



# Akbar Holidays

Akbar Holidays was set up under the online travel portal akbartravelsonline.com, to meet the ever increasing demand for flexible domestic and international holiday packages from India. It is headed by Ms.Benzy Nazar, who has experience in organizing leisure packages for both corporate houses and individuals. Akbar Travels of India, the parent company has been in operation for over 33 years and it is the leading ticketing agent for all the major airlines operating in India. The head office of Akbar Holidays is conveniently located at Standard Plaza chamber, RD Street, Fort, Mumbai.

Akbar Travels of India has excellent market coverage of Mumbai with 15 offices in the city. All metros and other towns in India are covered by the 55 IATA approved ticketing offices and 20 non-IATA offices. Akbar Holidays is progressively placing well trained holiday staff at all the Branch Offices.

# International Holidays

International Holidays are always a refreshing idea when want to explore diverse cultures and lifestyles across the globe. Find your perfect international holiday & tour package, honeymoon destinations for a wide range of exciting destinations across the world. From Cape Town to Amsterdam, Manila to Los Angeles, the world is yours to explore with Akbar Holidays!

The world has numerous places that you can visit in order to witness the change in culture, lifestyle and architecture. Get closer to the beautiful monuments across the globe that stands as a witness to history. A stop at the breathtaking mountain scenes of Switzerland or the sunny glory of Italy, International tour Packages presents spectrum of choices when looking for that dream break!

Check out our holiday packages and discover incredible travel deals to the most exciting international destinations across the globel Our exclusive holiday packages are specially designed to ensure you have the time of your life at value for your money. So go ahead, choose the perfect trips and tours from our featured international holiday packages!

# Domestic Holidays

Find the perfect holiday destinations in India and enjoy some relaxing time off from your daily routine! Historical monuments, captivating beaches, foggy hill stations, golden deserts, pilgrimage sites, serene backwaters, rich wildlife and colourful fairs, India is simply exotic and magical.

Check out our holiday packages and discover incredible deals to the most exciting travel destinations across India! Our exclusive holiday packages, honeymoon packages, golden triangle tours and backwaters tours are exclusively customized to ensure you have the time of your life at value for your money. Pick from a wide range of India holidays

and simply relish the extraordinary experience.

India tour packages are one fun-filled programme coupled with most exciting experiences of India travel. Discover vibrant Indian cities, taste exotic flavors, view architectural masterpieces, explore the pristine natural splendor and participate in unique cultural practices with India holiday packages. In order to cater to the need of the leisure traveller, presently we offer domestic and international holiday packages to the following market segments:

## Individual Travel

This covers travel by individuals and families. Flexible itineraries are prepared to suit the taste of each individual.

# Group Travel

Group travel is when a group of minimum 10 passengers travel together. Group travel is most economical, because lower air fares are available for groups on most of the airlines. Also for larger Groups, the cost of accommodation and transportation will be proportionately lower.

# MICE Travel

(Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, & Exhibitions)

Corporate houses these days have various travel needs for their staff and customers. Meetings and conferences are organized in exotic destinations, where all facilities are available for business and leisure. Incentive travel is



arranged for dealers and agents who perform well and need to be rewarded and motivated. Trade Exhibitions happen in various cities of the world attracting traders and importers. Akbar Holidays have the expertise to look after all types of corporate travel.

# Cruise bookings

Cruising is getting more and more popular in India. Many Indian travellers go on Cruises sailing in different parts of the world. Star Cruise is the most popular cruise company in Asia. Akbar Holidays also book cruises in prestigious Cruise Liners like MSC Cruise, Carnival Cruises and Royal Caribbean.

With the vacation market in India growing at the rate of about 15% on an average every year, we foresee a bright prospect for Akbar Holidays. With our years of experience in dealing with service providers such as Airlines, Hotels and Tour operators, we are in a position to negotiate better prices for the benefit of the customers.

"Affordable and hassle-free holidays to patrons, tailor-made to suit individual choice" is our motto. We trust the word-of-mouth publicity generated by our satisfied customers would help Akbar Holidays to grow and become one of the leading leisure travel specialists in India.

# Special Interest Groups

Special itineraries are arranged to cater to the needs of

study or common interest groups. National heritage and religious pilgrimages to Chardham, Vaishno Devi etc. and international destinations like Israel holy land tour packages are among the most popular for Indian Market.

Akbar Holidays Takes care of architectural and sports events, seasonal shopping Tours like Dubai shopping festival, student tours or even Second World War tours for veterans. The highly efficient data network combined with the Akbar Holidays' special interest experts offer unrivalled service and resource.

Some of the Special Interest Tours operated by us are as follows:

# 1. Corporate Incentive Tours:

This is a large market segment needing personalized attention right from choice of destination, quality of hotel and sightseeing. At Akbar Holidays, we have a dedicated team of professionals handling corporate incentive travel. Be it an Indian destination or a popular destination abroad, we can arrange a memorable incentive trip for the client.

# 2. Honeymoon Tours:

We provide special packages to the romantic destinations around the world. All details worked out according to personal preference to provide couples going on honeymoon on a memorable trip. Be it a beach destination or a hill station you have in mind, we will prepare an itinerary to match your expectation.

# 3. Pilgrimage Tours:

We have the expertise to handle special requests of travellers on pilgrimage to all popular religious and holy places in India and abroad. Temples and churches and other pilgrimage centres in all corners of India are covered in the Indian pilgrimage itineraries. We also arrange group and individual travel to well-known pilgrimage destinations in countries like Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel, Egypt and Rome.

## 4. Adventures Tours:

Right from white water rafting to mountain climbing, whatever is the adventure that you have on your mind, Akbar Holidays will make arrangements to get you to your choice of destination and while you are there, to book you a comfortable stay, taking care of all your needs.

# 5. Customized Tours:

For those who like to travel at their own pace, we arrange customized tours as per our clients' choice. You get to choose the Hotel accommodation, transport and sightseeing on the tailor-made itineraries.

# 6. Health care hospitality

Akbar Holidays now provide health care hospitality for domestic and international passengers. We have contracted some of the reputed hospitals for providing comprehensive health care services covering all ailments and health conditions. Akbar Holidays is the only point of contact you need to avail of these services at most economical rates. Our health care officer will contact the selected hospital and fix appointment with the doctor based on your medical report. Our well experienced staff will make arrangements for hotel accommodation and transport from Airport. Your short vacation after the medical treatment also will be planned to suit your convenience.

# 7. Sports events

Sports events around the world attract numerous fans. Akbar Holidays can arrange individual and group travel for group travel for world cups, grand prix and other events around the world. We also have a department that looks after Golf tours around the world. We endeavour to plan in detail to give you a dream holiday at most affordable prices. We have a holiday package to fit every budget.

# **Group Travel with Akbar Holidays**

- One-stop shop
- Consultancy approach
- Worldwide choices
- · Largest choice of hotels & package options
- Creative itineraries as per requirements
- Dedicated operations managers to take care of your group bookings

- Own brand itineraries to suit the corporate and individual client
- Personal service through out the tour
- Continuity through out planning and operation till you return with a smile

# Corporate Holidays

At Akbar Holidays we pride ourselves on treating each of our corporate clients as individuals offering personalized service through our dedicated highly trained team, who will offer a variety of available hotel tariff from the most cost effective to the most flexible. We have a good understanding of what is required by our corporate and although some of those needs might be comparable others are more individual.

We will take care of all aspects of your travel requirements as well as any auxiliary services. All tickets, vouchers and currency, if required can be delivered at your doorstep. We also can offer the facility of collecting tickets at the airport or arranging e-tickets.

### **Business Travel & Incentive solutions**

Akbar Holidays can offer

- Service of experienced and knowledgeable sales team
- Competitive and negotiated airfares based on most convenient routings
- Accommodation suited to your budget and tailor-made to meet your specific requirements.
- Innovative and exciting incentive programme recommendations and management including transfers, excursions, leisure activities, gala dinners and cocktail parties & many more options.

# Corporate customers

It was our privilege to serve some of the leading corporate houses in India. We arranged incentive tours / staff travel for following esteemed companies:

# Our list of corporates

- \*Airtel \* Vodafone \* Ultratech \* Bharti Axa \* Samsung \* Podar International \* Nokia \* Hdfc \* Amuja Cement \* Sabmiller \* Havas Ports \* Dani India Pvt. Ltd. \* Dalmia Group \* Ultratech Cement Ltd \* Hamilton Group \* Ciple India Pvt. Ltd. \* Hetero Healthcare \* J.K.White Cement Group \* Krbl \* Best Tours Group \* Coramandel Agrico Pvt. Ltd. \* Mankind Pharma Group \* Godfather Group \* Pro \* Active Pharma Group \* Crystal Sanitarywares Group \* Mankind Pharma Group \* Crystal Sanitarywares Group \* Mankind Pharma Group \* Crystal Sanitarywares Group \* Mahindra \* Mahindra \* Federal Bank \* Glodyne Technoserve Pvt. Ltd. \* Genesis Pharma (Unit Of Hetro Group) \* V-Guard \* Asian Paints \* Naresh Pharma \* Sherwin Williams Paints India Pvt. Ltd. \* Honeywell \* Zuari Cements \* Dalmia Cements \* Chettinad Cements \* Rashi Peripherals \* Brittania \* Biocon \* Biostadt (Wockhardt Group)
- Bayer Corp Science Herballife Pioneer Seeds Ltd.
- Kajaria Ceramics Ltd.
   Lions Club



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Time tends to stand still when India's North casts its magical spell. In the ravines of the mighty Himalayas; challenge your primal instincts with a stopover in Leh and Khardung-La or get smitten by the fairytale setting of Kashmir.

The snow-capped mountains of Shimla and Manali is a delight to watch while Uttarakhand described by travel enthusiasts as paradise on earth charms you with its captivating locales. India's crest-truly a sight to behold!



7 DAYS

Package Code: LE003

6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

# Captivating leh



Arrive at Leh in the morning and transfer to the hotel. Full day at rest for acclimatization to the high altitude of Leh (11,500 ft / 3500 mtrs). Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 02: Leh local sightseeing

After a leisurely breakfast, visit Shey Palace, Thiksey Monastery, Hemis Monastery & Stok Palace Museum. In the afternoon, visit the Shanti Stupa. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 03: Leh-Nubra Valley

After breakfast leave for Nubra Valley, driving across Khardong-la (alt: 18,380 ft). After descending from the pass, drive on for sightseeing of Sumoor area. Later check into a fixed camp in the same area or drive across to Diskit for overnight stay in a camp.

# Day 04: Nubra Valley-Leh

In the morning visit / explore Diskit, Hundar and the Sand Dunes where you can enjoy a short camel safari using the double-humped Bactrian camel found here. Later drive back to Leh, reaching in the late afternoon / evening. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 05: Leh-Pangong Lake excursion-Leh

Full day excursion to Pangong Lake (approx. 300 kms round trip, located on the Indo-China Border), enroute crossing the Chang-la pass (alt: 17370 ft.). After sightseeing around the lake, drive back to Leh reaching in the late afternoon / evening. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 06: Leh half day sightseeing

Morning is at leisure. Afternoon visit Sangam (confluence of Indus & Zanskar Rivers), Magnetic Point, Gurudwara Pathar Sahib, Kali Mata (Temple of Guardians in Spituk monastery) & Hall of Fame. Spend the evening exploring local market. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 07: Departure Leh

Early morning transfer to the airport for taking the flight back home.





# **Fast Facts**

Leh, the capital of Ladakh is situated at a height of 3505 meters and is towards the eastern parts of Jammu and Kashmir. The region is watered by the Zanskar River, which flows into the Indus River just below. Spilling out of a side valley that tapers north towards eroded snow-capped peaks, the Ladakhi capital sprawls from the foot of a ruined Tibetan style palace - a maze of mud-brick and concrete flanked on one side by cream-coloured desert, and on the other by a swathe of lush irrigated farmland.

## Best Seasons to visit Leh Ladakh:

Mid April to September End.

By Air: New Delhi to Leh, Srinagar to Leh.

The easiest way to reach Leh (in Ladakh) is to take the direct flight from New Delhi to Leh.

Some flights are also available from Jammu & Srinagar.

By Road: From Manali via Keylong, Jispa, Sarchu. The road generally opens in June.

From Srinagar via Sonamarg, Drass, Kargil.

The road generally opens in third week of May.

# **Festival**

# Dosmochey:

Dosmochey is celebrated in Leh (Leh Palace), Liker (Lower Ladakh) and Deskit (Nubra valley) monasteries in February. The most famous among all is Leh Dosmochey, which is celebrated for two days in the courtyards of the Leh palace. The monks from different monasteries perform the Chams every year turn by turn. The festival takes place in the end and starting of the Tibetan New Year. The monks of Takthok monastery prepares the offering with Thread crosses which binds all the evil, hungry ghosts and guard against natural disaster in the coming year. On the second

day of the festival, the offerings are taken out of the town in a procession and burn it while people whistle to chase away the evil spirits.

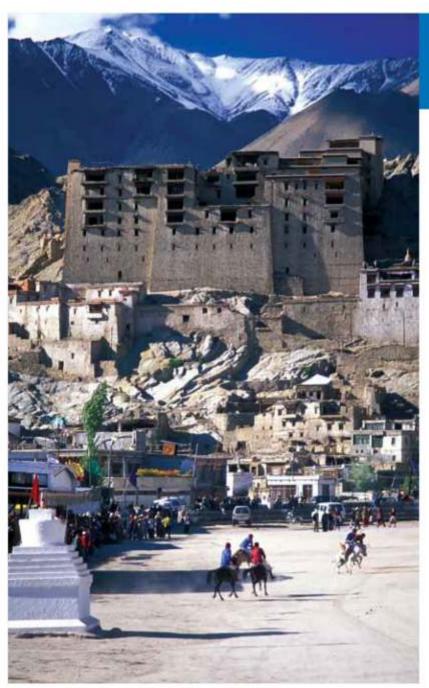
## **Ladakh Festival**

Ladakh festival takes place in September 1-15 every year in Leh and villages. The inauguration ceremony takes place in Leh on large scale with the procession of various cultural troupes from different part of Ladakh. It passes through Leh Market dancing, singing with traditional music, in colorful traditional Ladakhi dresses, and finishes at Polo ground after performing their best dances and songs. The festival last for 15 days with regular program in different villages. The program includes Archery, Polo, and Mask Dances from the monasteries, traditional dances by cultural troupes from Villages. There are series of musical concert and dance program in Leh town.



# Sindhu Darshan (Visit Indus) Festival

Sindhu Darshan is three-day festival held from 1st to 3rd June, in Shey Manla around 8 kms. from Leh on the bank of Indus river. For the first time it was organized in October 1997, as a symbol of unity and Communal harmony and national integration. Whilst promoting domestic tourism in Ladakh. It is also a symbolic salute to brave soldiers of India who have been fighting not only with enemies in the in the human form but also in the form of nature.





Package Code: UT001 8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

# Beauty of *Uttaranchal*



# Day 01: Arrive at Mussoorie

On arrival at Delhi Airport / Railway station, depart for Mussoorie by road. Mussoorie with its green hills and varied flora and fauna, is a fascinating hill station. It offers a wonderful view of the Himalayan snow ranges to the north-east and the Doon Valley, Roorkee, Saharanpur and Haridwar to the South, creating an almost serene atmosphere for the tourists. On arrival, check in at hotel. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. (Delhi-Mussoorie: 290 kms/07 hrs)

# Day 02: Mussoorie

After breakfast, visit Kempty Falls which is at 15 kms from Mussoorie on the Yamunotri Road and is the most fascinating and the biggest waterfall. It is located in the beautiful valley of Mussoorie. Late afternoon, enjoy a thrilling ropeway ride to Gun Hill, the second highest peak of Mussoorie (2122 mts). The peak offers a panoramic view of the Himalayan ranges and Kulri market. Overnight at hotel.

# Day 03: Mussoorie

After breakfast, proceed for a half-day excursion to Dhanolti, 24 kms from Mussoorie, that provides a breath-taking view of the valley and the Himalayan peaks. The long wooded slopes, lazy outings, cool caressing breeze, warm and hospitable inhabitants, lovely weather and fabulous view of snow covered mountains makes it an ideal retreat for a relaxed holiday. Return to the hotel by afternoon. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 04: Mussourie-Corbett

After breakfast, check out of hotel. Drive to Corbett via Haridwar. On arrival in Corbett, check in at hotel. Jim Corbett National Park is the first National Park of India and was formerly known as Hailey National Park. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. (Mussoorie – Haridwar: 89 kms/02 hrs & Haridwar – Corbett: 210 kms / 05 hrs)

# Day 05: Corbett

Early morning we proceed for a jeep safari inside the

park to witness the wild life. Return to hotel for Breakfast. Morning is at leisure. Late afternoon enjoy an elephant safari inside the park. Evening enjoy a wildlife movie at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 06: Corbett-Nainital

After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Depart by surface for Nainital. Enroute visit Ranikhet and Almora. Afternoon arrive Nainital and check in at hotel. Evening enjoy boating at the Naini lake (optional). Overnight at the hotel. (Corbett – Nainital: 115 kms / 03 hrs)

# Day 07: Nainital

After breakfast, proceed on a full day local tour, visiting Naini Lake. The nucleus of Nainital's exquisite beauty is this beautiful lake. In the day, mirrored in its waters stand seven proud hills, dotted with pretty cottages and villas. The lake offers ample opportunity for yachting, boating or paddling the boat. The north end of the lake is called Mallital while the southern one is called Tallital which have a bridge (Danth popularly named) having Gandhiji's



statue and post office on its sides, the Mall where one can enjoy a ride on the Aerial Ropeway. It is one of the main attractions of Nainital. This ropeway connects Snow-View Point (at 2270 Mts.) with Nainital. Aerial ropeway starts at Mallital, there are two trolleys to carry passengers .It takes approx. 151.7 seconds to cover one way journey by trolley; Snow View Point, most easily accessible hill top, at height of 2270 mts. and 2.5 kms away The spot is accessible through ropeway. This peak is also connected by motorable road. Snow view as the name suggests offers an indescribably beautiful and breathtaking picture of the glittering snows of Himalyas, Later proceed to the Observatory, Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES). Situated on Manora peak it is about 01 kms from Hanumangarhi if someone prefers to visit it on foot. By road it is about 9 kms from Nainital. It is a centre of astronomical studies and optical tracking of artificial satellites. (For night viewing of stars

and planets some days are fixed on moonlit nights and permission is necessary). Continue to Hanuman Garhi: 3.5 kms away from the bus stop at an altitude of 1951 m., it is a religious centre and famous for its sunset view. Overnight at the hotel.

## Day 08: Nainital

After breakfast, depart for a half-day excursion of the lake tour visiting Sattal, Bhimtal and Naukuchiatal. Late afternoon visit the Chidyaghar and Ghodakhal Bell Temple. Evening is at leisure to stroll on the Mall road or for shopping. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 09: Depart Nainital

After an early breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to Delhi railway station / airport to depart for your onward journey. (Nainital – Delhi: 322 kms / 07-08 hrs)

# **Fast Facts**

Musoorie - Corbett - Nainital

Highlight - Mussoorie-Corbett-Nainital is an old-timer favorite Summer Itinerary visiting Hill Stations of Mussoorie and Nainital along with Corbett Widlife Sanctuary.

Seasonality - Oct-March is best season for Himalayan Views, even though its cold. April-June is good month from weather perspective but no Himalayan views.

Access to Corbett:

By Road: Dhikala, the main entry to the park, is 300 kms from Delhi, 145 kms from Lucknow and 15 kms from Ramnagar. The route from Delhi spans Hapur-Murababad-Ramnagar. The route from Lucknow spans Bareilly, Kichha, Rudrapur, Doraha and Kashipur. Ramnagar is served by frequent buses to and from Nainital and Ranikhet, 112 kms north.

By Train: Ramnagar, 15 kms away, is the nearest railway station connected to Lucknow and Kathgodam by train. From here you can board bus to reach the park. For faster trains and connections to other parts of India, change at Moradabad.

By Air: Phoolbagh (Pantnagar) at a distance of 50 kms is the nearest domestic airport. Delhi at a distance of 300 kms is the nearest international airport.

Access to Nainital:

By Road: State transport as well private operators run buses from Tallital Bus Stand to Dehrarun (300kms) Delhi (310kms) Haldwani (40kms) and Ramnagar (65kms).

By Train: Kathgodam, 35 kms away, is the nearest rail head. Trains link the town to Delhi, Kolkata, Dehradun and Lucknow. From Kathgodam, there are taxis available on shared seat basis, for those on shoestring budgets. Regular cabs and buses are also at your service.

By Air: Pantnagar, about 70 kms from Nainital, is the nearest airport with direct flights to Delhi. From here you have to either hire a cab or take a bus.

## Access to Mussorie:

By Road: Mussoorie is motorable from Delhi (270 kms), Chandigarh (215 kms), and Dehradun. There are regular buses, both state transport as well private luxury coaches that will ferry you to Mussoorie from these cities.

By Train: Mussoorie does not have a direct rail link. Dehradun railway station (34 kms away) is where you have to get down to head to Mussoorie. Express and superfast trains to Delhi, Mumbai, Allahabad and Amritsar link Dehra.

By Air: Dehradun's Jollygrant airport about 60 kms away is the nearest airport, with regular flights to Delhi. From here, one has to hit the road. Luxury buses as well as cabs are easily available.

# **Festival**

# Basant Panchami:

During this festival people worship the Goddess Saraswati, use yellow handkerchiefs or even yellow cloths and in a few places people put a yellow tilak on their foreheads.

