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Flights:

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Safe Travel:

Prior to booking your holiday, we recommend that you check the travel advice, if any, issued by New Zealand Government on:
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Best time to travel

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

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

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

Maldives has two distinct seasons, dry

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

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

Visa & Passport

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

Gratuities

Tipping is not mandatory but it is expected and appreciated by the people who serve you (like your driver, local guide, bell-boys, restaurant waiters etc).

Baggage Allowance

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

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INDIA



There are some parts of the world that, once visited, get into your heart and won't go. India is such a place, a land of fantasy, vibrant colours and history. With its ancient customs that peacefully co-exist with ultramodern technology, it is a true mix of people, languages, religions, festivals and cultures. And the mesmerizing diversity continues through spectacular deserts and golden beaches, verdant valleys, magnificent mountains, wildlife parks, fairytale palaces and soaring skyscrapers, Mughal architectures, appealing bazaars & opulent malls, a land where Cricket is a religion and home to the popularly known Bollywood- the largest film industry in the World.

Delhi

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

Agra

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

Jaipur

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

Jodhpur

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

attraction can be a visit to Bishnoi villages, community that worships nature.

Jaisalmer

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

Udaipur

There is no place in India which appeals more to the imagination of poets and painters, travellers and writers than Udaipur. Udaipur, the City of Dawn, looms up like a vision in white, surrounded by hills and mountains, and set on the edge of three lakes. The city's romance and

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beauty are found in its narrow streets lined with vividly coloured stalls, gardens, temples and palaces - every feature mirrored in the placid blue waters of Lake Pichola.

Varanasi

Varanasi is said to have been founded by Shiva, Lord of the Universe, and is one of the oldest living cities in the world, and also one of the most important pilgrimage sites in India. Situated on the banks of the sacred Ganges, the city has been a centre of learning and civilization for over 2000 years. Varanasi's principal attraction is the long string of ghats, which line the bank of Ganges.

Khajuraho

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

Mumbai

Mumbai as City of Dreams, Mumbai is the commercial capital of India and rubs its shoulders with some of the world's most developed cities. From a cluster of seven fishing villages in the 14th century, to a bustling trading port after the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869, to the commercial and entertainment hub of contemporary India, Mumbai is the country's driving engine in more ways than one way.

Goa

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

Cochin

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

Kerala Backwaters Cruise

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

Munnar

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

Kovalam

Kovalam is an internationally renowned beach with three adjacent crescent beaches.

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

Amritsar

Amritsar is home to the spectacular Golden Temple, Sikhism's holiest shrine and one of India's most serene and humbling sights. One of the major tourist attractions is the change of guard ceremony at the Indo-Pakistan border crossing at Wagah. Amritsar is also famous for its phulkari textile.

Lucknow

Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, lies in the middle of the Heritage Arc. This bustling city, famed for its Nawabi era finesse and amazing food, is a unique mix of the ancient and the modern. It is home to extraordinary monuments depicting a fascinating blend of ancient, colonial and oriental architecture. Chikan embroidery and zardozi have made Lucknow a brand in global fashion.

Kolkata

Also known as "The City of Joy", this city is a perfect blend of culture, literary and religious. Kolkata was the first capital of British India and influence of the British Raj can be found in the city and in every walk of life. From rambling trams to grand Victorian-era buildings, Kolkata has retained its British past.

Darjeeling

Darjeeling is one of the prettiest hill stations in India located in Eastern India. It's all about the magnificent views of snow-capped Kanchenjunga, torrents flowing down the mountain slopes, lovely tea gardens, landscapes with firs, pines & ferns, and all that combined with friendly people and modern yet colonial charm. Highly recommend a journey on Himalayan Queen (aka Toy Train).

Gangtok

Gangtok, the capital of the East Indian state of Sikkim, with a backdrop of the Himalayas, offers breathtaking vistas, colourful lifestyles, Buddhist shrines, adventure, watersport, exquisite flora and fauna, including hundreds of varieties of butterflies.



6D Golden Triangle



Taj Mahal

From NZ 1471 / AUD 1413

Revised

Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Delhi

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

Day 1: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

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

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (B)

This morning we depart to the historical city

of Agra. Afternoon tour of Agra visiting the sprawling Agra Fort and the spectacular Taj Mahal.

Day 4: Agra - Jaipur (B)

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

Day 5: Jaipur (B)

Full day tour visiting the magnificent hilltop Amber Fort with its picturesque Sheesh Mahal and the Hawa Mahal, the Observatory-Jantar Mantar and City Palace.

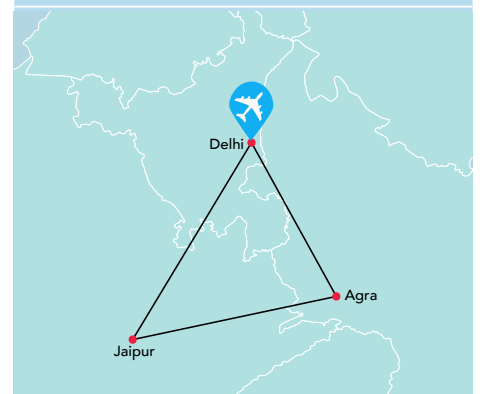
Day 6: Jaipur - Delhi (B)

Return to Delhi and transfer to airport for onward flight or extend your stay in India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

Included: Accommodation for 5 nights, private car/driver for a round-trip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees.

HIGHLIGHTS

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



Departs: Daily (Taj is closed on Fridays)



11D Glimpse of India

Red Fort

Price From: NZ 2876 / AUD 2763

Domestic flights from: NZ 424 / AUD 407

Revised

Delhi - Jaipur - Agra - Gwalior - Orcha - Khajuraho - Varanasi - Delhi

This tour is a true introduction to the heritage of North India and will take you to the country's most popular sights. Start in the lively capital, Delhi, with the tree-lined boulevards of Lutyen's New Delhi and the hustle and bustle of the Old City. Explore the Pink City of Jaipur, with its stately forts, sprawling palaces and colourful bazaars. Proceed to Agra, once the seat of the Mughal Empire, and known for its majestic Taj Mahal. Visit amazing Bateria temples in Morena, followed by a visit to old temples in Orchha which is located on the river Betwa. Then to the Khajuraho to visit World Heritage-listed temples. Lastly, be smitten by the scenic splendour of the spiritual heart of India, Varanasi.

Day 1: Delhi

On arrival in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

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

Day 3: Delhi - Jaipur (B)

We depart to Jaipur and afternoon explore the colourful bazaars of Jaipur.

Day 4: Jaipur (B)

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

Day 5: Jaipur - Agra (B)

Leave for Agra visiting en route Fatehpur Sikri, the mysterious fortified 'ghost city'. This afternoon you will visit the Agra Fort.

Day 6: Agra - Morena - Gwalior (B)

Visit the beautiful Taj Mahal, a monument to love. Later Drive to Morena to visit Bateswara Temple. Following the drive to Gwalior.

Day 7: Gwalior (B)

Today we will do a half day sightseeing tour of Gwalior and visit the Gwalior fort, which is also called Gibraltar of India. The tour will also be covering Mansingh Palace, A Sas-Bahu temple, Teli-Ka-Mandir & Jain sculptures and Jai Vilas Palace Museum.

Day 8: Gwalior - Orcha (B)

Early morning you will leave Gwalior to drive to Orcha. Orchard city is located at the ghats of the river Betwa, on the way visit old temples and palaces in Orcha.

Day 9: Orcha - Khajuraho (B)

Drive to Khajuraho this morning. Check in at the hotel in Khajuraho and then take an afternoon tour of Khajuraho which has three groups of World Heritage-listed temples.

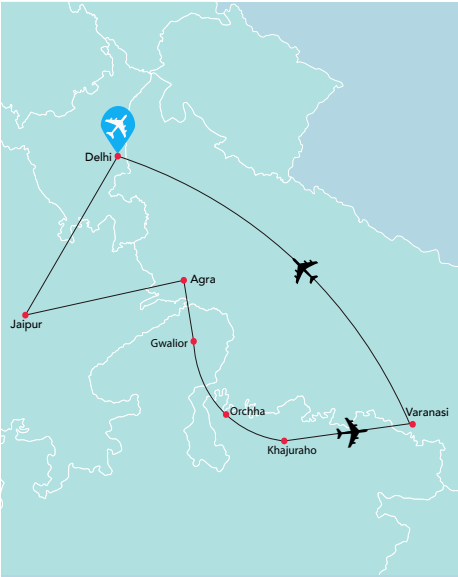
Day 10: Khajuraho - Varanasi (B)

Transfer to Khajuraho airport to connect flight to Varanasi. Upon arrival check in and relax. Evening witness Aarti on the Ganges, the sacred "light ceremony", on the riverbanks of Mother Ganges.

Day 11: Varanasi - Delhi (B)

Transfer to Varanasi airport to connect flight to

HIGHLIGHTS
• Delhi City Tour
• Taj Mahal
• Jaipur City Tour
• Khajuraho Temples
• Aarti on Ganges in Varanasi



Departs: Daily (Taj is closed on Fridays)

Delhi. Return to Delhi, connect onward flight or extend stay in India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

Included: Accommodation for 10 nights, private car/driver for the round-trip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

12D Spiritual India



Golden Temple

Price From: NZ 2711 / AUD 2605

Domestic flights from: NZ 183 / AUD 176

Revised

Delhi - Rishikesh - Chandigarh - Amritsar - Dharmshala - Delhi

See temples, sacred sites and beautiful cities on this tour. After exploring the historical capital city, witness the grand Aarti ceremony on the Ghats of River Ganges is one of the most stunning visual spectacles you will come across. Learn about the design of Chandigarh, India's best-planned city. Experience the Punjabi culture in the old city of Amritsar and visit the India Pakistan border for the lowering of the flag ceremony.

Day 1: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

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

Day 3: Delhi - Haridwar - Rishikesh (B)

This morning board the train to Haridwar. Assistance on arrival and transfer to the Hotel in Rishikesh. Evening witness the Grand Aarti ceremony at the Ghats of River Ganges in Rishikesh.

Day 4: Rishikesh (B)

Today enjoy an excursion to Rishikesh and explore the spiritual city. Visit Lakshman Jhula; the famous hanging bridge across the Ganges, and Ram Jhula another suspended bridge close to Lakshman Jhula. Conclude the day with a visit to the various Ashrams on the banks of River Ganges.

Day 5: Rishikesh - Chandigarh (B)

Travel to Chandigarh, the best-planned city in India, with architecture which is world-renowned, and a quality of life, which is unparalleled. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the beautiful city.

Day 6: Chandigarh (B)

Embark on a city tour of Chandigarh visiting the Rose Garden with its 1,600 varieties of roses, Rock Garden spread over an area of forty-acres, it is completely built of industrial & home waste and throw-away items, and conclude the day with a visit to beautiful Sukhna Lake that lies in the foothills of Shivalik.

Day 7: Chandigarh - Amritsar (B)

Drive to Amritsar, the home of the Sikh religion. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the heritage city.

Day 8: Amritsar (B)

Morning Visit Golden Temple the most important Sikh shrine also known as Harimandir Sahib and Darbar Sahib. Then visit Jallianwala Bagh. In the afternoon, visit the Indo-Pakistan Wagah Border to watch Flag Retreat Ceremony, also known as Beating Retreat.

Day 9: Amritsar - Dharamshala (B)

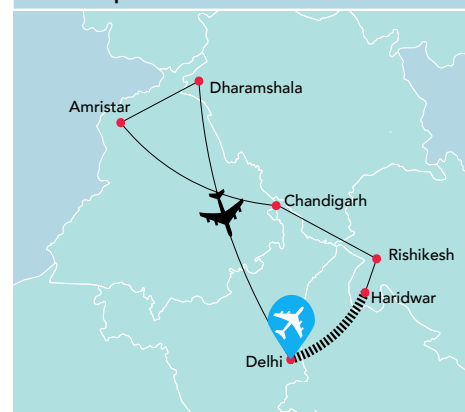
Today we drive to Dharamshala. Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 10: Dharamshala (B)

We will discover Dharamshala today. Dharamshala is also known as the Land of Lamas, home to the largest Buddhist temple outside Tibet.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Delhi City Tour
- Train Ride
- Golden Triangle
- A visit to the India / Pakistan Border
- Tsuglagkhang Complex Dalai Lama Temple



Departs: Daily

Day 11: Dharamshala - Delhi (B)

Transfer to Dharamshala airport to connect flight to Delhi. Meet & assist upon arrival and transfer to your hotel.

Day 12: Departure Delhi

Departure or extend stay in India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

Included: Accommodation for 11 nights, private car/driver for a roundtrip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees.



11D Classic North India

Jaipur - Hawa Mahal

Price From: NZ 3400 / AUD 3267

Domestic flight from: NZ 152 / AUD 146

NEW

Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Jodhpur - Ravla - Udaipur - Mumbai

Combining the Golden Triangle of Delhi, Jaipur and Agra and unlock the hidden gems of Jodhpur and the romantic city of Udaipur. Stay at the famous Exotic Marigold Hotel. This tour offers a colourful and vibrant insight into the best of North India and explores towns and cities that are full of atmosphere and character.

Firmly bound by its traditions and culture, Ajmer has a unique charm which lies in the ethos and craftsmanship practised over centuries.

Day 7: Jodhpur (B)

The city on the edge of the Thar Desert. Tour highlights include Meherangarh - one of the most impressive and formidable in Rajasthan and Jaswant Thada, the Royal Cenotaphs. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 8: Jodhpur - Ravla (B)

Today, drive to Ravla Khempur en-route visit Ranakpur Temple. Check in at The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel and later explore the village on your own.

Day 9: Ravla - Udaipur (B)

Drive to Udaipur and check in at the hotel. In the afternoon you will go for a boat ride at Lake Pichola.

Day 10: Udaipur (B)

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

Day 11: Udaipur - Mumbai (B)

Morning flight to Mumbai and take a tour visiting the Prince of Wales Museum, Gateway of India, Gandhi museum and the bustling Dhobi Ghats. Afternoon at leisure.

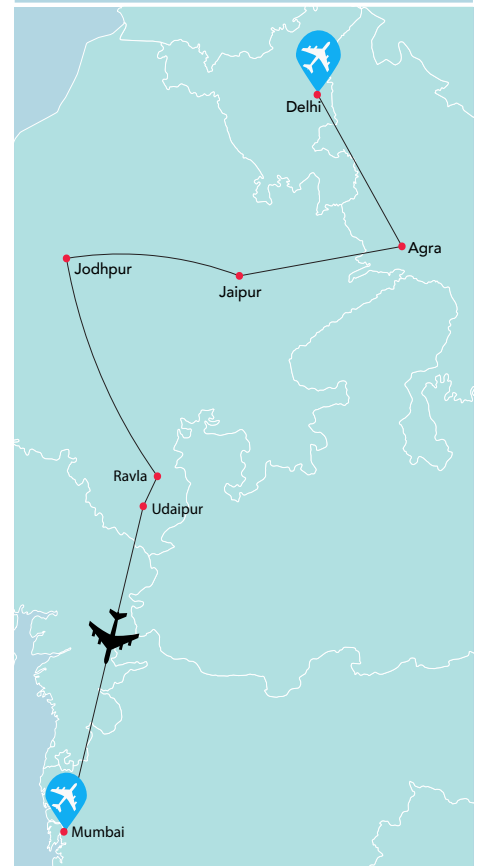
Day 12: Mumbai

Transfer to Mumbai airport or extend stay in India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Taj Mahal
- Amber Fort
- Dargah Sharif
- Best Exotic Marie Gold Hotel
- Boat Ride at Lake Panchola



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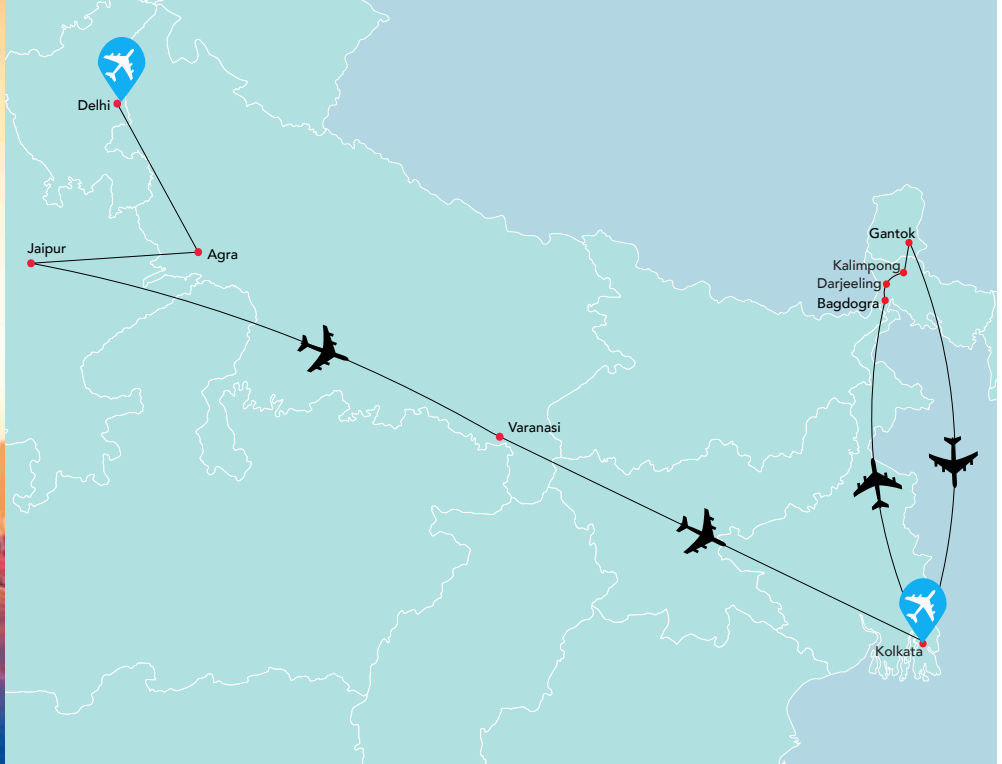
Day 6: Jaipur - Ajmer - Jodhpur (B)

Travel by car to Jodhpur, enroute visit Ajmer. The city of Ajmer is most famous for its Dargah Sharif of saint Muin-Ud-Din Chishti.

16D Classic North with a Touch of East



India Gate



Price From: NZ 4142 / AUD 3980

Domestic flights from: NZ 613 / AUD 589

NEW

Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Varanasi - Kolkata - Darjeeling - Kalimpong - Darjeeling - Gangtok - Kolkata

Combine the Golden Triangle of Delhi, Jaipur and Agra with the cultural sights of Varanasi and visit the formerly called Calcutta and now called Kolkata, capital of West Bengal state, and former capital of British India. The nine-day tour offers a colourful and vibrant insight into the best of North India and explores towns and cities that are full of atmosphere and character.

