

## **MAP OF INDIA**



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India, Hindustan or Bharath this country is been called by many names. It is a land of dreams and romance where beauty beckons, culture echoes, diversity delights and tradition talks. Those who reach India are greeted with a gracious Namaste denoting warmth, hospitality and respect - a tradition in tune with the country's age-old motto "Athithi Devo Bhava" where the guest is treated as God. Blessed with mist clad mountain ranges, deep blue seas, enigmatic deserts, golden beaches, emerald green valleys, palm fringed backwaters on the one hand and unique art forms, exciting fairs and festivals, interesting pilgrim centres, exclusive heritage sites, royal forts, majestic monuments, architectural marvels and exotic flora and fauna on the other, this legendary land is unique in all aspects. Encounter and explore this wonderful peninsula that is India, the land that projects love and humanity - surrounded by the grand snow capped Himalayan ranges in the North, the magnificent coastline offered by the Arabian Sea in the West, the vast Bay of Bengal in the East, and the awesome and deep Indian Ocean in the South.

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## **GOLDEN TRIANGLE - 05 NIGHTS/06 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

Delhi: Red Fort , Chandni Chowk, Raj Ghat , India Gate, Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb Agra: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort Fatehpur Sikri: Ancient Mughal City Jaipur: Amber Fort, City Palace, Jantar Mantar (Observatory)

Monument closing days: Delhi - Red Fort: Monday Agra – Taj Mahal: Friday

#### Day 01: Arrive Delhi

On arrival at Delhi you will be met by TBi representative and transferred to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for the guided tour of Old Delhi with visit to Raj Ghat, drive past Red Fort and narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk (the walled city) by cycle rickshaw. Later drive past India Gate, Government Buildings like President's House and Parliament Buildings.

Afternoon visit Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Delhi/Agra (205 Kms/ 4 Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Agra. Agra is famous as being home to one of the seven wonders of the world-the Taj Mahal. The architectural splendour of the mausoleums, the fort and the palaces is a vivid remainder of the





capital in the 16th and an early 17th centuries. On arrival proceed to hotel.

Afternoon proceed for guided tour of Agra Fort and Taj Mahal Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Agra/Jaipur (235 Kms/ 5 Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Jaipur enroute visiting the abandoned and ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri.

Continue to Jaipur. Jaipur, popularly known as Pink City, is the colourful capital of Rajasthan. With its rich & colourful past, resplendent with tales of valour & bravery, it is now one of the most important heritage cities in India. The city was founded in the year 1728 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the ruler of Amber.

On arrival proceed to hotel. Evening at leisure.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 05: Jaipur





After an early breakfast, leave for an excursion to Amber Fort with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal. You may get an opportunity to climb up to fort on Elephant back (one way and subject to availability) Afternoon guided tour of City Palace and the Observatory. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Jaipur/Delhi (265 Kms/ 6 Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Delhi. On arrival, transfer to airport for your onward flight.



## **GOLDEN TRIANGLE WITH RANTHAMBORE - 09 NIGHTS/10 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

**Delhi:** Red Fort , Chandni Chowk, Raj Ghat , India Gate, Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb **Agra:** Taj Mahal, Agra Fort

Fatehpur Sikri: Ancient Mughal City Jaipur: Amber Fort, City Palace, Jantar Mantar (Observatory) Ranthambore: Tiger Safari

Monument closing days: Delhi - Red Fort: Monday Agra – Taj Mahal: Friday Park closing date: 1st July to 30 September.

#### Day 01: Arrive Delhi

On arrival at Delhi you will be met by TBi representative and transferred to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for the guided tour of Old Delhi with visit to Raj Ghat, drive past Red Fort and narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk (the walled city) by cycle rickshaw. Later drive past India Gate, Government Buildings like President's House and Parliament Buildings.

Afternoon visit Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Delhi/Agra (205 Kms/4 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive Agra. Arrive & proceed to hotel.

Agra is famous as being home to one of the seven wonders of the worldthe Taj Mahal.

Afternoon proceed for guided tour of Taj Mahal and Agra Fort

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Agra/Jaipur (235 Kms/ 5 Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Jaipur enroute visiting the abandoned and ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri. Continue drive to Jaipur.

Jaipur- popularly known as Pink City, is the colourful capital of Rajasthan. With its rich & colourful past, resplen-



dent with tales of valour & bravery. The city was founded in the year 1728 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the ruler of Amber. On arrival proceed to hotel. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the Hotel

#### Day 05: Jaipur

After an early breakfast, leave for an excursion to Amber Fort with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal. You may get an opportunity to climb up to fort on Elephant back (one way and subject to availability). Afternoon guided tour of City Palace and the Observatory. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Jaipur/Sawai Madhopur 190Kms/4Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Sawai Madhopur – famous for its Ranthambore Tiger National Park - the former hunting ground of the Maharaja of Jaipur. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Sawai Madhopur

Ranthambore Tiger National Park is one of the largest and most renowned National Park in Northern





India. The park has a large number of fauna, significant among those being sambhar, chital, nilgai, chinkara, langur, wild boar, peafowl and the Great Indian Tiger.

Spend the morning and afternoon taking jungle safari by shared canter or jeeps..

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 08: Sawai Madhopur

Spend the morning and afternoon taking jungle safari by shared canter or jeeps.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 09: Ranthambore/Delhi

An early morning transfer to Sawai Madhopur Railway Station to connect train for Delhi. Arrive proceed to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 10: Delhi

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your onward flight.



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## **CLASSICAL NORTH INDIA - 08 NIGHTS/09 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

Delhi: Red Fort , Chandni Chowk , Raj Ghat , India Gate, Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb Jaipur: Amber Fort, City Palace, Jantar Mantar (Observatory) Fatehpur Sikri: Ancient Mughal City Agra: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort Khajuraho: Group of Temples and Sculpture Varanasi: Boat ride on River Ganges , Sarnath & Evening Aarti

#### Monument closing days: Delhi - Red Fort: Monday

Agra – Taj Mahal: Friday Sarnath – Sarnath Museum: Fridays

#### Day 01: Arrive Delhi

On arrival at Delhi you will be met by TBi representative and transferred to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for full day guided tour of Old Delhi & New Delhi Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Delhi/Jaipur (260 Kms/6 Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Jaipur. Jaipur, popularly known as Pink City. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Jaipur

After an early breakfast, leave for an excursion to Amber Fort with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal.You may get an opportunity to climb up to fort on Elephant back (one way and subject to availability). Afternoon guided tour of





City Palace and the Observatory. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 05: Jaipur/ Fatehpur Sikri/ Agra (235Kms/5Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Agra visiting Fatehpur Sikri enroute. Continue to drive to Agra. Arrive and proceed to hotel. Afternoon proceed for guided tour of Agra Fort and Taj Mahal Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Agra/Jhansi (By Train) Jhansi/Orchha (20 Kms/ ½ Hour ) Orchha/Khajuraho (175Kms/4Hrs)

An early morning transfer to railway station to board train for Jhansi. On arrival, transfer to Khajuraho by surface enroute visiting Orchha - the Rajmandir, Jahangir Mahal, and the Parveen Mahal.

Continue drive to Khajuraho. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Evening enjoy Sound & Light Show at Temples. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Khajuraho/Varanasi

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Western and Eastern Group





of Temples. Later transfer to airport to connect flight to Varanasi - India's cultural capital. On arrival, you will be met by TBi representative and transferred to the hotel.

Evening, proceed to witness Aarti ceremony on bank of River Ganges. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 08: Varanasi

An early morning proceed for boat ride on River Ganges surrounded by various Ghats followed by walk through old city. After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Temples and famous Benaras Hindu University. Afternoon proceed for an excursion of Sarnath - it is believed that in Sarnath Lord Buddha gave his first sermon to his disciples after getting enlightenment.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 09: Varanasi/Delhi

After breakfast, transfer to airport to connect flight to Delhi. Arrive and remain in transit for your onward flight.



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## **HIGHLIGHTS OF RAJASTHAN - 14 NIGHTS/15 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

**Delhi:** Red Fort , Chandni Chowk, Raj Ghat , India Gate, Qutub Minar, Humayun's Tomb

Mandawa: Old Havelies

**Bikaner:** Junagarh Fort, Camel Breeding Farm

Jaisalmer: Jaisalmer Fort, Havelis, Camel Safari at Sam Sand Dunes Jodhpur: Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada

Ranakpur: Jain-Temples Udaipur: City Palace, Jagdish Temple & Boat ride on Lake Pichola Chittorgarh: Chittorgarh Fort Bundi: Bundi Fort, Step-Well Ranthambore: Tiger Safari Jaipur: Amber Fort, City Palace, Jantar Mantar (Observatory) Fatehpur Sikri: Ancient Mughal City Agra: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort

Monument closing days -

Delhi - Red Fort: Monday Agra – Taj Mahal: Friday Park closing date: 1st July to 30 September.

