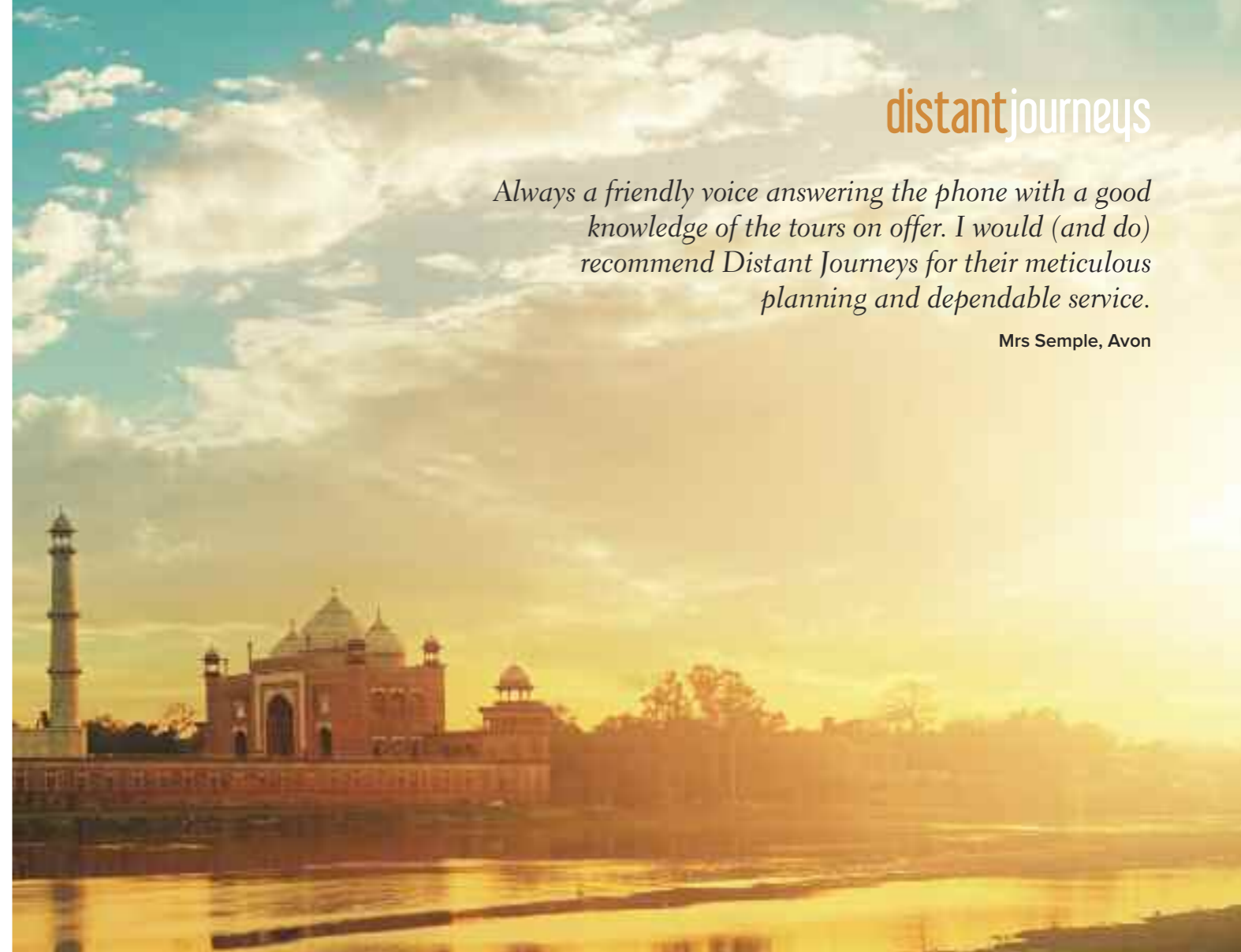


# India

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Leisurely and flexible guided touring



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*Always a friendly voice answering the phone with a good knowledge of the tours on offer. I would (and do) recommend Distant Journeys for their meticulous planning and dependable service.*

Mrs Semple, Avon

## A Warm Welcome Awaits

India, a country that immediately conjures up an array of vivid images to the mind. A land of ancient traditions, magnificent landscapes, vibrant colours, majestic forts, grand palaces and culinary delights – India is without doubt a country of vast and exciting diversity.

On occasions culturally challenging, however always enthralling, Distant Journeys welcomes you to India for a journey made up of heart-warming and never-to-be-forgotten experiences.

**Over 60 years creating incredible touring holidays**  
The directors at Distant Journeys have over 60 years combined experience designing escorted touring holidays all over the world. Using our extensive knowledge, we have created an exciting style of flexible touring holiday combining the delights and camaraderie of group travel, with the flexibility to allow for personal tastes.

Our tours operate at a leisurely pace, offer exceptional value for money without compromising on quality or inclusions and provide you with unrivalled flexibility, ensuring your holiday is perfect for you.

Our aim is simple – to make every moment of your holiday as memorable as it should be.

## Book With 100% Confidence

### Our Price Promise

All Distant Journeys touring holidays come with our Price Promise\*. This is our guarantee to give early bookers the best price, to never offer your holiday at a cheaper price or add surcharges once your holiday booking is confirmed, and to match the price of any identical holiday you may find.

### Award-winning service

Our friendly travel professionals are experts in the places we visit and are happy to share their passion with you at any time. Exceptional customer service means not only is our Feefo satisfaction rating an outstanding 99%, Distant Journeys has also won Feefo's coveted 'Gold Trusted' rating.

### Financially protected

Distant Journeys are fully bonded by ATOL, meaning you can book your holiday knowing your money is 100% safe.

\* For more information on our Price Promise, please see our booking conditions on pages 40-43.



Richard Hanson, Simon Whittle & Andrew Laycock  
Directors, Distant Journeys



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## Call to book

Our award-winning team of travel experts is happy to answer any questions you may have, and to help you book your holiday with Distant Journeys.

**Call us on 01695 577 961**

**Monday - Friday** 9.00am - 5.30pm  
**Saturday** 9.00am - 5.00pm

Should you prefer, please feel free to email us with your enquiry.

**Email:** [enquiries@distantjourneys.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@distantjourneys.co.uk)





## Why Choose Distant Journeys?

1. **Exceptional value, uncompromising quality**  
Our aim is to offer exceptional value for money without compromising on the quality of your holiday. You'll find included all you would expect from a touring holiday, along with a few special extras you might not expect such as hotel portorage and a welcome drink.
2. **Meticulously designed tours**  
With over 60 years combined experience, our directors understand just what it takes to design the perfect touring holiday. Many months of planning go into every detail of the holiday, and each element is carefully chosen with our customers' enjoyment in mind.
3. **Personal knowledge and expert advice**  
Distant Journeys has a team of professional travel specialists with personal knowledge of the countries we visit, our selected hotels and the fabulous experiences we offer.
4. **Leisurely paced itineraries**  
Our holidays operate at a relaxed pace, as we aim to give you plenty of time to fully explore and savour each area as well as giving you some time to unwind.
5. **Hand-picked hotels**  
You'll be delighted by your hotels, as Distant Journeys only select accommodation which meets the high standards of quality, service and location our guests have come to expect.
6. **Once in a lifetime experiences**  
From exclusive meals in inspiring settings to exploring lesser known gems, our holidays feature many incredible experiences which will stay in your memory forever.
7. **Experienced Tour Managers & guides**  
Our Tour Managers, Coach Captains and local guides are all greatly experienced in their field, and have the right balance of organisational skills and local knowledge, coupled with a warm, friendly personality.
8. **Personalise your travel arrangements**  
Flying from regional UK airports at no extra cost, upgrading your flight and extending your holiday are just a few of the ways in which you can personalise your tour so it's perfect for you.
9. **Freedom to explore**  
We know our customers rightly expect to have all the must-see excursions included, but we understand they also want to tailor their holiday to their own tastes. That's why each tour has several Freedom Days to allow you the flexibility and choice to decide how you wish to spend your time.
10. **Our Price Promise**  
We want you to have the peace of mind you are paying the best price for your holiday, so Distant Journeys guarantees this through our Price Promise\*.
  - ◆ We'll reward you for booking early. The earlier you book the better the offer you'll receive.
  - ◆ We never offer last minute discounts, so you can be confident you'll never see your holiday cheaper.
  - ◆ We will never add surcharges onto the cost of your holiday, once you have booked.
  - ◆ We're so confident our tours represent excellent value for money, should you find the same tour at a cheaper price not only will we match that price, we will also give you £200 off a future booking.
11. **Award-winning holidays**  
Distant Journeys offer touring holidays to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and China, and we are delighted to have been awarded the 'Best Small Holiday Company to Australasia' in both 2016 and 2017 at the British Travel Awards.
12. **99% customer satisfaction**  
We are so proud that our customers really love what we do. So much so, Distant Journeys has achieved an incredible 99% satisfaction rating with independent reviews provider Feefo.
13. **Gold standard service**  
The exceptional service provided by Distant Journeys has led to us being awarded Feefo's 'Gold Trusted' rating.
14. **Financially protected**  
All Distant Journeys holidays are fully bonded by the Civil Aviation Authority, ATOL number 10913, meaning you can book in the confidence your money is 100% safe.

\* For more information on our Price Promise, please see our booking conditions on pages 40-43.



## Uncompromising Quality with exceptional value

We are passionate about what we do, passionate about the countries we visit, the experiences we include, the service we offer and the value for money we deliver to our guests without compromising on the quality of the holiday experience.

With Distant Journeys, value does not mean cheap. Value for money means we will provide you with the opportunity to discover a destination in comfort and style, with so much flexibility and so many experiences included in the itinerary, and without it costing the earth.

### So much included

From start to finish, each Distant Journeys holiday is meticulously planned. As you would expect from a touring holiday, we include return international flights from the UK on award-winning scheduled airlines, with all your on-board meals and drinks included. What you might not expect is a choice of flights with either Emirates or Virgin Atlantic along with a selection of convenient regional UK departures, all without costing you a penny more.

All your touring holiday essentials are included; overseas transport in high quality coaches, a porter service for your luggage, all pre-payable airport and resort taxes, and all the entrance fees to the many incredible places and monuments you will visit. What's more, throughout your holiday you'll be accompanied by a knowledgeable Tour Manager and local guides to help you make the most of your time in India.

### Comfort and convenience

Hotels are carefully selected to make the most of each location, and offer quality and comfort so you can unwind and relax when returning from a day's exploring. Daily breakfast is included, in addition to several lunches and dinners.

### Unforgettable experiences

To make your holiday extra special, along with all the 'must-see' excursions already included, Distant Journeys includes a number of once in a lifetime experiences and visits to lesser known hidden gems. These are all included to create memories you will treasure forever.

