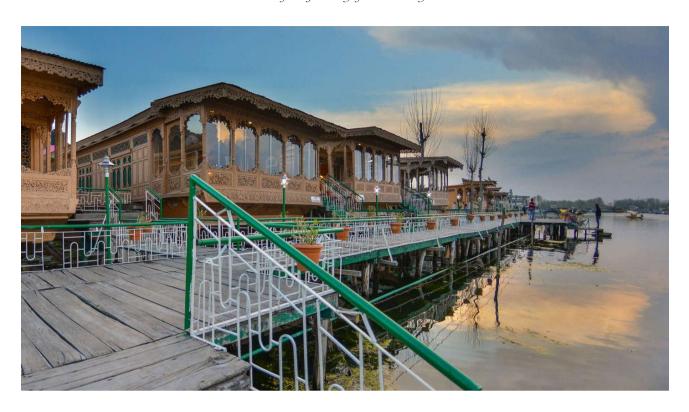
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Tailor made Journey





Day 01 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival at Delhi International Airport you will be met by our representative and transferred to Hotel Pullman in Aerocity, Delhi (1-2 Kms from Delhi International Airport, Terminal 3).

Overnight: at Hotel Pullman, Delhi "5 star Hotel"

Address: Asset No 2, Indira Gandhi International Airport, Gmr Hospitality District, Aerocity, Delhi 110037

Phone: +91-11 -4608 0808; Website: https://www.pullmannewdelhi.com/

Accommodation of Deluxe Rooms for 1 night

Day 02 Depart Delhi – Srinagar (Kashmir)

After Early breakfast, today morning you will be picked up from your Hotel at 0715 Hrs and transferred to **Delhi** Airport to connect Flight to **Srinagar**.

Depart Delhi by Indigo Airlines Flight 6E 2356 (Etd 0940 Hrs) Arrive Srinagar "Economy Class" (Eta 1105 Hrs)

On arrival at **Srinagar Airport** you will be met and transferred to your **California Group of Houseboat** on Dal Lake (30 minutes drive). Srinagar is at an elevation of 5400 ft from sea level. Srinagar a Sanskrit word, meaning LAND OF RISING SUN.

Later at 1600 Hrs you will be taken for Shikara ride by 2 shikaras on the famous Dal Lake, visiting floating gardens, vegetable fields, local houses and life on the lake. Return to your houseboat for overnight stay, a most unique stay in the world.

Overnight: at California Group of Houseboats, "4 star Houseboat"

Address: Dal Lake, Srinagar (capital of Kashmir)

Phone: +91-9419002999 Website: https://www.kashmirhouseboats.com/

Accommodation of Deluxe Househoat for 1 night



Day 03 Srinagar - Gulmarg by Surface (50 Kms, 2 Hrs approx.)

Today morning you will be picked up from your hotel and driven from **Srinagar** to **Gulmarg** and check in at your hotel.

In the afternoon enjoy Gandola Ride in Gulmarg.

Gulmarg meaning meadow of flowers, was introduced by British Raj as a resort for snow Skiing in winter and Golf in the summers.

Overnight: at Hotel Khyber Gulmarg, "4-5 star"

Address: Hotel Khyber Road, Forest Block, Gulmarg

Phone: +91-1954-350666

Website: https://www.khyberhotels.com/

Accommodation of Normal Rooms for 1 night

Day 04 Gulmarg - Pahalgam by Surface (130 Kms, 2.5 Hrs approx.)

Today morning you will be picked up from your hotel and driven **Gulmarg** to **Pahalgam** and check in at your hotel.

A Kashmiri word Pahalgam means a Valley of shepherds. World famous for trout fishing in summer in it's Lidder river.

In the Afternoon visit the famous **Aru Valley**, **Chandanwari** (first stop for Amarnath Yatra) and **Betab Valley**, named after the hit Movie BETAB was shot there.

Overnight: WelcomHotel Pine n Peaks, Pahalgam "4 star"

Address: Aru Road, Near Amusement Park, Pahalgam,

Phone: +91-1936-243211

Website: https://www.itchotels.com/in/en/welcomhotelpinenpeak-pahalgam

Accommodation of Superior Rooms for 1 night



Day 05 Pahalgam – Srinagar by Surface (90 Kms, 2 Hrs approx.)

Today morning you will be picked up from your hotel and driven **Pahalgam** to **Srinagar** and check in at your hotel. situated on top (about 700 feet above Srinagar) of a small Himalayan Hill called Kral Sangri.

