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## **TailorMade: India Introduction**

15 days, Delhi to Delhi

Trip code AHHTM

## What's included

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing May 28th, 2019 and onwards

# Itinerary



## Itinerary Notes

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**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Delhi

Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included through Women With Wheels, a G Adventures-supported project.

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### Today's Activities

New Delhi Meet and Greet Assistance Services

Delhi

A G Adventures representative will meet you at the hotel to go over the details for New Delhi, providing a schedule, documentation/vouchers, and pick-up times for all included activities. The representative can also answer any questions about the tour or the general area.

Women on Wheels Transfer

Delhi

Transfer by a G Adventures-supported project, Women With Wheels. This program provides safe and reliable transport for travellers, while providing a dignified livelihood for a local woman from a resource poor community.

Day 2

## Delhi

Embrace the colourful, hectic city life with a full day touring India's bustling capital. Visit Delhi's most iconic sights, from India Gate to Qutub Minar, to discover the history, culture and people that constitute this fascinating metropolis.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Transport

Delhi

Settle in and scan the scenery as you journey to your next destination.

New Delhi Full-Day Tour

Delhi

6h-8h

Experience the sights of India's capital city with this full-day tour. Start the day with a visit to historic Old Delhi to explore Jama Masjid, the "Great Mosque," and enjoy its sprawling courtyard, which can hold up to 20,000 worshippers. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of Chandi Chowk as you pass through the market via rickshaw. Continue on to Raj Ghat, the memorial for Gandhi, before taking a drive to the government buildings and India Gate, a stately memorial built for Indian soldiers who died in World War I. After lunch, proceed to Humayun's Tomb, the tomb of a Mughal Emperor. Later, visit Qutub Minar, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This tall minaret was built in 1192 by Qutab-ud-din Aibak, and is a stunning example of Indo-Islamic Afghan architecture.

Day 3

## Delhi/Varanasi

Fly to Varanasi, the quintessential Indian holy city where millions of Hindus travel for pilgrimage, worship, or mourning. After, take a cruise on the sacred Ganges at sunset.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Delhi - Indira Gandhi International Airport

Plane

Delhi - Varanasi

1h11m-1h11m

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Airport Transfer

Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport - Varanasi

45m

Varanasi Meet and Greet Assistance Services

Varanasi

A G Adventures representative will meet you at the hotel to go over the details for Varanasi, providing a schedule, documentation/vouchers, and pick-up times for all included activities. The representative can also answer any questions about the tour or the general area.

Evening Ganges Boat Tour

Varanasi

2h-3h

Enjoy a boat ride on the sacred Ganges River, where Hindu pilgrims from all over the world come to wash away their sins and cremate their loved ones. Participate in a candle and flower ceremony while on the water.

Day 4

## Varanasi

Rise early for a boat ride along the Ganges to observe the sunrise, as well as the bathing and burial dawn rituals.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Varanasi Full-Day Tour

Varanasi

5h-6h

Explore this fascinating holy city with a local guide. Walk the narrow twisting alleys, passing the thousands of temples and shrines. Visit markets and enjoy some shopping. Stop at Sarnath and enjoy a short boat ride. Explore the ruins at the site of the Buddha's first sermon; one of the most holy sites to Buddhists. Visit the Bharat Kala Bhavan Museum, located in Banaras Hindu University, to learn more about Indian art and culture. End the day with a visit to Bharat Mata Mandir, a temple famous for the relief map of India before partition on the ground.

Day 5

## Varanasi/Lucknow

Travel to Lucknow, known for its cuisine and fascinating cultural heritage. Explore the city including a visit the imposing Bara Imambara, a Shia Muslim shrine.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Varanasi - Lucknow

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Lucknow Half-Day Tour

Lucknow

2h

Explore the heritage quarters of this beautiful capital of the central Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. Visit the imposing Bara Imambara, walk around Chota Imambara monument, Rumi Darwaza gateway and the Husainibad picture gallery.

