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**Delhi – Udaipur – Jodhpur – Jaipur – Ranthambhore – Agra
Khajuraho – Varanasi – Kathmandu – Dhulikhel – Kathmandu**

Enjoy a wonderful insight into the best of India and Nepal with diverse regions and local cultures. Beginning in Delhi, visit Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Raj Ghat (memorial to Mahatma Gandhi) and India Gate. Relax on a boat cruise on Pichola Lake and visit Amber Fort, then travel to Ranthambhore National Park with the opportunity to view Tigers. Visit the Majestic Taj Mahal in Agra and Varanasi – one of the oldest cities in the world. Fly to Kathmandu, visiting Durbar Square, Hanuman Dhoka, Mahadev and Pavati Temple.

Itinerary

Day 1: Australia to Delhi. Fly from Australia to Delhi via Singapore.

Day 2: Delhi. Upon arrival, met and transferred to the hotel and receive a traditional welcome.

Accommodation: Royal Plaza Hotel, Delhi (or similar) - 2 nights

Day 3: Delhi. Visit Old Delhi, passing the red Fort before stopping in Chandni Chowk. Indulge yourself in a Rickshaw ride and view the famous Jama Masjid perhaps the largest Muslim mosque in India. Visit the famous Lakshmi Narayan temple also known as the 'Birla Mandir'. Later in the afternoon take a photo stop at the famous India Gate and also visit the Gandhi Smriti (the burial place of Mahatma Gandhi). Also visit the famous Qutab Minar. (B,D)

Day 4: Delhi - Udaipur. Today board the flight to Udaipur, a city known for its lakes, palaces and temples. Reach Udaipur, the afternoon is free at leisure to explore the great city. (B,D)

Accommodation: Hotel Udai Bagh, Udaipur (or similar) - 2 nights

Day 5: Udaipur. Today commence the day with a visit to the famous garden known as 'Saheliyon ki Bari' (courtyard for the Maidens). The garden, which is set along the embankment of the Fatehsagar Lake has beautiful lotus pools, marble pavilions and elephant shaped fountains. Later, proceed to the Folk Museum and Mewar Art Gallery, also visiting the City Palace and a walk through the local streets and the shops. Conclude the day with a relaxing cruise on Lake Pichola. (B,D)

Day 6: Udaipur – Jodhpur. Travel to Jodhpur another amazing city in Rajasthan, visiting the intricately carved temples of Ranakpur. The temples were carved in the 15th century and are known to be the largest Jain temple complex in India. Each pillars is uniquely carved and no two are the same. (B,D)

Accommodation: Park Plaza Hotel, Jodhpur (or similar) - 2 nights

Day 7: Jodhpur. Visit the Mehrangarh Fort and the museum located in the Umaid Bhawan Palace. Enjoy an auto rickshaw ride through the market followed by a walking tour through the local vegetable and spice market. Jodhpur is a popular tourist destination, featuring many palaces, forts and temples, set in the stark landscape of the Thar Desert. The city is known as the 'Sun City' for the bright, sunny weather it enjoys all year round. It is also referred to as the 'Blue City' as the houses next to Mehrangarh Fort are all painted in blue colour. The old city of Jodhpur is surrounded by a thick stone wall. (B,D)

Day 8: Jodhpur - Jaipur. Travel to the 'Pink City' or the city of Jaipur. In the afternoon enjoy some shopping at the local bazaar in Choti Chopper which is located inside the walled city and witness an incredible collection of Indian artifacts, antiques and fresh flowers. (B,D)

Accommodation: Park Prime Hotel, Jaipur (or similar) - 2 nights



Varanasi Ghats

Departs	Prices per person twin share ex Syd, Mel, Bne, Adl & Per
10, 24 Feb; 09, 23 Mar; 6 Apr 2012	\$5,650*
26 Sep; 10, 24 Oct; 7 Nov 2012	\$5,950*
21 Nov 2012	\$6,170*

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- Return economy class airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth to Delhi via Singapore with Singapore Airlines.
- Accommodation, tours, meals and transfers as indicated in the itinerary.
- Services of local English speaking tour guide.
- All entry fees to monuments.
- Rickshaw ride in Delhi, Auto Rickshaw ride in Jodhpur, Elephant ride in Jaipur, Sunset cruise in Udaipur, 2 Wildlife Safaris in Ranthambhore, Boat ride in Varanasi.
- Train tickets Agra – Jhansi.
- Sunset cruise at Lake Pichola.
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Day 9: Jaipur. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Jaipur with a photo stop at the famous Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) before enjoying an elephant ride from the foot hill to the top of Amber fort. Feel the pleasure of being a king and imagining the life of Kings during those times. Later visit the City palace and Jantar Mantar. The Jantar Mantar is a collection of architectural astronomical instruments, built by King Jai Singh II. Finish the day with a traditional Rajasthani dance performance followed by dinner. (B,D)

