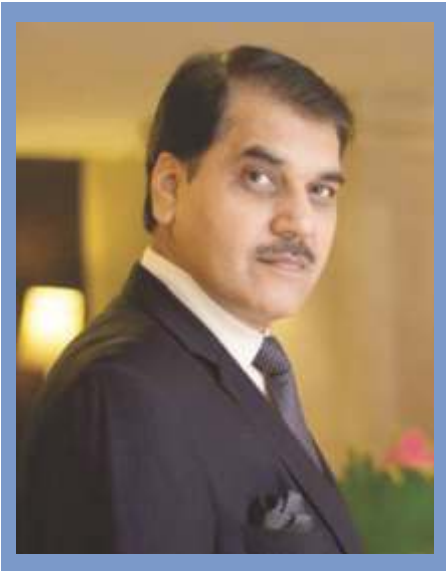




Treasures of India



AMARESH TIWARI
Managing Director

Dear Associate,

Greetings from A. T. Seasons & Vacations Travel Pvt. Ltd.!

We are New Delhi, India based Govt. of India, Ministry of Tourism recognized Destination Management Company and are committed to offer you a wide range of services at the best prices, starting from arrival to your safe departure from India!

We are also well equipped to facilitate you with the Meet & Assistance services at Airport, Airport transfers, Accommodations, Transportations, Multi-language guides, Interpreter, sightseeing options, Exciting Tours of most exotic and sought after destinations, Foreign Exchange Facilities, etc.

We well understand that customers look up to us to obtain the best value for their money spent – to be available if any problem arises, to ensure quality accommodations and transportations for best comfort and conveniences. And, we deliver what we promise with no compromise to our commitments made!

Our philosophy is to make journey of our travelers a memorable one for lifetime, keeping in mind there purpose of travel. On behalf of my team, I assure you of the highest services standards in serving all the segments of the travelers.

Thank you.

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Amaresh Tiwari
Managing Director

Colourful Rajasthan



Rajasthan is a colorful mixture of forts, palaces, diverse cultures, delicious cuisines and warm people, set amidst a rugged yet inviting landscape.

It is a land that has inspired countless visitors. In Rajasthan you will find every hue in Nature's colour - the red sands, the blue of royalty, the pink cities or the amber sunsets. Sight and sounds that are far removed from any city. Sights and sounds that will transport you into a folk lore.

Music, art and dance is woven into every inch Rajasthan- a paradise. You will find it carved in every grain of sand. Here you will find the past, the present and the future, passion, adventure.

Suggested programme :

Day 01 : Delhi Arrival

Upon arrival at Delhi international airport, our company representative will meet & assist you with traditional welcome and transfer to your hotel for check-in. Rest of the day free & easy for own activities and acclimatization with Indian weather conditions.

Day 02 : Delhi – Full day tour

Post breakfast; proceed for a full day guided tour in Delhi starting with Old Delhi visiting Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, drivepass through Red Fort & Chandini Chowk. Afternoon; visit to Humayun's Tomb, India Gate, drive pass through Parliament Street & President house and visit Qutub Minar.

Day 03 : Delhi – Mandawa (260 kms. / 05 hours drive)

Post breakfast; drive to Mandawa; the princely state of Shekhawati. Upon arrival; check-in to the hotel and evening proceed for a guided tour visiting Gulab Rai Haveli, Goenka Double Haveli and Bansidhar Newatia Haveli.

Day 04 : Mandawa – Bikaner (188 Kms. / 04 hours drive)

Post breakfast drive to Bikaner; the desert city of Rajasthan. Upon arrival; check-in to the hotel and later proceed for a guided tour in Bikaner visiting Junagarh Fort, Lallgarh Palace and Karni Mata Temple to experience the rare sight of rats being worshiped in thousands of numbers.

Day 05 : Bikaner – Jaisalmer (333 Kms. / 05 hours drive)

Post breakfast; drive to Jaisalmer also known as "The Golden City". Upon arrival; check-in to the hotel and evening free at leisure to explore this beautiful city surrounded by the mountain range and Jaisalmer fort.

Day 06 : Jaisalmer – Full day tour

Post breakfast; proceed for a guided tour in Jaisalmer visiting Jaisalmer Fort, Patwon Ki Haveli & Palaces and beautifully sculptured Jain Temples of the 12th-15th century AD & of course skilled artisans & ubiquitous camels.

Evening; proceed for an excursion to Sam to take the Camel ride on the Sand Dunes of Sam while the sun is setting down.

Day 07 : Jaisalmer – Jodhpur (285 Kms. / 05 hours drive)

Post breakfast; check-out from the hotel and drive to Jodhpur; yet another beautiful city in Rajasthan state. Jodhpur; founded by the Rajput chief Rao Jodha in 1459. Upon arrival; check-in to the hotel and rest of the day free at leisure.

Day 08 : Jodhpur – Udaipur via Ranakpur (260 kms. / 05 hours drive)

Post breakfast; leave for a half day guided tour in Jodhpur visiting Mehrangarh Fort, Fort Museum and Jaswant Thada. Afternoon; drive to Udaipur; also known as the "City of Lakes". En-route visit to Ranakpur Jain Temples. Upon arrival in Udaipur; check-in to the hotel.

Colourful Rajasthan

Day 09 : Udaipur – Full day tour

Post breakfast; proceed for a guided tour visiting City Palace, an intriguing collection of buildings built in the year 1725. Also visit Sahelion ki Bari (Garden of Maids of Honour) and Jagdish Temple; the Indo-Aryan Temple. Evening; enjoy the relaxing boat ride at Lake Pichola on sun-set.

Day 10 : Udaipur – Pushkar via Chittourgarh (327 Kms. / 06 hours)

Post breakfast drive to Pushkar; the holy Hindu city known for its Lake and Lord Brahma's Temple. En-route visit to Chittaurgarh. Here we will visit Chittorgarh Fort, the largest fort in Asia. Further continue to Pushkar. Upon arrival; check-in to the hotel and evening free at leisure for own activities.

Day 11 : Pushkar – Jaipur (180 kms. / 03 hours drive)

Morning post breakfast; proceed for a half day guided tour visiting Lord Brahma's Temple and Holy Pushkar Lake. Afternoon; drive to Jaipur; the capital city of Rajasthan State and also known as the "Pink City". Upon arrival Jaipur; check-in to the hotel and rest of the day free & easy for own activities.

Optional: Optional tour can be arranged for Samode Village Excursion or Chokhi Dhani Village Excursion.

Day 12 : Jaipur – Full day tour

Post breakfast; leave for an excursion to Amber Fort enroute stop in front of Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) for photo Shoot. Later continue your drive to Amber Fort to Enjoy the Elephant ride to ascend the Amber fort. After visiting Amber fort, visit to a traditional Rajasthani Handicraft & handloom factory to see the craftsmen performing.

Afternoon; visit to City Palace and Jantar Mantar observatory. Before returning your hotel;

Day 13 : Jaipur – Agra via Fatehpur Sikri (240 kms. / 05 hours drive)

Post breakfast; check-out from the hotel and drive to Agra; the city of Taj Mahal. On the way stop at Fatehpur Sikri to visit Buland Darwaza, Diwan-e-aam and Diwane-e-Khas. Further continue to Agra.

Upon arrival in Agra; check-in to the hotel and later proceed for a half day guided tour in Agra visiting Agra Fort. After visiting Agra Fort; proceed to Taj Mahal to see it at sun-set when it looks most beautiful.

Post tour; spend some time in shopping the world's best Marble products and the famous James & Jewely.

Day 14 : Agra – Delhi (220 kms. / 04 hours drive)

Post breakfast; check-out from the hotel and drive straight to Delhi international airport to board the flight to onward journey.



Fairs & Festivals

In India Fairs & Festivals are major attractions. Fairs & Festivals are the culture of the country. It shows the roots of the traditions, religious beliefs, myths and the seasons of the country.

