

15 DAY CULTURAL JOURNEY

FESTIVALS OF INDIA

\$2299

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

TYPICALLY **\$3899**

DELHI • AGRA • JAIPUR

THE OFFER

The new moon of the Hindu month 'Kartika', which lasts from mid-October to mid-November, signals the beginning of two spectacular Indian events - Diwali and the Pushkar Camel Fair. Picture neighbourhoods ablaze with lanterns and fireworks, endless feasts and the exchanging of sweets; and a camel fair of such grand proportions that it attracts over 11,000 camels (and their owners) from right across Rajasthan. Simply put, this is the most incredible time to experience India.

Discover the unique spirituality, customs, and holiday celebrations of India on this 15 day package visiting Delhi, Agra and Rajasthan. Enjoy tours of New and Old Delhi; witness Red Fort, Raj Ghat and Jama Masjid Mosque; explore vibrant Chandni Chowk Market; witness the Taj Mahal, the ultimate symbol of love; visit Jaswant Thada on a city tour of Jodhpur; attend the famous Pushkar Camel Fair; and so much more! This incredible tour includes 13 nights accommodation, 17 meals including daily breakfast and a farewell dinner, return airport transfers and more.

Upgrade to the premium package and travel in style - enjoying the comforts of 4-5 star accommodation and 37 meals.

STANDARD PACKAGE

\$2299

PREMIUM PACKAGE

\$2699

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Day 1 Australia - Delhi, India

Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth for Delhi, India! Fly with either Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines or Thai Airways to name a few (subject to availability). Upon arrival, meet the tour representative and receive a welcome garland at the airport. Then, travel to the hotel accommodation. While check-in is organised, a representative will provide the 'Welcome Folder' documents and brief you on the tour programme.

Please note: due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Diwali Festival Celebrations

Celebrated with great excitement and grandeur, Diwali, also known as Deepavali, is a Hindu festival that unites the whole of India. Traditionally believed to be a Hindu festival of wealth and prosperity, Diwali has become an occasion for all Indians irrespective of their status and castes. In the afternoon, visit the local market to witness the grandeur of this festival of lights. Continue the celebrations into the evening and witness the Puja (prayer) at the hotel followed by dinner.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)
Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 3 Delhi - Agra (approx. 203 kms)

Delve deeper into Delhi today with a half day city tour of Old Delhi. Visit Raj Ghat (where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated); Red Fort (made famous by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan); and Jama Masjid (the largest mosque in India) which has three great gateways, four angle towers and two minarets constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble.

Enjoy a rickshaw ride through vibrant Chandni Chowk market, a colourful shopping bazaar in Old Delhi.

This afternoon, relax as you travel from Delhi to Agra - the quintessential Mughal City. It is here you will witness the famed Taj Mahal. So awe-inspiring is the monument that Agra has been immortalised as the City of the Taj. As visitors walk down the narrow bustling streets, they cannot help but wonder if the man contentedly smoking a hookah is a direct descendent of some bygone Mughal.

Overnight: Agra (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Taj Mahal & Agra Fort

Early risers can take the opportunity to head to the Taj Mahal and experience the monument just after sunrise, (not included), then return to the hotel for breakfast. After breakfast everyone will embark on a city tour visiting the Taj Mahal, which was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in 1630 to enshrine the mortal remains of his queen Mumtaz Mahal. Besides the Taj, the Agra Fort (also called the Red Fort) makes an interesting sight.

Overnight: Agra (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Agra - Bharatpur (approx. 64 kms)

Today after breakfast travel to Bharatpur, a bird lover's paradise home to more than 370 bird species. This afternoon you will experience a bird watching tour by rickshaw. If luck permits, you could perhaps spot 50-100 species. Bharatpur is one of the only two known wintering haunts of the Siberian Crane.

Overnight: Bharatpur (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Bharatpur - Chand Baori Step Well - Jaipur (approx. 198 kms)

