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ABOUT INDIA

India encompasses a variety of experiential journeys, from the bustling streets of Delhi to the ancient history of Agra and the serene wilderness and stunning wildlife of Rajasthan.

Binding it together is a rich culture and profound spiritualism, a silent yet omnipresent energy that flows through every smile, every building and all of the numerous celebrations and ceremonies.

The architecture is a wonder in itself, spanning centuries, holding tales of the distant past and a history as multi-faceted as the ornately carved facades.

To the west, Varanasi holds the heart of Hinduism, to the north, Dharamshala and the seat of Tibetan Buddhism; to the south, Kerala's lush forests and canals are misted in the rich aromas of spicy seafoods, while in the east, Rajasthan features ancient stepwells, vibrant blue cities, regal palaces and the hope of the elusive tiger.

Every step of the way, there is so much to explore and uncover - a country with infinitely more to offer than curries and the iconic Taj Mahal.

QUICK FACTS:

- Though 22 other languages are widely spoken, India has the highest English-speaking population second only to the US
- India's rail network is one of the largest employers on the planet, & a fascinating way to explore & discover the country & its people
- At 5,000 years old, Varanasi is one of the oldest inhabited places in the world
- Cows are sacred & much of the country is vegetarian, but meat & seafood can still be found on the menu
- Though having the second-highest population of any country, it is wonderfully easy to escape & find solitude
- India's rapidly-growing economy is being reflected in its tourism, with premier accommodation, greater ease of travel & superb guides & staff

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CLASSIC DELHI TOURS

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HALF-DAY TOUR OF OLD DELHI

You will have the opportunity to plunge deep into the beating heart of Old Delhi as you take a guided sightseeing tour of the Chandni Chowk. Once the grandest market in all of India, it retains much of its historical character despite the melee of local and global visitors. Immerse yourself in the colorful stalls and crowded alleyways of this historical market, take on a rickshaw ride and visit the Jama Masjid, one of the largest and most splendid mosques in India.

HALF-DAY TOUR OF NEW DELHI

You will embark on a drive through New Delhi's former colonial splendor, passing the magnificent president's house, known as the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the World War I memorial of the India Gate and the Old Secretariat buildings.

Beyond these monuments of modern history, you will visit the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, Delhi's most prominent Sikh Temple. Here you will have the opportunity to lend a helping hand in the community kitchen or participate in a community service.

Finally the tour will take in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Humayun's Tomb, India's first garden-tomb. Somewhat evocative of the Taj Mahal, this wonderful site incorporates a spectacular central mausoleum at the heart of a network of waterways and lush gardens.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The 370-year-old Jama Masjid is the principal mosque of Old Delhi & the best-known in all of India
- The street of Khari Baoli is Asia's largest wholesale spice market selling all kinds of spices, nuts, herbs & foods
- Gurudwara Bangla Sahib practices the concept of Langar, a principle of feeding allcomers, regardless of race or religion
- A large temple on one side, covered walkways & smaller buildings surround a central ornamental pool
- Humayun's Tomb was built almost 500 years ago of red sandstone, giving it a striking terracotta hue

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HALF DAY TOUR OF AKSHARDHAM TEMPLE

Holding the Guinness World Record as the world's largest comprehensive Hindu temple, the Akshardham temple complex is a stunning piece of architecture. Sprawled over a vast area, the complex looks like a splendid heavenly city when viewed from above. The temple itself has been constructed in pink sandstone and marble and is laid amidst neatly manicured lawns, pristine waterfronts and open courtyards. It has been designed in the traditional Hindu style of architecture and follows vastu shastra and pancharatra shastra. As you stroll through the breathtaking complex, you will spot intricate carvings of animals, flowers, dancers, musicians and deities that adorn the walls. It is said that the stone used in the construction of the temple was brought from Rajasthan and weighed about 6,000 tonnes. The Italian Carrara marble used in the structure adds to the beauty of the grand temple.

Some interesting features of the temple are a musical fountain, the Sahaj Anand Water Show at Yagnapurush Kund and the breathtaking Light and Sound Show.

The temple can be accessed via 10 gates that symbolize 10 directions. The main gate is Bhakti Dwar or the gate of devotion. Akshardham was inaugurated on November 6, 2005. More than 8,000 volunteers across the world joined hands in building the temple.