## Harela & Bhitauli:

On the first day of the navaratris (nine day holy period) of the month of Chaitra women fill baskets with soil and sow seven types of grains in them. During the month of Chaitra (March-April) brothers send presents to their sisters. These presents are called Bhitauli.



# Olgia:

Olgia is celebrated on the first day of Bhado (middle of August), when the harvest is lush and green, vegetables are in abundance and the milch animals very productive.

# Kandali:

In the Chaudans region of Pithoragarh district, a flower - Kandali (Strobilenthes wallichii) - blooms once every 12 years (last in 1999) and the people celebrate Kandali festival between the months of August and October.





/9 DAYS

Package Code: KAS001 8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

# Spellbinding Kashmir

# Day 01: Arrive at Srinagar

Arrive Srinagar and transfer to hotel / Houseboats. Srinagar is the summer capital of the state of Jammu and Kashmir and is the pride of the beautiful valley of Kashmir. Srinagar is famous for its lakes and the charming rows of houseboats floating on them. It is also known for traditional Kashmiri handicrafts and dry fruits. Rest of the day is at leisure. Late afternoon enjoy a Shikara (a traditional Kashmiri boat) ride on the Dal Lake, exploring the intricate maze of waterways of this lake. Enjoy your ride through the floating gardens, vegetable fields and narrow canals. If time permits, witness a walnut woodcarving and papier-māché making demonstration. Overnight at the hotel / houseboat.

# Day 02: Srinagar

After breakfast, proceed on a half-day city tour of Srinagar. You commence your tour with a visit to Shankracharya hill for darshan at the Temple of Shankaracharya and a bird's eye view of Srinagar. Continue to visit the Mughal styled gardens Chashm-e-Shah (The Royal Spring), Nishat Bagh (Garden of Pleasure) and Shalimar Bagh (Abode of

Love). All the gardens are on the banks of Dal Lake with the Zabarwan Mountains in the background. The distance from Srinagar to the said gardens is about 12 and 15 kms respectively. Enroute, visit a carpet-weaving factory. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel / houseboat.

# Day 03: Srinagar - Sonmarg - Srinagar

After breakfast, proceed on a full day excursion to Sonmarg or the "Meadow of Gold", that lies northeast of Srinagar at an altitude of 2740 m. on the Srinagar-Ladakh road. It is set in a valley amongst glaciers and placid lakes. The flower-laden meadows, panoramic view of the lofty snow-covered Himalayan peaks and a number of trekking and hiking trails have made Sonmarg a popular tourist destination. It is also a base camp for those visiting Ladakh. Sonmarg offers excellent opportunities for fishing at the Krishnasagar Lake. Sonamarg is known for its natural beauty and is popular for its alpine flowers, sycamore, silver birch and pine trees. Evening you return to Srinagar. Overnight at the hotel / houseboat. (Srinagar – Sonmarg: 83 kms / 2.5 hrs)

# Day 04: Srinagar - Pahalgam

After breakfast, check out of hotel and drive to Pahalgam (Valley of Shepherds). Enroute visit Saffron fields, Awantipura ruins a 1100 year old temple of Lord Vishnu built by King Awantiwareman. Drive through pine forests. Arrive Pahalgam and check in at hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. (Srinagar – Pahalgam: 96 kms / 03 hrs)

# Day 05: Pahalgam

After breakfast, full day is at leisure for independent activities (Optional). Visit Chandanwari or Aru on ponies. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 06: Pahalgam - Srinagar - Gulmarg

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to Gulmarg (Meadow of Flowers) at 2730m above sea level. It has one of the best Ski slopes in the world and highest golf course of the world with 18 holes. One can also view Nanga Parbhat if weather permits. On arrival, check-in at hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. (Pahalgam –Gulmarg: 160 kms / 4.5 hrs)



# Day 07: Gulmarg

After breakfast, explore scenic spots in and around the area, take a walk on the Outer Circuit Road to enjoy a birds-eye view of the Valley amidst dense woods. Experience a Gondola / Cable Car ride over Pine and Cedar covered mountains to view and visit Khilanmarg and Kongdori. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 08: Gulmarg - Srinagar

After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Drive to Srinagar.

On arrival in Srinagar, transfer to Deluxe Houseboats /

Hotel for dinner and overnight stay (Gulmarg – Srinagar:

56 kms / 02 hrs)

# Day 09: Depart Srinagar

After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Transfer to bus stand/airport for onward destination.

# **Fast Facts**

Kashmir is the northwestern region of the Indian subcontinent. During the 19th century rule, Kashmir was a popular tourist destination due to its climate. The railway to Rawalpindi, and a road thence to Srinagar made access to the valley easier. When the temperature in Srinagar rose at the beginning of June, the residents migrated to Gulmarg, which was a fashionable hill station during British rule.

## Best season to visit:

Well Kashmir is all-season destination but still the best time to visit Kashmir is during the months of March to October. During this period the weather conditions in Kashmir are at their best. This period covers three seasons in Kashmir i.e., spring (March-early May), summers (early May-late August) and autumn (September-November).



# Accessibility:

By Air: Srinagar airport is approximately 14 kms from the city. There are daily flights to Srinagar, operated by Indian Airlines (from Delhi, Mumbai and Jammu) and other Private Airlines like, SpiceJet, Kingfisher, Jet Airways (from Delhi and Jammu).

By Rail: Jammu Tawi, approximately 305 kms far, is the nearest railhead for Srinagar. Trains from Delhi, Calcutta, Pune, Mumbai and other cities arrive at this station only. During holiday season, when there is a heavy rush for Kashmir, additional trains operate for and from this station.

By Road: National Highway 1-A is the main highway connecting Srinagar with Jammu. J&K State Road Transport Corporation (SRTC) as well as a number of private Super deluxe, A-class and B-class busses operate to and from the state. Private taxis are also available for traveling to Kashmir. This is one of the most adventurous though a bit strenuous travel track in India.

# **Festival**

# Purmandal Mela (February-March):

Purmandal is 39 kms from Jammu city. On Shivratri, the town wears a festive look and for three days as people celebrate the marriage of Lord Shiva to Goddess Parvati. The people of Jammu also come out in their colourful best to celebrate Shivratri at Peer Khoh, the Ranbireshwar Temple and the Panjbhaktar Temple.

# Jhiri Mela (Oct-Nov.):

An annual fair is held in the name of Baba Jitu, a simple and honest farmer who preferred to kill himself rather than submit to the unjust demands of the local landlord to part with his crop. He killed himself in the village of Jhiri, 14 kms from Jammu. A legend has grown around the Baba and his followers congregate at Jhiri on the appointed day from every corner of North India; they revere him for his compassion, courage and honesty.

# Lohri (13 January):

This festival heralds the onset of spring and is also known as Makar Sankranti. The whole region wears a festive look on this day. Thousands take a dip in the holy rivers. 'Havan Yagnas' light up nearly every house and temple in Jammu. In the rural areas it is customary for young boys to go around asking for gifts from newly-weds and parents of new-borns A special dance called the 'Chajja' is held on the occasion of Lohri. It makes a striking picture to see boys along with their 'Chajjas' elaborately decorated with coloured paper and flowers dance on the street in a procession. The whole atmosphere comes alive with pulsating drumbeats.



# Bahu Mela (March-April & September-October):

A major festival is held at the Kali Temple in Bahu Fort, twice a year.

# Navratra Festival (Sept-Oct):

Though the yatra to the shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi is a round-the-year event, the one undertaken during the Navratras is considered the most auspicious. In order to showcase and highlight the regional culture, heritage and traditions of the area during this period, the State Tourism Department has instituted the Navratra Festival as an annual event to be held during September / October for all the nine auspicious days of the Navratras.





Package Code: HIM003 | 12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS

# Mesmerizing Himachal

# Day 01: Chandigarh - Parwanoo

Travel to Parwanoo by road from Chandigarh. Enroute you can visit the Mughul-styled Gardens at Pinjore. Arrive at Parwanoo and check-in at hotel. Afternoon is at leisure. In the evening you may visit Renuka Lake. Overnight at hotel. (Chandigarh - Parwanoo: 32 kms / 01 hr)

# Day 02: Parwanoo - Shimla

After breakfast, drive to Shimla, perched at 7000 ft. above sea level. The heady combinations of the chilly mountain air, orchards and colonial charm makes Shimla a dream getaway. Enroute visit Chail. On arrival check-in at the hotel. Afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, visit the famous Mall Road where you can shop or just stroll around the Ridge. Overnight at hotel. (Parwanoo -Shimla: 70 kms / 03 hrs)

# Day 03: Shimla

After breakfast, proceed for an excursion to Kufri, just 30 mins drive from Shimla. Kufri is surrounded by dense forest and snow caped mountains amidst virgin peaks and flora and fauna. Here one can relax and tune oneself to the natural beauty. You can take a horse ride or a yak ride (on own). Return to hote. In the afternoon enjoy a local

tour to the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Sankat Mochan Temple and Jakhu Temple. Overnight at hotel.

# Day 04: Shimla - Manali

After an early breakfast, check out of your hotel. Drive to Manali via Bilaspur, Sunder Nagar, Mandi and Kullu. In the late afternoon arrive at Manali, Valley of the Gods which is a blend of natural splendour and rich cultural heritage. Check-in at hotel. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at hotel. (Shimla - Manali: 260 kms / 08 hrs)

# Day 05: Manali

After breakfast, proceed on a half-day tour of Manali to Hadimba Devi Temple, built in the tranquil and serene woods, Vashisht hot water springs and Tibetan Monastery. In the afternoon visit Naggar Castle and Roerich Art Gallery (closed on Mondays). Evening visit the local bazaar for shopping. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 06: Manali

After breakfast, proceed on a full day excursion to visit Rohtang Pass - a high mountain pass that connects Kullu Valley with Lahaul and Spiti Valleys. You have the next two hours to enjoy this snowy haven. Take a sledge ride down the slopes or try your luck climbing the little snow hills. \*\*The pass is open from June to September\*\*. On your descent, visit Solang Valley, Rahla falls, Marhi and Nehru Kund. Evening you return to Manali. Overnight at hotel. (Manali - Rohtang: 51 kms / 1.5 hrs)

# Day 07: Manali

After breakfast, depart on an excursion to Manikaran and Kullu. Manikaran has the world's hottest Sulphur Spring Waters and is a holy place for Hindus and Sikhs alike. On your return, visit Kullu town and the famous Kullu Shawl Factory. Late afternoon return to Manali. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at hotel. (Manali-Manikaran: 85 kms/02 hrs & Kullu-Manali: 45 kms / 01 hrs).

# Day 08: Manali - Dharamshala

After breakfast, check out of hotel and drive to Dharamshala, Enroute visit Palampur Tea Factory, St. John's Church, Temple of Bundamata and Neugal Khad. Arrive at Dharamshala and check in at hotel. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at hotel.

(Manali - Dharamshala: 252 kms / 08 hrs)



Day 09: Dharamshala - Dalhousie

After breakfast, proceed on a local tour of Dharamshala visiting Mcleodganj (10 kms), a charming Tibetan settlement with bustling bazaars that sell carpets, handicrafts and delicious Tibetan food. Dalai Lama resides in Mcleodganj, which is now a major centre of Tibetan culture. It has the School of Tibetan Studies with rare manuscripts and ancient texts, the Tibetan Institute for the performing Arts and a handicraft centre; Bhagsu Nag falls, Chamunda Mandir, Dal Lake and War Memorial. Afternoon you check out of the hotel. Depart for Dalhousie. On arrival, check in at hotel. Evening is at leisure to enjoy a walk from Lakkarmandi to Kalatop, through dense forests of pines and deodars Overnight at hotel. (Dharamshala-Dalhousie: 143 kms / 03 hrs)

# Day 10: Dalhousie

After breakfast, depart on a local tour of Dalhousie, visiting Panchpula: a beautiful spot, barely 3 kms. from G.P.O; Satdhara springs, gurgling with refreshing water, believed to contain medicinal properties; Laxmi Narayan Temple; Bakrota Hill and Mall; Subhash Baoli; St Andrew's Church and St Patrick's Church. Overnight at hotel.

# Day 11: Dalhousie - Chandigarh

Afrer an early breakfast, check out of hotel. Drive to Chandigarh via Kangra, Hoshiarpur and Rupnagar. At Kangra take a halt to visit the Kangar Fort and the Brajeshwari Devi Temple. Evening arrive at Chandigarh and check-in at hotel. Overnight at hotel. (Dalhousie – Chandigarh: 318kms / 09hrs)

# Day 12: Chandigarh - Delhi

After breakfast, proceed on a sightseeing tour of Chandigarh to visit Sukhna Lake and wildlife sanctuary, Rock Garden, Rose Garden with 30 landscaped acres containing a variety of 1600 roses and the Museum & Art Gallery, housing a good collection of sculptures and paintings. Afternoon check out of hotel and drive to Delhi. Arrive and check in at hotel. Overnight. (Chandigarh – Delhi: 250 kms / 05 hrs)

# Day 13: Depart Delhi

After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Proceed on a full day city tour of Old and New Delhi (if time permits). Transfer to Delhi airport / railway station to depart for onward destination.

# **Fast Facts**

## Shimla - Manali

Shimla formerly known as Simla, is the capital city of Himachal Pradesh. In 1864, Shimla was declared the summer capital of the British Raj in India. A popular tourist destination, Shimla is often referred to as the "Queen of Hills," a term coined by the British. Located in the north-west Himalayas at an average altitude of 2,205 metres (7,234ft) Manali (alt. 1,950 m or 6,398 ft), in the Beas River valley, is an important hill station in the mountains of Himachal Pradesh, India, near the northern end of the Kullu Valley. It is located about 250 kilometres (155 mi) north of state capital, Shimla.

### How to get there:

By Road: Shimla is well connected by road with Kalka, Chandigarh, Ambala, Delhi, Dehradun, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Amritsar, Jammu and other towns of Punjab and Haryana. Following are the road distances from Shimla to major cities of India:

Place	Distance	Place (Kms.)	Distance (Kms.)
Delhi	370	Ludhiana	220
Dehradun	240	Kullu	240
Manali	280	Kalpa	260
Narkanda	64	Mandi	156
Dharamshala	280	Nahan	140

By Train: Shimla is connected by a broad gauge line up to Kalka. From Kalka to Shimla, a narrow gauge line covers 96 kilometers, of track. The journey by train, which takes about six hours, crossing 103 tunnels is one of the finest ways of enjoying the scenic beauty. There is another option for a fast train, Shiwalik Express or a delightful ride in the Rail Car. The Rail Car takes about 4 hours. Kalka has direct rail connections with Delhi, Calcutta and Amritsar.

By Air: Nearest airport to Shimla is at Jubberhatti, 26 kms from Shimla. It has connecting flights to Delhi and Kullu. The nearby Chandigarh airport is, however, more handy as it is connected to all the major airports in India.

Best time to visit: Shimla has a temperate climate which ranges from 14-27 degrees in the summer and average of 5-16 degrees in the winter. Summer months are very pleasant while winter is very freezing with snowfall in the month of January. The best time to visit Shimla is between April to July during the summer.

# Dharamshala & Dalhousie

Dharamshala is a city in northern India. It was formerly known as Bhagsu; it is the winter seat of government of the state of Himachal Pradesh and the district headquarters of the Kangra district.

McLeodganj, a village within Dharamshala municipality, is the home of the Dalai Lama and the exiled Tibetan government. Dalhousie is a beautiful hill station in Himachal Pradesh. Established in 1854 by the British Empire in India as a summer retreat for its troops and bureaucrats.

It is built on and around five hills. Located on the western edge of the Dhauladhar mountain range of the Himalayas, it is surrounded by the beautiful scenery of snow-capped peaks. Dalhousie is situated between 6,000 and 9,000 feet above sea level.

# How to get there:

By Road: 11 hours. Route: Delhi-Ambala (NH1), Ambala-



Zirakpur (Nh22), Zirakpur-Kiratpur (NH21), Kiratpur-Dharamshala via Una (State Road).

By Train: 2413 JP Jat Express 8 hours (Night), 4033 Jammu Mail 10 hours (Night)

By Air: 1 hour

Best time to visit: Summer with the peak tourist season from May to September.

# **Golden Triangle**

India's Golden Triangle is a tourist circuit which includes: Delhi, Agra (including the Taj Mahal), and Jaipur. These trips usually last 7 or 8 days and do the trip as a circuit starting and ending in Delhi. Starting with Delhi, one sees a modern metropolitan that is home to people of different regions, languages and cultures. Created mainly between the thirteenth and seventeenth centuries, Jaipur - the capital of the state of Rajasthan was actually color washed with pink to create the impression similar to the red standstone of the mughal cities. Like any good tourist spot Jaipur has all the amenities of big city, but its real charm lies only in the inner lanes and streets of her markets.

# How to get there:

By Road: Agra has the National Highway Numbers 2, 3, 11 passing through it. The premier tourist destination of India, Agra is also well linked by bus services to other places in the state as well as outside the state. The state transport have deluxe as well as ordinary bus services for the place. There are conducted tours which take tourist not only to Agra, but also to near by tourist spots.

By Train: Agra is one of the hottest tourist destinations in India and all facilities have been provided for the easy access to this place. It has its own airport which connects Agra with all the major places in India. The Agra airport or the Kheria airport has all the major domestic airlines having their services to this place of the Taj.

By Air: Agra is a major railway station with almost all the trains to south India, Mumbai and many trains to Calcutta stopping here. Agra city is visited by the "Palace on Wheels". The Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains have also their stops in Agra. The city is well connected by trains to almost every corner of the nation.





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# Attractive Gujarat

# Day 01: Jamnagar - Dwarka

On arrival at Jamnagar Airport / railway station, proceed on a tour of the city. In the middle of the Ranmal Lake, are two magnificent old structures, the Lakhota Fort and the Kotha Bastion. Lakhota Fort is Jamnagar's Museum and its terraces display a fine collection of sculptures that span a period from the 9th to 18th Century. The Kotha Bastion is Jamnagar's arsenal. One of its most interesting sights is an old well, the water of which can be drawn by blowing into a small hole in the floor. Later depart for Dwarka (145 kms / 03 hrs). Arrive and check-in at your hotel. Dwarka is one of the four most holy Hindu pilgrimage cities in India. This was the kingdom of Lord Krishna. The city of Dwarka, renowned in myth and legend, was once the capital of Lord Krishna's empire. He settled here after leaving Mathura, thousands of years ago. The site is undoubtedly ancient but its association with Lord Krishna gives it a sanctity, which draws millions of pilgrims. It is one of India's seven oldest towns or sapta puris, where he reigned for decades as leader of a growing clan. Marine excavations revealed the entire city. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 02: Dwarka

After breakfast, proceed on an excursion to Bet Dwarka (30 kms from Dwarka and 05 kms from Okha Junction). The pilgrimage to Dwarka is not complete without a visit to this island off the coast. It is the place where Lord Krishna lived with his family when he ruled at Dwarka. It is also the place where Vishnu slew the demon Shankhasura. Visitors make it a point to visit the Krishna temple at this site, which holds much of interest to be seen and experienced. The 19th century temple complex contains shrines and images of Krishna. In Dwarka, visit the Dwarkadheesh Temple (Jagat Mandir) which houses the image of Lord Krishna and is the beacon, which draws pilgrims from all over India and abroad. Magnificently built on traditional lines, the temple has five floors and is profusely carved from base to pinnacle. The festival of Lord Krishna's birth - Janmashtami is celebrated there every year in the auspicious month of Shravan (August - September) with great splendour and amidst great rejoicing. Also, visit Rukmini Devi's Temple, the Sharada Peetha. This is one of the four Mathas established by Jagat Guru Shankaracharya, all of which survive to this day. The Matha runs an educational society,

an arts college and a Sanskrit Academy, which prepares scholars for doctorates in Sanskrit and Indology. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 03: Dwarka - Porbandar - Somnath

After breakfast, check out of hotel. Drive to Somnath (230 kms / 05 hrs). Enroute, visit Porbandar, the birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi. The most impressive feature of Porbandar is the city planning and the stone buildings with ashlars' masonry and rich carving. The facades of houses on either side of the streets, with series of windows, carved gateways using eclectic architectural language, invites tourists to experience the streetscape on foot. Porbander is on the list of coastal heritage towns of Gujarat. The most visited places here are Kirti Mandir-the birth place of Gandhiji and the Bharat Mandir houses an exhibition of pictures, sculptures and symbols that display the rich heritage of India. There are a number of temples dedicated to Lord Krishna like the Sudama Mandir, which glorifies the friendship of Krishna and Sudama. Onward to Somnath. Arrive and check-in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.



# Day 04: Depart Somnath

After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Visit the legendary shore temple of Somnath, one of the twelve most sacred Shiva shrines (jyotirlingas) in India. It is believed that the temple was built out of gold by Somraj and later rebuilt out of silver by Ravana. Later it was rebuilt by Lord Krishna in sandalwood and finally by Bhimdev in stone. Depart for Jamnagar or Veraval to leave for your onward destination (Somnath- Jamnagar. 215 kms / 04 hrs & Somnath – Veraval: 07 kms)

# **Fast Facts**

## Dwarka

Gujarat is located on the Western coast of the Indian Peninsula. It borders Pakistan and Rajasthan in the northeast, Madhya Pradesh in the east, Maharashtra and the Union territories of Diu, Daman, Dadra, and Nagar Haveli in the south. There are 18114 no. of villages and 19 districts in Gujarat and the population is 41,310. Navratri is the most popular festival of the year, which celebrates harvest time. The world's largest ship breaking yard is in Gujarat near Bhavnagar at Alang. Reliance Petroleum Limited, one of the group companies of Reliance Industries Limited founded by Dhirubhai Ambani operates the oil refinery at Jamnagar which is the world's largest grass roots refineries. Gujarat ranks first nationwide in gas-based thermal electricity generation.

