size

6 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road
- Accommodation for 10 nights as listed
- Local English-speaking tour leader
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Hyatt Regency, Tashkent	£275	£225

Private Travel Options

£175 per person

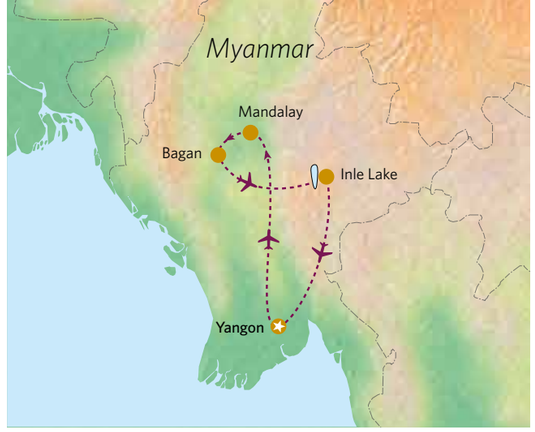
For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Essential Myanmar

Yangon – Mandalay – Bagan – Inle Lake – Yangon

This interesting tour covers the highlights of Burma starting from Yangon to Inle Lake through Mandalay and Bagan.

10 days from £1,495



Highlights

- Admire the awe-inspiring Shwedagon Pagoda at sunset
- Marvel at the thousands of pagodas and stupas in Bagan
- Explore Bagaya Kyaung monastery
- Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Ayeyarwady River

Special Experiences

- Enjoy a sunset boat ride at U Bein Bridge over a glass of champagne
- Witness the feeding of over a thousand monks at the country's largest monastery
- Visit the lotus robe weaving village of Inpawkhon

Accommodation

- Yangon - Esperado Lake View Hotel
- Mandalay - Magic Mandalay Hotel
- Bagan - Areindmar Hotel
- Inle Lake - Novotel Inle Hotel

Introduction

Our Essential Myanmar group tour introduces you to the culture and sights of a beautiful land that, until recently, was one of the least visited countries in Asia. Beginning at Yangon we see majestic Shwedagon Pagoda. Continue to Mandalay to see the ancient capital cities of Amarapura, Sagaing and Inwa. Travel on to Bagan to awe in the splendour of its thousands of stupas and pagodas. Visit Mount Popa, a sacred animist centre, and enjoy a sunset cruise on the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) River. Enjoy the vast Inle Lake and its surrounds before returning home.

Itinerary

Day 1: Yangon

Arrive in Yangon and transfer to the Esperado Lake View Hotel or similar for two nights.

Day 2: Yangon

This morning, visit the Sule Pagoda in the centre of town. Walk around the Mahabandoola Park to see the colonial courthouse and Kandawgyi Royal Lake. Stop for tea at a local tea shop and visit the bustling Yangon harbour area. End the day with sunset at the awe-inspiring Shwedagon Pagoda. Welcome dinner arranged in the evening.

Day 3: Yangon - Mandalay

Fly to Mandalay this morning. Transfer to the Magic Mandalay Hotel or similar for two nights. Take a tour of Mandalay in the afternoon, visiting Mahamuni Pagoda and Kuthodaw Pagoda with its 729 marble slabs of Buddhist scriptures. Drive to Mandalay Hill for a view of the city at sunset.

Day 4: Mandalay

Drive to Amarapura in the morning to witness the daily meal of over a thousand monks at the country's largest monastery, Mahagandayon. Continue on to see the Sagaing hills, dotted with hundreds of stupas and pagodas. Take the ferry to Inwa (Ava), enjoy a horse-cart ride and visit Bagaya Kyaung teak-wood monastery. Return to Amarapura for a boat ride to witness the spectacular sunset at U Bein teak bridge over a glass of champagne.

Day 5: Mandalay - Bagan

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bagan. Stay at the Areindmar hotel or similar for three nights. Visit Bagan's many temples and pagodas including Ananda, an architectural masterpiece, and Thatbyinnyu, the highest pagoda in Bagan. Enjoy the sunset over the plains of Bagan.

Day 6: Bagan

Morning visit to Salay village. Late afternoon, return to Bagan and stop at the countryside village of Minnanthu, the least visited temple area in Bagan. Enjoy a sunset boat ride along Ayeyarwady River in the evening.

Day 7: Bagan

The day is at leisure to enjoy this charming city. Optional: Full day tour of Mount Popa, Lacquerware workshop or Cycling tour of Bagan at sunset.

Day 8: Bagan - Inle Lake

Fly to Heho this morning and drive to Nyaung Shwe to take a boat transfer to a resort on Inle Lake. Stay at the Novotel Inle Hotel or similar for two nights.

Take a tour of Inle Lake, visiting the lotus robe weaving village of Inpawkhon. Stop at a floating village at Ywama, the lake's downtown area, to see Kan Paw Nan Paw Pagoda. End the day at the Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda.

Day 9: Inle Lake

Take a scenic boat tour to the village of In Dein. From the middle of the lake, the boat heads through a long channel from where farmers can be seen cultivating their produce. After a walk around the village, passing by a local school, take the covered stairway to see ancient stupas in the beautiful Alaung Sitthu area for a magnificent view over the lake.

Day 10: Inle Lake - Yangon

Transfer to Heho airport and fly to Yangon. Board your onward flight.

Suggested Extensions

Ngapali Beach Break – 3 nights

Day 10: Inle Lake - Ngapali

Transfer to Heho airport and fly to Ngapali. Stay at the Bayview Beach Resort for three nights. The rest of your time is at leisure.

Days 11 & 12: Ngapali

At leisure.

Day 13: Ngapali - Yangon

Fly to Yangon to take your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
13-Feb-20	Thu	£1,495	£399
05-Mar-20	Thu	£1,495	£399
15-Oct-20	Thu	£1,495	£445
12-Nov-20	Thu	£1,495	£445
28-Jan-21	Thu	£1,495	£445
11-Feb-21	Thu	£1,495	£445
04-Mar-21	Thu	£1,495	£445

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Mount Popa	£99
Lacquerware workshop	£85
Cycling tour of Bagan	£75

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Dinner on day 2

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road and air
- Accommodation for 9 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Ngapali Beach Break	£575	£285

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Hotel by Red Canal, Mandalay	£175	£155
Bagan Lodge	£195	£175

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Vietnam Experience

Hanoi – Halong Bay – Hue – Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh City

Travelling from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City visiting en route Halong Bay, Hue and Hoi An, journey through Vietnam, one of Southeast Asia's most diverse countries.

12 days from £1,395

Highlights

- Explore the Colonial buildings of Hanoi
- Cruise scenic Halong Bay - a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Experience a water puppet show, a tradition dating back to the 11th-century
- Squeeze through the Cu Chi Tunnels
- See the Reunification Hall and visit the War Museum in Ho Chi Minh

Special Experiences

- Spend the night on a traditional junk boat
- Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Thu Bon River, Hoi An
- Enjoy a walking tour through the old town of Hoi An
- Explore the Mekong Delta

Accommodation

- Hanoi - The Ann Hotel
- Halong Bay - Glory Legend
- Hue - Eldora Hotel
- Hoi An - Hoi An Silk Village Resort
- Ho Chi Minh City - Edenstar Saigon

Introduction

On this introductory tour of Vietnam, one of Southeast Asia's most diverse and enjoyable countries, you start in Hanoi, the capital city, and explore buildings and shaded boulevards redolent of its French colonial past. Visit scenic Halong Bay, a World Heritage Site, and spend the night on a traditional junk boat. Travel south to the historic cities of Hue and Hoi An to see their charming old towns, pagodas and merchant homes as well as colourful market stalls brimming with local specialities. Ho Chi Minh City is the last stop. Take a full day tour of the main sights and visit the Mekong Delta with beautiful riverside landscapes before travelling home.

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to The Ann Hotel or similar for two nights.

