



Temples & Tigers

13 days from only £2,695 per person



India attracts free spirits and independently minded travellers, and Distant Journeys is proud to introduce a dedicated itinerary designed exclusively for solo travellers.

Our wonderful itinerary includes stays in the classic Golden Triangle cities of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, plus Amritsar, where the Golden Temple is located, and Ranthambore National Park, home to the majestic Bengal Tiger. We will witness sunrise at the Taj Mahal, enjoy the colourful Beating Retreat ceremony at the border with Pakistan and visit the magnificent Amber Fort at Jaipur, among many other highlights.

As part of a small group of no more than 19 like-minded people, you will enjoy a 13-day tour of India accompanied by a friendly and knowledgeable Tour Manager. With your own twin or double room, and no single occupancy supplement to pay, our Temples & Tigers tour offers exceptional value for money to solo travellers.



Your holiday includes

Small group touring

- Maximum only 19 passengers

Flights with leading scheduled airlines

- Return economy class flights
- Fly with Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow
- All airport charges, security charges and any applicable fuel surcharges
- UK Air Passenger Duty

Carefully selected hotels

- First class and deluxe hotels in great locations
- All hotel portorage
- Applicable hotel taxes

Many meals worth £423 per person

- 11 breakfasts
- 3 lunches
- 11 dinners

Unforgettable experiences

- Sightseeing tours in Delhi, Amritsar, Jaipur and Agra
- Rail journey onboard the Shatabdi Express
- The Golden Temple of Amritsar
- Wagah-Attari border ceremony
- Food tour of Amritsar
- Dinner at a local family home in Jaipur
- Jeep ride and tour of Amber Fort, Jaipur
- Two safaris in Ranthambore National Park
- Chand Baori Step Well, Abhaneri
- Visit the iconic Taj Mahal

On the ground

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

100% Confidence

- Your holiday is covered by our Price Promise*
- Your holiday is covered by our Covid Guarantee*
- Your holiday is fully ATOL protected

* For more information on our Price Promise and Covid Guarantee, please see our Terms & Conditions on pages 112-115.



Palace of the Winds, Jaipur



Golden Temple, Amritsar



Chand Baori

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Days 1 to 13: UK - Delhi - Amritsar - Jaipur - Ranthambore - Agra - Delhi - UK

Day 1: Depart UK

Depart with Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow for our overnight flight to Delhi. Please note, flight schedules and airline carriers are subject to change. **In-flight meals and drinks included**

Day 2: Delhi, 2 nights

On arrival into Delhi, we transfer to the Sheraton New Delhi, where we spend our first two nights in India. Late afternoon, we join our Tour Manager and fellow travellers to visit the Lotus Temple. Built in the shape of a lotus flower, it is one of only seven Bahai temples built around the world. Later, we return to the hotel for a welcome drink, where we will have the opportunity to become better acquainted for our adventures ahead. Dinner will follow in the pleasant surroundings of the hotel. **In-flight meals and drinks and dinner included**

Day 3: Delhi

Delhi, a city combining the very best of old and modern India, is a wonderful introduction to this mesmerising country. Following breakfast this morning, we embark on a fascinating rickshaw ride through Old Delhi, taking in sights as we ride through its streets, including the Red Fort – famed for its opulence, and being the palace of the Mughal Empire in the 1500's. We also visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, as well as the lively old-city market, Chandni Chowk. Later, witness the imposing India Gate and striking Parliament House, and further explore New Delhi.

Visits include Qutub Minar, a 13th century red sandstone and white marble minaret measuring 75 metres tall, as well as the UNESCO heritage site, Humayun's Tomb, where the 16th century Mughal Emperor lies. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 4: Amritsar, 2 nights

An early start this morning as we make our way to the train station where we board the Shatabdi Express to Amritsar. Upon arrival, we transfer to our hotel, the ITC Welcome Amritsar. Located just a short drive from the Golden Temple, we stay here for the next two nights. Following dinner this evening we see the breath-taking Golden Temple at night, when numerous lights illuminate its beauty, and witness the sacred and much revered Palki Sahib ceremony. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 5: Amritsar Tour Highlight

We begin our sightseeing tour with a visit to the striking Golden Temple in Jallianwala Bagh. We continue to the Partition Museum, a world first 'people' museum that tells the stories of millions of people affected during the partition of 1947. The afternoon is reserved for a very special journey to Wagah border, to witness the inimitable Wagah-Attari border ceremony. This daily 'beating retreat' ceremony attracts crowds from both the sides of the India-Pakistan border, and is characterised by elaborate and rapid dance-like manoeuvres. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 6: Jaipur, 3 nights

This morning, we visit some of the best foodie locations in Amritsar. Enjoy mouth-watering Punjabi dishes such as Amritsari Kulche, Lassi, Maa di daal, Jalebi, Samose, and more! Punctuating the food are the stories of their origin which provide interesting insights into the history of Amritsar, their preparation methods, and cultural significance today. This afternoon we travel to the airport for our evening flight to Jaipur. On arrival we transfer to either the Trident Hotel or the Jaipur Hilton, where we will stay for the next three nights. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 7: Jaipur

After a leisurely morning, we begin our exploration of the opulent 'Pink City' of Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan. We enjoy a tour of the delightful sights of City Palace, including its complex maze of gardens, courtyards and impressive buildings. We also visit Jantar Mantar, the ancient equinoctial sundial, and stop for a photo opportunity at Hawa Mahal, Jaipur's amazing pink sandstone palace. This evening enjoy the unique delight of a cookery demonstration, and an exclusive insight into Rajasthani family life with dinner at a family home. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 8: Amber Fort

