

# THE OFFER

Bhutan is the last great Himalayan kingdom - an intriguing destination shrouded in mystery and legend. When combined with a journey through India and Nepal, taking in the wondrous Taj Mahal and Tiger's Nest Monastery, you have all the makings of a life-changing adventure.

Journey through the past and present of India, Bhutan and Nepal on this incredible 16 day cultural tour. Experience the wonders of Delhi, Jaipur and Agra - known as the Golden Triangle - and visit icons including the Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri, Jama Masjid Mosque, and the Royal Amber Fort. In Nepal, come face-to-face with the cheeky residents of Swayambhunath 'Monkey Temple', explore the UNESCO listed Bhaktapur Durbar Square, and witness a dazzling mountain sunrise in Nagarkot. When you think the trip can't get any better, it then shifts gear with a journey into the spiritual heart of Bhutan. See the highlights of Thimphu and Paro, plus hike to the incredible Taktsang Buddhist monastery - also known as Tiger's Nest.

With return flights, 14 nights accommodation, English-speaking guides, 21 meals and much more, this is an opportunity not to be missed!

STANDARD PACKAGE
\$3999

\$4899

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# THE ITINERARY

## 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 Airlines 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 first hotel. While check-in is organised, a representative will also hand over 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 Delhi City Tour**

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of Old and New 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. Chandni Chowk is the main street of Old Delhi in the colourful shopping bazaar, enjoy a rickshaw ride through the colourful market!

Next up is Laxminarayan Temple, a site dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune. India Gate is a 42m high stone of triumph and is a 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, also known as the Bahai Temple. Adherents of any faith can visit, pray or meditate.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 3 Delhi - Jaipur 'The Pink City' (approx. 265km day)

After breakfast, travel to Jaipur. On arrival in Jaipur check-in to your hotel for the evening, where dinner will be provided. The picturesque capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur is instantly recognisable for its pinkwashed buildings - a colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This beautiful city, along with Agra and Delhi, form what is known as the Golden Triangle of India's tourist circuit. Jaipur is a city where royalty still live in the grandeur of its palaces, where fighting for the honour of the clan has never been a need but a way of life, and where treating guests as gods has been a tradition from time immemorial. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colourful bazaars, where you can shop for distinct Rajasthani textiles and colourful 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 4 Jaipur City Tour & Amber Fort**

Today enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Begin with a morning excursion to Amber Fort. Located 11km from Jaipur, it was the old fort of the Kachwaha clan of Amber. The fort is built with white marble and red sandstone and looks even more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground. The fort itself is a beautiful sight to behold, but its clear reflection on the lake is so beautiful, it seems like an illusion.

This afternoon take part in a city tour visiting the City Palace, the former royal residence built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal styles. Jantar Mantar, is the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh. The Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds 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







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## Day 5 Jaipur - Chandi Baori Step Well - Fatehpur Sikri - Agra (approx. 245km day)

After breakfast, depart for Agra. On the way, visit Chand Baori step well, located opposite a temple known as Harshat Mata Temple. Continue onto Fatehpur Sikri, which was made a UNESCO world heritage site due to its stunning imperial complex of pavilions and palaces spread across a large abandoned 'city' (37kms from Agra).

On arrival to Agra, check-in to your hotel. Agra is the quintessential Mughal City, where the world marvels at the epitome of love, beauty and sacrifice, the Taj Mahal one of the wonders of the world. 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 6 Taj Mahal & Agra Fort

After breakfast enjoy a city tour visiting the Taj Mahal, built by the Moghul Emperor Shah Jahan in 1630 for his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. Besides the Taj, the Agra Fort (also known as the Red Fort) is a fascinating site.

Overnight: Agra (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 7 Agra - Delhi (approx. 205km day)

After breakfast depart by surface back to Delhi, On arrival check-in at your hotel.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 8 Delhi, India - Kathmandu, Nepal

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Nepal. Please note: if your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before. Upon arrival at Kathmandu Airport you will be met by a representative and

transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Kathmandu (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

#### **Day 9 Kathmandu Sightseeing**

Following breakfast, set off for a sightseeing tour. Kathmandu is home to a wonderful mix of the ancient and the new. See the old temples and palaces of Kathmandu's Durbar Square, which epitomises the religious and cultural life of the people. Here, the Kings of Nepal are crowned and solemnised. Also visit Swayambhunath - commonly known as 'Monkey Temple' - a glorious Buddhist Stupa which stands atop a hill in the Kathmandu Valley. This afternoon you will also visit Boudhanath Stupa. Today there is also an opportunity to take an optional one hour Everest Scenic Flight (not included).