PLEASE NOTE: Akshardham temple is closed on Mondays. As a religious site, photography, mobile phones and electronics are not permitted.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The temple stands at a height of 140 feet (43m) & is approximately 300 feet (92m) wide
- It hosts 234 beautifully carved pillars, along with nine elaborately inscribed domes
- The temple premises hold around 20,000 idols of Hindu deities, and the main shrine is that of Lord Swaminarayan
- An 11-foot-tall idol of the god stands below the central dome, while 148 statues of elephants within the temple are said to have a combined weight of over 3,000 tonnes

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CLASSIC AGRA TOURS

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HALF DAY TOUR OF THE TAJ MAHAL

Said to be one of the most elegant and harmonious buildings in the world, the Taj Mahal is the manifestation of wealth and luxury through its architecture, gardens, painting and calligraphy. You will also visit Agra Fort as part of this half-day tour. Over many years through the Mughal rule of the 1700s, Agra Fort was renovated and reworked extensively with marble and pietra dura inlay.

FATEHPUR SIKRI (En-route to Jaipur)

Built by Emperor Akbar in the mid-16th century as a new capital city, Fatehpur Sikri is a fine example of a Mughal walled city with defined private and public areas and imposing gateways. Its blended architectural styles reflect Akbar's secular vision as well as his style of governance.

CHAND BAORI STEP WELL (En-route to Jaipur)

Situated in the village of Abhaneri is one of the deepest and largest step wells of India, with 3,500 narrow steps in 13 stories reaching 100 feet (30m) deep. The well is dedicated to Hashat Mata, Goddess of joy and happiness. The steps are a fine example of the architectural expertise and geometric intelligence of the great Indian architects.

KEOLADEO NATIONAL PARK (En-route to Jaipur)

Recognized as one of the world's most important bird breeding grounds, Keoladeo originated as a royal hunting reserve during the 1850s for Maharajas and British. In 1982, Keoladeo was declared a national park and later listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park is home to over 370 species of birds and animals such as the basking python, painted storks, deer, Nilgai and more. It is also the breeding ground for the rare and elusive Siberian crane. The park offers well-defined trails that you can explore on foot or by rickshaw. The park management has trained the rickshaw pullers in bird watching and they make for extremely knowledgeable guides.

ELEPHANT CONSERVATION CENTER (En-route to Delhi)

This project of Wildlife SOS was created in 2010 in collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department to rehabilitate severely abused captive elephants. Here, several elephants that used to spend their days doing hard work under harsh conditions are now living out their retirement years in peace and safety. These majestic creatures are finally able to spend their days happily, with frequent baths, a nutritious diet, and good veterinary care.

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CLASSIC JAIPUR TOUR

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FULL-DAY TOUR

Hawa Mahal: Perhaps Jaipur's most famous building, the Hawa Mahal is the pink sandstone facade of a palace built by Sawai Pratap Singh in 1799 for the ladies of his harem. The facade contains 953 small casements under a huge curve, each with a balcony and crowning arch. The windows enable cool air to circulate through the interior and the residents to watch processions below without being seen.

Amber Fort: Once the ancient citadel of the ruling Kachhawa clan of Amber, before the capital was shifted to present day Jaipur, Amber Fort is known for its unique artistic style, blending both Hindu and Muslim (Mughal) elements in ornate and breathtaking artistic mastery.

City Palace: A wonderful combination of Mughal and Rajput forms of architecture, it is now partly a museum housing miniature paintings, manuscripts, Mughal carpets, musical instruments, royal costumes and weapons, giving invaluable insight into Jaipur's royal past.

Jantar Mantar: Observatory Tower or the Jantar Mantar was built between 1728 and 1734. The UNESCO World Heritage-listed observatory houses precise instruments for measuring "the harmony of heavens". Each instrument serves a particular function and gives an accurate reading of the stars to this day.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Hawa Mahal was designed to resemble Lord Krishna's crown
- It has no staircases, only rampways leading visitors to the upper floors
- Amber Fort is said to be named for the goddess of fertility, Amba Mata
- Within the fort, the Palace of Mirrors is breathtakingly beautiful
- While part of City Palace is a museum, the royal family is still in residence
- Jantar Mantar's 14 300-year-old instruments measure time, eclipses, stars' location through Earth's orbit, the declinations of planets, & other astrological measurements

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CLASSIC RANTHAMBORE — TOUR —

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Experience scheduled morning and afternoon game drives in an exclusive vehicle. Park drives in Ranthambore are in custom 4X4 game vehicles, designed for comfort, accessibility and clear views of the surrounding bushland and forest. You will be accompanied by an experienced naturalist who will identify and explain interesting wildlife and the park's architectural history.

