

# Highlights of India and Nepal

From \$8,409 - 22 Days - Fully Inclusive From New Zealand

India is filled with so many wonderful delights; its architectural wonders will astound you and permeate your soul. Its history will capture your imagination. You will witness so many captivating contrasts that will bring to life everything you have ever expected about this incredible land. You will visit bustling bazaars, see ancient ruins and treasures that will amaze you. The erotic temples of Khajuraho will amaze you as will the Jantar Mantar (Observatory).

A delight for many may be travelling in a romantic horse drawn carriage to view the majestic Taj Mahal. The beauty of this splendid monument is beyond the scope of words. Most travellers call this wonder the world's most beautiful building. Some say it's worth a trip half way around the world just to see it. A visit to Ranthambore National Park one of the last few remaining habitats of the Royal Bengal tiger will please nature lovers. The park is also home to deer, leopards, crocodiles, sloth bears and over 300 species of birds. Touring the famous 'Ghats' of Varanasi will astound you. Most who visit and witness this incredible site find it quite spiritually exhilarating. See worshippers flocking to the spectacular ghats to perform their rituals in the holy River Ganges.

Nepal is equally as captivating. It features the greatest mountain range on Earth. This beautiful mountain kingdom has remained unchanged for centuries. Kathmandu is intoxicating, with ageless temples and rather splendid architecture. We invite you to discover the highlights of India and Nepal and be graciously welcomed by its warm and gentle people.

## Day 1: New Zealand to Delhi

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Delhi for 2 nights.

## Day 2: Delhi

This morning we visit Old Delhi, drive past the Red Fort, walk through Chandni Chowk bazaar, Jama Masjid and the Lakshmi Narayan Hindu Temple. After lunch visit Gandhi Smriti, have a photo stop at India Gate and visit the Qutab Minar complex.

## Day 3: Delhi to Udaipur

Today we fly to Udaipur, a city of lakes, palaces and temples. The afternoon is at leisure before we enjoy an enchanting dinner at a local restaurant overlooking Lake Pichola.

## Day 4: Udaipur

This morning visit Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens (the Garden for the Maids of Honour), the Folk Museum and Mewar Art Gallery. We also visit the City Palace and walk through the local streets and shops. Enjoy a cruise on Lake Pichola, which is fringed with hills, palaces, havelis, ghats and temples.

## Day 5: Udaipur to Jodhpur

Today we leave Udaipur and drive to Jodhpur stopping en route at the small town of Ranakpur to see the largest Jain temple complex in India dating back to the 15th Century.

## Day 6: Jodhpur

Jodhpur is the 2nd largest city in Rajasthan. This morning visit Meherangarh Fort and the museum located in the Umaid Bhawan Palace. Take an auto rickshaw ride to a local restaurant for lunch followed by a walking tour through Subji Mandi the local vegetable and spice market.

## Day 7: Jodhpur to Jaipur

Drive through the colourful countryside of Rajasthan to Jaipur, known as the 'Pink City'. Later this afternoon enjoy a shopping experience at the local shops in Choti Choper inside the walled city.

## Day 8: Jaipur

Start today's touring with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds) and the palace and fortress at Amer. This afternoon visit Jaipur City Palace and Jantar Mantar (Observatory) before enjoying traditional dancing and dinner at a local restaurant.

## Day 9: Jaipur to Ranthambore National Park

Leaving Jaipur we head south to Ranthambore National Park, one of the prime examples of Project Tiger's conservation efforts in Rajasthan. Enjoy game viewing this afternoon.

## Day 10: Ranthambore National Park

Today enjoy a morning and an afternoon game viewing by canter around an estimated area of 400sq km of game reserve.

## Day 11: Ranthambore National Park to Agra

Board our train to Bharatpur from where we drive to Agra with a stop at Fatehpur Sikri, a fortified ghost city.

## Day 12: Agra

Rise early this morning and travel by horse drawn carriages, 'tongas' to view the Taj Mahal as the sun is rising. Visit a marble inlay workshop and Agra Fort.