## Our Price Promise

**Price Promise** ✓

### Early booking offers

Our philosophy is simple - the earlier you book the better the offer the you will receive.

### No last minute discounts

Distant Journeys never discount our holidays, so you can be confident you will never see your holiday at a lower price than the one you paid.

### No surcharges

Irrespective of any additional costs incurred by Distant Journeys as a result of currency fluctuations, air fare increases or other costs associated with your holiday, surcharges will never be added once you have confirmed a booking.

### Price match

We want you to have the peace of mind when booking a Distant Journeys holiday that you are receiving the best possible price. So, if you see the same holiday cheaper, not only will we match that price, we will also give you £200 off the price of a future holiday with Distant Journeys.

For more information on our Price Promise, please see our booking conditions on pages 40-43.



## Hand-Picked Hotels perfectly located

Distant Journeys appreciate the hotels in which you stay are an integral part of your holiday enjoyment, which is why we take great care in hand-picking all the accommodation featured in our itineraries. In less developed countries, like India, we realise just how important it is to choose the right hotels for our guests.

Location and quality are always paramount considerations, and we strive to provide the best of both.

### Hotel ratings

Each property has been inspected whilst planning our holidays, and you can be confident the hotels featured in this brochure have been carefully selected for their location, quality, facilities and level of service.

We understand from many years of experience that accommodation ratings may vary from country to country. We therefore provide our own ratings, which are based on the expectations of guests from the UK, alongside the official hotel rating. Please review our hotel directory on pages 34-36 for more information regarding the hotels included.

### Location, location, location

Relax in the knowledge that every hotel has been carefully chosen to allow you to make the most of each destination you visit. In Agra for instance you will enjoy two nights at the excellently located Trident Agra, situated close to the iconic Taj Mahal and set in beautifully landscaped gardens.

### Character and charm

Some hotels are more than just a place to rest and in many destinations we select hotels for their history, character and charm. If choosing A Journey Through India tour, you'll experience a great example of this in Lucknow, where you stay at the Lebus - a wonderful Art Deco heritage hotel which has been lovingly restored to recreate the lifestyle enjoyed in the early 1900s.





## Freedom & Flexibility

holidays styled just for you

Imagine being able to enjoy all the benefits of travelling with a group of like-minded people; the laughs, the camaraderie, the friendships, the hassle-free organisation - and at the same time being able to personalise your holiday so that it's perfect for you.

When it comes to having the freedom to tailor your touring holiday to suit your tastes and wishes, the flexibility provided by Distant Journeys cannot be beaten.

### Freedom Days

For an escorted tour to be truly memorable, we believe you should have the freedom to customise your touring experiences to match your interests. That is why we ensure all Distant Journeys tours have a number of Freedom Days for you to spend as you please.

Learn to cook traditional dishes in the home of an Indian family, explore Delhi's streets and markets guided by locals, discover the ancient art of hand block painting, or simply spend time with a good book by the pool – the choice is yours.

### Travel to suit you

To get your journey off to the best possible start, Distant Journeys offers you a choice of airlines, with flights available from a wide selection of UK airports, all at no extra cost. Fly direct from London Heathrow with Virgin Atlantic or take advantage of flights via Dubai, with Emirates' selection of regional UK airports - London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Birmingham, Manchester or Glasgow.

If you would like to treat yourself to a little more comfort on your flights, Premium and Business Class upgrades are available on selected routes. Please see page 37 for more details.

### Extend your holiday

Should you wish to extend your time in India, we will be delighted to arrange your flights for you – it's all part of the Distant Journeys service. What's more, if you are flying with Emirates, you have the opportunity to extend your holiday with a stopover in Dubai to experience its iconic sights, sandy beaches, and fabulous entertainment.





## Once in a Lifetime Experiences which are truly unforgettable

Distant Journeys offers touring holidays to a selection of truly magical countries, featuring an incredible array of holiday experiences.

When you travel with Distant Journeys, you can be confident that not only will all the memorable must-see sights be included, but you will also enjoy several extra special experiences to make your holiday as memorable as it should be.

### A new adventure every day

India offers such variety, making it impossible for us to list every single amazing experience. Nevertheless, here is just a small selection of highlights you will enjoy on your Indian holiday.

### Amber Fort, Jaipur

The fairy-tale majesty of Amber Fort makes this one of India's star attractions. As well as exploring the fort's impressive architecture and fascinating history in the daytime. We return in the evening for dinner in one of the country's most spectacular settings.

### Lucknow

The capital of Uttar Pradesh is often overlooked by travellers, but Lucknow's superb architecture and monuments from the Mughal and British Raj eras, along with its famed local cuisine, make this less well-known destination a fantastic addition to a touring itinerary.

### Taj Mahal

No holiday to India would be complete without experiencing the wonder of the Taj Mahal, India's most iconic and photographed monument. In addition to our guided visit to see its incredible beauty up close, we give you the opportunity to view its majestic facade from across the river as the sun rises – it's truly a photographer's delight.

### Ranthambore National Park

Ranthambore National Park is the former hunting ground of the Maharaja and is now celebrated for its wildlife conservation. It's the best place to spot the elusive tiger and is also home to a vast array of flora and fauna.







# The Golden Triangle & Ranthambore

13 days from only £2,795 per person

India is a country which is both enchanting and surprising. Bustling cities are entwined with ancient history and enthralling cultures. It's a destination like no other.

Distant Journeys takes you around India's Golden Triangle, a classic itinerary visiting the three iconic, colourful cities of Delhi, Jaipur and Agra with the bonus of visiting the beautiful Ranthambore National Park.

Your tour begins in the nation's capital Delhi, full of astounding architecture and vibrant culture; you will experience both the old and the new in this contrasting city. We continue to the 'Pink City', Jaipur, Rajasthan's capital. We journey onwards to Ranthambore National Park, a former royal hunting ground and home to the elusive tiger. Finally, our tour culminates in the city of Agra, home to arguably the most beautiful building in the world – the Taj Mahal.

Enjoying quality hotels throughout, and conducted at a relaxed pace, this tour is the perfect way to explore and enjoy the enigma of India.



② = Number of nights

## Your holiday includes

### Flights with award-winning scheduled airlines

- ◆ Return economy class flights:
  - Choose to fly with Emirates via Dubai from London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham or Glasgow
- ◆ Alternatively, you can fly direct with Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow
- ◆ All airport charges, security charges and any applicable fuel surcharges
- ◆ UK Air Passenger Duty

### Carefully selected hotels

- ◆ Superior hotels in great locations
- ◆ All hotel portorage
- ◆ Applicable hotel taxes

### Many meals

- ◆ Daily breakfast, worth £159 per person
- ◆ Five lunches
- ◆ Three dinners

### Unforgettable experiences

- ◆ Sightseeing tours in Delhi, Jaipur and Agra
- ◆ Visit the Heritage Transport Museum
- ◆ Jeep ride and tour of Amber Fort, Jaipur
- ◆ Dinner at 1135AD, located within Amber Fort
- ◆ Two safaris in Ranthambore National Park
- ◆ Tour of Fatehpur Sikri
- ◆ Visit to the iconic Taj Mahal

### On the ground

- ◆ Services of an experienced Tour Manager and local guides
- ◆ All overseas transfers
- ◆ Modern, air-conditioned coaches throughout

### 100% confidence

- ◆ Your holiday is covered by our Price Promise\*
- ◆ Your holiday is fully ATOL protected

\* For more information on our Price Promise, please see our booking conditions on pages 40-43.



# The Golden Triangle & Ranthambore

Days 1 to 4: UK - Delhi

## Day 1: Depart UK

Depart with Emirates from the UK airport most convenient for you. Choose from London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham or Glasgow. Alternatively, fly direct to Delhi with Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow. No matter which airline or airport you choose, there will be no additional cost. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 2: Delhi, 3 nights

All flights with Emirates to Delhi travel via Dubai. On arrival into Delhi transfer to the five star Hyatt Regency hotel. This evening, enjoy a welcome drink with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers, to become acquainted and learn more about our adventure ahead. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 3: Delhi

A city that combines both the ancient and modern, Delhi stands as the capital of modern India and is a wonderful introduction to all that is India. Our day begins with an enjoyable rickshaw ride through Old Delhi. We travel via the Red Fort, the most opulent Fort and Palace of the Mughal Empire, visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque and experience Chandni Chowk, the bustling and colourful market of the old city. See the imposing India Gate and Parliament House in New Delhi, before enjoying lunch at the delightful Olive Bar & Kitchen. Later, we further explore New Delhi, including Humayun's Tomb and the 13th century Qutub Minar, a red sandstone and white marble minaret, measuring over 75 metres tall. **Breakfast and lunch included**

## Day 4: Delhi Freedom Day

Our first Indian Freedom Day allows us to spend the day as we please. Our Distant Journeys Tour Manager will be on hand to provide advice on things to do, where to eat, make any arrangements and book excursions for you to further explore the area. Perhaps visit two of India's most architecturally impressive wonders, Akshardham Temple and Lotus Temple, or take an introduction to India's melting pot of different cultures, languages and religions. Alternatively, take a walking tour of Delhi's schools and markets, guided by street children who are supported by the Salaam Baalak Trust. This evening, there is an option to dine in one of three specially selected restaurants, each serving their own versions of traditional Indian cuisine. **Breakfast included**

## We recommend

### Salam Baalak Walk

A unique and interesting walk guided by the children of the Salaam Baalak Trust.





## The Golden Triangle & Ranthambore

Days 5 to 11: Jaipur - Ranthambore - Agra

### Day 5: Jaipur, 3 nights

This morning we begin our journey to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur. En route we visit the excellent Heritage Transport Museum for an interesting journey through the evolution of India's motor industry on a self-guided tour. Later, we continue to Jaipur, the colourful capital of Rajasthan, and to the Trident Hotel Jaipur, offering stunning views of Mansagar Lake and Jal Mahal. **Breakfast and lunch included**

### Day 6: Jaipur

After breakfast we travel a short distance to meet our waiting Jeeps, which take us to the majestic Amber Fort. Set amidst the hills and overlooking the Maota Lake, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a fabulous example of Rajput architecture. Later, we stop for a photo opportunity at the beautiful façade of the Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds). This afternoon visit the City Palace Museum with its blend of Rajasthani and Mughal Art, and the awe-inspiring Jantar Mantar, an observatory built in 1726 which still provides accurate information to this day. This evening, should you wish, there is the option to take one of two wonderful dining experiences; a dinner under the stars, surrounded by bushland and the Aravali Hills, or enjoy a cooking demonstration and dinner in the home of a local Rajasthani family. **Breakfast included**

### Day 7: Jaipur Freedom Day

Take advantage of a Jaipur Freedom Day, where you can choose to relax or explore as you please. Perhaps join a heritage walking tour through the heart of the old city, learning about the local trades and crafts. Alternatively, discover the ancient art of hand block printing and how the region's famous Blue Pottery is created, or explore a local organic farm and enjoy a live cooking demonstration.

