



INDIA

GATEWAY TO EXOTIC ESCAPE



Incredible India

History and Culture- Even today much of India is rooted in the past, a continuous flowing stream that goes back nearly 6000 years to the Indus Valley Civilization and from where India has derived its name. The Dravidians flourished then followed by the Aryans, The Mauryans, and The Guptas. The disintegration of the Gupta empire saw the rise to regional principalities like the Chalukyas, The Pallavas and Pandavas in the south. While the north continued to be fought over by Muslim Turks and Afghan princes the south consolidated itself under the Vijaynagar Empire. Then in 1526, Babur came along and established the Mughal empire who ruled India for three centuries.

After the uprising of 1857, the British crowned themselves The Lord of the Indian Empire. India became a free nation on August 15, 1947. The number of invasions to India bought in a range of people as traders, migrants and settlers who gave us their own customs, cultures, dresses, cuisines and traditions and languages. India has more than 1600 spoken dialects and 15 recognized languages.

Religion- A major and highly visible aspect of life here is religion. Even today it controls every action, and defines the identity of almost all Indians. The majority are Hindus, followed by Muslims, Christians and Sikhs. Parsees, Jains, Buddhists and other smaller communities complete the numbers.

Geography- She stands just north of the equator with the waters of the Indian Ocean lapping around her feet. India is home to one of the highest mountain ranges in the world with the Himalayas providing some of the most spectacular altitude landscapes in the world. Amidst the snow capped peaks tumble icy streams that mature into the legendary rivers Ganges, Indus, and the Brahmaputra which nurture the fertility of the vast Indo-Gangetic plains. In the northwest, India shares her borders with Pakistan, in the north with China, Bhutan, Nepal, and to the east with Bangladesh and Myanmar. To

the west, it is flanked by the Arabian Sea and to the south by Indian Ocean with indirect access to Sri Lanka.

Weather- India has primarily three major seasons Summer, Winter and Monsoon. The summer months (April to June) are hot in most parts of India. The monsoon sets in June on the southwest coast and gradually breaks in all parts of the country by July/ August. The winter sets in from mid October and peaks in January and February.

Clothing- Light cottons are recommended from Spring to Autumn though in the winters you will need warm clothing and wind cheaters. Society in India is still deeply religious and conservative and it is important to dress moderately so as to avoid offending local sensibilities, however western dresses are common in metro and big cities.

Passports and Visas- Traveler to India must possess a valid passport to enter the country. All foreign nationals must require a valid visa to enter India, however visa on arrival are extended to 100 odd countries (check with Indian Embassy at your country). Special permits required for travelers who want to visit restricted areas. Permits can be issued through Carmel India. For further information please contact Indian Consulate at your respective country.

Entry Ports- India has several international airports, New Delhi, Jaipur and Amritsar in the north, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Goa in the west, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Kochi in the south and Kolkata in the east. There are more than 100 domestic airports spread all over India which connect to major tourist destinations. Mumbai, Kolkata, Kochi and Chennai are also major sea ports in India.

"India is, the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend, and the great grandmother of tradition".

Mark Twain 1897



Dear Friends,

Carmel India Tours Pvt. Ltd., an allied member of the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), is an Inbound Travel Company based in New Delhi with branch offices in Mumbai and Kochi (Kerala). The company is headed by Bobby Mathew, an adept travel professional with an experience of over two decades in the tourism industry. His passion and understanding of travel in India ensures that he and his team hear your ideas patiently, evaluates them sincerely and plans the ideal holiday for you.

He leads a team of people who share his passion for the destination and are committed to providing unmatched service with a smile. The company offers a product line for leisure travelers and out of the ordinary tours for everyone.

Carmel India helps explore the great outdoors, local customs, charming hospitality, intriguing architecture and much more in a unique, yet easily accessible manner.

India is truly an exotic destination. A land with dazzling beaches, stunning temples, exotic rain forests, colossal mountains, eternal deserts, lively cities, the Indian peninsula creates an ultimate allure for travelers across the globe. We at Carmel India have positioned ourselves as a brand that believes in Exotic travel. Holidays that stirs the soul and enlivens the mind.

Here we present our specifically designed selection of new programmes which will help you plan your holidays with complete freedom and flexibility.



Boby K Mathew
Managing Director

Let us be your Gateway to Exotic Escapes !!!

Gateway to India

Day 01 Arrive - Delhi.

Special meet and greet by Carmel representative at the airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi

After breakfast proceed for full day city tour of Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, enjoy rickshaw ride at Chandni Chowk. Later visit Gandhi Memorial – Rajghat is the place where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Later continue your tour and drive past the President's House, Parliament House, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, and Qutab Minar the tallest minarets. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Delhi –Agra (200 kms/ 03 hrs drive)

After breakfast drive to Agra. On arrival check-into the hotel. Afternoon visit to the Taj Mahal (Friday closed), one of the world's most admired architectural masterpieces. Later visiting the massive Agra Fort. Overnight at the hotel.

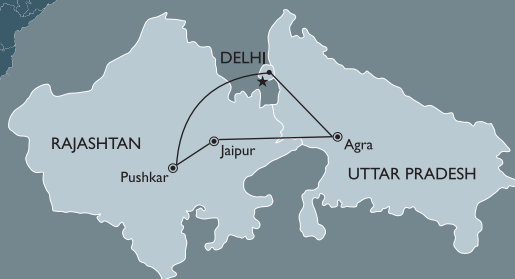
Day 04 Agra – Fatehpur Sikri – Jaipur (255 Kms / 5 – 6 hrs drive)

After breakfast drive to Jaipur en-route visiting Fatehpur Sikri. Evening enjoy Bollywood movie at Raaj Mandir. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Jaipur

Morning after breakfast excursion to the splendid Amber Fort with elephant ride. In the afternoon visit the splendid City Palace & Museum. Jantar Mantar, the world's biggest stone observatory and Palace of Winds also known as Hawa Mahal. Overnight at the hotel.





Day 06 Jaipur – Pushkar (140 Kms / 3 hrs drive)

Morning after breakfast drive to Pushkar. Tour of Pushkar visiting the Pushkar Lake, a beautiful semi-circular lake with 52 lovely ghats surrounding it. Also visit to the Brahma Temple, it's the only temple dedicated to Lord Brahma, the creator of the universe according to Hindu mythology. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Pushkar/Ajmer/Delhi (12016 Ajmer Shatabdi Exp : 1545 / 2240 hrs)

Morning after breakfast enjoy 1 hour Camel Safari. Afternoon transfer to Ajmer Railway station for train to Delhi. On arrival meet and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Depart Delhi

Transfer to International airport for flight back home.

India Nepal Delights

Day 01 Arrive - Delhi.

Meet and greet at the airport on arrival by Carmel representative and transfer to hotel. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi

Full day tour of Delhi with visit to Jama Masjid, Gandhi Memorial, President's House, Parliament House, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb and Qutab Minar. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Delhi – Udaipur (By flight)

Morning transfer to airport for flight to Udaipur. Evening enjoy boat ride on lake Pichola. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Udaipur

After breakfast proceeds to visit Eklingji & Nagda. Afternoon visit the City Palace, Jagdish Temple, and Sahelion-Ki-Bari. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Udaipur – Ranakpur – Jodhpur (Surface: 257 Kms/5 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Jodhpur en-route visit Ranakpur. Thereafter drive to Jodhpur. Late afternoon visit Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 Jodhpur – Jaipur (Surface: 275 kms /06 hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Jaipur en-route visit Pushkar. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Jaipur

Morning visit to Amber Fort with elephant ride. Afternoon visit City Palace, Jantar Mantar, and Hawa Mahal. Bollywood movie show at Raaj Mandir in the evening. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Jaipur – Agra (Surface: 250kms/05 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Agra en-route visit to Fatehpur Sikri. Afternoon visit to Taj Mahal, one of the world's most admired architectural masterpieces. Overnight at the hotels.

