

Discoverable Journeys



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Explore Golden Triangle-1

Day 01 Arrive Delhi

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Overnight at hotel.

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Old Delhi – visit the **Raj Ghat**, the simple memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Driving past the magnificent **Red Fort**, built on the banks of River Yamuna by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Walk through the "**Chandni Chowk**" to experience the ambience of an oriental bazaar.

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Later drive to Agra. Upon arrival, check into the hotel. **Overnight at hotel. (B/ L/ D)**

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overlooking Maota Lake, and its sprawling crenellated walls lattice the surrounding hills.

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Overnight at Hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 05 Jaipur / Delhi Delhi / Depart

(272 km / 5 ½ hrs approx)

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End Of Services... (B)





Explore Golden Triangle- 2

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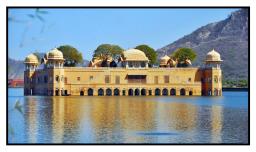
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After proceeds to visit **Monkey Temple -** A pre-historic pilgrimage site, is located only 10km away from Jaipur. One of the jewels of Jaipur, the temple complex encompasses natural fresh water springs and 7 holy 'kunds' or water tanks. Among these kunds, the 'Galta Kund', is the holiest one and







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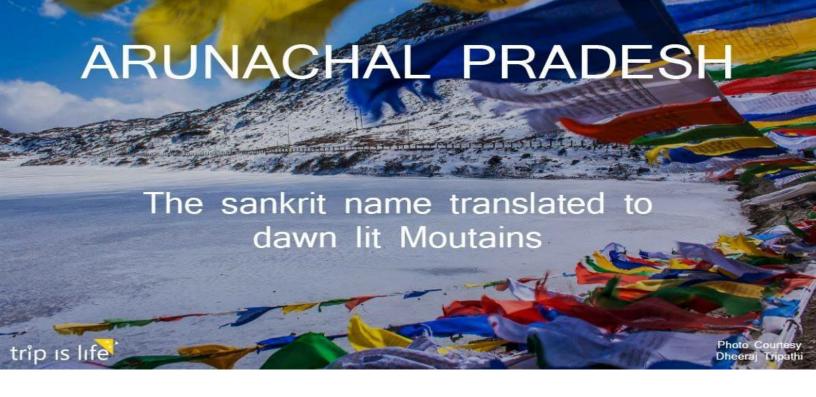
Following breakfast morning free for shopping. After shopping transfer to Delhi. Upon arrival visit **Akshardham Temple** of New Delhi is also known as Swaminarayan **Akshardham Temple**. It is one of the largest Hindu **temple** complexes in India. It was officially inaugurated on 6th November, 2005. Its **history** and facts reflects 10,000 years old India's culture, spirituality and architecture. Later check into the hotel. **Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)**

Day 06 Delhi / Depart

Following breakfast visit **The Lotus Temple**, located in Delhi, India, is a Bahá'í House of Worship that was dedicated in December 1986. Notable for its flowerlike shape, it has become a prominent attraction in the city. Like all Bahá'í Houses of Worship, the Lotus Temple is open to all, regardless of religion or any other qualification; After sightseeing proceed for the Delhi International Airport in time to connect flight for your onward destination

End Of Services... (B)





Encounter with Tiger – 3

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Day 04 Jaipur / Ranthambore (156 Kms / 4 hrs approx)

Following breakfast, drive to Ranthambore. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel.

Evening Jungle safari in the park

Ranthambore National Park is known to have India's Friendliest tigers Assured of protection, these nocturnal creatures are seen often in the day .Sprawled on the Aravalli and Vindhya ranges of Rajasthan, Ranthambore National Park encompasses an area of 410 sq km in which live a healthy population of about 40 tigers. A large number of deer inhabit the area and leopards are occasionally sighted. The Pandam Taloa Lake,

located adjacent to the Jogi Mahal hunting lodge, is the park's favorite water source. Smaller pools at Raj Bagh and Milak also attract a variety of wild life The best way to explore Ranthambore is in a jeep as the park is well connected by arterial roads and tracks. Some of the popular sighting areas are Nal Ghati, Lahpur, Bakuala, Anantpur and the Kachida valley. Mammals: Tiger, Panther, Hyena, Jackal, Jungle Cat, Caracal, Sloth Bear, Sambar, Chital, Nilgai, Wild Boar, Chinkara, Indian hare mongoose. (B/L/D)

Day 05 Ranthambore / Agra (311 km / 6 hrs approx)

Early morning jungle safari in the park, followed by breakfast & start drive to Agra En-route visit Abhaneri is a village in the Dausa district of Rajasthan state in India. It is situated at a distance of 95 km from Jaipur, on the

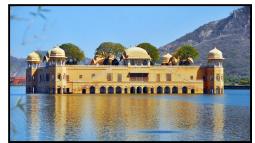
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After visit, continue your drive to Delhi International airport in time to connect flight for your onward destination..... End Of Services... (B)

Extra bed at Hotel:-

Please note hotels place roll away mattress or folding make shift bed in the double rooms in form of extra bed



Golden Triangle with New Experience – 4

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Day 02 Delhi / Alwar (158 Kms / 3 hrs approx)

Following breakfast, you will be driven to **Alwar** - is a gateway to the historic and colorful state of Rajasthan. Alwar has its own heritage which goes back to the mythological legends of the Mahabharata. Alwar was acceded into the authority of India following the independence of India in 1947. On 18 March 1948 the state was merged with three

neighbouring princely states (Bharatpur, Dholpur and Karauli) to form the Matsya Union.

Upon arrival check in to your hotel; Rest time free **Overnight at Hotel.** (B/L/D)

Day 03 Alwar / Jaipur (158 km / 3hrs approx)

Following breakfast, you will visit **Alwar**: The royal Rajput ambience still pervades in the city, marked by a number of structures of historical significance. Cordoned off by the rocky Aravalli hills, the **Alwar Fort** is the most interesting monument of this city. The rampart of this fort

stretches to about 5 kilometers and stands about 304 m above sea level. The Fort has 15 large and 51 small towers and 446 openings for cannons, along with eight huge towers encompassing the entire citadel.

City Palace or Vinay Vilas Mahal is an 18th century palace harmoniously blending the Rajput and Mughal styles of architecture. While the ground floors have been converted into government offices and district courts, the upper apartment constitutes a museum.

Another interesting feature of Alwar is an artificial lake built in 1815 A.D. by Maharaja Vinay Singh with few temples along its banks. A marvelous chhatri with an unusual Bengal-style roof and arches, also known as the **Moosi Maharani ki Chhatri**, is situated here.

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Day 05 Jaipur / Dholpur approx)

(280 Kms / 41/2 hrs

Following breakfast, you will be driven to **Dholpur**. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. You will be stay at **Hotel** Raj Niwas Palace. The Raj Niwas Palace, Dholpur, also called the Dholpur Palace diffuses hospitality with ancient heritage in a premium opulence and style, in presenting the avenue that was once home to Indian Royalties. It became a part of modern Independent India as a Heritage Hotel. The red sand stone Palace lights up

the memories of history, valor and splendor in lifestyle and makes one relive royal opulence with contemporary comfort and style. Afternoon visit Shergarh Fort and surroundings.

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Dav 06 Dholpur / Agra

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Agra / Delhi (200 km / 5 hrs approx) **Day 07** Delhi / Depart

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End Of Services... (B)







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Srinagar and Delhi Trip – 5

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Overnight at hotel.

Dav 02 Delhi / Srinagar (by Flight) Following breakfast transfer to board flight for Srinagar

Leave Delhi at: 1015 Hrs (AI 825 – Air India) Arrive Srinagar at: 1145 Hrs

Upon arrival at Srinagar you will be received by our facilitation staff and transferred to your houseboat with necessary assistance.

Also enjoy Shikara ride on Dal Lake visiting the Floating garden, Lotus gardens (summers), back waters of the lake, cruise will go through canals.

Overnight on Houseboat.(B/L/D)

Dav 03 Srinagar / Gulmarg / Srinagar

Following breakfast, excursion tour to Gulmarg is 52 km southeast of Srinagar and is located at an altitude of 2730 m above sea level. In summers, the meadows of Gulmarg are laden with flowers. In winters, the snow-covered slopes of Gulmarg turn into a skiing resort, which attracts the traveler seeking adventure and thrill. It is a popular trekking destination and boasts of the world's highest golf course.



Upon arrival enjoy both way Cable Car rides is included up to Level 1 (Subject to wheather Permit).

