

# North India for Family | 12 Days



The Indian subcontinent amazes, inspires and beguiles the imagination of its visitors like no other place on earth. Our North India family tour takes us to the country's most important nature reserves. Since we will be visiting total of three national parks/wildlife reservers we have a very good chance of encountering the king of the jungle - the Royal Bengal Tiger - and will make acquaintance with Indian elephants, gaur cattle, various species of deer and antelope as well as river dolphins, gharial, roof-turtle, rhesus macaque and many more.

In between our stays, safaris and walks through three different national parks, we always come into contact with the intoxicating culture of India. We visit the world-famous Taj Mahal and the Lotus Temple in Delhi. Visit Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Home and meet with less fortunate children at the charity home. One cannot help but feel profound respect for the missionaries' selfless work.

### Trip Highlights

- Taj Mahal – symbol of love
- Visit Mother Teresa charity home and spend some time with children at the Charity Home
- Boat ride on River Chambal to watch crocodiles and birds
- Enjoy game drives, nature walks, visits to local villages
- Search for wildlife in Ranthambore National Park
- Look for unique birds in Keoladeo National Park
- Explore centuries-old fort of Jaipur

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 1: Arrive in Delhi

Welcome to India! Upon arrival in Delhi, meet by *travel-to-nature Asia* representative and transfer to your hotel. Please look out for your name-card once you exit out of arrival area.

Afternoon visit the Bangla Sahib Gurdwara (Sikh Temple).

**Accommodation:** The Suryaa New Delhi

#### Day 2: In Delhi

Full day sightseeing. Visit - Humayun's Tomb, India Gate, Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid, Chandni Chowk, drive past Government buildings including President's Palace.

We start the tour with visit to Humayuns Tomb - the Oldest Moghul Monument in Delhi- India and then proceed to India Gate, Raj Ghat and to Jamia Masjid, Chandni Chowk etc. If time permits visit a Sikh Temple/ Hindu temple also. During the days sightseeing stop at some local restaurant for Lunch (optional). Humayun's Tomb: Located near the crossing of Mathura road and Lodhi road, this magnificent garden tomb is the first substantial example of Mughal architecture in India. It was built in 1565 A.D. nine years after the death of Humayun, by his senior widow Bega Begam. Inside the walled enclosure the most notable features are the garden squares (chaharbagh) with pathways water channels, centrally located well proportional mausoleum topped by double dome. There are several graves of Mughal rulers located inside the walled enclosure and from here in 1857 A.D; Lieutenant Hudson had captured the last Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah II.

#### The Jamia Masjid

This great mosque of Old Delhi is the largest in India, with a courtyard capable of holding 25,000 devotees. It was begun in 1644 and ended up being the final architectural extravagance of Shah Jahan, the Mughal

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emperor who built the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort. The highly decorative mosque has three great gates, four towers and two 40 m-high minarets constructed of strips of red sandstone and white marble. The Chandni Chowk: Chandni Chowk, originally meaning moonlit square or market, is one of the oldest and busiest markets in Old Delhi, now in central north Delhi. Built in 17th century by the great Muslim Emperor of India, Shah Jahan and designed by his daughter Jahan Ara, The market was once divided by canals to reflect moonlight, now closed, yet it still remains one of India's largest whole sale markets. Chandni Chowk is the major street in the walled city of Old Delhi, which was originally called Shahjahanabad

**Accommodation:** The Suryaa New Delhi  
**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 3: Drive Delhi - Agra (233 km | 3-4 hrs)

In the morning after breakfast leave Delhi and drive to Agra. approx 200 km which takes about 4 hours. Upon arrival in Agra, check in at the hotel. Afternoon sightseeing of Agra to visit the world famous monument of love "Taj Mahal" & fascinating Agra Fort.

**Note:** The Taj Mahal remains Closed on Fridays.

#### The Agra

Agra was the Capital city of Sikander Lodhi, the second ruler of the Lodhi dynasty, who was defeated by the persian King Babur in 1526 A.D. Babur too made Agra his capital city and so began the great Mughal rule. it was Babur who build the first monument in Agra, a planned garden called Gul-e-Afgaan or the Aaram Bagh. After Babar in (1530 AD) HUMAUN took over the thrown of Agra. Sher Shah Suri also continued Agra as his Capital. During the rule of Akbar (1556 to 1605 A.D.) Agra earned fame all over the world and was counted one of the great and beautiful cities of Medeval India. Emperor Akbar constructed many beautiful buildings. In the premises of famous Fatehpur Sikri and Agra Fort. During his rule, people of all caste and religion living friendly upon which Akbar declared the concept of "Sulah Kul" in making the personality of Akbar the great. His

"NAVARATANS"- (The Nine Important Ministers) Raja Man Singh, Raja Toder Mal Hakeem Lukman, Raja Birbal, Mullah-Do-Pyaza, Abdul-Fazal-Feuzi, Abdul Rahim Khana Khan and Miyan Tan Sen Played an important role. For developing feeling of harmony and brotherhood among the people of various religions, Akbar started new religion named Deen-E-Elahi.

