

Temple, Tigers & the Taj Mahal | 15 Days



The Indian subcontinent amazes, inspires and beguiles the imagination of its visitors like no other place on earth. Our North India group tour takes us to the country's most important nature reserves. 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 leopard, sloth bear, Ganges gaviel and river dolphins. In between our stays, safaris and walks through five different national parks, we always come into contact with the intoxicating culture of India. We visit the temple complexes of Khajuraho, the world-famous Taj Mahal and the Lotus Temple in Delhi. "India's Wild North" is a journey that will put a smile on your face for a long time!

Trip Highlights

- Adventurous animal observations, probably even encounter an Indian Tiger!
- Bird-watching
- Visit to an Indian village
- Explore four different national parks – Pench NP, Kanha NP, Bandhavgarh NP, & Panna NP and one private sanctuary Chambal Safari Lodge
- Khajuraho – the erotic Hindu temple
- Chambal Nature Conservation Project
- Appreciate the grand architecture of Gwalior Fort built at least in 10th century
- Witness the symbol of love – the Taj Mahal
- Sightseeing in Delhi

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Nagpur | Transfer to Pench National Park (103 km | 2.5 hrs)

Welcome to India! Upon arrival in Nagpur a *travel-to-nature Asia* guide/representative will be at the airport to greet and take us to Pench National Park which is about two and a half hours away. Please look out for your name-card once you exit out of arrival area.

Check into our rooms in the lodge which is in the park itself and start our first jeep safari in the afternoon. Together with our English-speaking guide, we keep an eye out for tigers and other inhabitants of the national park.

Accommodation: Tuli Tiger Corridor

Meal: Dinner

Day 2: Drive to Kanha National Park (207 km | 4.5 hrs)

After breakfast we will drive to Kanha Tiger Sanctuary. Here we will spend the next two days enjoying adventurous wildlife viewing. Kanha National Park is one of the most popular in the country.

Founded in 1955, it is considered the original setting of Kipling's world bestseller "The Jungle Book". Our guide is also the driver of our jeep and knows all about the national park and its inhabitants. Besides the Royal Bengal Tiger, there are leopards, sloth bears, the typical South Asian Gaur cattle and lots of deer specie.

Accommodation: Tuli Tiger Resort

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: In Kanha National Park

Jeep safari in Kanha National Park | Canoe trip

Jeep safaris are also on the daily schedule today on our North India group tour. Kanha National Park covers a huge area of 940 square kilometers plus a

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buffer zone of over 1,000 square kilometers. It has a steadily increasing tiger population. There are currently over a hundred of the "cuddly cats" living in the park, which means that our chances of encountering Shir Khan live and in color are good.

Accommodation: Tuli Tiger Resort
Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Drive to Bandhavgarh National Park (215 km | 4.5 hrs)

Visit an Indian village | Bird watching tour

On our way to the next national park, Bandhavgarh National Park, typical Indian villages line the way. They are separated by dense forests. As the drive is a bit longer today, we travel according to the motto "the way is the goal" and make one or two stops along the way. We explore a village and learn from the inhabitants how they share their habitat with the tiger. After arriving at our hotel, we are served lunch. We have time for a nap before heading out on a birding tour of the resort grounds in the afternoon. Dinner tonight will be a romantic meal under the stars, accompanied by a cozy campfire (only in autumn & winter).

Accommodation: Infinity Resort
Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: In Bandhavgarh National Park

Sunrise safari | School visit | Evening entertainment

As the saying goes, the early bird gets the worms, today we set out before sunrise to look for the beautiful, striped cats of prey. The Bandhavgarh National Park was once the hunting ground of the Maharaja of Rewa, who caught a white tiger cub here, brought to his court and later tried his hand at breeding white tigers. Mohan, the name of the Maharaja Martand Singh's tiger, was initially mated with a normal coloured Bengal tigress. However, the litter did not produce the desired white coat colour. This was only achieved by inbreeding with the mating of Mohan and one of his daughters. Today, all captive

white tigers can be traced back to Mohan and his daughter.

In the afternoon we visit a local school and return to our lodge for dinner and evening entertainment.

Accommodation: Infinity Resort
Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6: In Bandhavgarh National Park

Optional yoga class | Visit to an Indian village | Optional excursion | Jeep safari

Today we can join a traditional yoga or meditation class before breakfast. Afterwards we have coffee before we start our official day program with a village tour. The villagers' stories add a very personal touch. We learn first-hand what everyday life is like on the other side of the world.

Afterwards, we go to a lake for a swim and picnic. We have the opportunity to join a bird watching tour or learn more about local irrigation methods in another village. Towards afternoon we set off on our second safari, this time by jeep. The evening is at leisure: you can visit the local library or relax around the campfire.