Day 09 Agra – Jhansi (1202 I EXP) Orchha – Khajuraho (Surface: 173 Kms/04 hrs)

Early morning transfer to Railway station for train to Jhansi. On arrival meet and drive to Khajuraho en-route visit to Orchha Palace. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Khajuraho – Varanasi (Flight)

Morning visit Eastern & Western group of temples. Afternoon transfer to airport for flight to Varanasi. On arrival proceed to Saranath. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 1 | Varanasi – Kathmandu (Flight)

Early morning Boat Ride on the holy river Ganges. After breakfast transfer to airport for flight to Kathmandu. On arrival meet and transfer to hotel. Evening Nepali cultural programme. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 Kathmandu

Full day tour of Kathmandu with visit to Bodhnath, Bhaktapur and Patan Durbar square. Later we visit the Swayambhunath. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 Kathmandu – Pokhara (Surface: 211 Kms/06 hrs)

Morning drive to Pokhara en-route visiting Manakamana Temple by cable car. On arrival in Pokhara, check-in at the hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 14 Pokhara

Tour of Pokhara visiting Davi's Fall, Tibetan Refugee camp or Tibetan Handicraft Center and Kising Bridge. In the evening enjoy boat ride at Pehwa Lake. Overnight at hotel.

Day 15 Pokhara – Kathmandu - Delhi (Flight)

After breakfast fly to Kathmandu. On arrival connect evening flight to Delhi. On arrival meet and transfer to hotel / onward flight back home.



Temples, Spices & Back Waters

Day 01 Arrive – Chennai

Meet and greet by Carmel representative and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Chennai – Mahabalipuram– Pondicherry (150 Kms/03hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Pondicherry, en-route visit to Mahabalipuram visiting Shore temple, Arjuna's Penance, Krishna Mandapam, Five Rathas. Continue drive to Pondicherry. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Pondicherry

After breakfast, proceed for the city tour of Pondicherry. The Sri Aurobindo Ashram, the Pondicherry Museum and futuristic town of Auroville designed by the French architect Roger Anger. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Pondicherry – Tiruvannamalai (106 Kms/03hrs)

After breakfast drive to Tiruvannamalai. Afternoon visit to Sri Ramana Ashram. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Tiruvannamalai – Tanjore (195 Kms/05 hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Thanjavur en-route visiting Kumbakonam & Chidambaram. Late afternoon visit Brihadeeshwra temple. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 Tanjore – Madurai (190Kms/04 hrs)

Morning after breakfast we visit the Thanjavur Palace. Later drive to Madurai en-route visit the most important pilgrim centre, Srirangam, located in an island just 7 kms from Trichy. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 07 Madurai

Morning tour of Thirumalai Nayak Mahal and Meenakshi temple, the main architectural attraction here in Madurai. Evening we will witness Bed Chamber Ceremony, Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Madurai – Munnar (155 Kms/04 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Munnar. On arrival check into the hotel. Afternoon proceed for Munnar Tea estate, tea factory & walk through the market. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 Munnar - Periyar (110 Kms/03 hrs)

Morning drive to Periyar. Upon arrival check-in at hotel. Evening witness the Martial Art of Kerala "Kalaripayattu". Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Periyar

Morning after breakfast proceeds for spice plantation tour, nature walk and Elephant ride. Afternoon boat ride in Periyar lake for viewing Wildlife. overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 Periyar - Alleppey (155 Kms/04 hrs)

Morning drive to Alleppey and embark the Houseboat. Daytime cursing through the lakes of Vembanadu. Overnight on board.

Day 12 Alleppey - Cochin (60 Kms/01 ½ hrs)

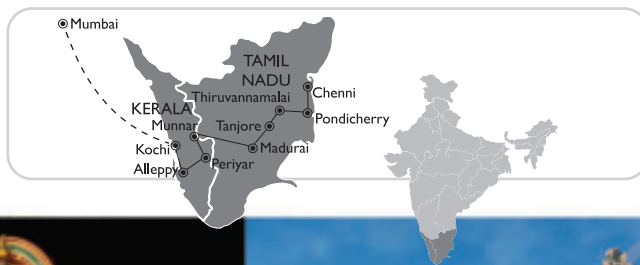
Morning after breakfast disembark houseboat and drive to Cochin. Upon arrival check-in hotel. Evening Kathakali dance. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 Cochin

Morning after breakfast proceed for the city tour of Cochin with visit to The Dutch Palace at Mattancherry, Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church, and the Chinese Fishing Nets. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 Cochin – Mumbai (Flight) Mumbai Depart

Morning breakfast at hotel. Later transfer to the Cochin airport in time to connect flight to Mumbai. On arrival connect International flight back home.



The Eastern Himalayan Trail

Day 01 Arrive Delhi (By Flight)

Meet and greet at the airport by Carmel Representative and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi – Dibrugarh (By Flight) & Dibrugarh – Mon (120 Kms/ 5 hrs)

Morning transferred to airport to board the flight to Dibrugarh. Arrive Dibrugarh and drive to Mon. On arrival check in at hotel. Evening at leisure. Overnight at hotel

Day 03 Mon

After early breakfast visit drive to Longwa village on the Indo-Burma border. Walk in the village and learn about the Konyak Nagas. Today we will provide packed lunch. And then from here drive over to another traditional village of the Konyaks, Hongphui village. Overnight at hotel

Day 04 Mon – Mokokchung (155 Kms/ 5 hrs)

After breakfast we will be going to Mokokchung in the north-central Nagaland. This district is inhabited by the AO Tribe. The journey will take about 5 hours. On reaching Mokokchung we will check into Tourist Lodge. Overnight at hotel

Day 05 Mokokchung

After breakfast visit UNGMA AND LONGKHUM VILLAGE inhabited by AO tribes. Later visit Impur, Aliba village. Overnight at hotel

Day 06 Mokokchung – Kohima (150 Kms/ 5 ½ hrs)

After breakfast drive Kohima. Enroute visit Toupheima village inhabited by Angami Tribe. On arrival check into hotel. Overnight at hotel

Day 07 Kohima

After breakfast drive to Khonoma village via Kohima, a place renowned for its valour and courage. The Khonoma gate tells the story of British infiltration into Naga hills. After lunch, late afternoon visit the famous war cemetery, a symbolic memorial raised as citation for the supreme sacrifice made by the officers and men of the Allied forces during World War II. Overnight at hotel

Day 08 Kohima – Jorhat (200 Kms / 5 ½ hrs)

After breakfast drive to Jorhat. On arrival check into hotel. Later visit local market. Overnight in Jorhat



Day 09 Jorhart – Manjuli – Jorhat (35 Kms / 45 mins + 01 ½ hrs ferry)

Morning after breakfast drive to Nimatighat and then charter ferry to Majuli Visit Vaishnava Sattras. Later watch Satriuuya dance and evening return by ferry to Nimati Ghat. Later drive back to Jorhat. Overnight at hotel

Day 10 Jorhart – Kaziranga National Park (115 Kms/03 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Kaziranga. On arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel

Day 11 Kaziranga National Park

Early morning Elephant safari to Kaziranga National park. Return to resort for breakfast followed by two rounds of Jeep safari. Evening Bihu dance. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 Kaziranga National Park – Shillong (255 Kms/ 5 ½ hrs)

After breakfast drive to Shillong. On arrival check into hotel. Evening visit Police Bazaar Shillong's prime location where the wares on sale range from electronics to traditional handicraft, modern clothing to handloom items, vegetables and traditional spices etc. Overnight at hotel

Day 13 Shilong – Day trip to Cherrapunjee (56 Kms/ 2 hrs – One way)

After breakfast proceed for day trip to Cherrapunjee. On the way visit Elephant Falls and Shillong Peak - for a panoramic view of the hill station. Then drive to Cherrapunjee. Whole day sightseeing in and around Cherrapunjee includes waterfalls, lime stone cave, Thangkharang park, Bangladesh view point. Late afternoon drive back to Shillong. Overnight at hotel

Day 14 Shilong – Day trip to Mawlynnong (90 Kms/ 3 hrs OneWay)

After breakfast drive to Mawlynnong. On arrival, we will visit the living root bridge is a 53 ft long bridge. Locally known as 'Jingkieng Deingiri' which means 'bridge of the rubber tree,' this bridge is remarkable in that it is more than a 100 years old. Then drive to Dawki (India – Bangladesh Border). Late afternoon drive back to Shillong. Overnight at hotel

Day 15 Shilong – Guwahati (120 Kms/ 3 ½ hrs) & Guwahati – Delhi (By Flight) & Delhi out

After breakfast transfer to Guwahati airport to board the flight to Delhi. Arrive Delhi and transfer to international airport to board the flight for your onward destination.