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Day 6: Jaipur - Varanasi (B)

Transfer to Jaipur airport to connect flight to Varanasi. Upon arrival check in and relax. In evening witness Aarti on the Ganges, the sacred "light ceremony", on the riverbanks of Mother Ganges.

Day 7: Varanasi (B)

Early morning boat ride on the Ganges followed by Temple tour. After breakfast visit Sarnath.

Day 8: Varanasi - Kolkata (B)

In time transfer to Varanasi airport to connect flight to Kolkata. Meet & assist upon arrival and transfer to your hotel.

Day 9: Kolkata (B)

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

Day 10: Kolkata - Bagdogra - Darjeeling (B/D)

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

Day 11: Darjeeling (B/D)

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

Day 12: Darjeeling (B/D)

Drive to Kalimpong and the visit Tharpa Choling Monastery, belonging to the Gelugpa

HIGHLIGHTS
• Taj Mahal
• Amber Fort
• Boat Ride on Ganges
• Hawrah Bridge
• Ghoom Monastery
Departs: Daily (Taj is closed on Fridays)

sect followed by a visit to flower nurseries. Drive back to Darjeeling in the evening.

Day 13: Darjeeling - Gangtok (B/D)

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

Day 14: Gangtok (B/D)

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

Day 15: Gangtok - Bagdogra - Kolkata (B)

Transfer to Bagdogra Airport to connect flight to Kolkata. Transfer to hotel and rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Day 16: Kolkata (B)

Transfer to Kolkata airport for your onward flight or extend stay in India/Nepal by choosing various add on tours we offer.

Included: Accommodation for 15 nights, private car/driver for the round-trip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees.

16D Royal Rajasthan Tour



Udaipur

Price From NZ 4122 / AUD 3961

NEW

Delhi - Gwalior - Dholpur - Karauli - Bundi - Ravla Khempur - Udaipur - Jawai Bandh - Jodhpur - Pushkar - Jaipur - Delhi

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

Day 1: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

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

Day 3: Delhi - Gwalior (B)

Early morning transfer to train station to connect train to Gwalior. On arrival, proceed for a half day tour of Gwalior. Visit Gwalior Fort which is also called Gibraltar of India. The tour will cover Mansingh Palace, A Sas- Bahu temple, Teli-Ka-Mandir & Jain sculptures and Jai Vilas Palace Museum.

Day 4: Gwalior - Dholpur (B)

This morning, drive to Dholpur, en route visiting Bateswara Group of Temples in Morena. Later check in at Hotel in Dholpur which is the satellite town near Agra.

Day 5: Dholpur (B)

Early morning, drive to Agra to view majestic Taj Mahal followed by a visit to Agra Fort. In the afternoon, drive back to Dholpur for a relaxing time at the pool.

Day 6: Dholpur - Karoli (B)

Drive to Karoli which is a two-hour drive from Dholpur. On arrival in Karoli, visit the city palace and Timangarh Fort. Rest of the afternoon free.

Day 7: Karoli - Bundi (B)

Today, drive to Bundi which is a small town

famous for step wells; visit Bundi Palace and Garh Palace.

Day 8: Bundi - Ravla Khempur (B)

Drive to Ravla Khempur, the home of the superstars of the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel movie. En route you will stop to visit Chittorgarh Fort. Rest of the day at leisure to explore the famous Ravla village. Overnight at Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

Day 9: Ravla Khempur - Udaipur (B)

Drive to Udaipur and afternoon boat ride on Lake Pichola.

Day 10: Udaipur (B)

Morning city tour takes you to the City Palace, a fusion of Medieval European and Chinese architecture, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion Ki Bari - the garden of maidens. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 11: Udaipur - Jawai Bandh (B)

Drive to Jawai, en route visiting Ranakpur Temples. Jawai Bandh is famous for a dam built across the Jawai River and is located in the most rugged and wild part of the Aravalli hills of Rajasthan. This afternoon, proceed for a Jeep safari and if you are lucky, you might spot a Leopard.

Day 12: Jawai Bandh - Jodhpur (B)

Morning Jeep safari to watch the famous crocodiles lazing on the shores of the Jawai Dam. Later drive to Jodhpur and enjoy an afternoon tour visiting Meherangarh Fort - one of the most impressive and formidable in Rajasthan, followed by Jaswant Thada, the Royal Cenotaphs and Mahamandir, dedicated to Lord Shiva, an architectural wonder with 84 intricately carved pillars.

Day 13: Jodhpur - Pushkar (B)

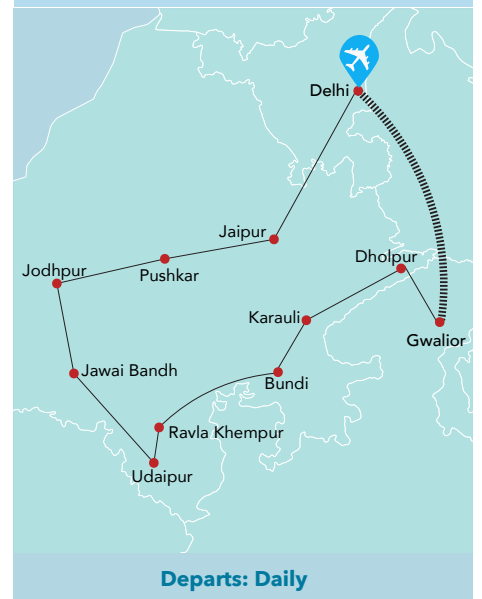
Travel to Pushkar en route visiting the Dargah at Ajmer. Pushkar is a holy city for Hindus, boasting ancient temples, and small Pushkar Lake is dotted with bathing ghats and temples. Afternoon tour of Pushkar.

Day 14: Pushkar - Jaipur (B)

Drive to Jaipur and take afternoon free to explore the colourful bazaars.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gwalior Fort
- Taj Mahal
- Amber Fort
- Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
- Mehrangarh Fort



Departs: Daily

Day 15: Jaipur (B)

Visit the magnificent hilltop Amber Fort and the Sheesh Mahal, its ceiling covered with tiny mirrors resembling a sky filled with brilliant stars. Afternoon city tour visiting Hawa Mahal (the Palace of Winds), the Observatory-Jantar Mantar and City Palace.

Day 16: Jaipur - Delhi

Return to Delhi and transfer to the airport for your onward flight or extend stay in India/Nepal by choosing from various add on tours we offer.

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

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

14D Splendid North



Lotus Temple

Price From: NZ 3651 / AUD 3508

Domestic flights from: NZ 274 / AUD 264

NEW

Delhi - Agra - Ranthambor - Jaipur - Pushkar - Jodhpur - Jaisalmer - Udaipur - Delhi

A tour which can also be called as an introduction tour to India. Experience the royal city of Jaipur, sites of the historic fairground of Pushkar festival, along with the visit to the magnificent forts of Jodhpur, Jaisalmer and Udaipur. From the majesty of the Taj Mahal, the tour culminates in the days of the Raj splendour in the historic yet vibrant city of Delhi.

Day 1: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

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

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (B)

This morning, depart by road to the historical city of Agra. Afternoon tour of Agra visiting the sprawling Agra Fort and the spectacular Taj Mahal.

Day 4: Agra - Ranthambor (B)

Leave for Ranthambore en route visit Fatehpur Sikri, the mysterious fortified 'ghost city'. Continue your drive to Ranthambore and check into the game lodge.

Day 5: Ranthambore (B/L/D)

Enjoy early morning game drive. Besides tiger, you may see several varieties of birds and the ubiquitous langur monkey. Optional boat ride on Mansarovar Lake, known for its picturesque sunsets and an excellent spot to see winter migratory birds like demoiselle cranes, pelicans, flamingos, bar-headed and greylag geese.

Day 6: Ranthambor - Jaipur (B)

Travel by car to Jaipur. Afternoon you can explore the colorful bazaars of Jaipur.

Day 7: Jaipur (B)

Full day tour visiting the magnificent hilltop Amber Fort with its picturesque Sheesh Mahal and the Hawa Mahal, the Observatory-Jantar Mantar and City Palace.

Day 8: Jaipur - Pushkar

Travel to Pushkar. Pushkar is a holy city for Hindus, boasting ancient temples, and small Pushkar Lake is dotted with bathing ghats and temples. Afternoon tour of Pushkar.

Day 9: Pushkar - Jodhpur - (B)

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

Day 10: Jodhpur - Jaisalmer (B)

Drive to Jaisalmer, India's most exotic and unusual town - a medieval looking place, straight out of the 'Tales of the Arabian Nights'. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 11: Jaisalmer (B)

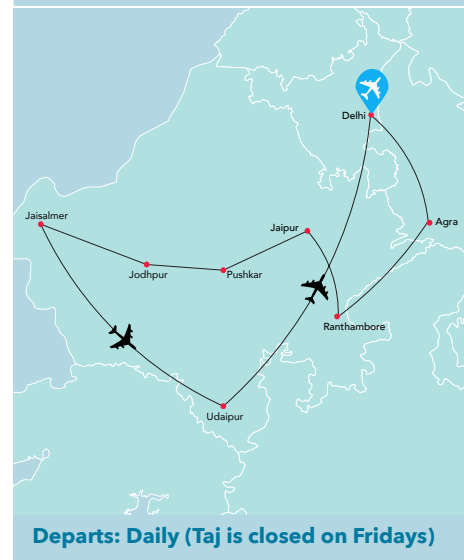
Full day tour of the walled city which showcases palaces, the Jain temples and magnificent Havelis, richly decorated and carved from golden yellow sandstone. Afternoon visit to the Royal Cenotaphs and enjoy the camel safari on the dunes and overnight stay in tented camp.

Day 12: Jaisalmer - Udaipur (B)

Take the morning flight to Udaipur. In the afternoon, proceed for a boat ride at Lake Pichola.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Red Fort
- Taj Mahal
- Amber Fort
- Boat ride on Lake Pichola
- Pushkar Lake



Day 13: Udaipur (B)

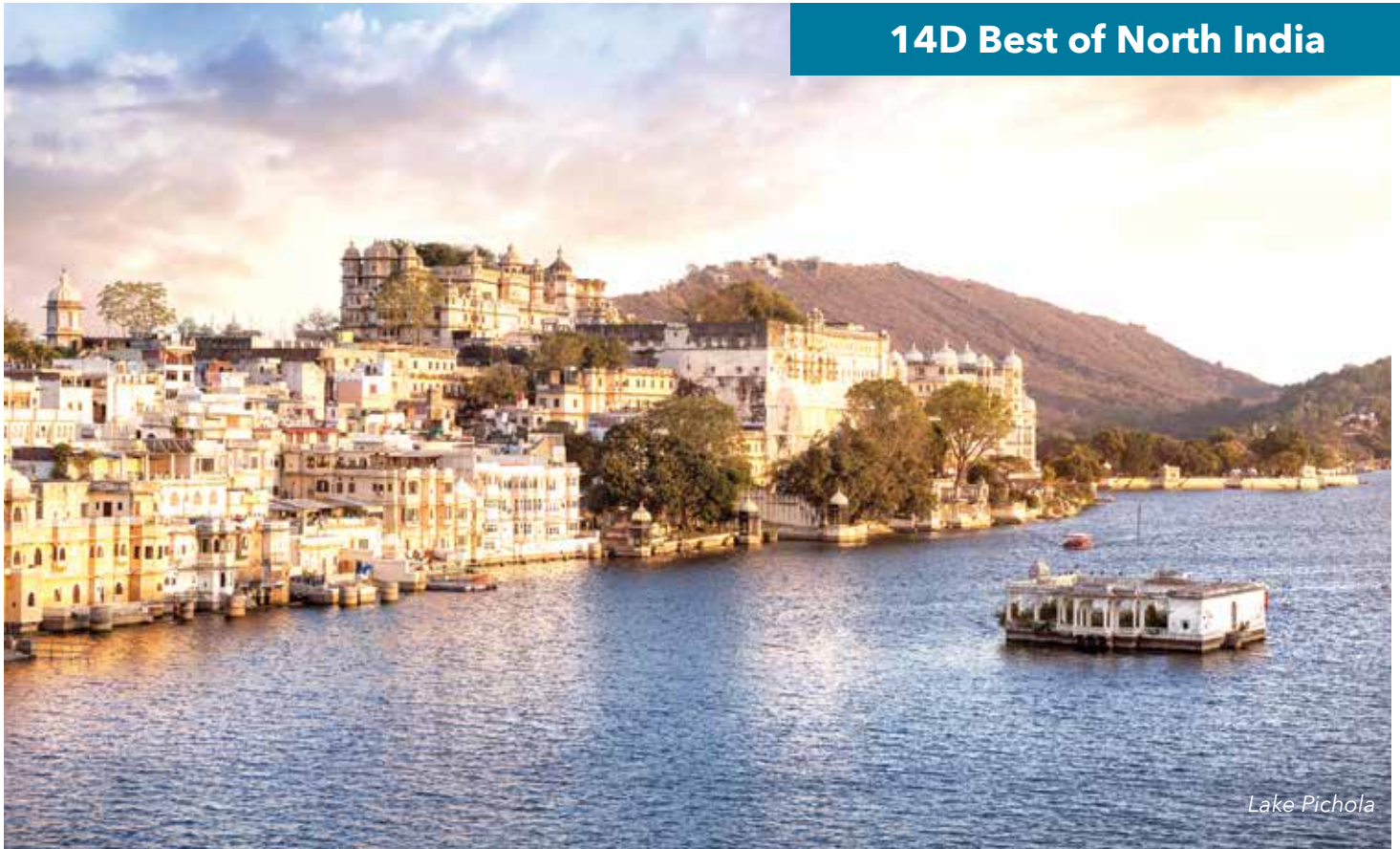
Morning Morning city tour takes you to the City Palace, a fusion of Medieval European and Chinese architecture, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion Ki Bari - the garden of maidens.

Day 14: Udaipur - Delhi (B)

Flight to Delhi connect onward flight or extend stay in India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

Included: Accommodation for 13 nights, private car/driver for a round-trip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

14D Best of North India



Lake Pichola

Price From: NZ 3694 / AUD 3549

Domestic flights from: NZ 559 / AUD 537

NEW

Delhi - Udaipur - Jodhpur - Jaipur - Agra - Khajuraho - Varanasi - Delhi

Discover authentic, diverse and beautiful North India - From the vibrant Delhi to Holy Varanasi. You will visit Delhi, Jaipur and Agra with the cultural sights of Varanasi and Khajuraho, and unlock the hidden gems of Jodhpur and the romantic city of Udaipur. This two-week tour offers a colourful and vibrant insight into the best of North India and explores towns and cities that are full of atmosphere and character.

Day 1: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

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

Day 3: Delhi - Udaipur (B)

Transfer to Delhi airport to connect flight to Udaipur and transfer to your Hotel. In the afternoon, proceed for a boat ride on Lake Pichola.

Day 4: Udaipur (B)

Morning city tour takes you to the City Palace, a fusion of Medieval European and Chinese architecture, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion Ki Bari - the garden of maidens. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 5: Udaipur - Jodhpur (B)

Drive to Jodhpur en route visiting Ranakpur

Temples. Jodhpur is the city on the edge of the Thar Desert. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 6: Jodhpur - Jaipur (B)

Morning tour of Jodhpur. The tour highlights include Meherangarh - one of the most impressive and formidable in Rajasthan and Jaswant Thada, the Royal Cenotaphs. Later you drive to Jaipur.

Day 7: Jaipur (B)

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

Day 8: Jaipur - Agra (B)

Leave for Agra en route visit Fatehpur Sikri, the mysterious fortified 'ghost city'. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 9: Agra (B)

This morning you will visit the beautiful Taj Mahal, a monument of love followed by Agra Fort. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 10: Agra - Orcha - Khajuraho (B)

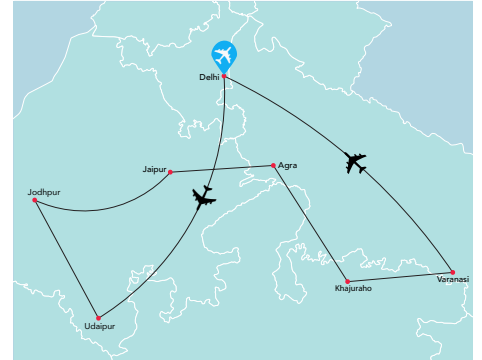
Transfer to Agra railway station to connect train to Jhansi and transfer to Khajuraho en-route visiting Orcha, located at the bank of river Betwa, visit old temples and palaces.

Day 11: Khajuraho - Varanasi (B)

Morning tour of Khajuraho's which has three groups of World Heritage-listed temples. Transfer to Khajuraho airport to connect flight to Varanasi. Evening witness Aarti on the Ganges, the sacred "light ceremony", on the riverbanks of Mother Ganges.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Chandni Chowk
- Taj Mahal
- Boat ride on Lake Pichola
- Amber Fort
- Taj Mahal
- Khajuraho Temple



Departs: Daily (Taj is closed on Fridays)

Day 12: Varanasi (B)

Early morning boat ride on the Ganges followed by Temple tour. Return to the hotel and visit Sarnath temple.

Day 13: Varanasi - Delhi (B)

Transfer to Varanasi airport to connect flight to Delhi. Connect onward flight or extend stay in India by choosing from various add on tours we offer.

Included: Accommodation for 12 nights, private car/driver for a round-trip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

9D Best of East India



Hill Tribes

From: NZ 2362 / AUD 2269

Domestic flights from: NZ 252 / AUD 242

NEW

Kolkata - Darjeeling - Kalimpong - Darjeeling - Gangtok - Kolkata

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

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata

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

Day 2: Kolkata (B)

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

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

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

Day 4: Darjeeling (B/D)

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

wood carvings and leather goods.

Day 5: Darjeeling (B/D)

Day at leisure to discover Darjeeling on own.

Day 6: Darjeeling (B/D)

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

Day 7: Darjeeling - Gangtok (B/D)

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

Day 8: Gangtok (B/D)

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

Day 9: Gangtok - Bagdogra - Kolkata (B)

Transfer to Bagdogra Airport to connect flight to Kolkata. Depart or extend stay in India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

Included: Accommodation for 8 nights, private car/driver for a round-trip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

HIGHLIGHTS
• Kolkata City & Museum Tour
• Ghoom Monastery
• Thorpa Choling Monastery
• Dodrul Chorten & Enchey Monastery
• Rumtek Monastery

Departs: Daily



Amber Fort

17D Splendors of North and South

Price From NZ 4812 / AUD 4624

Domestic flights from: NZ 312 / AUD 300

Revised

Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Jodhpur - Udaipur - Cochin -Munnar - Periyar - Alleppey - Kovalam - Trivandrum

See the diversity of this amazing land, where food, customs, traditions, dress and language changes every 200kms. Experience the exotic duet of North and South India, an unforgettable journey which takes you from the timeless city of Delhi with its centuries-old monuments, to the most photographed building in the world -beautiful Taj Mahal, visit the colorful and royal cities of Jaipur and Jodhpur with their magnificent forts, Udaipur -the most romantic city in India. Also visit 'God's own country - Kerala', the humble lifestyle of the South treasuring some of the most remarkable pieces of architecture, tea estates and the most enchanting Houseboat Cruise on the backwaters.

