



Are you ready to experience the best of South Asia? Over 24 days on our India + Sri Lanka Experience trip, you'll see, taste, explore, and immerse yourself in everything these vibrant countries have to offer. From the bustling energy of Delhi to the wilds of Ranthambore, from the lush green tea fields of Ella to the serene beaches of beautiful Mirissa, this trip has it all. Oh, and did we mention you'll be doing all this with an awesome group leader and an instant crew of new mates? The trip of a lifetime just got even better...

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore ancient forts, temples, and palaces in mountains, lakes, and jungles
- Experience Rajasthani hospitality with traditional tents and jeep desert camp
- Enjoy local family cooking demonstrations with Indian dishes
- Spot wildlife, including Bengal tigers, in Ranthambore National Park
- Visit the Taj Mahal on a guided sunrise tour
- Explore tea plantations and learn to pick tea
- Climb Adam's Peak and see the Nine Arches Bridge
- Spot water buffalo, crocodiles, and elephants on a sunrise safari
- Learn to surf or relax at Welligama Beach
- Visit a Buddhist Monastery school



INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Airport Pickup To Our Accom 24/7
- ✓ 23 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ 33 Meals
- ✓ All Transport + Included Flight to Sri Lanka
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- ✓ Local Markets & Food Tasting Tour
- ✓ Jama Masjid
- ✓ Mehrangarh Fort
- ✓ The 'Blue City' & Tuk Tuk Tour
- ✓ Bishnoi Traditional Village
- ✓ Overnight Desert Camp & Sunset Dune Safari
- ✓ Cultural Dance & Music
- ✓ Pushkar Lake & Viewpoint
- ✓ Hawa Mahal
- ✓ Jaipur Observatory
- ✓ Jeep Ride to Amber Fort
- ✓ Jal Mahal Water Palace
- ✓ Family Cooking Demonstration
- ✓ Ranthambore Fort
- ✓ Ranthambore National Park Safari
- ✓ Abhaneri Stepwell
- ✓ Baby Taj
- ✓ Sunrise a the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Ride in a Tuk Tuk
- ✓ River Boat Ride
- ✓ Local Village Experience
- ✓ Sigiriya Rock Viewpoint
- ✓ Spice Garden
- ✓ Temple of the Tooth
- ✓ Tea Plantations
- ✓ Ella Train Journey
- ✓ Little Adam's Peak
- ✓ Nine Arches Bridge
- ✓ Wildlife Safari
- ✓ Yoga & Learn to Surf
- ✓ Buddhist Monastery Visit
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel

NOT INCLUDED:

Arrival & departure flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals

DELHI → MIRISSA

Transport:	Minibus, Train, TukTuk & Plane
Meals:	23B, 4L, 6D
Group size:	5 - 20
Age Range:	18 - 40's



ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN DELHI

- DELHI** Landing in Delhi, we'll meet you at the airport and take you to the accom to meet up with your travel crew.

DAY 2 - OLD DELHI & FOOD TOUR

- DELHI** Wandering the streets of Chawri Bazaar, our local guide will show us how little traditional life has changed. We'll get a taste into India's renowned cuisine as we sample local delicacies. This afternoon we visit the magnificent, Jama Masjid, Rajghat Memorial and a Sikh Temple.

DAY 3 - EXPLORE THE 'BLUE CITY'

- JODHPUR** We'll catch a short flight to Jodhpur, a 700-year-old city in the desert famously known as the 'blue city'. We'll hop on some tuk tuks for a tour of the city before watching the sunset and heading out for dinner.

DAY 4 - MEHRANGARH FORT & VILLAGE

- JODHPUR** Dominating the Jodhpur skyline, the impressive Mehrangarh Fort stands on a rocky hilltop overlooking the city. Visit the fort to learn the history of this area and for some impressive views. Then head out to explore the land the warm and hospitable Bishnoi people call home.

DAY 5 - DESERT CAMP & SAND DUNES

- OSIAN** Today we venture away from civilization into the Thar Desert. We'll jump on jeeps for a sunset desert safari and later we'll sleep in traditional Swiss tents under the stars.