Optional - Enjoy a pony ride through pine-clad slopes which leads upwards to mountain hills Horse ride (April – November) / Sledge ride (December to March) (REMARKS: If pax don't take Horse ride / Sledge Ride one need

to walk 20 Mints to Cable car station / any optional activities used by pax they shall be responsible by themselves). Evening back to Srinagar

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Srinagar / Sonmarg / Srinagar **Dav 04**

Following breakfast; excursion to Sonmarg which is the most beautiful drive from Srinagar. On the way we stop at many beautiful spots. Continue drive to Sonmarg 2690 Mtrs (Meadow of Gold). One can ride on horse to visit to Thajiwas Glacier where snow remains round the year and Sonmarg is known as Gateway of Ladakh. Evening back to Srinagar

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Pahalgam is a hill station in the north Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. Mountain trails run northeast to Amarnath Cave Temple, a Hindu shrine and site of the annual Amarnath Yatra pilgrimage. Over Aru Wildlife Sanctuary is home to animals including brown bears and musk deer. Northeast, the Lidder River runs through scenic Betaab Valley. Southeast, Tulian Lake is flanked by mountain peaks and often frozen. Evening back to Srinagar

Overnight on Houseboat. (B/L/D)

Day 06 Srinagar / Delhi / Depart (Flight)

Following breakfast visit **Srinagar City:** Srinagar is the summer capital of the state of Jammu and Kashmir and is the pride of the beautiful valley of Kashmir. Srinagar is famous for its lakes and the charming rows of houseboats floating on them. It is also known for traditional Kashmiri handicrafts and dry fruits dating back to the 3rd century BC, founded by Emperor Ashoka, Srinagar grew on both banks of the river Jhelum in the heart of Kashmir valley. The Mughals aptly called Kashmir "*Paradise on Earth*" where they journeyed across the tortuously hot plains of India, to summer in the cool environs of Srinagar. It is the state capital. The Dal Lake is its waterfront. Between the lake and the mountain ranges are the Moghul gardens; Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Chasm-e-Shahi, and Pari Mahal. Srinagar is a city of lakes and rivers, lush wild gardens of lotus and water lilies. Sreading along the lake side in a patterned beauty. No destination is quite so romantic. It was here they laid, with great love and care, Srinagar's many formal, waterfront gardens, now collectively known as the Mughal Gardens: Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Chasm-e-Shahi.

Later you will be transferred to Srinagar airport in time to connect your onward flight to Delhi. Leave Srinagar (By Flight)

Upon arrival at Delhi Airport; connect to International airport in time to connect your onward flight to back home.

End of Services... (B)

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Srinagar and Agra Trip – 6

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Day 03 Agra / Delhi (205 Kms / 4 hrs approx) Delhi / Srinagar (by Flight)

Following breakfast start drive back to Delhi; upon arrival direst departure transfer to board flight for Srinagar

| Leave Delhi | at: 1535 Hrs | (G8 - 337) |
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| Arrive Srinagar | at: 1700 Hrs | |

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| Leave Srinagar | at: 1730 Hrs | (G8 - 446) |
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| Arrive Delhi | at: 1900 Hrs | |

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Following breakfast proceed for the combined city tour of **Old & New Delhi.**

Old Delhi – visit the **Raj Ghat**, the simple memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Driving past the magnificent **Red Fort**, built on the banks of River Yamuna by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Walk through the **"Chandni Chowk"** to experience the ambience of an oriental bazaar. Enjoy the main hub for Shopping on cheapest rate. Walk through the narrow lanes of Old Delhi to reach **Jama Masjid – The World Heritage Monument** - The largest mosque in India completed in 1658 by Shah Jahan who also built the Taj Mahal,

New Delhi. Our tour of New Delhi includes drive past visits the **India Gate** (war memorial dedicated to the lives of the Indian Soliders), the **President House**, **Parliament House** and the **Secretariate Buildings** – an ancient blend of the Victorian and 20th Century architecture

Later drive to Agra. Upon arrival check into the hotel. **Overnight at hotel. (B/ L/ D)**

Day 03 Agra / Jaipur (232 km / 5½ hrs approx)

Following breakfast, visit **Agra City**: Agra is not only famous for Taj Mahal but the impressive Mughal Red Fort known as the Agra Fort. This impressive red sandstone fort was built by Akbar between 1565-1573 A.D. Replete with gateways, pillared halls, mosques, marble trellises and geometric gardens, the Fort represents Mughal architecture at its peak.

Taj Maha: is the medieval city of the famous 17th century masterpiece Taj Mahal, which of course is the most splendid of all buildings - perhaps, the most perfect architectural monument in the world. It was built in the memory of the beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal of one of the greatest kings Shah Jehan of the Mughal Empire. (TAJ MAHAL CLOSED ON FRIDAYS).

Later start drive to Jaipur. **En-route visit Abhaneri** is a village in the Dausa district of Rajasthan state in India. It is situated at a distance of 95 km from Jaipur, on the Jaipur-Agra road. The place is popular for the Chand Baori step well and Harshat Mata Temple.

Continue Drive to Jaipur, upon arrival check into the hotel. **Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)**

Day 04 Jaipur

After breakfast proceeds you will also visit **Milk Market** - This market comes alive at 6 AM with milk sellers congregating here. Most sellers collect milk from their own villages or from the nearby villages. They usually load large milk cans onto local buses or jeeps to bring them to the

market. Many of them prefer to carry these milk jars onto their bikes & rides all the way to such markets from their respective villages.







Following breakfast, proceed for an excursion to **Amber Fort:** the former capital of the royal Rajputs. Few fail to be moved by the dramatic Rajput grandeur of this hilltop fortress-palace 11-km north of Jaipur. Set on the dry wrinkled Aravali Hills, and surrounded by fortified battlements, the palace straddles two sepia-hued tundra hills overlooking Maota Lake, and its sprawling crenellated walls lattice the surrounding hills.

Drive past / Photo Stop of **Hawa Mahal or Palace of the Winds**, a five-storied structure of pink sandstone with semi-octagonal and delicately honeycombed windows overlooking the main street of the old city. It was built in 1799 so that veiled royal woman could peer down unseen by the world through its 593 stone screens. We proceed for a guided tour of the **City Palace** - The City Palace in the heart of the old city is a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture. The center of the palace is a seven storied building called Chandra Palace, with fine views over the gardens and the city.

Overnight at Hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 05Jaipur / Delhi
Delhi / Srinagar(272 km / 5 ½ hrs approx)
(by Flight)Following breakfast start drive back to
Leave DelhiDelhi; Upon arrival direst departure transfer to board flight for Srinagar
(G8 - 337) Go AirArrive Srinagarat: 1700 Hrs

Upon arrival at Srinagar you will be received by our facilitation staff and transferred to your houseboat with necessary assistance.

Also enjoy Shikara ride on Dal Lake visiting the Floating garden, Lotus gardens (summers), back waters of the lake, cruise will go through canals. **Overnight on Houseboat. (B/L/D)**



Day 06 Srinagar / Gulmarg / Srinagar

Following breakfast, excursion tour to **Gulmarg** is 52 km southeast of Srinagar and is located at an altitude of 2730 m above sea level. In summers, the meadows of Gulmarg are laden with flowers. In winters, the snow-covered slopes of Gulmarg turn into a skiing resort, which attracts the traveler seeking adventure and thrill. It is a popular trekking destination and boasts of the world's highest golf course.

Upon arrival enjoy both way Cable Car rides is included up to Level 1 (Subject to wheather Permit).

Optional - Enjoy a pony ride through pine-clad slopes which leads upwards to mountain hills Horse ride (April – November) / Sledge ride (December to March) (REMARKS: If pax don't take Horse ride / Sledge Ride one need to walk 20 Mints to Cable car station / any optional activities used by pax they shall be responsible by themselves). Evening back to Srinagar

Overnight on Houseboat. (B/L/D)



Day 07 Srinagar / Sonmarg / Srinagar

Following breakfast; excursion to Sonmarg which is the most beautiful drive from Srinagar. On the way we stop at many beautiful spots. Continue drive to Sonmarg 2690 Mtrs (Meadow of Gold). One can ride on horse to visit to Thajiwas Glacier where snow remains round the year and Sonmarg is known as Gateway of Ladakh.

Evening back to Srinagar

Overnight on Houseboat. (B/L/D)

Day 08

Srinagar / Delhi Delhi Depart (Flight)

Following breakfast visit **Jamia Masjid** is a mosque in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India. Situated at Nowhatta in the middle of the Old City, the Mosque was commissioned by Sultan Sikandar.

Srinagar City: Srinagar is the summer capital of the state of Jammu and Kashmir and is the pride of the beautiful valley of Kashmir. Srinagar is famous for its lakes and the charming rows of houseboats floating on them. It is also known for traditional Kashmiri handicrafts and dry fruits dating back to the 3rd century BC, founded by Emperor Ashoka, Srinagar grew on both banks of the river Jhelum in the heart of Kashmir valley. The Mughals aptly called Kashmir "*Paradise on Earth*" where they journeyed across the tortuously hot plains of India, to summer in the cool environs of Srinagar. It is the state capital. The Dal Lake is its waterfront. Between the lake and the mountain ranges are the Moghul gardens; Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Chasm-e-Shahi, and Pari Mahal. Srinagar is a city of lakes and rivers, lush wild gardens of lotus and water lilies. Sreading along the lake side in a patterned beauty. No destination is quite so romantic. It was here they laid, with great love and care, Srinagar's many formal, waterfront gardens, now collectively known as the Mughal Gardens: Shalimar Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Nishat Bagh, Chasm-e-Shahi.

Later you will be transferred to Srinagar airport in time to connect your onward flight to Delhi.

| Leave Srinagar | at: 1520 Hrs | (UK - 612) Vistara Airlines |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Arrive Delhi | at: 1710 Hrs | |

Upon arrival at Delhi Airport; connect to International airport in time to connect your onward flight to back home.

End Of Services... (B)



Northern Hills – 8

Day 01 Arrive Delhi Delhi / Chandigarh (243 Kms / 04 hrs approx)

Upon arrival, after clearing your immigration & customs. You will be met by our airport facilitation staff carrying

placard of your name in visitor's arrival hall. You will be greeted and transferred to Chandigarh. On arrival check in at your hotel with necessary assistance. **Overnight at hotel.**

Day 02 Chandigarh / Manali (300 Kms / 08 hrs approx)

Following breakfast, proceed for the city tour of **Chandigarh city**: There are not many sites of historical importance in Chandigarh as this is one of the most modern cities in the country. A most important site in the city is

the **Rock Garden**, the place that has been captured by millions of cameras. **Rose Garden** is another important landmark and a part of Leisure Valley, a garland of gardens that ornaments the city.