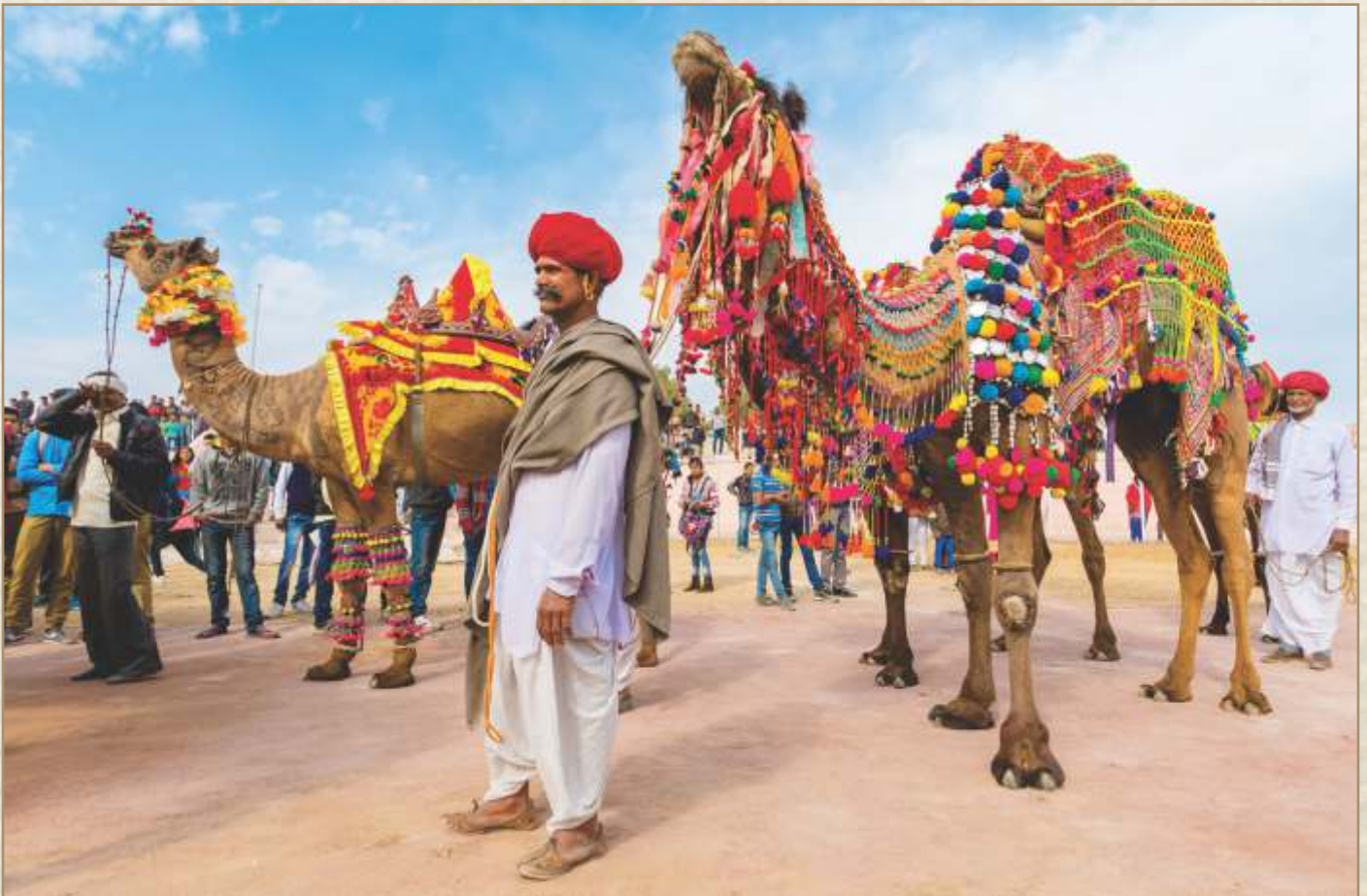
The Major celebrations in India include Holi, Eid, Diwali, Christmas, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navaratri – worshipping 9 Goddess, Guru Nanak Birthday.

Apart from the above the major Fairs which are celebrated are **Pushkar Fair** – Being held in Pushkar, Rajasthan and celebrated in Hindu Calendar of Kartik Maah for 5 days starting from Kartik Ekadashi to Kartik Purnima - the Full Moon day. The Celebrations include the competition such as Longest Moustache of the person (which are very famous in Rajasthan), Bridal Competition and lot of stall with many Indian

Traditional Ornaments, etc.

Kumbh Mela - is a mass Hindu pilgrimage of faith in which Hindus gather to bathe in a sacred or holy river. Traditionally, four fairs are widely recognized as the Kumbh Melas: the Haridwar Kumbh Mela, the Allahabad Kumbh Mela, the Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Simhastha, and Ujjain Simhastha. These four fairs are held periodically at one of the following places by rotation: Haridwar, Allahabad (Prayaga), Nashik district (Nashik and Trimbak), and Ujjain. The main festival site is located on the banks of a river: the Ganges (Ganga) at Haridwar; the confluence (Sangam) of the Ganges and the Yamuna and the invisible Sarasvati at Allahabad; the Godavari at Nashik; and the Shipra at Ujjain.

We suggest programme for Pushkar Fair :



Day 01 : Delhi

Arrive Delhi. Meeting & Greeting at Airport & transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 02 : Delhi

After breakfast sightseeing tour to Delhi. Morning visit Old Delhi. It is a 17th century walled city with its splendid gates, narrow alleys, the enormous Bazaar. Visit Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Raj Ghat. Afternoon tour of New Delhi with wide tree lined avenues, parks and fountains surrounding the imposing government

and state Buildings. Visit Humayun's Tomb, an observatory called Jantar Mantar, Qutab Minar, India Gate and President House. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 03 : Delhi - Ajmer - Pushkar

Morning, we will transfer you to railway station to board train # 2015 Ajmer Shatabdi Express dep. 06:05 hrs arrive Ajmer at 13:00 hrs. On arrival visit Dargah Sharif in Ajmer. Later proceed to Pushkar (11 kms) away. Overnight at Pushkar hotel / Tent.

Day 04/05/06 : Pushkar

Full day spend in fair by your own. Overnight at hotel.

Fairs & Festivals



Day 07: Pushkar - Jaipur

After breakfast drive to Jaipur (approx 145 kms 2 ½ hrs. drive). On arrival transfer to hotel. Jaipur city was founded by Maharaja Jai Singh in 1727. It is a magnificent planned city built of rose-pink colored stones that is why it is also called as "Pink City". On arrival excursion to Amer Fort. Ascend by painted elephant / Jeep up to fort with its huge gateways and pillared pavilions. It has a marble Palace, Temple of victory and Sheesh Mahal (Hall of Mirrors). Also visit City Palace and Museum. Nearby is the ornate Hawa Mahal (Palace of winds) which is five stories high and is decorated with delicate screens carved from stone. Also visit Jantar Mantar. Observatory, which is still equipped with immense, brick and mortar instrument. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08: Jaipur - Agra

After breakfast drive to Agra (approx 232 Kms. 5 hrs. drive). En-route visit Fatehpur Sikri - built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 and abandoned after 15 yrs. Due to

scarcity of water. Predominately, a red sandstone construction sprawling over a huge area, the architectural style is very much in tune with emperor's dream & partakes of both Hindu & Muslim styles. See the graceful buildings including Jama Masjid, Tomb of Salim Chisti, Panch Mahal & other places. On arrival transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09: Agra - Delhi - Onward Destination

After breakfast Visit world famous "Taj Mahal" the monument of love immortalized in marble. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his Queen Mumtaz, Agra Fort dominated by red sandstone construction & houses the beautiful Pearl Mosque and other noteworthy structures. Later drive to Delhi (approx 204 Kms. 4 hrs. drive). En-route visit to Sikandra: The worthy monument here is the tomb of Akbar which shows an interesting fusion of Hindu & Muslim art and architecture reflecting the spirit of the emperor himself. On arrival transfer to international Airport to connect flight for onward Destination.



Wildlife Tours

Visit India and explore the wild world of the country while visiting to approx.. 80 National Parks and 440 wildlife sanctuaries – a total wildlife fiesta, for all the wild lovers. The Indian wilderness has treasures that which will impress you with the most fascinating flora and Fauna. Adventurers buck-up. Adding more excitement to it is the different wildlife safaris, that let you explore the wild world of animals more closely.

The wildlife in India comprises a mix of species of different types of organisms. Apart from a handful of the major farm animals such as cows, buffaloes, goats, poultry, and camels, India has an amazingly wide variety of animals native to the country.

The most popular Wildlife Sanctuaries for the Western visitors are: Ranthambore – located in Rajasthan, Kanha & Bhandavgarh National Parks in Central India and Corbett National Park in Uttar Pradesh, Northern India, ofcourse there are other parks in North East, South India

Our Suggested programme :

Day - 1 -Delhi

Arrive in New Delhi before or after midnight. Spend overnight at the hotel.

Day - 2 - Delhi

Spend morning at leisure. An afternoon sightseeing tour of New Delhi. Visiting places include India Gate, drive past President's House, Qutab Minar & Humayun's tomb. Overnight spend at the hotel.

Day - 3 - Delhi - Jaipur

Early morning departure towards Jaipur (260-km / 6 hr.). In the afternoon enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the Pink City covering City Palace, Palace of Winds, Hawa Mahal & Jantar Mantar Observatory. Overnight spend at the hotel.

Day - 4 - Jaipur - Ranthambore

Enjoy an elephant ride while visiting the Amber Fort. Drive to Ranthambore and check in at the hotel .After lunch, a jeep safari to Ranthambore National Park (5 hr.). Arrive back to the resort in the evening. Overnight at the wildlife resort.

Day - 5 - Ranthambore National Park

Enjoy the morning and evening trips in open trucks and jeeps to Ranthambore National Park and spend time tracking tigers and viewing other wildlife attractions of the park. Overnight at the resort.

Day - 6 - Ranthambore - Agra

Depart for Agra and en route visit the walled city of Fatehpur Sikri. After lunch, enjoy a guided tour of Taj Mahal. Overnight spend at the hotel.

Day - 7- Agra - Khajuraho

Tourists can opt for an early morning visit to Agra's Red Fort or spend the morning at leisure. At noon fly to Khajuraho. Arrival at Khajuraho by 1.00 pm. After lunch, guided city tour of Khajuraho temple complex. Overnight in a hotel.

Day - 8 - Bandhavgarh National Park

Leaving for Bandhavgarh National Park (6 hr.). Arrival at Bandhavgarh by noon. Afternoon visit to the park in jeeps for tiger tracking. Overnight at a wildlife resort.

Day - 9 - Bandhavgarh National Park

Enjoy jeep safari in the park during morning and evening. Overnight at a wildlife resort.

Day - 10 - Kanha National Park

Early morning visit to the park. Later on after lunch, drive to Kanha National Park (7hr.). Arrive at Kanha in the evening. Overnight at a wildlife resort.