**Accommodation:** Howard Plaza The Fern  
**Meal:** Breakfast



### Day 4: Drive Agra - The Chambal Safari Lodge (70 km | 1.5 hrs)

In the morning we visit Mother Teresa charity home in Agra and spend time with children at the Charity home. Afterwards leave Agra and drive to Chambhal which is approx. 70 km and takes about 1 & 1/2 hours. Upon arrival in Chambhal, check in at the Resort.

Afternoon: Take a walk around village (nature walk) and look for the birds.

#### The Chambal

To visit Chambal Sanctuary is an attempt to acquaint visitors with a land that has retained its unique landscapes, rugged charm and rare wildlife. A magical land far removed from the chaotic madness of modern cities. A wildlife experience with a River Safari, quite unlike any other. A journey through time with a Camel Safari across ravines and ruins. A discovery of vibrant villages and ancient temples. A charming family run eco-lodge nestling in sprawling acres of woodland and farm.

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### History

Jarar has been the main seat of the family since 1472. Rai Saheb Ch. Suraj Pal Singh, the Zamindaar of Jarar, built the Mela Kothi in the late 1890s. Nestling amidst acres of woodland and pasture, the Mela Kothi was ideally located to serve as a camp office for the family's bi-annual cattle fair (Mela).

The fair was a source of great pride and prestige for the family, with traders coming from as far afield as Maharashtra and Orissa. However, by the 1990s, the numbers dwindled, and the Kothi and its grounds fell into disrepair.

### The Eco-lodge

In 1999, Rai Saheb Suraj Pal Singh's great grandson, IIT engineer and conservationist Ram Pratap Singh, and his environmental scientist wife, Anu, began restoring their neglected inheritance. The product of their labour, set within 35 sprawling acres of the original heritage plantation, surrounded by farmland - Mela Kothi – The Chambal Safari Lodge is an oasis of peace, tranquility and gracious hospitality.

**Accommodation:** The Chambal Safari Lodge

**Meal:** Breakfast



### **Day 5: In Chambal Safari**

**Boat trip | Optional camel ride | Walk around the lodge grounds | Night hike**

After fortifying ourselves at the sumptuous breakfast buffet, we embark on a boat safari on the Chambal River. Our aim is to spot the endangered Ganges dolphins, turtles, and Ganges gavials. It is not

uncommon to see swamp crocodiles lurking on the river banks and a wide variety and rare of bird species chirping, i.e Indian Skimmer, Black-necked Stork, etc. If you like, you can take a camel ride after the boat tour (not included).

In the afternoon we take a closer look at the extensive (total of 35 acres) grounds of our lodge. Many mammals, reptiles and almost two hundred bird species live here. During our walk through the paths and fields we get a great impression of the original landscape. As on the previous day, we end the evening with a delicious meal and cocktails around the campfire. If you still feel like a late-night adventure, you can also take part in a night hike.

**Accommodation:** The Chambal Safari Lodge

**Meal:** Breakfast

### **Day 6: Drive Chambal Safari - Bharatpur (135 km | 3 hrs)**

We leave Chambal after breakfast and drive to Bharatpur which is approx. 135 km and takes roughly 3 hours. Upon arrival in Bharatpur, check in at the hotel.

Afternoon free for independent activities.

### The Keoladeo National Park

The Keoladeo National Park or Keoladeo Ghana National Park formerly known as the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary in Rajasthan, India is a famous avifauna sanctuary that sees (or saw) thousands of rare and highly endangered birds such as the Siberian Crane come here during the winter season. Over 230 species of birds are known to have made the National Park their home. It is also a major tourist centre with scores of ornithologists arriving here in the hibernate season. It was declared a protected sanctuary in 1971. It is also a declared World Heritage Site.