It is estimated that Ranthambore is home to over 80 Bengal tigers, with a suggested 70-percent likelihood of a sighting on any given day. Other resident wildlife includes several deer species, jackal, caracal, langur, crocodiles and sloth bears.

Ranthambore is one of India's finest examples of dry deciduous forest interspersed with grassland.

Ruined fortifications, chhatris (dome-shaped pavilions), and mosques from the 16th to 18th centuries are scattered throughout the park, remnants of its former habitation.

Occupying a prominent position atop a hill within the park, the mighty Ranthambore Fort has withstood several sieges and remains well preserved. It was built in the 10th century and acted as protection for the Rajput kings against foreign invaders.

It is said that Ranthambore Fort was captured by Prithviraj Chauhan in the 12th century, and finally occupied by Alauddin Khalji. Visiting the fort is a fascinating experience as you can spot diverse fauna along the way. Moreover, several birds can be spotted at eye level as you slowly hike up towards the fort.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Once a hunting reserve for royalty & British aristocracy, all hunting was banned in 1971
- Ranthambore is home to three large lakes that attract a wealth of mammal & bird life
- As well as taking game drives, it is also possible to hot-air balloon over Ranthambore
- Though the tiger population is permanent, October to March and May to June are the optimal viewing times

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CLASSIC UDAIPUR TOURS

HALF-DAY TOUR TO EKLINGJI & NAGDA

Eklingji, a small town dotted with temples, is 45 minutes North of Udaipur. It is a complex of 108 ancient temples, carved from sandstone and marble. The 15th century temple was originally built in 734 CE, to propagate the blessings of Lord Shiva.

Deserted Nagda, which lies 1.25 miles (2 km) further north, is the site of the ancient capital of Mewar, dating back to 626 CE. Here you can see the ruins of the Saas Bahu, a 10th century Vaishnavite twin temple (Saas meaning 'mother-in-law' and Bahu 'daughter-in-law') and the remains of the Jain Temple of Abhudji.

HALF-DAY CITY PALACE TOUR

The City Palace in Udaipur was built by the Maharana Udai Singh. It is located on the east bank of Lake Pichola, comprising several palaces within the complex. The Palace has a flamboyant architectural style and is considered the largest of its type in Rajasthan, a fusion of Rajasthani and Mughal designs. This walking tour incorporates the famous 17th century Jagdish temple and travels through the old town, past the clock tower, and into the laneways and markets of the town. Along the way you are able to visit the various workshops and jewelry

stores to watch the goldsmiths at work. Walk through the lanes of a bygone era, lined with quaint shops selling shoes, scarves, leather items, books and much more. You will visit the spice and vegetable markets and have the opportunity to see rituals as you walk past the various temples of the city. Embark on a late afternoon boat cruise on the tranquil waters of Lake Pichola. From the boat you will be able to view the city standing majestically above the lake in the golden light of sundown.

RANAKPUR (En-route to Jodhpur)

Ranakpur Temples are acclaimed world-wide for their intricate and superb architectural style. Located in village of Ranakpur near Sadri town, the temple lies 60 miles (95 km) to the north of Udaipur. Ranakpur temples are known for being the largest and most important temples of the Jain religion.

In the complex, there are several temples including Chaumukha, Parsavanath, Amba Mata and Surya temples. Amongst all of them, Chaumukha Temple is the most important, dedicated to Lord Adinath, who is the first 'Tirthankara' (spiritual teacher) of the Jains. The Temple structure is highly ornate, with four different doorways to get into the chambers.

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CLASSIC JODHPUR — TOURS —

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MEHRANGARH FORT HALF-DAY TOUR

Encircled within the impressive city walls, the majestic Mehrangarh Fort keeps watch over a maze of rooftops from its perch on a rocky mountaintop. Bathed in yellow light at night, this imposing stronghold has the reputation of being the best maintained fort in Rajasthan, and the palace complex, with its network of courtyards, is well worth exploring. The museum also houses fabulous exhibits of art and armor, a superb collection of elephant howdahs and other stunning royal artefacts. Sprawled in the shadow of the mountaintop fort, the Blue City also boasts the Jaswant Thada, a beautiful marble crematorium constructed for the maharajahs in the 19th century. This half-day tour concludes with a visit to the local market, where you can sample the famous mirchi bada (fried chilli), purchase lac bangles at Sadar Market and take in the aromas of an array of spices.