Best time to visit: October to March

Currency: Indian Rupees

Airport: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport (Ahmedabad), Bhavnagar Airport (Bhavnagar), Surat

Airport (Surat), Rajkot Airport (Rajkot)

Airlines: Indian Airlines, Kingfisher Airlines, Jet Airways



# **Festival**

# International Kite Festival (Uttarayan):

14th January The festival of Uttarayan is a uniquely Gujarati phenomenon, when the skies over most cities of the state fill with kites from before dawn until well after dark. The festival marks the days in the Hindu calendar when winter begins turning to summer, known as Makar Sankranti or Uttarayan.

# Navratri Festival:

Navratri, meaning 'nine nights', is one of the most popular and widely celebrated Hindu festivals in many parts of India. Gujarat, however, is the only state that erupts into a nine-night dance festival, perhaps the longest in the world. Each night, all over the state, villages and cities alike, people gather in open spaces to celebrate feminine divinity, referred to as Shakti Navratri is celebrated for nine nights, beginning on the first day of the bright fortnight of the Hindu month Ashwin, roughly corresponding to dates in the Gregorian calendar in September / October





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Package Code: KER003 | 6 NIGHTS / 7 DAYS

# Magical Kerala

# Day 01: Arrive Kochi

Arrive at Kochi (Cochin) airport/railway station and transfer to hotel. Kochi is the gateway to God's Own Country. This lovely seaside city is flanked by the Western Ghats on the east and the Arabian Sea on the west. Its proximity to the equator, the sea and the mountains provide a rich experience of a moderate equatorial climate. It is one of the largest ports of India, a major naval base and one of the finest natural harbours in the world. Check-in at the hotel. Afternoon proceed on a half day city tour visiting the Bolghatty Palace, Dutch Palace, St. Francis Church, Jewish Synagogue, Jew Town and the Chinese Fishing Nets. If time permits, you can enjoy a harbour cruise at sundown (on own). Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 02: Kochi - Munnar

After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Drive to Munnar, a hill resort ideal for a relaxing holiday. The tea gardens and cardamom plantations give Munnar a beautiful look. It is one of the major centers of tea trade in Kerala. It has the highest peak, Ana Mudi, in South India and is home to animals like elephants and the rare Nilgiri Tahrs. Among the exotic flora, there is the Neelakurinji, which blooms

every 12 years. Arrive Munnar and check-in the hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. (Kochi-Munnar: 140 kms / 04 hrs)

# Day 03: Munnar

After breakfast, depart on a local tour of Munnar visiting Top Station (41 kms / 01 ½ hrs) for fantastic high mountain vistas. You can see the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu from here. Onto the Mattuputty Dam, the Indo-Swiss Project where rare hybrids, especially the Indo-Swiss hybrid cattle are bred followed by the Tata Tea factory and Estate (with prior permission). Return to the hotel and overnight.

# Day 04: Munnar

After breakfast, day is leisure for independent activities. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 05: Munnar - Thekkady

After breakfast, depart for Thekkady. Arrive and checkin at hotel. One of the largest wildlife sanctuaries in the country, it is truly a dream destination. Thekkady is a pleasant heaven on earth for those who love nature in its wild manifestations. Evening enjoy an optional boat ride on Lake Periyar. Overnight at the hotel. (Munnar-Thekkady: 100 kms / 4 ½ hrs)

# Day 06: Thekkady

After breakfast, visit the Spice Gardens at Vandanmedu where you can walk through the sprawling cardamom plantations, which is a pleasant experience. Other than Cardamom plantations, one can see coffee, pepper and rubber plantations. Evening is at leisure to enjoy the facilities offered at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 07: Thekkady - Kumarakom

After breakfast, you check out of your hotel. Depart by surface for Kumarakom. Kumarakom is undoubtedly the most invigorating and fascinating paradise in Kerala. This charming emerald peninsula situated on the scenic Vembanad Lake is in the heart of the backwaters. The fresh water of the lake runs into the mainland making a labyrinth of lagoons, brooks, canals and waterways. Check-in at hotel. Afternoon is at leisure or enjoy an ayurvedic massage at the hotel (on own). Evening enjoy an optional sunset cruise in the backwaters. Overnight at hotel. (Thekkady-Kumarakom: 110 kms / 04 hrs)



# Day 08: Kumarakom

After breakfast, full day is at leisure. View the activities on the banks of the backwaters or lay back and view nature's beauty. Overnight at the hotel.

# Day 09: Kumarakom - Kovalam

After breakfast, you check out of the hotel. Transfer by boat to jetty. Drive to Kovalam. On arrival, check-in at the hotel. Evening is at leisure for independent activities or relaxing on the beach. Overnight at the hotel. (Kumarakom – Kovalam: 05 hrs)

# Day 10: Kovalam

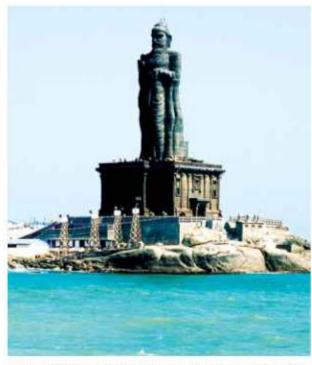
After breakfast, proceed on a full day excursion to Kanyakumari. Enroute visit Padmanabhapuram Palace, the erstwhile capital of Travancore. A beautiful Palace displaying fine craftsmanship in wood, a characteristic of Kerala's art and architecture. In Kanyakumari visit the Vivekananda Memorial, Rock Temple, Gandhi Mandapam, Kanyakumari Devi Temple. After viewing the sunset at Kanyakumari beach, return to Kovalam. Overnight at the hotel. (Kovalam-Kanyakumari: 100kms / 03hrs)

# Day 11: Depart Kovalam

After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Transfer to Trivandrum airport / railway station for your onward destination. (Kovalam-Trivandrum: 14 kms / 30 mins)

# **Fast Facts**

Kochi-Munnar-Thekkady-Kumarakom-Kovalam) Kerala is



a small state tucked away in the southwest corner of India. Tourism is a very important industry in Kerala. Every year significant numbers of tourists travel to Kerala to see its beautiful, beaches, backwaters, hills, wildlife and cultural attractions. Kerala is a major producer of coconut, rubber, pepper, cardamom, ginger, cocoa, cashew, coffee, and tea. Tree spices like nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves etc are also cultivated. Rice and tapioca are important food crops. Kathakali is a classical dance form of Kerala.

Kochi is a city and a natural seaport located in Kerala State, southwestern India. The hill resort of Munnar is one of the most popular tourist destinations in India. It is a pleasant tourist spot in Idukki District. Eravikulam National Park is one of the biggest attractions at Munnar. The marvelous hill resort of Munnar lays at the confluence of three mountain streams namely Mudrapuzha, Nallathanni

and Kundala. Hired cycles are a popular way of exploring the hill resort.

Thekkady is located on the Western Ghats mountain range in Idukki district, central Kerala. One of the most scenic areas of Kerala, Thekkady offers diverse attractions like wildlife sanctuary, hill station & spice plantation. Periyar Wildlife sanctuary is one of the best in the country for watching and photographing wild life. Notable among the denizens of sanctuary are Tiger, Wild Elephant, Sambar Deer, Wild Bison, Wild Boar, Malabar Gaint Squirrel, Nilgiri Langur, Hornbill, Woodpecker, Kingfisher, and Otter etc. Thekkady enjoys a pleasant climate.

Best time to visit: The best time to visit Kerala would be in the months of October to March. These months are usually the peak season for Kerala visit.

Currency: Indian Rupees

Airport: Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Nedumpassery International Airport (Kochi) Madurai International Airport

Airlines: Gulf Air, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Air Lanka, and Air Maldives & Air India are International Airlines & Domestic Airlines are Kingfisher Airlines, Air Deccan, Indian Airlines and Jet Airways.

# **Festival**

# Onam:

Onam is celebrated in Kerala when the August monsoon rains give way to the pleasant warmth of autumn. Onam is the celebration of the return of Mahabali, the once and future king.

### Kerala Boat Festivals:

On the great backwaters of Kerala, fierce Vallom Kallies (boat races) and water carnivals erupt every year in a dramatic spectacle and hold tens of thousands of people



spell-bound, cheering the action, laying bets, goading the boatmen to row faster.

# Vishu:

Vishu falls on the first of Medam (March-April), which is the Malayali New Year's Day. Since it is considered propitious to view good things on this day for year round good fortune, Vishu morning is an important time in Kerala.

# Thrissur Pooram festival:

The most spectacular festival of Kerala is Thrissur Pooram. Sakthan Thampuran, the Maharaja of erstwhile Kochi state, introduced this festival. Celebrated in Medom (April-May) the festival parades the fulgent faces of Kerala culture.



Package Code: KN002 | 5 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS

Fabulous Karnataka

#### Day 01: Arrive Puttaparthy

Arrive at Puttaparthy from Bangalore airport or railway station by road. Transfer to hotel/Ashram. Puttaparthy, a small village in Ananthapur district of Andhra Pradesh, is today on the world map. The person responsible for it is "Bhagawan Sri Satya Sai Baba" considered as God by millions. People from all over the world, seeking peace of mind and solace, make a beeline to this village. Rest of the day is at leisure to witness miracles during the Vibhuti ceremony and listen to discourses at the Ashram. Overnight at the hotel / Ashram. (Bangalore - Puttaparthy: 160 kms / 03 hrs)

#### Day 02: Puttaparthy - Mysore

Early morning check out of the hotel / Ashram. Drive to Mysore via Bangalore. Enroute, visit Srirangapatnam, the island fortress of Tipu. Late afternoon, arrive and check-in at hotel. Afternoon is at leisure. Evening visit the beautifully terraced and illuminated Brindavan Gardens (19 kms). Overnight at the hotel. (Puttaparthy-Mysore via Bangalore: 300 kms / 06 hrs)

#### Day 03: Mysore - Coorg

After breakfast, proceed on a city tour of Mysore visiting Amber Vilas (the Maharaja Palace), Chamarajendra Art Gallery, Zoological Gardens, Rail Museum, St. Philomena's Church and Chamundi Hill. Afternoon, check out of hotel and drive to Coorg. Coorg is known as the 'Scotland of India'. This town has a lot to offer to the tourist: Misty hills, lush forests, abundant tea and coffee plantations, orange groves, undulating streets and breathtaking views. On arrival, check-in to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. (Mysore-Coorg: 160 kms / 03 hrs)

#### Day 04: Coorg

After breakfast, proceed on local tour visiting Mercara Fort, Raja's Seat, Gadige (Royal tombs), Abbey Falls, Omkareshwara temple, Talacauvery, Kakabe and Nalnad Palace. Continue to Dubare, an elephant capturing and training camp of the Forest Department, located at the edge of Dubare forest. Another unique place is the Tibetan Colony in Bylekuppe near Kushalnagar, Popularly known as 'Little Tibet', it is now the second largest Tibetan

settlement outside of Tibet. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 05: Coorg - Bangalore

After breakfast, check out of hotel. Drive to Bangalore. On arrival, check-in at hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. (Coorg-Bangalore: 260 kms / 06 hrs)

#### Day 06: Depart Bangalore

After breakfast, proceed on a city tour of Bangalore visiting Tipu Sultan's Palace, Bull Temple, Lalbagh, Govt. Soap Factory, Vidhan Soudha (drive past), Cubbon Park, Mysore Arts & Crafts centre, Govt. Museum, Vishveswaraya Industrial and Technological Museum and Venkatappa Art Gallery. Check out from the hotel by afternoon. Depart for Bangalore airport / railway station for your onward destination.





### **Fast Facts**

Bangalore & Mysore Bangalore is the capital of the Indian state of Karnataka. Bangalore is nicknamed the Garden City and was once called a pensioner's paradise. Mysore, is the headquarters of the Mysore district and the Mysore division and lies about 146 kms southwest of Bangalore. Mysore is famous for the festivities that take place during the Dasara festival when the city receives a large number of tourists.

Best time to visit: The best time to vist Mysore is between October and March, which sees the best climatic conditions in Mysore. The autumn comes with its rusted, earthy hues in the leaves and ushering in the cool winters. The winter in Mysore is extremely comfortable, with day temperatures for December averaging around 27° C.

Currency: Indian Rupees

By Air: The nearest airport is Bangalore. All domestic airlines are operating flights to and from Bangalore to all major cities of the country. A few international flights to the Middle East are also operated from Bangalore.

By Rail: There are many train services operating between Bangalore and Mysore. The Shatabdi Express connects Mysore to Chennai. The ideal route to reach Mysore is via Bangalore.

By Road: State Highways connects Mysore to the national Highways and to all parts of the country. Bus services by Karnataka Road Transport Corporation and transport corporations of the neighboring states as well as private tour operators make it easy to reach the city without any difficulty. It is only a 3 hour journey from Bangalore.

# **Festival**

#### Vairamudi Brahmotsava:

On April 4th 2009, Vairamudi Brahmostava is celebrated at Melkote. This is anannual festival which gathers more than 2 lakh devotees of Lord Cheluva Narayana.

#### Vaikunta Ekadashi:

Vaikunta Ekadashi, occurs in the Hindu calendar month of Marghazhi or Margashira or Margasirsa (corresponding to late December - January in English calendar). Vaishnavism(Worship of Lord Vishnu) culture believes that 'Vaikunta Dwaram' or 'the gate to Lord's Inner Sanctum' is opened on this day.









Package Code: TN003 8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

# Southern Delight

#### Day 01: Arrive Bangalore

On arrival at Bangalore airport / railway station, transfer to your hotel. Check in to the hotel. Bangalore is one of the vibrant cosmopolitan cities in South India. The capital city of Karnataka is a major industrial and commercial center of the south India. The city is well known as the Silicon Valley of the country, the main center of India's software industry. It's also called the Pub City with over 200 Pubs all over the town. It has other major industries also like aircraft, electronics, and machine tools. Bangalore, 'The city of Gardens', has numerous gardens and historical sites. Morning is at leisure. The afternoon you will proceed on a city tour of Bangalore visiting Tipu Sultan's Palace, Bull Temple, Lalbagh, Govt. Soap Factory, Vidhan Soudha (drive past), Cubbon Park, Mysore Arts & Crafts centre, Govt. Museum, Vishveswaraya Industrial and Technological Museum and Venkatappa Art Gallery. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 02: Bangalore - Mysore

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to Mysore. Enroute, visit Srirangapatnam, the island fortress of Tipu Sultan and the Rangnathaswamy Temple. Late afternoon, arrive Mysore and check in to the hotel. Also known as the City of Palaces, Mysore retains a quaint charm that never fails to enchant. Mysore today, is a pleasant city with an old world charm, contributed by its broad shady avenues, well laid out gardens, fine buildings and a salubrious climate. Evening is at leisure for independent activities. Overnight at the hotel (Bangalore – Mysore: 140 kms / 03 hrs)

#### Day 03: Mysore

After breakfast, you proceed on a city tour of Mysore visiting Amber Vilas (the Maharaja Palace), Chamarajendra Art Gallery, Zoological Gardens, Rail Museum, St. Philomena's Church and Chamundi Hill. Afternoon is free for shopping. Evening visit the beautifully terraced and illuminated, Brindavan Gardens. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 04: Mysore - Ooty

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to Ooty. On arrival, check in to the hotel. Ooty or Ootacamund known as the 'Queen of Hill Stations' is snugly ensconced in the heart of the Nilgiris. Afternoon tour includes a visit to the Botanical Gardens, St. Stephen's Church, the Lake and Ooty's Bazaar for shopping. Overnight at the hotel. (Mysore – Ooty: 160 kms / 4.5 hrs)

#### Day 05: Ooty

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Coonoor (13 kms / 45 mins). On arrival visit Lambs Rock, Dolphins Nose

and St. Catherine's fall Afternoon drive back to Ooty through tea and coffee plantations. Evening is at leisure for independent activities. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Ooty

After breakfast, day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 07: Ooty - Kodaikanal

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to Kodaikanal via Coimbatore (Via Pallani it would be approx. 6hrs). On arrival, check in at the hotel. Rest of day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. (Ooty-Kodaikanal via Coimbatore: 260 kms / 08 hrs)

#### Day 08: Kodaikanal

After breakfast, enjoy a morning tour of Kodaikanal, which includes a visit to Coakers Walk, Pillar Rocks, Green Valley View and Golf Course. Afternoon tour includes a visit to Silver Cascade waterfall, Bryant Park and the Lake (boating is optional). Return to the hotel by evening. Overnight.

#### Day 09: Depart Kodaikanal

After breakfast, drive to Coimbatore airport / railway station (175 kms/04 hrs) or Madurai airport / railway station (99 kms/03 hrs) to depart for your onward destination.



# Fast Facts

#### Bangalore & Mysore

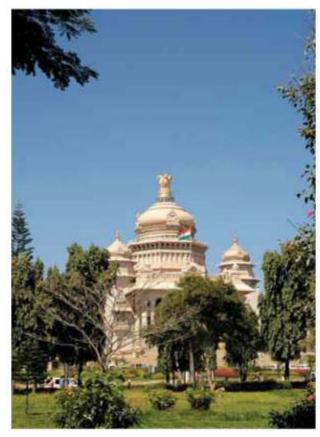
Bangalore is the capital of the Indian state of Karnataka. Bangalore is nicknamed the Garden City and was once called a pensioner's paradise. Mysore is the headquarters of the Mysore district and the Mysore division and lies about 146 kms southwest of Bangalore. Mysore is famous for the festivities that take place during the Dasara festival when the city receives a large number of tourists.

Best time to visit: The best time to visit Mysore is between October and March, which sees the best climatic conditions in Mysore. The autumn comes with its rusted, earthy hues in the leaves and ushering in the cool winters. The winter in Mysore is extremely comfortable, with day temperatures for December averaging around 27° C.

Currency: Indian Rupee

By Air: The nearest airport is Bangalore. All domestic airlines are operating flights to and from Bangalore to all major cities of the country. A few international flights to the Middle East are also operated from Bangalore.

By Rail: There are many train services operating between Bangalore and Mysore. The Shatabdi Express connects Mysore to Chennai. The ideal route to reach Mysore is via Bangalore.



By Road: State highways connect Mysore to the national highways and to all parts of the country. Bus services by Karnataka Road Transport Corporation and transport corporations of the neighboring states as well as private tour operators make it easy to reach the city without any difficulty. It is only a 3 hour journey from Bangalore.

#### Ooty & Kodaikanal

Ootacamund is a town, a municipality and the district capital of the Nilgiris district in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Ootacamund is a popular hill station located in the Nilgiri Hills. Kodaikanal in the hills of the taluk division of the Dindigul district in the state of Tamil Nadu, India.



Its name in the Tamil language means "The Gift of the Forest". Kodaikanal is referred as the "Princess of Hill stations" and has a long history as a retreat and popular tourist destination. It's a lot cooler than lower elevated cities such as Chennai.

Best time to visit: In Summer - May to September; In Winter - Nov to February

By Air: The nearest airport is Madurai, which is 120 kms from Kodaikanal.

By Rail: The nearest railway stations are Palani, which is 80 kms from Kodaikanal and Kodai Road Station, which is 64 kms away from Kodai.

By Road: Kodaikanal is connected by road with Chennai (520 kms), Ooty (264 kms), trichy (197 kms), Coimbatore (175 kms), and Madurai (120 kms). There are regular bus services from Madurai, Palani, Kodaikanal road, Theni, Dindigul, Tiruchirapali, Kumuli and Coimbatore.









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All this makes for a great holiday in this part of the world, that makes it a must on every traveller's list.