The sanctuary was created 250 years ago and is named after a Keoladeo (Shiva) temple within its boundaries. Initially, it was a natural depression; and was flooded after the Ajan Bund was constructed by Maharaja Suraj Mal, the then ruler of the princely state of Bharatpur, between 1726 to 1763. The bund

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was created at the confluence of two rivers, the Gambhir and Banganga. The park was a hunting ground for the maharajas of Bharatpur, a tradition dating back to 1850, and duck shoots were organized yearly in honor of the British viceroys. In one shoot alone in 1938, over 4,273 birds such as mallards and teals were killed by Lord Linlithgow, the then Governor-General of India. After India's independence, the rulers of the princely states were allowed shooting rights until 1972. In 1982, grazing was banned in the park, leading to violent clashes between the local farmer and Gujjar communities and the government.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Udai Vilas Palace  
**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 7: Morning visit the bird sanctuary | Later drive Bharatpur - Ranthambhore (200 km | 5 hrs)

Morning visit the bird sanctuary again to view the birds and take the cycle rickshaws to go around in the Bird Sanctuary. Afterwards return to the hotel for rest.

Around noon leave Bharatpur and drive to Ranthambhore which is approx. 200 km and takes about 5 hours. Upon arrival, check in at your hotel.

**Accommodation:** Ranthambhore Heritage Haveli  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 8: In Ranthambhore

Morning and afternoon Game Drives into Ranthambhore Wild Life Park by a Canter bus on seat sharing basis.

#### Ranthambhore

Ranthambore National Park is one of the biggest and most renowned national park in Northern India. The park is located in the Sawai Madhopur district of southeastern Rajasthan, which is about 170 km from Jaipur. Being considered as one of the famous and former hunting grounds of the Maharajas of Jaipur, today the Ranthambore National Park terrain is major wildlife tourist attraction spot that has pulled the

attention of many wildlife photographers and lovers in this destination.

Ranthambore National park is spread over an area of 1,334 sq km along with its nearby sanctuaries like - the Man Singh Sanctuary and the Kaila Devi Sanctuary. The park is majorly famous for its tigers and is one of the best locations in India to see the majestic predators in its natural habitat. The tigers can be easily spotted even during the day time busy at their ordinary quest- hunting and taking proper care of their young ones.

Ranthambore is also counted as the famous heritage site because of the pictorial ruins that dot the wildlife park. Certainly, a visit to Ranthambore National Park is a treat for every wildlife and nature lover. The time spend on watching tigers roaming around, verdant greenery, a gamut of other species of chirpy birds and animals is priceless and worth enough to be explored at least once in a life.

**Accommodation:** Ranthambhore Heritage Haveli  
**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### Day 9: Drive Ranthambhore - Jaipur (160 km | 4 hrs)

After breakfast leave Ranthambhore and drive to Jaipur which is approx. 160 km and takes about 4 hours. Upon arrival in Jaipur, check in at our hotel.

Afternoon sightseeing of city visiting City Palace & Astronomical Observatory.



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**Accommodation:** Mandavi Haveli

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 10: In Jaipur

This morning, we proceed on a tour commencing with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) - a five-storied wonder with a spectacular pyramidal facade and overhanging windows with latticed screens, domes and spires. Continue your drive to the ancient capital of Amer to see the fabulous Amber Fort, situated on a ridge just outside Jaipur city. Maharaja Mansingh, Mughal Emperor Akbar's most successful General, started the construction of Amber Fort in the 17th century. Before the City Palace was constructed in Jaipur, Amber was the seat of power. The fort is surrounded by fortified battlements and overlooks the Moat Lake. Ruins and remains are spread over the Aravalli hills and sprawling crenulated walls lattice the surrounding area.

Tour the chambers and hallways of the palace, famous for the excellence of its design and decoration. Within the complex is Ganesh Pol, an imposing gateway painted with the images of the elephant-headed god, Ganesh. The merging of Rajput and Mughal architectural styles is captured in the Sukh Niwas and Jas Mandir apartments, and the Charbagh garden with its perfectly proportioned landscaping. Pierced screen windows offer views from different vantage points and shimmering mirrors encrust the walls of Sheesh Mahal. In the evening attend the cooking course at one of the places in Jaipur followed by dinner at same place. Overnight stay in Jaipur.

**Accommodation:** Mandavi Haveli

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



### Day 11: Drive Jaipur - Delhi (265 km | 5 hrs)

Morning free in Jaipur for independent activities. After lunch leave Jaipur and drive to Delhi which is approx. 265 km and takes about 5 hours. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel.