Call of the Tiger

Day 01 Arrive – Mumbai.

Meet and greet at the airport on arrival by Carmel representative and transfer to hotel. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Mumbai – Nagpur (By flight) Nagpur – Pench (170 Kms/3½ hrs)

After breakfast transfer to airport to board the flight to Nagpur. Arrive Nagpur and drive straight to Pench. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel

Day 03 Pench

Morning and evening game viewing. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Pench – Kanha (140 Kms/3 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Kanha. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Afternoon proceed for Jungle safari. Overnight at the hotel. Kanha Tiger Reserve is located in the Maikal Hills of the Satpuras spreading over two revenue districts – Mandla and Balaghat. It has the total area of 940 sq km. Kanha is virtually a tiger land, with several tigresses occupying traditionally famous natal areas.

Day 05 Kanha

Morning and evening game viewing. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 Kanha – Bandhavgarh (210 Kms/5 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Bandhavgarh. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Afternoon proceed for Jungle safari. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Bandhavgarh

Morning and evening game viewing. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Bandhavgarh – Jabalpur (110 Kms) Agra (Train)

Early morning proceed for Jungle Safari. Later drive to Jabalpur railway station to board the overnight train to Agra. Overnight in train.





Day 09 Arrive Agra (0730 hrs)

Arrive Agra railway station and transfer to hotel. Later visit the massive Agra Fort, with splendid remains of sandstone and marble palaces. Sunset visit to the Taj Mahal, one of the world's most admired architectural masterpieces. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Agra – Ranthambore (265 Kms/6 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Ranthambore. Enroute visiting Bharatpur bird sanctuary. After the visit continue drive to Ranthambore, one of the largest national parks in northern India spread over 1334 sq km including core and buffer area. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 Ranthambore

Morning and evening game viewing. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 Ranthambore – Jaipur (150 Kms/ 03 hrs)

Early morning proceed for Jungle Safari. Later drive to Jaipur. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Bollywood movie show at Raaj mandir in the evening. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 Jaipur

After breakfast excursion to the splendid Amber Fort, an architectural masterpiece of great historical significance. Later visit City Palace, Jantar Mantar, the world's biggest stone Observatory. Later visit Palace of Winds also known as Hawa Mahal. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 14 Jaipur – Delhi (250 Ksm/ 5 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Delhi. Later proceed for half day tour of Old Delhi with visit to Jama Masjid. Enjoy rickshaw ride at Chandni Chowk. Later continue your tour and drive past the President's House, Parliament House, India Gate. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 15 Depart Delhi

Transfer to airport for your onward destination

Ancient Central India

Day 01 Arrive – Mumbai

Meet and greet at the airport by Carmel representative and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Mumbai –Aurangabad (Flight)

Morning departure transfer to airport for flight to Aurangabad. On arrival meet and transfer to hotel. Afternoon excursion to Ellora caves (Closed on Tuesday), contain elaborate carvings of gods and goddesses representing three of the main faiths of ancient India – Buddhist, Hindu and Jain. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Aurangabad

This morning drive the 106kms from Aurangabad to visit the Ajanta Caves. These caves, which precede those at Ellora and date from about 200 BC to 650 AD. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Aurangabad – Maheshwar (315 Kms/07 hrs)

Early this morning leave Aurangabad for the drive north to Maheshwar. Arrive and check in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Maheshwar

After breakfast proceed for city tour of Maheshwar. Explore the fort and walk down to the riverside to the beautiful ghats where you can watch the daily rituals of the ordinary local villagers. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 Maheshwar – Mandu (Surface: 40 Kms/01 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Mandu. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Later proceed for city tour of Mandu including visit to Jami Masjid - Built in 1454, the most majestic building in Mandu. It is designed after the Omayyad Mosque of Damascus. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Mandu - Indore (Surface: 120 Kms/03 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Indore. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Later proceed for city tour of Indore including visit to Central Museum, houses the finest collection of Parmar sculptures from Hinglajgarh. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Indore – Bhopal (Surface: 200 Kms/05 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Bhopal. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 Bhopal



Today visit Sanchi, the oldest surviving Buddhist sanctuary, and principal centre for Buddhism in India until the 12th Century. A world heritage site, Sanchi is one of the greatest examples of Buddhist art and architecture in India. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Bhopal – Jhansi (12001 EXP: 1445/1751 hrs) Jhansi – Orchha (18 Kms/30 minutes)

In the afternoon transfer to Railway Station to join the Shatabdi Express to Jhansi and drive to Orchha. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 Orchha – Khajuraho (173 Kms/04 hrs)

Morning after having breakfast visit to Chatris temples – Memorials to the rulers of Orchha grouped along the kanchan ghat of the river Betwa. Thereafter visit Jahangir Mahal and drive to Khajuraho. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 Khajurhao – Varanasi (Flight)

Morning visit the Western & Eastern group of temples. Afternoon departure transfer to airport for flight to Varanasi. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 Varanasi

Early morning boat ride on the Ganges to view the sunrise and witness the pilgrims who gather to perform their religious rituals along the banks of the river. Later proceed for excursion of SARNATH, a Major Buddhist centre., Lord Buddha preached his first sermon here. Overnight at



the hotel.

Day 14 Varanasi – Delhi (Flight)

Morning departure transfer to airport for flight to Delhi. Later proceed for city tour of Old Delhi Rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk, Rajghat, the cremation place of Mahatma Gandhi. Proceed up to Rashtrapati Bhavan, India Gate and Qutab Minar. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 15 Depart Delhi

Morning transferred to the airport to board the flight for your onward destination.



Magical Himalayan Kingdom

Day 01 Arrive - Kolkata

Meet and greet at the airport by Carmel representatives and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Kolkata – Bagdogra - Darjeeling (By Flight / 90Kms/03 hrs)

Morning transfer to the airport to board the flight to Bagdogra. On arrival meet and straight drive to Darjeeling. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Darjeeling

This morning start your tour of this fascinating town by driving out to Tiger Hill, Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and Ghoom Monastery, built in 1875. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Darjeeling – Gangtok (115 Kms/03 hrs)

After breakfast drive through the hills, paddy fields and small villages before arriving in Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Gangtok

Today it is a scenic 75kms drive to Tsomgo Lake which is located on the Nathu La Highway, the original trade route to Lhasa. This holy lake is completely frozen in winter and there are excellent views of the Kangchendzonga Range from the nearby ridge. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 Gangtok – Kalimpong (75 Kms/02 hrs)

This morning leave Gangtok and drive to Kalimpong. On arrival check into the hotel. Visit a few of the interesting monasteries in the town, the Ringinpong Monastery has fantastic views and the Thongsa Gompa Bhutanese Monastery was built in 1692. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Kalimpong – Phuentsholing (175 Kms/05 hrs)

Morning drive to the main overland entrance to Bhutan. On your arrival in Jaigaon, the India border settlement, go through the immigration procedures of both India and Bhutan. Once in Phuentsholing you will be met and transferred to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Phuentsholing – Thimphu (160 Kms/06 hrs)

Morning drive to Thimphu visit beautiful countryside of vastly differing vegetation.. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 Thimphu

This morning it is an early start to visit the bustling Thimphu market which attracts people from all over the region. Later this morning return to the town and begin your day of sightseeing at the Tibetan inspired National Memorial Chorten. After lunch make a brief visit to the National Institute of Traditional Medicine and Trashi Chhoe Dzong. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Thimphu – Punakha (77kms/03 hrs)

This morning leave Thimphu and continue east climbing steeply through oak, pine and rhododendron forests to the Dochu-La Pass, which, at 3,140 meters is the highest point of the journey. Later visit to the confluence of the Mo Chhu and Pho Chhu Rivers where you will have the opportunity to explore the Punakha Dzong. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 Punakha – Paro (130Kms/03 hrs)

This morning leave Punakha and drive to Paro the gateway of Bhutan. Later this afternoon visit to Drukgyel Dzong. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 Paro

This morning drive through the Paro Valley to the base of the climb that leads to the famous Taksang Monastery. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 Paro – Kathmandu (By flight)

After breakfast transfer to airport to board the flight to Kathmandu. On arrival meet and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy evening walk at the Durbar Square area. overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 Kathmandu

Full day tour of Kathmandu with visit to Durbar Square, Swoyambhunath Stupa, Patan Durbar Square. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 15 Kathmandu/Delhi/out

Departure transfer to airport for flight back home.