8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

# Timeless Madhya Fradesh

#### Day 01: Arrive Pachmarhi

On arrival at Pachmarhi, check-in at hotel. Pachmarhi is a small, sleepy hill station in the state of Madhya Pradesh, surrounded by beautiful forests, full of breathtaking waterfalls, serene pools and quiet glades. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. Note: if you are driving down from Bhopal, then you may halt enroute at Bhimbetka to visit the famous rock shelters and the Temples. (Bhopal-Pachmarhi: 194 kms / 04 hrs OR Nagpur - Pachmarhi: 250 kms / 05 hrs)

#### Day 02: Pachmarhi

After breakfast, proceed on a tour of Pachmarhi visiting Satpura National Park, Bee Falls, Mahadeo Hill (a shrine for devotees of Lord Shiva), Sunderkund and Cave Shelters and Pandav Caves. Evening visit Dhoopgarh: The highest point in the Satpura range, which has a magnificent view of the surrounding ranges. A very popular spot to view the sunset. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 03: Pachmarhi - Jabalpur

After an early breakfast, check out of the hotel. Drive to

Jabalpur where the British have left their impression on the spacious cantonment with its colonial residences and barracks. On arrival, check in at hotel. Late afternoon proceed on an excursion to Bhedaghat to visit Marble Rocks: The perpendicular magnesium limestone rocks fringe the crystal clear placid waters of the Narmada providing a fascinating site. Boating facilities are available between November-May. Boating on a moonlit night, when the whole stretch of water is transformed into a sheet of liquid silver, which is absolutely magical. In the narrow channel of the mighty river, there is a place approached so closely from the opposite banks that the local people have aptly named it the "Monkey's Leap" and Dhuandhar Falls: The Narmada, making its way through the Marble Rocks narrows down and then plunges in a waterfall known as Dhuandhar or Smoke Cascade. So powerful is the plunge that its roar is heard even from a far distance. The falls and the breaking of the volume of water at the crest present an awesome spectacle of Nature's power unleashed. Overnight at the hotel. (Pachmarhi-Jabalpur: 230 kms / 4.5 hrs and Jabalpur-Bhedaghat: 23 kms / 45 mins)

#### Day 04: Jabalpur - Kanha

After breakfast, check out of hotel and drive to Kanha: The Kanha National Park was the inspiration for Rudyard Kipling's famous work 'The Jungle Book'. The park is divided into two sanctuaries: Hallon and Banjar. A world of wildlife is spotted at Kanha. The park provides a natural habitat to Tigers, Common Grey Langur, Wild Boar, Gaur, Chital, Chousingha, Sambar and Barasingha or Swamp deer and also a wide species of birds. Late afternoon enjoy wildlife safari by jeep or elephant back in the park. Overnight at the hotel. (Jabalpur – Kanha: 165 kms / 03 hrs)

#### Day 05: Kanha

After breakfast, day is leisure to enjoy morning and afternoon safaris in the park or go on a nature trail. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 06: Kanha - Bandhavgarh

After an early breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to Bandhavgarh (preferably with packed lunch). The Bandhavgarh National Park is one of the finest national parks in the India and has the distinction of harbouring



the highest concentration of tigers per unit area of forest. The Park is spread over an area of 448 sq. kms. and has an unspoilt national habitat for a variety of wildlife peculiar to the area. These include gaur (Indian bison), sloth bear, leopard, porcupine, wild boar, sambhar and spotted deer, among others and of course, the tiger. On arrival, check in at hotel. Late afternoon enjoy a safari in the park. Overnight at the hotel. (Kanha – Bandhavgarh: 260 kms / 05hrs)

#### Day 07: Bandhavgarh - Khajuraho

Early morning enjoy a safari in the park. After breakfast, check out of the hotel and drive to Khajuraho. Situated in the heart of India in the state of Madhya Pradesh, Khajuraho lies in the forested plains of the region of Bundelkhand and world renowned for its temple architecture, exquisite and erotic sculptures. Built under the Chandela Kings between 950 and 1050 AD in a truly inspired burst of creativity, the temples are superb examples of Indo-Aryan architecture.

On arrival, check in at hotel. Afternoon is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel. (Bandhavgarh – Khajuraho: 230 kms / 04-05 hrs)

#### Day 08: Khajuraho

After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour of the temples of Khajuraho. The architectural style of the Khajuraho temples is very different from the temple prototype of that period, built by the Chandela kings between 950 AD and 1050 AD. Each stands, instead of within the customary enclosure, on a high masonry platform. Combined with the upward direction of the structure, further accentuated by vertical projections, the total effect is one of grace and lightness, reminiscent of the Himalayan peaks. Each of the chief compartments has its own roof, grouped in such a way that the highest is in the centre, the lowest over the portico, a triumph of skill and imagination in recreating the rising peaks of a range. Visit the Western Group consisting of 14 Hindu temples, and constitute some of the finest examples of Chandela art at its peak. The largest being the Kandariya Mahadeo Temple: the biggest and most stunning temple, with its 800 statues of gods and goddesses, the marble lingam and the ceiling that rises 31 mtrs high. It is considered the most evolved example of central Indian temple architecture. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, this temple is also the largest of Khajuraho's temples. The other temples in this group are the Chausath Yogini Temple: dedicated to Goddess Kali, Chitragupta or Bharati Temple: with a lovely image of 11 headed Vishnu, Vishvanath and Nandi, Varaha, Jagdamba and Lakshmana Temple. Continue to the Eastern group which consists of seven temples (four Jain and three Hindu). The Parsvanath (the only Jain Temple surviving at Khajuraho has excellent sculptures on the outer walls of

the Sanctum) Adinath, Shantinath, and Ghantai temples are Jain temples, while the Vamana, Javari and Brahma Temples are Hindu temples. Later visit The Southern Group, about 5 kms from Khajuraho, which consists of the Chaturbhuj and Duladeo temples. Overnight at the hotel.

#### Day 09: Depart Khajuraho

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to airport to depart for your onward destination.

# **Fast Facts**

#### Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh abbreviated MP, often called the "Heart of India", is a state in central India. One of the largest states of India, Madhya Pradesh shares its boundaries with other Indian states - Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan Catchments of many rivers of India lie in Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh represents great river basins and the watershed of a number of rivers like the Narmada and Tapti .Madhya Pradesh is home to 9 National Parks. The scenic sanctuaries of Kanha (the setting for Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book) andBandhavgarh National Parks are mostly savannah grassland terrains that have tigers and elephants as prime attractions.

Capital: Bhopal

Best time to visit: September to February.

Currency: Indian Rupees

Airport: Jabalpur Airport (Jabalpur), Devi Ahilyabai Holkar (Indore), Bhopal Airport (Bhopal), Civil Airport (Khajuraho) Airlines: Kingfisher Airlines, British Airways, Sahara

Airlines, Spice Jet, Indian Airlines, Jet Airways.



# **Festival**

#### Khajuraho Festival of Dances:

The Khajuraho Festival of Dances draws the best classical dancers in the country who perform against the spectacular backdrop of the floodlit temples every year in February / March.

#### Bhagoria Haat, Jhabua:

This colourful festival of the Bhils and Bhilalas, particularly in the district of West Nimar and Jhabua, is actually in the nature of a mass svayamvara, a marriage market, usually held on the various market days falling before the Holi festival in March.

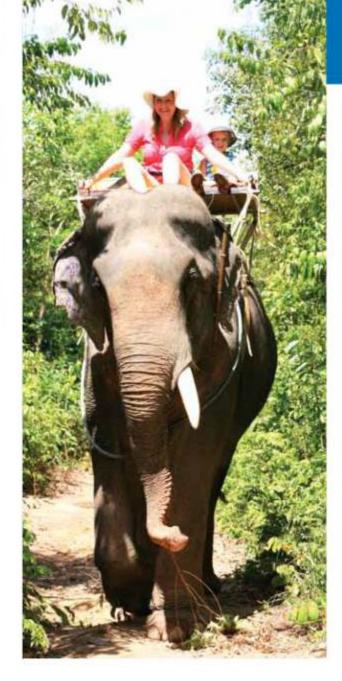
#### All India Kalidasa Festival:

Held in November The Kalidasa Samaroh, the festival of

classical Sanskrit Literature, Traditional Theatre and arts, is held every year as a tribute to the great poet playwright Kalidasa. Mahakavi Kalidasa is known as the greatest repository of our national heritage

### Lokranjan, Khajuraho:

Held in December Folk and tribal dances of ancient India. This is an effort to conduct various forms of dances at one platform. Lokranjan festival is organised in Khajuraho by the AdivasiLok Kala Academy during 8-12 in Dec.



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#### 6. HEALTH CARE HOSPITALITY

Akbar Holidays now provide health care hospitality for domestic and international passengers. We have contracted some of the reputed hospitals for providing comprehensive health care services covering all ailments and health conditions. Akbar Holidays is the only point of contact you need to avail of these services at most economical rates. Our

health care officer will contact the selected hospital and fix appointment with the doctor based on your medical report. Our well experienced staff will make arrangements for hotel accommodation and transport from Airport. Your short vacation after the medical treatment also will be planned to suit your convenience.

#### 7. SPORTS EVENTS

Sports events around the world attract numerous fans. Akbar Holidays can arrange individual and group travel for group travel for world cups, grand prix and other events around the world. We also have a department that looks after Golf tours around the world.

We endeavour to plan in detail to give you a dream holiday at most affordable prices. We have a holiday package to fit every budget.

Group Travel with Akbar Holidays

- One-stop shop
- Consultancy approach
- Worldwide choices
- Largest choice of hotels & package options
- Creative itineraries as per requirements
- Dedicated operations managers to take care of your group bookings
- Own brand itineraries to suit the corporate and individual client
- Personal service through out the tour
- Continuity through out planning and operation till you return with a smile

#### CORPORATE HOLIDAYS

At Akbar Holidays we pride ourselves on treating each of our corporate clients as individuals offering personalized service through our dedicated highly trained team, who will offer a variety of available hotel tariff from the most cost effective to the most flexible. We have a good understanding of what is required by our corporate and although some of those needs might be comparable others are more individual.

We will take care of all aspects of your travel requirements as well as any auxiliary services. All tickets, vouchers and currency, if required can be delivered at your doorstep. We also can offer the facility of collecting tickets at the airport or arranging e-tickets.

Business Travel & Incentive solutions Akbar Holidays can offer:

- Service of experienced and knowledgeable sales team
- Competitive and negotiated airfares based on most convenient routings
- Accommodation suited to your budget and tailormade to meet your specific requirements.
- Innovative and exciting incentive programme recommendations and management including transfers, excursions, leisure activities, gala dinners and cocktail parties & many more options

#### CORPORATE CUSTOMERS

It was our privilege to serve some of the leading corporate houses in India. We arranged incentive tours / staff travel for following esteemed companies: Our list of corporates:

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- VODAFONE
- ULTRATECH
- BHARTI AXA
- SAMSUNG
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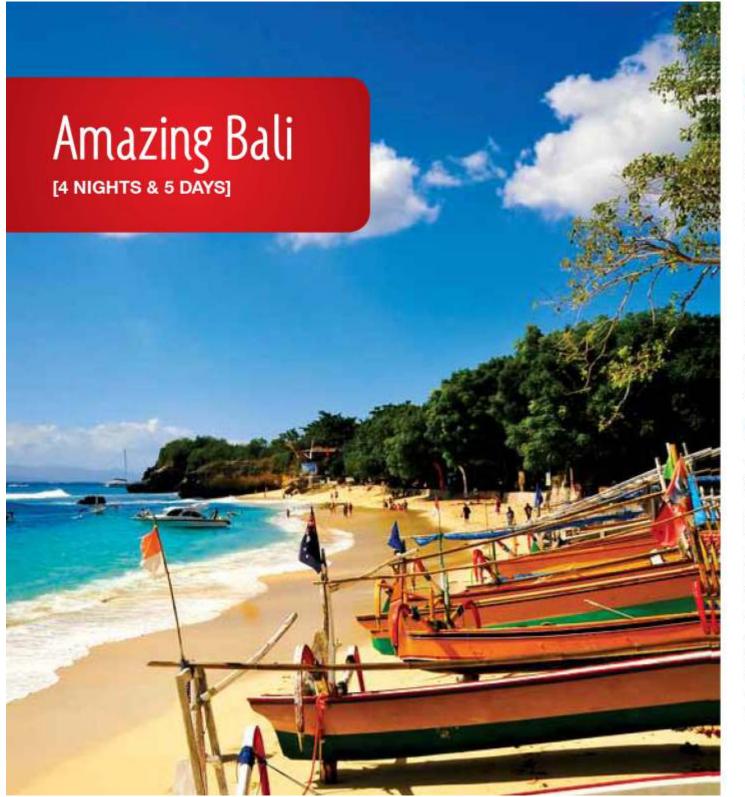




### ASIA

Tradition meets contemporary in this part of the world, where every day is a discovery in itself. Bali encompasses everything that a traveler yearns for with its nightlife and exotic sights on display while China brings an old world charm with its majestic marvels.

Tour the spiritual centers of Sri Lanka or unravel some of history's interesting facts with the museums in Hanoi. Pack your bags and witness some of the exemplary destinations in the world's largest continent!



#### DAY 1: ARRIVAL BALI - DRAMATIC KECAK ULUWATU TOUR WITH BEACH DINNER

Upon arrival at Bali International Airport, you will meet our representative and then be transferred to your hotel. Following afternoon tour to Uluwatu Temple. This special Bali sunset experience starts at 16.30. You will be driven to Uluwatu, a beautiful highland in the south of Bali. After 45 minutes drive, you will see the holy temple of Pura.

Uluwatu, an exquisite monument perched above the sea and situated on a headland at the westernmost tip of the peninsula. By 18.00 the epic Balinese Kecak dance performance starts. The performance tells the story of an eternal love tale between Rama and Shinta and the stunning sunset background will complement an unforgettable experience. End the day with a hearty fresh grilled seafood dinner at the Jimbaran bay. Accommodation as per option.

#### DAY 2: FD KINTAMANI TOUR

The perfect introduction to Bali's fascinating culture and handicrafts, picturesque rice paddy fields, traditional villages and a spectacular lake and volcano. Your journey takes you to Batubulan, known for its stone carving and ornate temples, here you will see the exciting Barong Dance. A traditional dance that portrays the eternal struggle between good and evil, the religious and the profane and with a dramatic ending. Afterward visit Celuk the gold and silver making center. Then continue on through the woodcarving village of Mas. Watch artisans chipping intricate designs from wood blocks. Then visit the fantastic 11th century Elephant Cave (Goa Gajah) and the holy-spring temple in Tampak Siring before moving into the cool mountains of Kintamani, View Mount Batur an active volcano with its ribbons of black lava running down its peak to the

valley below. Beside lies the shimmering lake of Batur. Enjoy lunch in a restaurant providing wonderful views. In the evening transfer to local restaurant and enjoy your dinner. Accommodation as per option In the evening enjoy the dinner with traditional performance at local restaurant. Accommodation as per option.

# DAY 3: WHITE WATER RAFTING AND SUNSET DINNER CRUISE

We'll pick up at your hotel and drive you trough Bali's unspoiled villages in the Carang Sari district. At start point we have tea or coffee morning and safety briefing then at 10.00 am we start to White Water Rafting adventures on Ayung River about 10 kms, approximately 1.5 - 2 hours on the river. Your safety is always our top priority. We only use first rate equipment that are well maintained and also you will companied by professional river guide. Experience a unique and unforgettable journey through winding gorges, luscious jungles and magnificent terraced rice field. Paddle through breathtaking waterfalls and you can see history relief of Ramayana to cover on the rock. After two hour of trip-roaring fun on the river. at 12.00 am we arrive at the finish point to take shower, change and than take buffet lunch and refreshings at the restaurant. Than at 13.00 continued for drive back to your hotel. Late afternoon, you will be picked up from your hotel and transfer to Benoa harbor. There's no better way to spend a balmy tropical evening than on Bali Hai's evening Dinner Cruise. As the sun goes down we set off on a relaxing cruise around the harbor. Take in the cool night air on the top deck, be entertained by our famous strolling Batakos Singers, savour a delicious international buffet dinner, then dance the night away at our disco or enjoy our live cabaret show. Accommodation as per option.

#### **DAY 4: SPA EXPERIENCE**

Experience 90 minutes of the Balinese massage at Anika Spa, Return transfer is included.

#### DAY 5: DEPARTURE

Morning is free at leisure. At the appropriate time you will be transferred to the airport for your flight onwards.

#### **FAST FACTS**

One of the most popular tourist destinations in the world, Bali for few years awarded as the world best island by The International Travel Magazine. There, however, are still many people who do not know in depth about the uniqueness of Balinese culture. Life in Bali is always related to "Tri Hita Karana" or a tripartite concept that include the spiritual relationship between human and God, and their environment

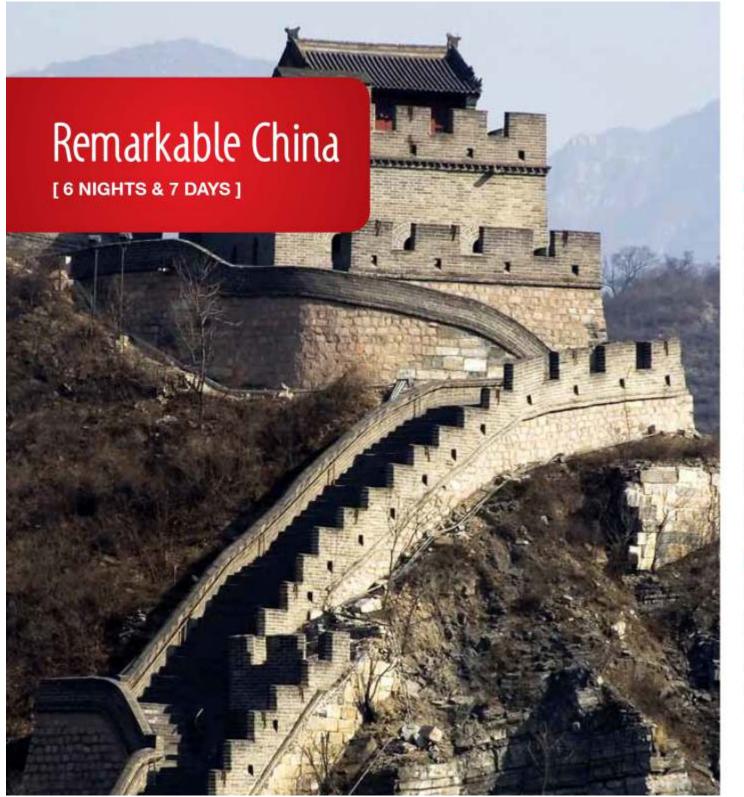
Language: Balinese

Climate: With sunshine shining throughout the year, Bali has a tropical monsoon climate. Rainy season starts from October to March, when the West monsoon brings heavy showers and high humidity. June to September is considered the driest season, with low humidity and it can be fairly cold in the evenings, the best time for any outdoor activities.

Currency: Rupiah

Airport: Bali Ngurah Rai International Airport, also known as Denpasar International Airport, is located in southern Bali, 13 kms south of Denpasar. It is Indonesia's third-busiest international airport.





#### DAY 1: BEIJING

Fly to China, arrive at Beijing Capital Int'l Airport, airport pick up with our English-speaking airport representative, only transfer to hotel and take a rest. Free on your own at the rest of the day.

#### DAY 2: BEIJING

Breakfast at hotel.

10:00 a.m. Departure from Hotel, start city tour. visit the Summer Palace, the largest and best preserved of all the imperial palace gardens, and boasts such delights as the "Marble Boat" and the ornately painted "Long Corridor". Also visit Pearl shop.

Visit the Liulichang Cultural Street which is known for a series of traditional Chinese stone dwellings housing that sells various craftwork artistry and antiques.

Visit to the world famous Tian'anmen Square the biggest square in the world that lies in the center of the city.

Visit the Forbidden City from which the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties governed for over 500 years.

Option: Hutong tour, which is also called Rickshaw Tour.
Option: Gongfu show in the evening.

20:30 Transfer to Indian restaurant for dinner and then return back hotel.

Breakfast + Indian Dinner.

#### DAY 3: BEIJING / XIAN

Breakfast at hotel.

10:00 a.m. Departure from Hotel, start City tour.

Visit the fabled Great Wall-Juyong Pass, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a massive defensive structure built to keep off intrusion.

Visit a Longdi Jade shop where we will learn about Chinese jade culture.

Afternoon proceed to see the Bird's Nest (Olympic

National Stadium outside) and the Water Cube.

Yaxiu market shopping at leisure (If flight time is tight, then withdraw sightseeing today, no refund.)

Packed Indian dinner box.

Transfer to railway station to take overnight train to Xian.

Breakfast + Chinese Lunch in Great Wall + Packed Indian Dinner box in Beijing.

#### DAY 4: XIAN

08:09 a.m. Arrive Shanghai hongqiao train station. Pick up and transfer to hotel with Mcdonald's breakfast box, early check - in under the circumstance that the hotel have available rooms.

10:00 a.m. Departure from Hotel, start city tour. Visit the incredible 2000 year-old Terra Cotta Warriors. Each one is part of the underground tomb of the Emperor Qin, well over 7000 figures were drawn up in full battle array in several large pits.

Afternoon, visit the Shaanxi Historical Museum. Among the 400,000 items on display are treasures from many of the dynasties, including some magnificent bronzes and porcelain, many of which have never been on permanent display before.

You can watch the Bell and Drum tower outside look, a classical building with carved beams and painted rafters, has been served as the symbol of Xi'an. The Muslim Bazaar, the Muslim quarters lies 100 meters west of the Bell tower in downtown Xi'an. The 500 meters long avenue paved by bluestones are dotted with many unique stall, souvenir shop, café and bars which are mostly run by Muslim people.

20:00 Transfer to Indian restaurant for dinner and then return back hotel.

Breakfast box from Mcdonald's + Indian Dinner.

#### DAY 5: XI'AN / SHANGHAI

11:00 a.m. Departure from Hotel, start city tour. Visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda square. The great goose pagoda, calling Dayanta in Chinese, is built for keeping book.

Visit the City Wall photo stop.

The last stop we arrange today is Shuyuanmen.

Packed Indian dinner Box and transfer to train station to take overnight train to Shanghai.

Breakfast + Packed Indian Dinner Box.

#### DAY 6: SHANGHAI

06:53 a.m. Arrive Shanghai train station.

Pick up and transfer to hotel with Mcdonald's breakfast box, early check - in under the circumstance that the hotel have available rooms.

10:00 a.m. Departure from Hotel, start city tour.Visit the Shanghai Museum which is the largest museum of ancient Chinese art in Shanghai. Visit the People Square and Nanjing Road for shopping, then go to the silk shop.Visit the lovely old Yuyuan Garden-outside look nine zig zag bridge with golden fish pond, bridges and pavilions.

Step onto Yu Market (Old City God's Temple), which is a major yet relatively inactive, Taoist temple in Shanghai. Explore the Bund in the evening.

Visit the Oriental Pearl TV tower 2nd level.

Option program: Huangpu River Cruise.