#### Day 01: Arrive Delhi

On arrival at Delhi you will be met by TBi representative and transferred to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for the guided tour of Old Delhi with visit to Raj Ghat, drive past Red Fort and narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk (the walled city) by cycle rickshaw. Later drive past India Gate, Government Buildings like President's House and Parliament Buildings.

Afternoon visit Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Delhi/ Mandawa (260Kms/8 Hrs)

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After an early breakfast, leave for Mandawa - semi-desert region of Shekhawati, and popularly known as the 'open air art gallery' of Rajasthan. On arrival proceed to hotel.

Afternoon proceed for guided tour of



Havelis, Temples and Cenotaphs. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Mandawa/Bikaner (190Kms/4 Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Bikaner. The city is dotted with scores of sand dunes. More readily called the camel country, the city is distinguished for the best riding camels in the world and hence boasts of having one of the largest Camel breeding farm in the world. On arrival proceed to hotel. Later proceed for guided tour of Junagarh Fort, Ganga Singh Museum and The Camel Breeding Farm. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 05: Bikaner/Jaisalmer (335Kms/7 Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Jaisalmer, The splendid Jaisalmer Fort stands proudly on its land and narrates the stories of the valour and chivalry of the Rajput rulers. Jaisalmer still retains its medieval charm, which is evident in its colourful narrow streets, splendid forts and palaces of Rajasthan, opulent havelies and bazaars.

On arrival proceed to hotel. Rest of the day free for relax or explore local market.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Jaisalmer

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Havelies and Jain Temple located within the Fort area. Afternoon excursion to Sam Sand Dunes to enjoy sun-set with camel ride.



Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Jaisalmer/Jodhpur (295 Kms / 6Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Jodhpur. 'The Sun City' was founded by Rao Jodha, a chief of the Rathore clan, in 1459. It is named solely after him. On arrival proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 08: Jodhpur/Udaipur (295 Kms/ 6Hrs)

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Meharangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada (Royal Cenotaphs). Later leave for Udaipur enroute visiting Ranakpur Temples, renowned for some marvellous carved temples in marble stone. Continue the drive towards Udaipur known as the Venice of the East. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Rest of the day free to relax at hotel or to explore local market.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 09: Udaipur

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of City Palace, Jagdish Temple. Later a drive around Fatehsagar Lake. Afternoon boat cruise on Lake Pichola surrounded by splendid hills, palaces and temples. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10: Udaipur/ Chittorgarh (114Kms/2Hrs) Chittorgarh/ Bundi (135Kms/ 2 ½ Hrs)Bundi / Sawai Madhopur (185Kms/ 3 ½ Hrs) After breakfast, leave for Sawai Madhopur enroute visiting Chittorgarh and Bundi.

Chittorgarh Fort is located on a high hill near the Gambheri River. This fort was built by various Maurya rulers in the 7th century. This huge fort covers an area of 700 acres, extending to 3 Kms in length and 13 Kms in peripheral length.

After excursion of Chittorgarh Fort drive toward Bundi. Bundi is a city of glorious past and promising future. Rightly termed as the queen of Hadoti.. The Bundi School of painting is world famous.

On arrival, proceed for a guided tour visiting Bundi Fort and Stepwells.

Later leave for Sawai Madhopur – famous for its Ranthambore Tiger National Park - the former hunting ground of the Maharaja of Jaipur. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 11: Sawai Madhopur

Ranthambore Tiger National Park is one of the largest and most renowned National Park in Northern India. The park has a large number of fauna, significant among those being sambhar, chital, nilgai, chinkara, langur, wild boar, peafowl and the Great Indian Tiger.

Spend the morning and afternoon taking jungle safari by shared canter or jeeps.

Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 12: Sawai Madhopur /Jaipur (190Kms/4 Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Jaipur. Jaipur, popularly known as Pink City, is the colourful capital of Rajasthan.



With its rich & colourful past, resplendent with tales of valour & bravery, it is now one of the most important heritage cities in India. The city was founded in the year 1728 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the ruler of Amber. On arrival proceed to hotel. Rest of the day free to relax at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 13: Jaipur

After an early breakfast, leave for an excursion to Amber Fort with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal. You may get an opportunity to climb up to fort on Elephant back (one way and subject to availability). Afternoon guided tour of City Palace and the Observatory. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 14: Jaipur /Fatehpur Sikri /Agra (235Kms/5 Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Agra visiting Fatehpur Sikri enroute. Fatehpur Sikri was built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 and abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water. See the graceful buildings including Panch Mahal and other palaces. Continue your drive towards Agra.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 15: Agra/Delhi (205Kms/ 3Hrs)

Agra is famous as being home to one of the seven wonders of the world-the Taj Mahal. The architectural splendour of the mausoleums, the fort and the palaces is a vivid remainder of the capital in the 16th and an early 17th centuries.

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Later continue drive to Delhi airport for your noward flight.











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## **BUDDHIST CIRCUIT - 10 NIGHTS/11 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

**Delhi:** Raj Ghat , India Gate , Qutub Minar , Humayun's Tomb , Government -Buildings like President's House , Parliament & cycle rickshaw ride at Chandni Chowk.

Lucknow: Bara & Chota Imambara , Residency , Rumi Darwaza Shravasti: Jetavan Monastry & Angulimala's Stupa Kapilavastu: The capital city of the Shakya kingdom Lumbini in Nepal: The Birth Place of Lord Sakyamuni Buddha Kushinagar: The place where Lord Buddha have breathed his last Vaishali: Last Sermon site of Lord Buddha Rajgir: Nalanda University – UNESCO

World Heritage Site

**Bodhgaya:** Lord Buddha attained Enlightment

Varanasi – Sarnath: First Sermon Site after Enlightment

#### Monument closing days-

Delhi: Red Fort: Monday Lucknow: Bara Imambara, Monday Sarnath: Sarnath Museum: Fridays

#### Day 01: Arrive Delhi

On arrival at Delhi you will be met by TBi representative and transferred to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for the guided tour of Old Delhi with visit to Raj Ghat, drive past Red Fort and narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk (the walled city) by cycle rickshaw. Later drive past India Gate, Government Buildings like President's House and Parliament Buildings.

Afternoon visit Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar.

Overnight at the hotel.

### Day 03: Delhi to Lucknow by train

An early morning transfer to Railway Station to board train (Shatabdi Express) for Lucknow.

On arrival, you will be met by TBi Representative and transferred to hotel



Afternoon proceed for guided tour of Lucknow.

**Lucknow** – This bustling city is famed for its Nawabi era. It is home to extraordinary monuments depicting a fascinating blend of ancient & colonial architecture. It was the epicentre of the 1857 War of Independence. City has magnificent monuments - Imambara, Rumi Darwaza, Kaiserbagh Heritage Zone & The Residency. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Lucknow to Shravasti (260 Kms/6 Hrs)

After breakfast, leave by road for Shravasti. On arrival proceed to hotel.

Afternoon proceed for guided tour of Shravasti.

**Shravasti** was a city of ancient India and one of the six largest cities in India during Gautama Buddha's lifetime. Shravasti is closely associated with the life of Gautama Buddha, who is believed to have spent 24 Rainy Seasons in this city. You will visit the Jetavana Monastry & Angulimala's Stupa.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 05: Shravasti to Lumbini via Kapilavastu (250 Kms/06 Hrs)

After breakfast, proceed for Lumbini - Nepal by road enroute visit Kapilavastu

**Kapilavastu** was the ancient capital of the Sakya Clan, whose ruler 'Shud-dhodhan' was the father of the Bud-



dha. Lord Buddha left his palace in Kapilavastu at the age of 29 and revisited it 12 years later, after attaining the Enlightenment. The main archaeological site was discovered during excavation 1971-76.

Later drive to Sunauli Border between India and Nepal and cross over to Nepal. Proceed to your hotel in Lumbini.

Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 06: Lumbini to Kushinagar (170 Kms/5 ½ Hrs)

After an early breakfast, visit the birth place of Lord Buddha (World Culture Heritage Site ) and Mayadevi Temple.

**Lumbini** Garden is the place where, Queen Mayadevi gave birth to Lord Buddha. The holy site of Lumbini has ruins of ancient monasteries, a sacred Bodhi tree, an ancient bathing pond and the Mayadevi Temple - which is the place of birth of Lord Buddha. Lumbini Garden was granted World Heritage status by UNESCO in 1997.

Later leave by road for Kushinagar. Arrive and proceed to hotel.

Afternoon leave for a guided tour of Kushinagar.

