



INDIA EXPLORED & GOA BEACH

Tour & Beach | 15 Days | Physical Level 1

Delhi – Agra – Jaipur – Goa

Explore India's Golden Triangle on an unforgettable journey that starts in the vibrant capital of Delhi, where ancient monuments blend seamlessly with modern life. Discover Agra, home to the breathtaking Taj Mahal, before continuing to Jaipur, the Pink City, where grand palaces and bustling bazaars welcome you at every turn. After the excitement of India's iconic cities, it's time to unwind in the coastal paradise of Goa, where golden sands, swaying palm trees and the sounds of the Arabian Sea set the scene for pure relaxation.

- Discover the buzz of Delhi
- Marvel at the magnificent Taj Mahal
- Enjoy a colonial tour of Agra
- Explore Jaipur, the 'Pink City'
- Relax on a stunning beachfront resort in Southern Goa

TOUR MAP



INDIA UNCOVERED & GOA BEACH INCLUSIONS:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- English speaking National Escort for the first seven days of your tour, with local representation available to assist during your beach stay
- Visa fees for New Zealand passport holders
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive travel guides

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, early check in or late check out and other items not specified on the itinerary.

TOUR & BEACH:

These tours are designed for those who wish to see the iconic sites and magnificent treasures of Southern Asia on an excellent value group tour whilst travelling with like-minded people. You will be accompanied by our dedicated and professional National Escorts and local guides throughout the tour section of the itinerary (Days 1-8), whose unparalleled knowledge will turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

The beach segment of the itinerary (Days 9-13) will be on a Bed & Breakfast basis, with local representation easily contactable should you need them, allowing you to enjoy your time at leisure. This perfectly balanced itinerary combines India's most famous sights with laid-back coastal bliss, offering the ideal mix of exploration and relaxation.

PHYSICAL LEVEL 1:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights. India Explored & Goa Beach is rated as a physical level 1 tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

- There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time
- Moderate walking on bustling streets
- Uneven and cobbled paving at Amber Fort with multiple levels, stairs and courtyards

Of course, our National Escort and local guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

JOINING YOUR TOUR:

The tour is 15 days in duration including return international flights or 13 days in duration based on 'Land Only'.

Travellers booked on 'Land Only', the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour, or when booking pre and post night accommodation with Wendy Wu Tours.

Join the tour on Day 1 in Delhi and end the tour on Day 13 in Goa.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

It is our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate; in these circumstances we will make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Delhi

Meals: D

Fly to Delhi for your two-night stay. Upon arrival in Delhi, your Local Guide from Wendy Wu Tours will meet you at Delhi International Airport in the Arrivals Hall before you transfer approx. 45 minutes to your hotel and for check-in.

Enjoy dinner tonight at your hotel.



Early check-in is not included. Additional nights' before and after your tour can be arranged. Please contact our Reservations team to book.

Destination Information

Delhi - As the capital of India, Delhi is the third largest city with a population of approximately 18 million. Its strategic location along the north-south, east-west route has given it a focal position in Indian history and many great empires have been ruled from here. Monuments and ruins are scattered throughout the city, often side by side with modern structures and high-rise towers.

Day 2: Delhi

Meals: B, L, D

Embark on a full day of sightseeing in Delhi.

Start in the vibrant heart of Old Delhi. Drive past the imposing Red Fort before visiting the magnificent Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques. Then, hop aboard a traditional rickshaw that will weave through the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk, home to an array of spice markets, where you will have the opportunity to experience a culinary tour and savour a range of street food.



Your journey continues into New Delhi. Drive past iconic landmarks including India Gate, the President's House and Parliament House, before visiting Gandhi Smriti.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before visiting Humayun's Tomb, a stunning example of Mughal architecture. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon and enjoy some time at leisure before dinner this evening.

Today involves approximately 5 hours and 30 minutes of sightseeing.