One of the most scenic places in the world, over looking the famous Dal Lake and City of Srinagar.

Afternoon relax at the Hotel.

Overnight: Taj Dal View, Srinagar "5 Star" (earlier known as Taj Vivanta)

Address: Kralsangri, Brein, Srinagar,

Phone: +91-194 -246 1111

Website: https://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/hotels/taj-dal-view-srinagar

Accommodation of Superior Rooms for 03 nights

Day 06 Srinagar – Sonamarg - Srinagar

After breakfast leave for a Full day excursion tour of **Sonamarg** (also known as golden meadow)

Sonamarg was Beginning of the world famous Silk Route! & is Very famous for it's Snow Clad mountains view of Glacier.

Return in the evening to the hotel. overnight at Srinagar Hotel.

Overnight: Taj Dal View, Srinagar "5 Star" (earlier known as Taj Vivanta)

Address: Kralsangri, Brein, Srinagar,

Phone: +91-194 -246 1111

Website: https://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/hotels/taj-dal-view-srinagar

Accommodation of Superior Rooms



Day 07 Srinagar

Today morning after breakfast visit the famous **Tulip Gardens** with a magnificent back drop oh Himalayan mountains. Over five thousand varieties of <u>Tulips bloom only in April</u>.

Also visit the famous Nishat Garden and Shalimar Garden, built by great Mughals.

Mughal gardens with magnificent Chinar trees & millions of different flowers, fountains are breath taking.

Also visit the world famous Kashmir Carpet weaving place of beautiful silk and woollen carpets.

Later enjoy city tour of **Srinagar**, shopping etc and visiting Famous **Hazratbal** (where we have secret relic of Prophet Muhammad SW), **Shahi Hamdan Mosque**, **Jamie Masjid** and old part of **Srinagar** through which the famous **River Jhelum** flows.

Return to your hotel for overnight stay & relax.

Overnight: Taj Dal View, Srinagar "5 Star" (earlier known as Taj Vivanta)

Address: Kralsangri, Brein, Srinagar,

Phone: +91-194 -246 1111

Website: https://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/hotels/taj-dal-view-srinagar

Accommodation of Superior Rooms

Day 08 Srinagar – Delhi – Kathmandu (Nepal) by Air

Today Early morning you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to **Srinagar Airport** to connect Flight to **Kathmandu** via **Delhi**.

Depart Srinagar by Indigo Airlines Flight 6E 2217 (Etd 0735 Hrs) Arrive Delhi "Economy Class" (Eta 0915 Hrs)

Change of Aircraft with Terminal transfer in Delhi

Depart Delhi by Indigo Airlines Flight 6E 1155 (Etd 1340 Hrs) Arrive Kathmandu "Economy Class" (Eta 1540 Hrs) Once you arrive in Tribhuvan International Airport, you will be warmly greeted and welcomed with "Khada" by our representative who will assist and transfer you towards your hotel. After check-In, all necessary travel documents will be handed over to you along with a short briefing on your tour. Rest of the day is free at leisure.

In the evening, you can explore **Thamel**, a bustling neighbourhood known for its eclectic blend of shops, restaurants, and cultural charm. You'll have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the local atmosphere on your own pace.

Overnight: Hotel Dusit Princess, Kathmandu "5 Star"

Address: Kathmandu -44600 Phone: +977-1-5970265

Website: https://www.dusit.com/dusitprincess-kathmandu/

Accommodation of Superior Rooms for 01 Night

Day 09 Kathmandu / Nagarkot by surface (30 Kms, 1 hr drive approx.)

Today Sightseeing of Pashupatinath Temple, Boudhanath Stupa, Bhaktapur & Drive to Nagarkot.

Optional Activity: Scenic Mountain flight: Embark on an extraordinary aerial adventure with our Mountain Flight over the Himalayas, a journey that promises awe-inspiring views of the world's most majestic peaks. This thrilling experience takes you above the towering summits of the Himalayan range, providing a unique and unparalleled perspective of their grandeur. As you board the aircraft, anticipation builds for the breathtaking vistas that await. The surreal landscape unfolds below, revealing glaciers, deep valleys, and pristine mountain lakes. Whether you're a mountaineer, nature enthusiast, or simply seeking a once-in-a-lifetime experience, our Mountain Flight over the Himalayas ensures an unforgettable journey into the heart of this awe-inspiring mountain range.

After breakfast, you will visit **Pashupatinath Temple**, one of the most significant Hindu temples in the world, located on the banks of the Bagmati River. Here, we'll witness Hindu rituals and cremation ceremonies, which take place on the banks of the river.