Overnight: Kathmandu (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 10 Kathmandu, Nepal - Paro, Bhutan - Thimphu (approx. 55km day)

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Bhutan. Upon arrival in Paro, you will clear customs and immigration. Please keep your copy of the visa clearance letter handy as your visa has been paid. Meet your guide and driver outside the terminal building and transfer to the hotel in Thimphu.

Overnight: Thimphu (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

### Day 11 Thimphu Sightseeing - Paro (approx. 55km day)

Today you will enjoy a sightseeing tour in Thimphu. Take in the highlights including National Memorial Chorten, Zilukha Nunnery, Takin Sanctuary, an Indigenous Hospital, a Textile Museum, a Heritage Museum, a Traditional School of Arts & Crafts and Tashicho Dzong. Afterwards travel to Paro and check in at the hotel.

Overnight: Paro (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner







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#### Day 12 Paro - Tiger's Nest Monastery Hike

After breakfast visit the Tiger's Nest Monastery (Paro Taktsang). You can hike up (or you can ride a horse for approx. \$40 USD) to the Tiger's Nest. The hike to the cafeteria will take around 2 hours, while the horse ride will take around 1.5 hours. At the viewpoint enjoy the stunning view of the monastery, where Guru Padmasambhava landed on the back of a tigeress in the 8th century. After the walk back down (no horse option) you will visit the Farm House, the National Museum and a local market.

Overnight: Paro (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

# Day 13 Paro, Bhutan - Kathmandu, Nepal - Nagarkot (approx. 30km day)

Today after breakfast you will transfer to the airport for your flight back to Kathmandu, Nepal. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the hotel in Nagarkot to hopefully enjoy a spectacular sunset view (weather permitting).

Overnight: Nagarkot (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 14 Nagarkot - Bhaktapur - Kathmandu (approx. 40km day)

Enjoy an early morning sunrise, then after breakfast travel to Bhaktapur to embark on a sightseeing tour of the ancient Bhaktapur Durbar Square. Known for its immense and tragic historical features, which include heritage monuments that still echo the memories of ancient kingdoms. Afterwards continue onto Kathmandu and check into the hotel.

Overnight: Kathmandu (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 15 Kathmandu, Nepal - Australia

After breakfast this morning, transfer to Kathmandu Airport for your return flight back to Australia.

Meals included: Breakfast

#### **Day 16 Arrive in Australia**







# **TOUR INCLUSIONS**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- · Visit 3 amazing countries India, Nepal and Bhutan
- Discover the highlights of India's Golden Triangle Delhi, Jaipur and Agra
- See Red Fort, Raj Ghat and Jama Masjid Mosque on a full day Delhi tour
- · Explore the colourful Chandni Chowk Market by rickshaw
- · Visit the beautiful Lotus Temple in New Delhi
- Tour Jaipur, the picturesque capital of Rajasthan
- Visit the Royal Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar, City Palace and more
- · See Hawa Mahal also known as Palace of Winds
- Enjoy an Indian costume tying demonstration
- Visit Chand Baori, one of the world's deepest step wells
- Experience Fatehpur Sikri a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Witness the majestic Taj Mahal and Agra Fort
- Enjoy an evening at leisure in Delhi
- · Visit Swayambhunath 'Monkey Temple' in Kathmandu
- · Explore Thimphu on a full day sightseeing tour
- Trek to the sacred Tiger's Nest Buddhist Monastery
- Witness an incredible mountain sunrise in Nagarkot
- Visit the ancient Bhaktapur Durbar Square

## **FLIGHTS**

- Return international flights (economy class) departing SYD/ MEL/BNE/ADL/PER
- 1 way international flight (economy class) from Delhi, India to Kathmandu, Nepal
- Return international flights (economy class) from Kathmandu, Nepal to Paro, Bhutan

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

14 nights hotel accommodation (Standard Or Premium Option)

#### **DINING**

- Enjoy 21 meals (Standard Option)
- Enjoy 26 meals (Premium Option)

#### **TOUR ESSENTIALS**

- Bhutanese visa fee and tourist tax
- English-speaking local guides
- Small group touring (max 12 per departure)
- Welcome garland on arrival
- · Complimentary gift on departure from India
- Sightseeing and monument entry fees
- 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 (unless otherwise stated).

#### **OFFER ESSENTIALS**

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 11th February 2019.

Travel offer is valid for one person based on twin share.