Day 2: Hanoi

Visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and Museum, the One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature – Vietnam's first university, established in the 11th century. Afternoon visit the Ngoc Son temple, on the Hoan Kiem Lake. Later take a walk through Hanoi's Old Quarter to glimpse the bustling local life. In the evening enjoy a Water Puppet show.

Day 3: Hanoi - Halong Bay

A morning drive to the World Heritage Site, Halong Bay. Board the Glory Legend or similar for an overnight cruise. As you set sail into the bay, pass limestone islands and visit Sung Sot cave. Enjoy trekking and swimming at Titov island.

Day 4: Halong Bay - Hue

Visit Luon cave in the morning, disembark and transfer back to Hanoi. Stop at a pottery village and enjoy some snacks and tea. Take the evening flight to Hue and check in to Eldora Hotel or similar for two nights.

Day 5: Hue

Visit the Imperial tombs of Tu Duc, the longest reigning Vietnamese Emperor, and Khai Dinh, the last monument of the Nguyen dynasty. The afternoon sightseeing includes a tour of the Old Imperial City, which is modelled after the Forbidden City in Beijing. Also visit the Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a boat back to the hotel on the Perfume River.

Day 6: Hue - Hoi An

In the morning drive to Danang (3-4 hours), crossing the picturesque Hai Van pass. Also have the chance to visit the Cham Museum which houses the finest examples of Cham art. Continue the drive south to Hoi An, past the Marble Mountains and numerous villages, before checking in at Hoi An Silk Village Resort or similar for three nights.

Day 7: Hoi An

Enjoy a walking tour of Hoi An in the morning. The buildings and street plan of this formerly prosperous trading post are a mix of local and colonial influence, recognised today as a World Heritage site. Enjoy a sunset cruise in the evening.

Day 8: Hoi An

Day at leisure. Optional: Cooking class, Farming experience.

Suggested Extensions

Temples of Angkor Wat - 3 nights

Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap

Fly to Siem Reap this morning and check at the Lotus Blanc Resort. In the afternoon, visit Angkor Thom, the ancient royal city of the Khmer Empire with its centre piece, the Bayon temple.

Day 13: Siem Reap

Visit the Ta Phrom temple and Banteay Srei temple, one of Angkor's most significant structures built in the 10th century. In the afternoon see the well-preserved carvings at Angkor Wat. Witness the spectacular sunset in the countryside.

Day 14: Siem Reap

Day at leisure to explore Siem Reap on your own. Optional: Tonle Sap Village and Lake. Dinner with show at The Smile of Angkor.

Day 15: Siem Reap

Transfer to the airport.

Day 9: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly from Danang to Ho Chi Minh City, the largest of the Vietnamese cities. Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. Stay at the Edenstar Saigon or similar for three nights.

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Chinatown. In the afternoon take a city tour to see the former Presidential Palace now known as the Reunification Hall, the War Museum and the Notre Dame Cathedral.

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City

A full day out to Mekong Delta. Explore the smaller waterways and canals by local boat, visiting orchards and local cottage industries.

Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City

Transfer to the airport.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
08-Feb-20	Sat	£1,395	£395
22-Feb-20	Sat	£1,395	£395
14-Mar-20	Sat	£1,395	£395
11-Apr-20	Sat	£1,395	£395
14-Nov-20	Sat	£1,495	£495
23-Jan-21	Sat	£1,495	£495
20-Feb-21	Sat	£1,495	£495
13-Mar-21	Sat	£1,495	£495

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Cooking class, Hoi An	£49
Farming experience, Hoi An	£75
Tonle Sap Lake, Siem Reap	£59
Dinner with show, Siem Reap	£55

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on day 3
- Dinner on day 3

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road and air
- Accommodation for 11 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Temples of Angkor Wat	£565	£135

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Sofitel Metropole Hanoi	£375	£355
Anantara Hoi An	£295	£295

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a nominal price you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Discover Indochina

Phnom Penh - Siem Reap – Luang Prabang – Hanoi – Halong Bay – Hue – Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh City

From the grand temples of Angkor to the islands of Halong Bay, our Discover Indochina tour promises to be the trip of a lifetime.

18 days from £2,575

Highlights

- Wander through the ancient temples at Angkor
- Explore the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Hanoi
- Visit the ancient temples at Luang Prabang
- Visit the Imperial tombs of Tu Duc at Hue
- Enjoy a walking tour of Hoi An

Special Experiences

- Enjoy a Phare Cambodian Circus - a mix of traditional and modern theatre
- Spend the night on a traditional junk as you cruise the World Heritage Site of Halong Bay
- See the variety of Buddha statues at the Pak Ou Caves
- Visit the Cham Museum with its art reflecting 1,000 years of Hindu influence

Accommodation

- Phnom Penh - V Hotel
- Siem Reap - Lotus Blanc Hotel
- Luang Prabang - Santi Resort and Spa
- Hanoi - The Ann Hotel
- Halong Bay - Glory Legend
- Hue - Eldora Hotel
- Hoi An - Hoi An Silk Village Resort
- Ho Chi Minh City - Edenstar Saigon

Introduction

From the grand temples of Angkor and the laid-back town of Hoi An, to the islands of Halong Bay, vast stretches of the Mekong Delta and ancient monasteries of Luang Prabang, our Discover Indochina tour promises to be the trip of a lifetime. Start at Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia then on to Siem Reap, your base to visit the impressive Angkor Wat. Continue to Luang Prabang and then journey onward into scenic Vietnam. After sightseeing in Hanoi and an overnight cruise in Halong Bay, travel southward along the Vietnamese coast to the charming towns of Hue and Hoi An whose sights showcase fine art and architecture. Explore Ho Chi Minh City and take an excursion to the Cu Chi tunnels as well as the Cai Be floating market.

Itinerary

Day 1: Phnom Penh

You will be met at Phnom Penh airport and transferred to the V Hotel or similar for two nights.

Day 2: Phnom Penh

Explore the sights in and around this capital city, set on the banks of the mighty Mekong River which has the atmosphere of a provincial French town. Visit the Royal Palace and its silver-tiled pagoda. See Khmer art and sculpture from different periods of Cambodian history in the National Museum. Later visit the Central Market. In the afternoon visit the Genocide Museum and Killing Fields.

Day 3: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap

Fly to Siem Reap in the morning. Check into the Lotus Blanc Hotel or similar hotel for three nights. In the afternoon, visit Banteay Srei temple, one of Angkor's most significant structures, built in the 10th century.

Day 4: Siem Reap

Visit Ta Phrom temple in the morning. In the afternoon see the well preserved carvings at Angkor Wat. Witness the spectacular sunset in the countryside.

Day 5: Siem Reap

In the morning, we will visit Angkor Thom, the ancient royal city of the Khmer Empire with its centre piece, the Bayon temple. The afternoon is at leisure. Enjoy the performance of the Phare Cambodian circus, with dinner in the evening.

Day 6: Siem Reap - Luang Prabang

This morning take a short drive through the countryside to Tonle Sap Lake, stopping to visit a local village en route. Board a local boat to see floating schools, police stations and markets. Late afternoon fly to Luang Prabang. On arrival, transfer to Santi Resort & Spa or similar for two nights.

Day 7: Luang Prabang

Visit Talat local market and explore this veritable treasure-trove of beautiful temples and historical monuments including its many pagodas and the National Museum, formerly the Royal Palace. In the afternoon take a walk through the town to see its beautiful French-colonial buildings and the local market. View the town and its surroundings atop Mount Phousi at sunset.

Day 8: Luang Prabang - Hanoi

An excursion by boat to the Pak Ou caves today, located in the limestone cliffs at the confluence of the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers. These caves are full of Buddha images of various styles and sizes that have been collected over centuries. Take an evening flight to Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam. Transfer to Ann Hotel Hanoi or similar.