Day 6

## Lucknow/Āgra

Today will be a full day of driving as you travel to Agra, one of the Mughal Empire's most important cities and home to the Taj Mahal.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Lucknow - Āgra

5h-6h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Agra Meet and Greet Assistance Services

Āgra

A G Adventures representative will meet you at the hotel to go over the details for Agra, providing a schedule, documentation/vouchers, and pick-up times for all included activities. The representative can also answer any questions about the tour or the general area.

Day 7

## Āgra/Ranthambore National Park

This morning, explore the magnificent Taj Mahal. Later, travel to Ranthambore National Park and take in the beautiful surroundings ahead of a safari the next day.

The bustling city of Agra is best known as the site of India's most famous landmark and testament to love, the Taj Mahal. Set eyes on the sparkling Taj Mahal at sunrise and explore this fascinating marble mausoleum before a visit to Agra Fort, a walled city taken over by the Mughals.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Agra Half-Day Tour

Āgra

3h-4h

Take a half-day tour to experience the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. The tour begins at India's most famous landmark and one of the Seven Wonders of the World: the Taj Mahal. Built by the emperor Shah Jehan as a testament of his love to his wife, Mumtaz Mahal, this stunning white marble structure draws visitors from all over the world. Then visit the palatial Agra Fort, made of red sandstone and white marble. One of the most important battles of the Indian rebellion of 1857 happened at this fort, which caused the end of the British East India Company's rule in India.

Private Vehicle

Āgra - Ranthambore National Park

5h30m-6h30m

265km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 8

## Ranthambore National Park

Today provides two opportunities to spot wildlife in Ranthambore National Park. Embark on a morning and afternoon safari drive in search of leopards, monkeys and the elusive tigers. Opt to walk with locals through the ruins of the 1,000-year-old Ranthambore Fort and visit the Ganesh Temple.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Ranthambore Meet and Greet Assistance Services

Ranthambore National Park

A G Adventures representative will meet you at the hotel to go over the details for Ranthambore, providing a schedule, documentation/vouchers, and pick-up times for all included activities. The representative can also answer any questions about the tour or the general area.

Ranthambore Afternoon Safari

Ranthambore National Park

2h-3h

Explore the park with local rangers on a safari drive in search of deer, birds, leopards, monkeys and, if you're lucky, elusive tigers.

Ranthambore Morning Safari

Ranthambore National Park

3h-4h

Explore the park with local rangers on a safari drive in search of deer, birds, leopards, monkeys and, if you're lucky, those elusive tigers.

Day 9

## Ranthambore National Park/Jaipur

Drive to Jaipur. Otherwise known as the "Pink City", Jaipur was founded in 1728 and has the distinction of being one of the best-planned pre-modern cities.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ranthambore National Park - Jaipur

3h45m-4h15m

165km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Jaipur Meet and Greet Assistance Services

Jaipur

A G Adventures representative will meet you at the hotel to go over the details for Jaipur, providing a schedule, documentation/vouchers, and pick-up times for all included activities. The representative can also answer any questions about the tour or the general area.

Day 10

## Jaipur

Delve further into India's history with a tour of Jaipur's City Palace, Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar Observatory and Hawa Mahal.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Jaipur Full-Day Tour

Jaipur

6h-8h

Experience the "Pink City" with a full-day tour, visiting Amber Fort, City Palace and Jantar Mantar. Start the day with a stop at the intricately-carved Hawa Mahal, or "Palace of the Winds," which is named for the cool breeze that comes through the structure and keeps it comfortable, even in the hot Jaipur summers. Explore the magnificent Amber fort, famous for its unique mixture of Hindu and Muslim architecture, before heading to the Jantar Mantar observatory to see how people looked at the stars and planets in ancient India. Explore the collection of astronomical instruments housed there, some dating back to 1727. Later, explore the courtyards, gardens, and buildings that make up the City Palace. Located in the heart of the Old City, it is a striking blend of Mughal and Rajasthani architecture.