**Kushinagar** is the place where the Buddha is believed to have breathed his last. It is one of the principal centres of Buddhist pilgrimage and attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world every year. In the uniquely designed Mahaparinirvana temple is a huge statue of the reclining Buddha. Overnight at hotel.

#### Day 07: Kushinagar to Vaishali (193 Kms/5 Hrs)

After an early morning breakfast, drive to Vaishali. Arrive and proceed to hotel.

Afternoon leave for a guided tour of Vaishali.

Vaishali – Gautam Buddha spent his last rainy season and delivered his last sermon at Vaishali and announced his approaching Mahaparinirvana (the final departure from the world) before leaving for Kushinagar. It also has one of the best-preserved of the Pillars of Ashoka, topped by a single lion. Museum houses some of the archaeological remains discovered here. Close to the museum is the shaded stupa which has the casket relic with the ashes of Buddha. Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 08: Vaishali to Bodhgaya via Rajgir (258 Kms/7 ½ Hrs)

After an early morning breakfast, drive to Bodhgaya via Rajgir On arrival Rajgir, proceed for guided tour of Nalanda University.

**Nalanda** University was a centre of learning from the seventh century BC. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At its peak, the school attracted scholars and students from near and far with some travelling all the way from Tibet, China,Korea, and Central Asia. It is believed that Scholar Hiuen Tsang had spent 02 years of his life in the University.



Later drive to Bodhgaya. On arrival proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 09: Bodhgaya to Varanasi

After an early morning breakfast,. Proceed for guided tour of Bodhgaya.

**Bodhgaya** is one of the most important and sacred Buddhist pilgrimage center in the world with the Mahabodhi Temple Complex. It was here under a banyan tree, also called the Bodhi Tree that Lord Buddha attained the Enlightment. The magnificent Mahabodhi temple and the Tree from the original sapling still stands in the temple premises. The temple is an architectural amalgamation of many centuries, cultures and heritages. Mahabodhi Temple is UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Afternoon transfer to Railway Station to connect train for Varanasi. On arrival, you will be met by TBi Representative and transferred to hotel. Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 10: Varanasi/Sarnath/Varanasi

An early morning proceed for boat ride of River Ganges and after breakfast, guided tour of Varanasi and Sarnath.

**Varanasi** is a city on the banks of the Ganges. It is the holiest cities in Hinduism and Jainism, and played an important role in the development of Buddhism. The city is known worldwide for its many ghats along the river bank and Temples One of Asia's largest residential universities is Benaras Hindu University located in the city.

**Sarnath** is 10 km away from city of Varanasi - a highly revered Buddhist



pilgrimage centre. It is believed that after getting enlightenment at Bodh Gaya, Lord Buddha preached his first sermon at Sarnath. The Archaeological Museum houses the findings, wealth and excavations, recovered from the site of first sermon

Evening enjoy Aarti ceremony on River Ganges

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 11: Varanasi /Delhi

After breakfast, transfer to airport to connect flight for Delhi. On arrival, remain in transit for your onward flight.







## **SERENE LADAKH - 07 NIGHTS/08 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

Shanti Stupa Phyang Gompa Lamayuru Monastery Basgo fort Nubra Valley Pangong Lake Diskit Monastery Sumoor Village Thiksay Monastry Shay Palace

#### Day 01: Delhi /Leh

Arrive Delhi and remain in transit to connect flight to Leh.

On arrival, you will be met by TBi representative and transferred to the hotel.

Afternoon guided tour of Leh, a highdesert city in the Himalayas. Leh is now known for its Buddhist sites and nearby trekking areas. Later drive to Shanti Stupa. The stupa has panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.

Overnight at the hotel

#### Day02: Leh/Lamayuru/Alchi

After breakfast, drive to Phyang Gompa, located 8 Kms away from Leh town and continue further to Likir village where Likir Gompa is situated atop a windy cliff overlooking the beautiful village of Likir.

Continue to drive to Lamayuru Monastery- enroute visiting Gurudwara Pathar Sahib , magical Magnetic Hill and confluence of River Zanskar and Indus.

Overnight at the hotel.

### Day 03: Alchi/Leh

After breakfast, drive to World Heri-





tage Site - Basgo fort - at a distance of 42 km of Leh. The fort is situated there on a clay hill. Later continue to drive to Leh.

Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 04: Leh/Nubra valley 135km

After an early breakfast, drive to beautiful NubraValley via Khardungla (Highest Motorable road in the World, 18,380 ft) where zigzag trail continues until the Hundar village. On arrival proceed to tented camp. Afternoon visit sand dune and double hump camel.

Overnight at a tented camp

#### Day 05: Diskit/Sumoor/ Leh

After an early breakfast, drive to Diskit Monastery and to have a wonderful view of Nubra valley. Later drive to Sumoor village and continue to drive to Leh enroute visiting Khardong village and Khardongla. Overnight at the hotel





#### Day 06: Leh/Pangonglake 165km

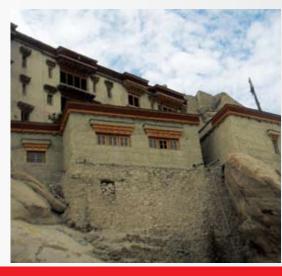
After an early breakfast, drive to Pangong lake. Pangong Lake (which means hollow) is very long narrow spread of water situated at an altitude of 14,500 ft. Extending from east to west through the whole length of the Ruthong region of Tibet. Overnight at tented camp

#### Day 07: Pangong Lake/Leh

After breakfast, drive to Leh enroute visiting Thiksay Monasteries and ShayPalace. Shay Palace was built first in 1655. It was used as a summer retreat by the kings of Ladakh. Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 08: Leh/Delhi

After breakfast, transfer to airport to connect flight for Delhi. Arrive and remain in transit for onward flight.



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## INDIA WILDLIFE TOUR - 07 NIGHTS/08 DAYS

#### **Tour Highlights**

#### Tadoba & Pench:

Unlock the doors of diverse wildlife sanctuaries and more than 99 national parks nestled in India

The wildlife trip to India is amazing and wonderful, proffering you an opportunity to have a glimpse of various sorts of species. India is a favoured wildlife place among wildlife enthusiasts and nature lovers. Folks from wide and far pay a visit to India to explore the rich flora and fauna. Tadoba and Pench national park Jungle Safaris offer chance to view the Bengal Tiger in the wild along with other wild life such as Indian leopards, sloth bears, gaur, nilgai, and many others.

#### Park closing days

30 June till 30 September **Tadoba National Park:** closed for full day on Tuesday. **Pench National Park:** In afternoon on Wenesday.

#### Day 01: Mumbai

On your arrival, you will be met by TBi representative and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight at the Hotel

#### Day 02: Mumbai/Nagpur/Tadoba ( 147 Kms/3 Hrs)

After breakfast, transfer to airport to connect flight for Nagpur. On arrival, drive to Tadoba National Park.

Tadoba Reserve is the largest national park. Wildlife Sanctuary was created in 1986 with an area of 508.85 square kilometres (196.47 sq mi). The reserve also includes 32.51 square kilome-





tres (12.55 sq mi) of protected forest and 14.93 square kilometres (5.76 sq mi) of other areas. Densely forested hills form the northern and western boundary of the tiger reserve. Arrive and proceed to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

#### Day 03: Tadoba

Spend the morning and afternoon taking jungle safari by shared jeeps Overnight the hotel

#### Day 04: Tadoba

Spend the morning and afternoon taking jungle safari by shared jeeps Overnight the hotel

#### Day 05: Tadoba/Pench (317 Kms/6 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Pench National Park.

Pench National Park derives its name from the Pench River that flows through the park from north to south dividing the park into almost equal western and eastern halves. It was declared a sanctuary in 1977 but





raised to the status of national park in 1983. In 1992, it was established as a tiger reserve The tiger is the main cat species of the park. Commonly seen wildlife is chital, sambar, nilgai, wildpig and jackal. The park is rich in bird life too. The flowers of this tree are eaten by mammals and birds, and also harvested by the tribal people as food and to brew beer.

#### Day 06: Pench

Spend the morning and afternoon taking jungle safari by shared jeeps Overnight the hotel

#### Day 07: Pench

Spend the morning and afternoon taking jungle safari by shared jeeps Overnight the hotel

#### Day 08: Pench/Nagpur/Mumbai (167 Kms/3 ½ Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Nagpur to connect flight for Mumbai. Arrive and remain in transit for your onward flight.



## NORTH EAST PARADISE - 08 NIGHTS/09 DAYS

#### **Tour Highlights**

Kolkata: Victoria Memorial, Mother Teresa's House and Jain Temple Darjeeling: Excursion to Tiger hill and Toy Train ride. Gangtok: Rumtek Monastery. Kalimpong: Dello Hills & Pine View Nursery.