Enjoy breakfast before setting out for Jaipur. Along the way,

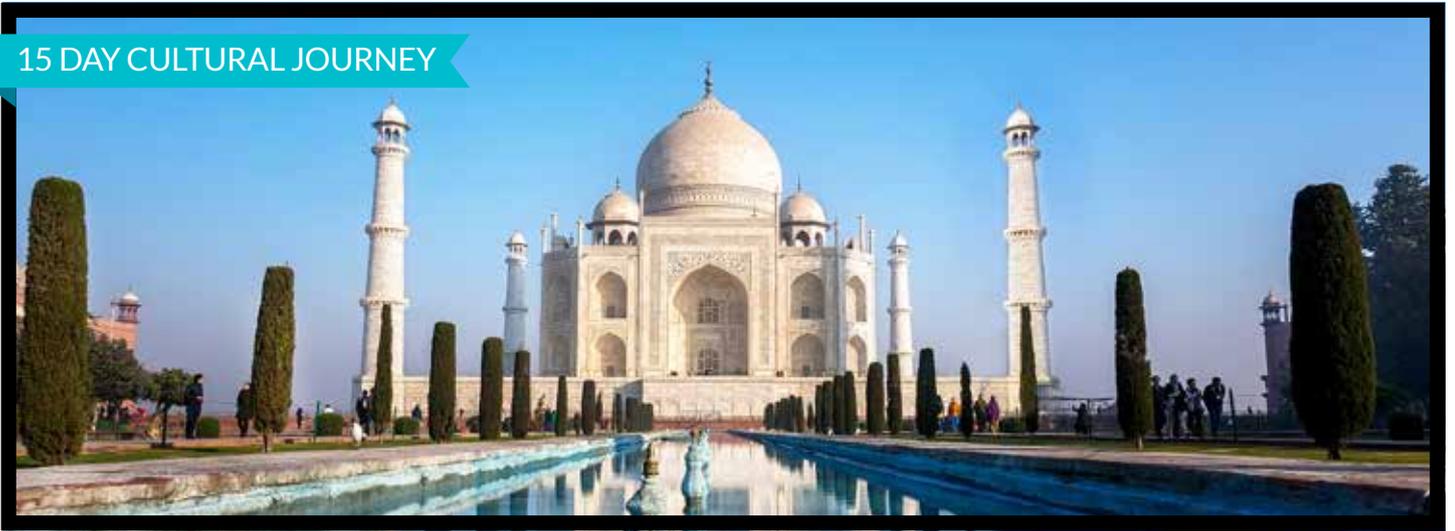


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visit the Chand Baori Step Well - located opposite a temple known as Harshat Mata Temple. It is believed that the step well has a religious connection and that's the reason it was built in front of the temple.

The picturesque capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur is instantly recognisable for its pink-washed buildings, a colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colourful bazaars, where one can shop for Rajasthani textiles and trinkets. The beautifully laid out gardens and parks, attractive monuments and heritage hotels, once the residence of Maharajas, are all worth a look.

Overnight: Jaipur (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)
Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 7 Jaipur City Tour and Amber Fort

Enjoy a full day city sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Begin with a morning excursion to Amber Fort. Located 11km from Jaipur, it was the old fort of the Kachhwaha clan of Amber. Built of white marble and red sandstone, the fort looks even more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground.

This afternoon enjoy a city tour visiting the City Palace, the former royal residence, built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal styles; Jantar Mantar, the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh; and Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds, which was constructed for the royal ladies to watch royal processions without being seen. Enjoy an Indian costume tying demonstration and also visit Lakshmi Narayan Temple.

Overnight: Jaipur (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Jaipur - Jodhpur (approx. 335 kms)

After breakfast, drive to Jodhpur. On arrival check-in at the hotel. Set at the edge of the Thar Desert, the imperial city of Jodhpur echoes with tales of antiquity in the emptiness of the desert. The graceful palaces, forts and temples of the city bring

the historic grandeur to life, while exquisite handicrafts, folk dances, music and the brightly attired people lend a romantic aura to the city.

Overnight: Jodhpur (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Jodhpur City Tour

Relax over breakfast before taking the day to explore Jodhpur visiting Jaswant Thada, a cluster of royal cenotaphs built in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II, followed by Umaid Bhawan Palace, the only 20th century palace built under the famine relief project that gave employment to the famine struck population. It was completed in 14 years.

Overnight: Jodhpur (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Jodhpur - Pushkar (approx. 185 kms)

Head to Pushkar today. Characterised by a picturesque valley, mountainous regions and several pilgrimage sites of importance, Pushkar is well known. It marks one of the revered Hindu pilgrimage sites of India and houses the only temple dedicated to Lord Brahma in the world. Join in the festivities and fun of the Pushkar Camel Fair. The locals dress up in traditional clothing during this much-awaited camel fair. The soulful tunes of the Rajasthani folk songs will make your time unforgettable. Enjoy an afternoon tour of Pushkar, visiting the Brahma Temple, constructed using marble and stone slabs, and beautifully painted in shades of blue and red. Also visit the Pushkar Lake, which is surrounded by almost 500 temples. The lake has 52 ghats, steps leading to the water, each of which were once the personal ghats for the 52 Maharajas of Rajasthan who performed sacred rituals here. Walk through the narrow lanes of the town to see the bustling street market and crafts.

Overnight: Pushkar (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)
Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 11 Pushkar Camel Fair

The sprawling annual festivities of the 100 year old Pushkar Fair commence today. The day of the full moon, according to legend, when the Hindu god Brahma sprung up the Pushkar Lake, thus numerous people swim in its sacred waters. This iconic fair attracts thousands of livestock and almost a million tourists including many from across the world.