### Tour Highlight

This evening will undoubtedly be a real highlight of your tour; a dinner served at 1135AD, a beautiful restaurant set within the historic ramparts of Amber Fort. We dine like royalty, in opulent surroundings, with Amber Fort illuminated against the night sky making an enchanting backdrop. **Breakfast and dinner included**



### Day 8: Ranthambore, 2 nights

Leaving Jaipur behind, we journey on to Ranthambore National Park. Once the private hunting ground of the Maharaja, the park is now celebrated for its wildlife conservation, and in particular its majestic tigers. After lunch, we board our open canter vehicle for our first safari. Whilst the elusive tiger is the park's most famous inhabitant, keep an eye out for sambar deer, marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, monkeys, leopards and more than 250 species of bird life. Our accommodation for the next two nights is the delightful Nahargarh, built in the style of a traditional Rajput hunting palace. Dinner this evening is at our hotel. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

### Day 9: Ranthambore

An early start this morning as we embark on our second safari into the National Park. Taking in a different area of Ranthambore we continue our search for the park's varied wildlife. We return to our hotel for breakfast, and the remainder of the day is free to spend as we please. The hotel has a wonderful pool area, which is a perfect place to unwind for a few hours with a good book. This evening we enjoy a barbecue dinner within the hotel's picturesque grounds. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

### Day 10: Agra, 2 nights

After breakfast we make our way to Bharatpur, where we enjoy lunch in the tranquil and peaceful Laxmi Niwas Palace. We continue our journey to Agra where we discover Fatehpur Sikri, an imperial city of the Mughal dynasty. Built in the 16th century by Emperor Akbar, Fatehpur Sikri was deserted after only 14 years of rule. The abandoned city is now a UNESCO World Heritage site, providing a wonderful insight into life in the time of the Mughal dynasty. We continue on to Agra and our hotel, the Trident Agra. **Breakfast and lunch included**

### Day 11: Taj Mahal Tour Highlight

Agra is home to India's most iconic attraction, the Taj Mahal, so our morning begins with a visit to this magnificent monument. The Mughals were at the peak of their power and wealth during Shah Jahan's reign and it is said that over 20,000 stone carvers, masons, and artists from across India, Turkey and Iraq were employed to build this monument to love on the banks of Agra's Yamuna River.

After a wonderful visit to the Taj Mahal we visit the impressive red sandstone Agra Fort which was the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. Embracing grand halls and palaces, the country was governed from here for many years. Our afternoon has been left free to spend as we please. This evening, there is an opportunity to experience Mohabbat The Taj show, depicting the romantic story of the Emperor Shah Jahan and his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. **Breakfast included**



## The Golden Triangle & Ranthambore

Days 12 to 13: Delhi - UK

### Day 12: Delhi, overnight

For those that wish, you can rise early for another opportunity to view the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Our vantage point is from across the river at Mehtab Bagh or 'Moonlit Gardens', which provide some incredible photo opportunities. Following breakfast in the hotel, we travel with our local tour manager back to Delhi. Staying at the Pride Plaza Hotel, our afternoon is free to take in any last-minute souvenir shopping. **Breakfast included**

### Day 13: Depart India – arrive UK

We depart Delhi with Emirates and fly via Dubai to our chosen airport. Alternatively, fly with Virgin Atlantic direct to London Heathrow. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

## Extend your holiday in Dubai from £395 per person

If you have chosen to fly with Emirates, why not extend your holiday by adding a three-night stopover in Dubai? So you can personalise your stopover to your tastes, you have the choice of two hotel options.



**Sheraton Jumeirah Beach**  
Local rating: ★★★★★  
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

Enjoying its own private beach, Sheraton Jumeirah Beach is ideal for enjoying a few days relaxation in the sun. With comfortable rooms and a host of facilities, the hotel is within easy access of The Walk, with its buzzing array of shops and restaurants.

Three nights £495 per person  
Single occupancy £795



**Mariott Hotel Al Jaddaf**  
Local rating: ★★★★★  
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

Located within easy reach of Dubai Mall, the Marriott Al Jaddaf, is the perfect alternative to a beachside hotel. With an outdoor swimming pool, deluxe spa and a choice of seven restaurants it's a great location from which to explore downtown Dubai.

Three nights £395 per person  
Single occupancy £595

**Your stopover includes return airport transfers, three nights at your chosen hotel and daily breakfast.**

Please note, a tourism tax of 21AED (approx £4.50) per room per night is payable locally.

## Departure Dates & Prices

### 2019 Departures

02 November 2019	£2,795 per person
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### 2020 Departures

18 January 2020	£2,795 per person
01 February 2020	£2,795 per person
07 March 2020	£2,795 per person

### Prices

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a twin or double room.

### Supplements

Single occupancy supplement £745.

### Deposit

£1,000 per person if travelling economy class, £1,950 per person if travelling premium, and £3,750 per person for business class.

### Stopovers

Extend your holiday with a stopover in Dubai from £395 per person.

### Flight upgrades

Emirates upgrade to return Business Class flights from £2,575 per person.

Virgin Atlantic upgrade to return Premium flights from £745 per person, or return Upper Class flights from £1,545 per person.

### Important information

Prices are subject to the availability of flights in the lowest available booking class and may change, however the correct price will always be confirmed before you book.

British Citizens travelling to India are required to have a minimum 6 months on their passport and require an e-Tourist Visa, which must be obtained before travelling. For more details on how to obtain your visa, along with other useful information on your holiday, please refer to our 'Helpful Information' guide on pages 38-39.

Full booking conditions are available on pages 40-43.

**To book, call us on 01695 577 961**

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

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## Your holiday includes

### Flights with award-winning scheduled airlines

- ◆ Return economy class flights:
  - Choose to fly with Emirates via Dubai from London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham or Glasgow
- ◆ Alternatively, you can fly direct with Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow
- ◆ All airport charges, security charges and any applicable fuel surcharges
- ◆ UK Air Passenger Duty

### Carefully selected hotels

- ◆ Superior hotels in great locations
- ◆ All hotel portorage
- ◆ Applicable hotel taxes

### Many meals

- ◆ Daily breakfast, worth £219 per person
- ◆ Eight lunches
- ◆ Four dinners

### Unforgettable experiences

- ◆ Sightseeing tours in Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Lucknow and Varanasi
- ◆ Visit the Heritage Transport Museum
- ◆ Jeep ride and tour of Amber Fort, Jaipur
- ◆ Dinner at 1135AD, located within Amber Fort
- ◆ Two safaris in Ranthambore National Park
- ◆ Tour of Fatehpur Sikri
- ◆ Visit to the iconic Taj Mahal
- ◆ Boat ride on the River Ganges

### On the ground

- ◆ Services of an experienced Tour Manager and local guides
- ◆ All overseas transfers
- ◆ Modern, air-conditioned coaches throughout

### 100% confidence

- ◆ Your holiday is covered by our Price Promise\*
- ◆ Your holiday is fully ATOL protected

\* For more information on our Price Promise, please see our booking conditions on pages 40-43.

# A Journey Through India

17 days from only £3,245 per person

Spend a little longer in India with Distant Journeys, and delve deeper into the heart of this mystical, mesmerising country. A Journey Through India enjoys all the highlights of a classic touring itinerary, and also includes visits to areas off the well-trodden tourist path.

After completing the Golden Triangle of Delhi, Jaipur and Agra, along with a stay in Ranthambore National Park, we continue to Lucknow and Varanasi.

The historic city of Lucknow has an air of grandeur, redolent of the days of the British Raj, and is today a cultural and artistic centre. Varanasi by contrast is the spiritual and sacred heart of India, situated on the banks of the holy River Ganges, and offering a true taste of India at its most authentic.

You'll return home with a lifetime of memories, and a real understanding of the mysterious, magical soul of India.



② = Number of nights



# A Journey Through India

Days 1 to 4: UK - Delhi

## Day 1: Depart UK

Depart with Emirates from the UK airport most convenient for you. Choose from London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham or Glasgow. Alternatively, fly direct to Delhi with Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow. No matter which airline or airport you choose, there will be no additional cost. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 2: Delhi, 3 nights

All flights with Emirates to Delhi travel via Dubai. On arrival into Delhi transfer to the five star Hyatt Regency hotel. This evening, enjoy a welcome drink with your Tour Manager and fellow travellers, to become acquainted and learn more about our adventure ahead. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

## Day 3: Delhi

Delhi stands as the capital of modern India, where you can experience the combined historic and architectural wonders of the adjoining cities, Old and New Delhi. We begin the day with a fascinating rickshaw ride through the bustling narrow streets of Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi, the former commercial centre of Delhi and still an important trading area of the city. We travel via the opulent Mughal-built Red Fort, Shah Jahan's symbol of power and elegance, and make a stop at India's largest mosque – Jama Masjid.