20:00 Transfer to Indian restaurant for dinner and then return back hotel.

Breakfast box from Mcdonald's + Indian Dinner.

#### DAY 7: SHANGHAI / INDIA

Breakfast at hotel, free leisure before 12:00 a.m., only transfer to airport to get Int'l flight, option: Maglev Train one way at RMB70 on the way to Pudong Airport.

#### **FAST FACTS**

China, officially known as the People's Republic of China is a vast country in Eastern Asia. (about the same size as the United States of America) with the world's largest population.

With coasts on the East China Sea, Korea Bay, Yellow Sea, and South China Sea, in total it borders 14 nations. It borders Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Laosand Vietnamt to the south, Tajikistan, Kazakhstanand and Kyrgyzstan to the west, Russia and Mongolia to the north and North Korea to the east. This number of neighboring states is equaled only by China's vast neighbor to the north, Russia.

Capital: Beijing

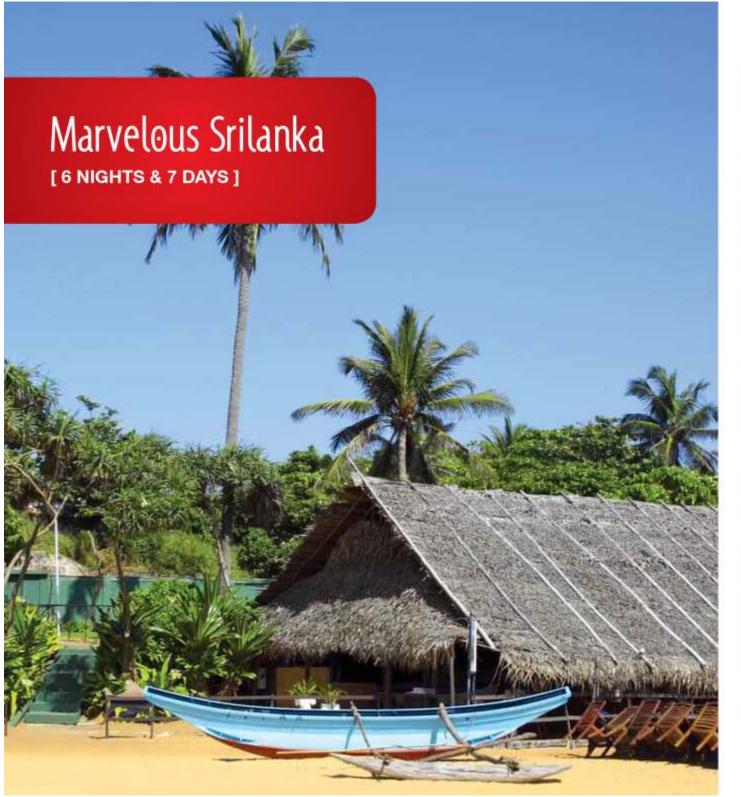
Best time to Visit: May, Early June, September, October and early November

Currency: Chinese Yuan

Airport: Beijing Capital International Airport

Airline: Malaysia Airlines, Etihad Airways, Jet Airways,

Thai Airways



#### DAY 1: COLOMBO KANDY

Meet on arriival and proceed from Airport to Pinnawela The Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage, established in 1975, commenced with seven orphans. Today some of these orphans enjoy the fortune of seeing their grandchildren born in the same location. The original objective of establishing the orphanage inclined more towards tourism, but is soon became a conservation and educational centre. With the help of local and foreign elephant experts, Pinnawela started a scientific captive-breeding programme for elephants. The free movement of the herd enhanced the chances for respective individuals of both sexes to get together and mate. The nearby river played a dominant role in this regard, and in 1984, the first baby of Pinnawela was born.

The success story of Pinnawela has drawn the attention of scientists from all over the world. A considerable number of books and research articles on Pinnawela have been published in several languages. The members of the Pinnawela herd have been filmed, videoed and photographed thousands of times by professionals.

Transfer from Pinnawela to Kandy.

Overnight stay at Hotel.

#### DAY 2: KANDY NUWARA ELIYA

Breakfast at Hotel.

Transfer from Kandy to Peradeniya.

Peradeniya botanical garden was first built as a pleasure garden by a Sinhala king and was expanded by the British. It is 147 acres in extent and provides an amazing variety of trees, plants and flowers.

Transfer from Peradeniya to Nuwara Eliya.

Visit Nuwara Eliya. Nuwara Eliya, because of its invigorating mountain climate and scenery, is

Sri Lanka's most popular hill resort. Nuwara Eliya is also the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country producing a significant share of the world's best tea. Sri Lanka's highest mountain Pidurutalagala (8282 feet) is located here. Nuwara Eliya also has one of the finest 18 hole golf courses in South Asia. Overnight stay at Hotel.

#### DAY 3: NUWARA ELIYA

Breakfast at Hotel.

Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Hakgala.

The Hakgala botanical Gardens was one of the pleasure gardens of King Ravana of the well-known epic Ramayanaya. This garden was expanded during the British period and has a wide variety of flowers including an excellent collection of orchids. Transfer from Hakgala to Nuwara Eliya.

Overnight stay at Hotel.

#### DAY 4: NUWARA ELIYA / BEACH

After Breakfast at Hotel.

Transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Kitulgala. The Kelani River (the broadest river in Sri Lanka) flowing through Kitulgala was the main location where the Oscar winning movie Bridge on the River Kwai was filmed. On the hill above this town, a prehistoric cave was recently discovered containing large middens of shells from some unknown civilization. Proceed from Kitulgala to Bentota.

Overnight stay at Hotel.

#### DAY 5: BEACH

Breakfast at Hotel.

At leisure at the Hotel (no vehicle available).

Overnight stay at Hotel.

#### DAY 6: BEACH COLOMBO

Breakfast at Hotel.

After Breakfast transfer to Colombo.

Do a city tour of Colombo. Colombo like many capital cities in developing countries is fast changing its face. Almost overnight, skyscrapers arise from where old buildings once stood. Yet in some parts, the old world charm is retained. For example, there is a 100-year-old clock tower and several British built colonial buildings. Other places of interest are Hindu and a Buddhist temple, residential areas where you find the stately homes of the affluent, the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH).

One could shop at Odel Shopping Mall, house of Fashion and Noritake Ceramic Showroom.

Overnight stay at Hotel.

#### DAY 7: DEPART COLOMBO

Breakfast at Hotel.

Proceed from Hotel to Airport for departure in time for the flight.

#### **FAST FACTS**

Sri Lanka an island in the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka is the ultimate tropical destination. Sri Lanka is an island that lies off the southeastern cost shores of India in the Indian Ocean. The tourists to the country are amazed at the natural beauty with misty mountains, tropical rainforests, and flourishing waterfalls which is unique to this place. Golden beaches circle the island with an abundance of flora and fauna. Sun-warmed beaches can charm you with towering swaying palms dancing to the sea breeze. The country's administrative capital is Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte and its commercial capital and largest city is Colombo.

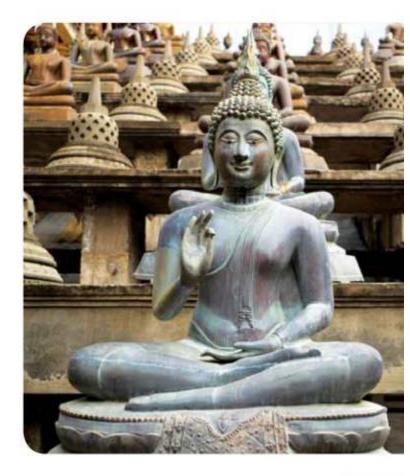
Capital: Colombo

Best time to Visit: November - April and May - September

Currency: Rupees

Airport: Bandaranaike International Airport

Airline: Jet Airlines, Kingfisher Airlines, Sri Lankan Airlines.





#### DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL

You are warmly welcomed by our Tour guide at Noibai airport and transferred to your hotel in Hanoi capital. Be free and relax after long journey. In the evening, attend Water Puppet Show and enjoy welcome dinner. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### DAY 2: HANOI - HALONG BAY - THE WORLD HERITAGE

Leave Hanoi at 8:30 a.m. for Halong Bay, on arrival at Halong city at about 12:00. Upon arrival, get on a Junk cruising around Ha Long Bay with a delicious local seafood lunch, passing Dog island, Incense Urn island, Ga Choi island, Finger island, Hoa Cuong Island and visit Surprise Cave and short swimming at Titov beach (if weather permitted). Have dinner on board and enjoy the night fishing.

Overnight on board.

#### DAY 3: HALONG - HANOI

In the morning, cruise to Bai Tu long Bay, Fire island, Bo Nau island, fishing village. Having lunch on boat and arrive at Ha long wharf about 12.00 noon. Back to Hanoi by car and end tour at 16:00.

#### DAY 4: HANOI - SIEMREAP

Start visiting Hoan Kiem lake, the lake of the Restored Sword, our architecture and our way of life with small streets and its name "Old quarter", then visit Van Mieu - the first national university of Vietnam, In the afternoon, we will take the flight to Seam Reap. Pick up at Siem Reap airport transfer hotel for check - in. Dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 5: SIEM REAP - ANGKOR TEMPLE

AM: After breakfast, then transfer to visit the South

Gate of Angkor Thom, Bayon, Baphoun, Terrace of Elephants, Terrace of Leper King and Phimean Akas temple. Lunch at local.

PM: transfer to visit Angkor Wat and take a romantic view Sun Set from the top of Bakheng Hill. Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 6: SIEM REAP - DEPATURE

AM: Breakfast at hotel, then transfer to take the Tonlé Sap Cruise Lake, visit floating village, fish man life, and back to visit Chantier Ecole-Artisant d'Angkor. Free tour of the classes and workshops offer glimpse Cambodian artistry. Lunch at the local restaurant. PM: Do shopping at old market and some souvenir shop till transfer to the airport for flight departure.

#### **FAST FACTS**

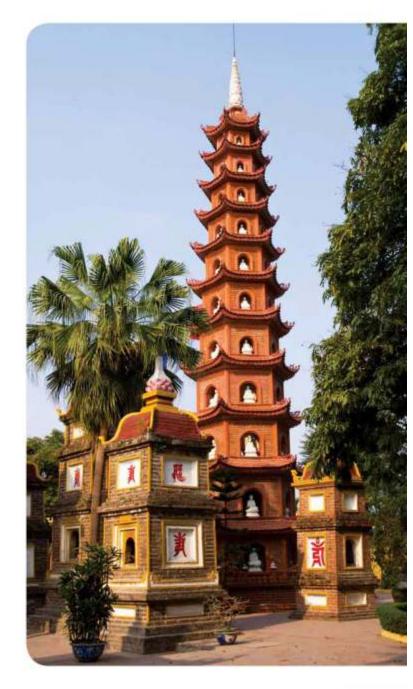
Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is located on the bank of the Red River in the northern section. the country. While not the largest city in the country. The 'Old Quarter' of town is really the place to be and the city just makes for a great base for 'casting off' on any further treks throughout the Northern half of Vietnam or even up into China. The 'Old Quarter' is also a great place for food, nightclubs and shopping at the night market. The streets are narrow and each area is made up of little shops and dealers selling art, jewelry, silk and other specialty items.

Best Time to Best: June, August and October

Currency: Dong

Airport: Siem Reap International Airport

Airline: Vietnam Airlines





#### DAY 1: HO CHI MINH - ARRIVAL

You are warmly welcomed by our tour guide, pick up and transfer to hotel. Check - in hotel. Free time to relax. In the evening, enjoy dinner and attend Water Puppet Show.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

#### DAY 2: HO CHI MINH CITY - CUCHI TUNNEL - CITY TOUR

Drive to Cu Chi to visit the military base of Vietnamese Army, a system of tunnels to understand how Vietnamese people lived, struggled and won the war. Return to Ho Chi Minh and take short excursion to Reunification Palace, War Museum, Ben Thanh Market. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh city.

#### DAY 3: HO CHI MINH - MEKONG DELTA

After breakfast, leave at 8:00 a.m. from your hotel for My Tho. On arrival, get on a private boat cruising Floating Fish Market and along small creek to Mekong River estuary, to Phoenix Island and stop at a garden restaurant for Vietnamese lunch. The motorized boat cruises more along natural creeks and quiet village in Ben Tre Province. Visit orchards, bee - keeping farm, taste natural honey and honey wine, enjoy tropical fruit, traditional music, wonder around a distillery, explore the local coconut candy production process, taste candy & coconut pulp. On the way back to Ho Chi Minh, stop at a bonsai garden in My Tho. Return Saigon in the late afternoon. Have dinner in the local restaurant. Overnight in Saigon.

#### DAY 4: HO CHI MINH - SIEMREAP

Have breakfast at hotel, then we will transfer to airport, take flight to Siemreap. Upon arrival at Siem Reap Airport, you will be met and welcome by our friendly guide then transferred direct to your hotel. Start your visit to South Gate of Angkor Thom, the famous Bayon, Baphoun, the Terrace of Temple, Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King. Have lunch at thet restaurant. It is time to visit one of the great wonders of the world, symbol of the heart and soul of the Cambodia, Angkor Wat. Then view wonderful sunset from the top of Phnom Bakheng Hills. Tonight you will enjoy dinner with Khmer Apsara Dance Show.

Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 5: SIEM REAP - TOURS

Breakfast at hotel.

Visit the fabulous Ta Prohm embraced by the roots of enormous fig trees and gigantic creepers, Pre Rup, East Mebon, and Neak Poan. Visit Krovan, Royal Bath of Srah Srang and Banteay Kdei temples.

Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 6: SIEM REAP - DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel.

Board on boat in Tonle Sap Lake, the "Great Lake" of Cambodia, one of the largest in Asia. Here, enjoy a brief cruise past floating villages complete with schools, restaurants, and hospitals. Free & leisure at your own time for rolling at local markets or shopping until transfer to Siem Reap Airport for departure.

#### **FAST FACTS**

Ho Chi Minh City is located in the southeastern region of Vietnam, 1760 kms south of Hanoi. Ho Chi Minh is Vietnam's largest and most exciting city, where vestiges of the colonial past merge with local culture and modern aspirations. Ho Chi Minh was originally known as Prey Nokor, a main port of Cambodia. In the 17th century, the Vietnamese conquered the city and named it Saigon. Ho Chi Minh is the largest city

in Vietnam and is located near the delta of the Mekong River and along the western bank of Saigon River. Ho Chi Minh City, the economical and financial capital of Vietnam is also the largest city and the previous capital of the republic of Vietnam is also one of the most beautiful and glamorously developing towns of Vietnam.

@ Capital: Hanoi

Best time to Visit: December to April

Currency: New Dong (VND)

Airport: Tan Son Nhat International Airlines

Airline: Kingfisher Airlines





#### DAY 01: ARRIVAL KATHMANDU

Arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport and transfer to the hotel. Proceed to visit The famous Pashupatinath & Boudhanath. Rest of the evening free for individual activities.

Overnight stay at hotel.

## DAY 02: KATHMANDU TO POKHARA ( DRIVE TO POKHARA 210 KMS / 6 HRS OR FLY 30 MINUTES )

Morning breakfast then leave by surface to Pokhara. Pokhara - the city of lakes, is blessed with extreme natural beauty. It is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Nepal. It is also called the Switzerland of Nepal. The best viewpoint of Pokhara is Sarangkot (1600 m) and Thulakot, Evening you can boat ride in Phewa lake.

Overnight stay at hotel.

#### DAY 03: POKHARA

Early morning drive to Sarankot to view the sunrise. Later visit the Devi' Fall Bindiyabasini temple, the Mahendra cave, etc.

Overnight stay at hotel.

## DAY 04: POKHARA TO CHITWAN (165 KMS / 5 HOURS )

After breakfast, drive to Royal Chitwan National Park, your destination for wildlife viewing. Evening proceed for village walk. A conducted visit to the nearby Tharu village. Walk / drive back to the Lodge.

Overnight stay at Resort / Lodge.

# DAY 05: CHITWAN TO KATHMANDU (170 KMS / 5 HRS OR FLY 20 MINUTES)

Early morning Wake up call. Tea / Coffee.

Nature walk: An excellent opportunity to be familiar with the diverse vegetation of the park and to see

a great many of those over 500 different species of birds which have made Chitwan their home. Breakfast. Half an hour walk through the jungle to The Elephant Breeding Farm. Drive back to the Lodge. Thereafter return back to Kathmandu by Surface (170 kms) 5 hrs. Overnight stay at hotel.

#### DAY 06: DEPARTURE FROM KATHMANDU

After breakfast, transfer to the Katmandu airport for onwards journey.





#### DAY 1: ARRIVAL - VIENTIANE

Upon arrival, transferred to your centrally located hotel. After a short rest, visit the major sights of the capital, including the oldest Wat Sisaket with thousands of miniature Buddha statues and the former royal temple of Wat Prakeo previously housed the famous Emerald Buddha Image. On the way to the famous and sacred structure of That Luang Stupa, stop to take some pictures of the imposing Patuxay Monument, which is well known as Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph. From there, visit the Central Market call 'Morning Market' where you can find the antique items for collection, well handmade textile and gift away items.

Overnight in Vientiane.

#### DAY 2: VIENTIANE - LUANG PRABANG

Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer to airport for your flight to Luangprabang. Spend the day touring Lao capital, visiting the National Museum (Revolutionary Museum) where varied antique items and legend of Laos's history fighters and leaders displace from the ancient times to new revolution period. Board a short flight to Luang Prabang, which is perhaps the best - preserved traditional city in Southeast Asia. UNESCO registered 1995 as World Cultural Heritage City. The tranquility and charm of this town with its splendid natural scenery and cultural sights make it one of the most delightful places to visit in Asia. On arrival, transfer to hotel. After a short rest, stroll around to see the Street Night Market, where you can find the lovely collection and handmade textile by local and hill tribe people surrounding Luang Prabang, Climb up to the top of Phousi Mount for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as viewing a beautiful panorama sunset over this once royal ancient city and the Mekong River.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

#### DAY 3: LUANGPRABANG - PAK OU CAVE

Breakfast, enjoy a short-guided tour seeing the city's oldest temple of impressive stupa of Wat Visoun and the shrine of Wat Aham, Wat Mai, Wat Sene and the magnificent Wat Xiengthong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represent the classical architecture of Luang Prabang temple. Board a boat embarking upstream on the Mekong River, which also gives us a beautiful view of the tranquil countryside as well as an interesting visit to the mysterious of Pak Ou Caves, crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes. Along the way, stop at the village of Ban Xanghai, where they make the local rice wine. On return, take a short drive to Ban Phanom, well known for its hand weaving. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

#### DAY 4: LUANGPRABANG - HANOI

06.00 a.m. Early this morning you may want to wake up early and participate in the daily early morning ritual of saffron-clad monks with their black Alms-giving bowls being given offerings from the local people, including the ubiquitous sticky rice. This is the highlight of tour prior goodbye to this charming city.

After breakfast, visit The National Museum at the former Royal Palace, which displays a lovely collection of the artifacts reflecting the richness of Lao culture dating from the days of the early kings right through the last sovereign. Visit the silver smith's and Fine Arts School and the Central Market are not to be missed. You are warmly welcomed by our Tour guide at Noibai Airport and transferred to your hotel in Hanoi capital. Be free and relax after long journey. In the evening, attend Water Puppet Show and enjoy welcome dinner. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### DAY 5: HANOI - HALONG - HANOI

Leave Hanoi at 8:00 a.m. for Halong Bay, on arrival at Halong city at about 11.30 a.m., get on a private boat. Have seafood lunch on boat while the boat cruising caves, grottoes, floating villages and beaches. Stop to visit Surprise Caves, one of the biggest, nicest cave in Halong Bay. Finish cruise about 15.30. Drive back to Hanoi and end tour at 19:00.





## DAY 6: HANOI - CITY TOUR - HUE

Start at 8:00 a.m. from your hotel by car to visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Museum, One pillar pagoda, Tran Quoc pagoda. After lunch, visit to Temple of Literature, the first university of Vietnam, Army museum (or Art museum, History museum, Women museum is at your choice). Hanoi Flag Tower. Visit Hoan Kiem lake and NgocsonTemple. Transfer to airport, take the flight to Hue. The local guide will welcome you and transfer you to the hotel. Check - in hotel and relax.

#### DAY 7: HUE CITY TOUR

Overnight in Hue.

Start the tour with a visit to Imperial Citadel and King Minh Mang tomb, King Tu Duc Tomb, Thien Mu Pagoda. Have dinner in restaurant. Then embark a boat cruise along Perfume river to admire sunset and enjoy Vietnamese traditional folk song on boat. Overnight in Hue.

#### DAY 8: HUE - HOI AN - MY SON HOLY LAND

In the morning, take a private car from Hue to Hoi An through Hai Van pass, Lang Co beach – one of the most beautiful beaches of Vietnam. Then drive to My Son Holy Land – one of the world heritage site of Vietnam. Go to Hoi An city. In the afternoon for beach activities or relax on the bank of Thu Bon river or go shopping around.

Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 9: HOIAN -- HO CHI MINH

Have breakfast at hotel. Relax on the beach. In the afternoon, take the flight to Ho Chi Minh. The guide will pick you up and transfer to hotel. Free time in the afternoon. Relax and walk around in the evening. Feel the beauty of Ho Chi Minh in night with the color lights and noisy restaurants and coffee bar.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

#### DAY 10: CU CHI TUNNEL - CITY TOUR

Drive a long way on the country side of Vietnam to Cu Chi, the incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese fighters during the long struggle for independence. Return to Ho Chi Minh. Have lunch at restaurant. Then go to city tour. The tour begins with a visit to Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral. On the way back, stop at Chinatown which should not be missed.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

## DAY 11: HO CHI MINH - MEKONG DELTA- HO CHI MINH

Leave at 8:00 a.m. from your hotel for My Tho. On arrival, get on a private boat cruising Floating Fish Market and along small creek to Mekong River estuary, to Phoenix Island and stop at a garden restaurant for Vietnamese lunch. The motorized boat cruises more along natural creeks and quiet village in Ben Tre Province. Visit orchards, bee - keeping farm, taste natural honey and honey wine, enjoy tropical fruit, traditional music, wonder around a distillery, explore the local coconut candy production process, taste candy & coconut pulp. On the way back to Ho Chi Minh, stop at a bonsai garden in My Tho. End tour in the late evening.

#### DAY 12: HO CHI MINH - PHNOM PENH

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to airport, take the flight to Phnompenh. Our guide and coach will pick you up at Phnom Penh International airport then transfer to hotel for check - in. Lunch at the local restaurant. Afternoon, transfer to visit Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, Preahkeo Morokot, National Museum and Central Market.

Dinner at the local and overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 13: PHNOM PENH - SIEM REAP

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to Phnom Penh International airport for flight to Siem Reap, arrival to transfer to check - in hotel, Lunch at the local.

#### **FAST FACTS**

Vietnam is the easternmost country on the Indochina Peninsula in Southeast Asia.

It is bordered by China to the north, Laos to the northwest, Cambodia to the southwest, and the South China Sea, referred to as East Sea to the east. Vietnam is the 13th most populous country in the world.

Capital: Hanoi

Best Time to Visit: North Vietnam: September to

December, South Vietnam: December to April

Central Vietnam: December to March
Currency: Vietnamese Dong

Language: Vietnamese

Airport: Noi Bai - HAN (Ha Noi - Capital), Tan Son Nhat - SGN (Ho Chi Minh City), Da Nang - DAD (Central

Vietnam)

Flights: Malaysian Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Air Asia ,Air

India, Qantas, Thai Airways









## **AFRICA**

Imagine a camel ride that takes you to the Egyptian era. Amaze yourself with the monolithic marvel of Sphinx and unveil mysterious pyramids. Say hello to the African elephants and other wildlife species in Kenya and Tanzania. Meet one of the oldest tribes of Masai's and discover their unique art of living with Mother Nature. Welcome to amazing Africa.



#### DAY 01: TUESDAY - CAIRO

On arrival at the Cairo International Airport, you will be assisted by our representative and will be taken directly to your hotel by air conditioned vehicle, check - in at the hotel and rest of the day free.

Overnight at the hotel.

#### DAY 02: WEDNESDAY - CAIRO / TRAIN

After breakfast at the Hotel, directly proceed by air conditioned vehicle with Egyptologist for a full day tour of Cairo, visiting the following:

- Great Pyramids- One of the Seven Wonders of the World.
- Lord of the Sphinx- Creature carved from natural bedrock with the head of a man and body of a lion.
- · Papyrus Institute
- Perfume Factory

Evening transfer to station for SleeperTrain, Cairo to Aswan. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### DAY 03: THURSDAY - TRAIN / ASWAN / NILE CRUISE

Breakfast on board the train.

On arrival at Aswan Station meet assist and direct transfer by air conditioned vehicle to Nile Cruise. After dropping the luggage, proceed for sightseeing tour of the following:

- Felucca Ride around the Island
- · Philae Temple
- High Dam

Transfer back to Nile Cruise, lunch on board the Cruise. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### DAY 04: FRIDAY- NILE CRUISE

Breakfast on Board Cruise.

Sail to Kom Ombo, visiting:

Kom Ombo Temple

Sail to Edfu. Dinner and overnight stay.

#### DAY 05: SATURDAY- NILE CRUISE

Breakfast on Board.

On arrival at Edfu, visiting:

Edfu Temple with Egyptologist

Lunch on Board, sail to Luxor according to the opening of Esna Lock.

Dinner & Overnight stay.

### DAY 06: SUNDAY- NILE CRUISE / LUXOR / TRAIN

Disembarkation after breakfast.

Direct transfer by air conditioned vehicle for visiting the West Bank of Luxor including:

- Valley of the Kings
- Hatshepsut Temple
- Colossi of Memnon

After Sightseeing direct transfer to Luxor station, for the overnight train to Cairo. Dinner and overnight stay.

### DAY 07: MONDAY- TRAIN / CAIRO / DEPARTURE

Breakfast on board train. On arrival at Cairo Station, you will be assisted by our representative, transfer by air conditioned vehicle to Cairo Airport in time for your onward flight.

#### **FAST FACTS**

A Middle Eastern country in northeast Africa, Egypt is at the center of the Arab world. Egypt controls the Suez Canal, the shortest sea link between the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Egypt's most famous items include jewelry, brassware, leather goods, carpets, shisha water pipes, carvings, rugs, gold, silver and copper ware, perfumes, herbs, and Egyptian clothing. Egypt is bounded to the north by the Mediterranean, to the south by the Sudan, to the west by Libya, and to the east by the Red Sea and Israel.

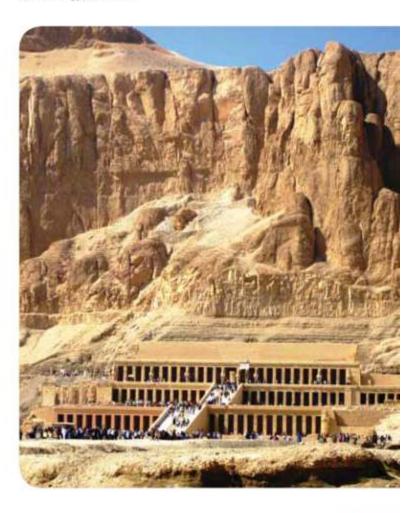
Capital: Cairo

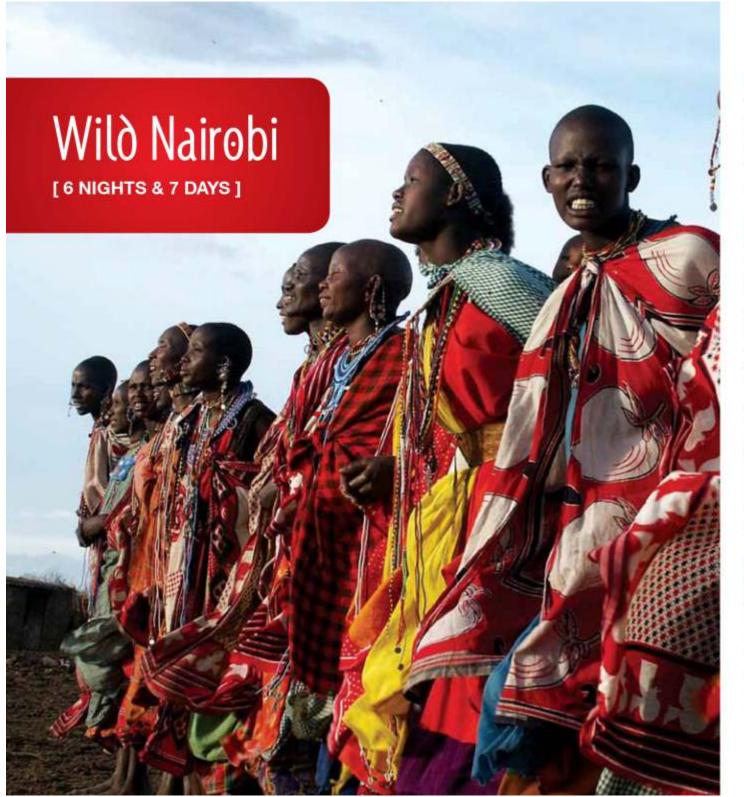
Best time to Visit: Egypt has two seasons: November through March which is the cooler season, and April through October which is its hot season. However, October is a good month to visit off - season.

Currency: Egyptian Pound

Airport: Cairo International Airport, Alexandria

International Airport Airline: Egypt Airlines





#### DAY 01: NAIROBI

Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Nairobi. After you disembark off the flight and are assisted through immigration and custom procedures, your waiting team from Safari Trails will meet you and transfer you to your hotel.

Overnight at a Nairobi hotel.

#### DAY 02: NAIROBI - TREE HOTEL

After breakfast, leave Nairobi in the morning to Nyeri, a small but fast growing town in the heart of the coffee growing and dairy farming area in the so-called former White Highlands of Kenya. After a sumptuous lunch at the base hotel, the tour leaves for a tree hotel where the evening is spent watching succession of animals that emerge from the forest and descend on floodlit water hole and salt lick, scuffling and jostling for a good vantage position. At night if you want to remain awake and watch the show, the Elephants may engage in a show of strength with each other but even they would be reluctant to challenge the rhino. The herbivores keep their distance from these two competitors.

In the case of Mountain Lodge you arrive directly at the lodge for lunch. Meals and overnight at a Tree otel. You are required to pack an overnight bag when you transfer to the Ark for the night.

### DAY 03: TREE HOTEL - FAIRMONT MOUNT KENYA SAFARI CLUB

After breakfast a short drive brings you to the Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club, which is situated at the foot of Mount Kenya (17,058 feet). You also get a chance to stop at the Equator. With magnificent views of majestic Mount Kenya, the Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club Resort's 120 luxuriously appointed hotel rooms, set in over 100 acres of landscaped gardens, offer a unique

blend of comfort, relaxation and adventure. Originally the retreat of movie star and Club founder, William Holden, the Club's illustrious former members have included Winston Churchill and Bing Crosby.

There are many recreational activities available: horseback riding, golf, croquet, a bowling green, table tennis, swimming, a beauty salon, an animal orphanage and much more.

After lunch, enjoy the activities at the hotel. Meals and overnight at the Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club.

#### DAY 04: MOUNT KENYA - NAKURU / NAIVASHA

After breakfast, the tour crosses over the top of the Aberdare range of mountains, stopping briefly to gaze at the 73m Thompson's Falls, named after Joseph Thompson the Scots explorer, who was the first European to see the Falls in 1884. Continue to Nakuru for lunch. After lunch an exciting game drive is planned for the afternoon. The game in this Park is plentiful and the magnificent bird watching will make a devotee out of even the most reluctant. The Park is a home to stunning flocks of lesser and Greater Flamingos. which literally turn the lakeshores in to a magnificent pink stretch. The bird life here is world renown and over 400 bird's species exist here. White Pelicans, Plovers, Egrets and Marabou Stork. It is also one of the very few places in Africa to see the White Rhino and rare Rothschild Giraffe. Meals and overnight at a lodge in Nakuru / Naivasha.

# DAY 05: NAKURU/NAIVASHA - MASAI MARA (300 KMS - 05.30 HRS / 230 KMS - 05.30 HRS)

After breakfast, drive through the dramatic Great Rift Valley to the Masai Mara National Reserve. This enormous reserve is actually part of the vast Serengeti plains famously known for its spectacular great wildebeest's migration and is home of the Big Five: Lion, Elephant, Leopard, Buffalo and Rhino. Lunch at your Lodge / camp and relax before departing for an afternoon game drive. The Mara Game Reserve – one of the greatest wildernesses of the world. Large mammals are varied, and easy to see. Residents among the Park's are: Maasai Giraffe, Buffalo, Eland and thousand of plain game including Impala, Zebra, Topi, both Thomson's and grants Gazelles.

Meals and overnight at a lodge / camp in Mara.

#### DAY 06: MASAI MARA

After breakfast, proceed on a morning game-viewing drive to search for the myriad species of game that make this reserve their home. If you are lucky, you can witness the kill in action, moment by moment, right in front of your unbelieving eyes! After a sumptuous lunch at your lodge, proceed for another exciting game drive, where you can expect to see the famous 'Big 5'. Meals and overnight at a lodge / camp in Mara.

#### DAY 07: MASAI MARA - NAIROBI (270 KMS - 05.00 HRS)

After breakfast check-out and drive back to Nairobi arriving in time for lunch. Lunch on own. Later transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your onward flight.

#### **FAST FACTS**

Nairobi is the capital and largest city of Kenya. The city and its surrounding area also forms the Nairobi County. However, it is popularly known as the "Green City in the Sun" and is surrounded by several expanding villa suburbs. The people of Nairobi are popularly nicknamed 'Nairobians'. Nairobi is currently the 12th largest city in Africa. Nairobi is now one of the most prominent cities in Africa politically and financially. Nairobi bustles with activity. It's a city that

never sleeps; the rhythm is fast, day and night. There's always something to do and see in Nairobi and its people are friendly and hospitable.

Oapital: Nairobi

Best time to Visit: November to March

Currency: Kenyan Shilling (KSH)

Airport: Jomo kenyatta International Airport

Airline: Kenya Airways





#### DAY 1: EVENING ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI

Arrive at Nairobi.

Overnight at Fairmont's Norfolk Hotel.

Hotel booked on Bed and Breakfast basis.

Dinner is on client's budget.

#### DAY 2: NAIROBI-MASAI MARA-FLIGHT

After breakfast, depart to Masai Mara by flight. Dinner and Overnight at:

Sekenani Camp: Hotel Booked on Full Board Basis.
 Meals – Breakfast in Nairobi, Lunch and Dinner at the camp.

#### DAY 3: FULL DAYS IN MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

This day will be spent in this park exploring the best of Masai Mara. Afternoon visit to a Masai Cultural Village. Dinner and Overnight at:

 Sekenani Camp: Hotel Booked on Full Board Basis.
 Meals – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the Lodge / camp.

#### DAY 4: MASAI MARA-DIANI-SOUTH COAST-FLIGHT

This morning enjoy early morning farewell breakfast and then you will be transferred to the local airstrip to catch your flight to Diani in South Coast via Nairobi. Arrive in Nairobi and change your flights and fly to Diani. Arrive in Diani and be transferred to either of the following Beach Hotels;

Hotel Booked on Half Board Basis.
 Meals – Breakfast (in Masai Mara), Lunch (own budget)
 and Dinner at the hotel

#### DAY 5: FULL DAY-DIANI-SOUTH COAST

Breakfast in the hotel and the rest of the day will be spent leisurely on the beach. Overnight at either of these hotels.

- · Pinewood Village Beach Resort:
- · Leisure Lodge Resort:
- · Southern Palms Beach Resort:
- Hotel Booked on Half Board Basis.

Meals – Breakfast (in Masai Mara), Lunch (own budget) and Dinner at the hotel.

## DAY 6: FULL MORNING IN DIANI-AFTERNOON DEPARTURE

Breakfast in the hotel and the rest of the morning is free. Mid-morning catch a flight from Diani to Nairobi where you will be transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your flight back home.

Note: A day room is available for you on the last day of your stay at the hotel. Lunch and Dinner on clients' budget.





#### DAY 1: MOMBASA / TSAVO WEST

Depart from your hotel in Mombasa (cost of your hotel not included in this package) and start your journey upcountry towards TSAVO WEST National Park.

Arrival and check - in at the NGULIA SAFARI LODGE.

Afternoon game drive in the park and visit to MZIMA SPRINGS.

If time allows, we shall see the following; This is however not guaranteed:

- The Magic Mzima Springs
- Ancient Lands of Lions and Lava
- A Vibrant Volcanic Arena
- · Glorious Game Drives

Dinner and Overnight at Ngulia Safari Lodge.

Meals - Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast, at the Ngulia Safari Lodge. Hotel booked on Full Board Basis.

#### DAY 2: TSAVO WEST / AMBOSELI

07:30 a.m. Breakfast at the lodge and proceed to Amboseli National Park. Arrival & lunch at Amboseli check - in at Sentrim Amboseli. Afternoon have a Game Drive in this Amazing Park.

Dinner and Overnight at Sentrim Amboseli:

Meals - Breakfast at Hotel in Nairobi, lunch and dinner at the Sentrim Amboseli. Hotel booked on Full Board Basis.

#### DAY 3: FULL DAY IN AMBOSELI:

This day will be spend in Amboseli with morning and afternoon Game Drives. Afternoon optional visit to a Masai Cultural Village.

Dinner and Overnight at Sentrim Amboseli.

Meals - Breakfast at Hotel in Nairobi, lunch and dinner at the Sentrim Amboseli. Hotel booked on Full Board Basis.

#### DAY 4: AMBOSELI / MOMBASA

Early morning wake up to have the best photos of Mount Kilimanjaro while doing a game drive. Afterwards, proceed to Mombasa. You will carry packed lunch from Amboseli that you will eat along the way. Arrival in Mombasa where you will be returned back to your hotel or dropped at the Mombasa's Moi International Airport for your flight back home.

#### **FAST FACTS**

No other country on earth can offer the visitor as much to see and do. Within the borders of a single country, you will find savannahs rich with big game, timeless cultures unchanged by the modern world, pristine beaches and coral reef, equatorial forests and mighty snow-capped mountains, searing deserts and cool highland retreats and endless opportunities for adventure, discovery, relaxation; more than you would ever expect.

Languages: Kenya is a multilingual country. The Bantu Swahili language and English are widely spoken as lingua franca, and are the two official languages.

Climate: Generally the climate is warm and humid at the coast, cool and humid in the central highlands, and hot and dry in the north and east. Across most of the country, rainfall is strongly seasonal, although its pattern, timing and extent vary greatly from place to place and from year to year. Rainfall peaks in most areas are in November and April.

Currency: Kenyan shilling

Airport: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport





#### DAY 1: DEPARTURE FROM HOME COUNTRY

Depart from your home country and fly to Nairobi to arrive in Nairobi in the evening.

#### **DAY 2: ARRIVE NAIROBI**

Upon your arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, our guide will meet and assist you and then transfer you to your city hotel for the evening. The evening meal / dinner is on own arrangement as flights arrive in different hours some as late as midnight and therefore no need to include the dinner in the cost of the package. The hotel is also booked on bed and breakfast basis with any other meals coming in as extra cost.

Overnight at Sarova Panafric Hotel. Meals by own arrangement. Hotel booked on Bed and Breakfast.

#### DAY 3: NAIROBI - AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast we make the journey to the Amboseli National Park, one of the most popular of Kenya's national parks. After lunch there will be time to relax before taking an afternoon "game" drive.

Dinner and Overnight at Sentrim Amboseli.

Meals - Breakfast at Hotel in Nairobi; Lunch and Dinner at the Sentrim Amboseli.

Hotel booked on Full Board Basis.

#### DAY 4: FULL DAY IN AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

Today explore the Amboseli, a national park since 1974. The park covers only 150 square miles yet despite its small size, its fragile ecosystem supports a wide range of mammals (well over 50 of the larger species) and birds (over 400 species).

Dinner and Overnight at Sentrim Amboseli.

Meals - Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Sentrim Lodge. Hotel booked on Full Board Basis.

# DAY 5: AMBOSELI - NAIROBI - SANGARE RANCH (ABERDARES REGION)

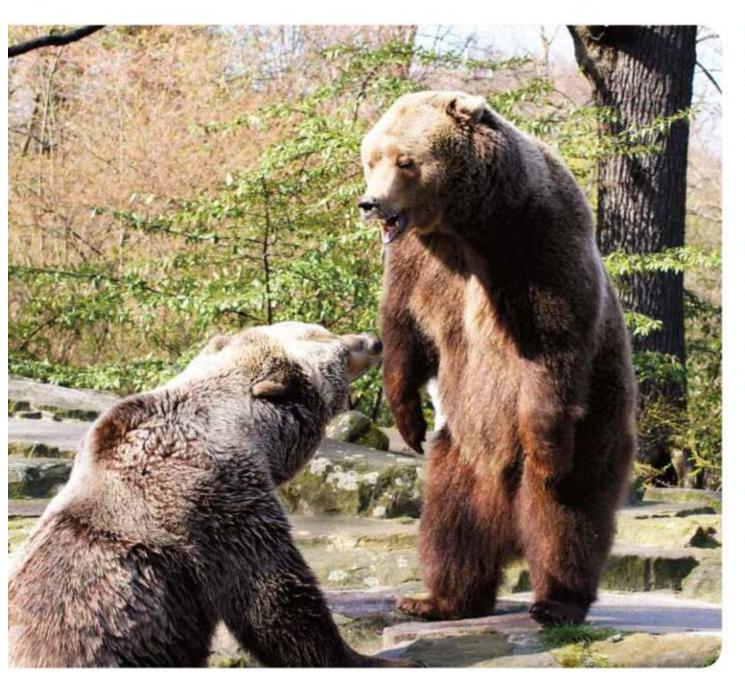
After breakfast this morning, drive to Sangare via Nairobi where you shall stop over for lunch in one of the city restaurants. This lunch can be eaten either at Capital Center, Panari Hotel or at Ole-Sereni Hotel on the borders of Nairobi National Park. After lunch drive north to the Aberdares region. Arrive in Sangare Tented Camp Located within Sangare Ranch. This is a private Ranch near Aberdare National Park. The Ranch offers diverse adventure activities.

Meals - Breakfast at the Hotel in Amboseli; Lunch in Nairobi; Dinner in Sangare

## DAY 6: SANGARE RANCH-ABERDARES NATIONAL PARK

Breakfast at the camp and then head to Aberdares National Park. Dinner and Overnight at Tree Tops Hotel. Meals – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in Sangare.





## DAY 7: ABERDARES NATIONAL PARK - SAMBURU GAME RESERVES

After breakfast we will travel further north this morning to the Samburu Game Reserve. Note that the entry tickets used in Samburu Game Reserve allows you to gain entry to Buffalo Springs but not Shaba. Also note that all game drives are done in Samburu Game Reserve since that is where the animals are found. To enter Shaba Game Reserve, you will be required to pay again. This evening you are free to have a walk around the lodge and watch the birds.