HALF DAY JEEP SAFARI TO BISHNOI VILLAGE

The Village Safari is designed to provide you with an authentic rural experience, showcasing the vibrant rural lifestyle of the Marwar region. Here, you can observe first-hand the daily joys and tribulations of the hardy yet ever-welcoming people of the desert.

The highlight of the Safari is the Bishnoi tribe who are regarded as the world's first environmental conservationists. The Bishnoi have been preserving the local flora and fauna for the past 550 years as part of their religion. Their efforts are evident in the large number of wild animals that can be seen during this safari, including rare black bucks, Chinkara deer, blue bulls, desert fox and Demoiselle Cranes to name a few.

EXCLUSIVE EVENING TOUR OF MEHRANGARH FORT

As twilight descends on the historic fort of Jodhpur, the rugged impregnable walls and the delicate palaces come alive on an exclusive walk with the museum curator. Join Mehrangarh's curator as he takes you on a tour through the museum and through time as he shares his expertise and insights of this 560-year-old citadel. Listen to the tales of sacrifice and extraordinary adventure and share in your host's sheer joy of discussing the many paintings, artefacts and architecture of Mehrangarh.

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CLASSIC JAISALMER & BIKANER — TOURS —

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JAISALMER TOUR

The day will be spent marveling at beautiful Gadsisar Lake and exploring Jaisalmer Fort which is believed to be one of the very few 'living forts' in the world.

Gadsisar Lake, was first excavated in 1367 by Rawal Gadsingh, and is a scenic rainwater lake surrounded by small temples and shrines, and numerous chhatris lying within its reflective waters.

Jaisalmer Fort was founded in 1156 by Rajput ruler, Jaisal, and reinforced and embellished by subsequent rulers. The fort has witnessed a number of battles including with the Mughals. The most interesting feature of this fort is that it is still inhabited, with over 3,000 people living within its walls. The interior is a labyrinth of narrow streets, houses and temples along with a large number shops, guesthouses and restaurants. Several Jain temples within the fort have been exquisitely carved from yellow sandstone with great intricacy.

Outside the fort, a walk through the main market of Manek chowk takes you into lanes flanked by beautifully-carved havelis with their grand facades that exhibit exceptional skills of stonemasonry.

HALF-DAY BIKANER TOUR

This tour begins at Junagarh Fort - the most famous fort in Bikaner. Originally called the Chintamani Mahal until the 20th Century, Junagarh is particularly rare because even after innumerable attempts by vicious invaders, it has remained unconquered. It is quite astonishing just how Junagarh Fort was able to withstand multiple invasions even though it lacks the advantage of height as it is not located on a hilltop. A portion of the fort has been converted to a grand museum where the ancient artefacts on display have been remarkably well preserved.

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CLASSIC AMRITSAR — TOURS —

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HALF-DAY TOUR

Begin your morning tour with a visit to Golden Temple to see the community kitchen, which serves food to one hundred thousand people each day. Sikhism evolved as an antithesis to the caste-focused and ritualistic forms of Hinduism and developed as a simple religion whose foundation was 'sewa' – social responsibility irrespective of a person's status. Thus, every Sikh temple has the famous community kitchen concept, where it is considered a privilege to assist cooking the food and serving a simple meal to pilgrims and visitors.

From here, you will visit Partition Museum and enjoy a heritage walk in the city. Partition Museum is a unique museum built to commemorate the partition of the Indian subcontinent in 1947. It is dedicated to the millions of victims and survivors, and the lasting legacy left behind by them. The museum has a superb collection of photographs, newspaper clippings and donated personal items that tell the untold stories of the region's struggle for freedom from colonial rule and what was considered one of the most violent episodes of communal clashes ever to have taken place.

WAGAH BORDER HALF-DAY TOUR

Located at about 18 miles (29 km) from Amritsar, Wagah border post is where the ceremonial closing of gates and lowering of flags of India and Pakistan takes place. Border Security Forces and Pakistani Rangers march towards the gates from their respective sides. After the gate is open, the soldiers salute each other and start lowering the flags. The flags are carefully folded and carried back. The ceremony reaches a crescendo with the soldiers returning to the border line for the final handshake and the blowing of the bugle marks the end of the ceremony. It is a wonderful display of camaraderie across borders.

GOLDEN TEMPLE EVENING CEREMONY TOUR

An evening visit to the Golden Temple allows you to witness the Palki ceremony in which the holy book, *Guru Granth Sahib*, is carried to a room for the night. The holy singing stops, certain hymns are read by the respected priest, and the book is closed for the day. After performing a prayer, the book is then placed in a golden palanquin which is carried by all the devotees who are lined up to take Seva - volunteer work. This all happens amidst chanting and reciting of hymns in a wonderfully spectacular and spiritual ceremony.