Accommodation: Infinity Resort
Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Drive to Panna National Park (130 km | 3.5 hrs)

Head of a Nile Gau antelope

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It takes four hours to drive to the Vindhya Mountains, where the relatively unknown Panna National Park is located. It was declared the country's 22nd tiger sanctuary in 1994 and for a while the tiger population remained constant. Currently, it is rather difficult to get to see the beautiful animals. There is a great variety of other animals in the national park however. Besides wild cats like the marsh fox, leopard, rusty cat and others, many hoofed animals are native here. There are the four-horned antelope - Chausingha - the Nile Gau antelope and sambar deer.

Along the Ken River there are not only an enormous number of bird species, but also the long Ganges gavials. After stowing our luggage at the lodge, we go on a jeep safari through the park in the afternoon. We hope to sight some of the animals living here during this tour.

Accommodation: The Ken River Lodge
Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 8: Morning explore the Panna NP | Later drive Khajuraho (130 km | 3 hrs)

Hike through the Panna National Park | Drive to Khajuraho | Remaining day at leisure

After our breakfast we have another opportunity to explore the national park on foot or by jeep.

Afterwards we will drive to Khajuraho, about an hour away, where we will check into our accommodation.

You are welcome to explore the village on your own in the afternoon. Tomorrow we will have a closer look at the temples of Khajuraho.

Accommodation: The Radisson Hotel
Meal: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9: In Khajuraho

Temple visit | Light show

India is famous for its imposing temples. Today we visit the dazzlingly ornate Hindu temples of Khajuraho. A total of twenty temples remain from the original eighty. Most of them are dedicated to the main Hindu gods. The facades of the temples are decorated all over with sculptural figures - many depicting erotic scenes. Even inside the temples you can find the detailed sculptures. A very informative excursion, not only for Kamasutra fans but everyone who is interested in history, art and culture. In the evening we attend a light show directly at the temples. We end this culturally impressive day with a traditional, delicious dinner.

Accommodation: The Radisson Hotel
Meal: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10: Drive Khajuraho - Gwalior (275 km | 5 hrs)

Drive to Gwalior | Stop at Alipura | Explore Gwalior-fort

Today we have a slightly longer transfer distance ahead of us. So feel free to have an extra cup of coffee and a good breakfast before we load our luggage into the bus and set off towards Gwalior. The journey takes between five and six hours, so it is all the more important to have a change of pace in between. The best place for this is the palace of Alipura. We reach the town after about two hours of driving and can stretch our legs, freshen up and enjoy a delicious Indian tea. We arrive in Gwalior in the afternoon and start directly with a short sightseeing tour. There is a lot to see in this historically and culturally very important city in India.

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Accommodation: Clarks Inn Suites

Meal: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11: Drive Gwalior - Mela Kothi (120 km | 3.5 hrs)

Temple visit

We leave the megacity of Gwalior after breakfast and drive to Mela Kothi, three hours away. Here lies the Chambal Safari Lodge, surrounded by lush green nature. Ram, the lodge owner, is a friend of Krishna & Rainer, the managing directors of travel-to-nature. If it can be arranged, he will definitely make time for us and tell us about his conservation projects.

After lunch we visit the medieval temples of Bateshwar, guided by a local tour guide. The entire complex comprises more than a hundred temples, all dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. On a subsequent boat tour through the gorges around the complex, we pass small caves and temples of the Naga Sadhus. The ascetics worshipped snakes and dug the temples and caves into the clayey walls of the gorges. In the afternoon we relax on the terrace of the Kunj at Bateshwar with a wonderful view of the river and the temples. Back at our lodge, we have a delicious dinner and refreshing cocktails by the open fire - the perfect ambience to end the day.

Accommodation: Chambal Safari Lodge

Meal: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12: In Mela Kothi

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: Chambal Safari Lodge

Meal: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 13: Drive Mela Kothi - Agra (87 km | 1.5 hrs)

Sightseeing through Agra | Visit of a marble workshop

Today we drive to Agra - certainly a highlight and an absolute must-do. Here we will find the most beautiful monument of love: the Taj Mahal. And that is exactly what we will have a closer look at during a sightseeing tour. We will also visit the Red Fort, where we will see how marble is used to inlay furniture in a workshop.

The Agra

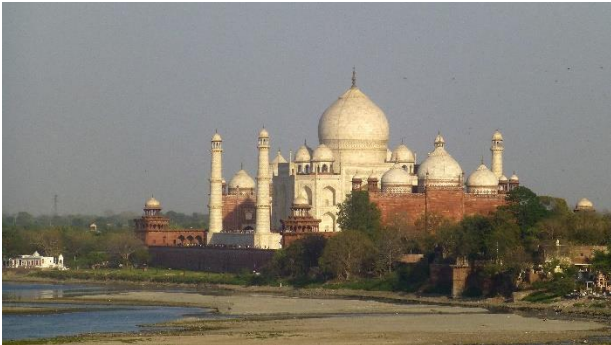
Agra was the Capital city of Sikander Lodhi, the second ruler of the Lodhi dynasty, who was defeated by the Persian King Babur in 1526 A.D. Babur too made Agra his capital city and so began the great Mughal rule. It was Babur who built the first monument in Agra, a planned garden called Gul-e-Afgaan or the Aaram Bagh. After Babar in (1530 AD) HUMAUN took over the thrown of Agra. Sher Shah

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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 Medieval 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: The Clark Shiraz

Meal: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 14: Drive Agra - Delhi (225 km | 3.5 hrs)

Morning at leisure | Drive to Delhi | Visit mausoleum

There is time for individual pursuits in Agra before we set off for Delhi. In the afternoon of our North India group tour we drive to the metropolis Delhi. On the way we stop in the village of Sikandra, where we visit the mausoleum of the Great Mogul Akbar. In Delhi we will have dinner together and fall into bed early, as tomorrow we have sightseeing on the agenda.