Destination Information:

Red Fort - Built by Emperor Shah Jahan in the 17th century and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this vast complex of red sandstone walls once served as the main residence of the Mughal emperors for nearly 200 years. The fort complex includes a series of palaces, audience halls and gardens, reflecting the height of Mughal architecture and power.

Jama Masjid - Jama Masjid is the largest mosque in India, with a courtyard capable of holding 25,000 devotees. Built between 1644 and 1658, the mosque was Shah Jahan's final architectural achievement.

Chandni Chowk - One of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi, established in the 17th century by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, Chandni Chowk is known for its narrow lanes, and remains a major commercial hub. The area is also renowned for its street food, traditional crafts and historic buildings.

India Gate - Located at the end of the Rajpath, India Gate is a moving memorial to the 90,000 Indian servicemen who died in World War 1.

Gandhi Smriti - Formerly known as Birla House, Gandhi Smriti is the site where Mahatma Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life. The building has been preserved as a museum, displaying his personal belongings, photographs and exhibits that document his life and role in India's independence movement.

Humayun's Tomb - A UNESCO World Heritage Site built in 1570 by Empress Bega Begum in memory of Mughal Emperor Humayun, Humayun's Tomb is one of the earliest examples of Mughal garden tombs in India and is noted for its Persian-influenced architecture. The site is widely regarded as a precursor to the Taj Mahal.

Day 3: Delhi - Agra

Meals: B, L, D

This morning, visit Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, a Sikh temple known for its beautiful golden dome, before lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, transfer to the railway station to board your train to Agra.

Your rail journey will last approximately 2 hours.

On arrival, head to Mehtab Bagh, a historic Mughal garden set on the opposite bank of the Yamuna River, directly facing the Taj Mahal. Afterwards, check in to your hotel before dinner.



Sightseeing today will be approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Please note: Visitors are required to cover their heads, remove shoes and dress modestly when visiting Gurudwara Bangla Sahib.

Destination Information

Gurudwara Bangla Sahib – One of the most revered Sikh temples in Delhi, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib is renowned for its stunning golden dome and serene sarovar (holy water tank). A place of deep spiritual significance, the Gurdwara offers a unique insight into Sikh traditions, including the practice of seva (selfless service).

Agra - Home to the world-famous Taj Mahal. Agra rose to fame in the medieval period as the capital of the Mughal Empire and was beautified with gardens, waterfalls, bathhouses and canals. In modern times, the city of Agra houses a thriving carpet industry

Mehtab Bagh - A restored Mughal garden located on the opposite bank of the Yamuna River from the Taj Mahal, the Mehtab Bagh was designed as part of the original garden complex. It offers one of the finest vantage points to admire the iconic monument, particularly at sunset when the marble glows in soft hues.

Day 4: Agra

Meals: B, L, D

Begin the day by viewing the Taj Mahal in all its glory. To reach the Taj Mahal, you will board small electric carts, taking you to the entrance. You will spend about 90 - 120 minutes here.



Enjoy lunch at your hotel, before continuing to the magnificent Agra Fort, built from red sandstone and located on the banks of the Yamuna River.

You will then go on to embark on a colonial tour of Agra, tracing the city's transformation during the British era. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant afterwards.

Sightseeing today is approximately 5 hours on foot.

Please note: Taj Mahal - For admission to the main mausoleum area, you are required to wear shoe covers (this may be provided on site - be prepared to bring an additional pair of socks).

There are 22 steps leading up to the entrance of the main Mausoleum and some smaller steps at the gate and pathways.

Destination Information

Taj Mahal - One of the most recognisable monuments in the world, the Taj Mahal is a white marble monument found on the southern bank of the Yamuna River. The Taj Mahal was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan between the years 1631 -1648 in memory of his favourite wife, Mumtaz Mahal, who died in 1631.

Agra Fort - Situated on the west bank of the Yamuna River and built by Emperor Akbar between 1565 and 1573. Its imposing red sandstone ramparts form a crescent along the riverfront and encompass an enormous complex of courtly buildings, ranging in style from the early eclecticism of Akbar to the sublime elegance of Shah Jahan. The barracks to the north are British additions from the 19th century. A deep moat, once filled with water from the Yamuna River, surrounds the fort.