Day 9: Hanoi

A full day tour starts with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Museum, the One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature – Vietnam's first university, established in the 11th century. Also visit the Ngoc Son temple, on the Hoan Kiem Lake. In the afternoon take a walk through Hanoi's Old Quarter to glimpse bustling local life. Enjoy a Water Puppet show in the evening.

Day 10: Hanoi - Halong Bay

A morning drive to the World Heritage Site of Halong Bay. Board a traditional junk for an overnight cruise (Glory Legend or similar). As you set sail into the bay, pass limestone islands and visit Sung Sot cave. Trekking and swimming at Titov island.

Day 11: Halong Bay - Hue

Visit Luon cave in the morning, disembark and transfer back to Hanoi. Stop at a pottery village and enjoy some snacks and tea. Take the evening flight to Hue and check in to Eldora Hotel or similar.

Day 12: Hue

Visit the Imperial tombs of Tu Duc, the longest reigning Vietnamese Emperor, and Khai Dinh, the last monument of the Nguyen dynasty. The afternoon sightseeing includes a tour of the Old Imperial City, which is modelled after the Forbidden City in Beijing.

Also visit the Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a boat back to the hotel on the Perfume River.

Day 13: Hue - Hoi An

In the morning drive to Danang (3-4 hours), crossing the picturesque Hai Van pass. Also have the chance to visit the Cham Museum. Continue the drive south to Hoi An, past the Marble Mountains before checking in at the Hoi An Silk Village Resort or similar for two nights.

Day 14: Hoi An

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Hoi An, once a prosperous trading post. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 15: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly from Danang to Ho Chi Minh City, the largest of the Vietnamese cities. Visit Cu Chi Tunnels, outside the city. Stay at the Edenstar Saigon or similar for three nights.

Day 16: Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy a morning walking tour of Chinatown. In the afternoon take a city tour to see the former Presidential Palace now known as the Reunification Hall, the War Museum and the Notre Dame Cathedral.

Day 17: Ho Chi Minh City

A full day out to the Mekong Delta. Tour the Cai Be floating market and explore the smaller waterways and canals by local boat, visiting orchards and local cottage industries.

Day 18: Ho Chi Minh City

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
26-Feb-20	Wed	£2,575	£625
18-Mar-20	Wed	£2,575	£625
25-Nov-20	Wed	£2,795	£825
20-Jan-21	Wed	£2,795	£825
24-Feb-21	Wed	£2,795	£825
17-Mar-21	Wed	£2,795	£825

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on day 10
- Dinner on days 5 and 10

Group Size

4 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road and air
- Accommodation for 17 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Raffles Grand D'Angkor	£495	£495
Sofitel Metropole Hanoi	£375	£355
Anantara Hoi An	£295	£295

Private Travel Options

£165 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

China Experience

Beijing – Xi'an – Chengdu – Guilin – Yangshuo – Shanghai

A comprehensive tour of China takes in Beijing, Xi'an and Shanghai and countryside town of Yangshuo.

13 days from £2,095

Highlights

- Visit the Forbidden City and Tian An Men Square in Beijing
- Marvel at the Great Wall of China
- See the Terracotta Warriors of Xi'an
- Meet the giant pandas in Chengdu
- Journey through rural China
- Walk along the famous Bund in Shanghai

Special Experiences

- Enjoy a dumpling dinner banquet
- Witness the expert cormorant fishermen at Xinping fishing village
- Cruise down the Li River from Guilin to Yangshuo
- Enjoy a Chinese acrobatic performance in Shanghai

Accommodation

- Beijing - King Parkview Hotel
- Xi'an - Mercure Xian on Renmin Square
- Chengdu - Tianfu Sunshine Hotel
- Guilin - Holiday Inn Express Guilin
- Yangshuo - Yangshuo New Century Hotel
- Shanghai - Greenland Jiulong Hotel

Introduction

Beijing, the enthralling capital city of China, is your first stop on our China Experience tour. Visit Tian An Men Square and the Great Wall of China. Take a day train to Xi'an to explore the bustling Muslim Quarter and to visit the Terracotta Warriors. See the Giant Pandas and Wen Shu Temple in Chengdu. Visit Guilin, known for its unique Karst topography and the stunning landscape of Elephant Trunk Hill. Take a cruise down the Li River to Yangshuo and Xinping fishing village to see expert cormorant fishermen. The tour ends in the contrastingly vibrant city of Shanghai.

Itinerary

Day 1: Beijing

On arrival in Beijing, transfer to King Parkview Hotel or similar for three nights.

Day 2: Beijing

Start the day off at Tian An Men Square and the magnificent Forbidden City with your guide. Afternoon visit the pavilions, prayer halls and gardens of the Summer Palace. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner of Peking Duck.

Day 3: Beijing

Another day is spent in Beijing to visit the Temple of Heaven. In the afternoon, drive out to see the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China.

Day 4: Beijing - Xi'an

Take a high-speed train to Xi'an this morning (5-6 hours). On arrival, check-in at the Mercure Xian on Renmin Square or similar for two nights. In the afternoon, visit the sights of Xi'an, including the Big Goose Pagoda, Great Mosque and the bustling Muslim Quarter.

Day 5: Xi'an

Start off the day with the amazing Terracotta Warriors and Horse Museum, learning about the history of this incredible archaeological treasure from your guide. Explore Xi'an city wall in the afternoon, the most complete ancient city wall to survive in China. Enjoy a dumpling dinner banquet.

Day 6: Xi'an - Chengdu

This morning take a short flight to Chengdu. Stay at the Tianfu Sunshine hotel or similar for two nights. Later, visit Leshan Big Buddha and take a boat ride on the river.

Day 7: Chengdu

Visit the Panda Breeding Centre in the morning, followed by a very special vegetarian lunch at the Wen Shu Temple. Later on, walk along the famous Jin Li Street and explore the city on your own in the evening. Optional: Sichuan opera performance.

Day 8: Chengdu - Guilin

Fly to Guilin in the morning. Stay overnight at the Holiday Inn Express Guilin or similar. Afternoon at leisure to explore the town on your own to discover its beautiful landscapes and 4000 year old history. The region is most famous for its cormorant fishermen. Optional: Guilin Art museum tour

Day 9: Guilin - Yangshuo

This morning, cruise down the Li River to Yangshuo. Lunch arranged on the cruise. Check into Yangshuo New Century hotel or similar for two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 10: Yangshuo

Explore the countryside around Yangshuo including the picturesque Moon Hill, a crop of Ming-era houses and bustling markets where you can stock up on souvenirs. Later, enjoy a bamboo raft ride on the Yulong River. Join a cooking class in the evening.

Day 11: Yangshuo - Guilin - Shanghai

Drive back to Guilin for your flight to Shanghai. Stay in the heart of the city at the Greenland Jiulong Hotel or similar for two nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure for exploring Shanghai at your own pace and for a spot of shopping.

Day 12: Shanghai

Early morning enjoy a leisurely walk along the famous 'Bund' and see local people taking their morning exercise. Afterwards, visit the Yu Garden and the World Financial Centre. In the evening enjoy a performance by Chinese acrobats.

Day 13: Shanghai

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Suggested Extension

Hainan Island Beach Break - 3 nights

Day 13: Shanghai - Hainan

Fly to Sanya airport today. Stay at the Huayu Resort for three nights of relaxation on this beautiful island.

Days 14 & 15: Hainan

Day at leisure.

