

# Discover India



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India takes one completely by surprise. From the vibrant colors, scents and flavors to the welcoming and well spoken people, to the efficient and sophisticated tourism infrastructure, India is forever bound by its fascinating cultures and traditions.

The initial draw of India is its antiquities. An advanced civilization, by 500 BC northern India had knowledge of iron implements. Walled cities and forts have been carefully preserved for centuries and engage those interested in history, design or architecture.

Modern India is mesmerizing. The well orchestrated chaos of Delhi traffic contrasts delightfully with the graceful navigation of houseboats on the Kerala backwaters. Traditional foods have given birth to nouvelle cuisine that tantalize both the eyes and the palate. The Indian wine industry is powering, and sommeliers the world over are taking note. The shopping is to die for.

India is a third the size of the US but exhibits a wide range of topography. From the mountains of the north to the tropical beaches of the south, India has it all.

With one foot in Asia and the other in the West, India caters to all travelers. Masala tea or espresso, parathas or bagels, tuk tuk or taxi – its your choice how deeply you immerse yourself in this magical culture.

## Best Time to Travel

The best time to visit most of the country is during the cool, dry season, between November and April. The heat of the south is never less than intense but it becomes uncomfortable in May and June. From this time onwards, the Himalayas grow more accessible, and the trekking season reaches its peak in August through October while the rest of the subcontinent is experiencing the rains.



# Taj Mahal, Tigers and Trains

10 days / 9 nights

Delhi • Agra • Umaria • Bandhavgarh National Park

from **\$2,999\*** pp based on double occupancy

This multi faceted itinerary combined three diverse but quintessential Indian experiences - a visit to the Taj Mahal, an overnight rail journey and a safari at a game rich national park where Bengal tigers may be found. India is awash in grand monuments, but it is also a nature lovers delight, and your memories of Bandhavgarh National Park will stay with you as long as those of the Taj Mahal.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Delhi

On arrival at the airport meet with our representative, and then transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay at hotel.

### Day 2: Delhi

After breakfast, enjoy full day city sightseeing tour of Old Delhi & New Delhi.

### Day 3: Delhi - Agra

After breakfast drive to Agra, home to one of the Seven Wonders of the world - the Taj Mahal. The architectural splendor of the mausoleums, the fort and the palaces is a vivid reminder of the opulence of the legendary Mughal Empire, of which Agra was the capital in the 16th and early 17th centuries. While its significance as a political center ended with the transfer of the capital to Delhi in 1634 by Shah Jahan, its architectural wealth has secured its place on the international map. A pleasant town with a comparatively slow pace, Agra is known for its superb inlay work on the marble and soapstone by craftsmen who are descendants of those who worked under the Mughals. The city is also famous for its carpets, gold thread embroidery and leather shoes. On arrival check in at the hotel. In the afternoon visit Taj Mahal, Sikandra, Itmad-Ud-Daulah's Tomb.

### Day 4: Agra - Umaria - Bandhavgarh

Visit Taj Mahal at dawn. Then transfer to the railway station time to board your train for Umaria.

### Day 5: Arrive Umaria - Bandhavgarh National Park

On arrival at Umaria meet our representative and drive to Bandhavgarh National park known for its large population of royal Bengal tigers. Other animals include leopard and deer. The mix of tropical forest, Sal trees and grassland is home to scores of bird species, including eagles. To the south are the remains of the ancient Bandhavgarh Fort. On arrival check in at the wildlife resort. In the afternoon, take a safari drive in the national park. Overnight at resort.

### Day 6 - 8: Bandhavgarh National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives in the national park. Overnight at resort.

### Day 9: Bandhavgarh – Delhi

Morning game drive in the national park. In the evening, transfer to the Umaria railway station time to board train for Delhi. Overnight on board.

### Day 10: Arrive Delhi

On arrival at Delhi railway station meet with our representative and transfer to the airport for departure.

## Inclusions:

- Two nights Delhi
- One night Agra
- One night on board train, Agra to Umaria
- Four nights Bandhavgarh National Park
- One night on board train, Bandhavgarh to Delhi
- Guided touring in Delhi and Agra
- 8 game drives in Bandhavgarh National Park
- 15 Meals: 9 breakfast, 3 lunches & 3 dinners

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