India In The Lap of Luxury with Oberoi Resorts

Day 01 Arrive Delhi (By Flight)

Meet and greet at the airport on arrival by Camel representative and transfer to hotel. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at hotel The Oberoi

Day 02 Delhi

Full day tour of Delhi with visit to Jama Masjid, enjoy rickshaw ride at Chandni Chowk. Also visit Gandhi Memorial – Rajghat is the place where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Later continue your tour and drive past the President's House, Parliament House, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, and Qutab Minar. Overnight at hotel The Oberoi

Day 03 Delhi - Agra (200Kms/04 hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Agra. Upon arrival check in at Hotel. Afternoon tour of Agra Fort and late visit Taj Mahal one of the world's most admired architectural masterpieces. Overnight at hotel The Oberoi Amar Vilas.

Day 04 Agra – Ranthambore (280 Kms/06 hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Ranthambore. On arrival check-in at hotel. Late afternoon proceed for Jungle Safari. Overnight at hotel The Oberoi Vanya Vilas

Day 05 Ranthambore – Jaipur (150 Kms / 03 hrs)

Early morning proceed for Jungle Safari. Later drive to Jaipur. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Bollywood movie show at Raaj mandir in the evening. Overnight at hotel The Oberoi Raj Vilas

Day 06 Jaipur

After breakfast excursion to the splendid Amber Fort, an architectural masterpiece of great historical significance. Later visit City Palace & Museum, Jantar Mantar, the world's biggest stone Observatory. Later visit the Palace of Winds also known as Hawa Mahal. Overnight at hotel The Oberoi Raj Vilas

Day 07 Jaipur – Nimaaj (230 Kms/ 4 ½ hrs)

After breakfast drive to Nimaaj. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Afternoon visit to local village visit guided by the members of the family to these settlements makes one understand the traditional, rural Rajasthani lifestyle, which lays stress on harmony, conservation and the full utilization of natural resources. Overnight at hotel Chhatar Sagar Nimaaj

Day 08 Nimaaj – Jodhpur - Mihirgarh (190 Kms/04 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Mihirgarh. En-route visiting Jodhpur including visit to Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel Mihirgarh Fort.



Day 09 Mihingarh

After breakfast proceed for full day Village Jeep Safari visiting Kakani Village which is Famous for pottery, Salawas Village where client will see the opium ceremony, Raika Village which is also known as Shepherds Village, Overnight at hotel Mihingarh Fort.

Day 10 Mihingarh – Ranakpur – Udaipur (230Kms/05 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Udaipur, En-route visiting famous Ranakpur Jain Temple, Upon arrival check-in at hotel. Overnight at hotel The Oberoi Uda Vilas

Day 11 Udaipur

Morning after breakfast visit the City Palace, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion-Ki-Bari. Late afternoon enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola, Overnight at hotel The Oberoi Uda Vilas

Day 12 Udaipur – Mumbai (By Flight)

After breakfast transfer to the airport to board the flight Mumbai. On arrival meet and transfer to Mumbai, Overnight at hotel The Oberoi Mumbai

Day 13 Mumbai

After breakfast proceed full day city tour of Mumbai visiting Prince of Whales Museum, famous Dhobhi Ghat (Biggest Laundry), Gateway of India, also visit the SPICE MARKET (Mirchi Galli or Marcha Galli) located at Crawford Market, Overnight at hotel The Oberoi Mumbai

Day 14 Depart Mumbai (By Flight)

After breakfast transfer to airport to board the flight for your onward destination.



Tribes of Odisha

Day 01 Arrive Mumbai

Meet and greet at the airport by Carmel representative and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Mumbai/Bhubaneswar (flight) Morning transfer to airport for flight to Bhubaneswar. Afternoon visit the Lingaraj Temple of Shiva built in the 11th century, it is also the biggest in Bhubaneswar; Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Bhubaneswar

After breakfast proceed for city tour of Bhubaneswar visiting the ancient caves of Khandagiri and Udaygiri which were carved and tunneled, to create this multi-storied ancient apartment residence for Jain monks. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Bhubaneswar – Puri (85 Kms/02 hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Puri en-route visiting Dhauli and Pipili appliqué village. Upon arrival check in at hotel, Afternoon visit to Jagannath Temple. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Puri – Konarak - Puri

After breakfast visit of famous Sun Temple at Konarak, is the site of one of the most spectacular examples of religious architecture in the world. Thereafter visit to the Fisherman's villages. Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 06 Puri – Gopalpur on sea (190 Kms/03 ½ hrs)

After breakfast drive to Gopalpur on sea en-route visiting typical Orissan villages, local temple and Mangalajodi village to see the birds. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Gopalpur on sea – Taptapani - Rayagada (215 Kms/05 ½ hrs)

After breakfast drive to Rayagada en-route visiting Taptapani which is famous for its Hot Spring. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Rayagada- Semiliguda (Surface: 195kms/4hrs) - (Wednesday Tribal Market)

After breakfast, proceed for sightseeing of Rayagada. Later visit the weekly Wednesday market of the Dongriya Kondhas at Chatikona. Afternoon drive to Semiliguda en-route visiting Desia Kondh tribes and Bamboo crafts work. Overnight at the hotel.





Day 09 Semiliguda - Onukudelli – Semiliguda (190 Kms/3 ½ hrs—One way) (Thursday Tribal Market)

After early breakfast visit the weekly Thursday market of Onukundelli to witness the most primitive, interesting & unique tribal weekly market of the Bonda tribes. Afternoon proceed to Lamtaput area to explore another primitive tribal community of the Gadabbas. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Semiliguda–Kunduli–Vishakhapatnam (240 Kms/ 5½ hrs) - (Friday Tribal Market)

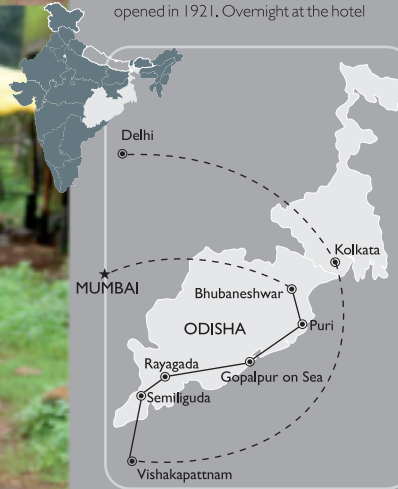
After breakfast visit another interesting Paraja tribe assemblies at Kunduli every Friday. Later drive to Vishakhapatnam. Later visit to Submarine Museum and Rama Krishna Beach. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 Vishakhapatnam – Kolkata (flight)

Morning after breakfast transfer to airport for flight to Kolkata. On arrival transfer to hotel. Afternoon visit Mother Teresa's ashram. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 Kolkata

After breakfast proceed for full day city tour of Kolkata including the Imposing Writers Building, the newly renovated Town Hall, the St John's Churchyard and the historic Metcalfe Hall. Also visit the House of Rabindranath Tagore and the Marble Palace. Later also visit the Victoria Memorial which opened in 1921. Overnight at the hotel



Day 13 Kolkata – Delhi (Flight)

After breakfast transfer to airport to board the flight to Delhi. Arrive Delhi and proceed for city tour of Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid , enjoy rickshaw ride at Chandni Chowk. Later visit Gandhi Memorial – Rajghat is the place where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Later continue your tour and drive past the President's House, Parliament House, India Gate and Humayun's Tomb. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 Delhi out (Flight)

On time transferred to airport to board the flight for your onward destination.