Day 1: Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Delhi (B)

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

Day 3: Delhi - Agra (B)

This morning, drive to the historical city of Agra. Afternoon tour of Agra visiting the sprawling Agra Fort and the spectacular Taj Mahal.

Day 4: Agra - Jaipur (B)

Travel to Jaipur en route visit Fatehpur Sikri, the mysterious 'ghost city' before exploring the colourful bazaars of Jaipur.

Day 5: Jaipur (B)

Full day tour of Jaipur visiting the magnificent hilltop Amber Fort with its picturesque Sheesh Mahal and the Hawa Mahal, the Observatory-Jantar Mantar and City Palace.

Day 6: Jaipur -Jodhpur (B)

Drive to Jodhpur. The city on the edge of the Thar Desert. Afternoon tour of Jodhpur. The tour highlights include Meherangarh - one of the most impressive and formidable in Rajasthan and Jaswant Thada, the Royal Cenotaphs.

Day 7: Jodhpur -Udaipur (B)

Drive to Udaipur and check in at the hotel. In the afternoon you will go for a boat ride at Lake Pichola.

Day 8: Udaipur (B)

Morning city tour takes you to the City Palace,

a fusion of Medieval European and Chinese architecture, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion Ki Bari - the garden of maidens. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 9: Udaipur - Mumbai - Cochin (B)

Flight to Mumbai to connect your flight to Cochin. The rest of the day is at leisure

Day 10: Cochin (B)

Morning tour of Cochin visiting the Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, Dutch Palace and Spice Market. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, enjoy the famous dance drama of Kerala, "Kathakali", characterized by grotesque gesticulations, amazing costumes and extensive make-up.

Day 11: Cochin - Munnar (B)

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

Day 12: Munnar (B)

This morning, take a walk through the tea plantations and to the nearby factory as well to see the process of picking and packing process of tea. Trek through cardamom forests and landscaped tea shrubs.

Day 13: Munnar - Periyar (B)

Today drive to Periyar and in the afternoon, visit a Spice plantation.

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

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

Day 15: Alleppey (Houseboat) - Kovalam (B)

Late morning, disembark at Alleppey, also known as "Venice of the East" for its narrow canals. Proceed towards Kovalam for your beach break.

Day 16: Kovalam (B)

Day at leisure.

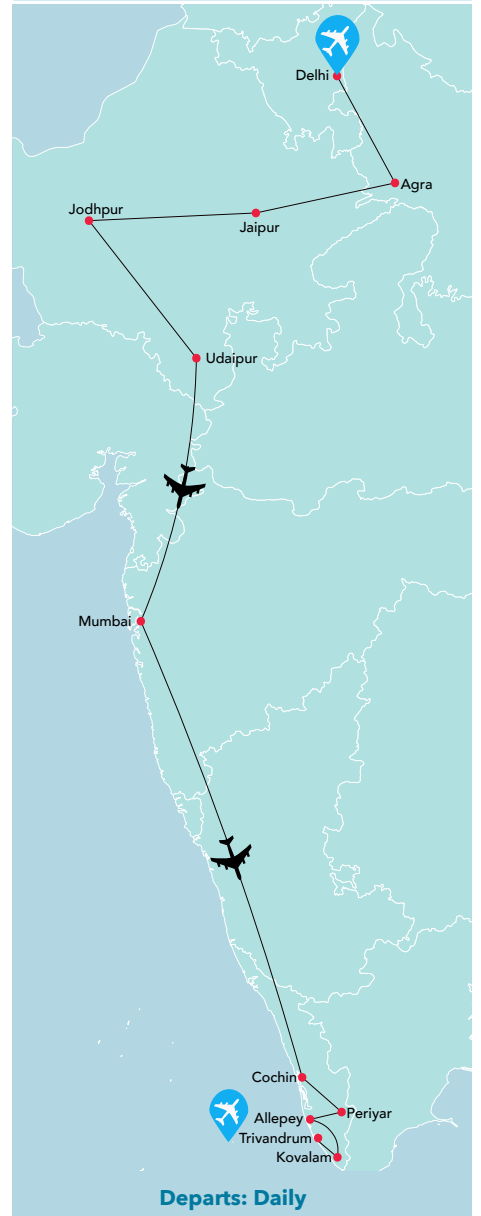
Day 17: Kovalam (B)

Day at leisure.

Day 18: Kovalam - Trivandrum (B)

Transfer to Trivandrum Airport for your onward flight.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Delhi City Tour
• Agra & Jaipur City Tour
• Tea Plantation
• Houseboat Cruise
• Kovalam Beach
• Spice Market



Included: Accommodation for 17 nights, private car/driver for the round-trip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

14D Mesmerizing South



Beach - Goa

From: NZ 4370 / AUD 4199

Domestic flights from: NZ 130 / AUD 125

Revised

Bangalore - Mysore - Hassan - Hampi - Badami - Goa - Mumbai

This journey will take you on an epic odyssey through most fascinating states of southern India. South India is famous for its incredible scenery, vibrant culture, delectable food, among other man made marvels. Explore palaces in Bangalore and Mysore, visit Shravanabelangola, and visit Hampi which is a UNESCO World Heritage site and finally the beautiful beaches in Goa.

Day 1: Bangalore

Arrival in Bengaluru (Bangalore) and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Bangalore (B)

Morning embark on the city tour of Bangalore visiting the Windsor Palace, the summer palace of Tipu Sultan and drive past the Cubbon Park and Vidhan Soudha. Afternoon free to relax at the hotel.

Day 3: Bangalore - Mysore (B)

Morning drive to Mysore, the second-largest city in the state of Karnataka, en route visit the Srirangapatna. In the evening, enjoy the beauty of Krishnaraj Sagara Gardens.

Day 4: Mysore - Hassan (B)

Morning tour of Mysore visiting Mysore Palace and Museum. Later drive to Hassan en route visiting Shravanabelagola, famous for its collection of Jain temples.

Day 5: Hassan - Hampi (B)

Morning drive to Hampi en-route visiting Belur & Halebid the twin cities which have temples which are cut from the soft stone called chloritic schist. It allowed for very fine detailing, evident in the intricately carved temple walls. Rest of the day at leisure

Day 6: Hampi (B)

Full day tour of Hampi, a World Heritage site and is the remains of the Vijayanagara empire and numerous temple complexes. Walk along the Tungabhadra River and visit Hampi Market.

Day 7: Hampi - Badami (B)

You will drive to Badami, the regal capital of the Badami Chalukyas from 540 to 757 AD, famous for its rock cut and other structural temples. Afternoon you will do the sightseeing tour of Badami and explore the gateways, forts, cave temples, sculptures and inscriptions.

Day 8: Badami (B)

Full day visit to Aihole, an hour away from Badami, major centres of historically important Chalukya monuments. These are big complexes that house a large number of temples which represent a perfect blend of Northern, Dravidian and Indo-Aryan architecture.

Day 9: Badami (B)

Full day visit to Pattadakal. You will get to see the temples which were built around the 6th Century.

Day 10: Badami - Goa (B)

Drive to Goa for your beach break.

Day 11: Goa (B)

You will do the sightseeing tour of Goa and also visit the Spice Plantation Village, where they grow nutmeg, chillies, betel-nut and cashew and explore how the majority of these spices apart from their use in culinary also form the backbone of traditional Indian medicine.

Day 12: Goa (B)

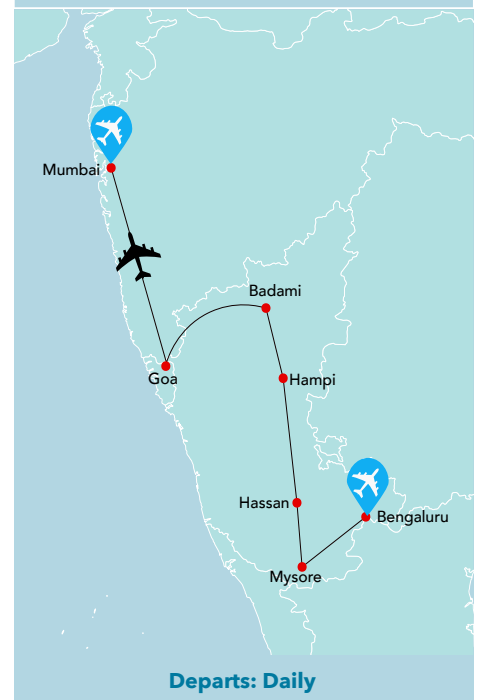
Day at Leisure

Day 13: Goa - Mumbai (B)

Transfer to Goa airport to connect flight for

HIGHLIGHTS

- Windsor Palace
- Krishnaraj Sagara Gardens
- Hampi Temples
- Badami Temples
- Spice Plantation Village



Mumbai. On arrival, proceed for a tour of Mumbai.

Day 14: Departure Mumbai

Transfer to Mumbai airport for your onward flight.

Included: Accommodation for 13 nights, private car/driver for roundtrip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

10D Splendid Kerala



Cochin

From: NZ 2482 / AUD 2385

NEW

Cochin - Munnar - Devalokam - Alleppey - Varkala - Trivandrum

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

Day 1: Cochin (B)

Arrive in Cochin and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Cochin (B)

Full day tour of Cochin, visiting Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, Dutch Palace and Spice Market. In the evening, enjoy the famous dance drama of Kerala, "Kathakali", characterized by grotesque gesticulations, amazing costumes and extensive make-up.

Day 3: Cochin -Munnar(B)

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

Day 4: Munnar (B)

This morning, take a walk through the tea plantation and to the nearby factory as well to see the process of picking and packing process of tea. Trek through cardamom forests

and landscaped tea shrubs.

Day 5: Munnar - Devalokam (B/L/D)

Drive to Devalokam. Afternoon explore the village of Devalokam meeting locals, observing their homes and their lifestyles.

Day 6: Devalokam -Alleppey (Houseboat) (B/L/D)

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

Day 7: Alleppey (Houseboat) - Varkala (B)

Late morning, disembark at Alleppey, also known as "Venice of the East" for its narrow canals. Proceed towards Varkala for your beach break.

Day 8: Varkala (B)

Day at leisure.

Day 9: Varkala (B)

Day at leisure.

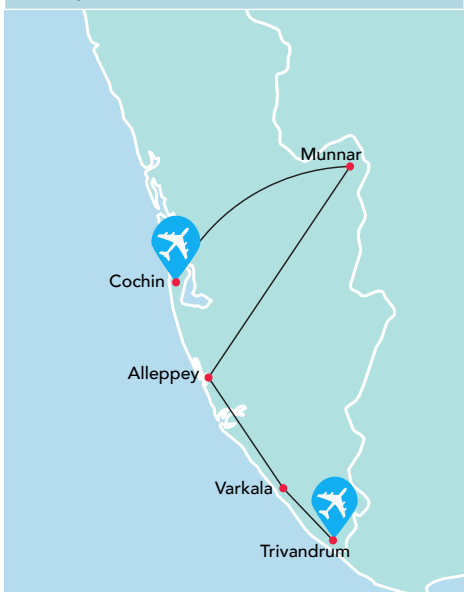
Day 10: Varkala - Trivandrum (B)

Transfer to Trivandrum airport for your onward flight.

Included: Accommodation for 09 nights, private car/driver for roundtrip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

HIGHLIGHTS

- Windsor Palace
- Krishnaraj Sagara Gardens
- Hampi Temples
- Badami Temples
- Spice Plantation Village



Departs: Daily

10D Best of South



Mahabalipuram

From: NZ 3140 / AUD 3017

Domestic flights from: NZ 99 / AUD 95

NEW

Cochin - Alleppey - Munnar - Madurai - Chennai/Mahabalipuram - Chennai

This tour introduces to the best of South India, with a mix of diversified experiences. Begin tour on the backwaters in Alleppey influencing the daily lives of people, visit the tea gardens in Munnar, the most amazing architectural wonders in temples to age-old monuments with statues in Chennai, tour Mahabalipuram ending with a tour of Pondicherry.

Day 1: Cochin (B)

Arrive in Cochin. Transfer to your hotel and rest of the day at leisure.

Day 2: Cochin (B)

Full day tour of Cochin, visiting Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Basilica, Dutch Palace and Spice Market. In the evening, enjoy the famous dance drama of Kerala, "Kathakali", characterized by grotesque gesticulations, amazing costumes and extensive make-up.

Day 3: Cochin - Alleppey (Houseboat) (B/L/D)

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

Day 4: Alleppey - Munnar (B)

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

Day 5: Munnar (B)

This morning, take a walk through the tea plantation and to the nearby factory as well to

see the process of picking and packing process of tea. Trek through cardamom forests and landscaped tea shrubs.

Day 6: Munnar - Madurai (B)

Drive to Madurai. Arrive Madurai and relax at the hotel.

Day 7: Madurai (B)

Today you will do the tour of Madurai visiting the Gandhi museum, Tirumalai Nayak Mahal and the temple tank Vaniyur Mariamman Teppakulam. Evening visit to Meenakshi Temple and take part in the prayer ceremony.

Day 8: Madurai - Chennai - Mahabalipuram (B)

Transfer to Madurai airport to connect flight to Chennai. On arrival, transfer to Mahabalipuram.

Day 9: Mahabalipuram (B)

Start your day with a tour of Kancheepuram - the ancient capital of the Pallavas, famous as a city of 1000 temples that still has 124 shrines, built in the 7th and 8th centuries and has paintings on the walls. Continue to Mahabalipuram to visit the city famous for the seven pagodas, Shore Temple and the Rathas.

Day 10: Mahabalipuram (B)

Today you will drive to Pondicherry, a charming coastal town. Formerly a French colony still has a few touches of French culture. Tour the French,

HIGHLIGHTS
• Windsor Palace
• Krishnaraj Sagara Gardens
• Hampi Temples
• Badami Temples
• Spice Plantation Village

Departs: Daily

Tamil quarter and the world famous Sri Aurobindo Ashram, a spiritual centre founded on modern sciences and yoga before returning to Mahabalipuram.

Day 11: Mahabalipuram - Chennai

Transfer to Chennai airport to connect onward flight.

Included: Accommodation for 10 nights, private car/driver for roundtrip, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrance fees

From NZ 370 / AUD 355

NEW

Cochin - Alleppey - Cochin

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

Day 1: Cochin-Houseboat (L/D)

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

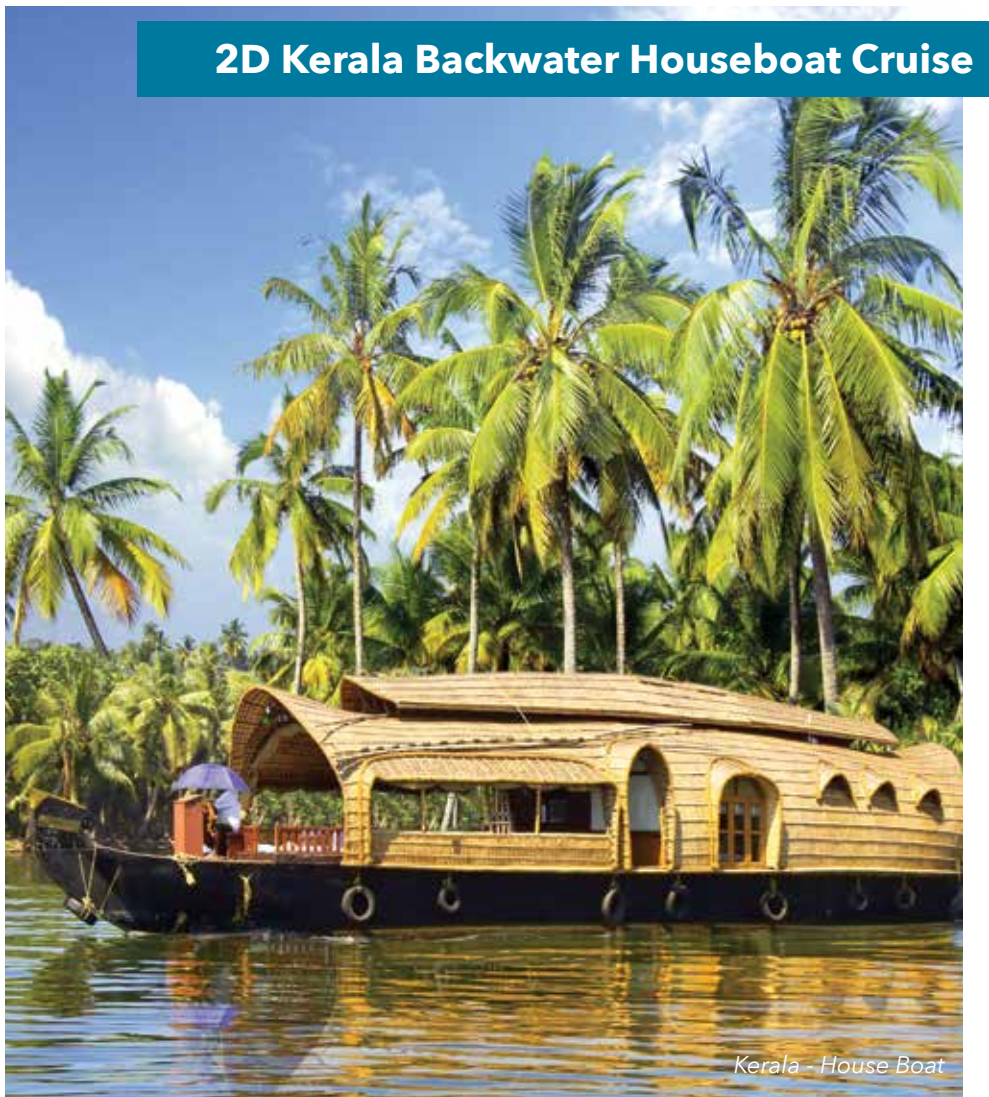
Day 2: Houseboat-Cochin (B)

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

Included: Accommodation for 1 night with meals on board and Airport transfers

Notes: Ask for a suggestion for pre/post arrangements.

Departs: Daily



Kerala - House Boat



Varanasi

From: NZD 567 / AUD 544

Domestic flights from NZD 294 / AUD 282

NEW

Delhi - Varanasi - Delhi

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

3D Holy Varanasi

Day 1: Delhi - Varanasi

Transfer from your Hotel in Delhi to Airport for flight to Varanasi. Visit of Sarnath, the ancient Buddhist learning centre where Gautam Buddha preached his first sermon. Visit the Sarnath Museum, Ashoka's Lion Capital, and the beautiful Teaching Buddha. Evening, visit the Ghats to see the temple priests perform Aarti, the sacred light ceremony on the banks of River Ganges.