Later start drive to Manali; upon arrival check in at your hotel. **Overnight at hotel (B / L/D)**

Day 03 Manali

Following breakfast visit **MANALI**: situated at the northern end of the Kullu Valley, Manali has spectacular views of snow capped peaks and wooded slopes. Manali offers marvellous walks through dappled orchards and fairy tale forests of Deodar. You will visit the **Hadimba temple**, standing tall among the stately Deodars. This ancient temple with its three level roofs looks like a pagoda and its lintel and door frame are of intricately carved wood. The market is crowded with interesting shops selling Tibetan carpets and crafts and the appetizing aroma of steaming noodles hangs about the little restaurants. The village of Manali is 2 kms away across scented meadows and a quaint bridge over the sparking stream.

Also visit **Vashisht Ashram** – Vashisht was named after Rishi Vashisht one of the seven sages of Hindu. Legend has it that the saddened Rishi Vashisht after learning that his children were killed by Vishwamitra tried to commit suicide. But the river refused to kill him. The river was therefore named as Vipasha which literally means 'freedom from bondage'. It was later shortened to Beas River. He began mediating and vowed to start his life anew. The Vashisht temple which exists even today is believed to be more than 4000 years.

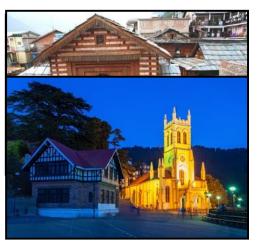
Also visit **Naggar** - is an ancient town in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh, India. It was once capital of the Kullu kingdom and is perhaps the most charming village in the valley today surrounded by the magnificent mountains, waterfalls and snow covered ranges. It is known for the impressive cultural heritage and rich architectural style. **Overnight at Hotel (B / L/D)**

Day 04Manila / Shimla(249 km / 8hrs approx)Following breakfast drive to Shimla en-route visit Kullu. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel.Overnight at Hotel (B / L/D)

Day 05 Shimla

Morning visit Shimla: The Mall: All visitors to Shimla inevitably walk down the Mall, the main promenade that runs along the top of the ridge - a busy shopping area with old colonial buildings, souvenir shops and restaurants.





PUNJAB

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Narrow cobble-stoned paths wind down to the middle and lower bazaars where tribals from the hills around gather to sell their quaint and colorful artifacts. At the top end of the Mall is the **Scandal Point**, a large open square with a view of the town - a favorite rendezvous for visitors and the local people.

Vice regal Lodge: It once served as the seat of power, from a hillock west of Shimla. The imposing six-storey edifice, with its manicured gardens is today the institute for advanced studies. It overlooks the Shimla State Museum, which is a treasure trove of Pahari art and sculpture.

St. Michael's Cathedral: Situated on the Ridge, it is regarded as the second oldest church in north India and is known for its fine stained glass windows.

Jakhoo Temple (2600 m): 2 km east of the city on the Jakhoo Hill is the small Jakhoo Temple. A top the highest point in Shimla, it keeps the visitors in constant company of the playful monkeys, who inhabit the environs of this Hanuman temple in hundreds.

Overnight at Hotel (B / L/D)

Day 06 Shimla / Delhi (342 Kms / 07 hrs approx)

Following breakfast, drive to Delhi. Upon arrival you will be transferred to International airport in time to connect flight for your onward destination.

Kerala Tour – 9

Day 01 Arrive Cochin

Upon arrival, after clearing your immigration and Customs. You will be met by our airport facilitation staff carrying placard of your name in visitor hall. You will be greeted and transferred to your hotel with necessary assistance. (Hotel Check-in time 1400 hrs) Overnight at hotel.

Day 02Cochin / Munnar(130 kms / 3hrs approx)

Following breakfast, you will be driven to Munnar. Upon arrival check in to your hotel. Rest of the day free to relax. <u>Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)</u>

Day 03 Munnar

Following leisurely breakfast, proceed for the city tour of Munnar. **MUNNAR**, a hill station on the Western Ghats and with its lakes, reservoirs, forests and tea estates is the Nature-Lovers's Paradise. It is beautifully situated at the confluence of three rivers - the Muthirappuzh, Nallathanni and Kundala. Munnar is a major center of Kerala's tea industry.

Munnar, which is surrounded by 30 tea gardens; the atmosphere is fragrant with extensive tea and cardamom plantations. Tea estates are situated mostly on the inner slopes of an elevated basin-like plateau. Estate elevations vary from about 1220 m to over 1830 m. some of the tea plantations, at an elevation of over 2135-m, are among the highest in the world. It would be worthwhile to visit some of these tea gardens to witness the plucking of leaves by women who carry conical bamboo baskets on their back and strapped to their forehead by a cloth band.

Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 04 Munnar / Periyar (140 Km / 4 & ½ hr approx)

Following breakfast, you will be driven to Periyar. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel.

Afternoon game viewing by boat:

Periyar: Periyar and it's cool, misty Cardamom Hills - a magnificently scenic region 4000 feet and higher, with forests and valleys, roaring streams and pristine jungles. Arrive at Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary, one of India's first Project Tiger Reserves and an excellent place to view elephants and many other animals.

A rewarding afternoon has you viewing wildlife by boat on Lake Periyar where animals come to drink. Sail within close range of elephant groups, feeding and bathing. Scout for statuesque sambar deer and giant wild oxen, or guar, browsing in the marshes. Search the green wooded shores for wild boars, monkeys, and an array of birdlife. If you are lucky, you will get a rare sighting of tiger.

Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 05 Periyar (Thekkady) / Alleppey (160 kms / 4 hrs approx)

Following breakfast, drive to Alleppey and board the traditional rice boats - "Kettuvallam" for a fascinating cruise through the backwaters of Kerala which offer one of the world's truly unforgettable experiences. These traditional houseboats of Kerala are one of the most enduring images of the backwaters, its natural, cocoon-like profile complementing the surrounding countryside. You can relax on the sundeck and watch the way of life and activity of the local people, sipping from a tender coconut and enjoying the sheer peace of the surroundings. **Overnight on Houseboat(B/L/D)**







Day 06 Alleppey / Cochin Cochin Depart

Following breakfast start drive to Cochin upon arrival proceed for the city tour of Cochin:

Cochin: With its wealth of historical associations, and its magnificent setting on a cluster of islands and narrow

peninsulas, Cochin is one of the most fascinating cities of coastal South India. It is a city with indelible marks of Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Jewish traditions. Of Special mention is the older parts of the Fort Cochin area. It more or less exists as it used to be a 1000-year behind our times. This part of the city reflects an unusual blend of medieval Portugal, Dutch and English country life grafted on to the tropical Malabar Coast. The 16th century Mattancherry Palace, also known as the Dutch Palace is a fascinating fort with elegant buildings and interesting collections from the Royal traditions of the region. The unique feature of Cochin is the unexpected and isolated Jewish community, whose origins date back to AD 52.



Later in the evening departure transfer to Cochin Airport in time to connect your onward flight to your onward destination.

End Of Services... (B)



North East India Tour – 10

Day 01 Arrive Kolkata

Upon arrival, you will be met by our airport facilitation staff after you clear immigration and customs in the arrival hall; You will be received and transferred to your hotel. **Overnight at hotel.**

Day 02 Kolkata / Gangtok

Following breakfast, transferred to Kolkata Airport in time to connect a flight for Bagdogra.

Leave Kolkata at: 1050Hrs 6E - 797 Arrive Bagdogra at: 1200Hrs Upon arrival you will be received and driven to Gangtok.

GANGTOK: At an altitude of 1750m, Gangtok became the state capital in the mid 19th century and has undergone rapid development since then. The downtown area is dominated by huge government buildings decorated with raditional Buddhist symbols. Gangtok is also a resting ground for people traveling to North Sikkim. Surrounded by Monasteries and Orchids, Gangtok is truly a travellers delight.

Later, free for shopping.

Overnight at hotel. (B/ L/ D)

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Day 03 Gangtok

Following breakfast, proceed for full day sightseeing in Gangtok visiting:

Tashi View Point- Tashi View Point is one of the major attractions of Gangtok and is located at a distance of 8 km from the town. The place is a must visit for nature lovers as it offers great views of the imposing Himalayan mountains, specifically Mount Kanchenjunga and Siniolchu. Also, you can enjoy spectacular views of Labrang Monastery.

Ganesh Tok- Close to Tashi View point is Ganesh Tok, a temple of Lord Gansha. It's located at an altitude of 6,500 ft and at a hill adjacent to that of the huge TV Tower. Like Hanuman Tok, tourists come here not only to offer prayers to Ganesh, but also to soak in the views from the viewing lounge and the circular balcony around it.

Flower Show- The Ridge Park runs along The Ridge road and is full of flowering plants and shrubs. ... At one end

and below the Ridge Park is the Flower Exhibition Center which holds the annual Orchid show. ... However admission fee for Flower Exhibition Center is Rs. 10/- per person.

Do Drul Chorten- The stupa was built by Trulshik Rinpoche, head of the Nyingma order of Tibetan Buddhism in 1945. Inside this stupa, a complete set of Dorjee Phurba, Kangyur relics (Holy Books) and other religious objects. ... The stupa is surrounded by **Chorten** Lakahang and Guru Lakhang, where two statues of Guru Rinpoche are present. **Overnight at hotel.** (B/L/D)



Day 04 Gangtok / Darjeeling (100kms / 4hrs approx)

Following breakfast, you will be driven to Darjeeling. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel.