Day - 11 - Kanha National Park

Morning and evening jeep safari at Kanha for tiger tracking, exploring the park's natural wilds or bird watching. Overnight at a wildlife resort.

Day - 12 - Kanha National Park - Nagpur

Morning jungle visit in the park. After lunch drive to Nagpur (5 hr.). Overnight at the hotel.

Day - 13 - Nagpur - Delhi/Onward Destination

Catch the flight from Nagpur to Delhi in the morning. Day room at the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your connecting flight to the onward destination.



Spice Routes of Kerala

Kerala is best known for its Backwaters, Culture, Waterfalls, Wildlife and also known for its fabulous spices. Pepper, Cardamom, Cinnamon, Ginger, Cloves and more..... the spices of Kerala were used in the West to all flavor to food and wine and preserve meat during the cold European Winter. The best spices available in Munnar, Thekkady which are the main Tourist Destination. Kerala's spices are also being used for the Ayurvedic Treatment.

Our suggested programme :

Day 01 : Arrive Cochin airport

Arrive Cochin airport and meet & assist by our company representative and transfer to the hotel for check-in.

Day 02 : Cochin – Munnar (135 Kms/04 hrs drive)

Today morning after breakfast, proceed for a half day guided tour in Cochin visiting Jewish Synagogue, Dutch Palace, ST. Francis Church, Santa Cruz Cathedral, Maritime Museum and Chinese Fishing Nets.

Afternoon; drive to Munnar, a pleasing journey riding through the picturesque hills jacketed in greenish tea and spice plantations. Munnar is situated at the confluence of three mountain streams Mudrapuzha, Nallathanni and Kundala. Sprawling tea plantations, pristine valleys, mountains and aroma of spice scented cool air make Munnar is a resort town. Upon arrival; check-in to the hotel and rest of the day free at leisure.

Day 03 : Munnar

Today morning post breakfast, proceed to sightseeing at Munnar. Visit Eravikulam National Park at Rajamala (Here you can see the Nilgiri Thar), Echo Point, Mattupetty Lake and Dam, Tea Plantations and TATA Tea processing Factory, Kundale Lake, Anayirankal Dam, Gap Point etc.

Day 04 : Munnar – Thekkady (110 Kms / 03 hours drive)

Post breakfast, drive to Thekkady; unending chains of hills and spices scented plantations. Periyar Forest of Thekkady is one of the finest wild life reserves in India and spread across the entire district are picturesque plantations and hill towns that hold great opportunities for treks and mountain walks.

On arrival, check in to the hotel and after fresh up visit spice market and spice plantations. Here you can see the Pepper, Cardamom, Vanilla, Cinnamon and other spices are grown.

Day 05: Thekkady – Kumarakom (135 Kms. / 04 hours drive)

Early in the morning before breakfast; leave for a wildlife viewing to the sanctuary on lake Periyar by boat cruise. Later return back to the hotel and have

breakfast. Afternoon; drive down to Kumarakom. Another scenic 4 hours drive. An unbelievable beautiful paradise of mangrove forests, emerald green paddy fields and coconut groves interspersed with enchanting waterways and canals adorned with white lilies. Kumarakom a beautiful small water world situated on banks of the Vembanad Lake. On arrival, check in at the backwater side resort and rest of the time leisure at hotel.

Day 06 : Kumarakom – Alleppey (Houseboat)

Today morning post breakfast; drive to Alleppey; caressed by the Arabian Sea in the west and a vast network of Lakes, Lagoons and freshwater rivers criss-crossing the backwater county.

On arrival check-in at Houseboat cruise Alleppey round (a luxury boat made in ethnic Kerala style having well-appointed sitting room, bedrooms, toilet and kitchen) enjoy the tranquil beauty of the inland waters and the countryside for one day.

Day 07 : Alleppey – Kovalam (175 Kms/ 4.5 hrs drive)

Post breakfast; disembark houseboat at Alleppey and drive to Kovalam; this internationally renowned beach has been favorite haunt of tourists since 1930's. Kovalam consists of three adjacent crescent beaches. The southernmost, known as the -Light House beach- is the most popular. On arrival check in at beach side hotel and rest of the time enjoy the beach and relax.

Day 08 : Kovalam

Today morning post breakfast, stroll on the beach enjoying the bay of calm water ideal for sea bathing. Afternoon; proceed to Trivandrum city sightseeing. Visit Padmanabha Swamy Temple: This temple is located inside the East Fort. Dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the Temple is a blend of the Kerala and Dravidian styles of architecture. In the evening enjoy the beach and watch sunset.

Day 09 : Kovalam – Trivandrum Airport (25 Kms)

Post breakfast; on time departure transfer to Trivandrum airport to board the flight to onward journey.



Ayurveda & Yoga Meditation

Ayurveda the traditional form of Indian medicine was developed by ancient sages whose astute observations led to the development of constitutional medicine. Over the past 5000 years the Ayurvedic traditions have developed sophisticated systems of medicines.

The ancients visualized the universe as a constant play of energies, an imbalance of which created discomfort and disease in the body. It was the duty of the vaidya/ (physician) to harmonize this imbalance of the body - mind environment.

Ayurveda is an intricate system of healing that originated in India thousands of years ago. This system of medicine stressed on the prevention of body ailments in addition to curing them. Followed by the Dravidians and Aryans alike, Ayurveda has been practiced ever since.

Ayurveda is more than just a medical system. It is a Science of Life. Ayurveda is a system that helps maintain health in a person by using the inherent principles of nature to bring the individual back into equilibrium with their true self. In essence Ayurveda has been in existence since the beginning of time because nature's laws have always governed us.

Yoga : The word 'Yoga' comes from the Sanskrit word "yuj" meaning to yoke, or unite and also can be translated as 'harmony'. This implies harmonizing all aspects of the individual – body with mind and mind with soul – to achieve a happy, balanced and fulfilling life, and at the advanced stages of Yoga, a yogi can realize the universal consciousness, uniting the 'self' with the 'supreme'. Many people in the West know yoga as a form physical exercise, but in India, the country of its origin, yoga is a scientific system covering the vast arrays of philosophy, psychology, mysticism, religion, music, literature, dance and other forms of art.

Meditation : Meditation is one of the most natural and rewarding of all human activities. With meditation one can experience inner peace, health, and spiritual awakening. Meditation is the best possible antidote to the excessive stress of modern life. Joy is within you, and meditation is the key to finding and making that joy a permanent part of your life.

Our Suggested Programme :

Rishikesh is best place for certification Yoga beginner Course and Yoga Teachers Training Course .

Yoga and Meditation Tour (6 nights/7 days)



Ayurveda & Yoga Meditation



Day 01 :- Delhi - Rishikesh

Arrive and transfer to hotel. After a welcome drink and acclimatization briefing about the whole program, followed by introduction to the Yoga teacher. Overnight stay hotel.

Day 02 :- Rishikesh

Early morning drive or walk to the yoga center for yoga class followed by relaxation of body and mind. After relaxation learn about breath awareness exercise and stretching exercise. After yogic breakfast Evening in - house yoga and traditional meditation class with visiting instructor. Late evening visit the Ghats for Arti, dedicated to Goddesses Ganga. Overnight hotel.

Day 03 :- Rishikesh

Early morning drive or walk to the center .Today we will do relaxation, asana. After nutritious breakfast, day free for own activities. Optional you can take rafting trip or can do temple tour for half a day. And class of suggestion therapy. Overnight hotel.

Day 04 :- Rishikesh

Today we'll get training for PRANAVAM (advance

breathing), Dynamic yoga. Advance yoga postures. After breakfast drive up to Vashist Gufa. The entire drive is along the river Ganges towards the source for about an hour. Arrive and explore vashistha Goofa (cave), where famous saint Vasistha, meditated. An ideal place for transcendental meditation. Late afternoon drive back to resort. Evening meditation and lecture. Overnight at hotel.

Day 05 :- Rishikesh

Early morning wake up for Pranayam and advance technique of Yoga. Evening followed by meditation and curative yoga. Overnight stay.

Day 06 :- Rishikesh

Early morning followed up by VIPASANA class. Evening curative Yoga and meditation class. Overnight stay Camp or Resort.

Day 07 :- Rishikesh - Delhi

Early morning practice advance posture of yoga. Day free for own activities. The course terminates. Later Drive back to Delhi for your onward Destination.

Kerala - Great Elephant Festival

The Great Elephant March, with events centered, successively, in Trichur; Alleppey and Trivandrum. Created for visitors, it stages the caparisoned elephant-and-umbrella display of Thrissur Pooram; the boat race of 100-oared vallams normally associated with Nehru Trophy Boat Race of Alapuzha; and the martial arts of Kerala, one of which has a center in Triuvananthapuram. There is also a most unusual display of masked dance, some performed by artistes in towering headdresses, whose origins could go back to the Stone Age.

We suggest the following programme :

Thrissur Elephant Festival Kerala

Kochi - Trichur - Alleppey (03 Nights / 04 Days)

Day 01 / Arrive Kochi

Arrive Cochin. Meet & assist at the airport & transfer to hotel. Afternoon proceed for sightseeing tour of cochin including . After the sightseeing return to hotel rest of the day free/ shopping at Ernakulam. Night stay in Cochin.

