

India Experience is the absolute best of India in 13 days. You'll dive into a whirlwind of color, character, spirituality, and spice. From the vibrant energy of Delhi to the wilds of Ranthambore. Immerse yourself in rich culture, marvel at world wonders, wake up to breathtaking landscapes, spot tigers, savor delectable cuisine, and embrace a delightful culture shock. With an awesome group leader from the moment your trip starts, an instant group of friends to share your adventure, amazing accommodation and so much included. Get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

DELHI - DELHI

Transport: Bus & Plane

Meals: 12B, 4D

Group size: 4 - 16

Age Range: 18 - 40's

Local Fees: None

HIGHLIGHTS

- Check out ancient forts, temples, and palaces on mountaintops, floating on lakes and hidden in jungles
- Get a taste of real Rajasthani hospitality by staying in traditional tents and riding jeeps over sand dunes during an overnight desert camp
- Eat your way through India with a local family cooking demo, trying both the famous dishes and some new ones
- Look for monkeys, deer, crocodiles, peacocks, wild boar, and hopefully Bengal tigers on a safari in Ranthambore National Park
- Be amazed by the Taj Mahal on a guided sunrise tour



INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Airport Pickup To Our Accom 24/7
- √ 12 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ 16 Meals
- ✓ All Transport
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- ✓ Delhi Markets
- √ Food Tasting Tour
- √ Jama Masjid
- √ Mehrangarh Fort
- √ The 'Blue City'
- √ Bishnoi Traditional Village
- ✓ Overnight Desert Camp
- ✓ Sunset Dune Safari
- ✓ Cultural Dance & Music
- ✓ Pushkar Lake & Viewpoint
- ✓ Yoga
- √ Hawa Mahal
- √ Jaipur Observatory
- √ Jeep Ride to Amber Fort
- √ Jal Mahal Water Palace
- ${\color{red}\checkmark} \ {\sf Family Cooking Demonstration}$
- ✓ Ranthambore Fort
- ✓ Ranthambore National Park Safari
- ✓ Abhaneri Stepwell
- √ Baby Taj
- \checkmark Sunrise at the Taj Mahal
- √ Help with Onward Travel

NOT INCLUDED:

Flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals







ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN DELHI

• **DELHI** We'll pick you up from Delhi airport and take you to our accommodation in the heart of the city. You'll then have plenty of time to chill out and meet everyone in your group.

DAY 2 - OLD DELHI & FOOD TOUR

• DELHI Today, we'll immerse ourselves in the sights, sounds, and smells of Delhi. As we wander through the streets of Chawri Bazaar with our local guide, we'll see how traditional life remains largely unchanged. We'll also get to taste India's famous cuisine by sampling local delicacies. In the afternoon, we'll visit the stunning red-marbled Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India.

DAY 3 - EXPLORE THE 'BLUE CITY'

• JODHPUR This morning, we'll leave the bustling streets of Delhi behind and catch a quick flight to Jodhpur, the 700-year-old 'blue city' in the desert. We'll explore the maze of blue architecture—don't worry, our guide will lead the way. As we navigate the medieval streets and lively bazaars, we'll wrap up the day with a local dinner together.

DAY 4 - MEHRANGARH FORT & BISHNOI VILLAGE

• JODHPUR Towering over the Jodhpur skyline, the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort sits on a rocky hilltop, offering breathtaking views of the city and desert plains below. Today, we'll explore this remarkable site, delving into the area's rich history and enjoying the stunning vistas. In the afternoon, we'll visit the traditional villages of the warm and hospitable Bishnoi people to experience their unique way of life.

DAY 5 - OSIAN DESERT CAMP & SAND DUNES

• OSIAN It's time to travel into the heart of the Thar Desert. We'll hop into jeeps for a sunset safari among the rippling sand dunes. As night falls, we'll return to camp to immerse ourselves in authentic Rajasthani warmth and hospitality. Sharing stories over dinner, we'll marvel at the starlit sky and retire to sleep in traditional Swiss tents.