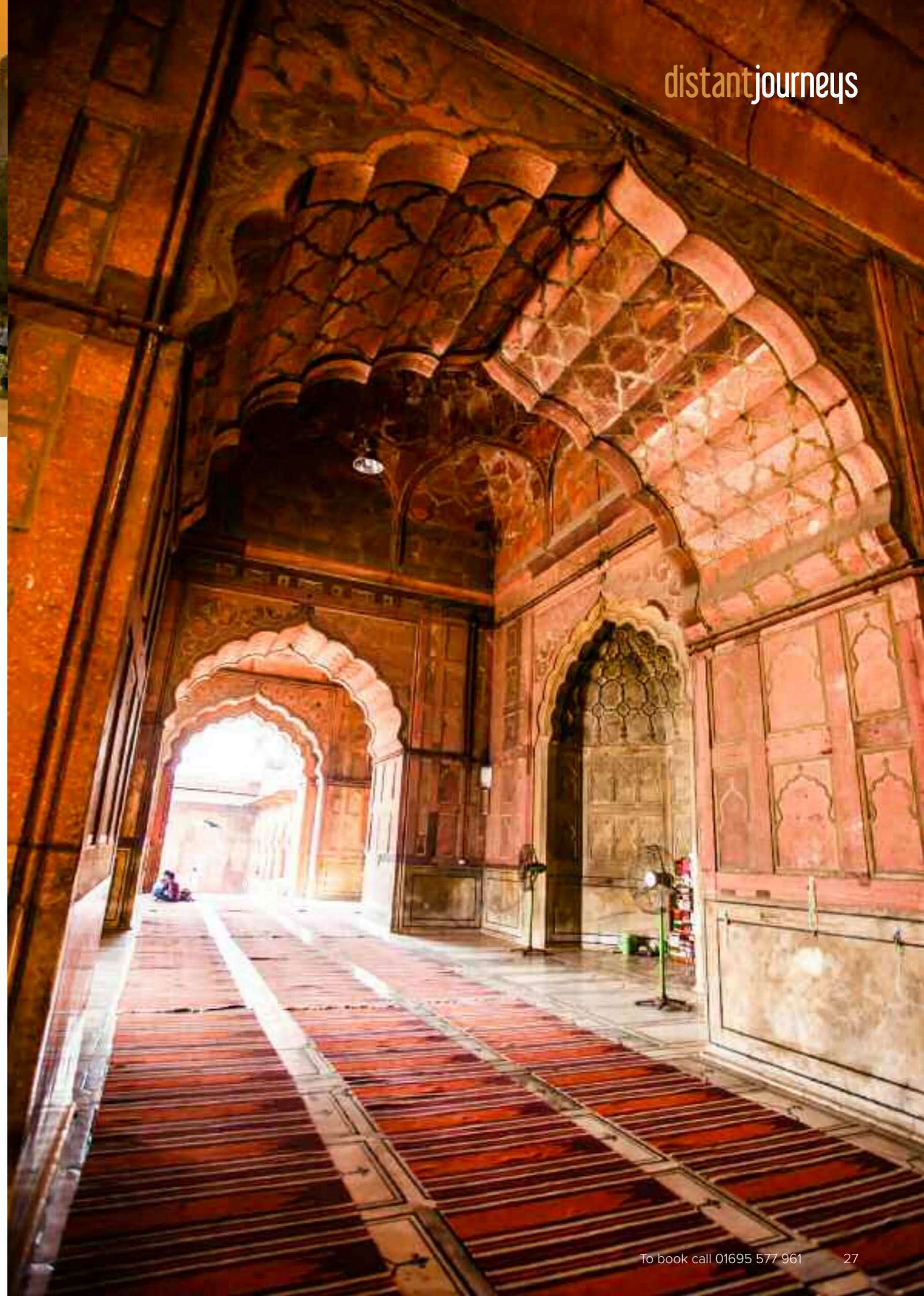
The contrast with the pulsating streets of Old Delhi is evident as we drive along the wide tree-lined boulevards of New Delhi. We pass the imposing India Gate and Parliament House before lunch at the delightful Olive Bar & Kitchen. Later, we further explore New Delhi, including Humayun's Tomb and the 13th-century Qutub Minar, a red sandstone and white marble minaret, measuring over 75 metres tall. **Breakfast and lunch included**

## Day 4: Delhi Freedom Day

Our first Indian Freedom Day allows us to spend the day as we please. Our Distant Journeys Tour Manager will be on hand with advice on things to do, where to eat, make any arrangements and book excursions for you to further explore the area. Perhaps visit Akshardham Temple and Lotus Temple, two of India's most architecturally impressive wonders. Alternatively, you may prefer to learn about India's melting pot of different cultures, languages and religions during a half day tour, or take a walking tour of Delhi's schools and markets, guided by street children who are supported by the Salaam Baalak Trust. In the evening, there is an option to dine in one of three lovely restaurants, each serving their own versions of traditional Indian cuisine. **Breakfast included**

## We recommend

**Akshardham and Lotus Temples**  
Explore two of India's most beautiful architectural temples.





# A Journey Through India

Days 5 to 11: Jaipur - Ranthambore - Agra

## Day 5: Jaipur, 3 nights

Following breakfast, we drive to Jaipur, stopping en route to visit the excellent Heritage Transport Museum. Enjoy an interesting journey through the evolution of India's motor industry on a self-guided tour. Later, we continue to the colourful city of Jaipur, popularly known as the 'Pink City', and to the Trident Jaipur. **Breakfast and lunch included**

### We recommend

#### Heritage walking tour, Jaipur

Explore the narrow streets of Jaipur in the company of your knowledgeable local guide.



## Day 6: Jaipur

This morning we head out of the city and board our waiting Jeeps, which will take us up the steep-sided slopes of the majestic Amber Fort. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a fabulous example of Rajput architecture, and you will be amazed by the grandeur of its royal halls, decorated with intricate ivory, mirror and glassworks. Later, we stop for a photo opportunity at the beautiful façade of the Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds), and discover the delights of Jaipur.

We explore City Palace Museum, with its blend of Rajasthani and Mughal Art, and the awe-inspiring Jantar Mantar, an observatory built in 1726 which still provides accurate information to this day. In the evening we have the option to take one of two wonderful dining experiences. The first, is a dinner under the stars, surrounded by bushland and the Aravali Hills, at Dera Amer. Your second option is to dine in the home of a local Rajasthani family, where you will be treated to a cooking demonstration and an insight into well-heeled Indian life, in the company of your friendly hosts. **Breakfast included**

## Day 7: Jaipur Freedom Day & Amber Fort Dinner

Take advantage of a Jaipur Freedom Day, where you can choose to relax or explore as you please. Perhaps take the opportunity to join a heritage walking tour through the heart of the old city, learning about the local trades and crafts as we navigate the narrow streets. Alternatively, you may wish to discover the ancient art of hand block printing and creating the region's famous Blue Pottery, or you may like to explore a local organic farm, including a live cookery demonstration.

### Tour Highlight

This evening will undoubtedly be a real highlight of your tour; a dinner served at 1135AD, a beautiful restaurant set within the historic ramparts of Amber Fort. We dine like royalty, in opulent surroundings, with Amber Fort illuminated against the night sky to make an enchanting backdrop. **Breakfast and dinner included**

## Day 8: Ranthambore, 2 nights

We leave Jaipur and journey to Ranthambore. Built in the style of a traditional Rajput hunting palace, Nahargarh will be our home for the next two nights. Ranthambore National Park is a forested area, with a rugged terrain of rocky ridges, open valleys and lakes. Once the private hunting ground of the Maharaja, the park is now celebrated for its wildlife conservation, and in particular its majestic tigers. Following lunch, we board our open canter vehicle for our first safari in the park. Whilst the elusive tiger is the park's most famous inhabitant, keep an eye out for sambar deer, marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, monkeys, leopards and more than 250 species of bird life. After a thrilling afternoon, we return to our hotel in time for dinner. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

## Day 9: Ranthambore

Early this morning, we explore a different area of the National Park in search of wildlife and to see some of the impressive forts, ancient temple ruins, and ramshackle palaces which dot the landscape. We return to our hotel for breakfast, and the remainder of the day is free to spend as we please. The hotel has a wonderful pool area, which is a perfect place to unwind for a few hours with a good book. This evening enjoy a barbecue dinner within the hotel's picturesque grounds. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

## Day 10: Agra, 2 nights

All good things must come to an end, and this morning we leave Ranthambore as we make our way to Bharatpur. Enjoy lunch in the peaceful surroundings of Laxmi Niwas Palace before we journey to Fatehpur Sikri. Built in the 16th century by Emperor Akbar, Fatehpur Sikri was deserted after only 14 years of rule. The abandoned city has been extremely well preserved and is now a UNESCO World Heritage site, providing a wonderful insight into life in the time of the Mughal dynasty. Following our tour of Fatehpur Sikri, we continue to Agra and the Trident Agra, where we spend our next two nights. **Breakfast and lunch included**

## Day 11: Agra and the Taj Mahal Tour Highlight

Agra is home to India's most iconic attraction, the Taj Mahal, and this morning we enjoy our first experience of this magnificent monument. Taking 22 years to complete, with over 20,000 craftsmen working around the clock, the Taj Mahal was built by Shah Jahan in memory of his late wife and is justifiably considered the world's greatest monument to love. The purity of its white marble exterior and precious gemstones makes this arguably the most beautiful building in the world.

Having explored the Taj Mahal, we visit the impressive 16th century Agra Fort, a commanding red sandstone monument stretching 2.5 kilometres along the banks of the River Yamuna. This walled imperial city was once the home of the Mughal rulers, and for many years, the country was governed from here. Our afternoon has been left free to spend as we please. This evening, why not experience Mohabbat the Taj show – an 80 minute presentation, which perfectly complements the love story behind the Taj Mahal? **Breakfast included**



## A Journey Through India

Days 12 to 15: Lucknow - Varanasi

### Day 12: Lucknow, 2 nights

Early risers will be able to see the Taj Mahal again, from across the river at Mehtab Bagh or 'Moonlit Gardens'. These gardens offer a peaceful opportunity to marvel at the monument and provide incredible photo opportunities of the subtle colour changes as the sun rises. Following breakfast in the hotel, we travel to Lucknow. This evening, we have the option of dinner in the magnificent surroundings of the city palace, Khajoorgaon. A delightful evening awaits in the company of the Maharaja's family, who host an authentic home-cooked dinner and explain the history of Lucknow's Hindu royalty. Our next two nights will be at Lebuva, a boutique hotel, decorated using the Art-Deco style which prevailed in the early 1900s. **Breakfast and boxed lunch included**

### Day 13: Lucknow

Lucknow is a multicultural city that has flourished as a cultural and artistic hub, and was the seat of power of the Nawabs in the 18th and 19th centuries. The city rose to prominence during the 1857 Indian mutiny, when it saw fierce fighting between British and Indian armies. Today, we explore the fascinating history of this city from 1784 through to modern times, including visits to La Martiniere School, Bara Imambara and The British Residency. **Breakfast and lunch included**

### Day 14: Varanasi, 2 nights

Today we embark on a journey to Varanasi, situated on the banks of the sacred River Ganges, and one of the oldest and holiest cities in the world. For the Hindu religion in particular, Varanasi is considered as the place that provides the ultimate pilgrimage, where pilgrims come to the ghats lining the Ganges to wash away their sins in the sacred waters or to cremate their loved ones. The city shows India at its most authentic, with a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds and smells around every corner. We stay for two nights at the Taj Gateway Hotel. **Breakfast and boxed lunch included**

### Day 15: Varanasi and the River Ganges Tour Highlight

Varanasi comes alive in the morning as pilgrims flock to the river banks to bathe in the holy water and worship the rising sun. We rise early to experience sunrise during a boat ride on the Ganges – a truly spectacular sight.

Following our spiritual start to the day, we explore the old city and Bharat Mata Temple before returning to our hotel for breakfast and the remainder of the morning at leisure. This afternoon, we visit Sarnath, where Buddha delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment, and explore the important treasures contained within Sarnath's archaeological museum. In the evening we return to the ghats on the Ganges to experience the Aarti ceremony, amongst hundreds of lighted candles and flower offerings. Later there is an optional dinner in the incredible Brijrama Palace, one of the oldest landmarks of Varanasi. **Breakfast included**







## A Journey Through India

Days 16 to 17: Delhi - UK

### Day 16: Delhi, overnight

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi, we will be transferred to the nearby Pride Plaza Hotel, New Delhi. Your afternoon is free to spend as you wish, before we bid farewell to India and our new-found friends with a celebratory dinner.