#### DAY 8: FULL DAY IN SAMBURU GAME RESERVES

Today we will enjoy a full day of African game viewing and bird watching. The Samburu Game Reserve offers what is arguably Kenya's greatest – and least changed encounter with the wild Africa of yesteryear.

Dinner and Overnight at Sentrim Samburu.

Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in Samburu.

#### DAY 9: SAMBURU GAME RESERVE - LAKE NAKURU

After breakfast, depart Samburu for Lake Nakuru National Park with packed lunch. Dinner and Overnight at Sarova Lionhill Lodge. Meals - Breakfast at Sangare, Lunch in Nyahururu, Dinner in Sarova Lionhill Lodge.

### DAY 10: LAKE NAKURU - MASAI MARA (3 NIGHTS)

After breakfast visit the nearby villages and have a feel of the culture of the local people and then travel to Masai Mara Game Reserve.

Dinner and overnight at the lodge: Sentrim Mara. Meals – Breakfast in Baringo, Lunch and Dinner at the camp in Mara.

## DAY 11 AND 12: TWO FULL DAYS IN MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

The next two days will be spend in Masai Mara with both morning and afternoon game-viewing drives. Mara National Reserve offers an absolutely unique variety of animals. Afternoon Visit to a Masai Cultural Village. Dinner and overnight at the lodge: Sentrim Mara

# DAY 13: MAASAI MARA - NAIROBI - EVENING DEPARTURE

This morning we will enjoy an early morning game viewing drive and then will return to the hotel for our farewell breakfast. After breakfast we will start your journey back to Nairobi.

Meals – Breakfast at the camp. Lunch and Dinner - By own arrangement





#### DAY 1: ARRIVE NAIROBI

Upon our arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, our guide will greet us before we transfer to our hotel for the evening. Hotel Booked on Bed and Breakfast Basis.

Overnight at Grace House Resorts. Hotel booked on Bed and Breakfast Basis.

#### DAY 2: NAIROBI / NANYUKI

Clients Depart Nairobi accompanied by our mountain guide for Nanyuki. Relax and enjoy.

#### DAY 3: NANYUKI / OLD MOSES HUT

Transfer Clients from the Nanyuki Hotel after breakfast by means of a Land-rover 4x4 to Sirimon Gate where climbing begins. Walk through the rain forest for 9 kms, 5 hours walk to the first mountain hut, Old Moses at 3,300 m for dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 4: OLD MOSES / SHIPTON CAMP

After breakfast, continue with the ascent through Mackinder's valley to the second hut, Shipton Hut at 4,200 m. for dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 5: SHIPTON/POINT LENANA / OLD MOSES

Early morning climb to point Lenana 4985 m. Clients can be picked from Oldmoses for onward transport to Nairobi, or leave the following day as below.

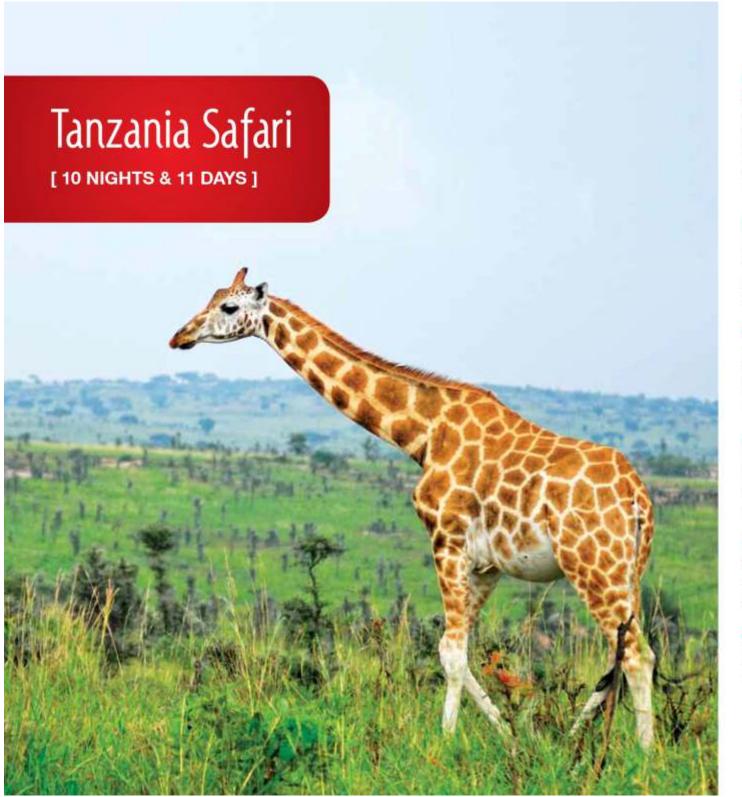
#### DAY 6: OLD MOSES / NAIROBI

After breakfast, Descend to the Sirimon park gate, transfer to Nanyuki to catch up with the transport back to Nairobi. Arrive and check - in at Grace House Resorts. Overnight at Grace House Resorts. Hotel booked on Bed and Breakfast Basis.

#### DAY 7: OLD MOSES / NAIROBI

Breakfast at the hotel then you will be transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your flight to Mombasa.





## DAY 1: ISEBANIA BORDER – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Arrival at Isebania. Change vehicles (due to in tergovernment regulations) and depart to Serengeti National Park for en route game drive, arrive at the lodge for evening at leisure and hot dinner. Dinner and Overnight at Ikoma Bush Camp on Full Board.

#### DAY 2: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, depart for a full day game drive in Serengeti National Park with picnic lunch box, arrive at the lodge for evening at leisure and hot dinner. Overnight at Ikoma Bush Camp on Full Board.

#### DAY3: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK-NGORONGORO

After breakfast, depart for a morning game drive in Serengeti National Park with picnic lunch box, Later on drive to Ngorongoro for evening at leisure and hot dinner. Overnight at Crater Forest Camp on Full Board.

#### DAY 4: NGORONGORO CRATER TOUR - ARUSHA

After breakfast, descend down the Ngorongoro crater floor for half day crater tour with picnic lunch box, Later on ascend and drive back to Arusha. Overnight at Snow Crest Hotel on Bed and Breakfast.

#### DAY 5:

Moshi (915m / 3000ft) to Machame Gate (1490m / 4,890 ft) to Machame (2,980 m / 9,780 ft) – 18kms, 5 -7 hours Montane Forest.

#### DAY 6:

Machame Camp (2,980m / 9,780 ft) to Shira Camp (3,840 m /12,600 ft) 9 kms, 4 - 6 hours - Moorland

#### DAY 7:

Shira Camp (3,840 m / 12,600 ft) to Lave Tower (4630 m / 15,190 ft) to Barranco Camp (3,950 m / 12,960 ft) 15 kms, 7 hours – Semi desert.

#### DAY 8:

Barranco Camp (3,950 m / 12,960 ft) to Barafu Camp (4,550 m / 14,930 ft) 13 kms, 8 hours – Alpine Desert.

#### DAY 9:

Summit Day Barafu Camp (4,550 m / 14,930 ft) to Uhuru Peak (5,895 m / 19,340 ft) to Mweka Camp (3,100 m /10,170 ft ) 7 kms up, 23 kms down, 8 hours up 7 - 8 hours down scree and seasonal snow.

#### **DAY 10:**

Mweka Camp (3,100 m / 10,170 ft) to Mweka Gate (1980 m / 6500 ft) to Moshi (890 m / 2,290 ft) 15 kms, 3 hours – Forest.

Overnight at salsalinero hotel on Bed & Breakfast.

#### DAY 11:

Salsalinero hotel – Kilimanjaro International Airport. After breakfast, Transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport.

#### **FAST FACTS**

Tanzania is a country rich in culture and traditions, it's history is also one of treasured heritage and pride. From the early days of mankind's history, man has called the land of Tanzania home - its verdant mountains, its scrubland plains.

Language: The most commonly spoken languages in Tanzania. English, Swahili is the official language of Tanzania. Climate: Tanzania lies below the equator, the coolest months occur during the northern hemisphere's summer, and all-year round the weather remains pleasant and comfortable. Between June to October, temperatures range from around 10°C in the northern highlands to about 23°C on the coast. On the plains and the lower-altitude game reserves, the temperatures from June to October are warm and mild. On the coast, these months are some of the most pleasant to visit, with balmy, sunny weather much of the day and cooling ocean breezes at night.

Currency: Tanzanian shilling
Airport: Dar es Salaam





#### DAY 1: MOMBASA / TSAVO EAST

Depart from your hotel in Mombasa (cost of your hotel not included in this package) and start your journey upcountry towards TSAVO EAST National Park. Enter and transfer to VOI SAFARI LODGE with a Game Drive enroute for check - in and lunch.

If time allows, you have the privilege of see the following in Tsavo East:

- · Elephant in Eden
- Mudanda Rock
- The Longest Lava Flow In The World
- · Lugard's Falls
- · Spectacular Voyages Of Discovery

Dinner and Overnight at Voi Safari Lodge. Meals – Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast at the Voi Safari Lodge.

#### DAY 2: HOTEL BOOKED ON FULL BOARD BASIS

TSAVO EAST / TSAVO WEST. Breakfast at the lodge and depart for TSAVO WEST National Park, with Game Drive en-route. Arrival and Check - in at the NGULIA SAFARI LODGE.

If time allows us, we shall see the following;

- The Magic Mzima Springs
- A Vibrant Volcanic Arena
- Glorious Game Drives

Dinner and Overnight at Ngulia Safari Lodge.Meals – Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast at the Ngulia Safari Lodge. Hotel booked on Full Board Basis.

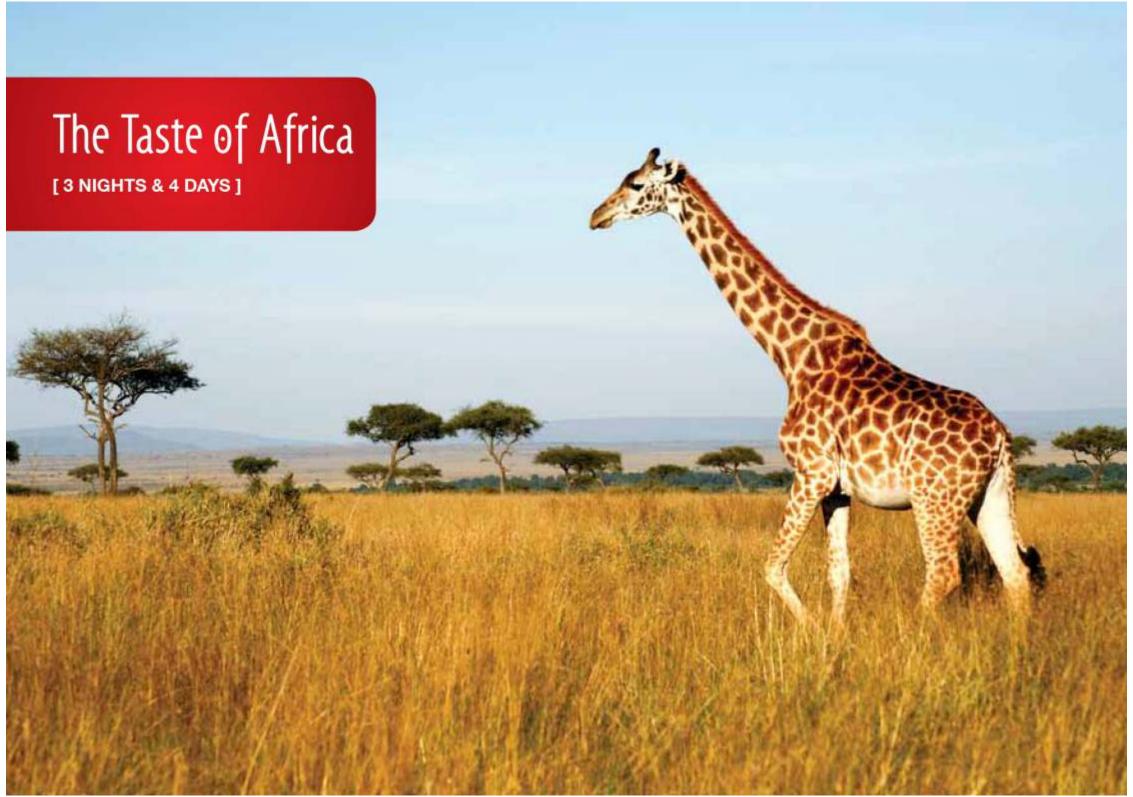
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Breakfast at the lodge and proceed to Amboseli National Park. Arrival in Amboseli check - in at Kibo Safari Camp and have lunch. Afternoon have a Game Drive in this Amazing Park. Dinner and Overnight at Sentrim Amboseli. Meals – Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast at the Sentrim Amboseli. Hotel booked on Full Board Basis.

#### DAY 4 AMBOSELI/MOMBASA

Early morning we wake up to have the best photos of Mount Kilimanjaro while doing a game drive. Afterwards, proceed to Mombasa.





#### DAY 1: DEPARTURE FROM HOME COUNTRY

This package has departures Every Week on Friday. Depart from your home country and fly to Nairobi to arrive in Nairobi in the morning and head off to the wilderness of Amboseli.

#### DAY 2: ARRIVE NAIROBI AND HEAD TO MASAI MARA

Arrive in Nairobi early in the morning and have breakfast in one of the city restaurants.

Dinner and Overnight at either of the following camps:

- · Enkolong Camp
- Kichakani Camp

Meals – Breakfast in Nairobi, Lunch in Narok and Dinner at the camp.

#### DAY 3: FULL DAY IN MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

Afternoon visit to a Masai Cultural Village. Dinner and Overnight at either of the following camps:

- Enkolong Camp
- Kichakani Camp

Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the camp.

## DAY 4: MAASAI MARA - NAIROBI - EVENING DEPARTURE

Meals – Breakfast at the camp. Lunch and Dinner - By own arrangement.

#### **FAST FACTS**

Nairobi is the capital and largest city of Kenya. The city and its surrounding area also forms the Nairobi County. However, it is popularly known as the "Green City in the Sun" and is surrounded by several expanding villa suburbs. The people of Nairobi are

popularly nicknamed 'Nairobians'. Nairobi is currently the 12th largest city in Africa. Nairobi is now one of the most prominent cities in Africa politically and financially. Nairobi bustles with activity. It's a city that never sleeps, the rhythm is fast, day and night. There's always something to do and see in Nairobi and its people are friendly and hospitable.

O Capital: Nairobi is Kenya,s Capital

Best time to Visit: November to March

Currency: Kenyan Shilling (KSH)

Airport: Jomo kenyatta International Airport

Airline: Kenya Airways









## **AMERICA**

An old adage goes "Big Brother is watching". Now it's time to watch the Big Brother and how! America unravels some of the best locales; with Washington DC giving a glimpse of the country's iconic past while New York's Statue of Liberty illustrates the free spirit of a great nation.

Wine lovers will have a field day in the California wine country or catch the enthralling sunset in the backdrop of Golden Gate Bridge.

Meet the fun side of you on this American sojourn!



#### DAY 1:

Arrive at Washington DC – Americas CAPITAL CITY. Arrive at DC airport-meet and greet with transfer to your hotel. Proceed to the 'Historic City' – Washington D. C. Enjoy the city sights on your guided tour. Magnolia's The Best of DC. See all the attractions DC has to offer, and learn all about the history and trivia that surrounds Washington DC.

Tour stops at these attractions:

- The US Capitol
- The White House
- · The Old Post Office
- Lincoln Memorial
- FDR Memorial
- Iwo Jima
- Vietnam War Memorial
- Korean War Memorial

You will also see all of the following sites from the comfort of your climate-controlled mini-coach. Jefferson Memorial, World War II Memorial, Washington Monument, Canadian Embassy, Smithsonian Museums, National Archives, Arlington Cemetery, National Archives, Kennedy Center, the Watergate Complex, and More!

Enjoy a scrumptious buffet dinner tonight.

#### **DAY 2: NIAGARA FALLS**

Have Breakfast at the hotel this morning. Check out and enjoy the scenic drive from DC to Niagara Falls, Buffalo. On arrival at Niagara Falls the rest of the day at leisure, you could visit the Niagara Factory Outlets with plenty of exciting shopping options. Take in the amazing views of the falls at night -Night illumination (as per schedule). Enjoy a wonderful dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 3:

Today ride aboard 'Maid of the Mist' and see the spectacular Niagara Falls from close quarters. Following Breakfast at the hotel this morning, Enjoy a thrilling ride aboard the 'Maid of The Mist' which gives you a breathtaking view of the cascading waters of this majestic waterfall that has no parallel anywhere in the world!

Cave of the winds attraction included. End the night with a scrumptious buffet dinner.

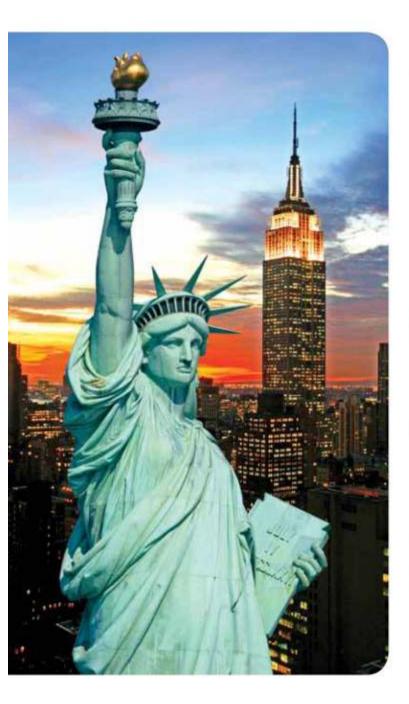
#### DAY 4: NEW YORK

After breakfast enjoy the drive through rural upstate New York to the big City New York. Day at leisure. Enjoy dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 5: THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

Enjoy a guided city sights tour of New York with an exciting cruise to The Statue of Liberty. Enjoy your Breakfast spread this morning at the hotel. Statue of liberty cruise followed by Magnolia's Big Apple Tour. You'll see New York City's major sites on this





tour, including Times Square, the World Trade Center Site, Fifth Avenue, Rockefeller Center, Central Park and Strawberry Fields. You will also see the Statue of Liberty up close from the boat, and have wonderful photo opportunities at the Empire State Building, Brooklyn Bridge and Statue of Liberty.

Following your City tour, we take you to the world famous Empire State Building - At Fifth Avenue and 34th Street stands New York City's most famous fixture - starring in over 90 movies, a star of gigantic proportions.

End the night with a scrumptious Dinner and transfer back to the hotel.

4 Nights With big - ticket amusements furnished by Walt Disney World, Universal Studios and SeaWorld, what's not to love about Orlando, land of childhood fantasies!

#### DAY 6:

Following breakfast at the hotel this morning, transfer to the airport for your fight to Magical Orlando!

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and day at leisure.

Buffet Dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

#### DAY 7: DISNEY'S MAGIC KINGDOM

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#### **DAY 8: UNIVERSAL STUDIOS**

This morning, breakfast is served at the hotel and then your coach arrives for your transfer to Universal Studios! Universal Orlando Resort is more than a theme park. It's an entire universe of action and thrills featuring two spectacular theme parks unlike anything else in Orlando. (Choice of one theme park)

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magic, characters, and stories of Harry Potter to life in ways never before imagined. Dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

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Or Epcot! Have a delicious breakfast at the hotel this morning and you're off to at Epcot, you can visit Mexico, France, and China, all in the same afternoon, survive crash tests in an experimental car, soar over California with the wind in your hair; and learn all about human achievement and international cooperation.

Comprising World Showcase and Future World, this expansive theme park is located in the heart of the Walt Disney World Resort, close to several luxurious hotels as well as the dining and entertainment district called Disney's BoardWalk. Dinner tonight at a local restaurant tonight.

#### DAY 10:

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#### **FAST FACTS**

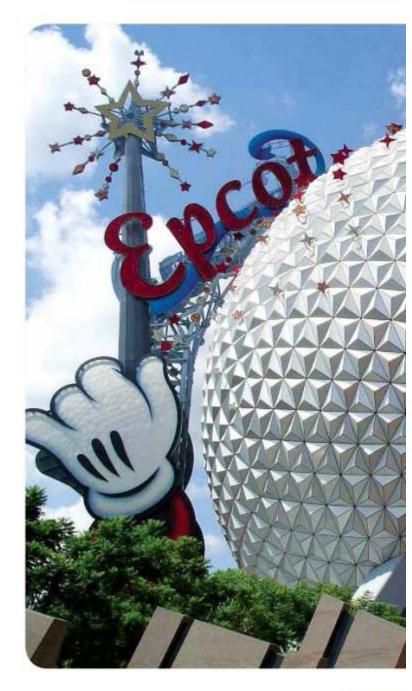
The United States of America (also referred to as the United States, the U.S., the U.S.A., or America) is a federal constitutional republic containing fifty states and a federal district. The country is situated mostly in central North America, where its forty-eight contiguous states and Washington, D.C., the capital district, lie between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans bordered by Canada to the north and Mexico to the south. The state of Alaska is in the northwest of the continent, with Canada to the east and Russia to the west across the Bering Strait. The state of Hawaii is an archipelago in the mid-Pacific. The country also possesses several territories in the Caribbean and Pacific.