Darjeeling was then only a sparsely populated hamlet which was being used as a hill resort by the army and some affluent people. Tea, being a labor intensive enterprise, required sufficient number of workers to plant, tend, pluck and finally manufacture the produce. For this, employment was offered to people from across the border of Nepal.

Later visit **Tea Garden:** According to records, the first commercial tea gardens planted out by the British tea interest were Tukvar, Steinthal and Aloobari tea estates. This was in 1852 and this entire plantation used seeds that were raised in the government nurseries.

Overnight at Hotel. (B/ L/ D)

Day 05 Darjeeling

Following breakfast, proceed for an excursion to Tiger Hill, 11 km away from Darjeeling, situated at an elevation of 8,482 ft. From here one can view the Majestic Mount Everest, Beside "Sunrise".

Toy train ride up to Ghoom ad back by jeeps (Subject to operation of this train and availability of the seats) On the way back visit to Ghoom

Monastery, which is the oldest monastery of this area built by Sherab Gyatso, a Mangolian Monk around 1850. This monastery belongs to the Gyalukpa sect of Buddhism (HH Dalai Lama). It is famous for housing the 8 ft. statue of the Maitreye Buddha.

TOY TRAIN - Later transfer to Darjeeling railway station for boarding Toy Train to Ghoom by "Toy Train." This famous narrow gauge steam locomotive and carriages must date a long way back, since no steam locomotives are being built in India anymore; and they are being retired from active service in whatever remote corner they may still be in. It can take anything between 9 :15 am to 10:15am hours depending upon whether the journey is uphill or downhill and on other variables like `rocks on the track'.

Afternoon city tour of Darjeeling which includes visits of :

Ghoom Monastery, which is the oldest monastery of this area built by Sherab Gyatso, a Mangolian Monk around 1850. This monastery belongs to the Gyalukpa sect of Buddhism (HH Dalai Lama). It is famous for housing the 8 ft. statue of the Maitreye Buddha.

The Himalayan Mountaineering Institute where mountaineering equipment used by legendary Everest climbers Tenzin Norgey and Sir Edmund Hillary are displayed. Also rich collection of Himalayan Flora and fauna is another attraction at the institute.

The Himalayan Zooological Park. It is high altitude wild life park and

new home for Siberian tiger, Himalayan black bear, deer, panda, snow leopard and many colourful Himalayan birds. **The Tibetan Refugee Self Help Centre. (Closed on Sunday)** This centre was founded in 1958 after the Chinese aggression over Tibet to shelter the Tibetan refugees who fled in large number to India. At present, this centre employs Tibetan refugees for production of handicrafts, handmade paper, woolen wares etc. **Overnight at Hotel. (B/ L/ D)**

Day 06 Darjeeling / Bagdogra Bagdogra / Kolkata Kolkata / Depart

Following breakfast, transferred to Bagdogra Airport in time to connect your flight on day 07

Leave Bagdogra at:1630HrsFlight No – 6E -5401Arrive Kolkataat:1750HrsUpon arrival at Kolkata Airport board International Flight for your onward destination.End Of Services... (B)





Unexplored Arunachal Tour – 11

Day 01 Arrive Kolkata

Upon arrival, you will be met by our airport facilitation staff after you clear immigration and customs in the arrival hall. You will be received and transferred to your hotel. **Overnight at hotel.**

Day 02 Kolkata / Guwahati Guwahati /Bhalukpong

Following breakfast, transferred to Kolkata Airport in time to connect a flight for Guwahati.

Leave Kolkata at: 1220Hrs (By Flight)

Arrive Guwahati at: 1345Hrs

On arrival at Guwahati airport you will be received and driven to **Bhalukpong**. Upon arrival check in to your hotel. Rest of the day Free to relax.

Overnight at hotel (B/L/D)

Day 03 Bhalukpong / Dirang (140Kms / 5hrs approx)

Following breakfast, visit **The Tipi Orchidariurm** in Bhalukpong. Later continue your drive to **Dirang**. Dirang is an almost picture-perfect Tibetan – Monpa stone village marred only by the main road. Above the picturesque stone houses rises a steep rocky hill topped with Old DirangsGompa and several walls. **Overnight at hotel (B/L/D)**

Day 04 Dirang / Tawang (130Kms / 5Hrs approx)

Following breakfast, drive to Tawang. En-route visiting the snowcapped Sella Pass at 14000 ft and the JaswantGarh War Memorial. (Legend has it that Jaswant (Mahavir Chakra Awardee (Posthumous) of 4th BatallionGarhwal Rifles), fought a lone battle against the invading Chinese during the 1962 war. His spirit is still believed to protect the place). Tawang is situated at an altitude of 3500m. The natural beauty and solitude of Gudpi and Chong-Chugmi ranges, Tawangchu River and

Tawang Valley are mesmerizing. The inhabitants of the districts are all of Monpa tribes except Shyo village which is dominated by people of Tibetan Origin.

Overnight at hotel (B/L/D)

Day 05 Tawang

Following breakfast, . Proceed for sightseeing of 400 years (17th century) old Tawang Monastery which is the second largest monastery in the world after Potala Palace in Tibet. The building is about 113 feet long and 80 feet wide and houses valuable antiquities, books and manuscripts-handwritten and printed. Later visit Tawang War Memorial, a 40 foot high multi-hued memorial, has a structure constructed in stupa design. Dedicated to the

martyrs of Sino-Indo War held in 1962, this memorial is nestled among beautiful peaks, which overlooks the Tawang-Chu valley. Rest of the day free to stroll round the streets of the town.

Overnight at hotel (B/L/D)







Following breakfast, drive to Bomdila.

Bomdila is the headquarters of West Kameng district located at the height of 8500 ft above the sea level. It has a lot of attractions for the tourists with its cool climate, Apple orchards, artistic people, snow-capped Himalayan peaks and Buddhist Gompas. The Buddhist monastery of Bomdila is the repository of culture.

Afternoon, free to explore town. Overnight at hotel (B/L/D)

Day 07 Bomdila / Tezpur (160Kms / 5hrs approx)

Following breakfast, drive to **Tezpur-** Little more than a utilitarian

stopover for travellers journeying into Arunachal Pradesh or Upper Assam, Tezpur is a charming town with some beautifully kept parks, attractive lakes and enchanting views of the mighty Brahmaputra River as it laps the town's edge.

Overnight at hotel (B/L/D)

Tezpur / Guwahati (180Kms / 4Hrs approx) **Day 08** Guwahati / Kolkata Kolkata / Depart

Following breakfast, transferred to Guwahati Airport in time connect a flight for Kolkata. (By Flight)

Leave Guwahati at: 1515Hrs

Arrive Kolkata at: 1635Hrs

Upon arrival at Kolkata airport board your International Flight for your onward destination.



End Of Services... (B)





Assam Tour – 12

Day 01 Arrive Kolkata

Upon arrival, you will be met by our airport facilitation staff after you clear immigration and customs in the arrival hall. You will be received and transferred to your hotel. **Overnight at hotel.**

Day 02 Kolkata / Dibrugarh

Following breakfast, transferred to Kolkata Airport in time to connect a flight for Dibrugarh.

Leave Kolkataat:0810HrsAI - 706Arrive Dibrugarhat:0935HrsUpon arrival you will be received and transferred to your hotel at check in

time. Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at hotel (B/L/D)

Day 03 Dibrugarh / Sivasagar / Jorhat (200Kms / 6Hrs approx)

Following breakfast, proceed for a walk around the **Tea Garden** and visit the **Tea Factory** (if operational).

Later, drive to Jorhat. En-route visit **Sivasagar** – the ancient capital of the **Ahom Kings**. Here we shall visit **Shiva Dol** – probably the tallest Shiva Temple in India, followed by visit to **Rang Ghat** –largest and the oldest amphitheatre of Asia is also another remarkable landmark in the history of Sivasagar.

Later visit **Talat Ghar** –has three storey's that are underground (closed for tourists) and four above the ground. The ground floor had store rooms, stables and servant quarters, while the upper floors were for the royal family. After Visit continue your drive to Jorhat.

Upon arrival check in to your hotel **Overnight at Hotel (B/L/D)**

Day 04 Jorhat / Majuli (2hrs by Ferry)

Following breakfast, drive to Neemati Ghat to board the ferry for **Majuli**. Upon arrival check in at your hotel.

Later proceed for **The Ánuati sattras** (monasteries) and **Uttra Kamalabari sattras**. Interact with the monks and visit monk's quarter. After that visit **musk making village** and explore a village inhabited by the **Mishing Tribe**.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 05 Majuli / Kaziranga National Park (160Kms / 5Hrs approx)

Following breakfast, transferred to ferry station to board ferry to cross the Brahmaputra River. And drive to Kaziranga National Park. Upon arrival check in to your hotel. **Overnight at Hotel (B/L/D)**

Day 06 Kaziranga National Park

Early in the morning, proceed for an **Elephant Ride** - Elephant ride is the best way to behold the vigour and charm of the enchanting wildlife of the park. Return to resort for your breakfast. Mid morning explore the







Day 07 Kaziranga National Park / Guwahati (200Kms / 4Hrs approx) Guwahati / Kolkata Kolkata Depart

Following breakfast, transferred to Guwahati Airport in time to connect your Flight to Kolkata for your further Destination.