**Accommodation:** Pride Plaza

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 12: Depart Delhi

Transfer to airport for your homeward-bound flight.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Includes

- Airport (pick up/drop off) transfers by private A/C vehicle
- Twin-Sharing accommodation in all Hotel/Lodge as mentioned (or similar) with daily breakfast
- In Ranthambhore all three meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) are included as mentioned in the itinerary
- All sightseeing and long-distance transportation in private air-condition vehicle (cars/SUVs or micro/mini-bus depending on group size)
- Entry tickets at monuments/ Forts/ Palaces during the sightseeing tours included in the program
- Day excursion for Chambal River Boating
- This includes all state taxes, Toll Taxes, parking, allowance for Driver, outstation overnight charges for the driver
- Services of an local English speaking guide for all the sightseeing tours
- Entry tickets at monuments/ Forts/ Palaces during the sightseeing tours included in the program
- 1 Cycle Rikshaw Ride into Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary for 2 hours

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- 2 Game Drives into Ranthambhore National Park by Canter bus on seat sharing basis including entry tickets to National Park
- Porterage of Baggage at all the hotels, train stations, airports
- Assistance of our representatives at all main cities

### Excludes

- International flight tickets
- Visa fee
- Travel insurance
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal clothing and equipment
- Tips for trip leader/guide, driver, hotel staff and porters
- Items of personal nature such as alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, laundry, and other unforeseen expenses
- Items/services not listed in "included"
- Extra expenses/payment for 'Optional' activities/programs if participated

### Accommodation

#### The Suryaa New Delhi

Being set in the very heart of New Delhi, Suryaa Hotel offers a bar, a cable flat-screen and a sunbathing terrace. Featuring 244 rooms with views of the city, this venue is set within a short ride from Tughlakabad Fort. The rooms are air-conditioned with modern comforts like complimentary wireless internet, TV, iron and ironing board.

#### Howard Plaza The Fern, Agra

Howard Plaza - The Fern, Agra's unique location are complemented by Agra's glittering monument to love, the Taj Mahal. This tranquil retreat is the best spot for a business or leisure stay, offering a magnificent view of The Taj Mahal from beautiful Glassy Restaurant & Bar and a mellow dramatic view of the bustling city through front tea patio.

#### Chambal Safari Lodge, Mela Kothi

A mere hour's drive from the Taj Mahal, in the heart of the Chambal Valley, lies an oasis of tranquility nestling in sprawling acres of reclaimed woodland. Mela Kothi – The Chambal Safari Lodge. A warm and welcoming haven for the eager explorer and weary traveller alike. Come prepared. This land will mesmerize you.

#### Hotel Udai Vilas Palace, Bharatpur

Walk to the welcoming and spacious lobby. Savor traditional Rajasthani and international flavors dining at the multi-cuisine Ghosla, the restaurant room service. To complete the experience, partake of local color through cultural events with Rajasthani music and folk dances, theme evenings and bar-be-ques under the brilliant starlit sky on the extensive rooftop or lawns.

#### Ranthambhore Heritage Haveli

Ranthambhore Heritage Haveli is located close to Ranthambhore National Park. It's in village Khilchipur, near Nahargarh Fort, Sawai Madhopur. The resort has been elegantly built in traditional architecture keeping in mind the natural surroundings and Rajasthani culture. At the Ranthambhore Heritage Haveli we are there to ensure that you receive the best comforts and good hospitality in our Haveli.



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### Mandawi Haveli, Jaipur

Mandawa Haveli, was originally built in 1896, as the town house of Thakur Bhagwat Singh ji the 15th ruler of Mandawa. It is resplendent with terraces offering views of Naharagh Fort, shaded verandahs for the hot summer months, beautiful gardens in the cooler winter months and boasts some of the best architecture of the day.

### Pride Plaza Hotel, New Delhi

Experience a memorable stay at the finest luxury hotel in Delhi by Pride Group - The Pride Plaza Hotel Aerocity, New Delhi. Located in close proximity to Delhi and Gurgaon, this 5-star hotel near Delhi Airport provides the finest accommodation and state-of-the-art amenities and serves as a delightful haven for business and leisure travellers.

### Group/Individual

On this trip you will be traveling privately with your family & friends. Our representative/tour partner will look after your transfers to and from the airport and will be around to answer other questions you may have about your trip.