Next, you will visit **Boudhanath Stupa**, also known as KhastiChaitya, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, located about 11km from the center and northeaster outskirts of Kathmandu. It was built in the 5th century and is surrounded by devotees who whirl prayer wheels 108 times enchanting mantras.

And then continue your journey to **Bhaktapur Durbar Square** to explore its architectural marvels, including the Royal Palace, Nyatapola temple, Pottery square, and Datterya Temple. Bhaktapur Durbar Square is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the ancient city of Bhaktapur, Nepal. The square serves as the cultural and religious heart of Bhaktapur, showcasing the rich heritage and craftsmanship of the region.

Later in the day, transfer to **Nagarkot**, a hill station famous for its panoramic views of the Himalayas and stunning sunrises. Upon Arrival in **Nagarkot**, transfer to hotel. Check-in at the hotel.

In the evening, enjoy scenic Sunset over Himalayas. [Subject to time & weather]

Overnight: Hotel Soaltee Westend Resort, Nagarkot "5 Star"

Address: Mahamanjushree Nagarkot 44601,

Phone: +977-1-6680244 Website: https://soaltee.com/branches/soaltee-westend-resort-nagarkot

Accommodation of Deluxe Rooms for 01 Night



Day 10 Nagarkot / Kathmandu Airport by Surface & Kathmandu / Pokhara by Flight

Wake up early to witness the breathtaking sunrise over the Himalayas from **Nagarkot**. As the first light of dawn illuminates the snow-capped peaks, you'll be treated to a truly magical sight that is sure to leave a lasting impression. Then, enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Thereafter you will be picked up from your Hotel and driven (30 Minutes drive) to Kathmandu Airport to connect Flight for **Pokhara**

Depart Kathmandu by Buddha Airlines Flight U4 609 (Etd 1035Hrs) Arrive Pokhara "Economy Class" (Eta 1105 Hrs)

On arrival you will be transferred towards your hotel. Check-in at the hotel, and take some time to rest and freshen up. Afterwards, visit **Devi's Fall**, a unique waterfall that flows into an underground tunnel. This natural wonder is named after a Swiss tourist who tragically drowned there. Just across the road from Devi's Fall is the **Gupeshwor Mahadev Cave**, a sacred cave with a shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva. The cave is notable for its underground waterfall, which is the outlet of Devi's Fall.

In the evening, head to Phewa Lake for a relaxing **boat ride**. Phewa Lake is the second largest lake in Nepal and a major tourist attraction in Pokhara. During your boat ride, visit the **Tal Barahi Temple**, situated on a small island in the middle of the lake. This two-story pagoda is dedicated to the Hindu goddess Barahi and is a significant pilgrimage site. After visiting these sites, enjoy a free afternoon to explore Pokhara at your own pace or relax at your hotel. Conclude your day remembering day's adventures and experiences.

Overnight: Hotel Fishtail Lodge, Pokhara "5 Star"

Address: PO Box 10, Lakeside Pokhara,

Phone: +977-61-455071 Website: https://www.fishtail-lodge.com/

Accommodation of Normal Rooms for 02 Nights



Day 11 Pokhara

Sunrise excursion to Sarangkot & Visit Bindabasini Temple. Sightseeing of World Peace Pagoda & Pumdikot.

Early morning you will visit **Sarangkot peak** which provides a panoramic view of Pokhara. Tourists drive up the hill to see the sunrise from the top of the hill's view tower. Sarangkot provides a relaxing and admiring view of the breathtaking views of the mountains on one side and Phewa Lake on the other.

Next you will visit **Bindhabasini temple** which is one of the famous temples of Nepal. It is devoted to the Hindu goddess Bindhyabasini, a Bhagawati who is believed to be the guardian deity of the city of lakes. Besides that, the temple is a recognized sightseeing attraction in Pokhara. It is the oldest temple in Pokhara. Enthroned on top of a small hill, The temple is like a breath of fresh air amid the hullabaloo of Pokhara. Next, you'll go back to the hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast, you will visit **World Peace Pagoda** which is the spectacular symbol of peace and is the 71st peace pagoda in the world standing 115 feet tall. Visitors need to climb a flight of stairs to reach the top of the striking monument. There are two tiers to the structure with separate passages to circumambulate.