Leave Guwahati at: 1815Hrs 6E - 572 Arrive Kolkata at: 1925Hrs

Upon arrival at Kolkata Airport board International Flight for your onward destination.

End Of Services... (B)

FRIPURA

Derived from two kokborok words 'TUI' means water and 'PRA' means near

Manipur & Nagaland Tour – 13

Day 01 Arrive Kolkata

Upon arrival, you will be met by our airport facilitation staff after you clear immigration and customs in the arrival hall. You will be received and transferred to your hotel.

Rest of the day free to relax. **Overnight at hotel.**

Day 02 Kolkata / Imphal

Following breakfast, transferred to Kolkata Airport in time to connect a flight for Imphal.

Leave Kolkata at: Arrive Imphal at: (By Flight)

at: 1200Hrs

1050Hrs

Upon arrival you will be received and transferred to hotel. Later Explore the local market of the town. **Overnight at Hotel (B/L/D)**

Day 03 Imphal

Following breakfast, proceed for an excursion to **Loktak Lake**, this is the largest fresh water lake in India. Also known as the only Floating lake in the world due to the floating phumdis (which is a mass of vegetation, soil, and organic matters at various stages of decomposition) on it. Because of this unique feature, this is also home to the endangered sangai or Manipur

brow-antiered deer. One can take a boat ride to Keibul Lamjao National Park by a country boat. One can visit the fisherman house and Sangai (dancing deer).

On the way back to Imphal visit India Peace Memorial and Lokpaching(Red Hill). Overnight at Hotel (B/L/D)

Day 04 Imphal / Kohima (140Kms / 5Hrs approx)

Following breakfast, drive to Kohima. Upon arrival Check-in to your hotel. **Kohima-** the state capital of Nagaland and home of the Angmi tribe. On arrival check into hotel. Evening explore the local market of Kohima.

This picturesque town – **Kohima** is the home of the brave and daring, yet simple and innocent, Naga tribes. Lapped in the eastern frontiers of the Himalayan mountain range, Kohima is marked by an unhurried pace of life, calm and serene environs and fresh, unpolluted air, which make a

welcome change for a jaded city dweller. A typical Naga town, it depicts the exotic tribal culture of the northeast and offers a panoramic view of the neighboring hills.

Overnight at Hotel (B/L/D)

Day 05 Kohima / Khonoma / Kohima

Following breakfast, visit 2nd World War Cemetery, State Museum. Later take an excursion to Khonoma – the green village. Khonoma is an Angami-tribe warrior village that is known for its battles with the English and for its leading role in the Naga freedom struggle. In recent years Khonoma has become famous for its community-based conservation projects and eco-friendly tourism initiatives.

Overnight at Hotel (B/L/D)









Day 06 Kohima / Dimapur Dimapur / Kolkata Kolkata / Depart

Following breakfast, transferred to Dimapur Airport in time to connect a flight for Kolkata Airport.

| Leave Dimapur at: | 1330Hrs | (By Flight) |
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| Arrive Kolkata at: | 1440Hrs | |

Upon arrival at Kolkata Airport Board your international flight for youw onward destination.

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Delhi Shopping Tour – 14

Day 01 Arrive Delhi

Upon arrival, after clearing your immigration & customs. You will be met by our airport facilitation staff carrying placard of your name in visitor's arrival hall. You will be greeted and transferred to your hotel with necessary assistance.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 02 Delhi

Following breakfast, full day at leisure for shopping car will be on disposal from 1200 hrs to 2000hrs visit -

Janpath and Tibetan Market - This very popular and lively Delhi market, which was recently given a makeover, has something for everyone. You'll find goods from everywhere in India and Tibet here, and it's a great place to

shop for things to take back home. However, you'll need all your bargaining skills to get a really decent price.

Paharganj - Some of the best bargain shopping in Delhi can be found in the crumbling and chaotic Main Bazaar of the Paharganj traveler ghetto. Many of the shops in Paharganj also deal in wholesale and export to foreign countries, making it a good place to come and hunt out unique and inexpensive goods to import back home.

Chandni Chowk - The shopping district of Chandni Chowk has been in

existence for hundreds of years and an exploration of its winding, narrow alleyways is certainly an adventure. The lanes of Chandni Chowk are divided into bazaars with different areas of specialization. For fabrics, head to Katra Neel. In the Bhagirath Palace area, you'll find a huge range of electronics. Dariba Kalan is Old Delhi's ancient silver market full of silver jewelry. Kinari bazaar sells everything you need for a wedding, including saris. Khari Baoli Road has Asia's largest spice market. Food vendors in Chandni Chowk also serve up a delicious assortment of Delhi street food.

Shankar Market- If you're looking to buy fabrics by the meter, Shankar Market is where you should head! It has

more than 150 shops and stalls spread over two floors, stocking everything from plain cotton to silk brocades. There are all kinds of hand-loom textiles to drool over including ikat, block prints, and weaves from Odisha, Bengal, and Andhra Pradesh. The market's central Delhi location is handy too!

Overnight at hotel. (B/D)

Day 03 Delhi

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Dilli Haat - This huge Delhi market has been deliberately made to feel like a traditional weekly village market, called a haat. Small thatched roof cottages with a village atmosphere give it great ambiance. The market offers an exciting blend of handicrafts from all over India, food, and cultural and music performances. Don't miss it!





Sarojini Nagar - Sarojini Nagar is most famous for its really cheap designer clothes and reputable brands that have been rejected from export, either because of surplus quantity or small manufacturing defects. Shops and stalls, selling all kinds of clothes and fashion accessories, sprawl onto the streets. There's also a sweet market (Babu Market) and vegetable market (Subzi Mundi) in the area.

Lajpat Nagar (Central Market) - The hectic Lajpat Nagar market provides an interesting glimpse into Indian culture. It's one of the oldest markets in India and is abuzz with middle class Indian shoppers, all swarming around its roadside stalls and showrooms. One of this market's main attractions is the Mehendiwalas, who will apply beautiful henna designs to your hands with astonishing speed. You'll also find reasonably priced Indian kurti tops andsalwaar kameez suits here. **Overnight at hotel. (B/D)**



Day 04 Delhi Depart

Following breakfast departure transfer to International airport in time to connect flight for your onward destination



Mumbai Shopping Tour – 15

Day 01 Arrive Mumbai

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Overnight at hotel.

Day 02 Mumbai

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Colaba Causeway' is a huge, local market situated in Colaba where you can get just about everything! Originally

known as 'Shor Bazaar', which means 'noisy market', the 'Chor Bazaar' is situated in Mutton Street and is one of the oldest markets in Mumbai. If you are looking for modern or traditional objects, handicrafts, jewellery, brass items, outfits and more, then 'Linking Road' is the best option for you. 'Fashion Street' is always crammed with college students and teenagers who come here to shop for the trendiest attires. If shopping on the streets is not enough to quench your thirst, then you have the option of visiting Mumbai's colossal malls. You can satisfy all your shopping desires and explore the best retail textile outlets at the colossal shopping malls located in the city. From latest books to electronics and clothing or even eco-friendly products, shopping malls in Mumbai is the one-stop solution for all your shopping requirements. Articles in this section are designed to educate you more about shopping in Mumbai.

Chor Bazaar - Mumbai's Chor Bazaar is the pride of the city in terms of shopping. Located in South Mumbai, Chor Bazaar literally

translates to 'thieves market'. One of the oldest markets in Mumbai, the place has a fascinating history that dates back to over 150 years. Initially, Chor Bazaar was known as 'Shor Bazaar', which means 'noisy market'. However, the British, during their reign in India

Crawford Market - Crawford Market is a popular spot for buying all the household items. Whether you are planning on buying vegetables or poultry, then Crawford Market is the place to be. Crawford Market was the main wholesale market till 1966. Spanning around

Fashion Street - Fashion Street is one of the most widespread shopping destinations in Mumbai. With over a varied array of 150 shops, Fashion Street promises the ardent shopper a lot more junk and knick-knacks than any large mall or fashionable stores can offer. Located opposite the

Zaveri Bazaar - Zaveri Bazaar is one of the most popular jewelry markets in the island city of India. One of the biggest hubs for B2B and B2C merchandizing, Zaveri Bazaar, as the name suggests, is a jewelry souk, just north of Crawford Market. Here, tourists will find thousands of small jewelry shops selling precious **Overnight at hotel. (B/D)**

Day 03 Mumbai

Following breakfast, full day at leisure for shopping car will be on disposal from 1200 hrs to 2000hrs –

Linking Road - A fusion of modern and traditional, and East meets West, in one of Mumbai's hippest suburbs. Here streets stalls contrast with brand name shops, and you'll find an Indian roadside food vendor on one side of the road and a Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet on the other. The street stalls tend to be grouped together according to the type of goods they sell. If you visit this market on a Sunday, be prepared for the crowds!

Mangaldas Market and Mulji Jetha Market - If you're looking to buy cloth by the meter or un-stitched dress material to make Indian outfits, Mangaldas Market and Mulji Jetha Market (also known as M.J. Market) are where you should head. Located close to each other opposite Crawford Market, these sprawling wholesale markets are among the largest textile markets in Asia. You'll find rows and rows of stalls filled to the brim with a diverse assortment of fabrics, from bling to block prints!

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Overnight at hotel.