### Accommodation – Hotel, Resort

Your accommodation has been selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a fine heritage hotel in another or a family-run guesthouse or lodges in a smaller town. Accommodation in remote areas tend to be basic and may not have western amenities.

### Single Accommodation

Single (room) supplement is provided on request (single supplement charge applies) and are subject to availability.

### Food & Transport

All breakfast, 2 lunches & 2 dinners are included.

Generally, you can eat out very cheaply in India. Where food is not included, you should allow at least 1,800 rupees (approximately Euro 20 & US\$22) per day for lunch and dinner. However, if you choose to dine in fine/expensive restaurants please allocate more than our suggested amount.

Please note, service in restaurants can be quite slow.

For airport, sightseeing transfers, and for long drives we use a private air-con car, jeep, van depending upon group size. Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

### Weather

Generally, the best time to visit India is from December to February, when it is warm during daytime and cool at night in most areas of India. December marks the beginning of the peak travel season with higher-priced accommodation and flights.

It starts to get hot from March and the temperature reaches its average high point of 45°C (113°F) in May. If you can bear the heat, traveling India from April to May, you can expect the benefits of smaller crowds as well as big promotions from hotels and airlines (usually 50% off).

India's rainy season starts from June and lasts until September. North India is less affected by downpours than central and southern parts. You could still enjoy a good experience if you visit north Indian destinations like Delhi, Agra, Jaipur and other Rajasthan areas. Many national parks are closed because of floods and landslides. Goa becomes a "ghost city", with few travelers and many beach resorts closed. Ladakh, located in the far north is cool, and little affected by the rainy season, and it starts to welcome its high travel time from June to August.

Rain starts to ease from the middle of September. In October, most areas of India have dry weather. Though it is still hot, it feels much more comfortable than in May. Traveling in October and November, you'll not be drenched, while enjoying better deals than in December-February.

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### Baggage Allowance

At time of writing the standard weight limit is one checked baggage on Qatar Airways is 25kg (55lb) and hand baggage 7kg (15lbs). We recommend packing only one piece of checked baggage. Luggage allowances for both hand and checked luggage are subject to change, we suggest you check the airline's website for the latest information prior to your departure.

## ESSENTIAL/PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Passport & Visas

All nationalities require a full passport that must be valid for 6 months beyond the intended length of stay. It is your responsibility to have the correct personal documents and to obtain your own visa, in accordance with the regulations of the country you are to visit. The information below is primarily for EU passport holders, and other nationalities should check with the relevant embassies. We are not responsible for the actions of local immigration and customs officials, whether at points of entry or otherwise, and any subsequent effects.

Visas are required if you are German and for most other nationalities. Visa information changes regularly for India; for the latest information on applying for a visa please follow these links for more information.

<https://indianembassyberlin.gov.in/pages?id=Mg,,&su bid=MTQ>

**Please note:** Visa regulations can change without notice, therefore please check the current regulations or contact us.

### Vaccination & Health

Travel health can often be something people forget about before going away, but a little preparation and knowledge can go a long way to help you stay fit and healthy while abroad.

There are no mandatory vaccination requirements for this trip. Recommended vaccinations for this trip are: Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Typhoid, Hepatitis A. The risk of malaria on this trip is slight, but you may wish to consult your GP/Family Doctor or travel health clinic for further advice. Dengue fever and/or Chikungunya are known risks in places visited on this trip. Both are tropical viral diseases spread by daytime biting mosquitoes. There is currently no vaccine or prophylaxis available for either, and therefore the best form of prevention is to avoid being bitten. We recommend you take the usual precautions to avoid mosquito bites. The above information can change at short notice; as we are not qualified to answer all your questions about travel health we strongly recommend you contact your Medical Professional or a Travel Health Clinic prior to departure for up-to date information.

### Local Time

GMT + 5 hours and 30 minutes

### Electricity

230/240 volts AC, 50 Hz. There are recharging facilities at most of the hotels, the electricity supply is not 100% reliable but it is usually only off for short periods of time.

### Money

The national currency of India is the Indian Rupee (INR), with an exchange rate at the time of publication of approximately 89 to the Euro and 82 to the US\$. It is illegal to import or export rupees. Do not accept torn or (very) dirty Indian banknotes from banks or in change as they will almost certainly not be accepted as legal tender in India. Please ask for low denomination notes of 100, 200 or 500 Rupees as 2000 Rupee notes can sometimes be difficult to use out of Delhi. You can change money back from Rupees into Euro or Dollars at Delhi airport (before going through security), but you must produce an exchange receipt showing that you changed money in India. You are advised to bring most of your money in cash as you may have difficulty changing travellers cheques outside Delhi. It makes no difference whether you bring Euro or US Dollars. You should change your money on arrival at Delhi either at



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the hotel or airport (please note that the hotel often gives a better rate than the airport). It is possible to change cash in Ladakh. You will need approximately €200-€250 for extra meals and tipping for the whole trip.