Heritage Rajasthan

Day 01 Arrive - Delhi

Meet and greet at the airport on arrival by Carmel representative and transfer to hotel. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi –Agra (200 Kms/ 03 hrs drive)

After breakfast drive to Agra. On arrival check into the hotel. Afternoon visit to the Taj Mahal (Friday closed), one of the world's most admired architectural masterpieces. Later visiting the massive Agra Fort. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Agra – Fatehpur Sikri – Jaipur (255 Kms / 5 - 6 hrs drive)

After breakfast drive to Jaipur en-route visiting Fatehpur Sikri. Evening enjoy bollywood movie at Raaj Mandir. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Jaipur

Morning after breakfast excursion to the splendid Amber Fort with elephant ride. In the afternoon visit the splendid City Palace & Museum, Jantar Mantar, the world's biggest stone observatory and Palace of Winds also known as Hawa Mahal. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Jaipur – Bikaner (295 Kms / 6 hrs drive)

Morning after breakfast drive to Bikaner. Afternoon visit Junagarh Fort founded in year 1593 by Raja Rai Singh who was general in the army of mighty Mughal emperor Akbar and rest of the Fort was improved by the successors. Afterwards visit Asia's largest Camel Breeding Research Farm and local

busy markets. Overnight at hotel.

Day 06 Bikaner – Jaisalmer (290 Kms/6 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Jaisalmer. Upon arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Jaisalmer

Breakfast at the hotel and proceed for half day city tour with guide visiting Jaisalmer Fort and Jain Temples. Afterwards visit the Salim ji ki haveli, Patwon ki haveli and Gadisar Lake. Late afternoon excursion to Sam deserts to enjoy camel ride. Overnight at hotel.

Day 08 Jaisalmer – Rohet Garh (290 Kms/6 hrs)

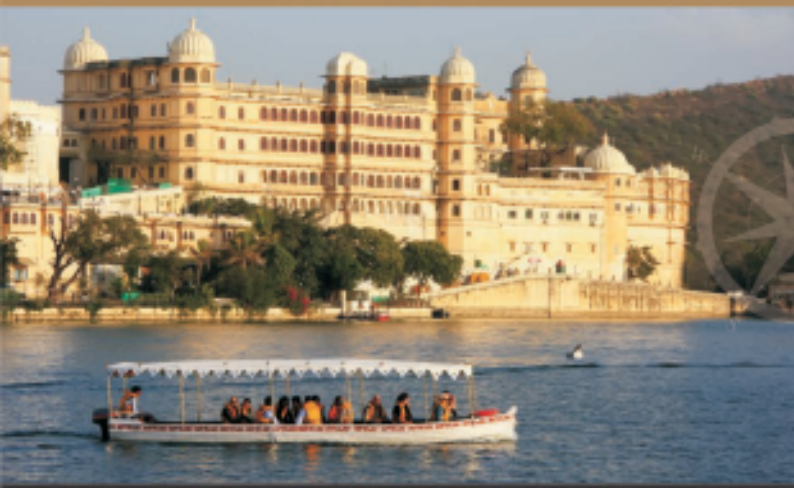
After breakfast drive to Rohet Garh. En-route visiting Jodhpur including visit to Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel

Day 09 Rohet Garh – Deogarh (120 Kms/3 hrs)

After breakfast proceed for Village Jeep Safari. Later drive to Deogarh. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10 Deogarh – Udaipur (130 Kms/3 hrs)

After breakfast enjoy Train Ride into beautiful sceneries, tunnels, monkeys, villagers & a lot more for approx 02 hrs. Later drive to Udaipur. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Evening enjoy boat ride on lake Pichola. Overnight at hotel.





Day 11 Udaipur

After breakfast proceeds to visit Eklngji & Nagda. Afternoon visit the City Palace built in 1725 and late visit Jagdish Temple and Sahelion-Ki-Bari, Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 Udaipur – Ranakpur – Narlai (125 Kms/3 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Narlai. En-route visit Ranakpur. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Evening visit to lake in jeep and enjoy the sunset along with bird watching. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 Narlai – Pushkar (220 Kms/4 ½ hrs)

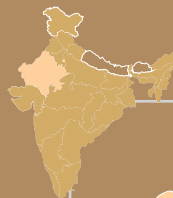
After breakfast enjoy village walk in Narlai. Later drive to Pushkar. Upon arrival check into the hotel. Later enjoy Camel ride for 01 hrs. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 Pushkar/Ajmer/Delhi (12016 Ajmer Shatabdi Exp : 1545 / 2240 hrs)

Tour of Pushkar visiting the Pushkar Lake, a beautiful semi-circular lake with 52 lovely ghats surrounding it. Also visit to the Brahma Temple, It's the only temple dedicated to Lord Brahma, the creator of the universe according to Hindu mythology. . Afternoon transfer to Ajmer Railway station for train to Delhi. On arrival meet and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 15 Delhi Out

After breakfast proceed for full day city tour of Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid, enjoy rickshaw ride at Chandni Chowk. Later visit Gandhi Memorial – Rajghat is the place where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated. Later continue your tour and drive past the President's House, Parliament House, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb. Later transfer to the airport to board the flight for your onward destination.



Classical South India

Day 01 Arrive Bangalore

Meet and greet at the airport by Carmel representative and transfer to hotel. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Bangalore/Mysore (140 kms - 4 hours)

Morning after having breakfast half day tour of Bangalore, visit Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, Lalbagh Botanical Gardens, drive past Vidhan Soudha a spectacular post Independence government building. Afternoon drive to Mysore, en-route brief stop at Srirangapatnam. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Mysore

After breakfast proceed for full day city tour of Mysore with visit to the colorful vegetable and flower markets, Chamundi Hill and the Mysore Palace. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Mysore—Coorg (110 Kms/3 hrs)

Morning drive drive to Coorg. Upon arrival check in at the hotel. Later enjoy the guided tour of the 300 acre working coffee and spice plantation on foot. Overnight at the resort.





Day 05 Coorg

Enjoy the nature and visit to Dubare Elephant Camp, learn all about the birds and the beasts, and understand how each tree has a story to tell. Overnight at the resort

Day 06 Coorg – Hassan (120 Kms/3 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Hassan. On arrival at check in to hotel. After lunch proceed to visit the famous Hoysala temples of "Belur & Halebid". Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Hassan – Hospet (310 Kms/ 7 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Hospet. On arrival check-in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Hospet

Morning after breakfast start the day excursion to Hampi, the seat of the famed Vijaynagar Empire was the capital of the largest empire in post-mogul India, covering several states. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 Hospet – Badami (140 Kms/3 hours)

Morning drive to Badami. Afternoon, proceed for a local sightseeing tour of Badami. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Badami

After breakfast proceed for sightseeing of Aihole & Pattadakal. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 Badami - Goa (Surface:290 Kms/ 7 hours)

Morning after breakfast drive to Goa. On arrival check into the hotel, Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 Goa

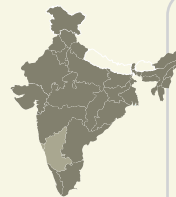
Day at Leisure on beach or relax at the pool deck of the hotel / spa / massage activities. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 Goa

Day at leisure on beach or relax at the pool deck of the hotel/ spa / massage activities. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 Goa – Mumbai (Flight) Mumbai Depart

In time transfer to airport to connect flight back to Mumbai. On arrival transfer to International airport for flight back home.



Ladakh Discovery

Day 01 Delhi-Leh (By Flight)

Transfer to airport for flight to Leh. Upon arrival in Leh, meet and assist by our representative, followed by transfer to hotel. Full at leisure for acclimatization. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Leh

Most of the morning free to get acclimatized. Afternoon walk through the Leh Bazaar visiting Tsemo monastery and Shanti Stupa. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Leh / Alchi/ UlleyTokpo (70 kms – 2 hours drive)

Morning after breakfast, Proceed for the full day guided city tour of Leh visiting Leh Palace-Leh palace was built in the 17th century by King Singe Namgyal as the royal residence. Thereafter drive to Alchi Monastery-Alchi Monastery or Alchi Gompa (monastery and temple complex), Leh on the banks of the Indus River. Continue to do the Rafting at Indus River. Overnight at Ulley Tokpo.

Day 04 UlleyToko / Leh

Morning after breakfast drive to Leh and have a full day tour of Shey Monastery-Located at an altitude of around 11,204 feet above sea level, Later visit Thikse Monastery-It is the largest monastery in central Ladakh district in Jammu and Kashmir. Afterwards visit Hemis monastery- It is revered as the largest

monastic institution in Ladakh district of Jammu and Kashmir in north India. The monastery has more than 200 branches with more than 1,000 monks in the Himalayan region. Overnight at the Hotel.

