

Passage to India 15 days



Ultimate Rajasthan, the Land of the Rajput Kings - incredible India at its most colourful. As a final interesting twist, you can choose to end your tour in Mumbai (Bombay), perfect for those wishing to visit the South of India.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: New Delhi / Ends in: New Delhi
- Departs: Every second Saturday - September through to April
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 14, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 2
- Hotel Rating: 3 - 4 star & heritage hotels
- Tour Guide: Yes (for groups of 6 or more)

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

India Prices :: Why Us for India? :: India Reviews :: Our India Blog :: Golden Triangle Tours :: Kerala Tours :: Top Spots in India :: Festivals & Events :: Hotels in India :: Tiger Spotting :: India - Useful Info :: FAQs on India :: India Visas :: India Gallery

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Day 1: New Delhi

Saturday. Welcome to India and the start of your holiday! Arrive Delhi, included transfer to hotel. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)

Day 2: Sightseeing in Old Delhi

This morning, our Welcome Meeting takes place. We'll then enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Delhi, taking in the impressive Red Fort, Jama Masjid - India's oldest and largest mosque, Raj Ghat - the site of Gandhi's cremation and more. Tonight, we enjoy a group Namaste Dinner at a restaurant specialising in classic Indian cuisine. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)

Day 3: The Taj Mahal

Departing Delhi, we journey to Agra, once India's Mughal capital. Here we explore the legendary Taj Mahal. Built entirely of white marble, the Taj Mahal has no peers. Continuing, we visit Agra fort, which boasts some of India's finest Mughal buildings behind its fortified walls. We also visit a marble craftshop. Overnight - [Agra](#)

Day 4: Jaipur

Agra - Jaipur. En route to Jaipur we visit the stunning former Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri - Emperor Akbar's vision in red sandstone. We enjoy lunch at Udai Vilas Palace in Bharatpur, before taking a walk in the traditional rural village of Peharsar. Later, in Jaipur, we visit a cotton trading/tailor shop where you can get clothing tailored for delivery to your hotel before we leave Jaipur! Overnight - [Jaipur](#)



Day 5: Jaipur

This morning, we travel beyond Jaipur to the 16th century Amber Fort. An exotic elephant ride transports us to the lofty fort, where we'll enjoy a tour of this Rajput extravaganza. Why not bolt on an early morning amazing hot air balloon ride? Later in the afternoon we tour the City Palace, which boasts an interesting museum of regal attire and Jantar Mantar, an ancient astronomical observatory. Overnight - [Jaipur](#)

Day 6: Surajgarh - Shekhawati Region

Jaipur - Shekhawati region. Today, we drive to the semi-desert Shekhawati region. The small towns in this region became important trading posts, a lasting legacy of which are the beautiful painted havelis (mansions) constructed by wealthy merchants in the 18th and 19th centuries. Enjoy an afternoon village walk. Overnight - [Surajgarh - Shekhawati Region](#)

Day 7: Bikaner - a fine desert outpost

Shekhawati region - Bikaner. Travelling west, our next stop is the 14th century desert town of Bikaner. Once an important staging post on the great caravan routes, much of the atmospheric old town which we will explore is still encircled by massive fortified walls. Within these walls are havelis, artisan shops and people going about their daily lives. We also visit the spectacular Junagarh Fort & museum, built between 1587 and 1593 during the rule of Rai Singh. Overnight - [Bikaner](#)



Days 8 - 9: Jaisalmer - the east, west silk route

Bikaner - Jaisalmer. Driving through the Rajasthani Thar desert we arrive at the medieval caravan outpost of Jaisalmer, one of the jewels in India's crown. Exquisite wood and sandstone buildings dot the town and within Jaisalmer Fort are homes, hotels and shops hidden in ancient lane ways.

During our stay in this stunning Rajasthani fortress town we'll enjoy some touring plus a desert camel safari on the rolling sand dunes. Overnight - [Jaisalmer](#)

Day 10: Jodhpur - the blue city

Jaisalmer - Jodhpur. An interesting drive through increasingly varied scenery takes us to Jodhpur, a town at the edge of the mighty Thar Desert. Dominated by Meherangarh Fort which sits majestically atop a hill, Jodhpur is known as the Blue City. This is because of the coloured houses in the old town, painted indigo. We'll enjoy some touring in this colourful Rajasthani city, taking in the mighty fort and bazaars of the old city which are gathered around the city's tall clock tower. Overnight - [Jodhpur](#)