#### **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

- Standard Package: \$530 - Premium Package: \$1000

#### **Departure Dates**

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

#### **Surcharges**

Please note: dates/months with a \* or a ^ incur a flight high season surcharge:

- \* Flight High Season: \$200 per person
- ^ Flight Peak Season: \$450 per person

## **Departure Cities**

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

#### **FLIGHTS**

#### Full Service Airline(s) Used

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

Please note: the return flights from Nepal to Bhutan will be operated by either Druk Air or Bhutan Airlines.

#### **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 Kathmandu, Nepal

\$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.

## Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not available.
- Business Class (all sectors except for Nepal Bhutan flights): Buy now for \$4899 per person.

#### Please note:

- 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.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

#### **Accommodation Used**

STANDARD PACKAGE:

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Delhi (India): Tulip Inn West Delhi
- Jaipur (India): Hotel Park Ocean
- Agra (India): Hotel Royal Residency
- Kathmandu (Nepal): Samsara Resort and Hotel
- Thimpu (Bhutan): Hotel Amodhara
- Paro (Bhutan): Mandala Resort
- Nagarkot (Nepal): Hotel View Point PREMIUM PACKAGE:
- 4-5 Star (self-rated)
- Delhi (India): Radisson Blu Hotel OR Piccadily Hotel
- Jaipur (India): The Fern An Ecotel Hotel OR KK Royal Hotel & Convention Centre
- Agra (India): Hotel Clark Shiraz
- Kathmandu (Nepal): Hotel Annapurna
- Thimpu (Bhutan): Namgay Heritage
- Paro (Bhutan): Tashi Namgay Resort
- Nagarkot (Nepal): Club Himalaya, Nagarkot Resort

Please note: rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

## **Extra Nights**

STANDARD PACKAGE:

- Delhi, India (Pre Tour): \$100 per room
- Kathmandu, Nepal (Post Tour): \$140 per room

## PREMIUM PACKAGE:

- Delhi, India (Pre Tour): \$160 per room
- Kathmandu, Nepal (Post Tour): \$230 per room

Please note: extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

#### **Maximum Room Capacity**

3 people (subject to availability).

**Child Policy** 





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- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 12 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.

## **Bedding Configuration**

Double or Twin Bedding (subject to availability).

## **Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms**Not available

#### **GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION**

Minimum group size 4, maximum group size 12 per vehicle.

## **Optional Tours / Activities**

Day 9:

- One Hour Everest Scenic Flight: \$250 USD including airport transfers, domestic airport tax and flight ticket.

## 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 specified.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa for India, Nepal and Bhutan are a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Gratuities/tipping
- \* India: Recommended gratuities/tipping: 300 rupees (approx. \$6 AUD) per person/day
- \* Nepal/Bhutan: Recommended gratuities/tipping: \$6 AUD per person/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**

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURE India:

May is the hottest month with an average temperature of 33°C (91°F) and the coldest is January at 15°C (59°F) with the most daily sunshine hours at 9 in November. The wettest month is August with an average of 227mm of rain.

### Nepal:

June is the hottest month in Kathmandu with an average temperature of 23°C and the coldest is January at 9°C, with the most daily sunshine hours around 12°C in April. The wettest month is July with an average of 325.3mm of rain.

#### Bhutan:

In Southern Bhutan, the climate is tropical in the monsoon season and may range from 15°C in winter to 30°C in summer. In the high mountain regions the average temperature varies from 0°C in winter to 10°C in summer, with an average of 350mm of rain.

## 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.

## **COACH TOUR**

#### Meals:

21 meals are included in the tour (standard package), for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be to be prepared with any medication you require.

Please note: The premium package meals consist of breakfast and dinner daily in India and all other meals as stated in the itinerary, starting with breakfast on day 2 and finishing with breakfast on day 15.

### 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 their luggage from the coach.

#### **Gratuities:**

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 300 rupees (approx. \$6 AUD) per person per day in India and \$6 AUD per person per day in Nepal/ Bhutan, which will be collected whilst on tour.

## 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





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be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

#### **VISAS**

#### India:

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

Please start arranging your visa as soon as you receive your documentation to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

business days to complete.

#### Nepal:

A tourist visa for Nepal is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. This can be arranged on arrival for approximately \$25 USD, valid for 15 days. Visas must be arranged in USD currency at the border with 2 passport sized photos.

## Bhutan:

A tourist visa for Bhutan is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. The operator will arrange the tourist visa on your behalf.

Please Note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is 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 airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

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