**Breakfast and dinner included**

### Day 17: Depart India – arrive UK

We depart Delhi with Emirates and fly via Dubai to our chosen airport. Alternatively, fly with Virgin Atlantic direct to London Heathrow. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

## Extend your holiday in Dubai from £395 per person

If you have chosen to fly with Emirates, why not extend your holiday by adding a three-night stopover in Dubai? So you can personalise your stopover to your tastes, you have the choice of two hotel options.



### Sheraton Jumeirah Beach

Local rating: ★★★★★

Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

Enjoying its own private beach, Sheraton Jumeirah Beach is ideal for enjoying a few days relaxation in the sun. With comfortable rooms and a host of facilities, the hotel is within easy access of The Walk, with its buzzing array of shops and restaurants.

**Three nights £495 per person**  
**Single occupancy £795**



### Mariott Hotel Al Jaddaf

Local rating: ★★★★★

Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★

Located within easy reach of Dubai Mall, the Marriott Al Jaddaf, is the perfect alternative to a beachside hotel. With an outdoor swimming pool, deluxe spa and a choice of seven restaurants it's a great location from which to explore downtown Dubai.

**Three nights £395 per person**  
**Single occupancy £595**

**Your stopover includes return airport transfers, three nights at your chosen hotel and daily breakfast.**

Please note, a tourism tax of 21AED (approx £4.50) per room per night is payable locally.

## Departure Dates & Prices

### 2019 Departures

02 November 2019 **£3,245** per person

### 2020 Departures

18 January 2020 **£3,245** per person

01 February 2020 **£3,245** per person

07 March 2020 **£3,245** per person

### Prices

Prices are per person based on two people sharing a twin or double room.

### Supplements

Single occupancy supplement £995.

### Deposit

£1,000 per person if travelling economy class, £1,950 per person if travelling premium, and £3,750 per person for business class.

### Stopovers

Extend your holiday with a stopover in Dubai from £395 per person.

### Flight upgrades

Emirates upgrade to return Business Class flights from £2,575 per person.

Virgin Atlantic upgrade to return Premium flights from £745 per person, or return Upper Class flights from £1,545 per person.

### Important information

Prices are subject to the availability of flights in the lowest available booking class and may change, however the correct price will always be confirmed before you book.

British Citizens travelling to India are required to have a minimum 6 months on their passport and require an e-Tourist Visa, which must be obtained before travelling. For more details on how to obtain your visa, along with other useful information on your holiday, please refer to our 'Helpful Information' guide on pages 38-39.

Full booking conditions are available on pages 40-43.

**To book, call us on 01695 577 961**

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Should you prefer, please feel free to email us with your enquiry. **Email:** enquiries@distantjourneys.co.uk



# Hotel Directory



## Delhi Hyatt Regency

Conveniently located in the heart of New Delhi, the Hyatt Regency Delhi is surrounded by many local restaurants, monuments and shopping areas. The hotel boasts bright and modern rooms, a swimming pool, and will leave you spoilt for choice with its eight on-site restaurants and bars, ranging from traditional Indian cuisine to European style bakeries.

Local rating: ★★★★★  
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



## Ranthambore Nahargarh

Nestled between the Aravali Ranges and Ranthambore National Park, Nahargarh resembles an old palace complex and provides a tranquil setting for your stay. Relax in the hotel's courtyards or gardens and retreat to the swimming pool. The hotel's restaurant, a grand dining hall, offers both traditional and many other delicious cuisines. Enjoy a nightcap at the military themed Lancer's bar.

Local rating: ★★★★★  
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



## Jaipur Trident Hotel

The Trident Hotel's fabulous décor is inspired by the city's rich cultural heritage, perfectly combining classic charm with all the modern conveniences you could need. Dining options include the award-winning Jal Mahal restaurant serving authentic Rajasthani delights, and the Grills by the Pool restaurant which serves unique Indian dishes served straight from the open grill.

Local rating: ★★★★★  
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



## Agra Trident Hotel

Trident Hotel has been designed to reflect the region. Local red stone and white-washed buildings are surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens and a central courtyard. Bedrooms are bright, and look over the gardens or pool area. Dining here is a lovely experience, with an al fresco Italian restaurant, and authentic Indian and Asian cuisine served in the main restaurant.

Local rating: ★★★★★  
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



# Hotel Directory



## Lucknow The Lebuva Hotel

Surrounded by luscious greenery, the Lebuva Hotel Lucknow is conveniently situated in the heart of the city. Incorporating a mix of Art Deco and modern décor, this boutique hotel offers the perfect base. Each room at the Lebuva has been individually decorated to reflect the culture and heritage of Lucknow. The hotel features an outdoor pool surrounded by tranquil gardens.

Local rating: ★★★★★  
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



## Varanasi The Gateway Hotel

Nestled within 40 acres of lush, flourishing gardens The Gateway Hotel is the perfect haven in which to relax after a day's sightseeing. Inside the hotel, old world charm lives amongst modern day conveniences. Each room offers a multitude of features, and there's a choice of restaurants serving a variety of mouth-watering dishes made from the freshest, local produce.

Local rating: ★★★★★  
Distant Journeys rating: ★★★★★



# Our Airline Partners

Fly with award-winning scheduled airlines

You have the choice of two airlines, Emirates or Virgin Atlantic. Whichever airline you choose, Economy Class seats are included in the price of your holiday.

Why not make your holiday even more memorable with a flight upgrade? With priority check-in, lounge access and spacious comfortable seats, it takes your flying experience to a new level of comfort and service. Let your holiday start here.

## Emirates Economy Class

Sit back and relax in Emirates' spacious Economy Class, which has a typical seat pitch of 32\*\*\*. Enjoy your own personal in-seat widescreen TV with the widest selection of world movies and music. Enjoy regionally inspired multi course meals served with a selection of complimentary beverages.



## Upgrade to Business Class from £2,575 return

Your holiday starts the moment you step outside your front door with a complimentary chauffeur drive to the airport\*. Taste your way around the world with fine dining complimented with exclusive wines and spirits. Stretch out and relax in lie-flat Business Class seats and enjoy the onboard lounge (A380 only).

- ◆ Complimentary chauffeur drive\*
- ◆ Fully flat bed seat with a seat pitch of up to 79\*\*\*
- ◆ Large in-seat entertainment screen
- ◆ Fine dining meals served on Royal Doulton China
- ◆ Complimentary Champagne, wines and spirits
- ◆ On board lounge, serving snacks and drinks (A380 only)
- ◆ Priority check-in and priority boarding
- ◆ Lounge access

## Virgin Atlantic Economy Class

Relax into your seat onboard with a typical seat pitch of 32\*\*\*. Onboard, you'll enjoy a three-course meal, drinks and tempting snacks throughout. Then settle in to over 300 hours of award-winning inflight entertainment.



## Upgrade to Premium from £745 return

Start the smoothest of journeys with priority check in and boarding. Sip a welcome drink in your dedicated cabin. Stretch out in your wide leather seat with a typical seat pitch of 38\*\*\*, then enjoy your choice of dishes from Virgin Atlantic's premium menu, accompanied by a wide range of quality wines.

- ◆ Priority check in and boarding
- ◆ Pre-flight drink and newspaper
- ◆ Dedicated cabin
- ◆ Wide leather seat with headrest, footrest, 38\*\*\* seat pitch and in seat power
- ◆ Choice of main dishes, served with china crockery, cutlery and linen
- ◆ After dinner liqueur
- ◆ Amenity pack
- ◆ Snacks and soft drinks throughout the flight

## Upgrade to Upper Class from £1,545 return

Onboard, your Upper Class Suite awaits. Its unique design gives you direct aisle access with the space to relax in privacy and comfort as well as transforming into a spacious fully flat bed. There's an imaginatively designed range of elegant hot and cold dishes, desserts and fine wines, and even an onboard bar\*\*\*.

- ◆ Comfortable Upper Class Suite with fully flat bed seat
- ◆ Dedicated check-in and priority boarding
- ◆ Private Security Channel within the Upper Class Wing at London Heathrow.
- ◆ Lounge access
- ◆ Onboard, Upper Class bar
- ◆ Imaginatively designed meal finished with cheese and port
- ◆ Complimentary Champagne, wines and spirits

**Important information** Prices are subject to the availability of flights in the lowest available booking class and may change, however the correct price will always be confirmed before you book. \* Emirates complimentary chauffeur service is available on selected routes. Restrictions may apply. \*\* Seat pitch is dependent on the aircraft type. \*\*\* Onboard bar is dependent on the aircraft type. Please call for further details.



# Helpful Information

A quick information guide from Distant Journeys

**Time zone:** Delhi GMT +5½ hrs.  
**Currency:** Indian Rupee

## Weather

Weather patterns around the world are becoming less predictable. However, as a general guide, during the main travel season to India, between October and March, the days tend to be mild and sunny with comfortable cool evenings. Dubai has similar weather patterns in this period, with warm days and cooler evenings. We recommend checking up-to-date weather forecasts before you travel.

## Clothing

Dress for our tours is generally relaxed and informal during the day, dressing to suit the weather conditions and the activity you are undertaking. It's likely there will be occasions when exploring you'll be walking on uneven surfaces, so we recommend sturdy and comfortable walking shoes. Wearing layers of clothing means it's much easier to deal with potentially varied weather conditions and it's always advisable to carry a waterproof. Any included evening dinners are also informal, with smart casual dress being the norm. We would also recommend taking good insect repellent, a high factor sun-screen lotion and a hat for protection from the sun.

It is always worth being aware of local customs when visiting sacred places. As a general rule, when visiting such places, it is recommended that arms and legs are covered. Women may also wish to take a shawl to cover their shoulders and all

visitors should wear long trousers, skirts or shorts that reach below the knee. Taking off your shoes is also a prerequisite before entering many sacred places.

Indians adopt a very conservative standard of dress and we suggest dressing modestly. For our safaris in Ranthambore National Park, we recommend layered clothing including something warm as it can be cold on early mornings drives. If you have them, binoculars will provide a great opportunity for closer wildlife viewing.

## Money

Major credit cards and cash machines are available throughout your tour and local currency is always recommended for small purchases and tipping. We recommend advising your bank of your travel plans in advance so you do not encounter potential problems when trying to withdraw cash.

In India, cash withdrawals are limited to R10,000 (approx. £110) per day and you cannot obtain Indian currency before arrival in the country. There are occasional problems withdrawing cash from ATMs, so it's worth taking some sterling or US dollars that can be changed locally at money exchanges. Don't forget your tour manager will be on hand to help you find the best places to exchange your money. When you change money, ask for some small bills (Rs 10s and Rs 20s) and keep these separate from the larger ones, so that they're readily accessible.