Day 16: Hainan

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
22-Mar-20*	Sun	£2,095	£475
05-Apr-20*	Sun	£2,195	£495
13-Sep-20	Sun	£2,525	£525
18-Oct-20	Sun	£2,525	£525
21-Mar-21	Sun	£2,475	£475
11-Apr-21	Sun	£2,525	£525

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Kung Fu Show	£49
Sichuan Opera, Chengdu	£49
Guilin Art Museum, Guilin	£45

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 2 -7, 9, 10 and 12
- Dinner on days 2 and 5

Group Size

6 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road, rail and air
- Accommodation for 12 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

**These departures will operate using alternative hotels. Please call for further details.*

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Hainan Island Beach Break	£465	£325

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Schichahai Sandalwood, Beijing	£375	£345
Alila Yangshuo	£395	£345
Puli, Shanghai	£425	£395

Private Travel Options

£95 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

Discover China

Beijing – Xi'an – Chengdu – Lijiang - Guilin – Yangshuo – Longji - Shanghai

Over seventeen days, this once-in-a-lifetime trip showcases ancient cultural sites and the splendour of China's dramatic landscape.

17 days from £2,925

Highlights

- Explore China's key cities of Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu and Shanghai
- See the dramatic Karst mountain scenery around Guilin
- Cruise the Li River to Yangshuo
- Marvel at one of China's greatest natural wonders - Tiger Leaping Gorge
- Visit the 'Dragon's Backbone' rice terraces of Longji Titian.

Special Experiences

- Explore the wooden houses and cobbled streets of Lijiang, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Attend a performance of traditional Naxi music
- Option to attend a thrilling display at the 'Legends of Kung Fu' show in Beijing

Accommodation

- Beijing - King Parkview Hotel
- Xi'an - Mercure Xian on Renmin Square
- Chengdu - Tianfu Sunshine Hotel
- Lijiang - Hexi Hotel
- Guilin - Holiday Inn Express Guilin
- Yangshuo - Yangshuo New Century Hotel
- Longji - Longji Ping An Hotel
- Shanghai - Greenland Jiulong Hotel

Introduction

This once-in-a-lifetime trip will leave you awe-struck at the refinement of ancient Chinese culture, and splendour of the country's landscape. In seventeen days you'll complete a tour of the country's Big Five sights (Beijing's 'Forbidden City', the Great Wall, Terracotta Army outside Xi'an, Panda Breeding Centre in Chengdu and Karst scenery around Guilin), along with the highlights of the south – the swirling rice terraces of Longji – before ending your trip in style at Shanghai, one of Asia's most compelling cities. As ever with our Group Tours, you'll be staying in comfortable hotels and benefitting from the presence of expert, English-speaking guides.

Itinerary

Day 1: Beijing

On arrival in Beijing, transfer to King Parkview Hotel or similar for three nights.

Day 2: Beijing

Start the day off at Tian An Men Square before spending a few hours exploring the magnificent Forbidden City with your guide. Afternoon visit to see the pavilions, prayer halls and gardens of the Summer Palace; built to escape the summer heat. Enjoy a Peking Duck welcome dinner in the evening.

Day 3: Beijing

Another day spent in Beijing to visit the Temple of Heaven which comes alive each morning when elderly locals gather to practise Tai Chi. In the afternoon, drive out to see the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China, one of the most iconic sights in Asia.

Day 4: Beijing - Xi'an

Take a high-speed train to Xi'an this morning (5-6 hours). On arrival, check-in at Mercure Xian on Renmin Square or similar for two nights. In the afternoon, visit the sights of Xi'an including the Big Goose Pagoda, Great Mosque and the bustling Muslim Quarter.

Day 5: Xi'an

Start off the day with the amazing Terracotta Warriors and Museum of Horses, learning about the history of this incredible archaeological treasure. Explore the city walls in the afternoon. Enjoy a dumpling dinner banquet in the evening.

Day 6: Xi'an - Chengdu

This morning take a short flight to Chengdu. Stay at the Tianfu Sunshine hotel or similar for two nights. Later, visit Leshan Big Buddha and take a boat ride on the river. Optional: Sichuan opera performance.

Day 7: Chengdu

Visit the Panda Breeding Centre in the morning followed by a very special vegetarian lunch at the Wen Shu Temple. Later on, walk along famous Jin Li Street and explore the city on your own in the evening.

Day 8: Chengdu - Lijiang

Morning transfer to the airport for a flight to Lijiang. Stay at Hexi hotel or similar for two nights. Enjoy a guided tour of the city, followed by a traditional performance by the Naxi minorities in the evening.

Day 9: Lijiang

Enjoy a full day visit to the Tiger Leaping Gorge, one of the deepest gorges in the world.

Day 10: Lijiang - Guilin

Morning transfer for a flight to Guilin, via Kunming. Stay at Holiday Inn Express Guilin or similar for one night.

Day 11: Guilin - Yangshuo

This morning, cruise down the Li river to Yangshuo. Lunch is arranged on the cruise. Check into the Yangshuo New Century hotel or similar for two nights.

Day 12: Yangshuo

Explore the countryside around Yangshuo, which includes the picturesque Moon Hill. Join a cooking class to learn about Chinese food and dishes. Later, enjoy a bamboo raft ride on the Yulong River.

Day 13: Yangshuo - Longji

Take the picturesque mountainous route to Longji, known for its idyllic vistas of lush, green terraced rice-fields and ethnic minorities. Stay at Longji Ping An hotel or similar for two nights.

Day 14: Longji

Spend a leisurely day, exploring the town and rice fields.

Day 15: Longji - Guilin - Shanghai

Drive back to Guilin for a flight to Shanghai. Transfer to the hotel by Maglev, the world's fastest train in regular commercial service. Stay at the Greenland Jiulong Hotel or similar for two nights.

Day 16: Shanghai

Walk along the famous 'Bund' in the morning. Afterwards, visit the Yu Garden and the World Financial Centre. Enjoy a performance by Chinese acrobats in the evening.

Day 17: Shanghai

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Suggested Extension

Hainan Island Beach Break - 3 nights

Day 17: Shanghai - Hainan

Fly to Sanya airport today. Stay at the Huayu Resort for three nights of relaxation on this beautiful island.

Days 18 & 19: Hainan

Day at leisure.

Day 20: Hainan

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Dates & Prices 2020/21

Departure	Day	Price per person	Sgl Supp pp from
12-Mar-20*	Thu	£2,925	£625
10-Sep-20	Thu	£3,225	£595
15-Oct-20	Thu	£3,225	£595
11-Mar-21	Thu	£3,175	£575
08-Apr-21	Thu	£3,225	£595

Optional Excursion

Excursion name:	Price pp from
Kung Fu Show	£49
Sichuan Opera, Chengdu	£49
Guilin Art Museum, Guilin	£45

Meal Plan

- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on days 2-9, 11-14 and 16
- Dinner on days 2 and 5

Group Size

6 to 16 people

Included in the price

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Internal travel by road, rail and air
- Accommodation for 16 nights as listed
- English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees at monuments
- Accompanying tour escort when minimum group size achieved

Flight Options

Tour prices do not include international flights. We'll be happy to help secure flights on a carrier of your choice in your preferred cabin class.

**This departure will operate using alternative hotels. Please call for further details.*

Suggested Extensions

Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Hainan Island Beach Break	£465	£325

Hotel Upgrades

Hotel Name	Price pp from:	Sgl Supp pp from
Schichahai Sandalwood, Beijing	£375	£345
Alila Yangshuo	£395	£345
Puli, Shanghai	£425	£395

Private Travel Options

£255 per person

For a supplement you can upgrade to a private tour, for which you will have private use of chauffeur-driven cars for transfers and travel as well as your own English-speaking private guides. If minimum group tour numbers are not achieved, you can still travel by paying this supplement.