### Optional Activities - Day 10

Jaipur Balloon Ride

Jaipur

1h-2h

Begin your day at dawn, just as the sun starts to rise. As you drift into the sky, enjoy the silence and serenity of the morning, watching as the day starts for the colourfully dressed inhabitants below. From high in the sky, you may float over ancient forts, exquisite palaces, and lively villages moving with people - and elephants! You may never want to come back down.

Available September 1 - April 30.

Day 11

## Jaipur/Jojawar

Travel to the village of Jojawar and spend the night in a historic heritage hotel. Explore the village and take the opportunity to meet with locals who provide insight into rural life in India. This afternoon, take a rural jeep safari through the Aravali Mountain Range.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Jaipur - Jojawar

6h30m-6h30m

290km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Jojawar Jeep Safari

Jojawar

Explore the rugged landscape of the Aravalli Mountain Range by vintage jeep. Venture through farms, small hamlets, past shrines and see local Rabari families and their camels.

Day 12

## Jojawar/Udaipur

Travel to Udaipur and take an evening boat ride on Lake Pichola.

Udaipur is famed for its lakes and Raj-era palaces. The most famous of these, and certainly the most photographed, is the Lake Palace, which you will view from the boat. This beautiful white marble palace is now a hotel and entirely covers a small island in Lake Pichola. Originally known as the Jag Niwas, the palace took three years to build and was inaugurated in 1746.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Jojawar - Udaipur

3h-3h

140km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Udaipur Meet and Greet Assistance Services

Udaipur

A G Adventures representative will meet you at the hotel to go over the details for Udaipur, providing a schedule, documentation/vouchers, and pick-up times for all included activities. The representative can also answer any questions about the tour or the general area.

Pichola Lake Boat Tour

Udaipur

1h-2h

Sit back and relax on this amazing boat tour on Pichola Lake. The views of the city and gorgeous palaces, including City Palace, are unparalleled.

Day 13

## Udaipur

Explore the City including a visit to the City Palace, one of the largest royal palaces in India and the Jagdish Temple, built in 1651 and dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the Hindu god of preservation.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Udaipur Full-Day Tour

Udaipur

6h-8h

Start the day at Rajasthan's largest palace to get a sense of how royalty lived and take in the view from one of its many ornately-decorated balconies. The majestic City Palace complex overlooks Lake Pichola and is home to many paintings, mosaics and a fascinating architectural facade. Continue on to visit the lush green garden of Saheliyon-ki-Bari which translates to "Courtyard of the Maidens". Stroll around the gorgeous grounds and marvel at the fountains, lotus pond, and intricately carved marble elephants. This evening, enjoy a boat ride on the serene waters of Lake Pichola and admire the city scenery. End the day with a spectacular sunset view from Jag Mandir Palace - an island palace in the middle of the lake.

Day 14

## Udaipur/Delhi

Fly to Delhi and enjoy free time this evening.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Udaipur - Udaipur Dabok

You will be met at the hotel and transferred to the airport.

Plane

Udaipur - Delhi

1h11m-1h11m

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Airport Transfer

Indira Gandhi International Airport - Delhi

New Delhi Meet and Greet Assistance Services

Delhi

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Free Time

Delhi

Spend the evening in Delhi as you choose.

Day 15

## Delhi

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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## Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

## Are there Itinerary notes?

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## What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

### 1. TRIP DETAILS

Please note that these Trip Details are based on the sample itinerary that was used to create your customized tour, meaning that some things listed here may no longer apply, including the service level, physical grading, and inclusions. For the specifics related to your particular personalized tour please refer to your tour vouchers or consult with your Private Travel GCO or travel agent.

### 2. CULTURE

India is a country which is very different to anything you will have experienced before. Although this means it is not the easiest place to travel, this is also what makes it so special. Pollution, poverty and the crowds can result in initial culture shock but should be seen as an exciting new challenge. During our time here we have come to love this large and wonderfully different country but we know that we should always expect to encounter some difficulties along the way.