DAY 6 - PUSHKAR & YOGA

• PUSHKAR Next up is Pushkar, renowned as one of India's most sacred cities. Roaming around this city centered around a serene lake, we'll learn why Pushkar holds such significance for Hindu pilgrims. With vibrant markets and mouthwatering cuisine, Pushkar stands out as a unique gem in Rajasthan. And what better place than the birthplace of yoga to reconnect with your inner yogi? Tonight, we'll unwind with an included yoga session.

DAY 7 - SUNRISE VIEWPOINT

• JAIPUR This morning, we're up bright and early for a not-so-intense hike to Savitri Temple for sunrise. After breakfast, it's time to hit the road to Jaipur, aka the 'Pink City'. Get ready for some seriously Instagrammable rose-tinted buildings! Once we're checked in, we'll swing by Hawa Mahal for that obligatory perfectly symmetrical photo op. Then it's off to Jantar Mantar, Jaipur's ancient observatory.

DAY 8 - AMBER FORT

• JAIPUR Today, we're heading to the enchanting Rajasthani Amber Fort, and to spare our legs, we'll hop on a jeep to reach the hilltop. Behind its weathered walls lies a stunning paradise filled with beautifully adorned chambers and intricate artwork. Tonight we'll visit to a local family for dinner. But here's the twist - we're getting handson in the kitchen and helping cook!

DAY 9 - RANTHAMBORE

• RANTHAMBORE Bid farewell to the chaos of rickshaws and scooters as we switch gears and venture towards the outskirts of one of India's biggest and most famous national parks. Once we're settled into our accom, it's time to kick back and relax. But don't get too comfortable because later, we're embarking on a jungle expedition to uncover the mysteries of Ranthambore Fort.

DAY 10 - SAFARI

• RANTHAMBORE We're kicking off bright and early this morning with a sunrise safari, hoping to catch a glimpse of some Bengal tigers in their natural habitat. Ranthambore National Park is full of diverse wildlife - from monkeys and crocodiles to wild boars, deer, peacocks, and even leopards. After our safari, feel free to explore the local surroundings or simply unwind by the pool.

DAY 11 - DRIVE TO AGRA & BABY TAJ

• AGRA Leaving the jungle behind, we'll make a pit stop at the Abhaneri Stepwell, a fascinating structure constructed over a millennium ago to preserve water and offer relief from the scorching heat. After snapping some photos, we'll hit the road towards enchanting Agra, giving you a taste of what's in store by visiting the exquisite tomb of I'timãd-ud-Daulah, affectionately known as the Baby Taj. The excitement is building...

DAY 12 - SUNRISE AT THE TAJ MAHAL

• DELHI Wake up bright and early to catch the stunning sunrise casting a golden hue over the iconic Taj Mahal. We've kept the best for last! As one of the Seven New Wonders of the World, our local guide will share tales of the Taj's rich history and reveal its hidden secrets, while guiding us to picture-perfect spots. With our minds buzzing and cameras full, we'll return to the hotel for breakfast before embarking on our journey back Delhi. Tonight, let's toast to our unforgettable adventure with a final Indian feast, some drinks, and perhaps a little Bollywood dancing to top it all off. Cheers to memories made!

DAY 13 - DEPART INDIA OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

 DELHI Your epic 13 day adventure comes to an end today. Your group leader will help organise your onward travel

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date. There's no activities on the first day, so you can arrive at any time. If you do arrive early, we'll still pick you up from the airport if you're staying at our accommodation. You can book and pay for extra nights accommodation with your agent or in the Manage My Booking area.

It's also recommended to have onward travel booked out of India before travelling there, as you may get asked for proof of this before boarding your flight to India.

AFTER INDIA EXPERIENCE

India Experience finishes back where it started in New Delhi. You can choose to stay on longer in Delhi or if you need to get back to the airport then your group leader can help you organise a taxi, which will cost approximately £20. You are free to leave at any time on Day 13 as there are no activities planned, however you might want to stay for breakfast to say bye to your new friends.