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CLASSIC VARANASI TOURS

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The tour begins early as you embark on a private boat ride on the River Ganges. Continue by boat to see burning and bathing ghats (riverside steps). The best time to visit is at dawn, when the river is bathed in a luminous yellow light as colorful throngs of pilgrims perform their morning devotions. Explore the ghats before heading back to the hotel for your breakfast.

After breakfast, the tour embarks on a tour of Varanasi which includes:

Durga Temple: The 18th century structure is one of the most important temples in Varanasi. Built by a Bengali Maharani in the Nagar Style, the shikhara (tower) of the temple is formed of many small spires, which are built one on the top of the other.

Bharat Mata Temple: The temple is dedicated to Mother India. Mahatma Gandhi inaugurated this temple in 1936 so that the citizens could respect Mother India in statue form. The statue is built in marble and proportionally represents an undivided India in its three dimensions; the mountains, the plains and the oceans.

Benares Hindu University: Founded by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya in 1916, Benares is one of the largest residential universities in Asia. Within the university campus, Vishwanath Temple and the university's museum make Benares well worth a visit.

Sarnath: In the afternoon, your tour takes an excursion to this Buddhist Heritage site. Sarnath - where Gautam Buddha is believed to have given his first sermon about the basic principles of Buddhism - is situated a little over six miles (10 km) from Varanasi. The site houses a number of stupas, excavated ruins of monasteries and the Ashokan pillar with its four-sided lion's head - the national emblem of India. The museum has a rich collection of sculptures comprising numerous Buddha and Bodhisattva images, considered amongst the finest specimens of Buddhist art in the world.

Concluding your fascinating journey through Varanasi, witness the evening aarti ceremony on the banks of the holy Ganges. Varanasi's unique culture is profoundly entwined with the Ganges, where life and death intermingle. Worshippers fill the ghats, praying with the belief that bathing in the sacred waters will result in the remission of sins, while the ashes of the dead are scattered in the water to break the cycle of reincarnation.

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CLASSIC KHAJURAHO — TOURS —

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HALF-DAY WESTERN TEMPLE TOUR

Kandariya Mahadeo: This 100-foot (31m) tall temple is the largest and most typical of Khajuraho's temples. Dedicated to Shiva, the inner sanctum enshrines lingam (the phallus, symbolic of divine generative energy). The exquisitely carved main shrine pays homage in delicate detail to the gods, goddesses, celestial maidens and lovers. Particularly noteworthy are the entrance arch, the ceilings and the pillars of the inner compartments.

Lakshmana Temple: The lintel over the entrance of this beautiful Vaishnavite temple shows the trinity of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, with Lakshmi, Vishnu's consort. The finely-carved sanctum has a three-headed idol of Vishnu and his incarnations - Narasimha and Varaha.

Varaha Temple: This temple echoes the same sentiment as the Lakshmana Temple, paying homage to the various incarnations of Vishnu.

HALF-DAY EASTERN TEMPLE TOUR

Parsvanath Temple: This is the largest temple in the group. Parsvanath is a typically Jain temple with exquisitely-detailed carvings and sculptures. The sculptures on the outer wall are particularly noteworthy, depicting numerous themes and tales in charming, exquisite detail, reflecting the intricacies of everyday activity. Within the temple, a throne faces the bull emblem of the first tirthankara, Adinath. A large Parasvanath image was installed in 1860.

Adinath Temple: Dedicated to the Jain saint, Adinath, the temple is lavishly embellished with sculpted figures including that of yakshis (female spirits of nature). This temple is exquisitely carved and echoes the true spirit of the Khajuraho temples.



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CLASSIC MUMBAI TOURS

HALF-DAY ELEPHANTA CAVES TOUR

This morning, you will be taken to the jetty by the Gateway of India to board the scheduled ferry to Elephanta island (approx. 30-minute boat ride) and embark on a tour of the caves. The island, located on a branch of the Arabian Sea six miles (10 km) to the east of the city of Mumbai, consists of two groups of ornately sculpted caves. The first is a large group of five Hindu caves, the second is smaller, comprising two caves of Buddhist carvings. The Hindu caves contain rock-cut stone sculptures, representing the Shaiva Hindu sect, dedicated to the god Shiva.