Then, you will visit **Shiva Statue Pumdikotis** one of the major attractions of Pokhara Sightseeing. It is an emerging local attraction for domestic and international travelers. The Shiva Statue in Pumdikot was built in Mathura of India and then brought here in Nepal and installed. Pumdikot Shiva Statue is located in the southern part of Pokhara at an elevation of 1500 meters from sea level. Another attraction of Pumdikot Shiva Temple is Shiva Damaru which is the biggest in Asia. Besides the religious perspective, You can enjoy the magnificent view of the **Annapurna Range mountains** along with **ManasluHimal**.

Overnight: Hotel Fishtail Lodge, Pokhara "5 Star"

Address: PO Box 10, Lakeside Pokhara,

Phone: +977-61-455071 Website: https://www.fishtail-lodge.com/

Accommodation of Normal Rooms



Day 12 Pokhara / Kathmandu by Flight

Fly back to Kathmandu. Visit Kathmandu Durbar Square & Patan Durbar Square. Farewell Dinner.

After breakfast, we'll drive to **Pokhara airport** for flight to **Kathmandu**, which takes around 30 mins flight.

Depart Pokhara by Buddha Airlines Flight U4 - 610 (Etd 1045 Hrs) Arrive Kathmandu "Economy Class" (Eta 1115 Hrs)

Upon reaching **Kathmandu**, You will transfer to hotel. Check-in at hotel.

Then start you sightseeing tour after some leisure time with **Kathmandu Durbar Square**, including Hanuman Dhoka, Parvati and Mahadev temple, Kumari Palace, Taleju temple, and more. **Kathmandu Durbar Square**, situated in the heart of Kathmandu, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its stunning architecture, palaces, temples, and courtyards. It was once the royal palace of the Malla and Shah kings of Nepal. It's a vibrant showcase of Nepalese art, culture, and history.

Finally, you will visit **Patan Durbar Square**, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, located in the city of Patan (also known as Lalitpur), just south of Kathmandu. Here, you will see the traditional Newari architecture and intricate stone carvings of temples and palaces. You will also experience tibetan singing bowls. Evening, you will be treated to a special **Farewell Dinner** at a renowned Nepalese restaurant. This dinner will be a celebration of the memories and experiences you've gathered during your trip. The restaurant will serve a delicious array of authentic Nepalese dishes. The meal will be accompanied by live traditional music and dance performances, providing a festive and joyous atmosphere.

Overnight: Hotel Dusit Princess, Kathmandu "5 Star"

Address: Kathmandu -44600 Phone: +977-1-5970265 Website: https://www.dusit.com/dusitprincess-kathmandu/

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Day 13 Kathmandu (Nepal) / Paro (Bhutan) by Flight & onwards Paro / Thimpu by Surface

After breakfast, you will check-out from your hotel and drive to the Tribhuvan International Airport for your onward flight to Paro. You will be transferred to the airport in a private vehicle, accompanied by our representative. The trip concludes with wonderful memories of Nepal's beautiful cities and landscapes.

Depart Kathmandu by Druk Air Flight KB 401 (Etd 0910 Hrs) Arrive Paro "Economy Class" (Eta 1030 Hrs)

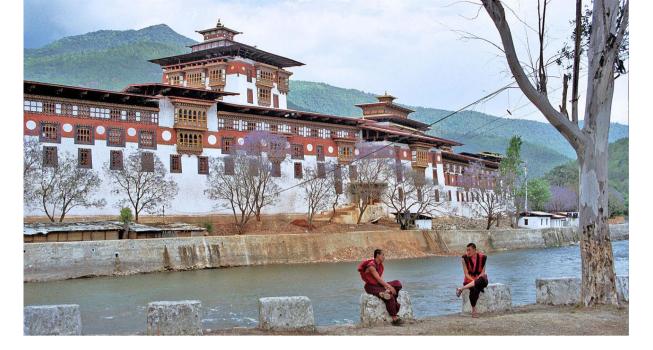
After an unforgettable flight giving you an adrenaline rush as you see views of Mount Everest, Kanchenjunga and other famous Himalayan peaks, including the sacred Jomolhari and Mount Jichu Drake, you will land at Paro International Airport. The landing at Paro is considered as one of the most challenging and enthralling experience. Our company representatives will receive you at the airport and drive to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan (1 hour drive).

On arrival you will be taken to your hotel for a check-in and short rest. After sometime start your sightseeing by driving tovisit **Royal Textile Academy.** A prominent cultural institution dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Bhutanese textile heritage. The Academy plays an essential role in preserving the art of weaving and educating future generations about Bhutan's traditional textiles. Next, drive to **TashichhoeDzong.** The impressive fortress-monastery is the seat of the Bhutanese government and also houses the throne room and offices of the King. It also are the site of many religious and state functions, including the annual ThimphuTshechu festival.