Overnight: Pushkar (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

with later flights.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 15 Arrive in Australia

Day 12 Pushkar - Delhi (400km)

After breakfast enjoy some more events before starting your journey back to Delhi by private coach. Enjoy lunch at a hotel on the way. The journey is approx. 5 - 6hrs. On arrival into Delhi you will be transferred to the hotel and treated to a farewell dinner.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 13 Delhi City Tour

After breakfast enjoy a half day city tour of New Delhi. Visit Laxminarayan Temple - dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune - and India Gate, a 42m high stone of triumph and war memorial. The tour continues with a visit to Rashtrapati Bhawan, the palace-like building home to the President of India. Afterwards, visit the beautiful Lotus Temple, a Bahai house of worship. Adherents of any faith can visit, pray or meditate.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Delhi, India - Australia

Today transfer to the airport to board your return flight back to Australia. Please note: if your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before. Late check out has been arranged for those passengers



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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Delhi, Agra, Bharatpur, Jaipur, Jodhpur and Pushkar
- Witness the incredible Pushkar Camel Fair
- Celebrate the Diwali Festival of Lights in Delhi
- Enjoy two half-day tours in New and Old Delhi
- See Red Fort, Raj Ghat and Jama Masjid Mosque
- Explore the colourful Chandni Chowk Market
- Visit the beautiful Lotus Temple in New Delhi
- Marvel at the wondrous Taj Mahal and Red Fort in Agra
- Visit Chand Baori, one of the world's deepest step wells
- Enjoy a visit to the Royal Amber Fort on a Jaipur sightseeing tour
- Visit Jaswant Thada on a city tour of Jodhpur
- See Brahma Temple and Pushkar Lake on a sightseeing tour
- Go bird watching by rickshaw in Bharatpur
- Enjoy a sari and turban tying demonstration

FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) from SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/PER

ACCOMMODATION

- 13 nights accommodation (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

DINING

- Enjoy 17 meals (Standard Options)
- Enjoy 37 meals (Premium Options)

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking local guides
- Sightseeing and monument entry fees
- Welcome garland on arrival
- Complimentary gift on departure
- Airlines taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by A/C vehicles

TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers with meet and assist



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BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 25th October 2019.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

Standard Package: \$500

Premium Package: \$700

Departure Date (2019)

October: 25, 26

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Cathay Pacific, China Southern, China Eastern, Thai Airways, Sri Lankan Airlines, Emirates, Etihad Airways, Virgin Airways, Air India, Jet Airways plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Delhi, India

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stay behind in Delhi, India

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$450 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$700 one way

Locations:

*Singapore

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

Please note:

- An outbound and inbound stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way,

due to the airline used.

- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: *Starting from \$1999 per person
- Business Class: Buy now for \$5499 per person

Please note:

- *Starting from quotes will be processed and returned for your consideration.
- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.
- If Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Doha stopovers are offered, Premium Economy upgrades will not be available

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

Standard Package:

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Delhi: Sk Premium Park
- Agra: Hotel Royal Residency
- Bharatpur: Hotel Udai Vilas Palace
- Jaipur: Hotel Hyphen Ujjawal
- Jodhpur: Madhuram Royale
- Pushkar: Pushkar Fort

Premium Package:

4-5 Star (self-rated)

- Delhi: Radisson Blu Hotel/ ITC Welcome Dwarka
- Agra: Hotel Clark Shiraz
- Bharatpur: The Bagh Resort
- Jaipur: KK Royal Hotel & Convention Centre
- Jodhpur: Marugarh Venture Resort OR Park Plaza Jodhpur
- Pushkar: Hotel Bhanwar Singh Palace

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on



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seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

- Delhi, India (Pre/Post Tour) Standard Package: \$120 per room including breakfast.
- Delhi India (Pre/Post Tour) Premium Package: \$160 per room including breakfast.

Please note: extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability until the time of booking.

Maximum Room Capacity

3 people (subject to availability).

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.

Bedding Configuration

Double or twin bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 4, maximum group size 40 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Day 5: Early Morning at Taj Mahal Experience – 1035 rupees (approx. \$22 AUD) **please note this is 2018 pricing and there may be a minimal increase for 2019**

Please note:

- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa for India is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport).
 - Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary.
 - Recommended gratuities/tipping: 250 rupees (approx. \$6 AUD) per person per day.
 - Optional activities/tours.
 - Personal expenses.
 - Travel insurance (Mandatory).
- Please note:** A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art,

architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Rajasthan Region:

The days are sunny and quite warm while nights are cool during November. This is the best time to visit Rajasthan, creating a perfect ambience for exploring the princely state.

Delhi:

Delhi is warm and dry at this time of year, with an average temperature of 20°C, highs of 27°C and lows of a cool 13°C after dark. With such big changes in temperature from day to night, you'll need to come prepared with summer clothes and warm layers.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.



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COACH TOUR

Meals:

17 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note:

- We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.
- The premium package meals consist of breakfast, lunch and dinner daily starting with breakfast on day 2 and finishing with breakfast on day 14.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour leader and driver is 250 rupees (approx. \$6 AUD) per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

A Tourist Visa for India is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. You will be able to start your Visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

TripADeal offers a fast, secure and easy service to obtain a Visa for this country - This visa can take approximately 5 business days to complete.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such a journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of

application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/ accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/ accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/ accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/ accommodation/other travel provider.



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