HALF-DAY MUSEUM TOUR

The Prince of Wales Museum houses an extensive collection of fascinating 18th and 19th century miniature paintings, elegantly carved ivory artwork, and a rich collection of Nepalese and Tibetan Art among other fine works. You will also have the chance to observe the Dhobi ghats. The 'washer man colony' has been serving the local citizens for more than a century. Clothes are soaked in soapy water, thrashed on flogging stones, then tossed into huge vats of starch and hung out to dry. Finally, they are ironed and piled into neat bundles to await collection.

HALF-DAY MANI BHAWAN TOUR

A small museum dedicated to the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi. As part of this tour, you will also visit the Hanging Gardens and Marine Drive. This sweeping avenue is resplendent with a thousand lights resembling a diamond-studded necklace, hence being known as the "Queen's Necklace". This serves as the main thoroughfare linking Malabar Hill with the rest of Mumbai city.

HALF-DAY WALKING TOUR

Embark on a walking tour around the heritage buildings. One of the many surprising and marvelous aspects about Mumbai is the varied layers of its architectural heritage. The city is a fascinating blend of styles, each representing a different era. Always inspired by global influences and architectural designs, Mumbai continues to borrow from overseas. Today, one can enjoy Gothic, Victorian, Indo-Saracenic, Art Deco and many contemporary styles. In fact, Mumbai has more Art Deco buildings than any other city in the world, other than Miami.

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CLASSIC KOLKATA (CALCUTTA) — TOURS —

WALKING TOUR OF KOLKATA

Your walking tour starts early in the morning. From the banks of the Hoogly River, you will take in Armenian and Portuguese churches, and Jewish synagogues, dating back to the time of the notorious Black Hole, before Kolkata transformed itself into a City of Palaces. After a cup of tea and snack, you will continue to the Park Street Cemetery and Victoria Memorial. The Victoria Memorial houses a permanent collection of art and a gallery, telling the history of the city. Your tour concludes with authentic home-cooked Bengali cuisine created by Mr Surojit 'Bomti' Iyenger, an art collector and socialite, who is delighted to welcome visitors to his charming and historical apartment.

BOAT CRUISE UP THE RIVER HOOGLY

In a private river boat, guests are able to discover an unseen side of Kolkata, with a riverside view of the myriad happenings on the river's 'ghats'. This was the view that greeted many a 19th century adventurer. You will sail past Belur Math, headquarters of The Ramakrishna Mission, as the city's two huge and famous bridges, Howrah and Vidyasagar Setu pass overhead. A wonderfully relaxing end to the day incorporates sumptuous Indian snacks and refreshing Darjeeling Tea.

FULL-DAY CITY TOUR

Your tour takes place in North Calcutta – “The Black Town” – where a parallel culture heavily influenced by the Europeans flourished among the pioneering families of Bengal. The Jain Temple complex is unique with its shimmering mirrors, ceramic tiles and chandeliers brought to India by rich merchants from Persia, Japan and Europe. From here, you will visit perhaps the most bizarre of the Bengali mansions of this area. Built in 1835, the Marble Palace houses a kitsch collection of paintings and marble sculptures. In the grounds of the mansion, you will find remnants of the first Indian zoo, and exotic Indian birds including peacocks, hornbills, pelicans and several species of deer. The intellectual heart of the Bengali Quarter awaits, home of the multi-talented poet, novelist, musician, painter and playwright, Rabindranath Tagor. You will lunch at a charming Bengali Restaurant situated in the historic Star Theatre. The food is simple and fresh, offering many local specialties. In the afternoon you will visit Kumartuli, or the Potters' Market, where giant life-like religious idols are created for the city's numerous festivals. On the way back, you can visit the Motherhouse, Mother Theresa's home and the center of her Missionaries of Charity. Her modest tomb and the spartan room where she lived and died, embodies her life's work, with its simplicity and dedication to only helping the poor and needy.

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CLASSIC DARJEELING — TOURS —

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HALF-DAY GLENBURN TEA ESTATE TOUR

Founded by a Scottish tea company in 1859, Glenburn Tea Estate's history is entwined with that of tea plantations throughout India. Today, the third and fourth generation Prakash family carry almost a century of tea knowledge. Your "tea estate" experience was inspired by the vineyards of Europe and other parts of the world, where visitors observe the wine-making process, and taste and shop for wine, local crafts and produce.