Day 2: Varanasi (B)

Early morning boat ride to see the morning rituals of the Hindus on the riverbank and sunrise on River Ganges. Visit Kala Museum, Bharat Mata Temple with its marble statue of Mother India and Banaras Hindu University, the oldest university in North India. Afternoon visit the silk weavers village and explore the looms and shops of famous Banaras Silk.

Day 3: Varanasi (B)

Transfer to Airport for your flight to Delhi.

Included: Accommodation for 2 nights, transfers, tours as indicated, local guide and entrance fees.

Notes: Sarnath Museum is closed on Fridays.

Departs: Daily

INDIA - BEACH STAYS

GOA

Goa is India's smallest state by area and the fourth smallest by population. Located in West India in the region known as the Konkan, it is one of the most popular tourist destinations of India with beautiful beaches and historical sites. Goa is India's richest state with the highest GDP per capita.

Cidade De Goa, Goa ★★★★★
5Days / 4Nights
From: NZ 1077 / AUD 1035

Location: Beautifully located on the beach side, close to a lot of activities and shops.

Rooms and Amenities: 205 elegant rooms with TV, WiFi, safe, free bottled water, air-conditioning and mini bar

Facilities: Room service, Restaurants and bar, gym, outdoor pool, kids swimming pool, kids club and playground

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Goa Airport



Double Tree by Hilton Goa - Arpora - Baga, Goa ★★★★★
5Days / 4Nights
From: NZ 846 / AUD 813

Location: Perfectly located Hotel for those who want to enjoy relaxing time on the beach, as well as being close to all what this lively city has to offer.

Rooms and Amenities: Beautifully decorated 104 rooms featuring air-conditioning, TV, WiFi, mini bar, coffee/tea making facilities and free bottled water

Facilities: Concierge, Restaurants and bar, currency exchange, gym, outdoor pool, spa and steam

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Goa Airport

Kovalam

Kovalam - breathtakingly beautiful - a haven of peace and tranquility - the idyllic tourist destination in God's own country. Kovalam offers an excellent diversity with Kovalam beach to suit all desires and occasions. Three curves shaped beaches, alienated by stony outcroppings, from the major attraction of this coastal resort.

The Leela Raviz, Kovalam ★★★★★
5Days / 4Nights
From: NZ 1820 / AUD 1748

Location: Located on the cliff top, overlooking the beach area, this Hotel is perfect for relaxing stays.

Rooms and Amenities: Featuring 187 luxury rooms with TV, WiFi, mini bar, air-conditioning and telephone

Facilities: Room service, Concierge, Laundry, Dry cleaning, Restaurants and bar, gym, outdoor pool and currency exchange

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Trivandrum Airport



Travancore Heritage Beach Resort & Spa, Kovalam ★★★★★
5Days / 4Nights
Price from: NZ 705/ AUD 677

Location: The resort is located 23 kms from Trivandrum and is a short drive to main attractions and close to the city centre.

Rooms and Amenities: 90 unique rooms with TV, WiFi, air-conditioning, iron, mini bar and safe

Facilities: Concierge, room service, restaurants and bars, gym, outdoor pool and game room

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Trivandrum Airport

Mahabalipuram

Mahabalipuram lies on the Coromandel Coast which faces the Bay of Bengal. This is an elegant place to watch which a well-established seaport was during the 7th to 10th centuries of the Pallava dynasty. This was the second capital of the Pallavas who ruled Kanchipuram.

Raddisson Blu Resort Temple Bay Mamalapuram, Mahabalipuram ★★★★★
5Days / 4Nights
Price from: NZ 1393 / AUD 1339

Location: Ideally located, next to the beach and close to the main attractions.

Rooms and Amenities: Comfortable and luxury 144 rooms, featuring WiFi, TV, coffee/tea maker and air-conditioning

Facilities: Room service, Laundry, Restaurants and bar, business centre, gym, valet parking and outdoor pool

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Chennai Airport



Chariot Beach Resort Mahabalipuram, Mahabalipuram ★★★★★
5Days / 4Nights
Price from: NZ 855 / AUD 821

Location: Strategically located Resort, close to World Heritage sites and other attractions.

Rooms and Amenities: 70 beautiful rooms with air-conditioning, TV, WiFi, clothes dryer, free bottled water and coffee/tea maker

Facilities: 24 hour front desk, Room service, Restaurant and bar, business centre, gym, outdoor pool, spa and steam

Included: Accommodation for 4 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Chennai Airport



Street food Tour in Delhi:
Price from: NZ 119 / AUD 117

This morning proceed to Kari Baoli, a wholesale market for spices and observe the late morning hustle-bustle in one of the biggest spice markets in Asia. Continue your walk and visit the famous Paranthi Wali Gali (Parantha is a baked or light-fried multi-layered Indian bread, generally stuffed with a variety of vegetables and spices). There will be a good opportunity for you to have a taste of a paratha with a stuffing your choice made right in front of you.



Jaipur Royal Cycle Tour (Jaipur):
Price from: NZ 76 / AUD 75

Dive in History, admire the most beautiful sites of Jaipur and be transported to another era. Cycle to the Jal Mahal (Water Palace), make a stop at the Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace) and visit the Gaitor Maharaja's cenotaphs, discover the royal district of the City Palace and learn about the daily life of a Maharaja. Visit: Hawa Mahal, City Palace, Jal Mahal, Gaitor King's cenotaphs, Vegetable wholesale market, Govind Devji Royal Temple Ceremony.



Jeep Safari to Bishnoi Village (Jodhpur):
Price from: NZ 37 / AUD 37

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



Dharavi Slum Tour (Mumbai):
Price from: NZ 204 / AUD 201

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



Heritage Walk in Old Delhi:
Price from: NZ 119 / AUD 117

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



Home-Hosted Dinner (Delhi, Agra, Jaipur):
Price from: NZ 142 / AUD 140

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



Sahaj Anand - Multimedia Water Show at Akshardham (Delhi):
Price from: NZ 55 / AUD 60

The Sahaj Anand Water Show is a breathtaking 24-minute presentation which unites a variety of intriguing media to bring to life a story from the Kena Upanishad. Multi-color lasers, video projections, underwater flames, water jets and surround sound in symphony with lights and live actors produce a captivating and inspiring presentation.



Kumbalangi Village Tour (Cochin):
Price from: NZ 234 / AUD 231

Kumbalangi is a lush green village of Cochin. It is declared as the first model fisheries and tourism village of India, which has its own tradition and culture. Most of the villagers are engaged in agriculture and fishing.

8D The Palace on Wheels



Price From: NZD 7233 / AUD 6788

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

Explore the majestic land of Rajasthan and experience a journey worthy of the Maharajas of yore. Rajasthan opens its treasure chest and presents all its mystical charms for the astute guests aboard Palace on Wheels train.

Day 1 (Wed): New Delhi

Board the Palace on Wheels for a week long extravaganza through fascinating Rajasthan.

Day 2 (Thu): Jaipur, The Pink City (B/L/D)

Enjoy a tour of Jaipur, visiting Hawa Mahal or Palace of Winds, followed by a visit to the Amber Fort. In the afternoon, visit the City Palace Museum and Observatory.

Day 3 (Fri): Sawai Madhopur-Chittaurgarh (B/L/D)

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

Day 4 (Sat): Udaipur (B/L/D)

Udaipur, the Lake City, is one of the most romantic cities of the East. Two of the most beautiful sites of Udaipur are the dream like marble palaces - the Jag Niwas (Lake Palace)

and the Jag Mandir, which appear to rise from the blue waters of Lake Pichola. Visit the City Palace overlooking Lake Pichola.

Day 5 (Sun): Jaisalmer (B/L/D)

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

Day 6 (Mon): Jodhpur (B/L/D)

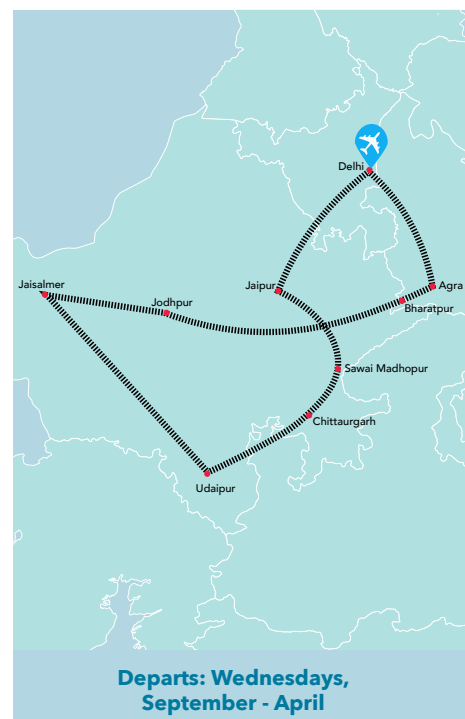
Arrive in Jodhpur and visit Mehrangarh Fort - one of the most impressive and formidable in Rajasthan, Jaswant Thada, the Royal Cenotaphs and Mahamandir, an architectural wonder with 84 intricately carved pillars. In the afternoon, visit handicraft showrooms for some bargains. and Jaswant Thada, the Royal Cenotaphs.

Day 7 (Tue): Bharatpur-Agra (B/L/D)

Arrive in Bharatpur and visit the world famous bird sanctuary, Keoladeo Ghana National Park, the nesting place for thousands of species of birds. A short journey takes you to Agra to visit the Agra Fort and Taj Mahal, a pristine monument of undying love. Agra is known for its splendid marble inlay work like the Pietra Dura work on the Taj, leather goods and jewellery.

Day 8 (Wed): Delhi (B)

Early morning arrival in Delhi, and disembark after breakfast.



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

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

INDIA - Hotels



Prices are per person per night on twin share including breakfast

Japee Sidharth New Delhi ★★★★★

From \$ NZD 88 / AUD 83

Location: Centrally located, the Hotel is a short drive away from the main shopping hub Connaught Place.

Rooms and Amenities: Luxurious and well-decorated 94 Rooms, with Wi-Fi, TV, Safe, Iron and telephone

Facilities: Room service, Restaurants and bar, business centre, gym, outdoor pool, spa and steam

The Lalit Delhi ★★★★★

From \$ NZD 109 / AUD 103

Location: Located in City Centre, the main commercial, shopping, and office district

Rooms and Amenities: All 461 rooms & suites have a mini bar, tea/coffee maker, electronic safe, telephone, multi-channel TV.

Facilities: Room service, Restaurants, poolside bar, fitness centre, spa and steam bath, nightclub and lockers

Jaypee Palace, Agra ★★★★★

From \$ NZD 78 / AUD 73

Location: Located in the main tourist district of Agra, close to the Taj Mahal.

Rooms and Amenities: 341 luxuriously appointed rooms including 13 suites and 40 Executive rooms with all the modern comforts including Wi-Fi, air conditioning, satellite TV, tea/coffee facilities, minibar and complimentary newspaper.

Facilities: A number of dining options, wellness centre, swimming pool, travel desk.

ITC Mughal, Agra ★★★★★

From \$ NZD 95 / AUD 89

Location: Located in the main tourist district of Agra, close to the Taj Mahal. The only Indian hotel to have won the prestigious Aga Khan Award for its excellent representation of Mughal architecture

Rooms & Amenities: 233 luxuriously appointed rooms and suites with all the modern comforts including Wi-Fi, air conditioning, satellite TV, tea/coffee facilities, minibar and complimentary newspaper.

Facilities: A number of dining options, wellness centre, swimming pool, travel desk.

TC Rajputana, Jaipur ★★★★★

From \$ NZD 135 / AUD 127

Location: Located close to the city centre and to the main tourist attraction.

Rooms and Amenities: 218 guest rooms all the modern comforts including Wi-Fi, air conditioning, satellite TV, tea/coffee facilities, in-room safe, fresh fruits, minibar, digital console, ironing board.

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

Samode Haveli, Jaipur ★★★★★

From \$ NZD 225 / AUD 212

Location: Hotel is set in a prime location, with many major places of interest close by, offering an intimate atmosphere with personalised service. With its understated luxury, antique furniture and original pieces of art, the hotel is a celebration of traditional values and gracious living.

Rooms & Amenities: 39 spacious deluxe rooms and suites. Tea/coffee facilities, complimentary bottled water, LCD satellite television, luxurious bedding, telephone, minibar, Wireless high-speed internet and electronic safe. Hairdryer and iron/ironing board on request.

Facilities: Restaurants, bar, outdoor pool, outdoor Jacuzzi, parking, 24-hour in-room dining, business services and laundry service.

The Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace Udaipur ★★★★★

From \$ NZD 164 / AUD 155

Location: The LaLiT Laxmi Vilas Palace Udaipur is located on a hilltop amidst the Aravalli hills, overlooking the Fateh Sagar lake and is close to the city centre.

Rooms and Amenities: All 55 rooms and suites have all the modern comforts including, internet, television, refrigerator, air conditioned, safe, telephone and iron.

Facilities: Restaurants and bar, business centre, kid's pool, spa and Gym

Radisson Blu, Varanasi ★★★★★

From \$ NZD 125 / AUD 118

Location: Located near the River Ganges, Radisson Hotel Varanasi in the Cantt district.

Rooms and Amenities: 116 rooms and suites featuring air-conditioning, tea/coffee facilities, complimentary bottled water, LCD satellite television, luxurious bedding, telephone, minibar, complimentary wireless high-speed internet and electronic safe. Hairdryer and iron/ironing board on request.

Facilities: Outdoor pool, two restaurant and bars, fitness centre, 24-hour in-room dining, business services and laundry service.

Ramada Plaza JHV, Varanasi ★★★★★

From \$ NZD 101 / AUD 96

Location: Located close to Bharat Mata & Vishwanath Temples, Kashi Vishwanath Temple and Ghats.

Rooms and Amenities: 120 guest rooms with contemporary and stylish décor with a view of garden or pool. Rooms feature a work desk with high-speed Internet access, toiletries, tea/coffee maker, minibar, telephone and electronic safe.

Facilities: Three restaurants, two bars, fitness centre, spa and beauty salon.

Taj Malabar Resort & Spa, Cochin ★★★★★

From \$ NZD 186 / AUD 175

Location: Located on Willingdon Island, overlooking the harbour.

Rooms & Amenities: 95 rooms featuring air-conditioning, telephone, cable/satellite television, toiletries, mini bar, telephone.

Facilities: Four Restaurants and bar, room service, outdoor pool, steam and sauna room, health club, sports club, and laundry facilities.

Brunton Boatyard, Cochin ★★★★★

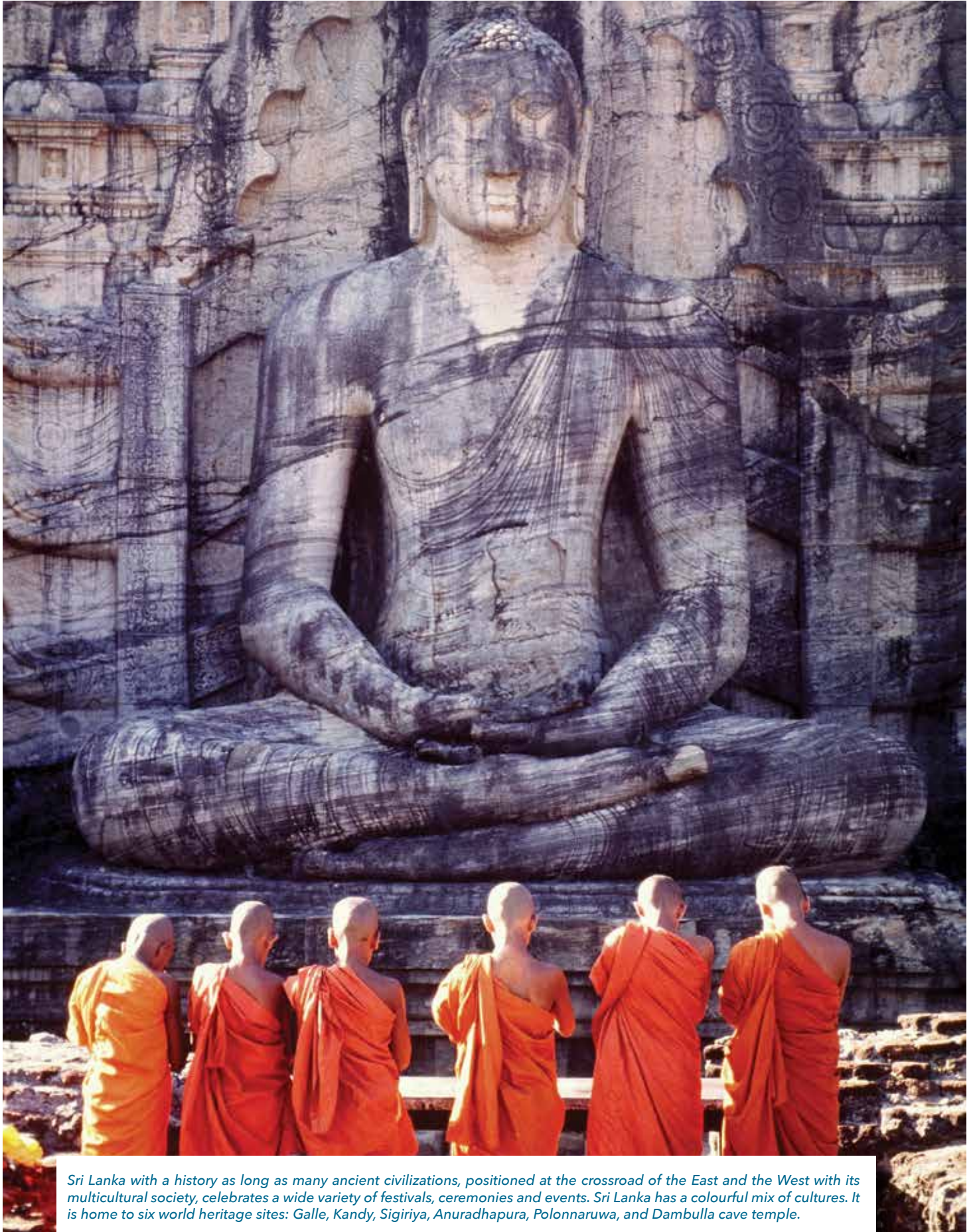
From \$ NZD 321 / AUD 303

Location: Located in the historical Fort Cochin. 52 km from Cochin Airport.

Rooms and Amenities: 26 bedrooms, all are tastefully furnished with internet access, air conditioning, balcony/terrace, mini bar.

Facilities: Restaurant, Room Service, internet facilities, outdoor pool, health club, spa, massage, safe lockers.

SRI LANKA



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

Sri Lanka is a land of staggering contrast and spectacular beauty due to its compactness. Seductive beaches, magnificent landscapes, fertile wetlands, imposing mountains, rivers and waterfalls, an abundance of wildlife - inspiring heritage sites from ancient cities to colonial forts, a vibrant culture including fine arts and crafts and grand festivals, and a person of diverse ethnicity and religious persuasion, charming and hospitable..... It's a must-see destination.