Day 10: Ranthambhore. Visit to the Ranthambore National Park, one of the famous tiger reserves in Rajasthan. Remaining of the evening is at leisure to explore this small town. (B,L,D)
Accommodation: Ranthambhore Regency Hotel, Ranthambore (or similar) - 2 nights

Day 11: Ranthambhore Safari. Enjoy a morning and afternoon canter safari around the game reserve which is known to have an estimated area of 400sq Km. Spot various wildlife species and if lucky try spotting the famous Bengal tiger. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Ranthambhore – Agra. Travel to Agra the famous city of the Taj Mahal. En-route visit Fatehpur Sikri also known as a ghost town. (B,D)
Accommodation: Hotel Utkarsh Vilas, Agra (or similar) - 2 nights

Day 13: Agra Sightseeing. A sunrise visit to the famous Taj Mahal, the eternal monument of love known to mankind. Visit to marble inlay workshop, Agra fort and Itmad – Ud- Daulah’s tomb also known as the mini Taj Mahal. The tomb of Itmad-ud-Daulah is often regarded as a draft of the Taj Mahal. (B,D)

Day 14: Agra – Khajuraho. Enjoy a short train ride to Jhansi. Then proceed by road to the famous city of Khajuraho known for its amazing erotic temples. En-route a stop in Orchha for lunch. In the evening enjoy a cultural dance show at the temple. (B,D)
Accommodation: Ramada Khajuraho Hotel, Khajuraho (or similar) - 1 night

Day 15: Khajuraho – Varanasi. Visit the most intricately carved western group of temples also known as the exotic temples of Khajuraho before boarding the afternoon flight to Varanasi. In the evening a rickshaw ride to the Ghats on river Ganges and witness the grand Pooja Ceremony performed by priests with numerous devotees. (B,D)
Accommodation: Hotel Ideal Towe, Varanasi (or similar) - 2 nights

Day 16: Varanasi. Enjoy a sunrise boat ride on river Ganges followed by a short heritage walk through the old city. Visit the silk weaver’s village before proceeding towards the Buddhist sites of Sarnath. (B,D)

Day 17: Varanasi – Kathmandu. Today met and transferred to the airport for the flight to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Remaining of the day is free at leisure. (B,D)
Accommodation: Hotel Royal Sing, Kathmandu (or similar) – 3 nights

Day 18 Kathmandu – Patan. Travel to Patan the second largest city in Nepal, with a visit to the sacred temple known as Dakshinkaliz. Continue to visit the Royal Palace and the famous Durbar Square which are now listed in UNESCO World Heritage sites. (B,D)

Day 19: Kathmandu. Visit the Kumari Temple and explore the Swyambhunath Stupa, Boudhnath Stupa and the famous Pashupatinath Temple. The Buddhist stupa of Boudhnath dominates the skyline, this ancient Stupa is one of the largest in the world. Afterwards enjoy an evening visit to Thamel Market. (B,D)

Day 20: Kathmandu – Dhulikhel. Travel to Dhulikhel located near the Himalayas at 1550m above sea level. The people in the village are Newars, Brahmin, Chhettri, Tamang and Dalits. Drinking water in Dhulikhel is one of the best water in Nepal. Visit the Newari houses and a local market and stopping en-route at Changu Narayan Temple. (B,D)
Accommodation: Dhulikhel Mountain Resort, Dhulikhel (or similar) – 1 night

Day 21: Dhulikhel – Kathmandu. Wake up early and witness the spectacular sunrise and travel back to Kathmandu. En-route visit the 9th century build-up town of Bhaktapur, including the Golden Gate and 55 windows Palace. Conclude the evening by watching a local dance followed by the dinner. (B,D)
Accommodation: Hotel Royal Singi, Kathmandu – 1 night

Day 22: Kathmandu – Australia. Met and transferred to Kathmandu airport for departure flight to Australia, via Singapore. (B)

Day 23 Arrive Australia



Tiger - Ranthambore National Park



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