Day 02 / Kochi-Trichur-Kochi [Day Of Thrissur Elephant Festival]

Morning after breakfast drive to Trichur to witness the famous Temple festival of India. Thrissur Pooram is the annual temple festival of the town of Thrissur in Kerala, India. It is one of the most colourful temple festival of Kerala which attracts large masses of devotees and spectators from all parts of the State and even outside.

Thrissur Pooram is celebrated at the premises of the

Vadakkunnathan Temple, situated on a hillock (Thekkinkadu maidan) right in the center of the city, on the Pooram day in the month of Medom (April/May every year). Processions of richly caparisoned elephants accompanied by percussion ensembles from various neighboring temples culminate at the Vadakumnathan temple.

Evening drive back to Kochi. Overnight at Kochi.

Day 03 / Kochi - Alleppey (Houseboat)

Morning after breakfast Check out from hotel and Check into Houseboat for a day and night cruise in the famous backwaters of Kerala. Spend the night on board the houseboat. Enjoy a cruise on the backwater through a maze of canals and lagoons and enjoy freshly caught fresh water fish cooked to your taste on board. Overnight in Board

Day 04 / Alleppey - Kochi

Morning after breakfast check out from houseboat and drive to Kochi Airport to connect flight back home.



Culinary Experience

India is tough to package. Especially when it comes to food. Break it down State-wise for a broad introduction. Delve into regions within the State, different communities that inhabit these regions and interpretations of local dishes that change every 100 kilometres; and you have a complex, dynamic menu that makes the thrill of discovery, for even the most non-experimental diner, intense.

Many tourists now gravitate towards and stay in India to learn about the vast culinary heritage!

Day 1 : Delhi

Arrive at Delhi airport. Meet & Assist by our company representative and transfer to hotel. Later afternoon we will attend a cooking class lecture by an expert chef. Also do shopping for some spices in the evening from local market. In evening, back to hotel and rest of the day is free for leisure and relax.

Overnight at Delhi hotel

Day 2 : Delhi – Sightseeing with cooking Class

Post breakfast; Proceed for a full day guided tour in Delhi starting from Old Delhi visiting drive pass Raj Ghat, visit Jama Masjid, drive pass through Red Fort & Chandni Chowk market. Lunch will be arranged at a famous Indian restaurant called "Chor Bizarre". Later proceed to visit India Gate, drive pass through Parliament Street & President house and visit lotus temple & Qutub Minar. Evening free for own activities, shopping and relax.

Overnight at Delhi hotel.

Day 3 : Delhi – Agra (220Kms/ 04 hrs)

Post breakfast; drive towards Agra. Arrive at Agra check-in at hotel. Later proceed for a cooking class demo on Mughlai cuisine from chef and enjoy the variety of foods which is prepared by chef for you.

Rest of the day at leisure & shopping. Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 4 : Agra – Sightseeing

Post breakfast; proceed the guided sightseeing tour of Agra visit Taj Mahal, Agra Fort. Afternoon enjoy the lunch at good restaurant in Agra. Later visit Itmad-ud-

Daulah's Tomb and Sikandra. Evening free for own activities or enjoy the famous Mohabbat the Taj Show-Agra.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 5 : Agra- Jaipur via Fatehpur Sikri (240Ksm/ 05 hrs)

Post breakfast; drive to Jaipur. On the way visit Fatehpur Sikri. (Lunch will be own during on the way) .Once reached Jaipur and check-in at hotel. Later in the evening proceed for a cooking class by experienced chef and learn the art of Rajasthani cooking significance of spices in Rajasthani cuisine. Followed by preparation of rich meal to be served as dinner.

Overnight at hotel Jaipur

Day 6 : Jaipur – Sightseeing

Post breakfast; leave for an excursion to Amber Fort. Enjoy the Elephant ride to ascend the Amber fort. After visiting Amber fort, visit to a traditional Rajasthani Handicraft & handloom factory to see the craftsmen performing. Afternoon enjoy the traditional Rajasthani delicacies lunch at a Rajasthani restaurant; later visit to City Palace and Jantar Mantar observatory. Before returning your hotel; a short stop in front Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace) for photo shoot.

Evening enjoy the dinner with live Rajasthani folk dance performance.

Overnight at Jaipur hotel

Day 7 : Jaipur - Delhi Departure

Post breakfast. Drive to Delhi and on time transfer to Delhi airport to board the flight to onward journey.



World Heritage Sites in India

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Sites are important places of cultural or natural heritage as described in the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, established in 1972.

There are 38 World Heritage Sites located in India. These include 30 cultural sites, seven natural sites and one mixed site. India has the sixth largest number of sites in the world.



- Taj Mahal Agra
- Agra – Fort
- Fatehpur Sikri
- Humayun’s Tomb
- QutbMinar and its Monuments, Delhi
- Red Fort Complex, Delhi
- The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur
- Hill Forts of Rajasthan
- Rani-ki-Vav (The Queen’s Stepwell)

- Khajuraho Group of Monuments
- Group of Monuments Mahabalipuram
- Group of Monuments at Hampi
- Great Living Chola Temples
- Group of Monuments at Pattadakal
- Konark – Sun Temple
- Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya

- Ajanta Caves
- Ellora Caves
- Elephanta Caves
- Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka
- Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara at Nalanda, Bihar
- Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi

- Great Himalayan National Park.
- Kaziranga National Park.
- Keoladeo National Park.
- Manas Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Park.
- Sundarbans National Park.
- Khangchendzonga National Park
- Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park
- Western Ghats.

- The Architectural Work Of Le Corbusier
- Historic City of Ahmedabad
- The Victorian and Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai
- City of Jaipur

- Churches and Convents of Goa
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus)
- Mountain Railways of India

Beaches of India

India is gifted with some of the best beaches in the world, they are spread across the vast coastlines of India. These beaches offer everything from beauty to solace. Important beaches are Beaches of Goa, Beaches of Kerala – Kovalam, Marari, Varkala. Add to it there are some of the most exotic and surreal beaches of Andaman and Nicobar Island.

Our Suggested Program

Day 01 : Arrive Port Blair (the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Island)

On arrive at Port Blair airport, our representative will receive and escorted to the hotel. After check-in at the hotel and little relax, Optional sightseeing of Port Blair. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2 : Port Blair to Havelock

Early in the morning proceed to Harbor for onward journey to Havelock Island, the beautiful and world famous Island. At Havelock guest can see and enjoy Asia 7th longest & beautiful beach i.e. Radhanagar Beach. Overnight at hotel.

Day 3 : Day 7: Leisure at Havelock

Day free at leisure and optional activities. Overnight at hotel.

Activities at Havelock – Scuba Diving / Sea Walk / Snorkeling / Trekking / Fishing..

Day 8 : Return from Havelock to Port Blair

Day free at Leisure and optional activities. In the evening the guest will start return journey for Port Blair. Overnight at hotel.

Day 9 : Departure from Port Blair

Post breakfast; on time departure transfer to port Blair airport to board the flight to onward destination.



Cruise Tourism in India

Whether it is a small excursion or a long journey of a few days, the river cruises throw up many surprises. From fresh catch from the river for dinner or watching life of the locals that live on the edges, this is a great way of seeing a destination intimately.



Backwaters of Kerala

The scenic backwaters of Kerala comprise serene stretches of lakes, canals and lagoons located parallel to the coast of the Arabian Sea. The backwater regions of Kerala are one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. The tranquil backwater cruises are a once in a lifetime experience. Alappuzha, known as the 'Venice of the East', is especially popular for its houseboat cruises where you can soak in nature at its finest form.

Sunderbans Cruise

SUNDERBANS :At the tip of the Ganges is a mystic mangrove forest on the myriad of islands. Impenetrable mangrove forests, winding rivers, Lush Sundari trees, water changing its colour at every creek from muddy river to emerald blue sea, narrow creeks to several miles wide rivers, where the man and man eater s eat fish to survive, crabs climb the tree, tiger swim long distances and mighty crocodile bask in the sun.This is a wonderland indeed and to be explored through waterways only. From the north to the south east to west, the cruise transverses the entire area anchoring at the most exotic waters.



Brahmaputra Cruises

Brahmaputra cruises feature visits and attractions such as wildlife viewing, village walks, visits to tea gardens, exploring country towns in cycle rickshaws, barbecues on deserted river islands, dance performances, and visits to craft workshops.

Cruises on River Ganges

A 260 kilometer long route dotted with historical monuments, religious places and numerous eco-friendly inhabitations, The River Ganges Heritage Cruise will offer you a sneak peek into the Muslim and colonial rule that stayed in the eastern part of India for a long time.



Buddhist Pilgrimage Tour

Buddhism is one of the most oldest and the largest religions of the world. This religion has thrived in India from the 3rd century BC. The destinations are linked to the life and sermons of Buddha in a significant way.

These sacred Buddhist sites are majestically incorporated within your tour Itinerary. Through availing our tour package, you can explore a great assortment of all the consecrated and important Buddhist destinations and that too in a reasonably affordable way. You can take a complete Buddhist package including BODHGAYA : It was at Bodhgaya where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi Tree. Places to visit to the Mahabodhi temple and other monuments and edifices associated with Buddhism. From Bodhgaya you will be driven to Patna via Rajgir and Nalanda.

Rajgir is a place of great significance for Buddhists and Jains. Lord Buddha spent 12 years at Rajgir and the first Buddhist council was held here. Sightseeing at Rajgir covers the Gridhakuta Hill, Bimbisara Jail and other Jain and Buddha monuments. From Rajgir you will be driven to Nalanda (14 km).