How to Get in Touch

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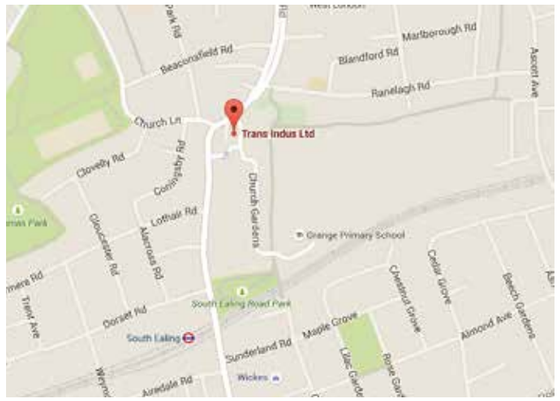

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Planning a holiday is as much fun as the experience itself. We look forward to meeting our clients in person during the planning stages and hope you will feel free to drop by our office, at the Old Fire Station in Ealing, London, to discuss your holiday over a glass of wine, tea or coffee and we will help you select the tour that's just right for you. You are welcome to visit us between 10am and 5pm in weekdays and on Saturdays by appointment. It is best to make an appointment by calling us on 0208 566 3739, to ensure the right specialist is available to meet you.

How to Book Your Holiday

Congratulations! You've selected your Transindus holiday – you can now secure your booking by paying a deposit on our website www.transindus.co.uk or call us on 0208 566 3739. The deposit is £500 per person for trips under £2,000 per person or 20% of the holiday price for group tours over £2,000 per person. The balance payment is due 70 days prior to departure. You will need to complete a booking form (see the back cover of this brochure) and send it to us at the time of the booking. We suggest you familiarise yourself with our Booking Terms and Conditions.

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Twitter: @TransIndus_UK
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Enjoy our videos on www.youtube.com/user/TransIndus

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TransIndus Exclusive Events

At TransIndus, we believe visiting a new country, meeting its people and experiencing its culture should yield far more than just a memorable holiday. A great trip enriches one's life long after it is over. In order to gain a deeper understanding of a destination, many of our clients return to the same one again and again. To inspire and help people keep in touch with their favourite parts of the world, we regularly run events, from illustrated talks to hands-on cultural evenings focussing on different aspects of a country or region. These may be conducted by our own staff, writers, journalists, experts and even a few well-known faces! All upcoming events can be found on our website at www.transindus.co.uk/inspiration/events

Sign Up For Our Newsletter

We send regular newsletters highlighting new destinations, experiences and hotels as well some of our old favourites. This is also the first place to hear about our exclusive events and special offers. Sign up on our website at www.transindus.co.uk/newsletter

Photo Competition

With so many TransIndus clients being keen amateur photographers, we have thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful entries received since our first photo competition over a decade ago. As you can tell from our brochures and website, we really appreciate the power of a striking image. So if you've travelled to any one of our destinations in the last year (or so), then send us your best travel photographs for your chance to win a prize. More information can be found on our website at www.transindus.co.uk/inspiration/photo-competition.

2019 winning photo by Janet Marshall taken in India

TransIndus Traveller Information

Passport & Visa Information

All travellers are required to hold a passport valid for at least six months after the return date of your trip. It should also be endorsed with all the visas required for your journey. Failure to obtain visas, for whatever reason, does not entitle you to cancel the holiday without applicable cancellation charges.

Travcour is our preferred partner for all visa-related services. They will be able to assist you with the application process. Visit www.travcour.com for more information.

Travel Insurance

We recommend you take out a comprehensive travel insurance policy providing financial protection from the time of your booking to the end of the holiday, including the journey to and from your destination. Such cover should provide cover for:

Any unforeseen occurrences (such as accidents or illness) that may require the cancellation of your holiday prior to departure; cover for costs incurred by accidents, illness, medical expenses or repatriation while abroad

If you require help obtaining cover you can contact HOLIDAY EXTRAS, our insurance partners on their free UK helpline at 0800 093 1900 quoting reference: TRANSINDUS.

Please note: Transindus Limited is not responsible in any respect if you fail to arrange appropriate cover for your entire holiday.

Fitness to Travel & Special Needs

All sightseeing excursions and transfers require some walking over short distances on easy ground. Monuments, places of interest and ancient sites may include more walking, occasionally on uneven ground or on inclines.

While most of Asia is very accessible and a great deal of assistance can be sought it is essential that you advise us of any mobility imitations in walking or of special needs so we can advise you correctly and help you choose the right holiday.

Health Advice

There are no mandatory vaccinations for entry into any of the countries we take clients to, unless you are arriving in Asia from a territory infected with yellow fever (in which case you will need an inoculation and paperwork to prove you've had it).It is advisable to check/refresh vaccinations. Please consult your doctor at least 6 weeks prior to departure, and bear in mind that some vaccinations require several doses for effective cover.

Foreign Office Travel Advice

The FCO monitors safety and security issues all over the world and offers guidance to travellers via their website: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice. We follow the FCO advice and may have to re-route, or cancel or postpone, certain trips to comply with their recommendations. If we are forced to make changes to your itinerary or cancel the visit altogether we will contact you to discuss options.

World Travel & Cultural Differences

Local culture, lifestyle, attitudes, infrastructure, and in your chosen destination may be very different from what you are used to at home. Most of us travel precisely to experience these differences, but even so, they can sometimes create inconvenience, especially if they impact your travel arrangements. We therefore suggest that if anything should not go strictly to plan on your trip, you try keep an open mind, make allowances for cultural differences and seek assistance from our local representatives, who are ideally placed to resolve any concerns you may have.

Currency Exchange

Currency exchange before the holiday can be daunting and to help make the transaction easier we partner with currency exchange experts who will not only offer some of the best rates available in the market but deliver the money to your home. Visit our website for more information or speak with your travel consultant.

Upgrade Your Holiday - Airport Hotels, Parking & Lounges

To help make your journey hassle free, we have partnered with Holiday Extras for all your airport hotel, parking and lounge pass needs. You can contact them on their free UK helpline at 0800 093 1900 quoting reference TRANSINDUS.

Financial Protection

All our clients are financially protected. When booking with TransIndus, you can rest assured that, should your travel arrangements be disrupted by circumstances beyond your control, you will be looked after.

Flight inclusive holidays are covered by our Air Travel Organiser's License (ATOL 3429) issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), while those without flights are protected by our financial bond with the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA V0709). In addition, we are proud members of the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO), whose 'Client's Charter' assures you receive the highest standards of service.

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Weather, visas and other travel information