## Tipping

Tipping is common practice in most destinations and should ideally be paid in the local currency. In India and Dubai a service fee is often added to your bill in restaurants and hotels. In such instances tipping is optional, but of course still well received if offered, with 10% being the norm. Hotel porters would normally expect a tip of 50 Rupees in India, 5-10AED in Dubai. If you wish to tip other hotel staff, similar amounts should be offered. It's not mandatory to tip taxi or rickshaw drivers, but it's good practice to tip drivers who are honest about the fare.

If you have received great service from your Tour Manager, guides or driver you may wish to tip them for their service. We are frequently asked for guidance on this and would suggest a minimum of £2 per person per touring day, dependent on your level of satisfaction.

## Travel insurance

It is a condition of travel that you take out sufficient and appropriate travel insurance. We recommend you do this at the time of booking so that in the event of cancellation, providing it is covered by your policy, your deposit (less any applicable excess) is protected.

## Entry requirements

The following information on entry requirements, passports and Visa's is for British citizens only. Holders of a British Subject passport, non-British citizens and holders of a passport endorsed in any way should check immigration requirements with the relevant embassy or consulate of the country to be visited, as should clients with dual nationality or renounced citizenship.

## Passports

A valid ten-year British passport is required for all holidays, valid for a minimum of 6 months after your return date to the UK. When travelling to India you must also allow two blank pages for your visa. If you are not currently in possession of a valid passport please make sure you leave plenty of time before your holiday to apply for this document. Our recommendation is that you should apply at least three months before your holiday.

## Visas

To enter India you are required to obtain an e-Tourist Visa (e-TV) before travelling. The cost of this visa is currently USD75 per person. You can apply online for your visa within 120 days of travel on the government of India's e-Tourist Visa website [www.indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html](http://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html) You must have applied for your visa no later than 4 days before you depart. Alternatively, you may prefer to use a visa agency to obtain your visa. We recommend VisaHQ. [www.visahq.co.uk/?a\\_aid=vaff10048](http://www.visahq.co.uk/?a_aid=vaff10048)

If stopping over in Dubai you can obtain a visitor's visa on arrival in the UAE. There is no charge for this.

For more information on passport information and entry requirements please visit the Government Passport Office website [www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports](http://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports) and the Foreign Office website [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)

Please note entry requirements may change and it is your responsibility to ensure you are in possession of all necessary travel, passport, visa and other entry requirements before departure. All costs incurred in obtaining such documentation must be paid by you. We regret we cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to obtain and carry all required documentation.

## Freedom Days

During your tour, you can book onto a range of additional excursions. These tours are at an additional cost, subject to availability and seasonal operations, and may be subject to minimum/maximum

numbers. Where possible we allow for these to be booked locally with your Tour Manager, however, in some instances pre-booking will be required. You will be advised in advance of your departure from the UK if any excursions require pre-booking.

All Freedom Day experiences may be found on our website alongside the itineraries of each individual tour.

## Travel documents

On payment of a deposit, your holiday is confirmed and we will send you your confirmation email. It is important you check this email as soon as you receive it. Check the tour name and departure date is correct, check names exactly match your passport and familiarise yourself with the times of your flights. If anything is incorrect, please call us immediately. Your full travel documents which include electronic tickets, a final itinerary, luggage labels and holiday information booklet will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to your departure.

## Health & vaccinations

Health facilities, hygiene and disease risk vary worldwide. You should take health advice from your GP or local travel clinic about your specific needs as early as possible and ensure that vaccinations or preventative measures are taken early enough (which may be a month or more prior to departure) to be fully effective by the date of travel.

For more information on health and vaccinations please visit the Foreign Office website [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) and NHS Before you Travel website on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/before-you-travel/>

Advice may change and you should check the most up to date position with your GP or local health / travel clinic in good time before departure.

## Medication and pre-existing conditions

If you have any pre-existing medical conditions or walking difficulties, you should inform us at the time of booking.

It is your responsibility to ensure that any medication you are carrying is permitted to be taken into the countries you are visiting. We recommend you consult with your GP and relevant embassy before booking or travelling.

Always carry medicines in their original, labelled packaging and in your hand-luggage along with a copy of your prescription. Whilst we recommend only carrying enough for the duration of your time away, a small spare supply can be useful. Check that the expiry dates of your medicines will be valid for the duration of your visit abroad.

## Baggage allowance

You're entitled to carry one suitcase per person with the total sum of its length, width and height not exceeding 160cm (63 inches) and weight 23kg (50lbs). In some instances, this may be less than the airlines' permitted allowance. Luggage is restricted to accommodate for coach capacity, domestic flights and where applicable local health and safety laws. Personal and valuable items such as cameras, medication, money / credit cards etc. should be carried in a travel bag or on your person. You must ensure that luggage meets the weight requirements as overweight or oversize items will not be carried.

## Airline seats

With many airlines you can pre-book your seats prior to check in to guarantee your seating and give you a wider choice of seat selection. Please note, many airlines now charge for this service.

## Domestic flights

All domestic flights within our tours are booked on a group basis. Your tour manager will fully assist with the check in process for these flights.

## Smoking

Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is not allowed at any time onboard our coaches or any flight. Within hotels, smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes may be restricted to designated areas. We'll endeavour to ensure there are frequent stops on any coach trip, however we can't guarantee smoking facilities will always be available. It is also worth noting some countries are beginning to ban the use of electronic cigarettes. We recommend you check for up-to-date information before you travel.

## Seat rotation on coaches

We offer a fair system of seat rotation to allow all passengers to experience a variety of views. Exceptions cannot be made to this policy.

## ATOL protection

Our ATOL number is 10913. All the flight inclusive holidays in this brochure or on our website are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you book, you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. For more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to [www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate](http://www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate)

## Further information

The information provided here is as a general guide only. For more detailed information please refer to our FAQ section on our website. We also recommend this Helpful Information guide is read alongside our full Booking Conditions before booking.

# Booking Conditions

**IMPORTANT:** The following terms and conditions together with the general information contained in our tour brochure form the basis of your contract with Distant Journeys Limited. Please read them carefully as they set out our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, we are entitled to believe that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions and agree to them. Except where otherwise stated, these booking conditions only apply to the tour arrangements shown in this brochure (including accommodation required both before and after your main holiday and activities and other services) which you book with us and pay for before departure from the UK and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you.

All references in these booking conditions to “holiday”, “booking”, “tour” or “arrangements” mean such tour arrangements unless otherwise stated. Please be aware that your deposit is non-refundable.

## In these booking conditions:

“Force Majeure” means any event which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are likely to include, but are not limited to (whether actual or threatened) war, terrorism, fire, flood or any other unusual weather conditions, loss of power, epidemics or pandemics, industrial disputes, slow-downs or other strike activities, riots or civil disturbances, acts of government, government agencies or other authorities, inability to obtain any necessary licence or consent through no fault of ours and any other event or circumstances beyond the control of us or any supplier of any part of your tour. “You”, “your” and “yourself” means each person who makes a booking with us for a tour and/or who is named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later stage) and, where appropriate, all such persons. “We”, “us” and “our” means Distant Journeys Limited trading as Distant Journeys.

## Bookings

- All bookings are made pursuant to these terms and conditions.
- It is a condition of booking that you are fit and able to take care of yourself for the duration of the tour. We welcome passengers with disabilities or special needs provided they are accompanied by a companion capable of providing all assistance required. If you have any medical condition or disability which may affect your tour or any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), please tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. We reserve the right to refuse to carry any person who we deem cannot fully care for themselves on tour without assistance or whenever we reasonably feel unable to accommodate the needs or restrictions of any particular passenger. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a passenger for walking, dining, pushing their wheelchair, getting on and off motor coaches or other transportation vehicles or other personal needs. Passengers who need such assistance must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of providing all assistance required. You must also notify us of any changes or deterioration in the disability or medical condition or development of any disability or medical condition after booking. We further reserve the right to cancel your booking and impose cancellation charges if we are not fully advised of any relevant disability or medical condition at the time the booking is made and/or promptly notified of any development, change or deterioration occurring after booking. On occasions, the decision to cancel can only be made at the time the person concerned joins the tour as it may only be apparent at this stage that their disability or medical condition cannot be accommodated. Any passenger affected by a disability or medical condition must ensure they

have notified this to their travel insurers and that their travel insurance will cover it. We may refuse to allow you on the tour or may have to terminate your participation in your tour if your mental or physical condition is such as to render you, in the reasonable opinion of any representative of ours or any carrier or other person in authority, incapable of caring for yourself or a hazard to yourself or other passengers. We will not be liable for any expenses arising from your being precluded from joining or completing the tour for any such reason and no refunds or compensation will be paid. Passengers with disabilities or walking difficulties may find access to certain attractions restricted, due to the number of stairs, distance or uneven ground.

- The operation of all tours is conditional on us securing the minimum number of bookings required to operate the tour and to ensure an enjoyable group atmosphere. Where sufficient numbers cannot be achieved, we reserve the right to cancel or change a scheduled tour. Please also see clauses 20 and 21. We will endeavour to make any decision to cancel or significantly change a tour no less than 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date of the tour but in any event will notify you no less than 30 days prior to the departure date of the tour.
- If you are a single passenger, the applicable single supplement will be added to your invoice at the time of your booking.
- We will aim to accommodate single passengers in twin or double rooms, with single occupancy.
- If you have any special requests (including dietary requirements) you must notify us at the time of booking. Please note special requests cannot be guaranteed. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract by us. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier of any service(s) or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed by us in writing, all special requests are subject to availability. We cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as “standard” bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

## Payment

- To secure any booking, you must pay the applicable deposit or full payment if booking 90 days or less before the start of the tour. The deposit is £1,000 per person if travelling in economy flight class, £1,950 per person if travelling in premium economy class or £3,750 per person if travelling in business flight class. Where fares are higher than our standard rates, an additional deposit may be required. The deposit or full payment, as applicable, must be received by us within 7 days of booking to ensure your place on the tour is held. Bookings will be automatically cancelled if the applicable deposit or full payment, as applicable, is not received by us within this 7 day period and we will have no further liability to you.
- Deposits are non-transferable and non-refundable except as expressly set out in these terms and conditions. We therefore recommend that you have adequate insurance to cover this.
- The balance of the tour price (after deduction of the applicable deposit) must be received by us no less than 90 days prior to the start of your tour. If we do not receive all payments due (including any surcharge where applicable) in full and on time, we are entitled to believe that you wish to cancel your booking. In this case, we will be entitled to keep all deposits paid or due at that date. If we do not cancel straight away because you have promised to make payment, you must pay the cancellation charges shown in clause 24 depending on the date we reasonably treat your booking as cancelled.