DAY 6 - PUSHKAR

- PUSHKAR** Pushkar, one of India's holiest cities, awaits. Centered around a sacred lake, it's a must-visit for Hindu pilgrims. With vibrant markets and delicious food, Pushkar offers a unique charm unlike anywhere else in Rajasthan.

DAY 7 - SUNRISE YOGA

- JAIPUR** Start the day with a sunrise yoga class in the birthplace of yoga, finding peace and balance. After breakfast, we'll visit Savitri Temple for stunning views over Pushkar. Then, it's off to Jaipur, the 'Pink City,' with its striking rose-hued architecture. Tonight, we join a local family to help them prepare dinner, before we feast!

DAY 8 - EXPLORING JAIPUR

- JAIPUR** We'll start today by swinging by Hawa Mahal before heading to Rajasthani Amber Fort (we'll travel up the hill by jeep)! The rugged, time-ravaged walls of this imposing structure hide a paradise inside, with gorgeously decorated rooms and intricate artwork. Next we'll visit the almost 200 year old Jantar Mantar, Jaipur's Observatory.

DAY 9 - RANTHAMBORE

- RANTHAMBORE** Today we are heading for the outskirts of one of India's largest and most renowned national parks. After checking in, there's time to chill. Later we're going into the jungle to explore Ranthambore Fort.

DAY 10 - SAFARI

- RANTHAMBORE** It's an early start as we head out on a sunrise safari to try and spot some tigers in the wild. Ranthambore National Park is brimming with wildlife - monkeys, crocodiles, wild boars, deer, peacocks, and even leopards! After our morning safari, you are free to explore the local area.

DAY 11 - DRIVE TO AGRA & BABY TAJ

- AGRA** Departing the jungle, en-route to our next location we will stop at the Abhaneri Stepwell. We'll then make tracks to magical Agra and visit the tomb of I'timād-ud-Daulah – otherwise known as the Baby Taj. This will definitely get us excited for tomorrow!

DAY 12 - SUNRISE AT THE TAJ MAHAL

- DELHI** Wake up early and witness the dawn illuminate the famous Taj Mahal with a mesmerizing golden glow. One of the 7 New Wonders of the World, our local guide will share the Taj's history. We'll head back for breakfast and drive back to South Delhi. Tonight we'll enjoy one last Indian feast and maybe even some Bollywood dancing.

DAY 13 - FLY TO SRI LANKA

- NEGOMBO** Today we'll board our included flight to the beautiful Sri Lanka!

DAY 14 - TUK TUK TOUR

- SIGIRIYA** This morning we'll jump into tuk tuks to explore the pretty seaside town of Negombo, stopping off to visit the local markets. We'll then head north to the serene and sacred town of Sigiriya, where we'll check in to our lush hotel stay.

DAY 15 - SIGIRIYA & LOCAL VILLAGES

- SIGIRIYA** Today we'll take in views of the ancient Sigiriya Rock Fortress as we climb the towering rock adjacent, with 360 degrees views from the top. We'll then head to a local village before hopping on some unique, local transportation to be treated to a local cooking demonstration courtesy of the local ladies.

DAY 16 - TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH

- KANDY** Today we head south to Kandy, stopping en route to visit a spice garden. We'll head out to visit the fascinating Temple of the Tooth. Dinner and drinks tonight will give us the chance to experience Kandy's nightlife offerings.

DAY 17 - TEA PICKING & ELLA TRAIN RIDE

- ELLA** We'll learn the art of tea picking (and brewing) from local pickers today. We'll then hop on board a train for one of the 'world's most scenic train journeys' bound for beautiful and serene Ella. Later we'll go out to an incredible dinner at a very popular restaurant followed by a night out.

DAY 18 - LITTLE ADAM'S PEAK

- ELLA** We will lace up our trainers to hike up the beautiful Little Adam's Peak and enjoy the stunning views. After that little hike, you will have plenty of time to explore the lovely town of Ella.

DAY 19 - NINE ARCHES BRIDGE

- UDAWALAWE** This morning we'll be making a stop at Nine Arches Bridge, one of the most Insta famous places in all of Sri Lanka. We'll then continue south to Udawalawe National Park, where we'll check in to our laid back hotel on the edge of the park.