Nalanda was a great center of learning in ancient times. Nalanda was one of the greatest monastic universities of the ancient world. At Nalanda you will visit the ruins of the Nalanda University, temples and stupas.

SARNATH : Sarnath is the place where Lord Buddha gave his first Sermon. Attractions at Sarnath include the Buddhist temple, Stupas, Archaeological museum and ancient ruins.

KUSHINAGAR : Kushinagar is the place of Buddha's Mahaparinirvana (the final bowing out). Places to visit the Mahaparinirvana temple and the Ramabhar Stupa (the cremation place of Lord Buddha).

LUMBINI : Lumbini is the birthplace of Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. Lumbini is also one of the UNESCO world heritage sites. Places to visit Mayadevi temple, Ashokan Pillar, Buddhist temples, Pushkarni (the sacred pool), sanctorum of Buddha's birthplace and stupas.

SRAVASTI: was the capital of Kosala Mahajanapada in ancient times. Sravasti is also known as Sahet-Mahet. Sravasti is renowned for the supernatural feats showed by Lord Buddha, sitting on a lotus, and for other stories that are linked with Buddha. It is said that Lord Buddha spent 24 rainy seasons at Sravasti.



Suggested programme on Buddhist Pilgrimage :

Day 1: Delhi

Upon Arrival in Delhi, meeting / assistance and transfer to Hotel.

Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 2 : Delhi- Lucknow- Sravasti (12004 Shatabdi Exp.0610/1240)

Lucknow/Sravasti- 170kms

Leave Delhi by flight or train for Lucknow in the morning. Upon arrival at Lucknow you will be driven to Sravasti (170 km). Sravasti was the capital of Kosala Mahajanapada in ancient times. Sravasti is also known as Sahet-Mahet. Sravasti is renowned for the supernatural feats showed by Lord Buddha, sitting on a lotus, and for other stories that are linked with Buddha. It is said that Lord Buddha spent 24 rainy seasons at Sravasti. On reaching Sravasti you will be transferred to hotel. Overnight stay will be in Sravasti.

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Day 3: Sravasti- Lumbini (approx.. 225kms/ 5 hrs)

After breakfast at the hotel you will be taken for a sightseeing tour of Sahet Mahet (once the capital of ancient Kingdom of Kosala), Jetvana Vihar and Buddhist temples. From Sravasti you will be driven to Lumbini (in Nepal, 225 km). Upon arrival at Lumbini you will be transferred to hotel. Overnight stay will be in hotel at Lumbini. Lumbini is the birthplace

of Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. Lumbini is also one of the UNESCO world heritage sites.

Day 4 : Lumbini- Kushinagar (approx.. 161 kms/ 4 hrs)

After breakfast you will be taken for a sightseeing tour of Lumbini. Sightseeing covers Mayadevi temple, Ashokan Pillar, Buddhist temples, Pushkarni (the sacred pool), sanctum sanctorum of Buddha's birthplace and stupas. After Lumbini you will head for another sacred Buddhist place, Kushinagar (161km). On reaching Kushinagar you will be transferred to hotel. Overnight stay will be at hotel in Kushinagar. Kushinagar is the place of Buddha's Mahaparinirvana (the final bowing out).

Day 5 : Kushinagar- Varanasi (approx..260kms/5 hrs)

In the morning you will visit the Mahaparinirvana temple and the Ramabhar Stupa (the cremation place of Lord Buddha). Breakfast follows a drive to Varanasi (260 km). On arrival at Varanasi you will be transferred to hotel. Overnight stay will be at hotel in Varanasi.

Day 6 : Varanasi- Bodhgaya (approx..242 kms/5 hrs)

Early in the morning you will be taken to Ganga Ghats for a boat ride on the Ganges to see bathing and cremation rituals. Morning city tour of Varanasi follows after breakfast. Sightseeing tour covers the Bharat Mata temple, the Banaras Hindu University,

Vishwanath temple etc. You will leave Varanasi for Bodhgaya (242 km) via Sarnath. Sarnath is the place where Lord Buddha gave his first Sermon. Attractions at Sarnath include the Buddhist temple, Stupas, Archaeological museum and ancient ruins. On arrival at Bodhgaya, you will be transferred to hotel. Overnight stay will be at hotel in Bodhgaya. It was at Bodhgaya where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi Tree.

Day 7: Bodhgaya- Patna - Delhi

Breakfast at hotel follows a visit to the Mahabodhi temple and other monuments and edifices associated with Buddhism. From Bodhgaya you will be driven to Patna via Rajgir and Nalanda.

Rajgir is a place of great significance for Buddhists and Jains. Lord Buddha spent 12 years at Rajgir and the first Buddhist council was held here. Sightseeing at Rajgir covers the Gridhakuta Hill, Bimbisara Jail and other Jain and Buddha monuments. From Rajgir you will be driven to Nalanda (14 km).

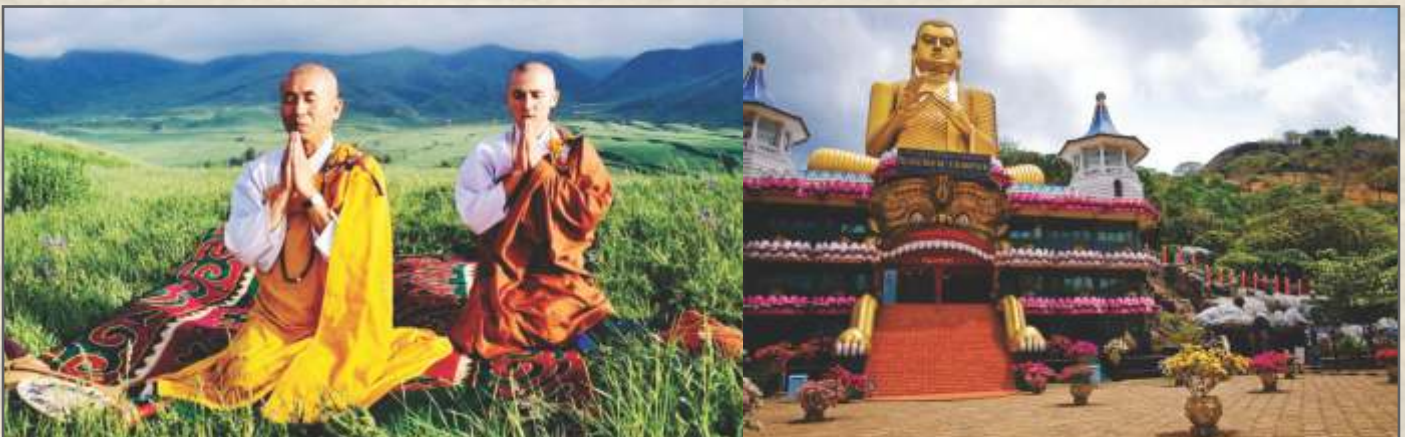
Nalanda was a great center of learning in ancient times. Nalanda was one of the greatest monastic universities of the ancient world. At Nalanda you will visit the ruins of the Nalanda University, temples and stupas. From Nalanda you will head for Patna (90km). On arrival at Patna you will be transferred to airport to connect flight for Delhi.

Day 8: Delhi - Onward Destination

Post breakfast; proceed for a full day guided tour in Delhi starting with Old Delhi visiting Raj Ghah, drive pass through Red Fort & Chandini Chowk.

Afternoon; visit to Humayun's Tomb, India Gate, drive pass through Parliament Street & President house and visit Qutub Minar.

Later transfer to airport to connect flight for onward Destination



Golf Tours



India as a Tourist destination offers a lot – with nature, beauty and adventure in the Himalayas and Paradise on Earth, Kashmir to Ayurveda in the backwaters of Kerala; the monuments and heritage of Mughal dynasties – especially in the Golden Triangle of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur to the colonial splendor. With all these the most magnificent forests and wildlife scattered all across the country. These attractions add to the Golf lovers which is possible to include with the exciting golf tours and golf holidays to be experienced in India.

The best climate for the Golf players would be between October to March with the pleasant weather no humidity which will make holidays best during this period.

The Best Golf Course near Delhi :

ITC GRAND BHARAT- GOLF

The retreat is nestled in a sprawling 300-acre verdant estate, showcasing South Asia's only 27-hole signature golf course designed by the legendary Jack Nicklaus, with a unique 'Golf Academy' for aspirational young golfers. It has an 18-hole Signature Championship Course and a 9-hole Signature Canyon Course built at the foothills of the picturesque Aravallis. Located at the foot hills of Aravalli's, the hillocks and knolls lend themselves ideally to create enticing fairways, cunning greens and engaging waterways, which are enough to quicken any serious golfer's heart. Both professional and high handicappers can discover the joys and challenges of golf right here. Like the Master said "Your game will be more of precision than power; it will reward you if you use your mind more than your muscles."

The design vision for the course was to enhance the natural eco-system where we are located.

A course was then made that could cater to the entire spectrum of golfers in such a way that it feels easy and fun for the novices at first sight. However, the more discerning golfers do find it a technical challenge at every shot.

The course offers 27 Holes, each with its own design characteristics. And each set of nine holes derive their nomenclature from the same.

JAYPEE GREENS GOLF RESORT & SPA

Being India's first 18-hole Golf Course, Jaypee Greens Golf is one such deluxe creation of Jaypee Group that not only offers great space for ardent golfers but, even has a vast expanse of green grass that wins any visitor's heart in one go. Exclusively designed by veteran golfer Greg Norman, this masterpiece is a visual treat for all the travelers, sportspersons and normal passerby.