Day 02 Mumbai / Aurangabad by flight AI442 1525 1645

Following breakfast, visit –The Gateway of India is an arch monument built during the 20th century in Mumbai, India. The monument was erected to commemorate the landing of King-Emperor George V and Queen-Empress Mary at Apollo Bunder on their visit to India in 1911. Later proceed to Mumbai airport for domestic flight to Aurangabad. Upon check in hotel.



Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D

Day 03 Aurangabad / Ajanta caves / Aurangabad (104 Kms / 03 Hours)

Following breakfast, visit – The Ajanta Caves are 30 rock-cut Buddhist cave monuments which date from the 2nd century BCE to about 480 CE in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra state of India.

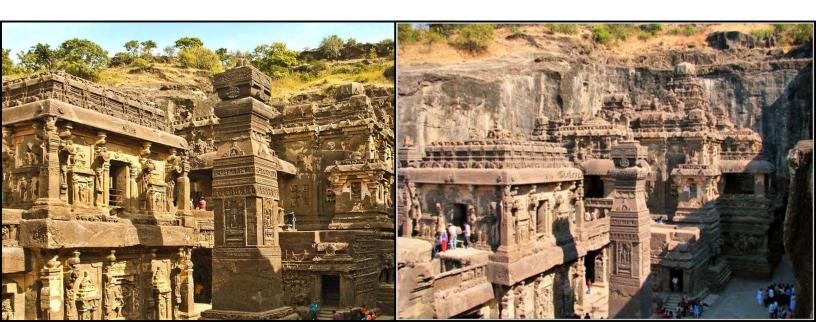
Ajanta caves closed on Monday Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 04 Aurangabad / Ellora caves / Depart (28 Kms / 01 Hours)

By flight AI 441 2020 2135

Following breakfast, visit – The Ellora is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the Aurangabad district of Maharashtra, India. It is one of the largest rock-cut monastery-temple cave complexes in the world, featuring Buddhist, Hindu and Jain monuments, and artwork, dating from the 600– 1000 CE period. After sightseeing proceed to Aurangabad domestic airport in time to connect flight for your onward destination **Ellora caves closed on Tuesday**





Knowing Buddha Tour – 17

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Day 06 Kushinagar / Lumbini (170 Km / 3½ Hrs approx)

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Day 08 Shravasti / Varanasi

(185 Km / 4 hrs approx)

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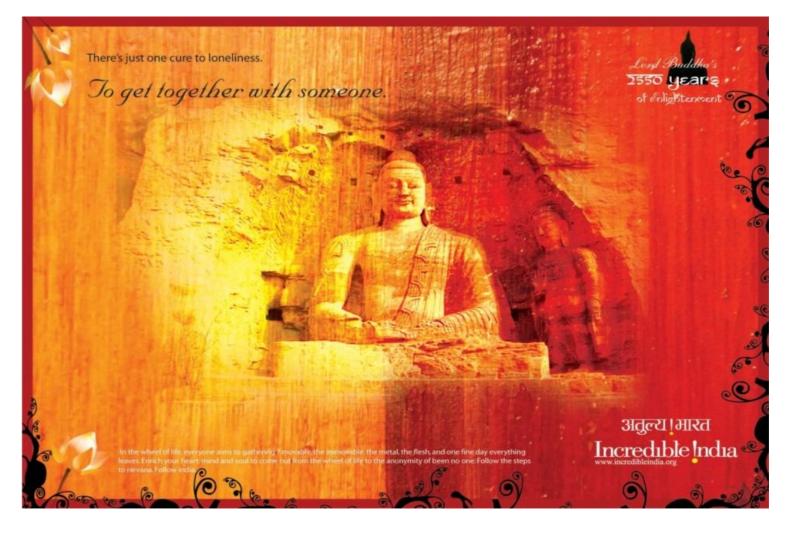
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Day 09 Varanasi / Depart

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(Hotel Check in time 1200 hrs) Overnight at Hotel. (L/D)

Day 02 Gaya / Rajgir / Nalanda / Patna (135 Km / 3 hrs approx)

Following breakfast, visit **Bodhgaya** It is one of the most sacred places for Buddhists and Hindus. It has a number of Buddhist temples. It was here, that the Lord Buddha sat under the banyan tree and attained enlightenment, and a descendant of that original tree still flourishes there today. Bodhgaya is small and quiet and one day is sufficient to see everything if you don't have

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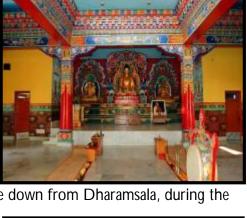
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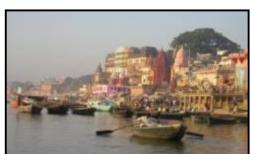
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(The museum is closed on Fridays). Overnight at hotel.

Day 08 Varanasi / Depart

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Day 02 Delhi

Following breakfast proceed for the city tour of **New Delhi**. The Qutb Minar, also spelled as Qutub Minar, is a minaret that forms part of the Qutb complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in the Mehrauli area of Delhi, India. Qutb Minar is a 73-metre tall tapering tower of five storeys, with a 14.3 metres base diameter, reducing to 2.7 metres at the top of the peak. **Akshardham Temple** of New Delhi is also known as Swaminarayan **Akshardham Temple**. It is one of the largest

Hindu **temple** complexes in India. It was officially inaugurated on 6th November, 2005. Its**history** and facts reflects 10,000 years old India's culture, spirituality and architecture.Our tour of New Delhi includes drive past visits the **India Gate** (war memorial dedicated to the lives of the Indian Soliders), the **President House**, **Parliament House** and the **Secretariate Buildings** – an ancient blend of the Victorian and 20th Century architecture.

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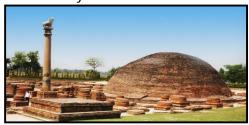
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After visit you will be driven to Kathmandu. Upon arrival check in to your hotel. Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 9 Kathmandu / Depart

Following breakfast visit The Pashupatinath Temple is a famous and sacred Hindu temple complex that is located on the banks of the Bagmati River. Swayambhunath is an ancient religious architecture atop a hill in the Kathmandu Valley, west of Kathmandu city. The Tibetan name for the site means 'Sublime Trees', for the many varieties of trees found on the hill.



After sightseeing transferred to International airport in time to connect your flight to back home.

End Of Services... (B)



Lord Parsurama reclaimed the land from the sea, Hence the word Cherna - Alam (Added Land), which is later becomes Kerala

trip is life

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Sri Lanka Tour – 20

Day 01 Arrive Colombo / Kandy (115km / 4 hrs approx)

Upon arrival to Bandaranaike International Airport and baggage claim, the client will be met and greeted by the George Steuart Chauffeur guide. Proceed to Kandy city and En-Route visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage

Near Kegalle on the Colombo Kandy road is the Pinnawela Elephant orphanage, a riverside sanctuary which cares for elephants displaced from wild habitats. The Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, established in 1975, commenced with seven orphans. Today some of these orphans enjoy the fortune of seeing their grandchildren born in the same location. The original objective of establishing the orphanage inclined more towards tourism, but is soon became a conservation and educational centre. With the help of local and foreign elephant experts, Pinnawela started a scientific captive-breeding programme for elephants.

The orphanage is home to hundreds of abandoned or injured elephants

who are looked after with warmth, love and affection. The elephants at the orphanage are bathed daily in a river located nearby.

Also En-route Visit: Spice Garden; Visit a spice garden in Mawanalla to see many different types of spices Sri Lanka is famous for. Just 25 km from the hill capital.

After visit start drive to Kandy and Check in at the hotel.

Kandy - (the Sacred City of Kandy) - is a city in the centre of Sri Lanka. It lies in the midst of hills of rare vegetal species. The Kandy Valley crosses an area of tropical plantations.

The monumental ensemble of Kandy is an example of construction that associates the Royal Palace and the Temple of the Tooth. It was one of a series of temples built in the places where the relic, the actual palladium of the Sinhalese monarchy, was brought following the various relocations of the capital city.

Evening Take a walk around the Kandy Lake; Kandy Lake, also known as

KiriMuhuda or the Sea of Milk, is an artificial lake in the heart of the hill city of Kandy, Sri Lanka,

Overnight at Hotel. (D)

Day 02 Kandy / Nuwara Eliya approx)

(20km / 2 ½ hrs

Following breakfast start travel to Nuwara Eliya – Little England. Visit Gregory Lake and Victoria Park and Tea Plantation to enjoy fresh cuppa tea

In the morning visit **<u>The Temple of the Tooth</u>** - the palace complex and the holy city of Kandy are associated with the history of the dissemination

of one of the most important religions of humanity, Buddhism. The Temple of Kandy is the product of the last peregrination of the relic of the tooth of Lord Buddha and the testimony of a cult which continues to be practiced today. Kandy has now grown out to encompass Peradeniya, home to the Botanical Gardens.









Kandy is also particularly famed for the great Kandy EsalaPerehara (a Pageant of Elephants and Dancers), which is over ten days in the month of Esala (August) having many attractions to justify.

Kandy Temple - Proceed to Nuwara Eliya and en-route visit Sri Bhaktha Hanuman Temple.

Nuwara Eliya -_Also known as the "City of Lights" and "Little England", NuwaraEliya was the favourite hill station of the British who tried to create Nuwara Eliya into a typical English Village. The old brick Post office, country house like hill club, with it's hunting pictures, mounted hunting trophies and fish, and it's strict formal dinner attire; the 18 hole golf course, race course etc., all remind you of 'England'.