Destination	Temperature & Rainfall	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Visa requirement	Time Difference	Shortest approx flight duration
India														Y	+5:30	
Cochin (Kochi)	Max °C	30	31	31	31	31	28	28	28	28	29	30	30			12.30 hrs
	Min °C	23	25	26	26	26	25	24	24	25	25	25	23			
	Rainfall	22	23	35	124	396	721	697	368	289	302	175	48			
Darjeeling	Max °C	9	10	14	17	19	19	19	20	19	18	15	12			
	Min °C	2	3	6	9	12	14	14	14	13	10	6	3			
	Rainfall	20	24	48	116	197	570	781	635	437	123	24	7			
Delhi	Max °C	21	24	31	36	41	39	36	34	34	34	29	23			8 hrs
	Min °C	7	9	14	20	26	28	27	26	24	18	11	8			
	Rainfall	23	18	13	8	13	74	180	173	117	10	3	10			
Goa	Max °C	32	32	32	33	33	30	29	29	30	32	33	32			11.30 hrs
	Min °C	20	21	23	26	26	25	24	24	24	24	22	21			
	Rainfall	1	1	1	12	113	868	995	513	252	125	31	17			
Shimla	Max °C	8	9	14	18	22	23	21	19	19	17	14	11			
	Min °C	2	3	7	11	14	16	16	15	14	11	7	4			
	Rainfall	61	69	61	53	66	175	424	434	160	33	13	28			
Sri Lanka														Y (ETA)	+5:30	
Colombo	Max °C	31	31	32	32	31	30	30	30	30	30	30	30			10.30 hrs
	Min °C	22	23	24	25	26	26	25	25	25	24	23	23			
	Rainfall	58	73	128	246	392	185	122	120	245	365	414	175			
Nepal														Y	+5:45	
Kathmandu	Max °C	19	21	25	28	29	29	28	29	28	27	24	20			12 hrs
	Min °C	2	5	8	12	16	19	20	20	19	13	8	4			
	Rainfall	14	19	34	61	124	236	363	331	200	51	8	13			
Bhutan														Y	+6:00	
Paro	Max °C	12	14	16	20	23	24	25	25	23	22	18	15			8 hrs to Delhi
	Min °C	-3	1	3.9	7	13	15	15	16	15	10	5	-1			night's halt
	Rainfall	15	41	23	58	122	246	373	345	155	38	8	3			4 hrs to Paro
Uzbekistan														N	+5:00	
Tashkent	Max °C	3	7	12	18	26	31	33	32	27	18	12	7			7hrs
	Min °C	-6	-3	3	8	13	17	18	16	11	5	2	-2			
	Rainfall	55	28	66	58	36	13	5	3	3	31	38	41			
Myanmar														Y	+6:30	
Yangon	Max °C	32	35	36	37	33	30	30	30	30	32	32	32			14.30 hrs
	Min °C	18	19	22	24	25	25	24	24	24	24	22	19			
	Rainfall	5	2	7	15	303	547	559	602	368	206	60	7			
Vietnam														Y	+7:00	
Hanoi	Max °C	19	20	23	27	32	33	33	32	31	29	25	22			11 hrs
	Min °C	14	15	18	21	24	26	26	26	25	22	19	15			
	Rainfall	19	26	44	90	189	240	288	318	265	131	43	23			
Ho Chi Minh City	Max °C	32	33	34	35	34	32	32	32	31	31	31	31			13 hrs
	Min °C	21	23	24	26	25	25	24	24	24	24	23	21			
	Rainfall	14	4	11	50	218	312	294	270	327	267	117	48			
Cambodia														ARR	+7:00	
Siem Reap	Max °C	32	33	35	36	35	34	33	32	32	31	31	31			14 hrs
	Min °C	20	21	26	25	25	25	25	25	25	24	22	20			
	Rainfall	1	4	28	61	176	221	237	151	276	248	82	10			
Laos														ARR	+7:00	
Luang Prabang	Max °C	27	31	33	34	34	32	32	32	32	31	29	26			17 hrs
	Min °C	14	15	18	21	24	25	24	24	23	21	18	14			
	Rainfall	15	19	30	108	147	258	228	289	173	126	40	10			
China														Y	+8:00	
Beijing	Max °C	2	5	12	20	26	30	31	30	26	19	10	4			10 hrs
	Min °C	-8	-6	1	8	14	19	22	21	15	8	0	-6			
	Rainfall	3	5	8	21	34	78	185	160	46	22	7	3			
Shanghai	Max °C	8	9	13	19	24	28	32	32	28	23	17	11			11 hrs
	Min °C	0	1	5	10	15	20	24	24	20	14	9	3			
	Rainfall	44	63	78	107	123	159	134	126	151	50	49	41			

Temperature: Max: Maximum average temp °C; Min: Minimum average temp °C; | Rainfall: Average monthly rainfall in millimetres.
Visas: Y = required; N = Not required; Arr = Visa on arrival; ETA = Electronic Travel Authority | Time difference: in relation to UTC+/-
Flying times: The flying time for shortest flight duration is given. These may be direct or require a connection enroute

TransIndus Limited - Booking Conditions for Group tours

Introduction:
We hope you have enjoyed going through our brochures and discussing your suitable holiday. We recommend you read our Booking Conditions, which are governed by British law and are designed to protect your rights. Irrespective of your booking coming to us directly or via a retail travel agent your contract is deemed to be with TransIndus Limited, trading as the India Travel Company. When you book your holiday with us, it is deemed that you accept our booking conditions.

1. How to Book
Having chosen your holiday you just need to complete the Booking Form provided online or by your consultant and forward it to us with an appropriate deposit. You can book and make a payment of the deposit by giving us your debit/credit card details over the telephone, or making a bank transfer payable to TransIndus Ltd. Natwest Bank. Sort Code: 542118, Account Number: 16031016. A booking form will need to be sent subsequently. In addition we work with a number of excellent retail agents throughout the UK and Ireland and you may chose to book your holiday through one of them.The agent will hold your deposit on behalf of TransIndus but your contract in all cases will deem to exist with TransIndus. Please note, if a retail agent fails to adequately/fully convey your special requirements to TransIndus Limited, or our advice/instructions to you, we will not be responsible. TransIndus will normally confirm your order via a 'Booking Acceptance Letter' within 7 days working days.

2. Deposit
Group Tours: A deposit of £500 per person is payable when placing a Group Tour booking for holidays worth £2000 per person or under. A deposit of 20% of the holiday cost is payable for bookings above £2000 per person.
Tailor-made Holidays: A deposit of 20% of your holiday cost or £250 per person, whichever is higher, is payable when placing a tailor-made holiday booking.
Deposits and final payments made by Non-UK debit/credit cards, UK commercial/corporate cards are subject to 2% transaction charge, while American Express Corporate cards incur a 2.5% surcharge. There is no transaction charges for personal UK debit/credit cards or UK bank transfers. Cruises and some hotels, beach resorts, wildlife lodges may require a higher deposit or even full payment at their discretion, especially during peak season. More airlines are now requesting for full payments and we may need to ask for additional deposits for your international flights. We will advise you of these at the time of the booking or as soon as we are made aware. Please note all deposits are non-refundable; except in instances when we cancel the holiday or express our inability to operate it.

3. Confirmation and Final Payment
The balance amount for your holiday must be paid no later than 70 days before departure; final documentation will not be released unless full payment has been received by due date. If payments are delayed without notification or adequate reason we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled retaining the deposit. If the booking is made within 70 days of departure, the full cost of the holiday is payable at the time of booking. For all group tours, hotels given in the itineraries are subject to change. In all cases we will endeavour to provide similar standard hotels. If we need to make a significant change to the itinerary booked, it is done with your concurrence. It is thus important that you give us your contact telephone numbers, both for daytime and evenings, so that changes can be communicated, discussed and implemented. Arrangements for tailor-made travel are made after the acceptance of your booking and are as such subject to availability. While in most cases we are able to confirm all the arrangements within a few weeks of receiving the order, in some instances changes may be required or some confirmations may have to wait till much later. If we need to make a significant change to the itinerary booked, such as change of hotel or mode of transport or omission of a place, it is done with your concurrence. It is thus important that you give us your contact telephone numbers, both for daytime and evenings, so that changes can be communicated, discussed and implemented. For minor variations in the itinerary we do not make supplementary charges nor do we offer reductions. If however the cost variation exceeds 2% of the total holiday price, you may be required to pay the difference, if the costs go up, or become entitled to a refund, if the costs go down. If the very nature of the holiday changes due to non-availability of significant portion(s) of the tour, such as internal flights, we will ourselves offer you the option of a departure on an alternate date or cancellation with full refund. If the availability of a certain portion of the holiday, or a specific hotel, is critical for you it must be specified in writing at the time of booking the holiday. Non-availability of this critical element will entitle you to a full refund of all monies paid, including the deposit amount. If, after notification of the non-availability of critical element(s) of your holiday, you decide to still proceed with the holi-day, you cannot subsequently cancel it using this condition. We expect you to be reasonable when specifying critical elements, if any.

4. Travel Documents, Passports & Visas
You will need a passport with a minimum validity of six months from the intended date of return to the UK which must contain at least two blank pages for the issuance of a visa (additional pages required if visiting more than one country). Information on how to obtain a visa, if required, will be sent to you with the confirmation of your booking. Travel documents are normally sent to you approximately 2 weeks before departure. These include your international flight tickets (if purchased through us), final itinerary, local contacts at your destination, baggage tags, some useful tips and suggestions including on tipping, etc. Vouchers for hotels and internal travel, etc., are delivered on arrival at the destination.