FULL DAY CITY TOUR OF DARJEELING FROM GLENBURN

Steeped in British colonial history, the hill station of Darjeeling stands at a height of 6,000 feet (1,830m), with the magnificent Mount Kanchenjunga as a backdrop. Take a ride on the World Heritage-listed Darjeeling Hill Railway from Darjeeling Town, through the picturesque Batasia Loop and on to the neighboring towns of Ghoom and Kurseong. Wander through the mall, shop for local crafts and antiques along the way, drop in to the famous Das Studios for a peek at their collection of old black and white photographs of the area, and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at the historical Keventers or Glenary's. Visit the grand old Planters' Club, once the Palace of a local Maharaja, and enjoy the views of the surrounding hillsides.

FULL-DAY EXCURSION FROM GLENBURN

After breakfast a four-wheel drive jeep will take you through the Simbong Forest to the River Rung Dung. A small suspension bridge takes you into the Badamtam Forest. Walk along the forest path, following the River Rungeet. On the way, your naturalist will help you identify the birds, butterflies, occasional animals, and the rich plant life to be found in the forest. After about an hour, you will reach the Manjitar Suspension Footbridge, leading to the old royal kingdom of Sikkim. This spectacular structure was built by the British in 1902, after the original cane bridge was washed away by the floods of 1899. Wander around Manjitar Village, stop for a cup of tea in one of the village "dhaabas" (tea shops), and visit the local Shiv Temple. Lunch will be served picnic-style, somewhere along the way. The return journey follows the same route back, although one can also take the alternative "river beach" route, which is slightly tougher, and is dependent on the seasonal water level. You will then visit the Tea Factory where you will be taken for a guided tour, concluding with a tea tasting session of black, green, oolong and white teas where one can discover the differences in aroma, flavor and appearance of tea manufactured in different ways and at different times of the year. Refreshments will be provided at a suitable mid-way point in the tour.

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CLASSIC CHENNAI TOURS

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HALF-DAY ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

Fort St. George was built by the British East India Company in 1639, providing an essential centre of power for over three centuries of British rule in India. From here, venture onwards to St. Mary's Church, the oldest Anglican church in India. Built in 1680, this venerable structure features a depiction of The Last Supper believed to be painted by Raphael. St Thomas Cathedral is an impressive Gothic-style structure built in 1898. Its ornate interior houses the remains of St. Thomas, who brought Christianity to the sub-continent in 52 AD. The peaceful Kapaleeshwarar Temple, a shrine to Lord Shiva, is believed to be one of the oldest and most revered holy places of the city. Dress code applies.

HALF-DAY TOUR OF KANCHIPURAM

Kanchipuram is one of the seven sacred cities of India and center for the production of Kanjeevaram silk. It was successively the capital of the Pallavas, the Cholas and the Rayas of Vijayanagar. During the 6th and 7th centuries some of the best temples in the city were built by the Pallavas. The city was also a great seat of learning. Sri Sankaracharya, Appar, Siruthonder and the great Buddhist Bhikku, Bodhidharma, lived and worked here. You will also have time for shopping for silk saris.

FULL-DAY VISIT TO MAHABALIPURAM

This spectacular site situated on the Bay of Bengal, extends across a boulder-strewn landscape and comprises rock-cut caves and monolithic shrines, structural temples and huge bas reliefs. Also referred as Pandava Rathas, the Five Rathas are the most excellent architectural edifices of the nine monolithic temples of Mahabalipuram. The five structures typify monolithic Indian rock-cut architecture from the 7th century. The wonderful bas air relief of Arjuna's Penance dates back to the mid-7th century. Standing at a height of 43 feet (13m), the monolith was carved on the face of two huge adjoining boulders, at a length of 96 feet (30m). Enjoy lunch and refreshments at a local restaurant before visiting the Mahishasuramardini cave temples, Krishna's Butter Ball and the Shore Temple. The Cave Temple has a graceful portrayal of Goddess Durga on her lion mount, subduing the buffalo-headed demon Mahisha. Krishna's Butter Ball is precariously-balanced boulder, forever perched on a steep rock slope, the massive round granite boulder refuses to give in to gravity. The spectacular Shore Temple was erected dramatically on a promontory by the sea, surviving the ravages of time and erosion. Built for Vishnu in the 7th Century, two shrines to Shiva were added later. The temple has a low boundary wall, with rows of seated nandis surrounding it.