In India there are very different attitudes to time keeping, public cleanliness, privacy and service. Trains will sometimes be late, plumbing can sometimes be temperamental and power will often just vanish. Optimistic menus turn out to have only one dish available and everyone, just everyone, will want to know your name. If you are able to travel with a lot of patience and a healthy sense of humour, then we know that you - like all of us - will be captivated by what India has to offer.

### 3. LUGGAGE

Only 1 piece of luggage that weighs up to 15kgs will be permitted on our internal flights in India. For any extra weight the airline may charge an additional fee at the time of check-in.

### 4. ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.

## What meals are included in this trip?

14 breakfasts, 3 dinners

## What are the meals like on this trip?

Eating is a big part of travelling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Vegetarians will be able to find a huge range of different foods - India is vegetarian heaven. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

## **What are the modes of transportation on my trip?**

Private vehicle, plane, taxi.

## **What transportation will we take on this trip?**

Road travel in India is certainly not what people are used to in Western countries. Rules are not always followed, drivers appear to speed, do not stay in their lanes, overtake in seemingly dangerous situations, and rarely use their mirrors or driving lights at night. The horn however is used frequently and can range from the latest Bollywood tune to Britney Spears! Although the government is investing large sums of money to improve the road infrastructure, there is a lot more to be done. As a result some of the roads are poorly maintained, pot holed and uneven. This gets even more pronounced particularly during and after the monsoon. Travel time is very long in comparison to Western countries and short distances can take much longer than at home. You have the comfort of an air-conditioned Private vehicle, but be prepared to take an odd ride in a local transport for the experience.

## **Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?**

All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your passport information at the time of booking in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

Please Note: Only 1 piece of luggage that weighs up to 15kgs will be permitted on our internal flights in India. For any extra weight the airline may charge an additional fee at the time of check-in.

## **Where will we stay during the trip?**

Hotels (14 nts).

## **What kind of accommodation can I expect on this trip?**

A variety of styles of hotels/guest houses are used in India. These can vary in terms of service, efficiency and cleanliness. In many instances they might not be like what you are used to back home. Power cuts can and are a regular occurrence in many places, especially throughout North and Central India. Although a number of hotels have generators there may be times when these won't work. It is also recommended when you are in your room to lock the door, as staff will sometime enter without reason.

## **What is the joining hotel?**

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

## **What are the joining instructions?**

On your TailorMade trip, you will be met by a G Adventures Representative on Day 1 with more information about your tour. They will also be able to answer any questions you may have. If you have an arrival transfer, please meet your transfer representative in the arrivals area; they will be holding a G Adventures sign.

## **What happens if I experience problems when arriving?**

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact the emergency number listed below and on your voucher. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

# Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

## AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. Included arrival transfers are provided from the nearest airport to your starting location. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

If your call is specifically concerning Airport Transfer complications please call our local G Adventures Transfer providers directly at:

New Delhi Airport:

Sakha Call Center

From outside India: +91 9278708888

From within Delhi: 9278708888

From outside Delhi: 09278708888

Airport Representative

From outside India: +919599193260 or +919599051397

From within Delhi: 9599193260 or 9599051397

From outside Delhi: 09599193260 or 09599051397

## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Office (Delhi)

G Adventures South Asia Manager, Sorab (Delhi, India)

Emergency number:

>From outside of India: +91 88 5180 6614

>From within Delhi: 88 5180 6614

>From within India, but outside Delhi: 088 5180 6614

G Adventures Office Bangkok, Thailand

During Office hours (Weekdays, 9am-5pm Local Time): +66-02-3815574

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## **Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?**

We suggest that you pack as lightly as possible as you are expected to carry your own luggage. Most travellers carry a backpack or rolling bag of small to medium size. You will also need a day pack/bag to carry water, cameras and other electronics like ipods and mobile phones.