Towards evening, stroll around **Craft Bazaar**. It is a marketplace or event where artisans, crafters, and vendors gather to sell handmade goods, artwork, and craft supplies. These events often feature a variety of items such as jewellery, textiles, pottery, paintings, home décor, candles, clothing, and more. Return to your hotel & relax.

Overnight: Hotel Yarkay, Thimpu "5 Star"

Address: Yarkay Thimphu - IHCL SeleQtions, 208 Gongdzin Lam Southeast, Norzin 11001, Bhutan Phone: +975-2-339988; Website: https://www.seleqtionshotels.com/en-in/yarkay-thimphu/
Accommodation of Superior Rooms for 01 Night



Day 14 Thimpu / Punakha by surface

After breakfast, drive to Punakha as it offers a scenic journey through Bhutan's mountainous landscapes and cultural landmarks. En-route, stop at **Dochula Pass** (3,100 meters), about 30 minutes' drive from Thimphu. It offers breathtaking panoramic views of the eastern Himalayas on clear days. Take some time to walk around and admire the 108 chortens (stupas) and the DrukWangyalLhakhang temple. Continue drive to Punakha and visit **ChimiLhakhang**, also known as the Fertility Temple, dedicated to DrukpaKunley, the Divine Madman. It's a short detour from the main road and involves a pleasant walk through rice paddy field.

There are several local restaurants and cafes along the route where you can stop for lunch in one of the local restaurant or a farmhouse. After lunch, drive to **Sangchhen DorjiLhuendrupLhakhang Nunnery** which is perched on a ridge amid pine trees and overlooking valleys of Punakha and Wangduephodrang, gleams the magnificent structures of Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang(Temple). Interact with the nuns and they love to speak English with visitors and learn about the ways of the world.

Next drive to Punakha to visit **Punakha Dzong** (Fortress) built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal has played a prominent role in the civil and religious life of the Kingdom. It is ancient capital of Bhutan and one of the most majestic Dzong in the country. Admire its stunning architecture, intricate woodwork, and beautiful location at the confluence of the Pho Chhu (father) and Mo Chhu (mother) rivers. On arrival check in at your hotel & relax.

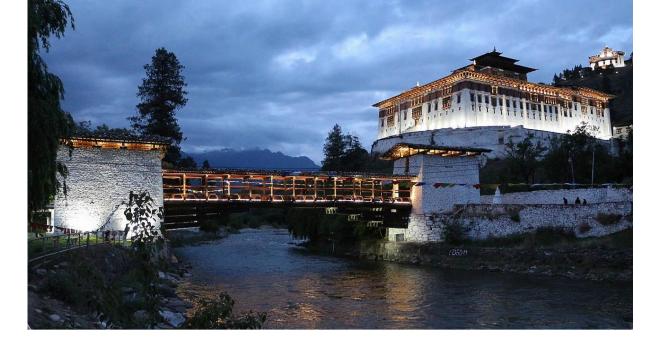
Overnight: Hotel Dhensa Boutique Resort, Punakha "4 Star"

Address: Wolakha Punakha 117, Bhutan, Punakha 13001, Bhutan

Phone: +975-2-584434

Website: https://dhensa.com/

Accommodation of Normal Rooms for 01 Night



Day 15 Punakha / Paro by surface

After breakfast, you will have an opportunity for hike to **Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten** (if clients wish to experience). This Temple was built in 2004 by HM The Queen Mother, AshiTsheringYangdonWangchuck. Visitors reach the chorten after a moderate hike through lush rice paddies and up the hillside. The journey offers not only spiritual rewards but also a chance to enjoy Bhutan's natural beauty. Later continue your journey towards Paro to visit **ParoDzong** (RinpungDzong). A fortress-monastery overlooking the Paro Valley. Admire its stunning architecture, intricate woodwork, and beautiful paintings. Then visit **National Museum of Bhutan** (**Ta Dzong**)located above the ParoDzong. It houses a fascinating collection of Bhutanese art, relics, religious thangkas (scroll paintings), and historical artifacts.

Overnight: Hotel Le Meridien, Paro "Riverfront" "4.5 Star"

Address: Paro 1265, Paro - Thimphu Hwy, Paro, Bhutan

Phone: +975-8-270300; Website: https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/pbhpr-le-meridien-paro-riverfront/overview

Accommodation of Normal Rooms for 01 Night

Day 16 Paro (Bhutan) / Delhi (India) by Flight – Tour Ends

After early breakfast, you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to **Paro International Airport** to connect flight to **Delhi** (India) .