Your group leader will ensure any other local transport is sorted and you are comfortable with all parts of your trip and your onward travel

VISAS

Most nationalities require an E-Tourist visa to enter India, which must be granted before travel. If you don't have your visa approved before you arrive, you may not be allowed to enter India, so please allow sufficient time for the application to be processed. This visa is typically for 30 days and you can apply here.

You will need at least 6 months remaining validity and 2 blank pages in your passport. It's also recommended to have onward travel booked out of India before travelling there, as you may get asked for proof of this before boarding your flight to India. We recommend checking with your local Indian consulate for up-to-date visa requirements and costs. If you need any further help with visas just contact us.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for India is compulsory to join India Experience. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise a quote and policy for yourself here.

ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

DELHI - GODWIN DELUXE HOTEL

3 NIGHTS (nights 1,2 & 12)

Boutique hotel in New Delhi.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Restaurant

JODHPUR - KP HERITAGE HAVELI HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

Stay in the historic old town of Jodhpur.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Rooftop Terrace

OSIAN - GATEWAY OSIAN RESORT

1 NIGHT

Sleep in traditional Swiss tents in the desert.

Twin/Double Tents

Ensuite

A once in a lifetime experience!

PUSHKAR - JAGAT PALACE HOTEL

1 NIGHT

Live like kings & stay in a palace!

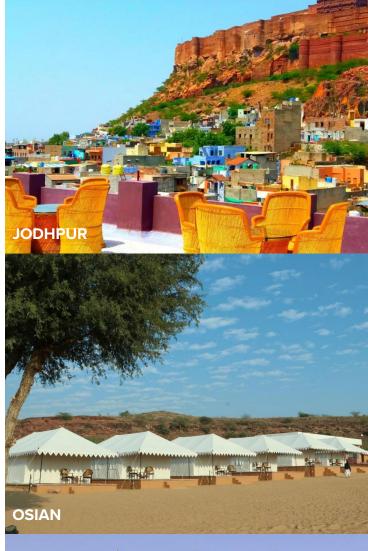
Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Air Con

Spa & Swimming Pool







JAIPUR - KHANDELA HAVELI HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

Stay in a beautiful boutique hertiage hotel.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool

RANTHAMBORE - OM RUDRAPRIYA RESORT

2 NIGHTS

Stay right by the Ranthambore National Park.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Spa & Swimming Pool

AGRA - ROYAL REGENT HOTEL

1 NIGHT

A gorgeous 4 star hotel.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Air Con

Rooftop Swimming Pool

IMPORTANT NOTE



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.







SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL





PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES



CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION



ANIMAL WELFARE

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do, and we are proud to say that every INTRO tour is 100% carbon neutral.

Small Change is our socially conscious initiative aimed at travelling responsibly and changing the world for the better!

Find out more.





DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends! Most of our accommodation is twin share, so we will put you in a room with someone of the same gender.



CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose India.



CAN I CHANGE MY START DATE?

Enjoy ultimate peace of mind and flexibility with INTRO. Should your travel plans change or be disrupted you can change your start date or tour for free up to 30 days before your start date.

Or simply transfer your booking to 100% travel credit that will never expire and can be used on any tour with us at any time in the future.



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT INDIA?

India is a huge country with diverse regions, and it's possible to travel India any time of year. However, the best time to visit Northern India is from September to May. It starts getting hotter from April, and parts of the country experience the summer monsoon from June to the start of September. We operate India Experience from September to May to avoid the hottest and wettest times of the year.



HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

We recommend getting a travel currency card through <u>Wise</u>. You can use the Wise card almost everywhere and withdraw cash and use it with Google or Apple Pay. If you transfer your money into the local currency, you can avoid paying foreign exchange fees when you use the card. There are ATM's available throughout India, however be sure to give any machines a once over before a transaction to check for scam devices. Some places only accept cash.



IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

Most accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. India's network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of terms & conditions for our tours including your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the Terms & Conditions section of our website.

That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to Manage My Booking and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on India and India Experience, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

Of course if you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!