SRI LANKA - DESTINATIONS



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Galle: From UNESCO-listed Galle Fort, the 16th-century Portuguese-built fort expanded by the Dutch and British to cobbled lanes and Dutch-style buildings, Galle is a Jewel. The walled city has stood since the early sixteenth century, through the Colonial periods of the Portuguese, Dutch and British. In our present times, it is proclaimed as an Archaeological Reserve and has been identified as a living World Heritage Site. An endlessly exotic old trading port blessed with imposing Dutch-colonial buildings, rambling lanes, ancient mosques and churches, grand mansions and museums makes Galle Southren Sri Lanka's most intriguing city.

Bentota: Over the years, a lineup of luxurious beach Resorts, Ayurvedic spas, chic cafes and a constant rotation of beach events have sprung up in the vicinity of Bentota. The gold tinged coastal stretch in Bentota overlooks a vivid turquoise ocean while the fertile and serene swiipe of the River Bentota beckons visitors to ski its waters and explore the rich ecosystem. Good mix of Uberluxe Resorts and Smaller boutique places running along the the ribbon of golden sand and catering to all kinds of tourist makes it one of the best beach places in Sri Lanka .

Jaffna: Closer to southern India than to Colombo; Jaffna is a world away from the rest of Sri Lanka. Intriguing, unimposing and slightly off the beaten path; Jaffna has retained a unique character and culture, one which owes as much to Hindu India as to Buddhist Sri Lanka and is the best way to discover Sri Lankan Tamil culture, attractive palm-shaded colonial-era suburbs, beautiful temples and churches. Apart from all, travelling to Jaffna offers a fascinating opportunity to explore a region emerging from over twenty years of isolation and civil war.

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

7D Highlights of Sri Lanka



Colombo City

From: NZD 1393 / AUD 1308

Revised

Colombo - Kandy - Nuwara Eliya - Yala - Galle - Colombo

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

Day 1: Colombo

Arrival at Colombo airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Colombo - Kandy (B)

Morning drive to Kandy enroute visiting a Spice Garden at Mawanalle. Later proceed for the afternoon tour of Kandy and visit Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum and Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

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

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

Day 5: Nuwara Eliya - Yala (B)

Drive down from the mountains and to coastal Yala. Arrive at Yala National Park, famous for sightings of elephants, leopard and bear and take an afternoon jungle safari.

Day 6: Yala - Galle (B)

After a morning jeep safari in Yala NP, drive to Galle, visit Galle Fort, a mask factory and a turtle hatchery.

Day 7: Galle - Colombo (B)

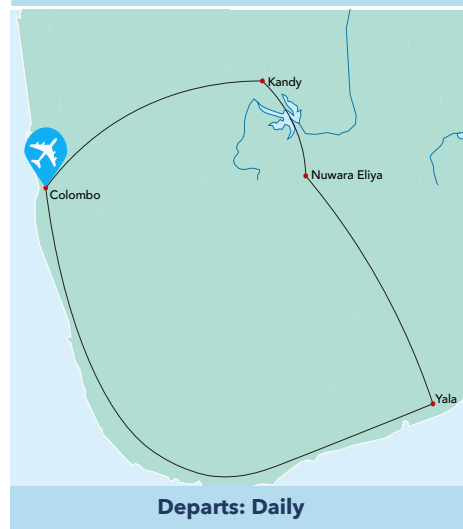
Drive to Colombo, later you will do a tour of Colombo and also visit Turtle Hatchery. Transfer to the airport for your flight or extend your stay in Sri Lanka by choosing various add on tours we offer. You can also choose to extend your stay in The Maldives.

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

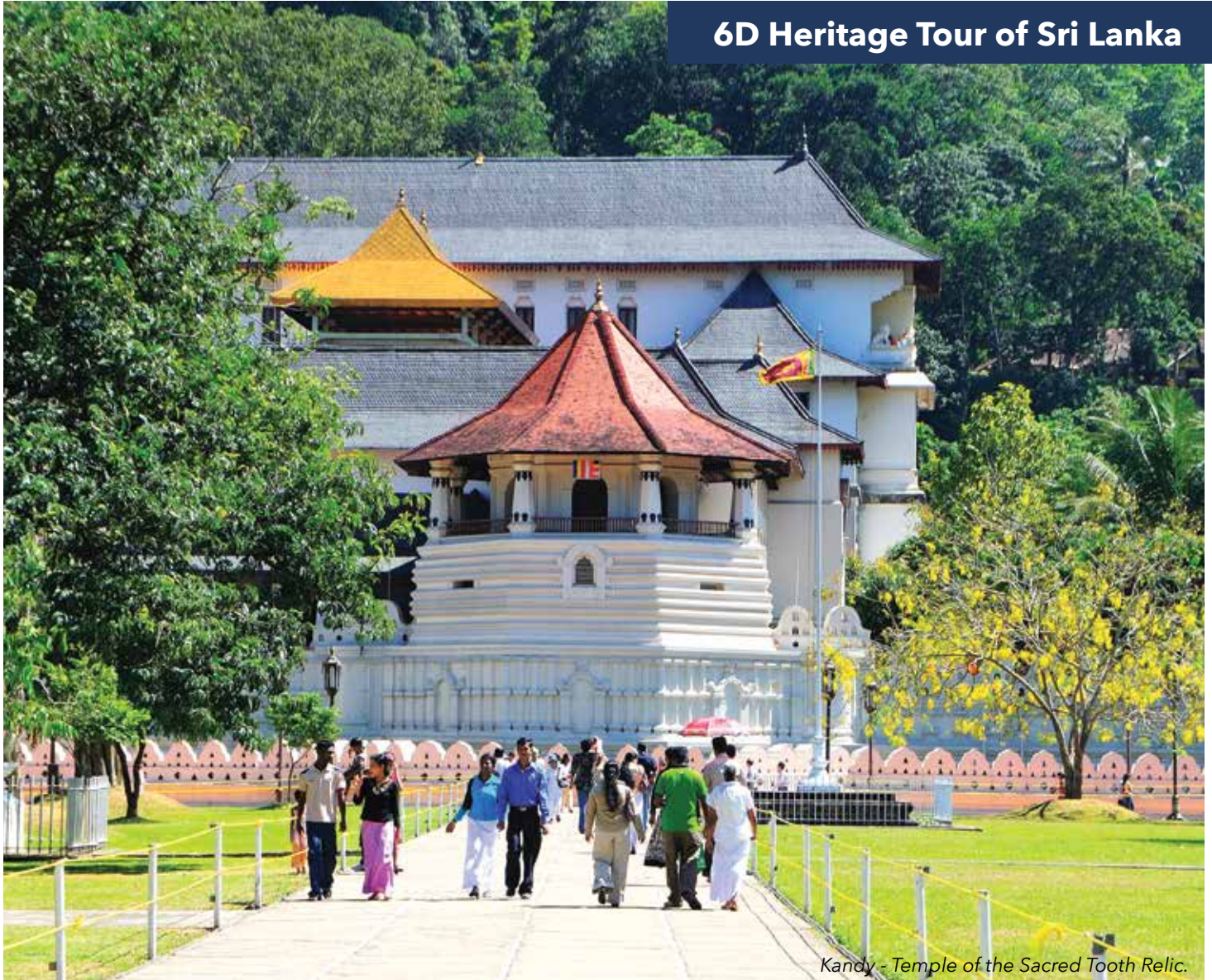
Add-on: Beach stays close to Colombo or in Maldives

HIGHLIGHTS

- Colombo City Tour
- Spice Garden at Mawanallae
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Yala National park
- Nuwara Eliya Evening Tour



6D Heritage Tour of Sri Lanka



Kandy - Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

From: NZD 1269 / AUD 1191

Revised

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

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

Day 1: Colombo

Arrival at Colombo airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Colombo - Anuradhapura - Habarana

This morning, leave for the ancient city of ruins - Anuradhapura. After a tour of Anuradhapura continue your drive for Habarana. Check in at your hotel.

Day 3: Habarana - Sigiriya - Polonnaruwa - Habarana

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

Day 4: Habarana - Dambulla - Kandy

This morning, leave for Kandy en route visiting Dambulla Caves & Temple. Later you will do the evening tour of Kandy and visit Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum and Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Day 5: Kandy - Colombo

Today you will leave for Colombo. After check-in at the hotel, you will proceed for an afternoon tour of Colombo city. Visiting Cinnamon Gardens, the Fort and Sea Street, the goldsmith's quarters in the Pettah area, the Bazaar area and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749. Also, visit the replica of Avukana Buddha and Independence Square.

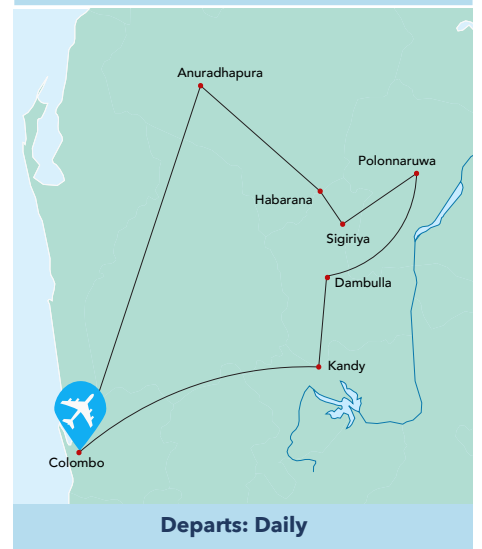
Day 6: Colombo

Transfer to the airport for your flight or extend your stay in Sri Lanka by choosing various add on tours we offer. You can also choose to extend your stay in The Maldives.

Include: Accommodation for 5 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers, sightseeing as indicated with English speaking driver-guide and entrances

HIGHLIGHTS

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



10D Splendors of Sri Lanka



Minneriya National park.

From \$ NZD 1674 / AUD 1571

NEW

Colombo - Habarana - Trincomalee - Anuradhapura - Colombo

This outstanding introductory tour to Sri Lanka combines the cultural triangle's ancient cities with scenic hill country, man-made marvels and abundant wildlife. You will visit beautiful Habarana, the historic town of Trincomalee and the ancient capital of the Sinhalese Kings on this tour. You will get a chance to experience amazing Sri Lanka.

Day 1: Colombo

Arrival at Colombo airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Colombo - Habarana (B)

Morning tour of Colombo to visit Cinnamon Gardens, the Fort and Sea Street, the goldsmith's quarters in the Pettah area, the Bazaar area, Dutch Church of Wolfendhal and Independence Square. Later you will leave for Habarana.

Day 3: Habarana - Sigiriya - Habarana (B)

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

Day 4: Habarana - Polonnaruwa - Minneriya - Habarana (B)

A day trip to visit Polonnaruwa, which has some splendid and spectacular statues. Lankatilake, Tivanka and Thuparama are the most beautiful

and largest Image Houses and Tivanka has the best examples of frescoes of the Polonnaruwa period. After this visit, continue for a safari in Minneriya NP to see the biggest gathering of wild elephants, before returning back to Habarana.

Day 5: Habarana - Trincomalee (B)

Depart Habarana for Trincomalee which is on the east coast of Sri Lanka and is a historic town.

Day 6: Trincomalee (B)

In Trincomalee visit Fort Fredrik, Konneswaram Hindu Temple and see the well-known 'lovers leap' drive back to the hotel in the afternoon and the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 7: Trincomalee (B)

Day at leisure.

Day 8: Trincomalee - Anuradhapura (B)

Leave for the historic ancient capital of Anuradhapura. You will visit key historical locations in this ancient city, from where Sinhalese Kings ruled for over 1000 years. It is the most extensive and important of the Sri Lankan ancient cities, famous for its Temples, Reservoirs, and beautifully landscaped gardens, the ruins of which still remain to this day.

Day 9: Anuradhapura - Colombo (B)

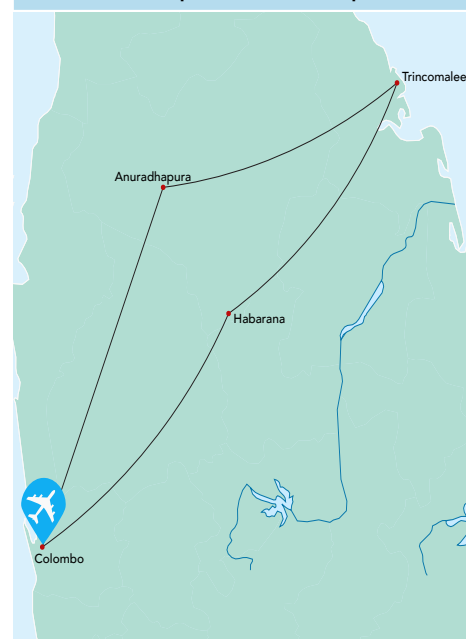
Drive to Colombo and the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 10: Colombo (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight

HIGHLIGHTS

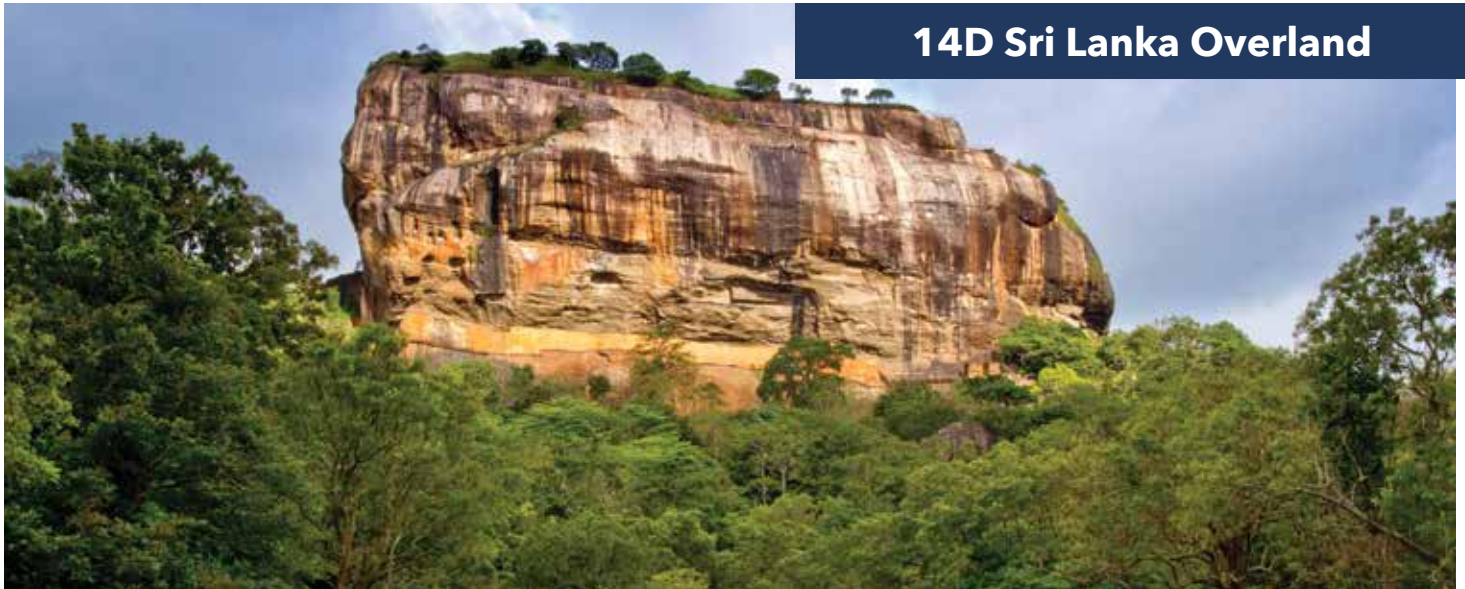
- Lion Rock
- Cinnamon Gardens
- Ancient Ruins of Polonnaruwa
- Fort Fredrik
- Ancient Capital of Anuradhapura



Departs: Daily

Included: Accommodation for 9 nights, transfers, sightseeing as indicated with English speaking driver-guide and entrances

14D Sri Lanka Overland



From \$ NZD 3361 / AUD 3154

Revised

Colombo - Galle - Yala - Nuwara Eliya - Kandy - Sigiriya - Trincomalee - Anuradhapura - Negombo

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

Day 1: Colombo

Arrival at Colombo airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Colombo (B)

This morning you will tour Colombo visiting Cinnamon Gardens, the Fort and Sea Street, the goldsmith's quarters in the Pettah area, the Bazaar area and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dates back to 1749. Also you will visit the replica of Avukana Buddha and Independence Square. The afternoon is free.

Day 3: Colombo - Galle (B)

Leave for Galle, Afternoon visit the Galle Dutch Fort. This city has the most ancient and important harbour in the country. Overnight stay in Galle.

Day 4: Galle - Yala (B)

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

Day 5: Yala - Nuwara Eliya (B)

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

Day 6: Nuwara Eliya (B)

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

Day 7: Nuwara Eliya - Kandy (B)

Depart Nuwara Eliya and visit the Royal Botanical Gardens in Peradeniya, a 14th-century pleasure retreat of the Pandyan kings. Drive onward to Kandy. Enjoy an afternoon tour of Kandy and visit Upper Lake Drive, Market Square, Arts & Crafts Centre, Gem Museum and Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Day 8: Kandy - Dambulla - Sigiriya (B)

Leave for Dambulla and enroute visit a spice garden in Matale. Visit the historic Cave Temple in Dambulla before continuing to Sigiriya. Afternoon free

Day 9: Sigiriya (B)

Morning visit to the Sigiriya Rock Fortress, iconic site of Sri Lanka. Afternoon free.

Day 10: Sigiriya - Habarana - Polonnaruwa - Trincomalee (B)

Depart Sigiriya to visit the ancient ruins of Polonnaruwa, which has some splendid and spectacular statues. Lankatilake, Tivanka and Thuparama are the most beautiful and largest Image Houses and Tivanka has the best examples of frescoes of the Polonnaruwa period.

Day 11: Trincomalee (B)

Visit Fort Fredrik, Konneswaram Hindu Temple and see the well-known 'lovers leap' on this morning's tour.

Day 12: Trincomalee - Anuradhapura (B)

Leave for the historic ancient capital of Anuradhapura. You will visit key historical locations in this ancient city, from where Sinhalese Kings ruled for over 1000 years. It is the most extensive and important of the Sri Lankan ancient cities, famous for its Temples, Reservoirs, and beautifully landscaped gardens, the ruins of which still remain to this day.