The areas around Nuwara Eliya also provide the main output of tea in Sri Lanka. A trip to the highlands of Sri Lanka is never complete without witnessing the age-old traditional tea plucking and sipping a cup of

"Ceylon Tea". Visitors to Nuwara Eliya can also taste the freshly plucked strawberries and purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

Check in at the hotel.

Lake Gregory sometimes also called Gregory Lake or Gregory Reservoir, is a reservoir in heart of the tea country hill city, Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka. Lake Gregory was constructed during the period of British Governor Sir William Gregory in 1873. The lake and the surrounding area make up the Gregory

Gregory in 1873. The lake and the surrounding area make up the Gregory Lake Area

Tea Plantation -Nuwara Eliya is better known as Little England of Sri Lanka. The climate, surroundings, and architecture of this area are different than other villages. Due to its cooler climate, it is the most important area for tea production in Sri Lanka. Exploring tea plantations is not the only thing to do in Nuwara Eliya. Read our full Nuwara Eliya guide.

Overnight at Hotel. (B/D)

Day 03 Nuwara Eliya / Bentota

Following breakfast you will be preceded to Bentota. (Beach Stay) En-Route break the tour at St Clair's& Devon Water falls.

In the morning visit **Seetha Amman Temple**- The stream that runs from the hill, catered to the needs of Sitadevi during her stay at "<u>AshokaVatika."</u> She is said to have bathed in this stream. Now there is a temple erected for Lord Rama, Sitadevi, Luxshmana and Hanuman by the side of this stream.

En-Route break the tour at St Clairs& Devon Water falls.

Check in at the hotel.

Bentota - is situated on the Northern limit of the Southern Province, at the confluence of the sea and the Bentota River, 62 km from Colombo. Its location in the sun drenched southern cost at the mouth of the Bentota River and its picturesque, sandy, palm-fringed beaches which border the warm, sparkling waters of the Indian Ocean made it a natural choice for development as Sri Lanka's first planed tourist resort. Bentota also have a complete range of tourist facilities within the resort complex including very popular water sports centers.

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You can engage with more water sports at Bentota on direct payment basis like - Madu Boat Ride, Engage with Fish Theropy, or visit Bentota turtle hatchery – If you reached at about 6.00 PM, You would be able to release baby turtles to the Ocean.

Overnight at Hotel. (B/D)

Day 04 Bentota / Galle / Bentota

Following breakfast proceed for the excursion to Galle.

Galle - said to be the famous Tarshish of the Bible is the Port where the Portuguese first landed in Sri Lanka. Fortified by the Dutch who ruled maritime Sri Lanka in the 17th and 18th centuries, the city still retains the

air of old Holland. Old Dutch Churches and monuments with armorial bearings, well preserved Fort and ramparts, imposing crested and monogrammed gateway dated 1669, many well preserved old Dutch houses and narrow alleys still bearing Dutch names. As for souvenirs, one may make a pick of exquisite hand-made lace, Ivory carvings,

moonstone jewellery and beautiful translucent tortoise shell ware, including bracelets, trinket boxes, and combs - sometimes inlaid with silver This is a world heritage site.

Visit

- Galle Fort
- Museum
- Stilt Fishing
- Light House

Transfer back to Bentota

Overnight at Hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 05 Bentota / Colombo Colombo Depart

(109 km / 1 ½ hrs approx)

Following breakfast Transfer to Colombo after breakfast & explore the commercial capital if time permits.

Sightseeing highlights include the Colombo National Museum and Dutch period museums, old and new parliament houses, Gangarama Buddhist Temple, Town Hall, and the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall. City of Colombo offers shopping, world's leading tea

auctions, 18-hole golf courses, seasonal religious pageants, international cricket tournaments, plush casinos, enjoyable evening entertainment and exceptional restaurants.

Evening you will be transfer to Katunayake International Airport to connect your flight for onward destination.







Program – 21 Bhutan Tour

Day 01Arrive Paro / ThimphuBoard flight from Bangkok Airport for Paro

Arrive Paro at

(65km / 1 hour approx):

Leave Bangkok at 0650 hrs (By KB 123)

1050 hrs

The flight takes you over the great Himalayas, offering the most beautiful scenery of the snow-capped mountains and lush valleys. As you enter Paro valley, you will see the **Paro Dzong**

(Fort), the National Museum and the Paro town.

Upon arrival at Paro Airport you will be received by our airport facilitation staff. After completing the formalities, you will drive through fascinating valley of Paro to Thimphu. A mixture of rice fields, apple orchards and farm houses. After passing the confluence of Thimphu and Paro rivers, the road ascends and the valley turns into a narrow gorge before widening out at Namseling, and soon the quaint shrubs of Thimphu begins to appear. Thimphu is the capital of Bhutan and is the only large settlement

in Bhutan. Thimphu has a special charm and it is fascinating to sit and watch a gathering of local people in the town square, wearing their traditional dress, and going about their business in a typically unhurried Bhutanese way. Depend on time you can visit **memorial Chorten** built in memory of third king Jigme Dorji wangchuk by the order of her late Mother Ashi Phuntsho Choden in 1974.

Stroll in the town, buy souvenir from Bhutan as you like, and visit weekend market where you have immense opportunity to take pictures of the people and the goods they displayed for sell; both produced locally and imported from neighboring India. (Hotel Check in time 1400 hrs)
Overnight at Hotel. (L/D)

Day 02 Thimphu / Punakha (72km, 2hr 30min)

Following your breakfast, proceed for Thimpu full day of sightseeing that includes: **Buddha Point (tallest statue of Buddha Dordenma, 51m**), **Memorial Chorten**: This is a most impressive stupa built in the memory of Bhutan's third King by the order of Grand Queen mother Ashi Phuntsho Chhoden in 1974. **National Library:** It holds a vast collection of ancient Buddhist texts, manuscripts and also modern academic books. **Handicrafts Emporiums:** It displays wide range of products such as beautifully woven fabrics for man & women, crafted products & other

decorative items. **National Institute for Zorig Chusum (thirteen traditional arts & crafts).** The Royal Government of Bhutan has sponsored and established this national institute in the year 1971 mainly to preserve and promote culture and to contribute to the country's economy through quality products and services. In the course of history Bhutan has developed a unique artistic tradition, which has played a vital role in modeling its distinct cultural heritage and this tradition is reflected in thirteen traditional arts & crafts. **Folk Heritage**

Museum: One of the oldest house in Thimphu, having been restored and transformed into Folk Heritage Museum in the year 2001 under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen Ashi Dorji Wangmo. This museum is meant to serve an account of everyday rural life for the young urbanized generations and as a place for preserving objects





related to this life, in case this way of life disappears as time passes. **Textile Museum:** This museum was inaugurated under the patronage of Queen Ashi Sangay Choden in June 2001. Many intricate designs of Bhutanese

textiles are displayed here. It will also serve as center for conservation, restoration and documentation of Bhutanese textiles. **Tashichhodzong:** The biggest fort of Bhutan built in 1648. It houses secretariat building, King's throne room and other government offices. It is also the summer residence of Chief Abbot.

In the afternoon, drive to Punakha, the winter residence of chief abbot. The road climbs for about an hour till you reach a pass at Dochula at an altitude of 3150M. Weather permitting, this pass offers the most spectacular view over the high peaks of the eastern Himalayas.

After hot cup of tea/coffee at the Dochula tourist's café, continue to descend a long way to Punakha through temperate forest of rhododendron & magnolia bloom in spring then a semi-tropical zone where orange trees, banana trees and cactuses are found in abundance. On arrival, check in to the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 03 Punakha – Wangdue – Paro (77 km / 03 hours):

Following breakfast, visit the Punakha Dzong some 7-8 km away from the hotel. Punakha Dzong is the most impressive dzong in Bhutan situated in the confluence of Phochhu & Mochhu (male & female rivers). It looks like a giant ship with excellent wood work and detail of paintings. It was here that the first King was crowned in 1907. It was capital of Bhutan until 1955 and then it was shifted to Thimphu. This dzong was built by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyel in 1637. Punakha dzong is still serves as

winter resident of the chief lama of Bhutan and houses both administrative & religious centre of Punakha district. Visit Chime Lhakhang en route. This temple is dedicated to famous Drukpa Kagyud Lama "Drukpa Kuenley". The

temple is situated on a hillock above Yoakha village. It is about 20 minutes walk from the road through rice terraces and village houses of Yoakha. This temple was built in 1499 by his descendent Ngawang Chogyel. This temple is popularly known as "temple of fertility" and is the pilgrim site for couple who are unable to bear children. Walk back to the road and continue drive to Wangdue to enjoy the scenic and lush valley and Wangdue Dzong perched on a hill. Continue drive back to Paro visa the same road crossing over the most famous Dochula pass from where you can enjoy the panoramic views of the Himalayas on clear weather. Lunch will be served at Dochula tourist cafeteria. After lunch drive to Paro. On arrival, check in to the **Aum Om Farm House/Hotel**

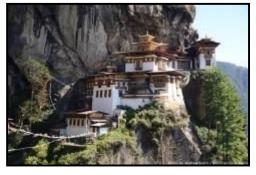
Note: Lunch will be arranged in a local farm house with authentic Bhutanese cuisine & hospitality. <u>Overnight at Hotel. (B/L/D)</u>

Day 04 Excursion to Taktsang / Paro sightseeing

Following breakfast, drive 10km north through the beautiful valley of Paro and hike to Taktsang (tiger's Den) monastery hanging on a cliff 800m above the valley. In the 8th century Guru Rimpoche flew here on the back of a tigress in one of his eight forms called Guru Dorje Drolo and meditated for 3 months in a cave and converted Paro valley into Buddhism. Later in the 17th century, the 4th temporal ruler of Bhutan Tenzin Rabgye built this present temple and named it Taktsang meaning; tiger's lair in the same spot where Guru meditated. This temple is one of the most sacred and also a pilgrimage centre for Buddhists from all over the world. It was completely burnt down in 1998 and re-built with help









from Bhutan government, individual donors and financial supports from other nations.