Accommodation: Jaypee Vasant Continental

Meal: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15: In Delhi | Depart Delhi

Sightseeing

Delhi is a metropolis that has to be seen and experienced to be fully understood. Rich and poor, old and new are closer together here than anywhere else. You could walk around Delhi for weeks and still not have explored every corner of the city. We will therefore concentrate on a few selected stops. We start with the tour through Old and New Delhi. Here we also visit the Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Ghandi's mortal remains were cremated and a monument erected to him. Passing the largest mosque in India - Jama Masjid - we take a rickshaw ride that takes us through the bustling streets and alleys of Chandni Chowk Market.

In the afternoon we visit the 72.5 meter high minaret tower "Qutb Minar", also known as the Lotus Temple. The India Gate, known as the "All India War Memorial", is also on our sightseeing programme, as is the President's House "Rashtrapati Bhavan". Those who still have energy left after this tour, and if time permits, can make a detour to a Sikh Temple, a place of prayer and school. We end the evening with a farewell dinner. We say goodbye to our tour guide, who has long since become part of the family.

Late in the evening transfer to the airport for our homeward-bound flight.

Meal: Breakfast

Includes

- Airport (pick up/drop off) transfers by private A/C vehicle
- Twin-Sharing accommodation in all Hotel/Resort/Lodge as mentioned
- Daily breakfast throughout the trip, other meals as mentioned in the itinerary
- All sightseeing and long distance transportation in private air-condition vehicle (cars/SUVs or mini-bus/large bus depending on group size)

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- Services of an English speaking local guide for sightseeing tours
- Assistance of travel representatives at all the main cities
- Jungle activities in National Park/Reserves
- 3 Game Drives into Bandhavgrh National Park by jeeps
- 2 Game Drives into Kanha National Park by jeeps
- 1 Game Drive into Pench National Park by jeeps.
- 1 Game Drive into Panna National Park by jeeps.
- One Boat Ride in river Chambal.
- Monument entrance fee
- Farewell dinner at a fine local restaurant in Delhi

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

Tuli Tiger Corridor Resort, Pench

Come and relish a wildlife tour at Pench National Park well-complimented by an elegant stay at Tiger Corridor Resort. In the heart of the park, the Resort has a lavishing accommodation for those who love to get pampered by luxury on their vacation. It is built in such a surreal setting that gives you a chance to actually live in the wild.

Tuli Tiger Resort, Kanha

Located in one of the prominent places of Madhya Pradesh, Kanha, Tuli Tiger Resort is a 3-star property which offers a picturesque wildlife set up. The resort offers air-conditioned 26 cottages which are divided into Deluxe Double or Twin Rooms and Tents, offering stunning views of the lush green surroundings. It also provides attached bathrooms with essential toiletries.

Infinity Resorts, Bandhavgarh

Our wildest resort yet, Infinity Resorts Bandhavgarh, is reminiscent of old Maharajah's shooting lodges during the bygone days. The extensive use of local tiles, stone, inlaid marble, wood and thatch, connects our guests to the resort with the immediate environment. The resort has been tastefully developed with an emphasis on low carbon footprint and it is well spaced out.



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Ken River Lodge, Panna

Fondly called the Tree House by locals, because of its lovely Machaan restaurant overlooking the Ken River, it is the finest place to get lost from the world. It is spread in sprawling jungle of 50 acres along the Ken River and offers a unique blend of traditional royal hospitality and comfortable country living.

Clarks Inn Suites, Gwalior

Clarks Inn Suites is an astounding beauty situated along the Maharani Laxmibai Marg Bypass Road. It provides easy access to many frequently sought tourist attractions like Phoolbagh Maidan, Italian Garden, Gwalior Zoo and Maharaja Sir Jiwajirao Scindia Museum. With swanky accommodations and befitting facilities, Clarks Inn Suites is an obvious choice for a restful stay in Gwalior!

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 Clarks Shiraz, Agra

Clarks Shiraz, Agra, is a five-star luxury hotel which combines business with pleasure, style with substance, form with function. Located 2 km from the Taj Mahal, in the heart of Agra, and yet free from its din and bustle. Overlooking the Taj and Agra Fort,

Hotel Clarks Shiraz has been synonymous with exceptional hospitality for the last five decades.

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, 6 lunches and 14 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.

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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.

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

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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 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

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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.

Tippling 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 of booking.

Public Holidays

During major Indian public holidays such as India's Republic Day 26th 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.