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How to describe India? A profusion of colour, chaos, sights, sounds and smells that will assault all your senses on every level. Such a rich cultural heritage spans several centuries and takes its influences from its many rulers: Rajput, Mughal, British and Portuguese layered with multiple religions, traditional beliefs and customs, music, dance, architecture and food all combined to make a destination unlike any other.

If you want to immerse yourself in local culture, travel in luxury staying in outrageously opulent palaces, drive deep into a national park in search of the tiger, or enjoy a serene cruise through the backwaters of Kerala on a converted rice barge, we have the perfect Indian experience for you!

WHY TAILOR-MADE

Explore India travelling by private car with driver, met by knowledgeable guides in each location. We can include special experiences to immerse you in the local culture – take a cooking class, witness a colourful festival, enjoy a heritage train journey or visit a community project. We can design an itinerary to suit you and your interests.

WHEN TO GO

The best time to visit India is from October to April when the weather is comfortable and many of the festivals take place. India is generally very hot and humid through the summer from July to September, making sightseeing difficult in most places. An exception is in the highlands where the cooler hill stations are delightful through the early summer months of April to June.

WHERE TO GO

In the north, immerse yourself in the historical grandeur of the capital Delhi, where the Jama Masjid reigns as a testament to Mughal architecture. Witness the timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal in Agra, explore the cultural experiences of Jaipur and the spiritual depths of Varanasi, home of the sacred Ganges River.

Further south discover the ancient temples and palaces of Madurai, a city rich in tradition. Explore the verdant national parks, embrace the serenity of a wellness retreat, or glide through Kerala's backwaters. Discover the aromatic allure of tea plantations and the distinctive flavours of the regional cuisine.



HOW TO EXPERIENCE INDIA

RAIL JOURNEYS

Enhance your India trip with luxury train travel. The Maharajas' Express journeys in northern India, boasting gourmet dining, opulent suites, and curated excursions. Alternatively, the Deccan Odyssey train explores northern and southern India from Delhi or Mumbai. Enjoy elegant décor, delicious cuisine, and comfortable cabins while traversing India's rich landscapes and history.

LUXURY PALACES

India's vast empires and royal history have left a legacy of incredible palaces and mansions. While many lie in ruins, some remain to tell the tale of India's rich past. Best of all, some have been converted into luxurious palace hotels, each with their own unique charm and character. Every visit to India should include at least one indulgence!

CULINARY JOURNEYS

Indian cuisine features a dazzling array of spices and flavours which vary regionally. Visit the street markets of Old Delhi, taste the Portuguese influence in Goa and fresh fish in Kochi. Tea lovers should head for the hill stations and tea estates of Darjeeling, Assam and Munnar to name a few.

KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Take in the beauty of Kerala aboard a kettuvallam (traditional houseboat) with onboard chef and spacious cabins. A tranquil way to enjoy some down time.

WILDLIFE

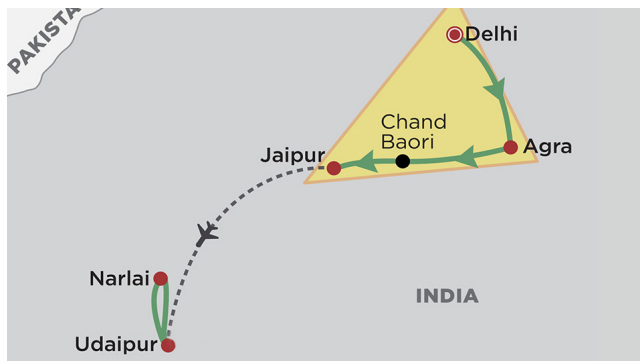
Spot India's wildlife star – the tiger, in National Parks such as Ranthambore, Bandhavgarh and Kanha. Visit October/November or from March to May when the dry conditions draw tigers to the waterholes.

SPIRITUALITY

India is a land of diverse faiths – from the spiritual nature of Varanasi's ghats to the awe-inspiring Golden Temple of Amritsar or Bodhgaya, where Buddha attained enlightenment. All tell a story of faith and tradition.



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GOLDEN TRIANGLE | 8 DAYS

FROM NZ\$3,745 PER PERSON

Visit India's crown jewel – the Taj Mahal. Stop at the pink painted city of Jaipur and the royal lake city of Udaipur. Join a scenic drive and visit a popular town where the royals used to picnic and today serves as popular spot for films.



LUXURY PALACES OF INDIA | 11 DAYS

FROM NZ\$5,570 PER PERSON

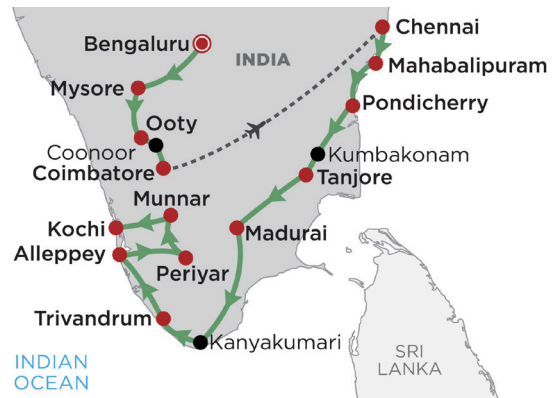
Live like a Maharaja and stay in some of India's most beautiful and opulent palaces. Highlights include the 475 year old Samode Palace, the Maharaja of Jaipur's Rambagh Palace and Udaipur's stunning Lake Palace.



TRADITIONS AND COLOURS | 18 DAYS

FROM NZ\$9,560 PER PERSON

Journey deep in rural India – from a tribal tour in blue-painted Jodhpur and a memorable experience on the Ganges river, to desert camping and the lush landscapes of Ranthambore National Park for a tiger safari.



GRAND TOUR OF SOUTH INDIA | 21 DAYS

FROM NZ\$7,080 PER PERSON

Marvel into the sights, tastes, sounds, and smells of South India. Discover a fascinating blend of Indian bustle and ancient temples with natural flora and charming streets before finishing with a kettuvallam houseboat journey.

Prices in NZ dollars and are subject to change due to fluctuations in exchange rates. Please contact us for an up to date quote and further terms and conditions. Itineraries can be tailor-made with added number of stays and experiences to suit.

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