Depart Paro by Druk Air Flight KB 200 (Etd 0940 Hrs) Arrive Delhi "Economy Class" (Eta 1130 Hrs)

Upon arrival at **Terminal 3** of **Delhi International Airport** you will make your own way for further International Flight.



Travel Notes:

- International flight pick up transfer timing ranges from 3-4 Hours prior to flight departure timing.

 Domestic flight pick up transfer timing ranges from 2-3 Hours prior to flight departure timing.

 India Hotel Check-in time at 1400 hrs / Checkout time 1100 hrs at hotels.
 - ** Namaste, Bon V oyage and see you again **
 ** End of our services **

PER PERSON PACKAGE COST IN US DOLLARS

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01 March'2025 TILL 20 December 2025

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15 JANUARY'2026 TILL 31 MARCH'2026:

Minimum 02 Persons travelling	Minimum 04 Persons travelling	Minimum 06 Persons travelling
on Twin sharing basis.	on Twin sharing basis	on Twin sharing basis
Land Cost @ USD 7390 Per	Land Cost @ USD 6490 Per	Land Cost @ USD 6480 Per
Person	Person	Person
Extra for Air Tickets @ USD 990	Extra for Air Tickets @ USD 990	Extra for Air Tickets @ USD 990
Per Person	Per Person	Per Person
Total Land + Air Cost @ USD	Total Land + Domestic Air Cost	Total Land + Domestic Air Cost
8380 Per Person.	@ USD 7480 Per Person.	@ USD 7470 Per Person*.
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Land Cost @ USD 8499 Per	Land Cost @ USD 7464 Per	Land Cost @ USD 7452 Per
Person	Person	Person
Extra for Air Tickets @ USD	Extra for Air Tickets @ USD	Extra for Air Tickets @ USD
1140 Per Person	1140 Per Person	1140 Per Person
Total Land + Air Cost @ USD	Total Land + Domestic Air Cost	Total Land + Domestic Air Cost
9639 Per Person.	@ USD 8604 Per Person.	@ USD 8592 Per Person.

Package Inclusions:

- Personalised Meet & Greet at Airport & Hotels where booked thru us
- <u>15 Night's</u> Accommodation in Double / Twin rooms on sharing basis including daily breakfast and dinner throughout except in Bhutan where Accommodation will be inclusive of All Three Meals daily.
- Welcome dinner in Delhi
- Approved English Speaking Local Guides during Tours as per itinerary
- Transfers, Tours, Excursion by driver on Airconditioned Toyota Hiace or Crysta for 2 Persons Travelling or by Micro Bus for 4 to 6 persons travelling together or similar vehicle as per availability.
- Entrance fees at monuments during the Sightseeing tours as per Itinerary.
- Air Tickets (Delhi / Srinagar / Delhi / Kathmandu / Pokhara / Kathmandu / Paro / Delhi) as per itinerary
- Air Tickets for sector Kathmandu / Pokhara / Kathmandu
- 01 hour Boat Ride at Phewa Lake in Pokhara.
- Farewell Dinner at Authentic Nepalese Restaurant with cultural Dance.
- Bottles of Mineral Water in The Vehicle
- Sanitizer, Wet Wipes, Tissue box in the Vehicle
- Current Government of India Goods & Service Tax (GST)

Package Exclusions:

- India Tourist Visa with Fee to be paid directly by clients (please apply online).
- Nepal Tourist Visa with Fee to be paid directly by clients (upon arrival at Kathmandu Airport)
- Bhutan Visa Fee & documents can be provided at extra cost if needed through us.
- Package costs during Christmas / New Year Eve / period or any Fair / Festival will be extra and will be available on request
- * based on minimum 06 persons travelling together
- Travel Insurance (you can obtain by yourself)
- International Air tickets except Delhi / Kathmandu / Paro
- Lunches throughout where not included (can be provided at extra supplement, if needed)
- Gratuities/Tipping (this is not mandatory and a prerogative of the guest)
- Items of personal nature use such as laundry, phone bills, drinks etc.
- Video camera fees at monuments and parks
- Extra Meals, Drinks & Beverages other than mentioned in programs,
- Emergency Transportation / Evacuation.
- Extra cost for unseen & unstoppable circumstances (natural disaster, strike etc.)
- Early check-in and Late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in inclusions
- Any other item not mentioned in cost includes column