Day 5: Agra - Jaipur

Meals: B, L, D

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel this morning before journeying for approximately 5 hours to Rajasthan's capital, Jaipur, having lunch at a local restaurant en route.

Upon arrival, check into your hotel and relax for a while before visiting a block printing workshop, learning about this centuries-old craft.



Today is a long day of travelling.

Destination Information

Jaipur - Jaipur was founded in 1727 as Mughal power within India was declining. Then Maharaja Jai Singh moved his capital from Amber Fort down onto the plain below. The city is now the capital of Rajasthan State and commonly called the 'Pink City' because of the pink paint on all the buildings in the old city area. This was apparently done to imitate the magnificent, red sandstone buildings of the Mughals and to impress the Prince of Wales when he visited Jaipur in 1876.

Day 6: Jaipur

Meals: B, L, D

Your day begins with a visit to the wonderful Amber Fort, a stunning hilltop fortress. Discover the beautiful courtyards and famous Hall of Mirrors.

Afterwards, return to the city, where you will enjoy a pottery workshop and gem-cutting demonstration with local artisans.

Lunch today will be at a local restaurant. Return to your hotel for some time at leisure before dinner tonight.



Sightseeing today is approximately 4 hours.

Please note: On arrival at Amber Fort you will switch to jeeps, taking a short and scenic ride on cobbled roads, up the hill.

Destination Information

Amber Fort - Built from yellow and pink sandstone and white marble, Amber Fort was constructed in the 16th century by Raja Man Singh. Inside the fort visit the Hall of Victory, which houses the famed Sheesh Mahal.

Day 7: Jaipur

Meals: B, L, D

Sightseeing today begins with a visit to the City Palace and the Jantar Mantar, an impressive 18th century astronomical observatory.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then continue to an eco-friendly Elephant Poo Paper Workshop, that transforms elephant dung into handmade paper. Interact with local artisans while creating your own sheet to take home.



Destination Information

Maharaja's City Palace - A former royal residence located in the heart of the Old City. Part of the building has been converted into a museum, while the royal family of Jaipur still uses the remaining sections of the palace as a private residence.

Jantar Mantar Observatory - The largest stone and marble crafted observatory in the world is located just outside the City Palace. The observatory has 17 large instruments, many of them still in working condition.

Elephant Poo Paper Workshop - A unique experience with local artisans, where the process of cleaning, pulping and drying elephant dung takes place before transforming it into paper. The workshop aims to raise awareness on sustainability, wildlife conservation and traditional crafts.

Day 8: Jaipur - Goa

Meals: B, L

Rise early this morning and transfer with the rest of your group, to the airport for your flight to Goa. Your flight will take approximately 2 hours.

Upon arrival, you will be met by a Wendy Wu Tours representative, before embarking on an Old Goa city sightseeing tour.

Visit the famous Se Cathedral, Basilica of Bom Jesus and Panjim City, all before walking through the vibrant Latin Quarters.



Please note: Guided touring ends today. The rest of your stay in Goa is at leisure with no escorted touring included. Should you need any further assistance, an English-speaking representative will be contactable.

You will be travelling to Goa with the same companions as on the previous days of your tour.

Destination Information

Goa – Lying on India’s western coast along the Arabian Sea, Goa is known for its sandy beaches, colonial heritage, and relaxed atmosphere. Formerly a Portuguese colony until 1961, it retains strong European influences in its architecture, culture, and cuisine.

Se Cathedral - One of the largest churches in Asia, built by the Portuguese in the 16th century to commemorate their victory over Muslim forces. Se Cathedral is dedicated to St. Catherine, and is noted for its grand Portuguese-Manueline architecture and “Golden Bell”.