#### Monuments closing days: Kolkata: Victoria Memorial – Monday and National holiday. Mother Teresa Ashram - Thursday. Gangtok: Institute of Tibetology – Sunday

#### Day 01: Arrive Kolkata

On arrival at Kolkata, you will be met by TBi representative at airport and transferred to hotel.

Kolkata (earlier called Calcutta) is known as 'City Of Joy'. Kolkata was once the capital city of British India and also the Gateway to India till 1912.

Overnight at hotel.

#### Day 02: Kolkata

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Dalhousie Square, Kumartuli (Potter's Colony), Jain Temple, Victoria Memorial ,St Paul's Cathedral and Mother Teresa's House. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Kolkata/Bagdogra &Bagdogra/Darjeeling (90 Kms/2Hrs)

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your flight to Bagdogra. On arrival, you will be met by TBi Representative at the airport from where you will drive to Darjeeling - one of the most magnificent hill station in the world. On arrival, proceed to hotel.Evening free to relax.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Darjeeling

Pre dawn trip to Tiger Hill (around 04:00a.m) to view glowing sunrise over Kanchenjunga Peak – The 3rd highest mountain. Afterward visit the Ghoom Monastery and return to hotel for breakfast,.



Later visit local tea plantation followed by toy train ride ( World Heritage Train ).

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 05: Darjeeling/Gangtok(110 Kms/4 ½ Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Gangtok. Gangtok, the land of monasteries, is also the largest town of Sikkim. Situated in the Shivalik Hills and lying at an altitude of 1437 metres, it's an important Buddhist Pilgrimage Centre. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Gangtok

After breakfast, visit Rumtek Monastery, Institute of Tibetology & Do Drul Chorten (Stupa). Later in the afternoon visit Enchey Monastery and Cottage Industry.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Gangtok/Kalimpong ( 85Kms/3Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Kalimpong. Kalimpong is a beautiful hill town in





North Bengal, and Known as 'Garden of Flowers'. Kalimpong is famous for its flower market, especially the wide array of orchids. It also houses several Buddhist monasteries which hold a number of rare Tibetan Buddhist scriptures. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Rest of the day free to relax Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 08: Kalimpong

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Dello hills, Pine View Nursery, Dr. Grahams Home.

Rest of the day free to relax at hotel or explore local flower markets. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 09: Kalimpong/ Bagdogra (100Kms/3½ Hrs)

Bagdogra/Kolkata by air After breakfast, transfer to airport to connect flight for Kolkata. On arrive and remain in transit for your onward flight.



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## **KERALA - GOD'S OWN COUNTRY - 07 NIGHTS/08 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

**Cochin:** Mattancherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Chinese Fishing Net and Kathakali Dance **Munnar:** Tea Museum , Mattupetty Dam

Alleppey : House Boat - experiencing life local life on Backwaters Kovalam: Beach stay

#### Monument closing days: Cochin: Mattancherry Palace: Fridays Jewish Synagogue : Fridays, Saturdays and Jewish holidays.

Munnar: Tea Museum: Mondays

#### Day 01: Arrive Cochin

On arrival, you will be met by TBi representative at airport and transferred to hotel.

Cochin is one of the finest natural harbours in the world. The harbour is the nucleus around which Cochin has grown to become the 'Queen of the Arabian Sea'.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Cochin

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Mattancherry Palace (built in 1555 and renovated by the Dutch in 1663. Stroll through the old Jewish Quarter and visit the old Synagogue. Drive to Fort Kochi and visit St. Francis Church, the oldest in India and the famous Chinese fishing nets.

Evening enjoy the classical dancedrama "Kathakali", based on the Hindu epics, highlighted by the amazing costumes and make-up. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Cochin/Munnar (130 Kms/ 3 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Munnar. This beautiful hill station is popular for its cool climate, tea plantations with colonial bungalows, tea factories, Wildlife sanctuaries and many lakes Afternoon arrive and proceed to Hotel. Rest of the day at leisure Overnight at the hotel.



#### Day 04: Munnar

After breakfast, visit to the Tea Museum (closed on Mondays). This is the country's first ever tea museum; located at KDHP's Nullatanni estate in Munnar.

Visit the Mattupetty Dam: The beautiful hill station of Mattupetty is a 13 km drive away from Munnar. The Lake and Dam is en-route to Top Station at an altitude of 1700 m.

Rest of the day at leisure Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 05: Munnar/Alleppey (176 Kms/4.5Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Alleppey. On arrival, board your private House Boat and cruise on the Backwaters - full of canals, rivers and lakes. Relax on deck or in private lounge to observe the locals going about their daily chores - sailing, fishing, swimming, washing, cooking and more. Between the waterways are extensive paddy field and coconut palms. Overnight on board



the houseboat.

## Day 06: Alleppey/Kovalam (145Kms/3Hrs)

After breakfast, disembark your Houseboat and drive to Kovalam. The word 'Kovalam' in Malayalam stands for 'a groove of coconut trees'. Kovalam beach was discovered by the western hippies in the 1960s. It has since become one of the most popular beach destinations to enjoy a quiet stay on the beach. Overnight at the hotel.

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Day 07: Kovalam

Day at leisure Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 08: Kovalam/Trivandrum (15Kms/½ Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Trivandrum airport for your onward flight.





## **CLASSICAL SOUTH INDIA - 14 NIGHTS/15 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

**Chennai:** Mylapore Temple, Fort St. George Museum, St. Mary's Church, Bronze Gallery at National Museum Mahabalipuram: Shore Temples, Arjuna's Penance

Kanchipuram: Ekambareswarar Temple, Silk Loom

**Pondicherry:** Aurobindo Ashram and handmade paper factory

Thanjore: Brahadeeshwarar temple Trichy: Rock fort and Shri Rangam Temple

Madurai: Meenakshi Temple, local market

Periyar(Thekkady): Jungle Walk, Spice Garden& Wildlife sightseeing Alleppey: House Boat - experiencing life local life on Backwaters Cochin: Mattancherry Palace, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, Chinese Fishing Net

#### Monument closing days

Chennai: Fort St. George Museum and National Museum - Friday Cochin: Mattancherry Palace: Fridays, Jewish Synagogue: Fridays, Saturdays and Jewish holidays.

#### Day 01: Chennai

On arrival you will be met by TBi representative at airport and transferred to hotel.

Chennai, formerly known as Madras, is the capital city of Tamil Nadu and one of the foremost tourist destinations of South India. Popularly regarded as the 'Gateway to the South'. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Chennai

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Mylapore Temple, Fort St. George Museum, St. Mary's Church and Bronze Gallery at National Museum. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Chennai/Kanchipuram (76Kms/1 ½ Hrs) Kanchipuram/ Mahabalipuram (71Kms/1 ½ Kms)

After breakfast, leave for Kanchipuram.

Ancient Kanchipuram, the city of



thousand temples, is one of the seven most sacred pilgrim destination for the Hindus as well centre for famous Silk Looms (Kanjeevaram Sarees) Continue drive to Mahabalipuram. On arrival, proceed to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Mahabalipuram/Pondicherry (138 Kms/3Hrs)

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of the fascinating rock carvings and temples for which city is famous, including Arjuna's Penance, the world's largest bas-relief, beautifully carved from solid granite. Visit the Shore Temple that has stood for twelve centuries with its twin granite spires soaring upward.

Later drive to Pondicherry. On arrival, proceed to the hotel.

Pondicherry is a former French colony. The city has strong French influence specially in the Old Quarter along the Promenade.

Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 05: Pondicherry/Tanjore (230Kms/6Hrs)

After breakfast, visit Aurobindo Ashram- The Ashram is a spiritual community. The ashram grew out of a small community of disciples who had gathered around Sri Aurobindo after he settled in Pondicherry. Also visit Ganesha Temple and handmade paper factory.

Afternoon, drive to Tanjore. Sceni-



cally one of the most enchanting districts in the state - lies to the east of Trichy and has the reputation as the Rice Bowl of Tamil Nadu. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Tanjore

After breakfast, proceed for excursion to one of the best temples in South India, the Brahadeeshwarar temple or the Big Temple built by the greatest Chola emperor 'Raja Chola', is the dynasty's finest contribution to Dravidan temple architecture. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Tanjore/Trichy (60Kms/1 Hrs) Trichy/Madurai (150 Kms/3 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Madurai enroute visiting Tirchy. Trichy is a fine blend of tradition and modernity built around the Rock Fort and Shri Rangam Temple. Continue to drive to Madurai

On arrival proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 08: Madurai

After breakfast, visit famous Meenakshi Devi Temple, thereafter visit local market around Temple complex. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09: Madurai/Periyar (Thekkady )( 145Kms/3 ½ Hrs) After breakfast, drive to the highlands of Periyar (Thekkady). From 1895, the British maintained the area as a wildlife preserve and there are still opportunities to find elephants, bison, deer, and varieties of birds. The rugged landscape is very tropical and well suited to tea, coffee & spices. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 10: Periyar (Thekkady)

After an early breakfast, there will be a leisurely guided jungle walk in the reserve to enjoy the flora and fauna. Visit Spice Garden where you can learn about various spices which are grown in this region and are commonly used all over the country.