Day 05 Leh-Khardung La- NubraValley (By Surface: 130 Kms/ 5 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast, proceed to Khardung La- located at an elevation of 18,379 ft, Khardung La is the world's highest motorable road and serves as gateway to Shyok and Nubra valleys in the Ladakh region of India's northernmost state, Jammu and Kashmir. On arrival check in at the Camp. Later visit Diskat Monastery & Hunder sand Dunes. Overnight in camp.

Day 06 NubraValley

Full day excursion to Smoor Monastery and Panamik Hot Spring and Yarabtsa lake, Overnight in camp.

Day 07 NubraValley / - Leh (130 / 5 hours)

Morning drive back to Leh. Rest of the day free to explore the Leh market. Overnight

Day 08 Leh –Tsomorri Lake (By Surface:230 Kms / 08 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast, drive to Tsomorri en-route visiting Ladaki villages and Nomadic Changpa people. Upon arrival check-in at hotel. Evening sunset at Tsomorri Lake. Overnight in Camp.





Day 09 Tshomiri Lake - Jispa (By Surface: 270 kms /07 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast, drive to Jispa en-route visit Tsokar Lake. On arrival check into hotel. Overnight.

Day 10 Jispa-Rohtang Pass-Manali (By Surface: 120 Kms/05 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast, drive to Manali, en-route visiting Lahul & Keylong village. Thereafter visit Rohtang Pass- Rohtang Pass, elevation 3,978 m (13,050 ft) is a high mountain pass on the eastern Pir Panjal Range of the Himalayas. Further drive to Manali and check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 Manali

After breakfast proceed to visit the Dungri Temple, also known as the Hadimba Temple, believed to be 1000 years old. Set in tranquil surroundings, the temple is four-tiered with a pagoda shaped roof. Afternoon visit to Nagar Castle, Museum and 400 year old village. Overnight at the hotel

Day 12 Manali - Dharamsala (260 kms/7 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Dharamsala. On reaching Dharamsala check-in to your hotel. Later visit to Bhagsunath water fall. Evening enjoy walking tour in & around Dharamkot. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 Dharamsala

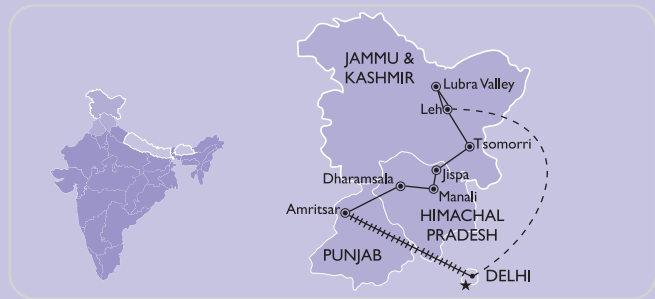
Proceed to visit McLeodganj (Upper Dharamsala). Also visit the Namgyal Monastery at McLeodganj which is opposite the residence of the Dalai Lama. Also visit Tibetan Children Village, Norbulingka Institute a major centre for Buddhist teaching and practical work. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 Dharamsala –Amritsar (220 kms/ 5 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Amritsar. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Afternoon drive 30 kms to the India-Pakistan border at Wagah to view the ceremonial changing of the guard at dusk. Later visit to Golden Temple for night ceremony. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 15 Amritsar - Delhi (Train – 12030 Swarn Shatabdi at 1650/2305 hrs) Depart Delhi (By flight)

After breakfast visit the Golden Temple amidst the serene magnificence as well as the Jallianwala Bagh. After breakfast transfer to railway station to board the train to Delhi. Arrive Delhi and transfer to international airport for onward journey.



Cool Hills of North India

Day 01 Arrive Amritsar (By Flight)

Meet and greet at the airport on arrival by Camel representative and transfer to hotel. On arrival check into the hotel. Later visit the Golden Temple amidst the serene magnificence as well as the Jallianwala Bagh. Later afternoon drive 30 kms to the India-Pakistan border at Wagah to view the ceremonial changing of the guard at dusk. Later visit to Golden Temple for night ceremony. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Amritsar - Dharamshala (220 kms/ 5 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Dharamshala. On reaching Dharamshala check-in to your hotel. Later visit to Bhagsunath water fall. Evening enjoy walking tour in & around Dharamkot. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Dharamshala

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Day 04 Dharamshala

After breakfast proceed for full day tour of Kangara Valley including visit to Masroor Rock Cut Temple, Kangara Fort and Kangara Temples. Evening will be at leisure to stroll in the McLeod Ganj. Overnight at hotel.

Day 05 Dharamshala – Shoja (200 Kms/07hrs)

After breakfast, drive to Shoja. En-route visiting Bajnath Temple the temple re-built during the 13th Century has a large number of image of great beauty and iconographic importance. Also visit the historic town of Mandi (800m) is situated along the banks of river Beas. Mandi is the gateway to the Kullu valley and acts as a base for several exciting excursions. After the visit continue drive to Shoja. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 06 Shoja

After breakfast proceed for visit to Jalori Pass. Jalori at an altitude 3140 meters is not among high passes of Himachal Pradesh. Later proceed for the trek to Raghupur Fort is a 3-km climb west from Jalori Pass, through oak and rhododendron forests. The entire path is marked with white arrows. The final kilometre is a steep climb through oak forests. There are vistas of green meadows and the majestic Himalayan ranges amid intense silence. Later in the evening back to hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 07 Shoja

After breakfast proceed for excursion to Jibhi, a little known scenic hamlet in the Banjar Valley or Tirthan Valley of Himachal Pradesh. Later visit to Bahu village where you will see the local village life. Also visit Tirthan Valley is one of the most beautiful place in Himachal Pradesh. Tirthan Valley draws its name from Tirthan River, which originates from glaciers of Himalaya Overnight at hotel.

Day 08 Shoja –Thanedar (120 Kms/05 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Thanedar through a sea of apple trees, all lacy white against a backdrop of blue hills while here and there a mustard field flaunts its dazzling yellow. The area is incredibly peaceful. From dawn to dusk and dawn again, it's the birds that make the most noise. Don't be taken in by appearances, though Thanedar is a very important place for this is where the apple story was born. Overnight at hotel.



Day 09 Thanedar – Shimla (70 Kms/04 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Shimla. En-route visiting Hatu peak is located at an elevation of 3400 m/12000 ft above sea level and is the highest summit in Shimla/Narkanda region. After the visit continue drive to Shimla. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Evening enjoy charm of Mall Road. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10 Shimla – Chandigarh (110 Kms/03 ½ hrs)

After breakfast proceed for city tour of Shimla – Sankat Mochan Temple and Jakhu Temple, situated at Jakhoo hills, one pedestrian road goes from mall road to Jakhoo temple, Indian Institute of advanced studies. Afternoon drive to Chandigarh. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 11 Chandigarh-Rishikesh (240 Kms/06 hrs)

Morning after breakfast, visit Rock Garden and enjoy boat ride at Sukhna Lake. Later drive to Rishikesh. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 12 Rishikesh

After breakfast proceed for a nature walk and soft trek upto the waterfall. Later drive by jeep to Neelkanth Mahadev temple- is a Hindu temple dedicated to Neelkanth (Lord Shiva). The temple is situated at a height of 1330 meters. Later back to Rishikesh by jeep. Evening enjoy and witness Aarti at Parmarth Ashram. Overnight at hotel.

Day 13 Rishikesh

After breakfast proceeds for walking tour of Rishikesh visiting the Laxman Jhula and Ashrams. Afternoon visit to Haridwar. Tour of Mansa Devi with Cable car and visit Ghats and local market. Evening witness the evening Aarti at Har Ki Pauri. Overnight at hotel.

Day 14 Rishikesh - Delhi (225 Kms/5 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Delhi. On arrival check into the hotel. Later proceed for city tour of Delhi with visit to Jama Masjid, Gandhi Memorial, President's House, Parliament House, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 15 Depart Delhi

Transfer to international airport for onward journey.