Day 13: Anuradhapura - Negombo (B)

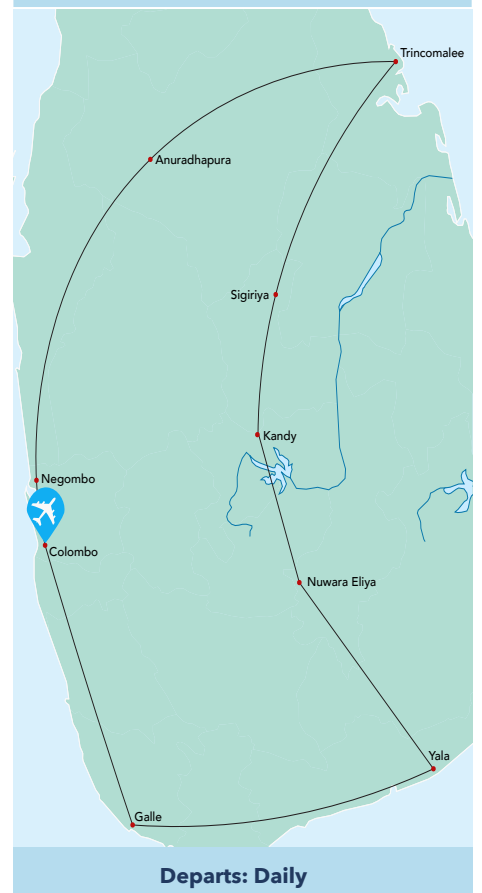
Drive to Negombo and the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 14: Negombo

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Galle Dutch Fort
- Kandy Evening Tour
- Haggala Botanical Garden
- Yala National Park
- Ancient Ruins of Polonnaruwa



Departs: Daily

Included: Accommodation for 13 nights, meals as specified in the itinerary, transfers, sightseeing as indicated with English speaking driver-guide and entrances

Add-on: Beach stays close to Colombo or in Maldives

18D Grand Tour of Sri Lanka



Galle Fort

From: NZD 3642 / AUD 3418

Revised

Colombo - Negombo - Wilpattu - Anuradhapura - Jaffna - Habarana - Kandy - Nuwara Eliya - Yala - Galle - Colombo

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

Day 1: Colombo - Negombo

Arrive in Colombo and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Negombo (B)

Take a morning tour of Colombo visiting Fort, former British military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmith's quarters, Bazaar, a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, Dutch Church of Wolfendhal and Independence Square. The afternoon is free to explore the fishing village and the market in Negombo.

Day 3: Negombo - Wilpattu - Anuradhapura (B)

Morning drive to Anuradhapura, en-route visit Wilpattu National Park for a jeep safari. Wilpattu is the home of Sri Lankan Leopard, you may also spot Sloth bear on the safari. The park is also known for the ancient ruins which were discovered inside showing historical evidence that Prince Saliya, son of King Dutugemunu lived in Wilpattu over 2,000 years ago. Continue your drive to Anuradhapura.

Day 4: Anuradhapura - Jaffna (B)

This morning you will explore the ruins of ancient Anuradhapura kingdom from where Sinhalese Kings ruled for over 1000 years. It is the most extensive and important of the Sri Lankan ancient cities, famous for its Temples, Reservoirs, and beautifully landscaped gardens, the ruins of which still remain to this day. Afternoon drive to Jaffna.

Day 5: Jaffna (B)

Full day city tour of Jaffna visiting Jaffna Fort, the Nallur Kovil Temple, Jaffna Library and Jaffna Museum. Also, explore Keerimalai pond and Dambakola Patuna Port

Day 6: Jaffna (B)

Today board the short boat ride to Nagadeepa

island to visit the Nagadeepa temple. Later visit the point Pedro and explore the village and beach area. Return back to the hotel.

Day 7: Jaffna - Habarana (B)

Morning travel to Habarana and the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 8: Habarana (B)

Today visit the ancient city of Polonnaruwa to see the ruins of this ancient capital. Afternoon you will enjoy a jeep ride at Minneriya National Park, famous for massive herds of elephants.

Day 9: Habarana (B)

Today morning visit the Sigiriya rock fortress, a taste of the pure Ceylon tea in the idyllic tea factory. The afternoon is at leisure or option to cycle around the village.

Day 10: Habarana - Kandy (B)

Travel to Kandy and en-route visit a spice garden. Afternoon you will enjoy a city tour of Kandy with a cultural dance show.

Day 11: Kandy - Nuwara Eliya (B)

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

Day 12: Nuwara Eliya (B)

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

Day 13: Nuwara Eliya - Yala (B)

Transfer to train station for a train to Ella. Upon arrival, transfer to Hotel in Yala.

Day 14: Yala (B)

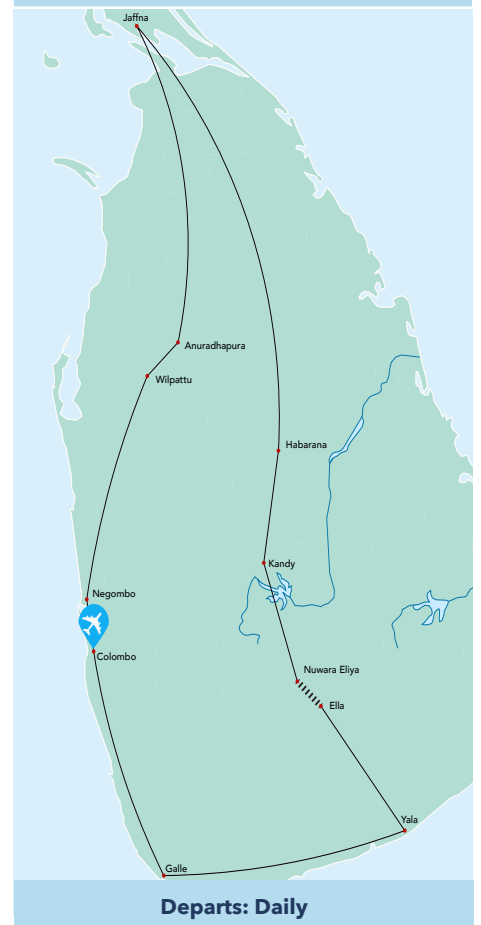
This morning, take a Safari at Yala National Park by Jeep. Wild animals include elephants in herds of varying sizes, Leopards, Wild Boar, Wild Buffalo, Crocodiles, and Peacocks, Jackal, Sloth Bear and other animals. Also, take an afternoon safari in the National Park to enjoy viewing wildlife as the sun sets.

Day 15: Yala - Galle (B)

Today you will drive to Galle and in afternoon visit the Galle Dutch Fort. Galle has the most ancient and important harbour of the country until Colombo Harbour was established and identified as the 'Tarshis' of the Bible.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wilpattu National Park
- Lion Rock
- Nallur Kovil Temple
- Ancient Capital of Anuradhapura
- Yala National Park



Day 16: Galle (B)

Full day is at leisure

Day 17: Galle - Colombo (B)

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

Day 18: Colombo departure (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight.

Included: Accommodation for 17 nights with meals as mentioned, transfers, sightseeing as indicated with English speaking driver-guide and entrances



16D Explore Sri Lanka

From: NZD 3934 / AUD 3692

Revised

Colombo - Minneriya - Dambulla - Sigiriya Rock - Anuradhapura - Polonnaruwa - Dambulla - Kandy - Nuwara Eliya - Ella - Yala - Galle - Mt. Lavinia - Colombo

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

Day 1: Colombo

Arrive in Colombo and transfer to Hotel

Day 2: Colombo (B)

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

Day 3: Colombo - Minneriya - Dambulla (B)

This morning, drive for Dambulla en route visiting Minneriya National Park for a safari to see world's biggest gathering of wild elephants.

Day 4: Dambulla - Sigiriya - Dambulla (B)

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

Day 5: Dambulla - Anuradhapura - Dambulla (B)

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

Day 6: Dambulla - Polonnaruwa - Dambulla (B)

A day trip to Polonnaruwa, which has some splendid and spectacular statues. Lankatilake, Tivanka and Thuparama are the most beautiful and largest Image Houses and Tivanka has the best examples of frescoes of the Polonnaruwa period.

Day 7: Dambulla - Kandy (B)

This morning drive to the Sacred City of Kandy en route visiting the Spice Garden in Matale. Today evening, you will have an insight into Sri Lankan cooking with a cooking class with Shantha Mayadunne. Blending her 30 years of experience in the field of culinary art, Shantha Mayadunne today is a household name in Sri Lanka.

Day 8: Kandy (B)

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

Day 9: Kandy - Nuwara Eliya (B)

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

Day 10: Nuwara Eliya (B)

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

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

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

Day 12: Yala (B)

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

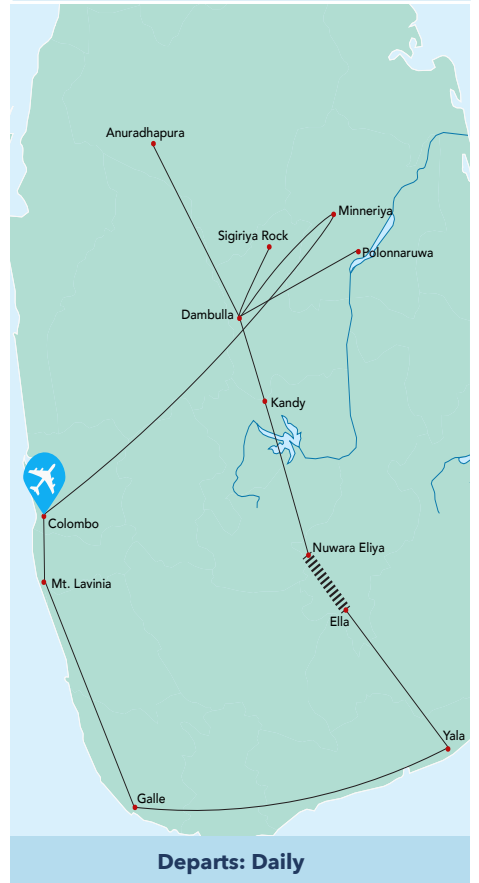
Day 13: Yala - Galle (B)

Leave for Galle and visit Galle Dutch Fort in the afternoon. This city has the most ancient and important harbour in the country.

Day 14: Galle (B)

Day at leisure.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Minneriya National Park
• Lion Rock
• Spice Garden
• Ancient Capital of Anuradhapura
• Yala National Park



Day 15: Galle - Mt. Lavinia (B)

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

Day 16: Mt. Lavinia - Colombo (B)

Transfer to the Colombo airport for your onward flight.

Included: Accommodation for 15 nights, transfers, sightseeing as indicated with English speaking driver-guide and entrances

Add-on: Beach stays close to Colombo or in Maldives

SRI LANKA - BEACH STAYS

Kalutara

Kalutara offers a laid back and relaxed atmosphere with the combination of a generous helping of authentic Sri Lankan culture, not to mention a dash of old colonial charm. This is an up-and-coming resort town with a wonderful palm fringed beach, although the nightlife remains pretty low key, so you won't get to dance till dawn. What you will get is plenty of beautiful, tropical scenery and several interesting sights, like the world's only hollow Buddhist Shrine and an elegant plantation mansion.

Coco Royal Beach Resort ★★★★★

4Days / 3Nights

From: NZD 410 / AUD 385

Location: Handily located in Wadduwa town, Western Province of Sri Lanka

Rooms and Amenities: 70 comfortable rooms, featuring air conditioning, Wi Fi, TV, safe, coffee/tea maker and mini bar

Facilities: 24-hour front desk, Currency exchange, BBQ facilities, terrace and garden, Swimming pool with a bar, Spa, Laundry service, Luggage storage

Included: Accommodation for 3 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Colombo Hotel/Airport



Bentota

Bentota is famed as the prime beach area of the southwestern and southern coastal belts of Sri Lanka. Calm sea makes Bentota Beach ideal for snorkelling, diving, sailing, windsurfing, water-skiing and deep-sea fishing on a traditional outrigger canoe. Bentota Beach is enriched with safe swimming conditions in the season combined with fun water sports and exciting excursions that set up an ideal background for a relaxed holiday in Sri Lanka, is an attraction for families.

Avani Bentota Resort, Bentota ★★★★★

4Days / 3Nights

From: NZD 521 / AUD 489

Location: Beautifully located on the beach coastline, close to main sightseeing spots and water activities.

Rooms and Amenities: Luxurious and well-decorated 75 Rooms, with TV, Safe, Wi-Fi, Iron, Closet and mini bar

Facilities: 2 Restaurants and bars, Concierge, Fitness center, outdoor pool, spa and steam

Included: Accommodation for 3 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Colombo Hotel/Airport

Hikkaduwa

With plenty of beachfront accommodation and a reputation as the second best surf spot in Sri Lanka, the reason why so many visit Hikkaduwa is blatantly clear. The resort area has now engulfed two or three villages south of it, and is now a 4km strip of hotels, shops, bars, restaurants and guesthouses. The beaches are lovely and wide and swimming is safe here, though the currents are stronger when it comes to the south of Hikkaduwa. The impressive coral reef runs just offshore and is still populated by exotic fish and sea turtles.

Hikka Tranz by Cinnamon ★★★★★

4Days / 3Nights

From: NZD 764 / AUD 717

Location: Perfectly situated in the heart of Hikkaduwa Beach, offering various water activities.

Rooms and Amenities: 150 Luxury Rooms offering spacious balconies and stunning beach views, with air-conditioning, TV, WiFi, safe, bottled water, fridge and mini bar

Facilities: Outdoor swimming pool, Gym, 2 restaurants and bars, laundry facilities, dry cleaning, luggage storage and concierge

Included: Accommodation for 3 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Colombo Hotel/Airport



SRI LANKA - BEACH STAYS

Galle

Galle, the old colonial city of charming has become one of the prominent tourist attractions in Sri Lanka. A beach town which no tourist want to miss in their holiday in Sri Lanka. A glorious historical city with a UNESCO world heritage site with old secrets trapped in its walls. Located on the south coast of Sri Lanka, Galle is a city tucked with exotic colonial buildings, an old port, outstanding landmarks and beautiful coastline with golden sand stretch.

Amari Galle, Galle ★★★★★
4Days / 3Nights
From: NZD 1269 / AUD 1008

Location: Conveniently located by the beach, in the historical district, close to main sightseeing spots.

Rooms and Amenities: 172 beautiful rooms, featuring air-conditioning, bathrobes, hair dryer, WiFi and TV

Facilities: Room service, Fitness Center, Restaurants and bar, outdoor pool, kids club

Included: Accommodation for 3 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Colombo Hotel/Airport



Chilaw

Chilaw lies just a few kilometres south of Puttalam and is an admirable city where people of varying backgrounds, religions and ethnicity living together in peace and harmony. The beach is calm and tranquil allowing you to lay back in complete relaxation and swim at ease. Relating to the post Portuguese and Dutch colonial era, the town is famous for pearls and a large fishing community which specialize in crab and prawn farming. As it is in close proximity to the Anawilundawa Bird Sanctuary, tourists can also enjoy a day excursion to explore the natural wonders of the country after a day on the beach.

Anantaya Resort & Spa, Chilaw ★★★★★
4Days / 3Nights
From: NZD 742 / AUD 696

Location: Centrally located in Chilaw town, the Hotel is a short drive away from the main attractions.

Rooms and Amenities: Highly comfortable and convenient 87 rooms, featuring free WiFi, TV, air-conditioning, mini bar, closet and desk

Facilities: Room service, Restaurants and bar, gym, outdoor pool, poolside bar, spa and steam, table tennis

Included: Accommodation for 3 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Colombo Hotel/Airport



Ahungalla

Lie back and indulge amidst white-sand beaches when holidaying in the small coastal town of Ahungalla. Known for its laid-back island spirit, this spectacular beach destination offers the perfect blend of relaxation and excitement; an ideal choice for a tropical getaway. Away from the hustle and bustle of the city, life along Ahungalla Beach is simple and rustic. Prepare to wander along the shores - unspoiled with much to discover, while you capture the stunning beauty of the island. The best way to experience the beauty of Ahungalla is embarking on a boat safari on the second largest wetland in the country - Madu Ganga.

Heritage Ahungalla, Ahungalla ★★★★★
4Days / 3Nights
From: NZD 831 / AUD 780

Location: Ideally located Hotel in a tranquil and serene area, perfect for relaxation and leisure.

Rooms and Amenities: Beautifully designed, 154 Rooms with air-conditioning, mini bar, TV, safe and WiFi

Facilities: Outdoor swimming pool, 2 restaurants, 05 bars/lounges, massage, coffee shop, gym and tennis court

Included: Accommodation for 3 nights with breakfast and return airport transfers ex Colombo Hotel/Airport



SRI LANKA - AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES



Sri Lanka Village From: NZD 59 / AUD 53

Experience life as the locals do in a typical Sri Lankan Village while contributing to the local community. Stay in basic but clean and comfortable accommodation, interact and integrate with the local community joining in everyday chores with the villagers. Options include small farms, preparing food and local cottage industries.



Watch Stilt Fishing at Koggala From: NZD 23 / AUD 21

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

Visit Rekewa Turtle Sanctuary From: NZD 23 / AUD 21

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



Train Journey and Trekking in Nuwara Eliya From: NZD47 / AUD 42

Kandy - Nuwara Eliya

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

Whale watching in Mirissa and Kalpitiya From: NZD 117 / AUD 105

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



Culinary Masterclass (Colombo) From: NZD 117 / AUD 105

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

BHUTAN



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

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



Punakha

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

Thimphu

Thimphu, perhaps the most unusual capital city in the world, is a bustling town on the banks of its own river and set gloriously in the hills of its own valley. Old wooden houses stand side by side with newly constructed concrete buildings, all painted and constructed in traditional Bhutanese architectural style. Recommended seeing Handicrafts Emporium, National Memorial Chorten, SimtokhaDzong.