Carpeted with Bermuda Evergreen on the fairways and Tifdwarf on the greens, this thoughtfully designed edifice will surely hold your attention. It welcomes you with a beautiful green expanse that is a pure treat to watch. This meticulous golf course in Greater Noida is sprawled over 452 acres of land and offers wide array of options to those, who seek peace as well as recreation in the lap of nature. Adding to its overall beauty are the visually striking bunkers, shimmering lakes & water bodies that give this lush green golf course a whole new meaning.

Those who want to try their hands on Golf, this magical creation is ideal for them. It welcomes you with open arms, so that you can experience the fun hidden in this recreational sport. Invites innumerable golf connoisseurs every year, this place is perfect for those who are looking for a professional golf course in the city.

Luxury Trains of India



The cultural heritage of India is reflected not only in the forts, palaces, Havelis and temples but also in the Indian Railways with Luxurious amenities. It is a well-known fact that the erstwhile Indian rulers, especially the Rajputs, led a grand and majestic lifestyle and their fancy with luxury involved even the trains. The Royal lifestyle was very much reflected in saloons of the Royal families. With the end of the princely rule in India, these saloons to be anyone's personal belonging. Thus, the royal lifestyle of the former rulers provided the backdrop to the idea of luxury trains in India and luxury trains like the Palace on Wheels, the Deccan Odyssey, the Heritage on Wheels and the Royal orient were born.

The most popular ride in the Indian Railways is Palace on Wheels. The programme is as given below :

PALACE ON WHEELS :

The Palace On Wheels which is splendid and enchanting royal journey through the bygone era of the erstwhile Maharajas. Though times have changed, and the winds have shifted, the Palace On Wheels cruises along in royal style, the kind only the Maharajas of yesteryears could have perpetuated and enjoyed.

The exquisite and exclusive Palace On Wheels has luxurious cabins, wall to wall carpeting, a well-stocked bar, two dining cars and a very personalized service... in fact, almost everything that could compromise of heaven on earth for seven days!

Route - Delhi - Jaipur - Sawai Madhopur, Chittorgarh, Udaipur - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur - Bharatpur - Agra - Delhi (Duration 7 nights/8 days)

DECCAN ODYSSEY

The Deccan Odyssey is a royal journey across the center of India. See majestic forts and palaces, beautiful temples and beaches, and the culture and landscape of the Deccan, as this royal luxury train takes you on an unforgettable Deccan Odyssey with Luxury Trains of India.

Maharashtra Splendor 7N/8D M u m b a i - Nashik - Aurangabad - Ajanta - Kolhapur - Goa - Sindhudurg - Mumbai

Hidden Treasures of Gujarat 7N / 8D M u m b a i - Vadodara - Palitana - Sasan Gir - Little Rann of Kutch - Modhera (Patan) - Nashik - Mumbai

Jewels of the Deccan 7N / 8D Mumbai - Bijapur - Aihole - Pattadakal - Hampi - Hyderabad - Ellora Caves - Ajanta Caves - Mumbai

Maharashtra Wild Trail 7N/8D M u m b a i - Ellora Caves - Aurangabad - Pench (Ramtek) - Tadoba - Ajanta - Nashik - Mumbai

MAHARAJAS' EXPRESS

Welcome aboard the Maharajas' Express, bestowed the "World's Leading Luxury Train" award at the World Travel Awards for five consecutive years from 2012 to 2016. The Maharajas' Express has redefined the luxury travel experience by offering guests the opportunity to explore fabled destinations providing a glimpse of rich cultural heritage of Incredible India which will leave you with fond memories of this train journey to be cherished. The train offers various journey options

Indian Panorama (7 nights / 8 days) - Delhi - Jaipur - Rantambore - Agra-Gwalior-Khajuraho-Varanasi-Lucknow-Delhi

Indian Splendour (7 nights / 8 days) - Delhi - Agra-Ranthambore -Jaipur-Bikaner-Jodhpur-Udaipur - Balasor-Mumbai

Heritage of India (7 nights/8 days) - Mumbai-Udaipur-Jodhpur-Bikaner-Jaipur -Ranthambore-Agra-Delhi

Treasures of India (3 nights/ 4days) -Delhi -Agra-Ranthambore-Jaipur-Delhi

Gems of India (3 nights / 4 days) -Delhi-Agra-Ranthambore-Jaipur-Delhi

Wedding Destination

A Destination Wedding in India is defined as marrying at least 100 miles from where the bride currently lives.

Udaipur - "A Symbol of Royal Pre-eminence" -If you want to make your wedding day romantic and special, I hope the City of lakes would make your dream come true. Udaipur, the most loving and stunning place in Rajasthan is simply awesome for a traditional Indian wedding and so stands as one of the renowned Indian wedding destinations.

Jaipur - "The Ultimate Place of Royalty"

Jaipur the pink city of India is another famous destination for wedding. Offering a great heritage and beauty, this city is quite popular for extravagant wedding celebrations that always take place in palaces and man

Goa - "Marital Bliss on Interesting Locations" - Though it's true that marriages are made in heaven and if it is celebrated on some of the popular beaches of Goa, then it would be more beautiful and everlasting. Wedding in Goa offers a chance to live your dreams in real life. Nothing can beat the experience of fairytale marriages, executed against the backdrop of beaches that are flanked by the gleaming blue water. Tying the knot at such exotic locations of Goa is a breathtaking

experience that can't be compared to any other destinations.

Agra - "The Paradise of Lovers" - One of the oldest historical cities 'Agra' is a very beautiful place that needs no introduction at all. It's a symbol of love and no other places like Agra could be more appropriate as it recalls the passionate love between the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal.

Khajuraho - the capital city of the Chandela kings. With the famous temples of the city serving as backdrop wedding Destination in Khajuraho. The world heritage site of the temples of Khajuraho, famous for their erotic art forms shall be the perfect setting for organizing one's wedding in exotic locales in India.

Kerala - "Tie the knot Amidst Serenity"

The 'Destination Wedding' in Kerala is an evolving concept. Across the world, foreign wedding travelers have been enchanted by the rich cultural heritage of Kerala. Kerala holds much to see and experience for the destination wedding traveler - starting from white sands and beautiful beaches to sparkling backwaters to high mountain ranges and other tropical habitats! Bestowed by its inherent beauty, Kerala is considered a natural choice for a destination wedding. The best Destination in Kerala would be Backwaters.



Adventure in India



Himalayas - Himalayas are the world's top-notch mountain chain crowning with snow-capped peaks of 26,000 feet in height. India's most sacred river Brahmaputra, Ganges and Indus sweep from the snow clad mountains through the foothills of Himalayas generating some adventure winter sports.

For the adventure enthusiast India presents ample openings to the Himalayan mountain chains- in blustery of river flowing down from the mountains, in the various national parks and wild life sanctuaries providing shelter to a wide range of flora and fauna. In fact, adventure not ever desists to exist in this territory of stupefaction.

Trekking - Himalayas makes a perfect trekking holiday adventure offering the complete showcase from hectic short excursions to the long relaxing trips. Himalayas in North of India presents numerous options for trekking- in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu and Kashmir, Sikkim and Kashmir.

Skiing - Skiing is one sport that has gained immense popularity all over the world and in the past decade have become quiet attention grabbing sport because of the Himalayas.. The vast open spaces above the snowline have flung open to the skiing enthusiasts. Sites for skiing in India include Jammu and Kashmir, the hills of Kumaon, Himachal Pradesh and the North eastern states of India that have become the favourite ski hideouts of adventure lovers.

Rafting - River Rafting an upcoming sport in India. According to experts, India has immense potential for this sport. The Ganga, Bhagirathi and Alaknanda in the Garhwal regions of Uttarakhand offer plenty of opportunities for enjoying this sport. The rafting camps offered here take care of all the details like proper equipment, trained personnel and good living conditions and are among the best in this business. The best option for Rafting in Himalaya –Rishikesh, Manali.

Ladakh Jeep Safari - Ladakh and adventure go hand in hand. And when we talk of adventure in Ladakh, jeep safari happens to be one of the finest options. The driving experience on the rough roads of Ladakh adds the tinge of adventure in the jeep safari in Ladakh.

Suggested programme for Adventure :

Mountain Biking in Himachal

Blessed with breathtaking panoramas making a romantic backdrop, Himachal Pradesh presents thrilling options for adventure activities. One of the most preferred adventure activity to carry out in Himachal is mountain biking. With snow-capped mountains, glinting streams and spellbinding valleys, Himachal Pradesh is no less than a paradise for biking freaks. One can relish the enthrallment of biking on the intact valleys and explore the deepest secrets of nature.



Tribal Tourism



India is a Glamorous land with around 8% tribal population, and the figure touches to whopping 68 million approximately. The Indian tribal folks still follow their ancient customs and rituals, and spread across the country. The tribal population can be seen from North East to the states Orissa in the South West and Central India, Madhya Pradesh. The Tribal follow the traditional customs, superstition exactly the same way as their ancestral times. The best handicrafts, hand woven dress in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Mizoram.

Nagas, Khasis, Jaintias, Mizos, Boros, and Cacharis are some of the major tribes of the north-eastern Indian states.