## Your contract

- Subject to availability we will confirm your booking by issuing our confirmation invoice. This invoice will be sent to the lead name on the booking (“Lead Name”). Please check this invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information on the confirmation or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We cannot accept any liability if not notified of any inaccuracy in any document within 14 days of our sending it out (5 days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so.
- A binding contract between you and us comes into existence when we dispatch our confirmation invoice for all bookings. We both agree that English law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us (“claim”) (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and any claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

## What are your tour obligations?

- (a) You must follow the Tour Manager’s instructions at all times to ensure on tour safety. You acknowledge that failure to do so may result in restricted access to places of interest on tour, or if necessary for your own safety and/or that of other passengers, withdrawal from the tour. (b) If we, or our staff or suppliers are of the view you are negatively affecting your own health, safety or environment or that of other passengers, we can oblige you to withdraw from the tour immediately. We will not be liable to you for any loss, cost or damage resulting from your withdrawal. If you are withdrawn from the tour, you must make your own return travel arrangements at your own expense. (c) You must make your own enquiries regarding your tour, including being aware of any relevant government travel or safety warnings.

## Tour price

- Prices shown in our brochures and on the website are believed correct at the time of publication. We reserve the right to alter our advertised (brochure or website) tour prices, introduce supplements or correct pricing errors at any time before your booking is confirmed. We also reserve the right to correct any errors in any tour price and not be legally bound in the case of incorrect pricing and acknowledgement of such an error does not mean acceptance of it. We will advise you of any error of which we are aware and of the revised applicable price at the time of booking. Once the tour price has been confirmed at the time of booking, clause 14 below will apply.

## Price Promise

- Our Price Promise is designed to provide peace of mind; Early booking offers: Whilst we may offer promotional discounts and/or additional inclusions on some tours, these offers reduce in value closer to the departure date meaning the earlier you book the better offer you will receive. Last minute discounts: It is our policy never to sell any holiday cheaper than originally advertised. In the unlikely event we reduce the price of your holiday to below what you have already paid (after any discounts have been applied), we will contact you to refund the difference. No surcharges: We guarantee that no surcharge will be added to the basic price of your holiday once your booking has been confirmed, irrespective of any fluctuation in currency exchange rates, increases in

international included economy air fares, or increases in other costs associated with your holiday. In return for this guarantee and its risk to us, we shall not be able to make any refunds in the event of favourable exchange rate variations or other decreases in costs which would otherwise result in the reduction of the selling price. Price match: Price match applies to an identical holiday operated by another tour operator (excluding travel agents and arrangements made independently) at the same or a lower price within 7 days of booking with us. By ‘identical holiday’, we mean one which: Departs on the same day from the same airport, with the same flight number and carrier. Visits the same destination(s) for the same duration and offers the same number of included excursions/meals. One which features the same accommodation and board basis; and utilises the same services of a Tour Manager/Coach Captain. If this happens we will refund the difference between the cost of the holiday you have booked with us and the price of the identical holiday offered by the competitor. Plus, we will give you £200 per person towards a future booking. Our Price Promise applies once a booking is confirmed and a contract exists between us. It applies to tour prices only and does not include ad hoc or optional services such as airline upgrades, holiday additions, extended stays or regional connecting flights. Additionally, this price promise does not apply to optional services including, but not limited to; visa charges, excursions and amendment fees. The price promise excludes increases in airport or other taxes imposed by British or overseas governments, increases in Air Passenger Duty, or any increases by British or overseas governments relating to improved passenger security. For bookings made within the balance due date and prior to confirming your holiday we reserve the right to notify you of any price increases to your holiday as a result of any additional costs we may incur.

## Tour features

- The features of the tour are set out in the tour brochure.
- We make no representations about the features of any tour other than those expressly set out in the tour brochure and these terms and conditions.

## Brochure validity

- The tour brochure and these terms and conditions are valid for the departure dates as stated in the tour brochure, or additional departure dates we may introduce, unless otherwise expressly advised by us.

## Variation or cancellation by us

- Subject to clauses 19, 20 and 21, we reserve the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers, vehicles, vessels or any other service(s) which form part of any tour at any time for any reason and cancel or alter the itinerary and/or tour at any time without notice as we consider necessary for any reason whatsoever including road, weather or traffic conditions, non-performance of suppliers, industrial action, operational conditions and requirements, water level problems, excessive winds or Force Majeure. Errors in the details of advertised and/or confirmed tours and/or other details occasionally occur and we reserve the right to correct these whenever they occur.
- In the event of industrial action affecting air, rail, cruise or other tour related transportation we will make every effort to contact the lead name and advise of alternative arrangements (if any).
- Most changes made to a confirmed tour are minor. Occasionally, we have to make a significant change to or cancel a confirmed tour and we must reserve the right to do so. A significant change is a change made before departure which, taking account of the information you give us at the time of booking or which we can reasonably be expected to know as a tour operator, we can reasonably expect to have a significant effect on your tour. If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will tell you as

soon as possible. If there is time to do so before departure, you will be offered the following options: (a) (for significant changes) accepting the changed arrangements or (b) purchasing alternative arrangements from us, of a similar standard to those booked if available, with you paying a supplement if the alternative arrangements are more expensive than those originally booked or (c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation and receiving a full refund of all monies you have paid to us. Please note, the above options are not available where any change made is a minor one.

- If we have to make a significant change to or cancel a confirmed tour, we will in addition to the options set out in clause 20 pay you reasonable compensation if and as appropriate subject to the following exceptions. Compensation will not be payable and no liability beyond offering the options set out in clause 20 can be accepted where (1) we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care or (2) we have to cancel because the minimum number of bookings necessary for us to operate your tour has not been reached – see clause 3. No compensation will be payable and the options set out in clause 20 will not be available if we have to cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these terms and conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time). A change of flight time of less than 12 hours, airline (except as specified in clauses 49-52 “Flights”), type of aircraft (if advised) or destination airport will all be treated as minor changes.
- Very rarely, we may be forced by Force Majeure to change or terminate your tour after departure but before the scheduled end of your time away. This is extremely unlikely but if this situation does occur, we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain any refunds from our suppliers which we do not use to pay for alternative services), pay you any compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

## Amendment or cancellation by you

- If you wish to make any amendments to your confirmed booking you must notify us in writing as soon as possible. It may not always be possible to make such amendments. Where we can, an amendment fee of £75 per person will be payable together with any costs incurred by ourselves and any costs or charges incurred or imposed by any of our suppliers. A change of tour dates will normally be treated as a cancellation of the original booking and rebooking in which case cancellation charges will apply. Changes may result in the recalculation of the tour price where, for example, the basis on which the price of the original tour was calculated has changed.
- You may cancel your booking by notice to us in writing and payment of the applicable cancellation fee as shown below. Cancellation notifications are not effective until received by us in writing (if received by us on a weekend day or public holiday the notification will be treated as having been received by us on the next working day). The following cancellation fees apply to each individual person who cancels and where shown as a percentage are based on the total cost of the arrangements which are being cancelled excluding any insurance premiums, amendment fee or previously incurred cancellation charges which are all non-refundable in the event of your cancellation:

## CANCELLATION FEES

Period before your tour commences within which written notification of cancellation is received by us:

Tour cancellation period	Fee per person
91 days and over	Loss of Deposit
90 days to 75 days	50% of holiday price
74 days to 60 days	60% of holiday price
59 days to 30 days	75% of holiday price
29 days or less	100% of holiday price

**NB** Transferring to another departure date is treated as a cancellation and the cancellation fees above will apply. Depending on the reason for cancellation, you may be able to reclaim these cancellation charges (less any applicable excess) under the terms of your insurance policy. Claims must be made directly to the insurance company concerned.

## Our liability

25. We will ensure that the tour arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as applicable as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these terms and conditions, we will accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted tour arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result of the failure of us, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted tour arrangements. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

26. We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (including loss of enjoyment or possessions), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following:

- the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or
  - the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your tour and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or
  - Force Majeure.
27. We cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract with you. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which any hotel or other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised in our tour brochure as part of your tour and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract and any excursion or other services you purchase during your tour. Where any such excursion or services are purchased through or with our assistance, please note that we act only as booking agent. Your contract will be with the operator or provider of the excursion or services in question. We have no liability in relation to the same. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any of our brochures or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

28. The promises we make to you about the services we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of our contract and the laws and regulations of the country in which your claim or complaint occurred will be used as the basis for deciding whether the tour arrangements in question had been properly provided. If the particular arrangements which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with the then applicable local laws and regulations, the services will be treated as having been properly performed or provided. This will be the case even if the arrangements did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK which would have applied had those arrangements been provided in the UK. The exception to this is where the claim or complaint concerns the absence of a safety feature which might lead a reasonable tour participant to refuse to take the tour in question. Please note, however, our obligation is to exercise reasonable skill and care as referred to in clause 25. We do not make any representation or commitment that all services will comply with applicable local laws and regulations, and failure to comply does not automatically mean we have not exercised reasonable skill and care.

29. Where we are found liable for loss of and/ or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £1,000 per person affected unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 30 below. For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment fees) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 30 below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your tour.

30. Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, sea or rail carrier to which any international convention or EU regulation applies, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unedited and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention for international travel by sea (as amended by the 2002 Protocol with effect from 31st December 2012) and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by rail. Please note: where a carrier or hotelier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under and in accordance with the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

31. Please note, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any business losses including self-employed loss of earnings.

32. You must provide ourselves and our insurers with all assistance we may reasonably require. You must also tell us and the supplier concerned about your claim or complaint as set out below. If asked to do so, you must transfer to us or our insurers any rights you have against the supplier or whoever else is responsible for your claim or complaint (if the person concerned is under 18, their parent or guardian must do so). You must also agree to co-operate fully with us and our insurers if we or our insurers want to enforce any rights which are transferred.

#### Carriers

33. The carriers (including airlines, rail carriers and sea carriers used in association with the tours) are not responsible for statements in the tour brochure or any of its features.

34. The applicable conditions of sale / carriage in use by the carriers will apply to you. These may limit or exclude the carriers' liability to you, usually in accordance with international conventions. Copies of these are available on request.

#### Force Majeure

35. Except where otherwise expressly stated in these terms and conditions we regret we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our

obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of Force Majeure.

#### Risk and travel insurance

36. You acknowledge and accept that there are inherent risks associated with our tours, for example events of Force Majeure, hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas, travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation particularly in underdeveloped countries or more remote locations, forces of nature, political unrest and accident, illness, epidemics or pandemics in regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Baggage is entirely at your risk during the tour. We cannot accept any liability regarding the provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered.

37. Except as expressly set out in these terms and conditions you agree that we cannot accept any liability for, and you discharge and release us from all claims arising from or connected with any loss or harm suffered by you arising from any risk referred to in clause 36 or any other risk which you should have reasonably recognised as being inherent to your tour.