Basilica of Bom Jesus - A UNESCO-listed church, famous for housing the relics of St. Francis Xavier, a key figure in the spread of Christianity in Asia. The Basilica was built in 1605 and is an important pilgrimage site and a fine example of Baroque architecture.

Days 9 -12: Goa Beach Stay

Meals: B

Spend the next four days at leisure in a relaxing coastal retreat within Southern Goa, Radisson Blu Cavelossim Resort. Time spent can be unwinding at the pool, strolling through the resort’s landscaped gardens or rejuvenating at the on-site spa. Nearby is Cavelossim Beach, known for its soft sands and tranquil atmosphere.



Or perhaps venture out to Goa’s sites at your own pace.

You may wish to visit St. Cejetan, the Church of Lady Rosary and St. Monica, browse the local market in Panjim City or discover Dona Paula, a coastal hub known for its panoramic Arabian Sea views.

Days 13 - 15: Depart Goa

Meals: B

This morning, after breakfast you will transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Any time before your flight is at leisure. You will be transferred from your hotel to the airport, according to the departure time of your flight.

Late check-out is not included. Additional nights' before and after your tour can be arranged. Please contact our Reservations team to book.



INDIA TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS:

New Zealand passport holders currently do require a visa to enter India. Wendy Wu Tours Visa Department can assist you with the process of obtaining a visa. We will supply you with all paperwork if applicable and submit the visa application on your behalf. Your passport needs to be valid for at least six months beyond your intended return date to New Zealand.

Please note the visa procedures and requirements may change at any time. These changes are often made by the relevant embassy or consulate; Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party and has no influence on the process of a visa. Your travel consultant will inform you if any changes are applicable prior to your departure.

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

EATING IN INDIA:

Indian cuisine is one of the most influential, diverse and flavoursome culinary styles in the world. Indian dishes incorporate many spices and seasoning to create an explosion of flavours. Though Indian cuisine can vary greatly from the Indian food we get in the New Zealand, it is important to keep an open mind and be adventurous. All meals (excluding drinks) are included on the touring section of this trip, from dinner on the arrival day until breakfast on the day of departure. Please be aware that dishes selected for your meals reflect the cooking styles and signature dishes of the local area you are in.

Dishes served in restaurants on our group tours are varied. Some will be vegetable-based with meat mixed in, and a few will be meat-based. Our restaurants are aware of the western palate – there are plenty of non-spiced options. When eating meals on group tours, you will usually be seated around a large table with other tour members. Dishes will be served in the traditional ‘family style, meaning that various dishes will be laid out in the centre of the table. These dishes are intended to be shared amongst the group – there is always more than enough to feed everybody.

Please read your travel guide, which you will receive with your final documents for more information about eating in India. We recommend that when it comes to Indian food, you stay open minded and try to be adventurous!

DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA:

Although India is developing quickly, it still lacks the international standards of civil infrastructure and tourist facilities. Concepts of personal responsibility are also different to those in New Zealand. Consequently, tourist and public facilities may not uphold the same safety standards as in New Zealand; for example, you may see a hole in the road without a warning sign or safety barricade. All our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum. We want you to have an enjoyable holiday, so we ask that you take extra care, use your common sense, refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or Local Guides.

ACCOMMODATION:

Your accommodation has been selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family-run guesthouse in a smaller town or a heritage-type hotel. In remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have western amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local three to four-star standard but do please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between New Zealand and India. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards are met.

All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and a telephone. Plumbing and electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort or Local Guide.

RADISSON BLU CAVELOSSIM RESORT INFORMATION IN GOA:

Located in the coastal village of Cavelossim within Southern Goa, the Radisson Blu Cavelossim Resort offers an idyllic base for a beach retreat and is approximately a 1-hour drive from Goa International Airport.

Facilities at the Radisson Blu include a large outdoor swimming pool, fitness centre, and direct access to the nearby Cavelossim Beach. Guests can enjoy a choice of on-site restaurants and bars serving a range of Indian and international cuisine. The Resort is also home to luscious landscaped gardens, and recreational activities such as cycling and nearby water sports.