DAY 20 - SUNRISE SAFARI

- TALALLA** Travelling by jeep at sunrise we'll see free roaming wild elephants, plus other species like crocodiles, buffalo and bird life on safari. We'll then head to the beachside oasis of Hiriketiya for a chilled afternoon. Later we'll arrive at our beachfront eco retreat in gorgeous Tallala.

DAY 21 - BEACHSIDE YOGA & CHILL

- TALALLA** Participate in the included yoga session, read a book, enjoy an ayurvedic massage, or just snooze under a palm tree. The choice is yours today.

DAY 22 - LEARN TO SURF

- MIRISSA** We'll stop off at Welligama Beach this morning for a private surf lesson. We'll later check into our beachfront accommodation in Mirissa, before visiting the iconic Coconut Tree Hill.

DAY 23 - BUDDHIST MONASTERY VISIT

- MIRISSA** Today we'll be heading to a Buddhist Monastery to take part in a cultural exchange with the local monk students. Tonight we'll be treating you to a farewell dinner on the beach.

DAY 24 - CHECK OUT

- MIRISSA** Your unforgettable adventure comes to an end today. For those flying out today, we'll have a bus returning to Negombo or extend your stay.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date, as that's when most people get in. While there are no activities on the first day, the group usually meets up for dinner around 7pm. 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 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 + SRI LANKA EXPERIENCE

Sri Lanka Experience finishes in Mirissa. You can choose to stay on longer in Mirissa, continue your travels in Sri Lanka or make your way back to the airport. The airport is an approx. 3 hour drive from your Mirissa accommodation and transfer costs start at approx. £60 / \$75 USD / \$110 AUD.

For those departing Sri Lanka on day 12, the INTRO bus will be departing Mirissa between 8-10.30am on day 12. This bus is free of charge and will take you to Hotel J in Negombo, arriving at approx. 12-2pm. You are welcome to use the hotel's facilities until you are ready to make your way to the airport.

It is then a 20-25 min taxi to Colombo airport that costs approx. £10 / \$20. Your group leader can organise this all for you and will ensure you're comfortable with all parts of 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](#).

Most nationalities require a visa or ETA (electronic travel authority) to enter Sri Lanka. This visa is typically for 30 days and can generally be done on arrival at the airport or [online](#). The cost is usually approx. \$35USD.

We recommend checking with your local consulates for up-to-date visa requirements and costs. If you need any further help with visas just contact us.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is compulsory to join India + Sri Lanka. 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

INDIA

DELHI - HOTEL COTTAGE YES PLEASE

2 NIGHTS (nights 1 & 2)

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

WiFi (in Restaurant) & Air Con

Restaurant & Swimming Pool



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 heritage hotel.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool



JAIPUR

RANTHAMBORE - THE PUGMARK RESORT

2 NIGHTS

Stay right by the Ranthambore National Park.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Spa & Swimming Pool



RANTHAMBORE

AGRA - GOLDEN TULIP HOTEL

1 NIGHT

A gorgeous 4 star hotel.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Air Con

Rooftop Swimming Pool



AGRA

DELHI - HOTEL SAKET 27

1 NIGHT (night 12)

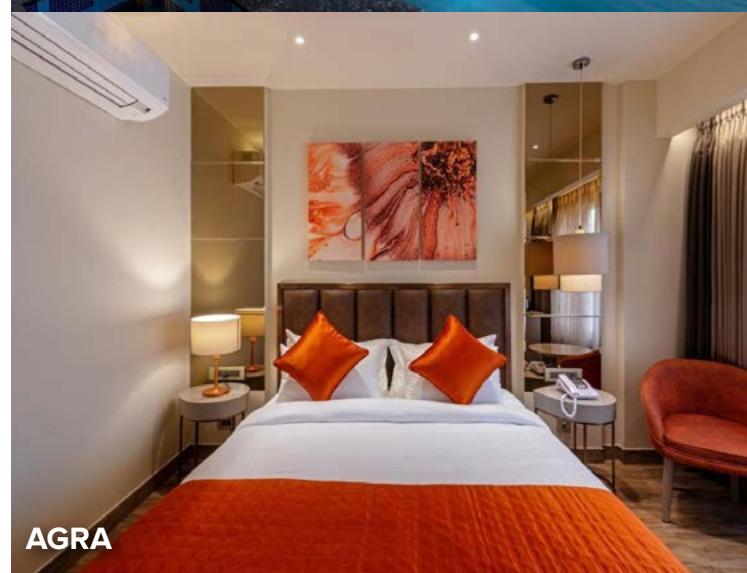
A lovely end to the trip.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Restaurant