BEST TIME TO VISIT:

The season between <u>September to March</u> is the best time to visit India. As India is such a large country you'll find the best time to visit varies from region to region with mild winters and roasting summers occurring thanks, in part, to the natural barrier of the great Himalayas. In general, India succumbs to a summer season, winter season and monsoon season so here our guide that will help;



Best Time to Visit North India

The best time to visit North India is from September to March. The temperatures vary widely between the plains of the north and the deserts of Rajasthan. Generally, the

Best Time to Visit South India

The weather in South India is heavily influenced by the monsoon. In Kerala, it is rather sultry and hot throughout the year, with temperatures up to 33°C. In summer,

temperatures in the main season are consistently pleasant, it is dry and often up to 34°C hot. In the winter, however, it can cool down to around 0°C, especially in the evening. Rajasthan, on the other hand, is one of the country's hottest regions so if you are planning a Jaipur tour or a Udaipur visit, the cool season from November to March is best, although rather warm.

Main season: September to March Peak Season / Winter: December and January Rainy Season: July to September Main season: September – March

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unpleasantly hot in southern India. During the

winter months, on the other hand, the weather

is most pleasant. In the higher regions, it

becomes relatively fresh in the evening with

45°C

temperatures of up

15-20°C.

Main season: September – March Summer: April – June Rainy Season: June / July – September

Best Time to Visit Central & West India

For Central & West India tours, prepare for warm to very hot weather in summer and a pleasant climate in the winter months of September to March. Ideal for a wildlife safari, the region is typically rather hot and humid near the coast and dry in the interiors between April to June, until the monsoon rains arrive in July. The weather in Central and West India can be very hot and sultry, especially along the coast. In the interior of the country, however, the heat is rather dry. February and March are the best months to go on an Indian safari.

Main season: October – March Summer (Not recommended): April – June Rainy Season: July – September

Best Time to Visit East India

The best travel time for East India travel is during the months of <u>September to March</u>. The entire region shines after the rain in June-August turning lush green.

Best Time to Visit the Himalayas

The temperatures, and therefore the best time to visit the Himalayas, <u>vary according to altitude</u> and latitude. During the day it is pleasantly warm – up to 22°C – while it can be cold in the evening and at night. During the monsoon, the chances of landslides are very high. In winter temperatures can drop to -14°C. The Himalayas at this time is a paradise for skiers and snowboarders.

High season: March – June, October – November Winter: December – February Rainy Season: July – September

TRAVEL NOTES:

: AIRPORTS:

Always ready your passport id and air-ticket (in smartphone or as hardcopy) prior to entering the airport. Security official will check at entry gate of every airport. Incase you cannot find your ticket, in emergency you can retrieve the same thru check-in counter team. But you will need to take special permission from security official to enter the airport without a ticket.

Domestic Airports: Will close flight check-in counter 45 Min before departure time. Considering traffic, distance, peak hour rush/ques, we suggest to reach airport apx. 2 Hr prior to departure time. If you have already online checked-in then reach 1 1/2 Hr prior.

International Airport: Will close flight check-in counter 60 Min before departure time. Considering traffic, distance, peak hour rush/queues, we suggest to reach airport apx. 3 Hr prior to departure time. If you have already done online check-in then reach 2 Hr prior.

Departure Tax: All India Airport departure taxes are usually included in your international flight ticket.

: B A G G A G E:

At Domestic Airport: ECONOMY class baggage is usually 15Kg check-in (may vary as per your airlines). One 7Kg carry-on allowed. Extra baggage can be purchased only upon check-in at airport. Usually INR 400-500 is charged per Kg (may vary as per airline policy) (for our cruise groups baggage may vary).

At International Airport: ECONOMY class baggage is usually between 20-30Kg check-in (may vary as per your airlines) with One 7Kg carry-on allowed.

BUSINESS class baggage is usually between 30-40 Kg check-in (may vary as per your airlines) with Two 7 Kg carryon is allowed.