38. Distant Journeys cannot accept bookings for any persons without adequate travel insurance. We insist you take out appropriate travel insurance to cover as a minimum cancellation by you, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms or emergency repatriation in the event of accident or illness for example. Please read your policy details carefully and take them with you on your tour. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is suitable and adequate for your particular needs.

#### Itinerary changes and travel advice

39. During local or national holidays, certain facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered if possible.

40. Your safety is our first consideration and if the Foreign Office advises against travel to a certain country, we act on this advice. The Foreign Office issues regular advice and updates on its website [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) which you are recommended to consult before booking and in good time before departure.

#### Smoking

41. Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is not allowed at any time onboard our coaches, on any flight and such other places as are prohibited by us or our suppliers from time to time. Within hotels, smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes may be restricted to designated areas. We will take reasonable endeavours to ensure there are frequent stops on any coach trip which are available for smoking, however we cannot guarantee these facilities will be available.

#### Baggage allowance

42. You are entitled to carry one suitcase per person with the total sum of its length, width and height not exceeding 160cm (63 inches) and weight 23kg (50 lbs). Hand luggage must have a total sum of its length, width and height not exceeding 115cm (45 inches) and weight 5kg (11lbs). In some instances, this may be less than the airlines permitted allowance. Luggage is restricted to accommodate for coach capacity, domestic flights and where applicable local health and safety laws. Personal and valuable items such as make-up, cameras, medication, passport, money/credit cards etc. should be carried in a travel bag or on your person. You must ensure that luggage meets the weight requirements as overweight or oversize items will not be carried. Some carriers may impose a surcharge per day for a second suitcase per person. Excess baggage is always at your cost.

#### Young travellers

43. Travellers who are less than 18 years old on the departure date must be accompanied by and share a room with an adult aged 18 or over. Children under 8 years of age cannot be accepted.

#### Complaints

44. If a problem occurs during your tour, you must advise our representative immediately so that steps can be taken to resolve the matter and you can continue to enjoy the remainder of your tour. You must also advise the supplier concerned. If you remain dissatisfied, any complaint must be made in writing to us giving full details within 30 days of the end of the tour. If you fail to follow this procedure, your right to claim compensation you may otherwise have been entitled to may be affected or even lost as a result.

#### Tour price and duration

45. All prices in this brochure are quoted in English pounds (Sterling). All prices in this brochure are believed to be correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing but errors may occur and prices are subject to change. You must therefore ensure you check all details of your chosen tour (including the price) with us at the time of booking. The number of days duration stated in each itinerary includes day of departure and day of return. Tour durations may vary should you choose to have a stopover, and airline flight schedules and the itineraries in this brochure should be used as a guide only.

#### Included in your fare

46. All airfares from the UK in economy class (unless specified at the time of booking), coach travel and overseas transfers whilst travelling as part of the group or on one of our organised stopover programmes, service of a Tour Manager or Coach Captain (if applicable), portage whilst on tour, airport transfers, meals as specified, accommodation as specified (please note, the third bed in a triple room may be a rollaway bed), sightseeing and admissions and other services as expressly indicated in the itinerary.

#### NOT included in your fare

47. Meals not specified in the itinerary, drinks unless specified in the itinerary, laundry, passport and visa fees, Dubai Tourism tax (if stopping over), expenses of a personal nature and any other items which are not expressly included in the cost of your tour. Changes to flight schedules may require additional overnight accommodation at either commencement or completion of tour which is at your own expense.

#### Airfare conditions

48. Your Distant Journeys travel expert will book the most appropriate fare for your tour. Full details and conditions may be obtained from your travel consultant. Changes to original tickets will incur amendment or cancellation fees, are subject to availability and surcharges may apply. Please see clauses 23 and 24 above. Please note: all airfares are subject to routing restrictions. Airfares and applicable taxes are subject to increase without notice due to fare and tax changes, surcharges dependent on class available at time of booking and other factors outside our control. Please contact your travel consultant for the applicable rules and regulations. At the time of booking please ensure you supply your first name and surname as they appear on your passport, as both of these must be stated on your flight ticket. You may not be able to travel if the name on your passport and documents do not match. Any costs for ticket changes due to an incorrect name on paperwork which has been sent to you, will result in the cost being incurred by you.

#### Flights

49. For flight inclusive tours, the flight timings given on booking are for general guidance only and are subject to change. The latest timings will be shown on your confirmation invoice. As flights only become available to book around 11 months in advance, we are only able to confirm upgrade prices at time of booking your flights. However, the actual flight times will be those shown on your tickets which will be dispatched to you approximately two weeks before departure. You must accordingly check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been dispatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Distant Journeys

has no control over the allocation of seats by the airline, and even if you have requested, or made payment, directly with the airline to pre-book seats, no guarantees can be made. The provision of such seats does not constitute a term of your contract with Distant Journeys.

50. In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community List" which contains details of air carriers that are subject to an operating ban within the European Union. The Community list is available for inspection at [http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm). We are also required to advise you of the carrier(s) (or, if the carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s)) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (where advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these terms and conditions. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/ the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative the provisions of clause 20 to 21 will apply.

51. If you suffer a delay in your outbound travel arrangements, we will do our best to ensure you make the start of your tour or, if this cannot be achieved, join it as soon as possible. Any costs we incur in making any alternative arrangements in this situation will be your responsibility. In the event of a flight delay, the airline concerned may provide refreshments and/or other assistance depending on factors such as the length of the delay, time of day and number of passengers affected. We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in clause 26 (which includes the behaviour of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board on time).

52. If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and/or provide you with accommodation and/or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 - the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004. Where applicable, you must pursue the airline for the compensation or other payment due to you. All sums you receive or are entitled to receive from the airline concerned by virtue of these Regulations represent the full amount of your entitlement to compensation or any other payment arising from such cancellation, delay, downgrading or denied boarding. This includes any disappointment, distress, inconvenience or effect on any other arrangements. The fact a delay may entitle you to cancel your flight does not automatically entitle you to cancel any other arrangements even where those arrangements have been made in conjunction with your flight. We have no liability to make any payment to you in relation to the Denied Boarding Regulations or in respect of any flight cancellation or delay, downgrading of any flight ticket or denial of any boarding as the full amount of your entitlement to any compensation or other payment (as dealt with above) is covered by the airline's obligations under the Denied Boarding Regulations. If for any reason, we make any payment to you or a third party which the airline is responsible for in accordance with the Denied Boarding Regulations, you must, when requested, assign to us the rights you have or had to claim the payment in question from the airline. If the airline does not comply with these rules, you may complain to the CAA on 020 7453 6888 or by e-mail to [passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk](mailto:passengercomplaints@caa.co.uk) or see [www.caa.co.uk](http://www.caa.co.uk) – Referring Your Complaint to the CAA.

#### Passports and visas

53. You must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity following your return date. It is your responsibility to ensure any visas required for countries to be visited on the tour have been obtained prior to the tour departure date. Failure

to obtain correct documentation will mean you may be unable to participate in particular excursions and may be denied boarding and/or entry into certain countries. Passport and visa entry requirements and costs are your sole responsibility. We cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to carry correct documentation. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing us accordingly.

54. A full British passport presently takes approximately two to six weeks to obtain. If you are 16 or over and have not yet arranged a passport, you should apply for one at least six weeks before your departure from the UK. The UK Passport Service has to confirm an applicant's identity before issuing their first passport and will ask them to attend an interview in order to do this. If you are not a British citizen or hold a non-British passport, you must check passport and visa requirements with the Embassy or Consulate of the country(ies) to or through which you are intending to travel. Please note, all requirements may change and all clients must check the up to date position in good time before departure with the Embassy or consulate of the country(ies) you are travelling through and to.

#### Your financial protection

55. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

#### Coaches

56. To ensure all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy front and window seats, a daily seat rotation system is employed on all of our coaches and you must follow the seat rotation system.

57. If you suffer from travel sickness, you should arrange medication or other alternatives to treat symptoms as we cannot make allowances for this.

#### Clothing

58. We recommend casual and comfortable clothing. Please bring comfortable walking shoes for sightseeing. Dinner attire is generally smart casual. It is always worth being aware of local customs when visiting sacred places. As a general rule, when visiting such places, it is recommended that arms and legs are covered. Women may also wish to take a shawl to cover their shoulders and all visitors should wear long trousers, skirts or shorts that reach below the knee. Taking off your shoes is also a prerequisite before entering many sacred places.

#### Currency and credit cards

59. Currency will vary depending on your destination, please refer to your bank or local foreign exchange bureau. For small purchases in small towns, local currency is advantageous. Many locations accept major credit cards (fees may apply) and cash machines are located at some stops. Prior to departure you should confirm that your card and PIN will work in your destination countries.

#### Tour Manager

60. An experienced English-speaking Tour Manager OR Tour Managers OR Coach Captains accompany every tour. They are there to ensure your comfort, answer your questions and make your holiday relaxed and memorable.

#### Sightseeing tours

61. Many of itineraries include sightseeing tours which may involve walking for medium to long periods of time and over uneven surfaces. Steps may also feature, either as part of a tour or within your accommodation. On some tours we use jeep and safari vehicles. A reasonable level of fitness is therefore required for all tours.

62. Optional activities and dining are subject to availability, seasonal / operational factors and minimum / maximum numbers. More details on optional tours may be found on our website. On occasion, it may not be possible to arrange an included activity. Suitable alternatives will be arranged. Inclusions may also be subject to change.

#### Vaccines, medication and medical services

63. Health facilities, hygiene and disease risks vary worldwide. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended vaccinations and health precautions for the countries you are visiting and ensure that vaccinations or preventative measures are taken early enough to be fully effective by the date of travel. You should take health advice about your specific needs as early as possible and recognise that advice may change, prior to your departure. Please see the Foreign Office website [www.gov.uk/foreign-traveladvice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-traveladvice) and NHS Before you Travel website on [www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/before-you-travel/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/before-you-travel/) for up to date information. It is your responsibility to ensure that any medication you need to carry is permitted to be taken into the countries you are visiting. We recommend you consult with your GP and relevant embassy before booking and review in good time before your departure as advice may change. Any medical services and costs required on tour are at your expense. We strongly recommend suitable and adequate travel insurance.

#### Images, photographs, maps and information

64. The photographs in the brochure and information provided represent typical scenes and descriptive detail for each tour, but it is possible that the subject matter may not be seen or experienced whilst on the tour itself. Some pictures may have been digitally enhanced.

65. All offers and pricing are subject to availability at the time of booking.

66. Maps or tour depictions contained in this brochure or any other brochures issued by Distant Journeys, are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon as the actual route taken during the tour. Distant Journeys are not liable to you for any variation to the tour.

#### Amendments to terms and conditions

67. These terms and conditions may be subject to amendment from time to time. Amendments will be posted on the Distant Journeys website - [www.distantjourneys.co.uk](http://www.distantjourneys.co.uk).

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