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Day 11: Ranakpur

Jodhpur - Ranakpur. Leaving Jodhpur, we drive to Ranakpur, a small town tucked away in a remote valley and famed for its beautiful 14th century Jain temples. We'll enjoy some exploration here and time to relax at our hotel. Overnight - [Ranakpur](#)

Days 12 - 13: Udaipur

Ranakpur - Udaipur. Continuing south, we arrive at Udaipur. An oasis of cool, with its massive lake and Venetian-like appearance, Udaipur is one of the most romantic towns in Rajasthan. A favourite amongst travellers, Udaipur is crammed full of palaces and temples. During our stay we'll enjoy a cruise on Lake Pichola, plus touring of the imposing City Palace, not to mention free time to explore and perhaps shop for colourful Rajasthani souvenirs and Indian spices. Overnight - [Udaipur](#)



Day 14: Fly back to Delhi

Udaipur - Delhi. Departure transfer to the airport to board a morning flight to Delhi. Option to travel onward to Mumbai, see note below. The afternoon is free for you to relax at the hotel or to head out and further explore Delhi. Overnight - [New Delhi](#)

Day 15: New Delhi

Saturday. Saying goodbye to our new found friends, our tour ends,

hotel check-out and included onward transfer to airport.

Hola Mohalla Sikh Festival - For a truly unique experience combine your tour with the spectacle of the Hola Mohalla Sikh Festival held in the holy city of Anandpur Sahib. Witness the colourful festivities including mock martial arts battles, impressive displays of weaponry, archery and wrestling as well as music, poetry and prayers, singing and chanting, while food is served to pilgrims from all castes and creeds by women from the neighbouring villages.

If travelling on our 30 March 2013 Passage to India departure you can combine this with our 5 day Hola Mohalla Sikh Festival tour departing on 26 March 2013. Contact us for further details.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Delhi - Old Delhi - Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Raj Ghat.
- New Delhi - India Gate, Rajpath, Humayun's Tomb, Qutab Minar and a carpet emporium with demonstration
- Agra - Taj Mahal (entrance fee included), Agra Fort and visit to a marble craft shop
- Fatehpur Sikri - ancient Mughal city
- Jaipur - Amber Fort and Jantar Mantar. Visit to a cotton trader for tailored garments
- Shekhawati region - Rajasthani architecture, havalis & village walk
- Bikaner - desert outpost, Junagarh fort, town and Camel Research Centre
- Jaisalmer - Jaisalmer Fort, old town and the Sam Sand dunes
- Jodhpur - Meherangarh Fort, palace, clock tower and the Thar Desert
- Ranakpur - Jain temples
- Udaipur - Lake Pichola, City Palace and museum
- Option to travel onward to Mumbai (Bombay)

What's Included

- 14 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners (including Namaste Dinner in Delhi)
- 14 nights - 3-4 star and heritage hotels
- Elephant ride to Amber Fort - Jaipur (*Subject to Government regulations and availability)
- Horse and cart/buggy ride to Taj Mahal - Agra
- Camel sand dune safari - Jaisalmer
- Boat cruise on Lake Pichola - Udaipur

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- Economy class flight - Udaipur - Delhi
- Taj Mahal, Jaipur City Palace and Jantar Mantar entrance fees.
- All relevant transfers and transportation
- Airport arrival and departure transfers on day 1 and day 15
- Touring of Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Alsisar, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Jodhur and Udaipur
- English speaking Indian tour leader for groups of 6 or more
- Specialist local guides at some sights

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tip for your tour leader. We suggest \$13-\$20 USD per person for this tour. Tipping your leader is an entirely personal gesture.
- Entrance Fees: \$45-55 USD
- Tipping Kitty: \$30-35 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Balloon over Jaipur - USD \$299

Sail within a breath of lofty hilltop forts and fine regal palaces. Look down upon sleepy villages waking to the early morning sun. Drift past expansive waterside manors and intricately stone carved temples with the Pink City of Jaipur in the distance on a magical hot air balloon adventure.

Shimla Calling - 4 days - USD \$579

Ride the narrow gauge railway aboard the Himalayan Queen Toy Train to Shimla. Nestled between lofty peaks and breathtaking scenery, the charming getaway was once the summer capital of British India. The natural beauty of Shimla will enchant you, being famous for its colourful bazaar, temples at soaring heights, stunning sunsets and verdant woods, contrasted with the quintessential English pomp and style.