Paro

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

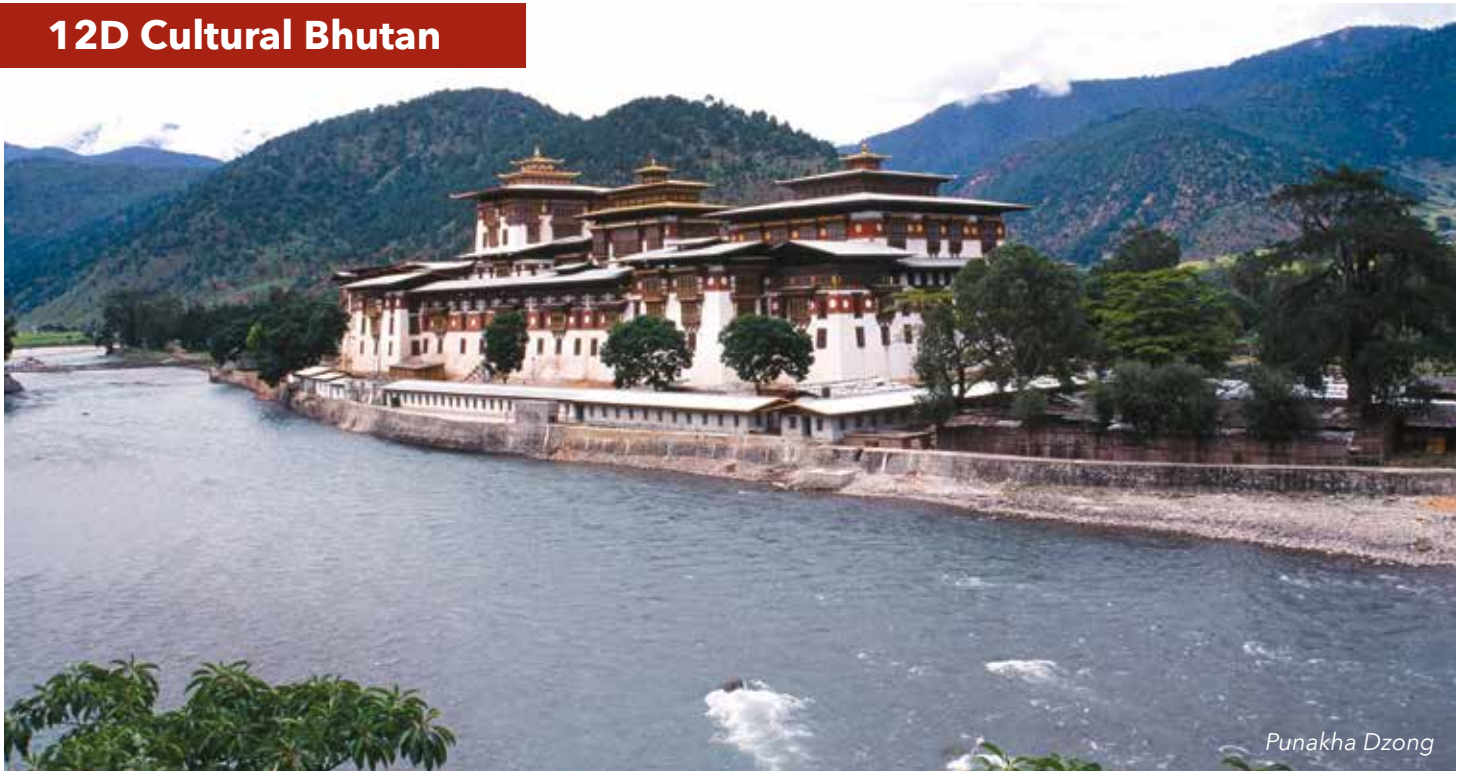
Wangdi Phodrang

Wangdi Phodrang is like a large village with a few well-provided shops towards the south of Punakha. At the confluence of Mochu and Tangchu rivers stands the impressive WangdiPhodrangDzong. Phubjikha in WangdiPhodrang is the winter retreat for the rare Black Necked Cranes. The district is also known for its fine bamboo work, including slate and stone carvings.

Bumthang

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

12D Cultural Bhutan



Punakha Dzong

From: NZD 6779 / AUD 6265

Paro - Punakha - Bumthang - Trongsa - Thimphu - Paro

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

Day 1: Paro (L/D)

Arrive at Paro airport and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon tour of Paro Valley showcases a rich culture, scenic beauty and hundreds of myths and legends. Visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum, Rinpung Dzong and Durkgyel Dzong.

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

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

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

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

Day 4: Punakha (B/L/D)

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

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

Drive from Punakha to Mt Chomolhari, Bhutan's

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

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

Today morning you will do a walking tour which takes you to Jambay Lhakhang, Kurjey Lhakhang and Tamshing Lhakhang. Drive to Jakar.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Day 10: Thimphu (B/L/D)

Enjoy a city tour of Thimphu and a visit nunnery, the Textile Museum, the Heritage Museum. If time and weather permit, you may also visit a few temples - Changangkha and Zangthopelri before spending some time in the colourful weekend market. Evening visit Tashichho Dzong, the seat of Bhutan's administrative and religious centre.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Taksang Monastery
• Visit to Local Village
• Durkgyel Dzong Fortress
• Thimphu City Tour
• Memorial Chorten

Departs: Daily

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

After breakfast, visit Cheri Monastery. You will have a picnic lunch before returning to Thimphu. In the evening drive back to Paro.

Day 12: Paro (B)

Transfer to Paro airport for your onward flight or extend your stay in India by choosing from various add on tours we offer.

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

BHUTAN - SUGGESTED PROGRAMS



Monks in cultural attire

7D Highlights of Bhutan

From: NZD 3899 / AUD 3604

Paro - Thimphu - Punakha - Thimphu - Paro

Take a week to enjoy the highlights of Bhutan. Uncover the mythical properties of this country with City Tours, dramatic scenic drives through mountain passes and alongside Rivers and connect with the locals as you walk through small villages, cross rice paddies and visit a traditional farmhouse.

Day 1: Paro - Thimphu (L/D)

Arrive at the Paro airport and drive to Thimphu for overnight stay.

Day 2: Thimphu (B/L/D)

Today you do the city tour of Thimphu and visit Trashichhodzong, the 'fortress of the glorious religion', Memorial Chorten, National Library, Art School, the Textile and Folk Heritage Museum and Government Handicrafts Emporium.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Day 6: Paro (B/L/D)

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

Day 7: Paro (B)

Transfer to Paro airport for your onward flight or extend your stay in Bhutan, Nepal or India by choosing from various add on tours we offer.

Included: Accommodation for 6 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local guides and entrances, Bhutan Visa fee.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Thimphu City Tour
- Dochula pass
- Durkgyel Dzong Fortress
- Chelela Pass
- Dochu La Pass



Departs: Daily

5D Bhutan Experience

From: NZD 2924 / AUD 2703

Paro - Thimphu - Paro

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

Day 1: Paro - Thimphu (L/D)

Arrive at Paro airport and drive to Thimphu for overnight stay.

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

Full day tour of Thimphu, you will visit Trashichhodzong, the 'fortress of the glorious religion', Memorial Chorten, National Library, Art School, the Textile and Folk Heritage Museum and Government Handicrafts Emporium.

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

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

Day 4: Paro (B/L/D)

Excursion to the Taksang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) which clings to seemingly impossible sheer, vertical cliff. You will walk 2 hours each way to reach the Tiger's Nest.

Day 5: Paro (B)

Transfer to Paro airport for your onward flight or extend your stay in Bhutan, Nepal or India by choosing from various add on tours we offer.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- Thimphu City Tour
- Memorial Chorten
- Durkgyel Dzong Fortress
- Taksang Monastery
- Visit to Local Village



Departs: Daily

10D Best of Bhutan



Bhutan cultural Dance form

From: NZD 5848 / AUD 5405

Paro - Punakha - Bumthang - Trongsa - Thimphu - Paro

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

Day 1: Paro (L/D)

Arrive at Paro airport and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon visit to Paro Valley showcasing a rich culture, scenic beauty and hundreds of myths and legends. Visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum and Rinpung Dzong which has a long, fascinating history. Drukgyel Dzong, a ruined fortress and Taksang Monastery.

Day 2: Paro (B/L/D)

This morning you will go to the Taksang Monastery (Tiger's Nest) which clings to seemingly impossible sheer, vertical cliff. You will walk 2 hours each way to reach the Tiger's Nest.

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

This morning you will drive to Punakha en route stopping in Thimphu to visit the Tamchoe Lhakhang temple. Continue journey to Punakha across Dochula Pass, a scenic drive through changing vegetation and altitude.

Day 4: Punakha (B/L/D)

Morning tour into the idyllic countryside for a

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

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

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

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

This morning you will do a walking tour which takes you to Jambay Lhakhang, Kurjey Lhakhang and Tamshing Lhakhang. Later Drive to Jakar.

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

Today morning drive to Yotong La, a habitat for Red Panda. Later drive to Trongsa. Afternoon you will visit historical Trongsa Dzong and watchtower, containing original Mongol Armour and a large prayer wheel. Evening visit to the local market.

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

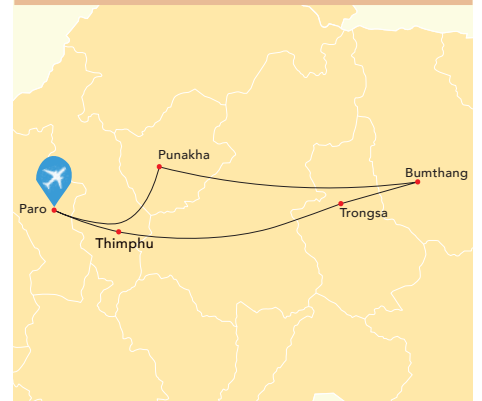
Start your journey towards Thimphu passing through Wangdue and a tea stop at Dochu La Pass to view the peaks of the eastern Himalayas. Proceed to the Tibetan village of Hongtsho before arriving in Thimphu.

Day 9: Thimphu (B/L/D)

Today you do the full day tour of Thimphu and visit Trashichho Dzong, the 'fortress of the glorious religion', Memorial Chorten, National

HIGHLIGHTS

- Dochula Pass
- Drukgyel Dzong Fortress
- Taksang Monastery
- Prakar Monastery
- Visit to Local Village



Departs: Daily

Library, Art School, the Textile and Folk Heritage Museum and Government Handicrafts Emporium.

Day 10: Thimphu - Paro (B)

Transfer to Paro airport for your onward flight or extend your stay in India by choosing from various add on tours we offer.

Included: Accommodation for 9 nights, meals as per itinerary, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides, entrances and the Bhutan Visa fee

14D Himalayan Adventure - India & Bhutan



Monks performing

From: NZD 7041 / AUD 6613

Domestic flights from: NZD 1013 / AUD 941 (Kolkata to Bagdogra + Paro to Kolkata)

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

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

Day 1: Arrive Kolkata

Arrive in Kolkata airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Kolkata (B)

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

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

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bagdogra. Transfer to Darjeeling and check in at your hotel.

Day 4: Darjeeling (B/D)

With a backdrop of the mighty Himalayan peaks, Darjeeling is famous for its tea. You will go for a full day sightseeing tour which will include a visit to Ghoom Monastery and its magnificent statue of Maitreya, "the future Buddha" draped in white silk scarves. Visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and the Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre where you can see Tibetan craftsmen making traditional items.

Day 5: Darjeeling - Kalimpong (B/D)

Today drive to Kalimpong known for its flowers and nurseries. Visit TharpaCholing Monastery, belonging to the Gelugpa sect.

Day 6: Kalimpong - Gangtok (B/D)

Drive to Gangtok which is frequently dotted

with stupas and monasteries. Visit the Do-drul Chorten Stupa, which contains rare Mandalas, Enchey Monastery, blessed by the great Tantric master Lama DruptabKarpa, known for his flying powers. Lastly, visit the Research Institute of Tibetology, centre for promoting and keeping alive the traditional arts and crafts of the region.

Day 7: Gangtok (B/D)

Today you will visit Rumtek Monastery, the seat of the Kagyupa, and one of the four major Tibetan Buddhist sects. The centre houses some of the world's most unique religious scriptures and objects. Later visit Tashi, which offers an enchanting view of Mt. Kanchenjunga and Mt. Siniolchu.

Day 8: Gangtok - Phuntsholing (B/L/D)

Morning drive to Bhutan's border town of Phuntsholing passing through lush green tea gardens. You will cross the border and visit ZangthoPelri Lhakhang, the temple representing heaven of Guru Rinpoche followed by a stroll around the local market.

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

Take a scenic drive to Thimphu, the modern capital, enroute visiting KharbandiGoemba, a beautiful monastery. Visit SimtkhaDzong, the oldest fortress of the Kingdom which now houses the school for Buddhist studies.

Day 10: Thimphu (B/L/D)

Today you will do the City tour of Thimphu and will visit Trashichhodzong, the 'fortress of the glorious religion', Memorial Chorten, National Library, Art School, the Textile and Folk Heritage Museum and Government Handicrafts Emporium.

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

Drive to Paro Valley, which showcases a rich culture, scenic beauty and hundreds of myths and legends. Visit Ta Dzong, the National Museum and RinpungDzong which has a long, fascinating history.

Day 12: Paro (B/L/D)

Morning visit to Taktsang Monastery (Tiger's Nest). Later in afternoon visit Durkgyel Dzong, a ruined fortress followed by a visit to a traditional

HIGHLIGHTS
• Colombo City Tour
• Ancient City of anuradhapura
• Sigiriya Rock Fortress
• Kandy Evening Tour
• Dambulla Caves & Temple

Departs: Daily (subject to flight schedules)

farmhouse which offers a good insight into local life.

Day 13: Paro - Kolkata (B)

Transfer to Paro Airport to board flight for Kolkata. Arrive at Kolkata airport and transfer to your hotel.

Day 14: Kolkata (B)

Transfer to Kolkata, Airport for your onward flight. Depart or extend stay in India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

Included: Accommodation for 13 nights, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides, entrances and Bhutan Visa fee

NEPAL



Sandwiched between the high snow-capped mountains of the Himalayas and the marshy grasslands along the border with India, Nepal is a country of immense natural beauty and sacred history. With Massive mountains, crystalline lakes, wild yaks, cute teahouses' and mountain-bound monasteries, a trip to Nepal will take you to infinity and beyond. Explore the Himalayas on mountain trekking along with the breathtakingly beautiful scenery, golden Buddhist temples and monasteries.

Kathmandu

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

Pokhara

Pokhara, the centre of adventure activities, occupies the central location in Nepal and is dominated by the peaks of the Annapurna range. The Pokhara town is only 50 km from Annapurna, clearly seen from the valley. Pokhara is the starting point for many of Nepal's most popular trekking and rafting routes. The serenity of Phewa Lake and the magnificence of the fishtailed summit of Machhapuchhre rising behind it create an ambience of peace and magic.

Chitwan National Park

Royal Chitwan, the oldest national park in Nepal, covers an area of 932 sq. km. Earlier, Chitwan was well known for big game and was an exclusive hunting reserve for the Prime Ministers and their guests. The park consists of 3 rivers characterized by tropical to subtropical forest. The park is renowned for the protection of endangered one-horned rhino, tiger, gharial crocodile, gaur, wild elephant, leopard, four horned antelope, striped hyena, Pangolin, Gangetic dolphin, monitor lizard and python etc. The Park closes annually for visitors from 01 June till 30 September.

Nagarkot

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



9D Highlights of Nepal

From: NZD 2802 / AUD 2590

Kathmandu - Pokhara - Chitwan National Park - Nagarkot - Kathmandu

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

Day 1: Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu and transfer to your hotel. Later you will go for the afternoon tour and visit Durbar Square, Hanuman Dhoka Palace, Taleju Temple, Jagannath Temple, gigantic figure of Kala Bhairaba, Shiva Parvati Temple, Kumari Ghar and Kasthamandap.

Day 2: Kathmandu (B)

Today you will have a full day city tour of Kathmandu and will visit the Boudhanath stupa with its colossal stupa and the iconic four pairs of the Buddha's eye painted on the four cardinal directions, Pashupatinath Temple, Patan city and Swayambhunath Chaitya - one of the world's most glorious Buddhist Chaityas. Chaityas offer an excellent panoramic view of Kathmandu valley.

Day 3: Kathmandu - Pokhara (B)

Leave Kathmandu for a scenic drive to Pokhara. Afternoon free to explore Pokhara on own.

Day 4: Pokhara (B)

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

Day 5: Pokhara - Chitwan (B/D)

Leave Pokhara and drive to Chitwan National Park which is a world heritage site. It is a rich natural area in the Terai, the subtropical southern part of Nepal. The park is especially renowned for its protection of One Horned Rhinoceros, Royal Bengal Tiger and Gharial Crocodile. In the afternoon, you will be taken for a Jungle safari through open grasslands and forests.

Day 6: Chitwan (B/L/D)

Enjoy a full day of jungle walk, enjoy bird watching and do a canoe ride to view the water birds and reptiles later walk through the local Village.

Day 7: Chitwan - Nagarkot (B)

Transfer from Chitwan to Nagarkot, a small village close to Kathmandu Valley. It offers stunning Himalayan views and some nice shorter treks. It is also possible to see Mount Everest from here and sunrise and Sunset Mountain watching is most popular. Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 8: Nagarkot - Kathmandu (B)

Transfer from Nagarkot to Kathmandu en route visiting Bhaktapur City. Bhaktapur is filled with monuments, most terra-cotta with carved wood columns, palaces and temples with elaborate carvings, gilded roofs, and open

HIGHLIGHTS
• Pashupati Temple
• Boudhanath stupa
• Pokhara Bazaar
• Jeep Safari in Chitwan
• Bhaktapur City

Departs: Daily (September - May)

courtyards. The city is dotted with pagodas and religious shrines. Lying along the ancient trade route between India and Tibet, Bhaktapur is surrounded by mountains and provides a magnificent view of the Himalayas.

Day 9: Kathmandu (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight or extend your stay in Nepal or add India portion as well.

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

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

4D Taste of Kathmandu

From: NZD 1241 / AUD 1147

Kathmandu

Kathmandu is the capital and also the largest city in Nepal and the only gateway point for flights into Nepal. It is an interesting city which showcases its cultural heritage with its temples, the old capital city within a modern city and the well-kept monuments. Kathmandu is also a great place for shopping for bargains on local handicrafts as well as clothes, shoes, bags and souvenirs from neighbouring India, China and Thailand.

Day 1: Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu and transfer to your hotel. Later you go for the afternoon tour and will visit the Durbar Square, Hanuman Dhoka Palace, Taleju Temple, Jagannath Temple, gigantic figure of Kala Bhairaba, Shiva Parvati Temple, Kumari Ghar and Kasthamandap.

Day 2: Kathmandu (B/L)

Morning tour of Boudhanath Stupa, Pashupatinath

& Bhaktapur City. Continue to Nagarkot for walking tour and lunch. View sunset over the Himalayas.

Day 3: Kathmandu (B)

Morning tour of Patan city and Swayambhunath Chaitya - one of the world's most glorious Buddhist Chaityas. Chaityas offer an excellent panoramic view of Kathmandu valley.

Day 4: Kathmandu (B)

Transfer from Hotel to the airport in time to connect your flight to onward journey or extend your stay in Nepal or India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

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

HIGHLIGHTS
• Pashupati Temple
• Jagannath Temple
• Durbar Squar
• Patan city
• Chaityas

Departs: Daily

13D Jomsom Trek



From: NZD 3367 / AUD 3112

Domestic flights from NZD 310 / AUD 287

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

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

Day 1: Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Kathmandu - Pokhara

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A steep climb through the forest to Lete Khola and on to Kalopani. From there, the trail leads up through the banks of Kali Gandaki River and enters Tukuche. Takes approx 6 hrs.

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

After Tukuche, a dramatic change in the vegetation from Pine and Onifer forest to desert-like country. The flow of air between the peak of Annapurna and Dhaulagiri creates strong winds. From there, the trail leads flat through Marpha, Jomsom Eklai bhatti and reaches Kagbeni (2800m). Takes approx 6 hrs.

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

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

Day 10: Muktinath (B/L/D)

Free day at leisure

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

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

Day 12: Jomsom - Pokhara - Kathmandu (B)

Flight to Pokhara and on to Kathmandu. On arrival in Kathmandu, transfer to Hotel.