For further relaxation, the resort's Sohum Spa offers a range of Ayurvedic treatments, massages, and beauty therapies.

The village of Cavelossim is also home to an array of small shops, cafés, and local markets, with sites such as Cabo de Rama Fort and Shri Mangeshi Temple within close reach.

Please note, these services are available at an additional cost and can be arranged with reception upon check-in.

TIPPING POLICY:

Tipping while on holiday is common in most parts of the world and India is no exception. However, it is not always clear who it is appropriate to tip and how much. Furthermore, travellers may not have the right amounts of cash available at the right time. To avoid any inconvenience Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping policy where a stated amount is given to your national escort at the beginning of your tour and tips are disbursed amongst your main service providers (for example local guides and drivers) throughout your tour. The amount is designed to be at a reasonable level for travellers while being fair to the local people and includes a gratuity for the national escort. Any other tipping, such as tips for bathroom attendants or hotel porters that are taking luggage to your room, is at your discretion based on satisfaction of services received, as are gratuities for additional requested special services.

Please note, the above-mentioned tipping policy applies to the guided touring section of the itinerary (Day 1-9). Tipping for the remainder of your trip is discretionary (Day 10-13).

We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy but we do recognize that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

TRANSPORT:

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. Main and inner city roads in India have a reputation for being very congested. For this reason, it may not always be possible to return to your hotel after sightseeing to freshen up before going to the restaurant for dinner. Roads in India have generally been improved over recent years, but traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. Road construction work usually covers an enormous section of road - not just one or two kilometres as you may be used to. For this reason, the timings listed in the sections above are approximations only.

APPROPRIATE DRESS:

When visiting temples or sites of religious significance, both men and women should dress in conservative, non-revealing clothing. Full-length trousers with a shirt or t-shirt for men; and trousers or skirts well below the knee with a top that covers the shoulders and upper arms for women. Women might also consider carrying a 'modesty shawl' in their daypack – this could be a sarong or light scarf – which they can wear over their shoulders and heads to feel more comfortable while sightseeing at mosques. When visiting Jain temples, you must not wear or take in any leather items such as belts, watches, camera straps, purses and shoes.

Religious sites and homes throughout India – for Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Muslims or Buddhists to name a few – require all visitors to remove their shoes to enter. Even if you then need to walk outdoors, over hot or rough ground, you will not be allowed to wear shoes. You will often find shoe storage rooms near the entrance of a site where it is customary to leave your shoes near the entrance. Occasionally there are ‘shoe minders’ who will offer to keep your shoes safe for a ‘tip’ – this is not compulsory so each customer can choose to tip for this service or not. If you do not want to remove your shoes, you will have to remain outside.

We recommend shoes that easily slip on and off, and carry a pair of thick, old socks in your daypack, which you can wear to protect your feet from any rough or hot surfaces.

SOUVENIRS:

We want to be able to give you an opportunity to buy souvenirs so we include some stops at museums or exhibitions that demonstrates a craft or product unique to that region with pieces available to buy. We understand that souvenir hunting is not for everyone so we aim to take you to places that hold local interest. We trust you will enjoy these opportunities to learn about local arts and crafts and understand their historical and cultural importance.

LUGGAGE:

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of five kilograms due to domestic flight luggage restrictions. Excess luggage can be paid locally. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. Please note that authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage. Bottles in hand luggage may be confiscated.

VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

We recommend that you contact either your Doctor or Health centre for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Safetravel has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.safetravel.govt.nz

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with www.safetravel.govt.nz as in the event of an emergency, New Zealand Consular assistance will be more readily available.

Up until the day you travel, it is vital you keep up to date and familiarised with the entry requirements as these can change at short notice. You are personally responsible for completing any entry forms, conducting any covid tests (if necessary), etc and adhering to countries' specific entry requirements.

You can also access the New Zealand Government's travel advisory service for up-to-date information about your destination on the same website.

AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice including a visa application form (if applicable), and a help sheet. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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