: LANGUAGE:

The ethnologies lists 415 living languages for India. India has 23 constitutionally recognized official languages. English and Hindi are the official languages of India also used by the Central Government. State governments use respective official languages. To help you get the most out of your contact with local people in the northern states where Hindi is widely used, try learning how to say these key phrases:

Hindi	English
Namaste	Hello (or hi)
Aap kaise hain?	How are you?
Dhanyavad	Thank you
Aapka naam kya hai?	What is your name?
Mera naam hai	My name is
Kahan se aate hain?	Where do you come from?
Main se aa rahaa/rahii hun	I come from (male/female)
Iskaa daam kyaa hai?	How much is this?
Mehngaa!	Expensive!
Nahin	No
Haan	Yes
Mujhe maaf kiijiiye	I'm sorry

: CLOTHING:

India is a diverse country. Not only it has diverse culture but also diverse style of traditional dressing. For instance, South Indians look and dress different from North Indians. So feel free to dress informally while on tour; carry lightweight clothes that can be laundered easily. (We suggest nothing above knee length or sleeveless)

During winter, you will need light woollens, sweaters, a light jacket or wool wrap. In summer, light cotton clothes will do everywhere except in the mountain regions, where it will be cold at night. In South India, It is advisable to wear light cotton clothes throughout the year, as the climate is hot and humid. In North India prepare for hot, sunny days and cool nights. Along with slippers or sandals you can pack a good walking shoes with grip, and preferable ankle support for trekking.

Also to remember, if you are going to the Ganges or any holy river for bathing. Women have to be fully clothed when they bathe in the Ganges. They will not be allowed to wear swimsuits.

Going inside religious places will require you to cover your hair and no shoes or socks.

Laundry services: are available throughout the country, although hotel laundry costs can be expensive.

:CUISINE:

Hinduism is believed to have multi Gods & Goddesses. And Hindus believe different animals represent different gods and carry their messages. Hence Indians being majority Hindu's believe killing animal is sin. Thus India is a perfect place for Vegetarians. Even though majority of population is vegetarian still there are various dishes that are a non-vegetarians delight. Traditional Indian cuisine has been widely appreciated for its fabulous use of herbs and spices. Indian cuisine is known for its large assortment of dishes. The cooking style varies from region to region and is largely divided into South, East, West & North Indian. The staple food in India includes wheat, rice and pulses being the most important one. India is quite famous for its diverse multi cuisine as under;

- Bengali Food: is the perfect blend of sweet and spicy flavours.
- Gujarati Food: is primarily vegetarian and has a high nutritional value.
- Kashmiri Food: influenced by the food of local pundits, also adopted in Central Asia & Persia.
- Mughlai Cuisine: is one of the most popular Indian cuisines (eg. Butter Chicken, Naan, Kebabs, Mutton or Fish Curry etc). Its origin trace back to Mughal Empire times.
- Punjabi Food: The cuisine of Punjab state is renowned for high spice level.
- Rajasthani Food: is primarily vegetarian. Spice content is quite high in comparison to others.
- South Indian Cuisine: is known for its light, low calorie appetizing dishes. Mainly rice and coconut based, hence S. India is best for gluten free diet. Famed for freshwater seafood and rice.
- Goan Cuisine: High in spice level and famed for its fish curry dishes.

:MAJOR FESTIVALS:

Every festival is unique in its way. Celebrating them while you pay a visit to the country is a great chance to explore the prosperity of Indian culture and heritage (dates may vary as per lunar calendar).

- January 26th Republic Day / Nationally
- January mid Makar Sankranti Kite festival / Gujarat, and Lohri bon-fire rituals / Punjab

- January mid Pongal Harvest festival / South India
- January end Basant Panchami / Bihar, Bengal, Odisha, Assam
- January mid-end Kumbh Mela pilgrim festival / Uttar Pradesh
- February end Losar- Tibetan New Year / Ladakh
- February end Maha Shivratri / Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh
- February end The Goa carnival / Goa
- March beginning Holi festival of colors / Nationally
- May beginning Buddha Jayanti / East India
- May mid Mango season & festival / Nationally
- June end Rath Yatra Chariot festival / Odisha
- August beginning Rakshabandhan siblings festival / Nationally
- August mid Janmashtami birth of Krishna / Nationally
- August 15th– Independence Day / Nationally
- August mid Nowruz-Parsi New Year / Maharashtra
- August mid Ganesh Chaturthi birth of Ganesh / Maharashtra
- September beginning Onam harvest festival / Kerala
- October early Gandhi Jayanti / Nationally
- October end –Durga Puja rituals / West & North India
- October end Navratri cultural dances / West & North India
- October end Dussehra carnival / Nationally
- November beginning Diwali festival of lights / Nationally
- November mid Gurupurab sikh festival / Punjab
- November mid Dev Deepawali festival of lights / North India
- November & December –Pushkar & Camel Desert Fairs / Rajasthan
- December Marriage Season for big fat weddings / Nationally
- November to February Rann Utsav Kutch Festival / Gujarat
- December beginning -Hornbill Festival / Nagaland