Later afternoon Optional boat ride on the man-made lake - the best way to observe game in the wild, including herds of elephants, bison and wild boar that roam by the lake just before sunset..

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 11: Periyar (Thekkady )/ Alleppey

After breakfast, drive to Alleppey. On arrival, board your private House Boat and cruise on the Backwaters - full of canals, rivers and lakes. Relax on deck or in private lounge to observe the locals going about their daily chores - sailing, fishing, swimming, washing, cooking and more. Between the waterways are extensive paddy field and coconut palms. Enjoy Kerala cuisine cooked on houseboat. Overnight at the houseboat.

#### Day 12: Alleppey/Kumarakom (30 Kms/1 Hrs)

After breakfast, disembark your

House Boat and proceed to Kumarakom by road.

Rest of day free for independent activities.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 13: Kumarakom / Cochin(Distance/Driving time: 80Kms/2 Hrs)

Cochin is one of the finest natural harbours in the world. From here, ships set sail for foreign ports with pepper, seafood, rubber and coir. From times immemorial, Arabs, Chinese, Dutch, British and Portuguese seafarers followed the sea route to Cochin and left their impressions on the town. The harbour is the nucleus around which Cochin has grown to become the 'Queen of the Arabian Sea'. On arrival proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 14: Cochin

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Mattancherry Palace (built in 1555 and renovated by the Dutch in 1663, it contains 17th century murals of the Ramayana), Stroll through the old Jewish Quarter and visit the old Synagogue (Jews have lived here since the time of King Solomon). Drive to Fort Kochi and visit St. Francis Church, the oldest in India and the famous Chinese fishing nets (introduced by a trader from Kubla Khan's

China).

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 15: Cochin

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your onward flight.











### **COLORFUL GUJARAT - TEXTILE TOUR - 10 NIGHTS/11 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

We have been wearing textiles from an early infancy, but few know the history of textiles, how they are made and from where they come. On this journey we will take you through fields of cotton to see how the cloth is woven and to see how cotton and silk are transformed by Indian craftsmen and women.

The crafts people of Gujarat excel in the production of hand-crafted textiles which reflect the rich cultural heritage of its people. These woven fabrics, such as Patola, Double Ikat, Mushroo are matched in quality by the decorated textiles of tie-dye, embroidery and resist printing.

Numerous tribal communities use distinctive patterns, and stitching techniques to enrich their lives and to distinguish their unique cultures.

#### Monument closing days:

Ahmedabad - Calico Museum: Wednesday.

#### Day 01: Ahmedabad

On arrival, you will be met by TBi Representative and transferred to hotel. Afternoon visit the Chittara family who produce high quality Mata Ni Pachedi (Kalamkari) work. Kalamkari literally means the art of decoration with the help of a pen, 'Kalam'. A design, usually religious is drawn or block printed onto a cloth and the spaces coloured. A particular form of this technique has been made famous by the Vaghris community of Gujarat. Evening, visit the night market at Law Garden to see the various textiles of Gujarat.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Ahmedabad

After breakfast, walk through the old city, then to the Calico Museum (prior permission is required. Afternoon, visit the Shreyas Folk Museum and Gandhi Ashram.

Overnight at the hotel.

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#### Day 03: Ahmedabad to Dasada enroute Patan & Modhera (240 Kms / 5 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Patan village to see Patola and Mushru weaving. The art of weaving double Ikat silk saris has been practiced in Patan village for centuries. The technique requires meticulous attention to detail and the resulting Patola is one of India's most beautiful textiles.

Mushru weaving consists of a silk warp and cotton weft. The attractive silk appears on the outside and fine cotton on the inside which feels soft to the skin. This fabric is still produced by few families in Patan village. Visit the Rani ki Vav - A spectacular stepwell.

Afternoon, visit the Sun Temple at Modhera- A beautifylly carved temple dedicated to the Sun now an ASI monument. Continue to drive to Dasada-Bajana. Arrive and proceed to hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Dasada

After breakfast, visit local villages or, Opt for a drive into the Little Rann of Kutch to view wild ass and numerous migratory birds during winter. Overnight at the hotel.

### Day 05: Dasada/Bhuj enroute Dhaneti & Ajrakpur (300 Kms/6 Hrs Approx)

After breakfast, visit Dhaneti village



to see the Ahir embroidery characterized by fine floral and animal patterns which progress across the fabric in swirling circular arrays. Images of parrots, peacocks, scorpions, elephant and flowers are frequently depicted. Different stitches may be used for each element. Its rich bold designs make an immediate visual impact.

Later drive to Ajrakpur – to experience the Ajrak block printing. Ajrak, or Ajrakh, is style of block printed with geometric design. The technique uses mud-resist printing, repeated at least twice, to produce the pattern. Traditionally the colours were predominately red, blue, black and white, but other colours, especially yellow and green are now used. Stylish modern ajrak is produced in the villages of Dhamadka, Khavda and Ajrakpur near Bhuj.

Later proceed to Bhujodi village to see Rabari embroidery and the distinctive shawl weaving of the Vankar community. The numerous clans of Rabari have distinctive styles of embroidery, each characterized by bold colourful patterns which incorporate mirrors of differing shapes. Proceed to your hotel in Bhuj

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Bhuj

After breakfast, enjoy visit to various weavers village displaying traditional embroidery and weaving skills. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Bhuj

After breakfast, visit house of Sangar family to see Ari Embroidery (Mochi work) on silk and cotton. Later visit the house of the only family in Bhuj weaving single ikat silk scarves and shawls. Also visit the 18th century Aina Mahal palace museum which has an excellent collection of an early ari silk work, and display of Kutchhi crafts

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 08: Drive from Bhuj via Sumrasser/Nironha to Shaam-e-Sharhad Resort in Hodka(110 Kms/3 Hrs Approx)

After breakfast, drive to Sumrasser, where Ms Judy Frater an American, has spent many years helping the women from various communities develop and market their textiles. Her organization, Kala Raksha has a small museum and display centre at Sumrasser.

Proceed to Nirona village – for the Rogan paintings. Rogan means 'oilbased' in Persian. Textiles decorated with this technique, and from a distance appear like fine embroidery. Castor oil is boiled and mixed with pigment. Only half the design is directly painted. When one side is complete, the textile is folded over so that a mirror-image is created. The resulting work is surprisingly intricate and attractive. The seven or eight people who do this work in Nirona village near Bhuj, are probably the only ones in India doing this artwork.

This village has a bell maker, mak-



ing attractive copper bells of various sizes, as well as a group – making coloured wooden laquer ware. On arrival transfer to camp.

Overnight at the tented camp.

#### Day 09 Hodka

After breakfast, visit a nearby home to see items of distinctive Meghwal embroidery. Meghwals decorate the interior of their houses with pinched mud to create three dimensional designs incorporating large fragments of mirror. They do fine embroideries with bold geometric designs. Similar designs are used by men to decorate leather items

Afterwards drive to Dhordo to see the fine stitchery and mirrors of Mutwa embroidery.

The Mutwa are a shepherd community living in the Banni grassland region of Kutch. They too use a lot of mirrors in their embroidery work.

Afternoon, drive into the Rann of Kutch, to view a vast expanse of flat salt-pan which stretches to hundreds of kilometers.

Overnight at the tented camp.

## Day 10 Hodka / Bhuj airport (80 Kms /2 <sup>1/2</sup> Hrs Approx)/Mumbai

After breakfast, at an convenient time drive to airport in Bhuj to connect flight to Mumbai

On arrival, you will be met by TBi representative and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 11 Mumbai

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your onward flight.





## SOUTHERN ARCHITECTURE WITH GOA - 11 NIGHTS/12 DAYS

#### **Tour Highlights**

**Bangalore:** Bangalore Palace, Government Museum, Lal Bagh Botanical Garden, Bull's Temple and Palace of Tipu Sultan.

Mysore: Srirangapatna , Maharaja's Palace, Chamundi Hills Hassan: Sravanbelagola, Belur & Halebid Temples for their architecture Hampi: Vithala Temple Complex, House of victory, King's Balance, Elephant Stables, Statue of Lord Ganesh Badami: Cave Temples Goa: Churches, Beaches, Spice Plantation Mumbai: The Gateway of India, Mani

Bhawan, The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (Formerly Prince of Wales Museum) Dhobi Ghat, Victoria Terminus and Dabbawalas.