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CLASSIC PONDICHERRY — TOURS —

HALF-DAY FRENCH QUARTER TOUR

The buildings in Pondicherry's French Quarter are an enduring legacy of French history in India. It tells the story of a colonial adventure in a faraway land, fighting many odds, overcoming a new and difficult terrain and the historic rivalry between the European powers of the time including the Danes, the Dutch and the British in addition to the French. This French Heritage walk takes you through a network of streets laid out in a well-planned grid pattern. The buildings in the French Quarter are easily recognizable by their ornate gateway arches, garden courtyards with multicolored bougainvilleas and the buildings painted in delicate hues of lime and peach. The grand French names of streets and houses add a certain European charm to this picturesque district.

SRI AUROBINDO ASHRAM & AUROVILLE TOUR

Aurobindo Ashram lends Pondicherry a spiritual feel; it is the place where the great Indian philosopher Aurobindo Ghosh lived and died. Established in 1926, Aurobindo's philosophy is derived in a combination of yoga and modern science. Aurobindo Ashram is instrumental in giving Pondicherry the title of a spiritual town.

Auroville - 'The City of Dawn' - was founded in 1968 by Mirra Richard and designed by architect Roger Anger. Auroville was established as a universal town where men and women of all countries and cultures are able to live in peace and progressive harmony, above all creeds, all politics and all nationalities. The purpose of Auroville is to realize human unity.

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CLASSIC GOA TOURS

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FULL-DAY GOA TOUR

Begin your tour after breakfast with a drive to the abode of the deity of peace, Shantadurga Temple, set in the enchanting emerald hills of Kavlem. As you alight close to the temple, you are confronted with a carpet of verdant paddy fields, coconut trees and pearl-white cranes dancing in the different varieties of local flower garlands.

Once at the plantation, you will be welcomed with herbal tea and a leaflet briefing you about the plantation. A guide will take you around the plantation informing you of the different spices grown here. After the plantation tour, you will be served an exquisite Goan lunch in a picturesque open-air restaurant. Food is served in a traditional manner on a Banana leaf.

After lunch, continue your tour with a visit to Churches of Old Goa, Se Cathedral the seat of a Portuguese Bishop and one of the largest churches in Asia.

You will then travel onwards to the Basilica of Bom Jesus where the relics of the Spanish Saint, St Francis Xavier are kept.

Your driver will take you onwards to Panjim, also known as Panaji, one of the India's smallest and most pleasant state capitals, located on the south bank of the wide Mandovi River. The town has preserved its Portuguese heritage remarkably well and parts of it still consist of narrow winding streets, old houses with overhanging balconies, red-tiled roofs and the numerous small bars and cafés of the Latin Quarter.

Panaji is one of the most exciting shopping destinations in the state. While the local markets are a treasure trove of indigenous handicrafts, the upscale shopping malls teem with designer boutiques and international brands.

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CLASSIC MUNNAR & KUMARAKOM — TOURS —

HALF-DAY MUNNAR TOUR

The picturesque little town of Munnar is nestled amongst acres of sprawling tea estates and verdant forests. Its name translates as ‘three rivers’ stemming from its location at the confluence of three mountain streams. Besides tea, Munnar is also renowned for its spices, such as cardamom and pepper, and the local infusions of tea and spices offer a warm respite from the chilly mountaintop climate.

Your half-day tour takes you on a tea trail to learn the story of your tea from leaf to morning cuppa. Visit a working tea plantation followed by a visit to the tea museum. The museum contains curios, photographs and machinery representing a turning point for the tea industry in the region. You will also be treated to a tea-tasting demonstration, where infusions of different tea varieties and an insight into the nuances of tea-processing await.

FULL-DAY KUMARAKOM TOUR & RIVER CRUISE

Tucked snugly into the banks of Vembanad Lake, Kumarakom is a delight for the senses. With the backwaters mirroring the blue skies and green palms overhead, few places can offer the quiet, calm tranquility. The serenity of Kumarakom makes it a haven for those who want to get away from the urban hustle and bustle. Rich in tropical fruit and vegetation, bananas, mangoes, coconuts, and pineapples jostle for space with brightly colored hibiscus and bougainvillea which spill over into the backwaters.

Board a houseboat for a cruise on Lake Vembanad and the backwater channels as you enjoy a delicious lunch bursting with the flavors of the surrounding countryside.

Experience village life up close and personal while meandering through the lake. Boats in a variety of shapes and sizes have traditionally been the main means of transport in the Kerala Backwaters. In particular, house boats were used to ship rice, spices and other goods between Kuttanad and the port of Cochin. For the royalty, these boats even became comfortable living quarters and served as an important mode of transportation in coastal Kerala.

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