Vibrant Gujarat

Day 01 Arrive Mumbai (By Flight)

Meet and greet at the airport by our representative and transfer to hotel. Assist while check-in into the hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 02 Mumbai –Ahmedabad (By Flight)

Morning after breakfast transfer to airport to connect the flight. Arrive Ahmedabad and transfer to hotel. Later visit Sabarmati Ashram, one of the most liveliest cities in India. Afternoon visit Calico Museum- (close on every Wednesday & all public holidays). This is one of the best museums on textiles in the world with rare collection of textiles from the 17th century onwards. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Ahmedabad – Dasada (110 Kms / 2 Hrs)

This morning leave Ahmedabad and drive to Dasada. On arrival check into the hotel. Later proceed for Safari to the Little Rann of Kutch – the best birding here is over the winter months from October to March. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Dasada – Bhuj (Surface: 285 Kms / 6 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Bhuj, upon arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Bhuj

Morning after breakfast proceed to visit the Banni villages, north of Bhuj, home to the Hindu pastoral tribes of the Ahirs and Rabaris as well as the Islamic pastoral groups that include the Muthwas and Jaths. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 Bhuj –Wankaner (200 Kms / 04 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Wankaner. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Wankaner

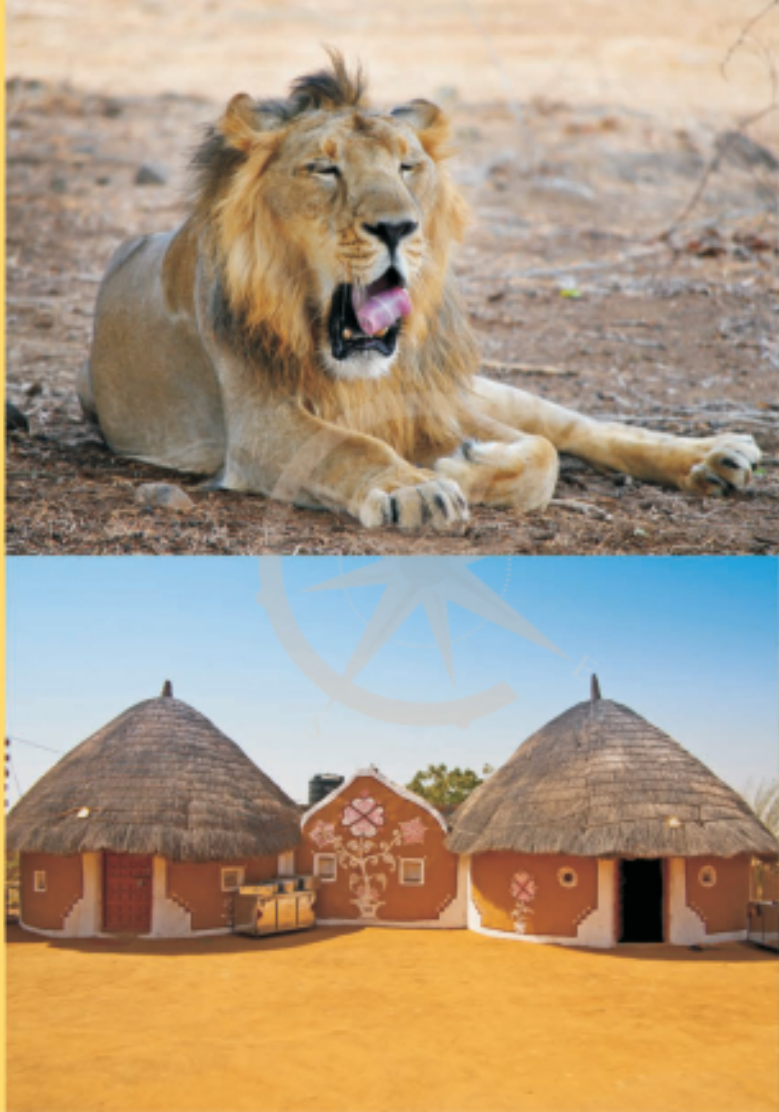
Morning after breakfast proceeds for city tour of Wankaner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Wankaner – Rajkot – Gondal (100 Kms / 2 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Gondal en-route visiting Rajkot. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 Gondal

At leisure – places of interest include the Naulakha Palace with its impressive Durbar Hall and the Vintage Car Museum which is arguably one of the finest in India. Overnight at the hotel.





Day 10 Gondal – Sasan Gir (Surface: 130 Kms / 3 Hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Sasan Gir. On arrival check into the hotel. Later afternoon proceed for jeep safari. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 Sasan Gir

Today enjoy early morning and evening jeep safaris in this unique park. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 Sasan Gir – Diu (85 Kms / 1 ½ Hrs)

Morning after breakfast drive to Diu. On arrival check into the hotel. Later proceed to explore Diu Island. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 Diu – Bhavnagar (Surface: 207 Kms / 5 Hrs)

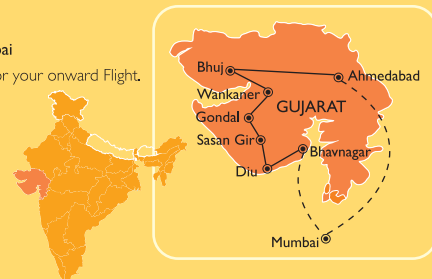
Morning after breakfast drive to Bhavnagar. On arrival check into the hotel. Later proceed for city tour visiting Takhteshwar Temple and Gandhi Smriti and Barton museum. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 Bhavnagar – Mumbai (By Flight)

Morning after breakfast transfer to airport to board the flight to Mumbai. Arrive Mumbai and transfer to the hotel.

Day 15 Depart Mumbai

Transfer to Airport for your onward Flight.



Enchanting Beauty of Spiti Valley

Day 01 Arrive – Delhi (By Flight)

Special meet and greet by Carmel representative at the airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi – Chandigarh (250 Kms/5 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Chandigarh. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Later visit Rock Garden and enjoy boat ride at Sukhna Lake. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Chandigarh – Shimla (115 Kms/3 ½ hrs)

After breakfast drive to Shimla. Later proceed for city tour of Shimla - Sankat Mochan Temple and Jakhu Temple, situated at Jakhoo hills. Also visit Indian Institute of advanced studies. Evening enjoy the charm of Mall Road. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Shimla – Sarahan (160 Kms/7 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Sarahan. En-route visiting Hatu peak is located at an elevation of 3400 m/12000 ft above sea level and is the highest summit in Shimla/Narkanda region. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Evening visit Bhimakali Temple and witness Aarti. Overnight at hotel.

Day 05 Sarahan - Kalpa (120 Kms/4 hrs) – 2960 M

After breakfast drive to Kalpa. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Later visit Chini Village, which is known for its rich heritage and tradition. Situated at an elevation of 2290 m above sea level is the city of Recong Peo which offers a panoramic view of the Kinnaur Kailash Mountain. Evening visit Kalpa Local Market. Overnight at hotel.

Day 06 Kalpa

Morning after breakfast proceeds for sightseeing of Kalpa area visiting Pangi, Kothi & Roghi village & Cliff. Overnight at hotel.

Day 07 Kalpa – Nako (110 Kms / 3 ½ hrs) – 3500 M

After breakfast drive to Nako. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Evening visit Nako Lake and Nako Village. Overnight in Camp

Day 08 Nako -Tabo (70 Kms / 3 hrs) – 3280 M

After breakfast trek towards Nako Pass. Tab, en-route visit the 500 year old Mummy temple at Giu. Afternoon proceed for sightseeing tour of Tabo Monastery Founded in 996 A.D. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09 Tabo – PinValley –Tabo (150 Kms/Full day excursion)

After breakfast drive for a full day excursion into Pin Valley. Visit Kungri Gumpa and Sagnam Village. Later drive further upto Mud Village, Mud is the last village in the Pin Valley. After the visit drive back to Tabo. Overnight at hotel.

Day 10 Tabo –Kaza via Lalung Gumpa (80 KMS / 4-5 Hours) - 3600 M

After breakfast drive to Kaza. En-route visit Dhankar Gumpa 07 Km by a side road from Schilling at 3870 Mts. Also visit Lalung Gumpa further up from Dhankar Monastery. After the visit continue drive to Kaza. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 11 Kaza

After Breakfast visit Ki & Kibber monastery (4116 Mts./11 Kms). The monastery with rare paintings and scriptures is the oldest and biggest in Spiti. Go further to Kibber (4140 Mts) and Gate Village. Later drive to visit Lhangza (4400 Mts.) & Comic Village (4516 Mts.). Overnight at hotel.