Bollywood Dancing - USD \$79

For some lighthearted fun, join in the energy of a Bollywood dance class in Delhi! Bollywood dance has transformed over the years from a traditional, classical style into a modern, pop culture which is taking the world by storm! We have teamed up with the Delhi Dance Academy to offer you a simple and entertaining introduction to this wonderful dance form! Whilst we cannot guarantee you'll leave the class ready to star in the next big Bollywood Blockbuster, you're sure to learn a few sharp moves to impress your friends on the dance floor!

Gateway to the Gods - USD \$509

Experience Eastern spirituality on this 4 day/3 night bolt-on to Haridwar and Rishikesh - two of the holiest cities in India. Haridwar - the 'Gateway to the Gods', attracts millions of pilgrims from around the world who come to cleanse their sins by bathing in the Holy Ganges River and Rishikesh - the 'Yoga Capital of the World', is an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Mumbai Breakaway - USD \$569

Formally known as Bombay, exhilarating and charismatic Mumbai is the most populated city in the world, home of Bollywood and the setting of the hit film 'Slum Dog Millionaire'. Discover this city of contrasts where gleaming sky scrapers stand side by side with run down slums. Explore this bustling city and immerse yourself in the madness of Mumbai!

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,539

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers. To date we have not cancelled a single trip.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
08 SEP - 22 SEP	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
22 SEP - 06 OCT	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
06 OCT - 20 OCT	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
20 OCT - 03 NOV	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
03 NOV - 17 NOV	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
17 NOV - 01 DEC	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
01 DEC - 15 DEC	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
15 DEC - 29 DEC	USD \$2,868	USD \$929
29 DEC - 12 JAN	USD \$2,868	USD \$929

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
05 JAN - 19 JAN	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
19 JAN - 02 FEB	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
02 FEB - 16 FEB	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
16 FEB - 02 MAR	USD \$2,539	USD \$929

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02 MAR - 16 MAR	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
16 MAR - 30 MAR	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
30 MAR - 13 APR	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
13 APR - 27 APR	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
27 APR - 11 MAY	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
14 SEP - 28 SEP	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
28 SEP - 12 OCT	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
12 OCT - 26 OCT	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
26 OCT - 09 NOV	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
09 NOV - 23 NOV	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
23 NOV - 07 DEC	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
07 DEC - 21 DEC	USD \$2,539	USD \$929
21 DEC - 04 JAN	USD \$2,539	USD \$929

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Pre-Tour accom (Delhi)	USD \$89	USD \$40
Post-Tour accom (Delhi)	USD \$89	USD \$40
Post-Tour accom (Mumbai/Kolkata)	USD \$169	USD \$120
Passage to India - Mumbai Option	USD \$299	USD \$0

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

Dear Charlie Just to say I had a fantastic time in India and will thoroughly recommend the tour. I would also like to say a big thanks to you personally for dealing with all my requests and enquiries promptly and so well - that made a big difference as this was my first solo tour. Looking forward to my China trip now! Warm regards

[Catherine Ward, Apr 2012](#)

Hi Kelly, I have been meaning to write and say thanks for encouraging me to do the 2 week trip. I had a fabulous time and despite the heat, loved seeing more of the country side, and how the locals live in Rajasthan. I felt the guides were fantastic and it was great value for money! Would happily recommend that trip again! It was nice to be in a larger group initially and then break off into a smaller group for the second week.! Thanks again!

[Melinda Hamilton, May 2011](#)

I wanted to say what a fun and interesting holiday we had in India. The weather was a bit hotter than we were hoping but we kept drinking lots of bottled water that was in constant supply on the bus. Everyone in our group was nice which made the whole experience more pleasant. Yusuf was a wonderful and caring tour guide and he looked after us well for the entire length of the tour, it was sad to say goodbye. He was a wealth of information on all aspects of India. We would travel with 'on the go' again as the tour was well planned and we had many lovely meals and saw so many fascinating sights.

[Cathryn Houghton, May 2010](#)

The Tour was fantastic; the Indian way of life is amazing.

[John & Lesley Thurlbeck, May 2010](#)

I was very impressed with the tour, this is the first time that I have used on the go tours and will definitely be using it again.

[Julie Young, May 2010](#)

A very good holiday was turned into an excellent one by our guide Yusuf, he is a credit to the company.

[Steve Clark, May 2010](#)

Everything about this tour was fantastic, great sights, good accommodation and it was simply amazing.

[Jancita Gresham, May 2010](#)

A much planned & nicely put together holiday.

[Nicholas Powell, May 2010](#)