5. Price Guarantee
The price of your holiday is fully guaranteed. This guarantee is applicable once we have accepted your booking via a Booking Acceptance Letter and is subject to all payments being received by due dates.The price guarantee applies to complete holidays bought from us and does not cover the purchase of individual items such as airline tickets or hotel rooms.Thus if a flight is quoted separately, it is not protected against future cost increases prior to ticketing. Supplements such as club class upgrades or higher grade rooms in hotels are not covered by this guarantee. It may be noted that price variations due to increases in fuel surcharges and airport taxes are not governed by this guarantee.

6. Financial Protection
When you book and pay for an ATOL protected air holiday package you will receive an ATOL Certificate confirming your holiday contract and your protection under our Air Travel Organiser's Licence number (ATOL) 3429 issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked (flights, hotels and other services) is listed on it. You will subsequently be sent a Booking Acceptance Letter from us. In the unlikely event of our insolvency, CAA will protect your holiday arrangements and arrange to refund any money you have paid. If already travelling the CAA will ensure you are not left stranded overseas. For further information visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk and www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate.The price of our air holiday packages includes the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. Holidays excluding flights are protected separately by the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) with whom TransIndus has a financial bonding, number V0705. The UK government's holiday protection schemes may undergo change, we recommend you look up our updated Booking Conditions on the website at the time of booking. When booking through an agent for arrangements that include, but are not limited to,TransIndus' arrangements, your contract will deem to be with the agent and not with TransIndus.TransIndus is such circumstance will be deemed to be a supplier for your agent. Similarly, if booking only a single component eg a flight or hotel, via an agent,TransIndus will be deemed to be an supplier for the agent and will accept no liability for the provision of the service.

7. Travel Insurance, Health & Safety
It is strongly recommended that all travellers be adequately insured for the holiday. You may buy insurance through Holiday Extras, our preferred insurance providers, or locate comprehensive policy independently. When taking insurance, please ensure it covers any activites that you may undertake during your holiday such as hikes, treks, travel to high altitude regions and diving. If you are unable to provide proof of adequate travel insurance we will require you to sign an indemnity form absolving us of any liability which may arise owing to your failure to take out adequate insurance cover. You can get a quote or issue your insurance directly with HOLIDAY EXTRAS by calling their free UK helpline 0800 093 1900 with quote reference: TransIndus or visiting www.holidayextras.co.uk/holidayinsurance. html?agent=transindus for a quotation. We strongly recommend you consult your doctor about mandatory health requirements, health precautions and recommended vaccinations a few months before your holiday. Additional information is available from the National Travel Health Network www.travelhealthpro.org.uk or the NHS website - www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk
The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) provides regular information/updates about foreign destinations and risks, if any, to British citizens when travelling to these destinations.The FCO advice can be seen on their website www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice; they can also be contacted on 020 7238 4503.

8. Alterations to your tour Programme by us
We will make all reasonable efforts to provide you with booked tour arrangements but cannot rule out occasional changes and reserve the right to change accommodation, internal trains and flights, international flights or the sightseeing schedule due to unforeseen circumstances. If the changes are significant we will inform you of these before departure, if possible, and offer you comparable alternative arrangements or at your option make a full refund of all monies paid. A significant change is one that involves a change of airport for international flights to and from your holiday destination, the outward or return journey being rescheduled by more than twelve hours or the omission of a featured overnight stop in the itinerary. Where such changes take place for reasons within our control we will offer you a compensation of £25 per person if you had paid the full holiday price by the prescribed date. Where the change is due to circumstances beyond our control amounting to force majeure, such as weather conditions, technical problems, civil disorder, decisions by governments or other associations, etc., we will offer comparable alternative arrangements or if you choose refund fully the monies paid by you. If any of the circumstances amounting to force majeure occurs during a tour we reserve the right to alter the tour programme, as required depending upon the circumstance, without offering any compensation. We may consider a refund for the unutilised portion of the tour if we are able to secure any refunds. We reserve the right to cancel your holiday anytime during its operation if you are found to be behaving in a socially unacceptable manner or indulging in an illegal activity. In such cases no refund will be offered for the unutilised portion of the holiday and TransIndus will further claim from you the costs of your return to the parent country.

9. Cancellation of a tour by us before departure
We reserve the right to cancel a holiday on offer by us, without assigning reasons at any time over 70 days before departure date. If such cancellation takes place, we will offer you a comparable alternative or at your option refund all monies paid by you. No compensation is payable for any holiday cancelled by us 71 days or more before departure. Cancellation takes place within 70 days of departure it will be for one of the following reasons:
a) Due to non-payment or late payment of the balance amount due. In such cases an alternative holiday or refund will not be available and cancellation charges will apply.
b) Due to circumstances beyond our control such as cancellation of international or domestic scheduled service, technical problems with transportation, civil disorder or the threat of such, riots, strikes, natural disasters, accident or pollution, terrorist activity or the threat of such, war or the threat of war, etc. In deciding whether it is safe to visit a certain destination or not, we depend on the advice of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office. In such instances we may offer comparable alternative arrangements or if you choose, we may make a full refund of all monies paid. In the unlikely event of us cancelling a holiday within 70 days of departure for reasons other than those listed above, we will offer you a compensation of £15 per person for 42 to 70 days, £20 per person for 28 to 41 days, £30 for 15 to 27 days and £50 per person for within 14 days of departure.

10. Alteration or Cancellation by you
If you wish to alter your programme after the booking has been accepted, an amendment fee of £25 per set of amendments per person will be charged, in addition to any additional costs due to the alterations, including any advances already paid to our suppliers. Changing the date of departure will entail a higher charge of £50 per person. Any requests for alteration, once the tour has begun, will be treated sympathetically but we cannot guarantee their implementation. Any costs incurred in making such alterations, by us or our agents, will be passed on to you and the unutilised portion of the holiday will attract 100% cancellation charges. Should you wish to cancel your tour, you must notify TransIndus in writing stating the reasons for cancellation. In such cases you may be covered by your insurance policy. Such cancellation will deem to take place only on the date of receipt of your written request and will attract the following cancellation charges:

11. Your responsibility
It is your responsibility to ensure you have valid passports, insurance, visas, vaccinations, foreign exchange for personal expenses, etc., and we do not accept any liability for non-communication of relevant details to you. If any service offered by us is not clear, you should get written confirmation from us about its inclusion in the price. If any client suffers death, illness or injury whilst overseas arising out of an activity which does not form part of the foreign inclusive holiday arrangement or excursion arranged through us, we shall, at our discretion, offer advice, guidance and assistance but are not liable for the consequences of such independent act. If you avail of a service during the course of your holiday which is not part of your contract with us, we will not be liable for the provision of that service or its quality even if you purchase it through our agents or their representatives. Similarly if we recommend a restaurant or a shop, it is merely to assist you, and we do not accept any responsibility for the quality or content of the service received from these.

12. Our responsibility
We accept responsibility for ensuring that the holiday which you book with us is supplied as described, and the services offered reach a reasonable standard. In the unlikely event that any part is not provided as promised, for reasons within our control, we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected the enjoyment of your holiday. We accept responsibility for the acts and/or omissions of our employees, agents and suppliers except where they lead to death, injury or illness and except where the supplier is a government or quasi-government institution. Our liability in all cases shall be limited to a maximum of three times the cost of the portion of holiday adversely affected. We accept responsibility for death, injury or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents together with our suppliers and sub-contractors, servants and/or agents of the same whilst acting within the scope of, or in the course of their employment in the provision of your holiday. We will accordingly pay to our clients such damages as might have been awarded in such circumstances under English Law. In respect of carriage by scheduled air, sea, other water bodies like rivers and lakes, and rail transports the provision of accommodation and services in these are the responsibility of the providers of these transports and we merely act as agents for these providers. Our liability in all such cases will be limited in the manner provided by the relevant international convention.Thus if a scheduled flight or train or ship has delays or changes in schedule or cancellation of service we are not obliged to offer alternative arrangements, it is the providers of these services who are responsible. We will, however, try our best to assist in the provision of alternative services, if required, on receipt of appropriate payment for these.