#### **Monument closing days**

**Mumbai:** Dabbawala closed on Sunday and national holidays.

#### Day 01: Bangalore

On arrival you will be met by TBi representative and transferred to hotel. Bangalore is the 'Garden City of India' with its many gardens. It is also an important hub of the information and technology in India. Overnight at the hotel.

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## Day 02: Bangalore/Mysore (140Kms/3 Hrs)

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Bangalore Palace, the Government Museum, famous Lal Bagh Botanical Gardens, Bull's Temple and the Palace of Tipu Sultan including photostop at Vidhan Soudha (home to the secretariat and the state legislature).

Afternoon drive to Mysore en-route visit Srirangapatna. Continue your drive to Mysore.

Srirangapatna is the island fortress of the legendary warrior king Tipu Sultan, it is just 16 km from Mysore city. Inside the fortress is Tipu's mosque with its twin minarets



Mysore is a city of palaces, gardens, shady avenues and sacred temples and retains some of the charm of the old world with its many institutions that propagate music and dance. Mysore, once the state capital, today is a vibrant city teeming with tourists and visitors. It is known the world over for its exotic sandalwood and rich silks.

On arrival proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Mysore

After breakfast, proceed for guided of visiting Maharaja's Palace and Chamundi Hills. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Mysore/Hassan (127 Kms/ 3 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Hassan enroute visit 'Sravanabelagola' - which means monk on the hill. The statue of Lord Bahubali was made in 981 AD. It is one of the important Jain shrine with 56ft granite statue of Jain Saint Gomateshwara.

Please note that you would have to climb close to 700 steps to experience the architectural marvel.

Continue to drive to Hassan. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Later visit



Chanakeshava Temple complex at Belur. Chanakeshava Temple- tens of thousands carvings representing sequences from the Hindu myths chipped from black soapstone cover the length and breadth of the Temple.

Afterwards drive to Halebid to visit Hoysaleshwara Temple, standing on platform like a casket. It is a sculptural extravaganza richly endowed with most finely detailed scroll work in stone.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 05: Hassan/Hospet (315Kms/7Hrs)

After an early breakfast, drive to Hospet. On arrival, proceed to hotel. Rest of day at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Hospet/Hampi/Hospet (13 Kms/20 Min)

After breakfast, leave for excursion of Hampi - a World Heritage Site, the famous site of the great Vijayanagar kingdom. Hampi has the distinction of being the most beautiful ruins of any significance to be seen in India. Visit Vithala Temple Complex, House of Victory, King's Balance, Elephant Stables and Lord Ganesh Temple. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Hospet/Badami (190 Kms/5 Hrs)

After an early breakfast, drive to Badami. Badami also known as Vatapi is rich with Hindu and Jain temples carved out of sand stone hills. The carved temples date back to the 6th century. Of these, three are Hindu and one Jain. Sculptured out of solid rock they are adorned with carvings. The Fort, on top of a hill encloses large granaries, treasury and a watch tower.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 08: Badami/Goa (190 Kms/4Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Goa. Goa, on the west coast of India, is a land of swaying palms, miles of golden sands, lush greenery, an incredible cultural heritage, magnificent churches, temples and monuments and a unique cultural synthesis of the east and west.

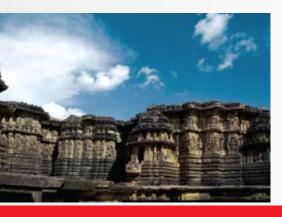
On arrival, proceed to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 09: Goa

Morning half day sightseeing of Old Goa Churches and Spice Plantation. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 10: Goa/Mumbai

After breakfast, transfer to airport to connect flight for Mumbai. On arrival, you will be met by TBi representative and transfer to hotel. Mumbai, the biggest metropolis of



India, is a city that virtually never sleeps. Mumbai is famous for many things, including its thriving Bollywood film industry, teeming bazaars and colonial-style buildings.

Afternoon proceed for guided tour of Gateway of India, Mahatma Gandhi Residence – Mani Bhawan and The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (Formerly Prince of Wales Museum) Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 11: Mumbai

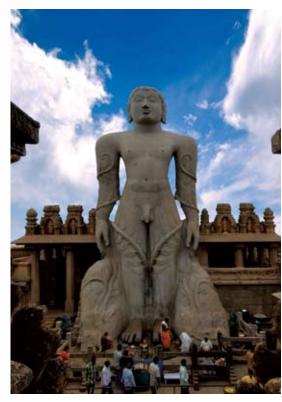
After breakfast, proceed for guided city tour visiting Victoria Terminus (photostop), Dhobi Ghat - where you will see hundreds of 'dhobis' (washermen) washing linen. Drive to Churchgate Station to see the Dabbawallas – Lunch box delivery service to various offices in the business circuit. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 12: Mumbai

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your onward flight.













## **EXOTIC GOA**

#### **Tour Highlights**

A place outside time...a tiny emerald speck on the west coast of India, tucked away snugly between the hills of the Western Ghats and the Arabian Sea, Goa has a warm, tropical climate with an average temperature of 21C (79F) throughout the year. The winter months December to February are delightfully cool and sunny, and from June to September, Goa is drenched by the southwest monsoon, which turns the countryside into a lush garden. The land is covered with paddy fields and groves of cashew, mango and coconut. Strung along the 100 km. coastline are stretches of beaches the colour of sand changing every few kilometers.





#### **Beaches of Goa**

Goan beaches are distinctively divided between North & South.

**North Goa** – The party animals will be delighted visiting Baga, Vagator, Anjuna and Calangute beaches for sure. Enjoy the local atmosphere at pubs, bars, restaurants, street food and various water sports activities at the popular beaches of North Goa.

**South Goa** – Unlike the beaches of North Goa, you can relax at the quiet and pristine beaches of the south. Some of the well-known beaches are Colva, Majorda, Cavelossim and Palolem.

#### **Places of interest:**

#### North Goa Sightseeing

Churches of Old Goa & Panjim City

A prominent World Heritage site is Old Goa. Old Goa boasts of more than 13 churches situated in the vicinity. Some of the churches here date back to the 15th Century.

The Basilica of Bom Jesus built in red stone is famous throughout the Roman Catholic world since it contains the tomb and mortal remains of St. Francis Xavier.

Se Cathedral is the largest of the churches at Old Goa with its numerous chapels.

Panaji, the capital city of Goa and seat of the State Government. Located on the banks of the Mandovi river, Terraced hills, concrete buildings with balconies and red tiled roofs, churches and riverside promenade form this city. Colourful villas, cobbled streets make it an interesting walk through the Latin quarters with its Portuguese ambience.

#### South Goa Sightseeing

Visit the famous Mangeshi temple dedicated to the deity of Lord Shiva. It is one of the most visited temples of Goa. Later drive through the narrow and winding roads to reach a spice plantation. Enjoy a guided walking tour with an expert followed by lunch served on an organic plate made of leaves.



## **CULINARY TOUR OF NORTH INDIA - 07 NIGHTS/08 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

Delhi: Old Delhi Food Walk Tour , Mughal Cuisine Jaipur: Lassiwala , Marwari Cuisine with local Rajput Family Agra: Food trail journey of Agra

Monument closing days: Delhi: Red Fort: Monday Agra: Taj Mahal: Friday

#### Day 01: Delhi

Arrive Delhi. On your arrival you will be met by TBi Representative and transferred to your hotel. Overnight at the Hotel

#### Day 02: Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for the guided tour of Old Delhi with visit to Raj Ghat , drive past Red Fort. Thereafter enjoy 'Old Delhi Food Walk' tour.

A food walk through crowded markets of Old Delhi will tickle your taste buds as you try the best street food available in Delhi from some of the oldest food stalls/ restaurants in the city. You will walk through some landmark markets, ride a Cycle rickshaw and enjoy the local street food specialities.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Delhi

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of New Delhi.

Drive past India Gate and the Government buildings also known as Lutyen's Delhi named after their architect Edwin Lutyens. You will also visit the Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb Evening : Enjoy a meal at a classic restaurant serving North Indian & Mughlai Cuisine

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Delhi/Jaipur (267km/6Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Jaipur by road. Arrive and proceed to hotel. Evening: visit the local colourful Johari Bazaar, the most popular market in Jaipur.

Take a look at the most popular sweet



shop in Jaipur and try the local delicacies.

Later visit the Lassiwala for trying a local drink made of Buttermilk and served in a "kullad" (Earthen Pot) that is smashed after drinking. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05: Jaipur

After an early breakfast, leave for an excursion to Amber Fort with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal. You may get an opportunity to climb up to fort on Elephant back (one way and subject to availability). Afternoon guided tour of City Palace and the Observatory.