Day 12 Kaza – Chandertal -Manali (210 Kms / 11-12 Hours)

Early morning drive to Manali drive past several villages along the road in the Spiti Valley. Cross Kunzum Pass (4800 Mts). Visit Chandertal, also known as Moon Lake. After the visit continue drive to Manali over Rohtang Pass (3900 Mts). Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at hotel.

Day 13 Manali

After breakfast proceed for sightseeing of Manali visiting Hadimba Devi Temple, Old Manali Village and Vashisht Hot Spring. Overnight at hotel

Day 14 Manali – Kullu – Delhi (By Flight) Depart Delhi (By Flight)

After breakfast transfer to Kullu airport to board flight to Delhi. Arrive Delhi and transfer to international airport to board the flight for your onward destination.

Annapurna Trek

Day 01 Arrive – Kathmandu.

Meet and greet at the airport on arrival by Carmel representative and transfer to hotel. On arrival check into the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Kathmandu

After breakfast proceed for full day city tour of Kathmandu including visit to Kathmandu Durbar Square, Patan Durbar square. Also visit Tibetan refugee village to witness the hand weaving of Tibetan carpets. Afternoon Swayambhunath and Baktapur. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Kathmandu – Pokhara (200 Kms/06 hrs)

After breakfast, drive through scenic mountain highway to Pokhara. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Pokhara – Nayapool (42 Kms/ 01 hr) Nayapool – Ghandrung (1980 M) (5 hrs Walk)

After breakfast, drive to Nayapool (1,110m). Commence trek to Syauli bazaar (1,700m) where you stop for lunch. Climb up what is virtually a staircase to the Gurung village of Ghandrung. The village is beautifully set against the peaks of Annapurna south and Hiunchuli etc. Overnight at the local lodge.

Day 05 Ghandrung – Tadapani (2904 M) (5 Hrs Walk)

After breakfast, you will climb up through small terraced fields into the dense forest. Views of Annapurna and other mountains are also excellent. Overnight at the local lodge.

Day 06 Tadapani – Ghorepani (2830 M) (5 Hrs Walk)

In the morning, you will have a steep and somewhat exciting climb to Deorali Pass (3,078 m). The views on reaching the top are among the best throughout Nepal. To the west you will see the Mt. Dhaulagiri (8,167 m) and Gurja Himal (7,193 m) and to the east Annapurna II, Manaslu (8,156 m) and Himalchuli (7,893 m). After lunch in this village, descend to Ghorepani. Overnight at the local lodge..

Day 07 Ghorepani – Tirkhedhunga (1577 M) (6 Hrs Walk)

Early morning, excursion to Poon hill (3,194 m) to see sunrise over Mt. Dhaulagiri (8,167 m). Poon hill offers majestic views as the peaks change their colors from pink to gold to silver. After breakfast, steady descend and arrive Tirkhedhunga village. Overnight at the local lodge.

Day 08 Tirkhedhunga – Nayapool (5 Hrs Walk) Nayapool – Pokhara (42 Kms/ 1 hrs)

After breakfast, trek down to Hille. Continue on the Birethanti village. A short walk down from Birethanti is Nayapool. Drive back to Pokhara. Upon arrival check in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 Pokhara – Kathmandu (200 Kms/06 Hrs)

After breakfast, drive back to Kathmandu retracing the same highway. Transfer to the hotel in Kathmandu. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Depart Kathmandu

After breakfast transfer to airport to board the flight for your onward destination



Majestic Sri Lanka

Day 01 Arrival Colombo - Negombo

On arrival meet and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay at Hotel in Negombo.

Day 02 Negombo – Pinnawala – Dambulla - Habarana (By Surface: 260 kms/ 4-5 hrs)

Early morning enjoy fish market at Negombo , later drive to Habarana , en-route visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage. Thereafter visit Dambulla caves temple. Overnight at Habarana.

Day 03 Habarana

After Breakfast drive to Polonnaruwa where you will visit the ancient historical sites. Later continue drive to Minneriya to visit the national park. Overnight at Habarana.

Day 04 Habarana – Sigiriya – Matale - Kandy (By Surface: 210 kms/ 3-4 hrs)

After Breakfast drive to Sigiriya - In Sigiriya visit famous Lions rock fortress . Later continue drive to Matale. Enjoy Cooking class / herbal spice plantation. Later drive to Kandy and check into the hotel. Overnight.

Day 05 Kandy

Morning after Breakfast visit Kandy Temple, later visit Peradeniya botanical garden, Batik factory followed by Sri Dalada Maligawa. Evening enjoy cultural dance show in Kandy. Overnight at kandy.

Day 06 Kandy – Nuwara Eliya (By Surface: 70 Kms/ 03 hrs)

After breakfast drive to Nuwara Eliya. En-route visit tea factory, and Ramboda waterfalls. Later continue drive to Nuwara Eliya, check-in at hotel. Evening boat ride in Gregory lake. Overnight at Nuwara Eliya.

Day 07 Nuwara Eliya – Horton Plains - Yala (By Surface: 150 kms/ 3 hours, 45 mnts)

Morning excursion to see the Horton Plains and enjoy jeep ride. Later back to the hotel for Breakfast. After Breakfast proceeds for short tour of Nuwara Eliya city. Continue drive to Yala National park.

Day 08 Yala – Galle – Hikkaduwa (By Surface: 200 kms/ 3 ½ drive)

Morning enjoy Leopard safari at Yala national park. After breakfast drive to Hikkaduwa en-route visit Galle. Overnight at Hikkaduwa.

Day 09 Hikkaduwa

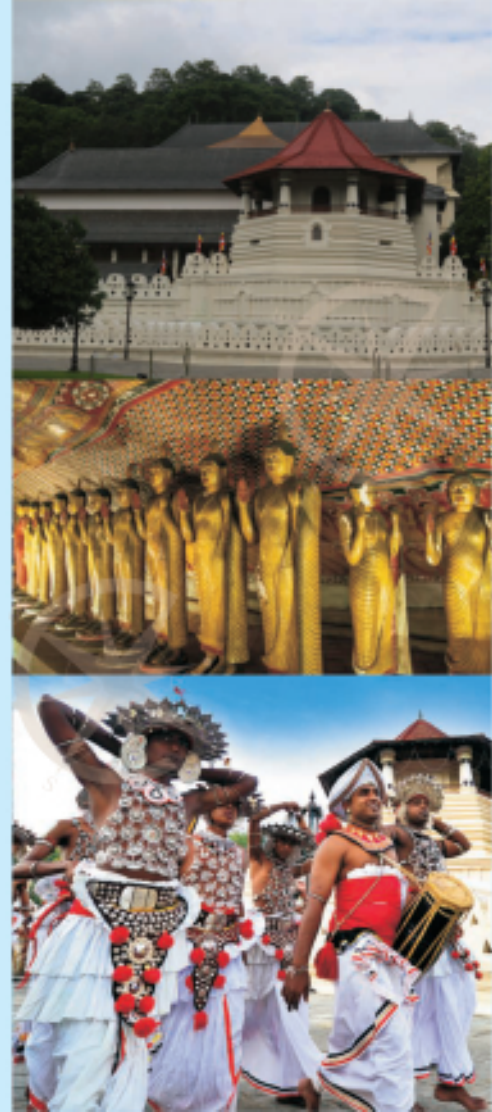
After breakfast enjoy boat trip in madhu river. Afternoon visit mask museum, Cinnamon island, Turtle hatchery farm in Kosgoda. Also visit Tsunami monument near Bentota, Blue moon stone mine. Overnight

Day 10 Hikkaduwa – Colombo (By Surface: 110 kms/ 03 hrs)

Morning half day free at leisure to explore Hikkaduwa town, later drive to Colombo. On arrival check-in at hotel. Evening enjoy night Colombo tour by bus. Overnight

Day 11 Colombo Out (By Flight)

Morning after breakfast proceeds for full day guided city tour of Colombo visit Colombo Independence Square, New/Old Parliament, Pettah Bazar, Gangaramaya Temple, Hindu Kovil, Odel department Store, Galle Face and Dutch Hospital Area. Layer transfer to airport for flight for flight back home.



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Fairs & Festivals

Most of the temple festivals follows the lunar calendar hence the exact date of the festival varies from year to year. Few important festivals are listed below. For more information and exact date of the festival please get in touch with Carmel India tours.

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Spa & Ayurveda

Ayurveda & Spa

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