

ULTIMATE INDIA & NEPAL

23 Days / 22 Nights

As the name suggests - this is truly an "ultimate" experience offering the best of the Indian sub-continent with all its diversity. Vibrant Indian cultures, golden beaches, breathtaking scenery, ancient historic ruins and living treasures, amazing wildlife, a huge variety of people and a choice of food and flavours make this one of the most rewarding holidays you'll ever take.

Day 1: Arrive Chennai

Arrive at Chennai International Airport. Following customs, immigration formalities and baggage collection, you will be met as you exit the arrivals terminal building and transferred to your HOTEL for two nights. (B)

Day 2: Chennai

Today you will take a city tour of Chennai, visiting Fort St. George, Mylapore, the San Thome Church, and Kapaleeswarar Temple. You will also drive past the Marina Beach, the second longest in the world, stretching for several miles. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 3: Chennai - Mahabalipuram

After buffet breakfast at your hotel, you will be driven to Mahabalipuram. After check-in leave for an afternoon sightseeing tour of Mahabalipuram. Mahabalipuram is renowned for its series of charming rathas and a spectacular carved relief depicting Arjuna's Penance. You will see The Shore Temple, the Varaha Cave, and The Krishna Mandapam. Other important attractions of Mahabalipuram include the Mahishasuramardini Cave, Kotikal Mandapam, Ramanuja Mandapam, and the Dharmaraja Cave. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 4: Mahabalipuram - Pondicherry

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be driven from Mahabalipuram to Pondicherry. Following check-in you will proceed for a sightseeing tour of Pondicherry - visit Sri Aurobindo Ashram, the most popular attraction in Pondicherry. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 5: Pondicherry - Madurai

After breakfast you will be driven from Pondicherry to Madurai. In the afternoon there will be a sightseeing tour of Madurai City. The temple town is unique in that all its temples are living temples. Madurai City remains a major religious centre attracting pilgrims. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 6: Madurai - Thekkady

Today after breakfast you will be driven from Madurai to Thekkady. In the afternoon, you will be driven to Periyar National Park to view the wildlife by boat. Return to the hotel after your boat ride. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 7: Thekkady - Kumarakom

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will be driven to Kumarakom. Day at leisure. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 8: Kumarakom - Alleppey

After breakfast, you will board a houseboat for an overnight cruise. The house boats of Kerala offer a panoramic view of one of the most picturesque aspects of this area. An on board chef will prepare local cuisine for you. Overnight on board HOUSEBOAT. (B)

Day 9: Alleppey - Kochi

After buffet breakfast and disembarkation you will be driven to Kochi. In the afternoon there will be a sightseeing tour of Kochi including a visit to the Jewish Synagog, the Chinese Fishing Nets and St Francis Church. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 10: Kochi - Mumbai

After breakfast transfer to the airport for a flight to Mumbai. Arrive Mumbai and transfer to your HOTEL for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 11: Mumbai

After breakfast in the hotel, enjoy a half day city tour of Mumbai visiting the Prince of Wales Museum, Mani Bhawan, Marine Drive, Victoria Terminus, Gateway Of India, Hanging Garden and Parsee Towers of Silence. Overnight is at your HOTEL. (B)



Day 12: Mumbai - Udaipur

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Udaipur. Arrive Udaipur and transfer to your hotel. In the evening enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 13: Udaipur

After breakfast at the hotel enjoy a half day city tour of Udaipur including a visit to the City Palace Museum, Jagdish Temple and



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Taj Mahal, Agra

an elegant garden called Sahelion-Ki-Bari. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 14: Udaipur - Jaipur

After breakfast transfer to the airport for a flight to Jaipur. Arrive Jaipur and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon enjoy a half day city tour including a visit to City Palace, which houses a museum with a superb collection of Rajasthani costumes and an armoury, Jantar Mantar, and the Hawa Mahal. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 15: Jaipur

After breakfast visit Amber Fort. Here you will be taken by elephant back, in traditional royal style, to the main gate. (Elephant ride is subject to availability). Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 16: Jaipur - Agra

After buffet breakfast, proceed to Agra by road, visiting Fatehpur Sikri en route. You will visit the Jami Masjid, the tomb of Salim Chisti, the Panch Mahal, Diwan I Khas and other palaces. On arrival in Agra check in at your hotel before a half day city tour including a visit to Agra fort. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 17: Agra - Delhi

After breakfast proceed for a half day city tour visiting Taj Mahal. This most famous Mughal monument was constructed by Emperor Shahjahan and has been described as the most extravagant monument ever built for love (not open to visitors on Fridays). In the afternoon you will be driven to Dehli. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 18: Delhi

Today after breakfast you will proceed for a combined sightseeing tour of the famous Old and New Delhi. In old Delhi drive past Red Fort, built in 1648, Jama Masjid, Chandni Chowk and Raj Ghat. Later you will visit Qutab Minar, Humayun's Tomb, and drive past the Presidential House, Parliament House, Government buildings and India Gate. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 19: Delhi - Kathmandu

After buffet breakfast transfer to the International airport for a flight to Kathmandu. Arrive Kathmandu and transfer to your HOTEL for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 20: Kathmandu

After a buffet breakfast enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of the city including visits to Darbar Square & Swayambhunath. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 21: Kathmandu

After a buffet breakfast enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour to Pashupatinath & Boudhnath. You will also have an afternoon excursion to Bhadgaon. Overnight at your hotel. (B)

Day 22: Kathmandu

Today enjoy a day of leisure to take in the sights and sounds of Kathmandu. Overnight at your HOTEL. (B)

Day 23: Kathmandu - Delhi

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi connect to an international flight or for your onward journey. (B)

PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

(1 Oct 10 - 15 Apr 11)

Superior \$6,745pp

Luxury \$8,545pp

(16 Apr 11 - 30 Sep 11)

Superior \$6,055pp

Luxury \$7,615pp

**Prices not valid 20 Dec 10 - 05 Jan 11 (peak period)*

PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation for 22 nights in a twin sharing room on bed and breakfast basis except Alleppey (houseboat) on full board basis.
- All land transportation using a private air conditioned car
- Services of local English speaking guides during sightseeing tours
- Monument entrance fees
- Domestic airfares

Based on minimum of 2 passengers travelling together. Land only package.

HOTELS

City	Superior	Luxury
Chennai	The Park	Taj Coromandel
Mahabalipuram	GRT Temple Bay	GRT Temple Bay
Pondicherry	Annamalai	Annamalai
Madurai	Sangam	Taj Garden Retreat
Thekkady	Spice Village	Club Mahindra
Kumarakom	Coconut Lagoon	Kumarakom Lake Resort
Alleppey	Deluxe Houseboat	Deluxe Houseboat
Kochi	Trident Kochi	Taj Malabar
Mumbai	The Fariyas	Taj Mahal (Tower Wing)
Udaipur	Trident	Lake Palace
Jaipur	Samode Haveli	Jai Mahal Palace
Agra	Jaypee Palace	The Gateway
Dalhi	The Claridges	Taj Palace
Kathmandu	Hotel Himalaya	Hotel Soaltee



Swayambhunath, Kathmandu