Tribal in Odissa :

The exceptional textile and handloom weaving tribes of Orissa attract people's attentions for their textures and fabrics. Their clothing pattern includes a mixture of silks to Tussar and cotton with inimitable designs. Tourists rejuvenates the experience for being among the population that is still not on the changing terms and following the traditional pattern of life.

Orissa is home to more than 62 tribal communities, and most of the tribes have not been explored yet. Even the western travelers find it tempting to visit the Tribal area again and again to explore the tribes and their life style. Chhattisgarh is full of ancient monuments, and also home to some of the rare tribes. Having a tour to its untouched and unexplored tribal sites can give a lifetime experience and away from the city chaotic and close glance into the Indian tribal races.

The most popular tribal tour which is being undertaken by the Western Tourists is Odissa.

We suggest the following tour :

Day 01 : Delhi - Bhubaneshwar

From Delhi, begin the assisted transfer to the airport and board the connecting flight to Bhubaneshwar, the capital of Odisha. On arrival, transfer to the hotel for overnight in the capital city.

Day 02 : Bhubaneshwar

Dedicate first day of Odisha Tribal tour to explore Bhubaneshwar, renowned for its magnificent temples, noted for its distinct beehive shaped architecture. Visit Lingaraj and lyrical Rajarani Temple. Option to visit the local craft village can also be availed. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 03 : Bhubaneshwar - Puri

Check out Bhubaneshwar for an excursion to Konark, a world heritage site noted for its Sun God Temple shaped in the form of chariot pulled by seven horses. This temple is an outstanding testimony to the 13th-century Odisha and is a scintillating jewel of the state's glorious heritage. After the excursion is over, drive to Puri, a spiritual city settled around a beach. (60 km / 1½ hrs) Upon arrival in Puri, check in the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 04 : Puri

Odisha Tribal Tours Next day, discover pious city of Puri where the famous Jagannath temple is the center of attention. This is one of the four sacred Char Dhams and one of the most revered pilgrimage sites for

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Hindus. (Non-Hindus are not allowed inside this temple). Enjoy sightseeing of Puri Beach where mild tides and human creativity of sand art coexist comfortably. Day is free to relax in the balmy surroundings of Puri and return to hotel for overnight.

Day 05 : Puri - Taptapani

After breakfast, drive south towards Chilika Lake, Asia's largest brackish saltwater ecosystem famous as a bird dwelling. This is a famous eco tour option in Odisha where numerous avian can be spotted in their natural habitats. Later drive to Taptapani, renowned for its hot springs. Check into the rest house for overnight stay. Taptapani forms the gateway to tribal tour of Odisha.

Day 06 : Taptapani - Rayagada - Bissam Cuttack

In the morning, drive to the area around Putta Singh and visit Saoras Village, home to Saora tribe, the second most prominent tribe of the state. This tribe still has retained the original culture and traditions. Polygamy is a common practice here and children are given adult status at an early age. This tribe settlement earns its livelihood through terraced paddy, vegetable cultivation and supplements their food supply with forest produce gathering. Return to the hotel in Rayagada or Bissam Cuttack for overnight stay.

Day 07: Kutia Kondh - Rasul Kondh

Drive out to the countryside and visit Kuttya Kondh and Rasul Kondh village. The Kondhs Tribe is noted for their colourful ceremonies; famous among this was human sacrifice, which was stopped by the British in the mid-19th century. The ritual is now replaced by animal sacrifice during planting their crops to ensure good harvest. Also, Kondhs today are renowned for their knowledge of medicinal herbs and their artistic metal jewellery. Return for overnight at Rayagada or Bissam Cuttack.

Day 08 : Bissam Cuttak - Jeypore

Visit Chatikona to see the Dongariya Kondh market, which is settled on Wednesdays only. Observe the unique transactions of Dongrariya Kondh, a sub tribe of Kondhs in a market place. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 09 : Jeypore

Drive out to visit the local Bonda and Godhaba market which is held on Thursdays. The Bondas are a sensitive Tibeta-Burmese origin tribe known as 'naked people'. They live in the hills coming in to the towns on market days. Women wear only a loincloth, long rows of beads and heavy metal neckbands. Photography is strictly prohibited in these markets. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 10 : Jeypore - Rayagada

Morning visit the Gupteswar cave and local Dhuruba villages. In the afternoon, drive to Koraput. Here, visit the tribal museum and understand more about the tribal culture and heritage of the region. Later continue to Rayagada for overnight stay.

Day 11 : Rayagada - Gopalpur-on-Sea

From Rayagada, rest of the tour comes to a relaxing halt in Gopalpur-on-Sea. This is a secluded beach resort, providing the best-kept environment to the Odisha Tribal Tour.

Day 12 : Gopalpur-on-Sea

Day is at leisure. The Oberoi Palm Beach is small relaxing hotel with nice gardens, a bar and restaurant. No pool, but the hotel has a private beach.

Day 13 : Gopalpur - Bhubaneswar to Delhi

Early morning transfer by car to Bhubaneswar and board the return flight to Delhi.



Textile Tourism



Textile traditions in India is much larger than one would expect in any similarly sized geographical or population expanse. The main reason for this variety is that textile traditions are material manifestations of the large spectrum of separate ethnic sub-groups. Local tastes and patronage may have forced adaptation or mutations giving birth to new variants of the old tradition.

Linked with the textile traditions is the handloom tradition in India, which is complex and ever changing. Many regions are known for producing a certain type of fabric or sari, and that is how most fabrics and saris get their names - from the place they are woven.

North India :

The beautiful valley of Kashmir is famed for its shawls - pashmina. Pashmina weaving began some 400 years ago in the Kashmir Valley and was earlier considered the choice fabric of the royal families in India.

The holy Ganges dominates the state of Uttar Pradesh and so does its tradition of silk. Varanasi region is the traditional weaving centre of Banarasi Brocades. Banarasi brocade is an interweaving of colored silk and gold threads to form the most attractive floral designs.

West and Central India :

The prosperous state of Gujarat and the princely land of Rajasthan have long been famous for the cultivation of cotton and for the early use of dyes. The textiles in the region have a fascinating range of dyed and block

printed fabrics. Block printing comprises pasting of carved wooden blocks soaked in different colours (also vegetable dyes) on the fabric. The most important centres for block printing in this region are Sanganer, Jaipur, Bagru and Barmer in Rajasthan, and Anjar, Deesa, Ahmedabad, Jetpur, Rajkot, Porbandar and Bhavnagar in Gujarat.

Tie-and-dye work, in which clothes are tied, either with string or rubber bands into some sort of pattern, is also well-known here. Some of the well-known styles of tie-and-dye works are bandhani, lehria, mashru and patan patola.

East India :

Silks of Bengal are acclaimed the world over. The best-known Bengal silk, which carries its legendary name, is the Baluchari sari - a product of exquisite design, and fabulous weaving technique. Bihar is the largest producer of tussar silk in India, Bhagalpur being the paradise for tussar weaving. Assam is the home of several types of handloom silks, the most prominent and prestigious being muga, the golden silk exclusive only to this state and the finest of India's wild silks.

South India :

South India was relatively untouched by the invasions that affected the cultural fabric of the North and hence has over the centuries retained its many ancient traditions of textile. South Indian silk, mainly made into saris, is one of the finest; the designs are traditionally Indian with special stress on borders and pallu (end

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piece). The towns of Kanchipuram, Kumbakonam and Tanjore are the major centres of silk weaving. The natural silk mainly comes from the Bangalore area (which has ideal conditions for rearing mulberry silk worms) and the zari (gold or silver wrapped thread) from Surat in Gujarat.

Cotton weaving is widespread in Kanchipuram, Coimbatore, Salem, Pudukkotai, Madurai and Karur.

Our Suggested Programme :

Day 1 : Ahmedabad Arrival

Upon arrival in Ahmedabad, Transfer to Hotel. Following the hotel check-in, go out for a sightseeing of the Calico Museum of Textiles and various others displaying handicraft items. Stay overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 : Ahmedabad - Palaces Of Gondal

Start your day with a road trip to Sayla. Upon arrival in Sayla, have lunch at a textile hotel followed by a visit to the nearby village to see local weaving and beadwork. Later, drive to Gondal, famous for its cottage, jewelry, beadwork and Brassware industries. Thereafter, visit the Naulakha Palace, famous for its exquisite collection of brass utensils, beadwork, silverware and hand-painted wooden toys. Stay overnight at the hotel in Gondal.

Day 3 : Gondal - Jetpur - Junagadh - Gir

Start your day with a road trip to Gir via Jetpur, known for its block & screen printing and textile units. En route, visit the famous Junagadh museum famous for its Nawabi textiles and beautiful carpets. Stay overnight at the hotel in Gir.

Day 4 : Gir - Jamnagar

Today, leave by road for Gir Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park. Gir Wildlife Sanctuary is famous as the final abode of the Asiatic Lions.

Following the game drive in this national park, continue your journey towards Jamnagar, famous for

its Bandhini work. Stay overnight at the hotel in Jamnagar.

Day 5 : Jamnagar - Kutch

Today, start your journey towards Anjar city, the center of textile and metal handicraft industry in the Kutch district. Upon arrival in Anjar, you will be transferred to the Resort. Also visit Gandhidam, famous for its marvelous textile market. Stay overnight in the Resort.

Day 6 : Explore Kutch

On the 6th day, leave by road for Bhuj. En route, visit some tribal villages, famous for their Ahir embroidery, Rabari embroidery and ajrakh block printing. For the rest of the day, explore the markets and monuments of the Kutch region. Stay overnight at the hotel in Kutch.