Following breakfast, we travel a short distance to meet our waiting jeeps, which will take us to a UNESCO World Heritage Site – the magnificent Amber Fort. Set amidst dramatic pink hills and overlooking Maota Lake, the nostalgic Amber Fort is a fabulous example of Rajput architecture. Our afternoon is at leisure to spend as we please. Why not take an optional guided walk and visit the old stables which were converted into a market? Closely observe the gathering of local milk-sellers, promoting their products for the production of delicious Indian sweets, or meander through the neighbouring eateries serving local delicacies. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 9: Ranthambore, 2 nights

This morning, we leave Jaipur behind and travel to Ranthambore. Our next two nights will be spent at the charming Ranthambore Regency Hotel. Situated within close proximity of Rajasthan's premier national park, and surrounded by flourishing green forests, it provides the perfect base from which to explore the park. This evening should you wish, you may join an optional tour to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ranthambore Fort. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

Day 10: Ranthambore

An early start as we journey into Ranthambore National Park, a former private hunting ground of India's great ruler, the Maharaja. The park is famed for its majestic and elusive tigers, and celebrated for its wildlife conservation. Keep an eye out for marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, monkeys, leopards, sambar deer, and over 250 bird species – all of which inhabit this incredible part of the world. We board our open shared canter vehicle for our first safari, prior to breakfast. We embark on our second safari in the afternoon, to explore a different area of the park in our search for the incredible wildlife roaming the lands and waters of this eminent park. Dinner this evening is at our hotel, when we can reflect on the day's adventures. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

Day 11: Agra, Overnight

We leave Ranthambore behind and journey to Abhaneri. Unique to India, Chand Baori at Abhaneri is a 13 storey, 1,300-year-old stepwell, constructed with mind-blowing geometry and aesthetics. Afterwards, we continue to Agra and stay overnight at either the Trident Hotel Agra, or Courtyard by Marriott. **Breakfast, lunch and dinner included**

Day 12: Delhi, Overnight Tour Highlight

This morning, as the sun rises, we venture out to see India's most iconic attraction and testament of love, the Taj Mahal. Commissioned in 1632 by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, to house the tomb of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, this breath-taking complex is said to have been constructed on the banks of Agra's Yamuna River by over 20,000 stone carvers, masons, and artists from across India, Turkey and Iraq. We witness this magnificent monument for a sunrise like no other. We return to the hotel for breakfast and then visit Agra Fort, an historical fort which remained the main residence of the Mughal emperors until 1638. We return to Delhi in the afternoon for our final night in India, staying at the Welcome Hotel Dwarka. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 13: Depart Delhi / Arrive UK

After 13 amazing days discovering the delights of India, it's time to say farewell to this amazing country and our new found friends. We depart for the UK this morning, arriving in the UK in the evening. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**



Goa



Goa

Goa Holiday Extension

Days 13 to 17: Goa - Delhi - UK

Goa, a holiday destination since colonial times, is India's pocket-sized paradise. With its blend of Indian and Portuguese cultures combined with sun, sea, sand and lovely seafood it is the perfect way to end your Indian adventure. Available on selected dates, why not extend your Temples & Tigers tour and discover the delights of Goa for yourself?

Day 13: Goa, 3 nights

Following breakfast, we make our way to the airport for our flight to Goa. On arrival, we transfer to the Zuri White Sands Hotel, our home for the next three nights. Spread across 37 acres and perfectly located on the beach, settle in, relax and head to the pool or beach. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 14: Goa Freedom Day

Our day is at leisure to spend as we please, whether it be unwinding beside the hotel pool or enjoying a spa treatment at Maya Spa. Alternatively, why not spend a day at the picturesque Varca Beach, known for its calm waters and glorious white sands? **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 15: Goa Freedom Day

A further Freedom Day to enjoy this popular region. You may wish to take this opportunity to visit the famed Bom Jesus Basilica Church during an optional half-day tour. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of a kind in India and is known for its exemplary baroque architecture. The tour also visits one of the many thriving and eclectic markets, selling anything from local spices to beautiful handmade scarves and crafts. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 16: Delhi, Overnight

Continue to enjoy the delights of Goa until it is time to depart for our flight to Delhi. Upon arrival we make our way to the Novotel Aerocity Hotel for our final night in India. **Breakfast and dinner included**

Day 17: Depart Delhi / Arrive UK

After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to the many charms of India as we transfer to the airport, for our flight back to the UK. **Breakfast and in-flight meals and drinks included**

Departure Dates & Prices

Temples & Tigers 2023 Departures

21 September 2023	SOLD OUT
02 November 2023	SOLD OUT

2024 Departures

25 January 2024	SOLD OUT
27 January 2024	£2,695 per person
17 February 2024	£2,695 per person
22 February 2024	SOLD OUT
07 March 2024	£2,695 per person
18 April 2024	SOLD OUT

Temples, Tigers & Goa 2023 Departures

12 October 2023	SOLD OUT
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2024 Departures

08 February 2024	SOLD OUT
24 February 2024	£3,795 per person

Prices

Prices are per person based on one person in a twin or double room. No single occupancy supplements apply.

Deposit

£500 per person if travelling Economy Class, £1,000 per person if travelling Premium Economy and £1,500 per person for Business Class.

Visa information

You are required to obtain a Tourist Visa before travelling. For more information on applying for your visa and the associated costs, please refer to our Important Information on pages 108-111.

Important Information

Prices and flight upgrades are subject to fuel surcharges and the availability of flights. The correct price will be confirmed before you book.

Full Terms & Conditions are available on pages 112-115.

Call to book

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