Day 13: Departure (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight or extend your stay in Nepal or India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Pokhara Bazaar
- Uleri Village
- Rhododendron Forest
- Tatopani
- Kali Gandaki River



Departs: Daily

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

Notes: Minimum two persons of good levels of fitness are required to operate this program. The Trek is not recommended during monsoon from 15 June to 15 Sep.

NEPAL - TREKKING

From: NZD 2016 / AUD 1863

Domestic flights from NZD 310 / AUD 287

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

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

Day 1: Kathmandu

Arrive in Kathmandu and transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Kathmandu - Pokhara (B)

Transfer from Kathmandu to Pokhara and enjoy an afternoon tour of the Old Pokhara city, Kali temple, David fall & Gupteshowre cave.

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

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

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

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

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

Ghorepani to Poonhill (3210m), the trail climbs very steeply on a stone staircase to scenic views of the Himalayas. After Poonhill, descend to Tadapani (2590m) often ascending en route, passing several villages through an oak forest.

Day 6: Tadapani - Ghandruk (2590m - 1940m) (B/L/D)

The trail leads to Ghandruk (1940m) from Tadapani all the way of descent and flat through the Oak Forest.

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

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

Day 8: Departure (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight or extend your stay in Nepal or India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

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

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

8D Ghorepani Trek



HIGHLIGHTS

- Pokhara Bazaar
- Bamboo Forest
- Overnight in Tea House
- Nayapul
- Mountain Villages

Departs: Daily

4D Kathmandu Valley Trek

From: NZD 953 / AUD 880

Kathmandu - Sundarjal - Chisopani - Nagarkot - Dhulikhel - Kathmandu

This short trekking tour is ideal for those wishing to experience this popular activity. Starting in Kathmandu make your way to your accommodation at a local tea house in Chisopani. En-route to Nagarkot enjoy the view of the Mt. Everest amongst other magnificent scenery. Trek through the primeval Newari village and to the Nava Buddha Stupa Buddhist Monastery before returning to Kathmandu.

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

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

Day 2: Chisopani-Nagarkot (Height 2185-2175m) (B/L/D)

breakfast depart the lodge for 2 hours flat walk and 1-hour walk down to Chauki Bhangung and stop for lunch. After lunch 1-hour walk to Nagarkot. You can see Mt. Everest, Ganesh Himal, Langtang & Gaurishankar Himals.

Overnight at local Tea House.

Day 3: Nagarkot-Dhulikhel (2175-1300m) (B/L/D)

After Breakfast 2 hour easy walk and then 3 hours walk down to Dhulikhel. Lunch en route. Dhulikhel is a scenic & a primeval Newari village, town located 30km from Kathmandu. Overnight at a local tea house.

Day 4: Dhulikhel-Kathmandu (B)

Early morning breakfast & then walk to Nava Buddha Stupa Buddhist monastery & stop for Nava Buddha & 2 hrs walk to Panauti & drive back to Kathmandu. Upon arrival in Kathmandu check-in with your Hotel. Later transfer to the airport for your flight or extend your stay in Nepal or India by choosing various add on tours we offer.

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

Departs: Min two persons required to operate this program. The trek is not recommended during monsoon from 15 June to 15 Sep.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Local Tea House
- Nagarkot
- View Scenic Mt. Everest
- Newari Village
- Nava Buddha Stupa

NEPAL - AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES



Mountain (Mt. Everest) Flight from Kathmandu From: NZD 465 / AUD 437

Everest Mountain Flight or Everest Himalayan Flight Tour is approx. An hour long early morning flight in Kathmandu, Nepal by domestic airlines which flies to the north east of Nepal along with high Himalayan ranges. As we know that the top of the world is Mount Everest, to see this main purpose of this flight along with the other 8 highest peaks in the world. After doing this you may have some idea about the magnificent Himalayas and you can be proud enough to say that you have seen the highest or tallest point of this world.

Including: Transfer from hotel - airport - hotel with assistance & Domestic airport tax



Meet with Everest Summiteer From: NZD 399 / AUD 374

This meeting will give you an opportunity to meet the Everest Summiteer and get first hand information on the expedition and listen to their experiences. You can satisfy your curiosity on the Mt. Everest and on the person who succeeded the expedition.



Cooking Experience with Local From: NZD 84 / AUD 79

Learn and enjoy the home cooked Nepalese meal "Dal Bhat" with local family. You will be welcomed by a family and after short introduction you will be taken to their kitchen. You will start your cooking experience with a short briefing on the ingredients. Then the family members will teach you how to prepare Dal (lentil) and rice, how to cut vegetables and how to prepare spices for curry. Then follow your instructor and enjoy cooking. It will take about 2.5 half hours to prepare the meal. You will not only enjoy home-cooking and get to taste local delicacies, but you'll also have a unique chance to experience the local culture and to get to know the people by sharing a meal in a family home.

Dinner at Typical Nepalese Restaurant From: NZD 62 / AUD 58

You may want to dine out at typical Nepali restaurant in a Nepali style. The intrinsic musical instrument they use while dancing helps you to understand the reflection of special occasion or myths of the ethnic group. These dances are not only from the hills, but from the plains of Nepal to high mountains.



Meeting with Ex- Kumari (Living Goddess) From: NZD 266 / AUD 249

The custom of worshipping a pre-pubescent girl, who is not a born goddess, as the source of supreme power is an old Hindu-Buddhist tradition that still continues to this day in Nepal. The Kumari's godhood comes to an end with her first menstruation, because it is believed that on reaching puberty the Kumari turns human. The meeting and interaction with ex Kumari will let you know about their life/changes and difficulties they faced after their retirement.

MALDIVES

Specks of emerald green enveloped by dazzling turquoise waters like scattered beads in the ocean, tall palms, crystalline white sands, crystal clear waters, pristine coral reefs and some of the most incredible underwater life on our planet make Maldives an obvious choice for a true holiday of a lifetime. Awake to the sun rising over the azure ocean, snorkel areas of stunning beauty and marine life, including Manta rays, Whale sharks, Green, Hawksbill and Olive Ridley turtles as well as Bottlenose and Spinner dolphins. Experience the turquoise lagoons and relax at the millions of stars above you.

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

Transfer Options

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

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



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Malahini Kuda Bandos Resort ★★★

From: NZD 305 / AUD 296 (Half Board Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 315 / AUD 326

Location: Located a short ten-minute boat ride from the International Airport. The hotel is located in North Male.

Rooms & Amenities: Rooms offering terrace with beach view, sun beds, outdoor showers, TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker and safety deposit box.

Facilities: 2 Restaurants, direct beach access, gym, garden, land and water sports.



Paradise Island Resort & Spa ★★★

From: NZD 298 / AUD 288 (Half Board Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 245 / AUD 237

Location: Just 20 minute speedboat ride away from the airport this hotel. The resort is warm and welcoming yet cosmopolitan in character, conveniently located in a scenic lagoon not far from the capital city Male.

Rooms & Amenities: 220 Superior Beach Bungalows, 40 water villas, mini bar, sun deck, private dining area, satellite TV, tea & coffee maker, safety deposit box, free Wi-Fi, bathroom with glass bottom, direct access to ocean, plunge pool and Jacuzzi.

Facilities: 5 restaurants, 2 bars, spa & gym, swimming pool, table tennis, daylight & floodlit tennis, indoor squash, water sports and 24 hour room service.



Season Paradise ★★★★

From: NZD 226/ AUD 213 (Bed and Breakfast Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 674 / AUD 652

Location: Situated on Thulusdhoo Island, close to Male Airport and city centre.

Rooms & Amenities: 48 comfortable rooms with TV, safe, fridge, coffee/tea maker, air conditioning, hairdryer, iron, drying rack, toiletries and wardrobe.

Facilities: Swimming pool, private beach area, garden, outdoor activities, 2 restaurants, spa and fitness centre.



Fun Island Resort and Spa ★★★

From: NZD 249 / AUD 241 (Full Board Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 278 / AUD 270

Location: Fun Island Resort is in South Male Atoll, a 45-minute speedboat ride from Malé International Airport. It features 2 dining options and affordable rooms with private balconies nestled within white sandy beaches.

Rooms & Amenities: All rooms offer satellite TV, private terrace, mini bar, IDD telephone, room safe, sitting area and fully air conditioned.

Facilities: Restaurants, Coffee shop, BBQ services, bar, fitness centre, water sports, Library, spa, hot tub, private beach area



Holiday Inn Kandooma Maldives ★★★★

From: NZD 225 / AUD 213 (Bed and Breakfast Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 674 / AUD 652

Location: Beautiful resort, located not far from the Airport and surrounded by great diving and surfing sights.

Rooms & Amenities: Rooms offering sun beds, TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker, kettle, iron, toiletries and safety deposit box.

Facilities: Restaurants, bar, swimming pool, spa, gym, garden, land and water sports, outdoor activities and fitness centre.



Cinnamon Dhonveli Maldives ★★★★

From: NZD 365 / AUD 353 (All Inclusive Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 337 / AUD 326

Location Cinnamon Dhonveli is about 16 Km, 20-minute speedboat transfer, from Male International Airport.

Rooms & Amenities: Rooms with a wonderful view of sea, private entrance, TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker and safety deposit box.

Facilities: 5 Restaurants, Coffee shop, water sports, beach front, swimming pool and fitness centre



Reethi Beach Resort ★★★★

From: NZD 284 / AUD 268 (Half Board Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 674 / AUD 652

Location: Surrounded by white sandy beach and beautiful blue lagoon, Reethi beach Resort is a perfect getaway.

Rooms & Amenities: 120 rooms offering views, TV, air conditioning, mini bar, safe, fridge, iron, bathrobe, toiletries and telephone.

Facilities: 5 restaurants and bars/lounges, swimming pool, beachfront facilities and furniture, picnic area and garden.

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Aadaaran Select Meedhuparu ★★★★★
From: NZD 298 / AUD 281 (All Inclusive Basis)
Return transfer by Sea plan from: NZD 842 / AUD 815

Location: With air-conditioned villas located directly on the white sandy beaches of Raa Atoll, this hotel provides a warm setting with panoramic views of the horizon. Surrounded by native flora, white sandy beaches and calm azure seas, this hotel is ideal for nature lovers, divers and adventurous travellers.

Rooms & Amenities: Beach villas offering satellite TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea & coffee maker and safely deposit box.

Facilities: Facilities include restaurant, spa, sauna, steam room & gym, swimming pool, table tennis, beach volleyball, tennis, Jet Ski, water skiing, wind surfing, snorkelling and diving.



Lily Beach Resort ★★★★★
From: NZD 1069 / AUD 1035
(All Inclusive Basis)
Return transfer by domestic flight from:
NZD 909 / AUD 881

Location: Just 15 minute speedboat ride away from the airport, this hotel boasts an excellent natural house reef. The resort is ideal for diving enthusiasts and couples looking for a romantic getaway.

Rooms & Amenities: 50 water villas offer 24 hour butler service, mini bar, sun deck, private dining area, satellite TV, tea & coffee maker, safety deposit box, free Wi-Fi, bathroom with glass bottom, direct access to the ocean, plunge pool and Jacuzzi.

Facilities: 2 restaurants, 2 bars, spa & gym, swimming pool, table tennis, beach volleyball, snorkelling, diving and 24 hour room service



Sheraton Maldives Full Moon Resort ★★★★★
From: NZD 415 / AUD 402
(Bed and Breakfast Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 220 / AUD 213

Location: The hotel borders the beach and lies 7 km from the airport and offers something for everyone. Guests will feel they belong here from the moment they step into this warm, tropical oasis.

Spacious and ideally located around the island, each room offers privacy and convenient access to the beach and lagoon.

Rooms & Amenities: All of the Villas offering terrace or balcony view, outdoor showers, Wi-Fi, TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker and safety deposit box.

Facilities: Facilities include restaurants, Coffee shop, poolside bar, kids pool, BBQ service, swimming pool, spa, gym, library, garden, land and water sports.



Royal Island Resort & Spa ★★★★★
From: NZD 280 / AUD 271 (Half Board Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 651 / AUD 631

Location: Set in a crystal clear lagoon surrounded by a coral garden at the heart of Baa Atoll

Rooms & Amenities: Rooms offering terrace with beach view, sun beds, outdoor showers, private entrance, TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker and safety deposit box.

Facilities: Restaurants, Coffee shop, poolside bar, kids pool, BBQ service, swimming pool, spa, gym, garden, land and water sports.



Centara Grand Island Resort & Spa ★★★★★
From: NZD 949 / AUD 919 (All Inclusive Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 945 / AUD 985

Location: Delivering the ultimate in barefoot luxury, the Centara Grand Island Resort & Spa are located amongst the tropical islands in the South Ari Atoll. A rich house reef complemented by a dedicated sunken ship wreck and easy access to the top dive spots makes the resort perfect for divers.

Rooms & Amenities: 112 suites and villas offering satellite TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, Wi-Fi, tea & coffee maker and safely deposit box.

Facilities: Facilities include 3 restaurants, 2 bars & lounge bar, kids club and swimming pool, island club, water sports, spa, swimming pool, business centre and medical facility.



Sun Island Resort & Spa ★★★★★
From: NZD 202 / AUD 196 (Half Board Basis)
Return transfer by domestic flight from:
NZD 595 / AUD 576

Location: Sun Island Resort & Spa is a 17-minute domestic flight (wheeled aircraft) from Male International Airport.

Rooms & Amenities: Each spacious villa is fitted with a balcony and TV with cable channels. TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker and safety deposit box.

Facilities: Swimming pool, 5 restaurants, poolside bar, spa, gym, garden, business centre, housekeeping, own beach, land and water sports.

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Kandima Maldives ★★★★★

From: NZD 321 / AUD 302 (Half Board Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 786 / AUD 761

Location: Ideally located on the largest Island, Kandima Resort is a perfect place to relax and explore.

Rooms & Amenities: 274 stylish and spacious rooms offering TV, mini bar, tea/coffee maker, safety deposit box, telephone, iron facilities, hairdryer, radio.

Facilities: Private beach area, outdoor swimming pool, restaurants and bars, sun terrace, BBQ service, garden, outdoor activities.



Kurumba Maldives ★★★★★

From: NZD 524 / AUD 494 (Half Board Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 786 / AUD 761

Location: Kurumba Resort is situated on a private island with white sandy beaches and coconut trees.

Rooms & Amenities: Deluxe rooms featuring air conditioning, TV, safe, mini bar, fridge, iron, drying rack, closet.

Facilities: 2 freshwater swimming pools, tennis courts, fitness centre, restaurants and bars, kids club, playground.



Meeru Island Resort & Spa ★★★★★

From: NZD 413 / AUD 390 (All Inclusive Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 786 / AUD 761

Location: With a short connection from Male Airport, Meeru Island Resort is perfect for a beach holiday.

Rooms & Amenities: 286 rooms with a tropical decor, featuring WiFi, TV, air conditioning, closet, mini bar, hairdryer, bathrobes, safe and tea/coffee maker.

Facilities: 4 restaurants and 6 lounges/bars, garden, table tennis, night club, children's playground, games room, karaoke, gym.



Adaaran Prestige Water Villas ★★★★★

From: NZD 840 / AUD 773 (All Inclusive Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 842 / AUD 815

Location: Enclosed by white stretches of sandy beach and crystal clear azure waters Adaaran Prestige Water Villas is situated on the coral island of Meedhupparu in the Raa Atoll. The perfect gateway offering unparalleled luxury and pampering for the most discerning travellers provide a relaxing and carefree vacation.

Rooms & Amenities: Water villas offering the best in service and style. The villas offer mini bar, sun deck, satellite TV, tea & coffee maker, safety deposit box, internet connection and direct access to ocean.

Facilities: Facilities include restaurant, spa, sauna, steam room & gym, swimming pool, table tennis, beach volleyball, tennis, jet ski, water skiing, wind surfing, snorkelling and diving,



Vilamendhoo Island Resort & Spa ★★★★★

From: NZD 414 / AUD 390 (All Inclusive)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 674 / AUD 652

Location: Located on a small and beautiful tropical island, Vilamendhoo Island Resort & Spa has everything for an ideal beach holiday.

Rooms & Amenities: Beautifully decorated 194 rooms with TV, WiFi, safe, air conditioning, desk, mosquito net, bathrobes and toiletries.

Facilities: Private beach area with outside furniture, 4 restaurants and bars/lounges, swimming pool, spa, gym and tennis courts.



Furaveri Island Resort & Spa ★★★★★

From: NZD 549 / AUD 518 (Half Board Basis)
Return transfer by speedboat from: NZD 808 / AUD 783

Location: Perfect getaway in the exotic Raa Atoll with soft white sandy beach.

Rooms & Amenities: Rooms offering terrace with garden or sea view, private entrance, TV, mini bar, IDD telephone, tea/coffee maker and safety deposit box.

Facilities: Restaurants, Coffee shop, poolside bar, BBQ service, swimming pool, spa, gym, shared kitchen, garden, library water sports and baby sitting

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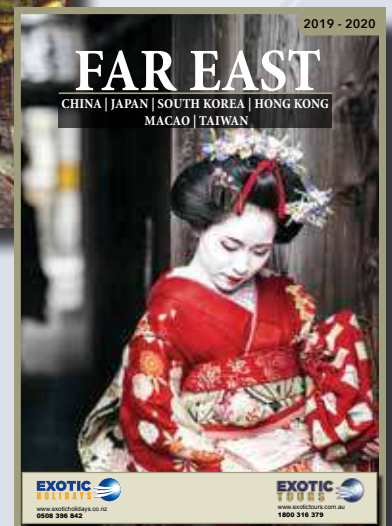
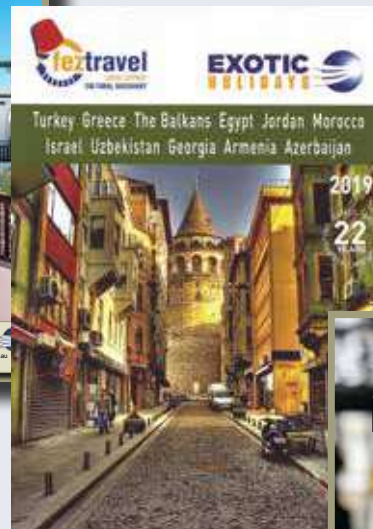
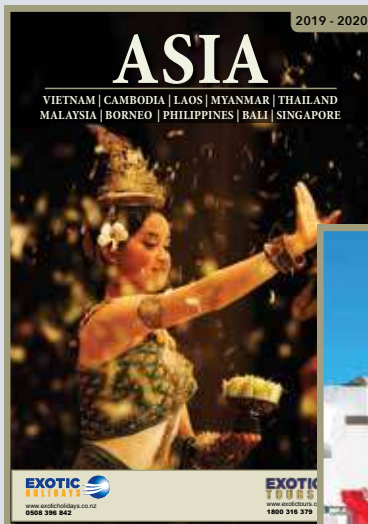
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