Day 7 : Full Day Village Tour

Start your day with a visit to the local villages of Sodha Rajputs. These villages are inhabited by Hindu (Rabaris and Meghwal Harijans) and Muslim (Jaths and Muthwas) pastoral groups. Stay overnight in the hotel.

Day 8 : Kutch - Dasada

Today, start driving towards Dasada, famous for its Bharwad embroidery and Vadiara Rabari. Also, explore the work of local artisans and weavers. Stay overnight at the hotel in Dasada.

Day 9 : Dasada - Patan - Dasada

Today, set out of your hotel to visit Patan, famous for its double-ikat weaving technique, also known as Patola Silk Weaving. Stay overnight at the hotel in Dasada.

Day 10 : Dasada - Ahmedabad

Today, in the morning, leave by road for Ahmedabad. Upon arrival, check into the hotel for overnight stay.

Day 11: Ahmedabad

After exploring the Textiles and Handicrafts of Gujarat, you will be transferred to the airport to board flight for onward destination.



Volunteers Tourism

Volunteer in India and lending your hand and heart to improve the lives of women and children in rural Indian communities. We have tie up with various NGOs in India who make sure that all our volunteers get to experience a comfortable volunteering experience in India.

Volunteering in India will be a life-changing activity, one that will transform you, making a better person, one who appreciates diversity and respects all despite their circumstances. You may be far away from home but we will do everything possible to give you a home away from home.

Our aim is to bring people together from all around the globe to contribute towards the Indian Community that is much in need. We have partnerships with established and respected local institutions who have expertise in defining the community's needs. With our unique combination of volunteering, cultural immersion and excursions, we offer volunteer and travel programs like no other.

Suggested programme for Volunteer Tourism:



Day 01: Mumbai

Post breakfast; proceed for a guided tour of central Mumbai that includes visit to a spice market and later visit to slum area of Dharavi. Evening you can spend the time in the NGO volunteering with the Children or women. Overnight in the Mumbai Hotel

Day 02 : Mumbai

After breakfast, Spend the time in the NGO with children and women interacting with them in teaching or other activities. Return to the hotel in the evening

Overnight - Mumbai hotel.

Day 03 : Mumbai - Full day Sightseeing & Visit

After breakfast, visit to Dabbawalas in action. Every day in Mumbai 5,000 Dabbawalas distribute a staggering 200,000 home-cooked lunchboxes to the city's workers and students. Giving employment and status to

thousands of largely illiterate villagers settled in Mumbai. The lunchboxes have a complex system of colours and codes through which the lunch is delivered every day and empty lunchboxes back to the residence through the same network.

Overnight - Mumbai hotel

Day 04 : Mumbai - Jaipur (by Flight)

Post Breakfast; On transfer to Mumbai airport to board the flight to Jaipur; also known as the "Pink City". Upon arrival; transfer to the hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or to explore the local markets.

Overnight - Jaipur Hotel.

Day 05 : Jaipur- Full day Sightseeing & Visit

Post breakfast; proceed for an excursion to Amber Fort. Enjoy the Elephant ride to ascend the Amber fort enroute stop at Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) for

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photo shoot.. After visiting Amber fort, visit Anokhi museum. Afternoon; visit to City Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory.

In the evening visit to NGO to spend time with children & Women and interacting with them exploring the culture and activities.

Overnight- Jaipur Hotel.

Day 06 : Jaipur

Post breakfast; we will visit a charity and an NGO in Jaipur. Spend the whole day in NGO with children and training activities.

Overnight- Jaipur Hotel.

Day 07 : Jaipur- Visit

Post breakfast; we will visit a charity and an NGO in Jaipur. You can visit NGO specially the women's section and spend time with them.

Overnight- Jaipur Hotel.

Day 08 : Jaipur – Agra via Abhaneri & Fatehpur Sikri

Post breakfast; drive to Agra; the city of Taj Mahal. On the way you will explore a unique step well at Abha Neri and also see the lost city of Fatehpur Sikhri - the original capital of the Mughal Empire. Upon arrival in Agra; check-in to the hotel.

Evening free for own activities and visit local market.

Overnight- Agra Hotel.

Day 09 : Agra – Full day Visit and Agra - Delhi

Early in the morning visit to the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Later return back to the hotel for breakfast. In the afternoon you will visit NGO and spend the time to learn the activities.

Later leave Agra and drive to Delhi. Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel.

Overnight - Delhi Hotel.

Day 10 : Delhi - Full day Sightseeing

Post breakfast; proceed for a full day guided tour in Delhi starting with Old Delhi visiting Raj Ghat, drivepass through Red Fort & Chanidi Chowk . In the afternoon we will visit Humayun's Tomb, India Gate, drive past the Parliament Street & President house .

Overnight- Delhi hotel

Day 11 : Delhi - Full day Visit

Post breakfast; you will visit a NGO which work towards enabling self -reliance and is committed to working on issues affecting the urban and rural poor, with a special focus on women and children.

Evening take Cookery class and culinary experience by expert trainer over North Indian Cuisine.

Overnight- Delhi hotel

Day 12 : Delhi – Onward Destination

Post breakfast; On time you will be transferred to international Delhi airport to board the flight to onward journey.



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India As An Incentive Destination

India with its incredible diversity of history, culture and natural beauty is a perfect destination of Incentives. A visit to this fabulous land will be a thrilling experience that will always be treasured because the sub-continent holds many wonders. Besides the Great Taj Mahal one of the seven wonders of the world, we have Massive forts, marbled palaces of the Rajput Kingdoms, the mighty Himalayan peaks with unspoiled Valleys, thousands of miles of unspoiled beaches and the most intricately carved old and new temples, churches, gurudwaras, mosques, synagogues of many different faiths.



Delhi – The Capital of India



Agra – The City of Taj Mahal



Jaipur – The city of Forts and Palaces



Udaipur – The city of Lales



Cochin – Gateway to Nature



Chennai – Gateway to South India



Mumbai – The Financial capital of India



Goa – The Land of Pristine Beaches

India And its Neighbors

NEPAL , BHUTAN,SRI LANKA , MALDIVES ,TIBET

Nepal, officially Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, is a landlocked country in South Asia. It is located mainly in the Himalayas, but also includes parts of the Indo-Gangetic Plain. The capital, Kathmandu, is the largest city and is called the "City of Temples" for its numerous temples of Hindu and Buddhist gods and goddess. One of the oldest cities of South Asia, Kathmandu has five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, palaces and historically important sites such as Singha Durbar. The other large cities of Nepal are Pokhara, Biratnagar, Lalitpur, Bharatpur, Birgunj, Dharan, Hetauda and Nepalgunj.

Bhutan, nestling in the heart of the great Himalaya, has for centuries remained aloof from the rest of the world. Since its doors were cautiously opened in 1974, visitors have been mesmerised: the environment is pristine, the scenery and architecture awesome and the people hospitable and charming. Thimphu is its capital and largest city, while Phuntsholing is its financial center. Bhutan is also well known for mountain adventure trekking and hiking. Jhomolhari Base Camp Trek, Snowman Trek, and Masagang trek are some of the popular treks in Bhutan. Bhutan also has numerous tourist sites that are not included in its UNESCO tentative list. Bhutan has one element, the Mask dance of the drums from Drametse, registered in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List.

For a small island, **Sri-Lanka** has many nicknames: Serendib, Ceylon, Resplendent Isle, Island of Dharma, Pearl of the Orient. This colourful collection reveals its richness and beauty, and the intensity of the affection it evokes in its visitors. Head for the rolling hills to escape the heat of the plains in the cool of tea plantations. The entire island is teeming with bird life, and exotics like elephants and leopards are not uncommon. To top it all off, the people are friendly, the food is delicious and costs are low. Marco Polo considered Sri-Lanka the finest island of its size in all the world, and you'll likely agree after exploring the country's fabled delights. What takes your fancy? Beaches? The coastal stretch south of Colombo offers palm-lined sandy expanses as far as the eye can see. Culture? Try the Kandyan dances, a procession of elephants or the masked devil dances. Ruins? You'll find enough ancient and inspiring architecture in the cities of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa to satisfy that inner archaeologist.

Resorts in the Maldives woo tourists with promises of 'the last paradise on earth', and if your idea of paradise is a pristine tropical island with swaying palm trees, pure white beaches and brilliant turquoise lagoons, then the Maldives will not disappoint. It's also a major destination for scuba divers, who come for the fabulous coral reefs and the wealth of marine life. But it's not a place for low budget backpackers or amateur anthropologists who want to travel independently and live as the locals do. The Maldives Tourist Promotion Board has helped build the Maldives' reputation as one of the best diving destinations in the world. And deservedly so with hundreds of breathtaking dive sites, a colourful and fascinating underwater world, perfect conditions throughout the year and a visibility every photographer dreams of.

Tibet is a region covering much of the Tibetan Plateau in Tibet Autonomous Region, China. It offers fabulous monasteries, breathtaking high-altitude walks, stunning views of the world's highest mountains and one of the most likeable cultures you will ever encounter.

There are over 800 settlements in Tibet. Lhasa is Tibet's traditional capital and the capital of Tibet Autonomous Region. It contains two world heritage sites – the Potala Palace and Norbulingka, which were the residences of the Dalai Lama. Lhasa contains a number of significant temples and monasteries, including Jokhang and Ramoche Temple.