Evening Interact with Rajput family & engage yourself in the cooking demo followed by dinner. The cooking class will be fun and informal, showcasing the utensils, ingredients and spices used to create an authentic Indian meal.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Jaipur/Agra (253Kms/5Hrs)

After breakfast, leave for Agra visiting Fatehpur Sikri enroute. Fatehpur Sikri was built by Emperor Akbar in 1569





and abandoned after 15 years due to scarcity of water.

Enroute enjoy vegetarian cuisine of the region during lunch.

Continue your drive towards Agra. Agra is the home to one of the Seven Wonders of the World-the Taj Mahal. Arrive and proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Agra

An early morning proceed to guided tour of Taj Mahal by Sunrise. Return to the hotel for breakfast,. Thereafter proceed to visit Agra Fort Evening: experience 'Agra Food Trail journey', which is not just of taste, but of knowledge. Your guide will explain to you how this food ended up on your plate. It will cover the oldest and famous eateries of Agra Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08: Agra/Delhi airport (205Kms /3Hrs) After breakfast, drive to Delhi airport for your onward flight.



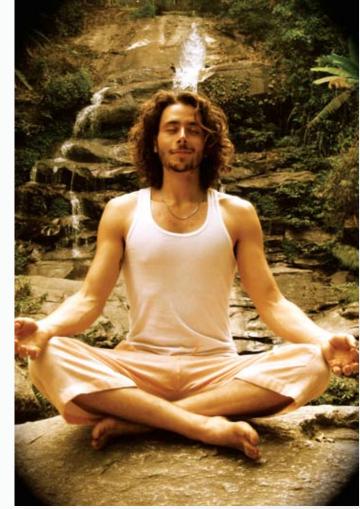
### **YOGA & AYURVEDA**

#### YOGA

Yoga is the physical, mental, and spiritual practices or disciplines that aim to transform body and mind. The term denotes a variety of schools, practices and goals in Hinduism, Buddhism, Tibetan Buddhism and Jainism, the best-known being Hatha yoga and Raja yoga. The term yoga is derived from the literal meaning of "yoking together" a span of horses or oxen, but came to be applied to the "yoking" of mind and body.

The origins of Yoga have been speculated to date back to pre-vedic Indian traditions, but most likely developed around the sixth and fifth centuries BC. The earliest accounts of yoga-practices are in the Buddhist Nikayas. Yoga gurus from India later introduced yoga to the west, following the success of Swami Vivekananda in the late 19th and an early 20th century. In the 1980s, yoga became popular as a system of physical exercise across the Western world. This form of yoga is often called Hatha yoga.

Being the centre of origin of Yoga India offers a host of opportunities to learn the disciplines of yoga. Yoga Retreats in North India are located close to Rishikesh along the banks of River Ganges. Combination of Yoga and Ayurveda is available in the Southern state of Kerala.



#### **AYURVEDA**

Ayurveda or Ayurvedic medicine a system of Hindu traditional medicine, is native to the Indian subcontinent, and is a form of alternative medicine. The oldest known Ayurvedic texts are the Suśrutha Samhitā and the Charaka Samhitā. These Classical Sanskrit texts are among the foundational and formally compiled works of Ayurveda.

By the medieval period, Ayurvedic practitioners developed a number of medicinal preparations and surgical procedures for the treatment of various ailments. Practices that are derived from Ayurvedic medicine are regarded as part of complementary and alternative medicine and along with Siddha Medicine and Traditional Chinese medicine. Ayurveda is well integrated into the Indian National health care system, with state hospitals for Ayurveda established across the country.

#### Kerala, the Land of Ayurveda

Kerala possesses an unbroken tradition of Ayurveda that has surpassed the many invasions and intrusions both foreign and native. For hundreds of years the Ayurveda Vaidyas (traditional practitioners of Ayurveda) were almost the only access for people seeking healing from every kind of disease in Kerala.

Being the only available line of treatment for the people, the Vaidyars of Kerala were challenged to interpret the theories of Ayurveda and adapt them actively into effective healing systems in everyday life. Thus almost all the contemporary procedures and protocols of Ayurveda have evolved in and around Kerala.





## LUXURY TRAINS OF INDIA

#### **Palace on Wheels**

Embark on the royal journey to explore the top fascinating, spectacular sights in the style of then maharajas. The renowned Palace on wheels train (complete with dining cars, lounges, bar, library and twin and double en suite cabins, carved furniture, splendid paintings and elegant handicrafts) invites you to relive the romance of the princely sojourn in the vibrant and most colourful Rajasthan; witnessing picturesque monuments, palaces, havelis, forts, national parks and wonder of the world – symbole of love – the Taj Mahal.

The Palace on wheels let you explore Jaipur, Chittorgarh, Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bharatpur and Agra in 8 Days/ 7 Nights.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

**Jaipur:** Visit the Jantar Mantar, Amber Fort on an Elephant , Jantar Mantar-Astronomical Observatory and the City Palace.

**Ranthambhore** - The Ranthambhore National Park - Tiger Safaris and visit the Ranthambhore Fort

Chittorgarh - Visit the 7th-Century fort of Chittorgarh Fort

**Udaipur** – Visit the City and the Crystal Gallery and take a Boat Ride on Lake Pichola.

Jaisalmer – Visit the havelies. Camel ride on Sam dunes in the thar desert. Jodhpur - Visit the majestic Mehrangarh Fort

**Agra** - Visit the world's most well known monument and well worth its fame - The Taj Mahal





#### **The Golden Chariot**

Take a fascinating journey through the many worlds of Karnataka. Embark on a luxurious voyage of discovery through the Cradle of Stone Architecture. The Golden Chariot train is named after the famous Stone Chariot in Hampi a world heritage site, in Southern India will travel through timeless Historical Heritage Sites, Resplendent Palaces, Wildlife and Golden Beaches. It's 7 Nights / 8 Days colorful journey begins every Monday from Bangalore and traverses through Mysore, visiting Srirangapatna, Mysore Palace; the Nagarhole National Park (Kabini) and continuing to the historical sites of Shravanabelagola, Belur-the 11th century cradle of Hoysala architecture and a world heritage site, Halebidu, Hampi and thereafter entering into the triangular heritage site of Badami, Pattadakal, Aihole, and finally the Golden Beaches of Goa before ending in Bangalore.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Mysore – Visit the Mysore Palace Kabini – Jungle Safaris Hampi – UNESCO World Heritage sites. Goa – Beaches





## **CRUISE DESTINATIONS IN INDIA & SRI LANKA**



International cruises companies are finding India a very attractive destination. The Indian coastline is massive, the ports of call many, each with its own flavour and history. Amongst them are Mumbai, Goa, Cochin, Tuticorin, Chennai, Lakshdweep and Andman Islands, smaller ports of Gujarat. TBi also provide overland tours and turn around arrangements at Indian & Sri Lankan ports.

Years of experience in handling cruise ships calling at Indian ports give our team the competitive edge to ensure that your guests are extended professional, personalized services. Our specialists in ground operations ensure perfect execution of all arrangements, seamlessly.

#### Services

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- Day return aircraft charters to important destinations.
- Complete turn around operations.
- Liaison with Govt. Authorities, shipping agents.



## MICE

One of the world's leading economies, India is a global powerhouse today. And when it comes down to business, India is the perfect destination for large and small international conferences and seminars. Served by the major airlines of the world, India is one of the most popular conference destination today. Its historical sights, natural beauty, state of the art conference facilities and outstanding hotels, beach resorts and palace resorts make it truly irresistible.

Let TBi expert MICE team take care of all your requirements with perfect planning and execution to ensure a memorable event.

#### Services

- Assistance in conference bids
- Destination and venue selection
- Hotel negotiation & contracting
- Conference Secretariat set up
- Government approvals/liaison
- Airline reservation/charter flights
- Pre & Post conference tours
- Transfers, sightseeing and spouse programs
- Theme events, social functions
- Conference website set up
- Conference kits, badges, signage, etc
- Financial management of event.

## **CHARTERS**

GOA, its colonial past, idyllic location on the west coast of India, the warm waters of the Arabian sea and stunning golden sand beaches and beautiful landscape are all ingredients for a perfect beach holiday. The tropical climate, guaranteed sunshine from November to May, Goa's laid back atmosphere, fabulous food and wide array of beverages encourages charter operators to operate direct tourist flights from UK, Europe & Russia. TBi has an experienced team of professionals in Charter tourism and has highly competitive rates with hotels in varied categories. TBi also arranges quality excursions – cultural, hinterland and protected wildlife tours and also country craft sea/river cruises to spot dolphins and crocodiles.





#### TRANSPORT

TBi provides best available vehicles ranging from sedan cars to large coaches in standard & premium brands.