Standard luggage allowance for internal flights is 15kg (33lb) for checked luggage, and is 7kg (15lb) for carry-on luggage. Any charges for additional luggage or weight is the responsibility of the passenger.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers
- Warm waterproof jacket

## Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

## Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

### Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

### Health & Safety:

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

### Smart Dress:

- Smart outfit (For evenings out)

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear Note: During the colder months (Oct-Apr) the mountains can be cold, so please make sure you pack warm clothes. During the months of Jul-Sep is the rainy season, so please make sure to pack waterproof clothes.

**When can I do my laundry on this trip?**

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

## What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

All travellers must have a valid Indian visa prior to the start of their tour. Please note that visas for India are the responsibility of the individual traveller.

To obtain a visa for India, you may either apply for an e-Visa using the link below, or alternately visit the Indian embassy or consulate nearest you to apply for a physical visa on your passport.

India is now offering e-Visas for some nationalities. Please visit this link for further information, and to check if your nationality is eligible for an e-Visa: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>

As there are many fake websites, please only use the link above to apply for your e-Visa and for any additional information.

Please use the start hotel of your tour as a reference for your visa application. Contact us or your travel agent if you need further information.

## Where can I read detailed notes about this trip?

In India, English is widely spoken and transportation and infrastructure is good, but please remember that this is India- expect the unexpected! If you are able to bring with you a lot of patience, a great sense of humour and a willingness to try and interact with the local people, your travel experience will be greatly enhanced.

## What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?

As currency exchange rates in Asia fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

As of May 2023 the exchange rate for INDIA was 1 USD = 81.76 INR (Indian Rupees). There are many ATM machines that accept both Visa and Mastercard but these are limited to major cities. We also recommend the use of cash in USD currency. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops but they may charge a 2-4% transaction fee.

## How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## Do I need to pay a departure tax?

All departure taxes should be included in your international flight ticket

## Should I be tipping on my trip?

Please note that it is customary to tip 10% to service staff in India. If someone helps you carry a bag, you can offer to tip a few USD (in local currency), although it will not be expected. If you have a local guide or a driver on your trip, then you will be advised to tip \$2-5 USD (in local currency) per person per service, as long as you feel it is deserved, which it usually is because we have excellent staff working with us.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

### Jaipur

- Jaipur Balloon Ride

## **Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?**

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical information pertaining to the country you are traveling to well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as a full supply of any personal medical requirements. In Asia, you will not find the same drugs as you get at home. Please be aware that sometimes we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities. Also note that for legal reasons our Leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings for trip specific information. For travellers over 70 years a completed Medical Form is required.

## **What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?**

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. Please use your own good judgment when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards) have a balanced approach to safety.

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

[www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/](http://www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/)

## What are the trip specific safety considerations?

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while traveling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travelers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewelry at home - you won't need it while traveling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts others at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## How should I dress to respect local customs during the tour?

In Asia the dress standard is more conservative than it is back home. When packing try to pick loose, lightweight, long clothing that will keep you cool in the usually hot and humid climate of Asian summers. In predominately Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim countries we ask that you dress respectfully and avoid very short shorts/skirts and singlets/tanktops when visiting small rural communities or visiting temples or mosques or other holy sites as this may restrict your entry.

India is very conservative and you should dress accordingly. As a general guideline shoulders and knees should be covered at all times. The wearing of shorts is not allowed as it will restrict your entry into buildings of a religious nature and family homes. A light water and windproof jacket is useful and a hat essential.

NB: WE STRESS THAT IT CAN BE VERY COLD IN THE HILLS DURING THE MONTHS FROM DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY.

NB: During our trip there will be many opportunities for you to meet and "talk" with locals. One way to start any conversation is with pictures. We recommend that you bring some photos/postcards of your family, home, city or country where you live, animals peculiar to your country etc.

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)\*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

## Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

# What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

## Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.