### ATM | Credit Cards

There are ATMs in Delhi and other major cities. We recommend you change most of the money you need for the trip before leaving Delhi. Please do not rely wholly on ATM machines as often they are broken or run out of cash. Credit cards are accepted in larger shops in Delhi and other major cities.

### Extra Expenses & Spending Money

You will need to bring some extra money to cover drinks, laundry, souvenirs and any other personal expense, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Though it totally depends on individual but generally an approximate amount of US\$250 per person, per week should be sufficient (more if you enjoy a few beers); however, for those that can't resist a bargain or may wish to participate in all of the optional excursions, consider allocating a higher amount. Or if you are the one frugal with money probably allocating less would also suffice. India has very good opportunities for shopping, especially for locally made goods, and in Delhi local guides may well offer to take you to emporiums as well as workshops where these goods are made. Many people find this a great opportunity to buy local handicrafts, silk, jewelry, carpets etc. Guides will often assume that visitors will want to go shopping, it is very much part of the culture, however if you do not wish to go, please make this clear to your local guide at the time.

Optional Tours may be offered in some city you visit during your tour. These are not included in the standard itinerary and will only be available if time permits and if seats are available. Please ensure you have additional funds available if you feel you may wish to participate in any extra activities. Each optional tour/activity will be arranged locally by our local partner/guide, participation and tipping for

optional excursions is completely at your discretion.

### Tipping

Tipping is of course entirely at your discretion, but it is customary in India. Tipping can be an awkward affair especially when you are not familiar with the country. Your leader will help with tipping and will provide a list of suggested tips. This will include tips for drivers, hotel porters and other hotel staff, local sightseeing guides, and if trekking will include camp staff such as guide, assistants, cooks and pony men. Sometimes your leader will collect a kitty during the trip and sometimes they will collect the tips towards the end of the trip (occasionally for very small groups the leader may need to collect a little more than the suggested amount). We suggest you allow Rs 6,000 (approx. €60 -70 / \$65-75) for this trip. Please try to tip in local currency.

Tipping of the local leader is not included in the above and is at your discretion. However, we suggest around Rs1000-2000 (approx.€11-25 /US \$12-25) per person for the leader depend upon the group size.

### Itinerary Change

In case of some unusual events/incidents the order of programs (sightseeing, excursions etc.) might have to change in order to accommodate the local situations. In these circumstances we will make the best possible arrangements while maintaining the overall integrity of your trip.

The domestic airlines may change their schedule frequently and, in such cases, our local partner/guide will inform you about the changes.

### Travel Insurance

We highly recommend to choose/get an insurance plan/policy that covers your needs. And please make sure to keep/carry a hard-copy of your travel insurance documents on your person while on tour. It's prudent to check thoroughly the inclusions and procedure to file claims prior to purchasing insurance coverage. *travel-to-nature Asia* will not be responsible for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to purchase appropriate travel insurance from the date

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### Public Holidays

During major Indian public holidays such as India's Republic Day 26<sup>th</sup> Jan, the Holi (Colors) Festival (generally falls around March), Diwali (sometime in Oct-Nov) etc. some business will be closed and air and ground transportation may be affected. Tourist attractions sites may get overly crowded. But it's a good trade off as you will get to experience India more intimately.

### Dress Code

Though modern-day Indian have become more liberal to dresses they wear, however, as a tourist we advise you to follow dress codes specially while visiting temples or mosques. Just dressing modestly and wearing non-revealing cloths should be fine. Women might also consider carrying a shawl in their daypack (this could be a sarong or light scarf) which you can wear over your shoulders and heads as a courtesy or just show respects. Religious sites and homes throughout India – for Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Muslims or Buddhists to name a few – require all visitors to remove their shoes to enter.

### Important Information

On all guided trips although our leaders/guides are well trained to deal with different capabilities, if they have any concerns about someone's ability to safely partake in an activity, or their impact on other people's enjoyment, we authorize them to take necessary action which, in some circumstances, may involve asking someone to miss that activity.

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