## NEPAL – AN UNFORGETABLE JOURNEY - 07 NIGHTS/08 DAYS

#### **Tour Highlights**

Kathamandu: Patan , Durbar Square ,Kathmandu City , Swayambunath Chitwan: Chitwan National Park Pokhara: Sarangkot, Pokhara City , Bindyabasani Temple, Seti Gorge, Devi's fall ,boat ride on Phewa lake.

#### Day 01: Kathmandu

On arrival, you will be met by TBi Representative and transferred to hotel. Rest of day at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Kathmandu

After breakfast, proceed for guided tour of Patan. Patan also known as Lalitpur, is the city of fine arts.Later visit the Durbar Square a world heritage site for its temples, idols, open courts, water fountains and more.. Afternoon continue guided tour of Kathmandu City - known as Kantipur, the capital of the Kingdom of Nepal. Here you will visit the temple of the Living Goddess who acknowledges the greetings of the devotees from the balcony of her temple residence. Later visit Swayambunath - the Buddhist Stupa is said to be 2000 years old.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Kathmandu/Chitwan (185 Kms/6Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Chitwan.

The Chitwan National Park, Nepal's first national park lies at the foot of the Mahabharat range in the inner Terai lowlands of Chitwan. Covering an area of 932 sq. km this is the most



well preserved conservation area. The park is rich in flora and fauna. On arrival, proceed to lodge/camp. Rest of day at leisure. Overnight at the lodge /camp.

#### Day 04: Chitwan

Full day jungle activities as per lodge/ camp program which includes Elephant back safari in community forest, canoe ride (subject to water level), natural walk. Overnight at lodge/camp.

Day 05: Chitwan/ Pokhara (170km/6Hrs)

Afer breakfast, drive to Pokhara. Pokhara - The rare combination of snow-clad peaks and snow fed lakes

and rivers has helped to make the valley of Pokhara , one of the most picturesque natural attractions in the kingdom. Phewa Lake, skirted by a large number of unpretentious lodges and simple restaurants, is the most congenial spot for visitors. On arrival , proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.



#### Day 06: Pokhara

An early morning trip to Sarangkot to view sunrise (subject to weather condition)

Return to hotel for breakfast,

Later proceed for guided tour of Pokhara City visiting Bindyabasani Temple- believed as one of the oldest temples in the valley. Seti Gorge - a mysterious wonder of Pokhara, originated from the Machhapuchare glacier. Enjoy a boat ride on Phewa lake. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Pokhara/Kathmandu (210Kms/07Hrs)

After Breakfast, drive to Kathmandu. On arrival proceed to hotel. Rest of day at leisure Overnight at Hotel.

#### Day 08: Kathmandu

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your onward flight.







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## **SCENIC BHUTAN - 06 NIGHTS/07 DAYS**

#### **Tour Highlights**

Thimpu (Altitude 2,320m): King's Memorial Chorten, Buddha Point (Kuenselphodrang), Tango monastery, National Library, Institute for Zorig Chusum, Textile Museum Trashichhoedzong

Punakha (Altitude 1,300m): Dochu-la pass , Punakha Dzong , Talo village, Nalanda Buddhist Institute, Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang nunnery Paro (Altitude 2,280m): Simtokha Dzong,Ta Dzong, Rinpung Dzong, Drukgyel Dzong, Kyichu Lhakhang

#### Monument closing days

Thimphu - National Library closed on Sat, Sun & on Government Holidays Institute of ZorigChusum closed on Sun & Government Holidays and winter (Dec-an early March). Textile Musuem & Simply Bhutan closed on Sun & Government Holidays Paro - Ta Dzong closed on Government Holidays

#### Day 01: Paro /Thimpu (55km/1 ½ Hrs)

On arrival at Paro, you will be met by TBi representative, afterwards drive to Thimphu.

Thimpu -the capital town of Bhutan and a unique city with unusual mixture of modern development alongside ancient traditions.

On arrival proceed to hotel. In the afternoon visit to King's Memorial Chorten.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Thimphu

After breakfast, take a scenic hike to Tango monastery (approx. 2 Hrs round trip walk). This picturesque three-storey tower monastery was founded in 12th century. Later visit National Library, Textile Museum , Simply Bhutan & Trashichhoedzong. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03 : Thimphu/Punakha (75 km/3 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Punakha across Dochu-la pass (3,088m/



10,130 ft) to view and admire the chorten, mani wall, and prayer flags which decorate the highest point.

On arrival in Punakha, proceed to hotel.

Later visit the Punakha Dzong - built strategically at the junction of Pho Chhu and Mo Chhu rivers. Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 04: Punakha

After breakfast, excursion to Sangnacholing Dzong - built on a plateau and visit farm houses to experience rural life.

Evening visit Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang nunnery - the temple complex houses a permanent higher learning and meditation centre for nuns.

Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 05: Punakha/Paro (125 Kms/4 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive back to Paro.En route visit Simtokha Dzong - the place of profound tantric teaching. After checking into hotel, proceed to visit Ta Dzong, originally built as Watchtower, which now houses National





Museum. Then walk down to visit Rinpung Dzong, meaning - fortress of the heap of jewels Overnight at the hotel.

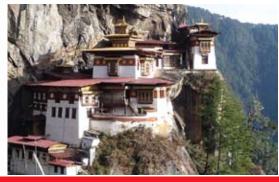
#### Day 06: Paro

After breakfast, optional excursion to Taktshang Monastery (approx. 5 Hrs round trip walk). It is one of the most famous of Bhutan's monasteries, perched on the side of a cliff 900m above the Paro valley floor. It is said that Guru Rinpoche arrived here on the back of a tigress and meditated at this monastery and hence it is called 'Tiger's Nest'. In 1998, a fire severely damaged the main structure of building but now this Bhutanese jewel has been restored to its original splendour.

Afternoon, drive to Drukgyel Dzong, a ruined fortress where Bhutanese warriors fought Tibetan invaders centuries ago. On way back to visit the 7th century Kyichu Lhakhang. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Paro

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your onward flight.



## SRI LANKA – JEWEL OF INDIAN OCEAN - 07 NIGHTS/08 DAYS

#### **Tour Highlights**

Colombo – Colonial Heritage and Cultural melange of the city Harbarana - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, Sigiriya, Minneriya National Park, Polonnaruwa Kandy – Dambulla, Temple of the Tooth, Peradeniya Botanical Gardens

#### Day 01: Colombo

On arrival you will be met by TBi Representative and transferred to hotel in the commercial, industrial and cultural centre of Sri Lanka. Overnight at the hotel

#### Day 02: Colombo/Harbana ( 183km/4 ½ Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to the small town of Habarana.

Along the way we stop at Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage that cares for baby elephants lost or abandoned in the wild. On arrival proceed to hotel and relax in warm tropical surroundings.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Habarana

After breakfast, drive 30-minutes to Sigiriya - also known as Lion's Rock - a massive 5th century fortress and palace ruins surrounded by extensive gardens and reservoirs. Here you can climb 1,200 steps to the top of this amazing fortress in the sky that is now a World Heritage site.

Afternoon jeep safari in Minneriya National Park where you can hope to see wild Asian elephants. They are particularly numerous in August and





September when they migrate along a corridor from neighboring parks. Overnight at the hotel

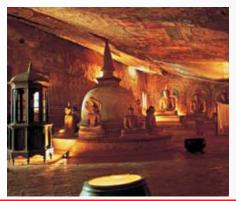
#### Day 04: Habarana

After breakfast, drive (47 Km 1-hour) to the ancient city of Polonnaruwa - the capital of Sri Lanka from the 11th to 13th centuries following the fall of Anuradhapura and today a World Heritage site. Here you can explore these magnificent ruins, which contains some fine examples of Buddha statues and marvel at this ancient civilization, before returning to Habarana.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 05: Habarana/Kandy (95km/½ Hrs)

After breakfast, drive to the bustling hill capital of Kandy. Along the way we stop at Dambulla to explore its famous Golden Rock Cave Temple, a sacred Buddhist pilgrimage site for 22 centuries and a World Heritage site. Also visit Matale Spice Garden. Arrive Kandy and proceed to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.





#### Day 06 Kandy

After breakfast, visit the sacred Temple of the Tooth that houses a tooth relic of the Buddha. Religious pooja ceremonies, take place when the golden casket containing the tooth is revealed. Afterwards visit the beautiful Peradeniya Botanical Gardens with its rare collection of indigenous tropical flora, including its famous Orchid House. Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 07: Kandy/Colombo (103 km/3 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive through central Sri Lanka to Colombo. On arrival transfer to hotel. Rest of day at leisure Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 08: Colombo

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight or extend stay at one of the beach resorts of Sri Lanka.



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