## Day 13: Agra to Khajuraho

After breakfast we board the Shatabdi Express train to Jhansi. From here we continue our journey by road to Khajuraho via Orchha where we stop for lunch. This evening enjoy a cultural dancing show.

## Day 14: Khajuraho to Varanasi

This morning tour the Western Group of Temples in Khajuraho, one of India's major attractions. This afternoon fly to Varanasi. In the evening take a rickshaw ride to the ghats of the River Ganges to witness the Pooja ceremony of Ganga Aarti.



## Departures

Tour Code	Depart New Zealand	Arrive New Zealand	Twin Share Price
<b>2010</b>			
I4071	13 Feb	06 Mar	\$8,409
I4072	27 Feb	20 Mar	\$8,409
I4073	13 Mar	03 Apr	\$8,409
I4074	10 Apr	01 May	\$8,409
I4075	25 Sep	16 Oct	\$8,709
I4076	09 Oct	30 Oct	\$8,709
I4077	30 Oct	20 Nov	\$8,709
I4078	06 Nov	27 Nov	\$8,709
<b>2011</b>			
I4081	12 Feb	05 Mar	\$8,409
I4082	26 Feb	19 Mar	\$8,409
I4083	12 Mar	02 Apr	\$8,409
I4084	09 Apr	30 Apr	\$8,409

### Day 15: Varanasi

Take an early morning boat ride on the Ganges followed by a tour of Varanasi city before visiting the Buddhist sites at Sarnath.

### Day 16: Varanasi to Kathmandu

This morning transfer to the airport for our flight to Kathmandu. The remainder of the day is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

#### India Only option:

Tour participants who do not wish to travel to Nepal leave the group in Varanasi on Day 16 and fly to Delhi for an overnight stay. Departing Delhi on Day 17, the morning is at leisure until a late check out, dinner and transfer to the airport. Arrive back in New Zealand the following day, Day 18.

### Day 17: Kathmandu

Today explore the temples, houses and shrines in Durbar Square and the famous Buddhist pilgrimage of Swayambhunath Stupa. After lunch we visit the largest stupa in Nepal, Bodhnath Stupa and Pashupatinath Temple.

### Day 18: Kathmandu - Bhaktapur

We visit the 9th Century built town of Bhaktapur, a store house of mediaeval art and architecture including the Golden Gate at the Palace of 55 Windows and the Temple of Changu Narayan.

### Day 19: Kathmandu - Patan

Visit the 2nd largest city in Nepal, Patan, including the World Heritage listed former Royal Palace and Durbar Square.

### Day 20: Kathmandu - Dhulikhel

Enjoy the morning at leisure. After lunch we drive to Dhulikhel, visiting the small village of Thimi en route. In Dhulikhel we visit Newari houses and a local market.

### Day 21: Depart Kathmandu

Transfer to the airport for our flight back to New Zealand.

### Day 22: New Zealand

Arrive home in New Zealand.

## Inclusions

International airfares, all transportation in India and Nepal, accommodation, all meals, entrance fees, guides and daily tours, New Zealand and India departure taxes (where included in air tickets)

## Price Guide

22 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share

✈ From \$8,409 per person - Departing Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch with Singapore Airlines

🛏 Single Supplement - From \$1,875

🚗 Land Only - From \$6,208

💰 Compulsory Tipping, approximately US\$130 per person (see page 26)

★★ Medium Paced Tour (see page 2)

### 18 Days (India Only option):

- Deduct \$660 per person from the Twin Share price
- Deduct \$210 from the Single Supplement price

### Make the most of your holiday

- Scenic flight excursion (1hr) to view the Himalayas at sunrise is available from \$436 per person, based on min 2 passengers (weather conditions permitting)

Due to flight schedules, Christchurch passengers need a Singapore stopover on the return journey from Kathmandu, which is at their own expense. This will extend the itinerary to 23 days



Donkeys - Udaipur