13. Inclusions and exclusions in the Tour Price
All inclusions and exclusions are clearly mentioned with your holiday itinerary. Please check with us in case of doubt about any of these.

14. Arbitration
If you have cause for complaint during the holiday please bring it to the notice of our Local representative/agent and/or the hotel who will try their best to solve the problem immediately. It is not advisable to do nothing about a problem when it occurs but to later write to us seeking recompense. If we feel we/our agents were not afforded an opportunity to redress a problem when it occurred, we will not be able to offer compensation if it is brought to our attention later/your return home. If the problem remains unresolved in spite of your pointing it out locally to our agents when it occurred, please write to us within 28 days of the completion of the holiday. We will investigate the complaint and respond to you within 28 days. In the unlikely event of us not being able to reach an amicable settlement you may refer the dispute to an arbitrator appointed by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators under a special scheme devised for the travel industry. The scheme provides for a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration based on documentation alone with restricted liability of the client in respect of costs. The scheme does not apply to claims greater than £5000 per person or £25000 per booking form or to claims, which are solely, or mainly in respect of physical injury or illness. The application for arbitration must be made within nine months of the date of return from the holiday but in special circumstances it may still be offered outside this period.

15. Data Protection Statement
Please be assured that we have measures in place to protect the personal booking information held by us against accidental loss and unauthorised use. This information will be passed on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements. The information may also be provided to public authorities such as customs or immigration if required by them, or as required by law. Certain information may also be passed on to security or credit checking companies. If you travel outside the European Economic Area, controls on data protection may not be as strong as the legal requirements in Europe. If we cannot pass this information to the relevant suppliers, whether in the EEA or not, we will be unable to provide your booking. In making this booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons. If we need to give your details to anyone other than those listed above we will do so only with your consent. We will store and use your personal data for future marketing purposes such as sending you brochures, digital newsletters, flyers, leaflets or other marketing material. In making a booking with TransIndus, you consent to us using your personal data for such marketing activities. You can inform us in written or by email at any time should you not wish to receive any promotional printed or digital material and we will remove your details from future mailing lists.

16. Jurisdiction
Your holiday contract with TransIndus is made on the terms of these Booking Conditions which are governed by English Law and both parties shall submit to the jurisdiction of English Courts at all times.

17. Validity
The prices given in our Group Tours Brochure and on our website are valid until 30th April 2021, and are subject to the price guarantee mentioned earlier. All prices accompanying the tailor-made brochures and private journeys on the website are 'from prices'. Please ensure you have a firm price before you book your tailor-made holiday.

18. Brochure Accuracy
While we have taken great care to ensure the information provided herein is accurate, there may be the occasional error or revisions in advertised prices or itinerary content. We request you to kindly check the price and tour details with us at the time of booking.

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TransIndus Booking Form

Please read our booking terms and conditions carefully before completing this form using block capitals.

Lead traveller details

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Daytime tel _____ Evening tel _____

Email _____

Emergency contact details (friends and families not travelling)

Name _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Daytime tel _____ Evening tel _____

All traveller details as they appear in your passport (including lead traveller)

Title	First name (s)	Surname	Date of birth	Passport no.	Date of issue	Date of expiry	Nationality

Holiday details

Tour name	Departure date	Extensions with dates	Final date of return	Single supplement	Special requests	Flight details (if arranged independently)
				Yes / No		

Visas

If you require a visa for your holiday please speak to our preferred visa service partner Travcour. Visit www.travcour.com for more information.

Where did you hear about TransIndus?

Please let us know where you heard about _____

us Name of TransIndus consultant _____

Your booking reference number _____

Payment details

Deposit at £ _____ per person Total deposit for booking £ _____

Full payment at £ _____ per person Total payment for booking £ _____

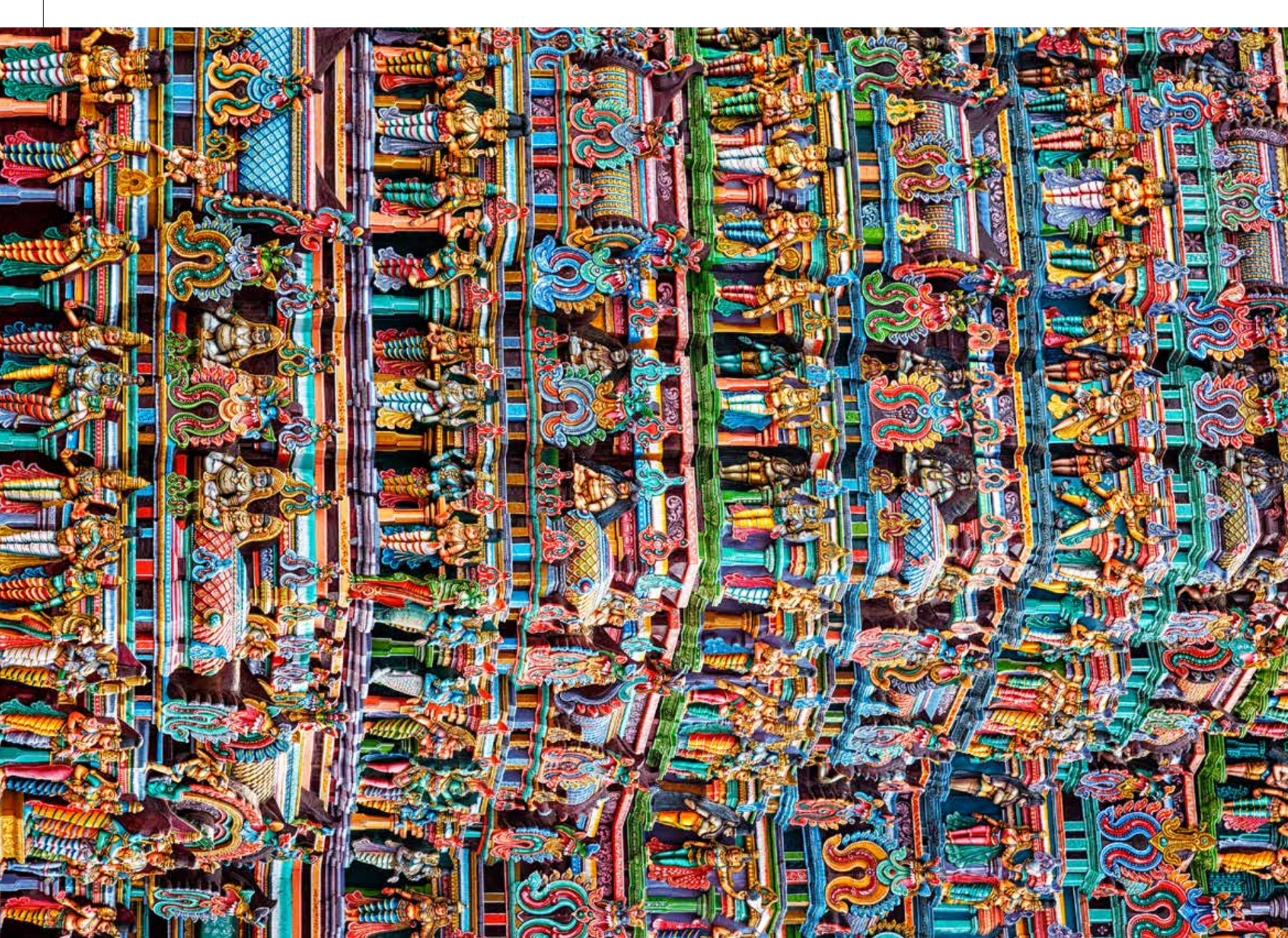
The total holiday price is payable if booking within 10 weeks of departure.

To book by credit or debit card please call us on 020 8566 3739

Agency stamp / details

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return the completed form to TransIndus or your retail agent.

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