AGRA

ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

SRI LANKA

NEGOMBO - HOTEL J

1 NIGHT

Funky beachfront hotel with pool and sun loungers.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool



SIGIRIYA - OAK RAY ELEPHANT LAKE

2 NIGHTS

A hotel stay amidst lush tropical greenery.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

Swimming Pool

WiFi & Air Con



KANDY - RADISSON HOTEL

1 NIGHT

A nice hotel with great views of the city.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Rooftop Pool & Balcony



ELLA - ELLA FLOWER GARDEN HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

A great place set high in the mountains.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Sun Terrace & Balcony



UDAWALawe - ELEPHANT TRAIL HOTEL

1 NIGHT

Relaxed hotel on the border of the park.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Poolside Restaurant & Bar



TALALLA - TALALLA RETREAT

2 NIGHTS

Beautiful beachfront eco retreat.

Twin/Double/Triple Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Laundry

Outdoor Pool, Yoga Classes & Restaurant



MIRISSA - PARADISE BEACH CLUB HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

Beachfront hotel with private beach area.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

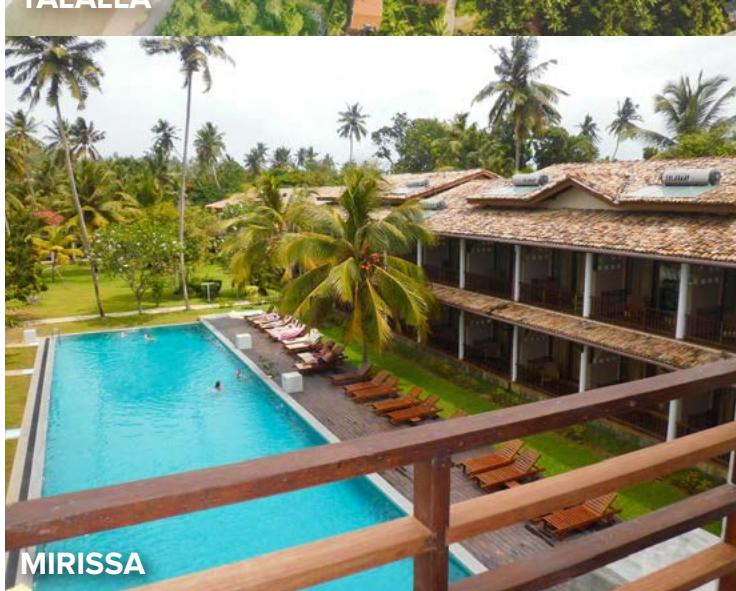
Pool, Sun Loungers, Bar & Restaurant



IMPORTANT NOTE



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





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.](#)

FAQS



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](#) and Sri Lanka.



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 SOUTH ASIA?

India, with its diverse regions, is also travel-friendly year-round, but the best time to visit Northern India is from September to May to avoid the hottest and wettest periods. Sri Lanka is hot year-round with varying seasons and occasional rain, making it a great destination anytime.



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.



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

We recommend getting a travel currency card through [Wise](#). 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 & Sri Lanka, however be sure to give any machines a once over before a transaction to check for scam devices. Some places only accept cash.



IS TIPPING EXPECTED ON THIS TRIP?

There is no requirement to tip on any INTRO trip. However there is a big tipping culture in India in particular, and it is customary and expected that you tip a small amount in most places including bars and restaurants. While we cover all of our local suppliers wages and expenses it is customary for group members to offer a tip to drivers and local guides in India, if you feel you've had good service. Your group leader can provide more detail on how you can contribute and suggested tip amounts whilst on tour if you feel comfortable doing so. You can find more info on spending money in the INTRO Travel App.



IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

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



WHAT SHOULD I PACK FOR MY TOUR?

Whether you have a backpack or a suitcase the main thing to keep in mind is not to bring too much stuff! We strongly recommend that you bring less than 20 kgs of luggage as our included internal flight has a weight limit of 20kgs.

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 for India + Sri Lanka 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!