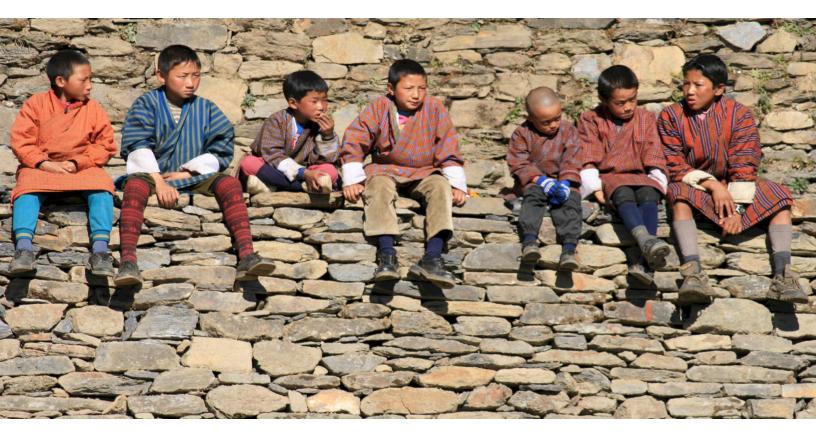
It takes 2 hours ascend till the closest view point and 1 hour descend to the valley. Stop at tourism café situated half way for refreshment. On your way back, you again stop at the café for lunch. After lunch, continue to walk down to the bottom of the valley where your vehicle is waiting. Drive further north and visit the Drukgyel Dzong (fortress of victorious Drukpas). It was burnt in 1951 by the tilting of butter lamp in the middle of the night so in present days it remains as ruins preserved as monument. It was built in 1647 after Bhutan stand victorious against Tibetan invasion. On your way back, visit Kichu Lhakhang, the oldest and the most sacred temple in Bhutan built in 7th century by Tibetan king Songtsen Gompo. The legend says that he built 108 temples throughout the Himalayan regions in a single day to subdue the demoness who was terrorizing the whole of Himalayan region. Drive to visit Ta-dzong (national museum) an ancient tower, which served as watch tower to the Paro Rinpong Dzong until 1968 when it was converted into museum. The museum collection includes displays of spectacular thankas (religious scroll painting), ancient artifacts dating from 7th century onwards, beautiful Bhutanese stamps, temple with tree of wisdom depicting the history of Buddhism, collection of animals, birds & butterflies and the good collection of ancient armors such as canons, guns, shield, bows & arrows, spears etc..

Overnight at Hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 05 Paro Departure:

Following breakfast, drive to Paro international airport for your onward flight.

| Leave Paro at | 1100 hrs | (By KB 120) |
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| Arrive Bangkok at | 1620 hrs | |



Nepal Tour – 22

Day 01 Arrive Kathmandu

Upon arrival, after clearing your immigration & customs you will be met by our airport facilitation staff carrying placard of your name in visitor's arrival hall. You will be greeted and transferred to your hotel with necessary assistance. (Hotel Check in time 1400 hrs) **Overnight at Hotel.** (

Day 02 Kathmandu

Following breakfast visit **Boudhanath:** The stupa of Bodhnath lies eight kilometers east of Kathmandu. This colossal and ancient stupa, one of the biggest in the world has the all seeing eyes of Lord Buddha. It was built by Lichchhavi king Mana dev in the fifth century A.D. it is built on an octagonal base inset with prayer wheels. Nagarkot. Enroute visit Dhulikhel and Bhaktpur.

Bhaktapur Durbar Square is a conglomeration of pagoda and shikhara-style temples grouped around a fifty-five window palace of brick and wood. The square is one of the most charming architectural showpieces of the Valley as it highlights the ancient arts of Nepal. The golden effigies of kings perched on the top of stone monoliths, the guardian deities looking out from their sanctuaries, the wood carvings in every place-struts, lintels, uprights, tympanums, gateways and windows-all seem to form a well-orchestrated symphony. The main items of interest in

the Durbar Square are: The Lion Gate, The Golden Gate, The Palace of Fifty-five Windows, The Art Gallery and The Statue of King Bhupatindra Malla. The visit includes: the statue of Bhupendra Malla, the temple pagoda style Nytapole.

After visit continue your drive to **Nagarkot** (30 km / 1 hr approx). Upon arrival visit **Nagarkot** is a village in central Nepal, at the rim of the Kathmandu Valley. It's known for its views of the Himalayas, including Mount Everest to the northeast, which are especially striking at sunrise

and sunset. The surrounding scrubland is laced with trails and home to many butterflies. To the west is the ancient, pagoda-style Changunarayan Temple, dedicated to Vishnu and a Hindu pilgrimage site. Nagarkot has a reputation as the top spot for enjoying Himalayan views from the comfort of your hotel balcony. Just 32km from Kathmandu, the village is packed with hotels lining a ridge, affording one of the broadest possible views of the Himalaya, with eight ranges visible (Annapurna, Manaslu, Ganesh Himal, Langtang, Jugal, Rolwaling, Everest and Numbur).

However, timing is everything, as the mountains are notorious for disappearing behind cloudy skies. The best viewing seasons are October to December and March to April, when clear skies are likely.

Evening back to Kathmandu Overnight at Hotel.

Day 03 Kathmandu / Pokhara (200 Km / 05 Hrs approx) Following breakfast proceed to Pokhara, upon arrival check into the hotel

Rest time at leisure. **Overnight at Hotel.**

Day 04 Pokhara







Morning proceed for the excursion tour to **Sarangkot** – is one of the most popular destinations, attended by tourists year after year. Here, you will see the famed and magnificent sunrise and view of the Annapurna range. Watch in wonder as the colors dance over the top of the mountains, displaying nature in its truest form. As the first rays of the sun gradually dissipate darkness in the lower plains of Pokhara valley, the scenery will simply astound

you. While you take in the sunset, you may also partake in some sightseeing on the hill. If you look south, you will be able to see view of the city Pokhara and its lake on the north-western outskirts of the city. Sarangkot is one of the most popular destinations, attended by tourists year after year. Here, you will see the famed and magnificent sunrise and view of the Annapurna range. Watch in wonder as the colors dance over the top of the mountains, displaying nature in its truest form. As the first rays of the sun gradually dissipate darkness in the lower plains of Pokhara valley, the scenery will simply astound you. While you take in the sunset, you may also partake in some sightseeing on the hill. If you look south,



you will be able to see view of the city Pokhara and its lake on the north-western outskirts of the city. By 6:30am, the sun will have risen to its full peak and it will be time to return back to Pokhara

Later visit – Temple of **Tal Varahi** – Tal Varahi or Tal Barahi is a lake temple in the Kaski District of Nepal. Dedicated to the Hindu Goddess Durga, this temple is located on a small island in the Lake Phewa of Pokhara, and is a great source of spirituality in the Nepalese Hindu population.

Ph<u>ewa Lake</u> - A freshwater lake in the Pokhara Valley region of Nepal, it is the most visited spot in the country. It is kept in check by the help of a Dam and is fed by a river stream, making it somewhat a mixture of manmade and natural freshwater lake.

The second largest lake in the country, it is extremely famous for the natural beauty, the Barahi Temple which is based on an island in the lake, and the mirror-like reflections of the Annapurna, Dhaulagiri and Machhapuchhre in its waters.

Devi's Fall- A spectacular fall which you might have never seen before,

the peculiar thing about this fall is that the starting point of this fall where Pardi Khola stream which eventually vanishes in the underground. The most amazing thing about this fall is that you can clearly hear the sound of the water which eventually strikes the fall. The cascading waterfall secretly comes and meets the cave which makes this fall a must-watch in Nepal.

Bindebasini Temple - In the serene and calm waters of the lake of Pokhara, you will find this beautiful looking

Bindhyabasini Temple. It is one of the oldest temple situated in Nepal with the idol of Godess Bhagwati. And an amazing boat ride is just an additional advantage along with it. While visiting the place you can even enjoy the spectacular view of the Himalayas. **Overnight at Hotel.**

Day 05 approx)

Pokhara / Kathmandu (200 Km / 05 Hrs

Following breakfast start drive to Kathmandu, upon arrival check into the hotel.

Afternoon visit **Hanuman Dhoka (Durbar Square)**, Built between the 12th and the 18th centuries, this complex of palaces, courtyards and temples is the historic seat of royalty. It used to be the seat of ancient Malla kings of Kathmandu. The durbar Square, protected as a UNESCO World heritage site, epitomizes the religious and cultural life of the people. Other than a 17th - century stone inscription set into the wall of the palace with writings in 15 languages, interesting things to see here are: Taleju Temple (Built by King Mahendra Malla in 1549 A.D., Kal





Bhairav, the god of Destruction Nautalle Darbar, Coronation Nasal Chowk, the Gaddi Baithak, the statue of king Pratap Malla, the big bell, big drum, the Jagannath Temple and three museums including the numismatic museum and the Tribhuvan Museum.

Overnight at hotel.

Day 06 Leave Kathmandu

Following breakfast transfer to airport in time to connect flight for your onward destination.







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