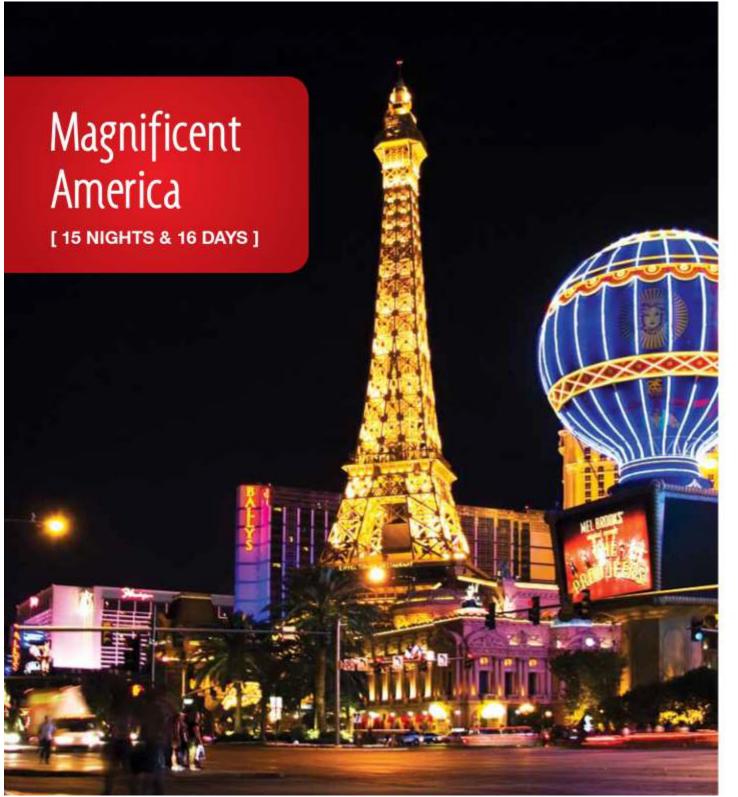
America has mostly a temperate type of a climate, but it is tropical in Florida and Hawaii, arctic in Alaska, semiarid in the great plains west of the Mississippi River, and arid in the Great Basin of the southwest. The low winter temperatures in the northwest are ameliorated occasionally in January and February by warm chinook winds from the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

Capital: Washington D.C

Best time to Visit: June to Aug is most popular and season

Currency: US dollar (USD)





#### DAY 1:

Check - in to your hotel on arrival and unwind. The adventure begins this afternoon with Magnolia's San Francisco City tour & Bay cruise!

Join us and explore this most culturally diverse and beautiful of cities. Your guided journey will highlight famous landmarks and familiarize you with the unique sociology of San Francisco- the Bay City. Tour includes Ferry / Bay Cruise(bay cruise included), Cruise, the Golden Gate Bridge, Chinatown, Arts, Nob Hill, Grace Cathedral, Lombard Street (the most crooked street in the world), Golden Gate Park, Japanese Tea Garden, Alamo Square "6 Sisters", Cable Car Barn Museum. Other sights you will see are Bay Bridge, North Beach, Union Square, Angel Island, Sutro Tower, De Young Museum, Coit Tower, Presidio National Park, City Hall / Civic Center, Conservatory of Flowers.

#### DAY 2:

Muir Woods and Wine Country tour. Discover why the Californian wine country is one of San Francisco's most popular day - trip destinations on this Muir Woods and Wine Country tour. This great tour combo takes you not only to Wine Country, but also stops at Muir Woods for a stroll amongst the giant redwoods. You'll explore a spectacular redwood sequoia forest at Muir Woods, and then visit boutique Sonoma wineries for some superb wine tasting.

#### DAY 3:

After Breakfast at the hotel this morning, we are off to the airport for a flight to exciting Las Vegas - the Gambling Capital of the World. On arrival, check in to your hotel on the Vegas strip. Tonight, enjoy a scrumptious buffet dinner at a local restaurant. Your shuttle then takes you on Magnolia's Las Vegas Neon Lights tour. The tour cruises down the Las Vegas strip to the Stratosphere and down through Freemont Street also known as "glitter gulch". Our guides are well-versed in Vegas history and trivia. The tour includes a comprehensive tour of all the incredible resorts and hotel casinos that currently line the Las Vegas strip. Tour guests will be able to see the fountains of the Bellagio lit up, the pirate ship at Treasure Island ablaze, the Eiffel Tower at Paris awash in light, the volcanoes at the Mirage erupt in an explosion of light and the skyline of New York New York bathed in light.

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#### DAY 5:

Enjoy Breakfast this morning at the hotel, check out followed by transfer to Los Angles by luxury coach. Check - in to your hotel downtown and take a couple hours to settle in.

Your shuttle arrives for your grand Los Angeles city tour. Los Angeles Live - The Times Square of Los Angeles. During the tour we will lead you on a discovery of Los Angeles's most famous and infamous places, the Chinese Theatre and its celebrity footprints, those legendary streets, Hollywood Boulevard and the Sunset Strip, Melrose, Hard Rock Cafe, Rodeo Drive, the Farmers Market, the La Brea Tar Pits, Olvera Street, Chinatown, the Music Center and all those other sites in Los Angeles that you have seen countless times on television and in the movies.

#### DAY 6: UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD

Today, you are scheduled for a full day of action - packed entertainment all in one place Universal Studios Hollywood. With thrilling theme park rides and shows, a real working movie studio and Los Angeles'

best shops, restaurants and cinemas at City Walk, Universal Studios Hollywood is a unique experience that's fun for the whole family.

First, go behind the scenes on the legendary Studio Tour to explore where Hollywood movies are made and experience the largest movie set street expansion in Hollywood history.

And don't miss the all new King Kong 360 3-D created by Peter Jackson. It's the world's largest, most intense 3-D experience. Here, you won't just see it, you won't just hear it. you'll feel it. It's 3-D to the next level. Experience our all-new Special Effects Stage, where you'll become an expert in Hollywood moviemaking magic as you learn about CGI, stop motion capture and 3-D technology.

Face action head on in heart-pounding rides, shows and attractions that put you inside some of the world's





biggest movies and TV series, such as the Revenge of the Mummy thrill coaster, Jurassic Park - The Ride, Shrek 4-D and the mega-attraction based on the blockbuster TV series, The Simpsons.

Finish your day off at Universal City Walk, where everything is Always Unexpected.

#### DAY 7:

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#### DAY 9:

Arrive at New York - The City that never sleeps.

The adventure begins! This morning your luxury coach takes you to New York City. Enjoy dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

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#### DAY 11:

Proceed to the Historic City – Washington D. C. Enjoy the city sights on your guided tour. After breakfast at your hotel this morning, sit back and relax in your coach as we proceed to Washington DC.

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Jefferson Memorial, World War II Memorial, Washington

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#### DAY 12:

Upon arrival in Orlando Airport form Washington DC, transfer to your hotel for a day at leisure. Buffet Dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

#### DAY 13: DISNEY'S MAGIC KINGDOM

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# DAY 1: GRAND L.A. CITY TOUR

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Meet Mickey Mouse and all your favorite Disneyland characters. Explore eight theme lands including Adventureland, Critter Country, Fantasyland, Frontierland, Tomorrowland, New Orleans Square and Main Street USA, along with over 60 world-famous attractions. Zoom through the future on our Rocket Rides. Discover space age thrills on StarTours or venture down Splash Mountain. Experience Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom and take the kids to Mickey's Toontown. All the magic is waiting for you at Disneyland!

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AND/OR

Night Illumination Helicopter ride Vegas.

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# DAY 8:

Welcome to the Emerald City! Check - in this morning at your hotel.

Magnolia's Seattle - See it All tour! On this exciting Seattle bus tour, you'll visit and learn about downtown Seattle, The Seattle Waterfront, and Pioneer Square and witness some outstanding views of the city. You will see downtown's retail stores, including the flagship stores of Nordstrom, Pike Place Farmer's Market, the first Starbuck's Coffee shop, and the Fish Markets. Heading north along the waterfront past many souvenir shops, you'll see Ivars' Acres of Clams, and many other Puget Sound attractions. Finally you will head up to the beautiful Myrtle Edwards Park with its unparalleled views of Elliott Bay. At the epicenter of Seattle (Pioneer square) you'll find many of the oldest buildings and also hear about the fire which, about a century ago, leveled the entire city. Pioneer Square is also home to many wonderful art galleries, antique and book stores. Last but not least, the tour ends with a visit to Seattles signature monument, the Space Needle (originally called "The Space Cage"). The tower takes advantage of its 520 feet / 158 meter high observation deck, which provides superb views of the city and its environs.

### DAY 9:

Enjoy your Breakfast spread this morning at the hotel. Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing tour. Once you arrive at the Boeing factory, you will be escorted on an informative and fun tour of the Boeing plant by

Boeing representatives. The Boeing Tour is a one-ofa-kind opportunity to view 747, 767, 777, and 787 jets being assembled on the Everett before they take to the sky. Each tour is approximately 90 minutes long and includes fascinating facts about Boeing and the planes that bear its name.

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# DAY 1:

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and you have a day at leisure. Buffet Dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

# DAY 2:

Enjoy your breakfast spread at the hotel this morning. Your coach then arrives to take you to Disney's Magic Kingdom. Celebrate adventure, fantasy, the past, the future and the imagination at the Magic Kingdom where you journey through 7 whimsical lands: Main Street, U.S.A. area, Adventureland area, Frontierland area, Liberty Square, Fantasyland area, Mickey's Toontown Fair area, and Tomorrowland area.

Travel through these lands and see how fantasy becomes reality when you learn how to be a pirate, match wits with funny monsters and conquer mountains. Get swept up in the spectacle of splendid parades and fireworks shows at Magic Kingdom theme park-it's here that dreams come true for children of all ages.

Dine - in at a local restaurant / packed dinner can be delivered to your hotel.

#### DAY 3:

This morning, breakfast is served at the hotel and then your coach arrives for your transfer to Universal Studios. Universal Orlando Resort is more than a theme park. It's an entire universe of action and thrills featuring two spectacular theme parks unlike anything else in Orlando (choice of one park).

- Universal Studios Florida Theme Park –
- Go behind the scenes, beyond the screen, and jump right into the action of your favorite movies at Universal Studios, the number one movie and TV based theme park in the world.
- Universal's Islands of Adventure Theme Park –
   Join the battle of good versus evil above the streets

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fascinating sharks and so much more. From the tiniest starfish to the ocean's biggest star, Shamu, SeaWorld is alive with the ocean's wonders. Connect with the sea underwater and connect with the air on coaster adventures where you'll brave watery beasts and feel like a flying ray. The sea is a stage, where dolphins dance on water, whales swim in the sky, and spectacle and color are around every turn. Here, borders are erased and the possibilities are boundless.

Dinner at a local restaurant tonight.

#### DAY 5:

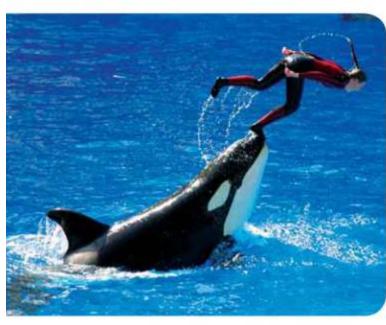
Have a delicious breakfast at the hotel this morning and you're off to Epcot, you can visit Mexico, France, and China, all in the same afternoon, survive crash tests in an experimental car, soar over California with the wind in your hair and learn all about human achievement and international cooperation.

Comprising World Showcase and Future World, this expansive theme park is located in the heart of the Walt Disney World Resort, close to several luxurious hotels as well as the dining and entertainment district called Disney's BoardWalk.

Dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

# DAY 6:

After breakfast this morning at the hotel, your coach arrives for your transfer to MIAMI. Whether you're into sports, sunshine or salsa, Miami sizzles all year long with exciting entertainment venues and attractions,





world - class hotels and restaurants, great beaches and a nightlife that never sleeps. While South Beach, chock full of hip nightclubs and pastel - hued buildings, gets all the press, other sections of Miami are just as hot, and offer culture, recreation and more.

On arrival check - in at your hotel and have the afternoon at leisure.

In the evening, your shuttle arrives for your transfer to Biscayne Bay for a Miami sightseeing cruise. Take an unhurried look at some of the most beautiful sights in Miami as an expert guide narrates colorful stories of a bygone Miami era. Following the cruise, dinner arranged at a local restaurant.

# DAY 7:

Breakfast is served at the hotel this morning. You may choose to spend the day at leisure at the beach. Your coach will provide round trip transportation and a packed lunch will be provided or You may opt for an Everglades tour which includes round trip transportation, airboat ride and wildlife show. This evening, buffet dinner arranged at a local restaurant.

#### **FAST FACTS**

Miami boasts a metropolitan area that includes a large unincorporated area and 30 incorporated areas or municipalities, all of which make up Miami - Dade County. Greater Miami offers a diversity of lifestyles and attractions to both residents and visitors in a variety of small towns and cities such as Coconut Grove, Miami Beach, South Beach, Coral Gables, Bal Harbor and Hialeah.

Climate: Winter (December-April) is the ideal time to visit South Florida—the weather is warm, but not hot. During the summer, South Florida practically comes to a standstill as far as special events, cultural activities, and overall pace is concerned. If you feel like braving the heat, plan your travel from June through October and enjoy a less congested, less expensive travel experience.

Airport: Miami International Airport









# **AUSTRALIA**

Enjoy a warm welcome from kangaroos that will accompany you throughout your stay; visit the marvelous Opera House or traverse the northern and southern islands to experience Australia, a world out of this world!

Welcome to New Zealand - a place situated in a remote corner, tucked in a beautiful island, oblivious to the mundane affairs. Soak in the pristine, lush green lap of the nature or give your adrenaline a kick while doing adventure sports.

Experience New Zealand and Australia for the thrill of a lifetime!



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Arrive Christchurch International Airport. Meet & greet and transfer to hotel. Evening return transfer to local restaurant for dinner. Meet & greet and transfer to hotel. Evening return transfers to local restaurant for dinner. Superior Tourist:

Camelot Cathedral Square Hotel - 01 night Quality Class:

Copthorne Christchurch Hotel Central - 01 night First Class: Millennium Christchurch - 01 night

# DAY 02: CHRISTCHURCH - MT.COOK - QUEENSTOWN

Cooked breakfast. Depart Christchurch and travel via New Zealand's highest mountain Mt.Cook, to reach the "alpine resort" of Queenstown. Evening return transfers to local restaurant for dinner.

Superior Tourist:

Heartland Queenstown Hotel - 02 nights Quality Class: Scenic Suites Queenstown - 02 nights First Class: Millennium Queenstown - 02 nights

# DAY 03: QUEENSTOWN - MILFORD SOUND - QUEENSTOWN

Cooked breakfast. Travel from Queenstown through spectacular Homer Tunnel and Eglington Valley to world famous Milford Sound. Enjoy cruise on Sound. Retrace journey to Queenstown on completion. Evening return transfers to local restaurant for dinner.

# DAY 04: POKHARA TO CHITWAN (165 KMS / 5 HOURS)

Cooked breakfast. Travel through historic Central Otago region to arrive in Dunedin. PM sightseeing excursion to beautiful Otago peninsula with an opportunity to view local wildlife including penguins, albatrosses, seals & Larnach Castle.

Evening return transfers to local restaurant for dinner. Superior Tourist: Kingsgate Dunedin Hotel - 01 night Quality Class: Scenic Hotel Dunedin City - 01 night First Class: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross - 01 night

# DAY 05: DUNEDIN - TIMARU - CHRISTCHURCH

Cooked breakfast. Depart Dunedin and travel north along east coast to arrive in Christchurch. Evening return transfers to local restaurant for dinner. Superior Tourist:

Camelot Cathedral Square Hotel - 01 night Quality Class:

Copthorne Christchurch Hotel Central - 01 night First Class: Millennium Christchurch - 01 night

#### DAY 06: DEPART CHRISTCHURCH

Cooked breakfast. Transfer to airport. Depart New Zealand.

### **FAST FACTS**

New Zealand is, traditionally at least, an isolated country. New Zealand is located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean. The country consists of two large islands namely, North Island and South Island, and many other smaller islands. EW Caledonia, Fiji, and Tonga are its closest neighbours in the north. New Zealand has a mild climate.

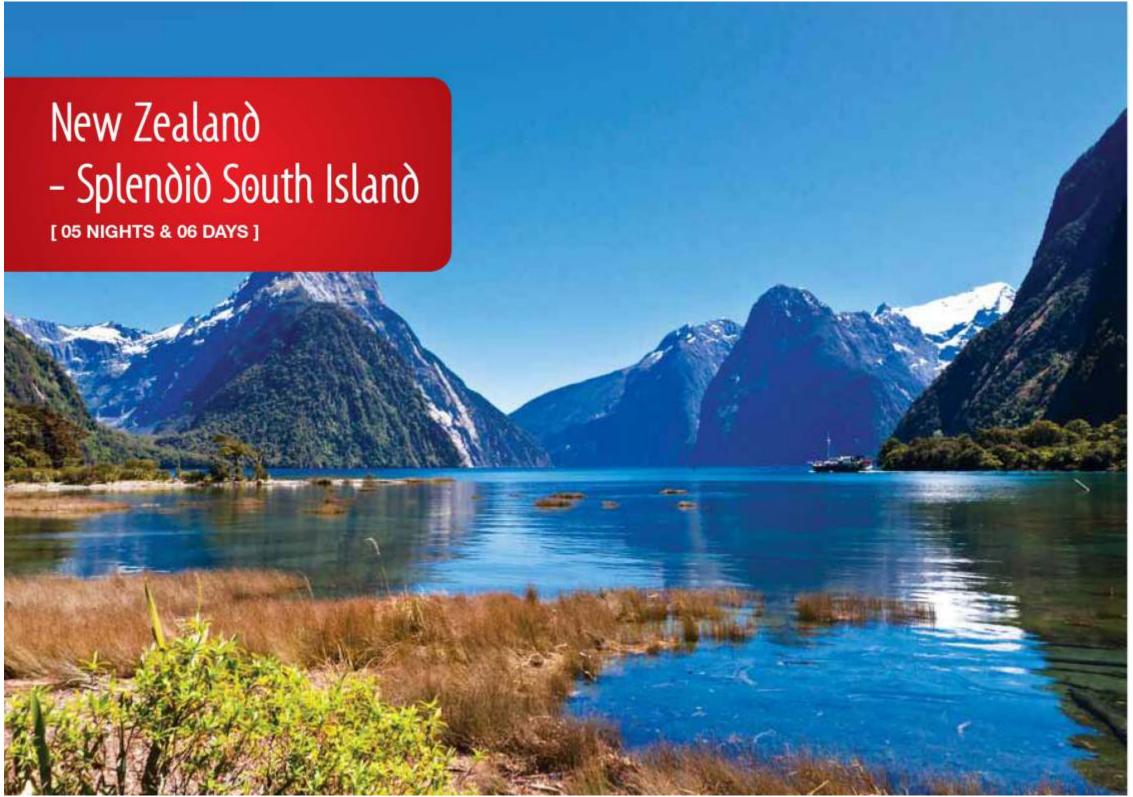
Capital: Wellington

Best Time to Visit: The Best time to visit during the month of January to May & September To December.

Currency: New Zealand Dollar (NZD)

Airport: Wellington International Airport, Auckland International Airport, Christchurch International Airport





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Superior Tourist:

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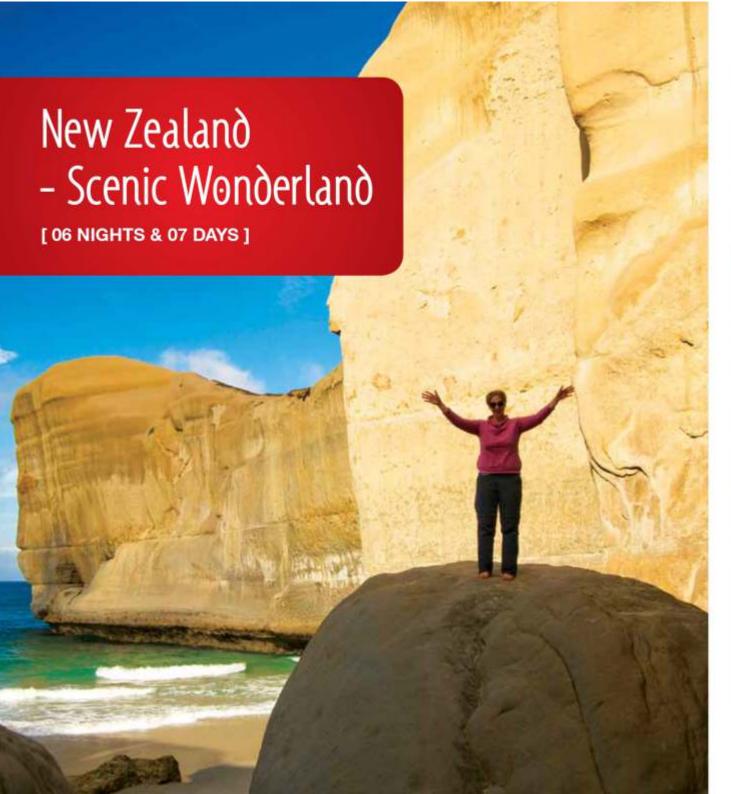
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Transfer to airport. Depart New Zealand.



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Superior Tourist:

Heartland Queenstown Hotel - 02 nights



Quality Class: Scenic Suites Queenstown - 02 nights First Class: Millennium Queenstown - 02 nights

#### DAY 03: QUEENSTOWN

Cooked breakfast. Today is at leisure to relax or explore Queenstown.

Optional activities include: jetboating, a day tour to Milford Sound, visiting a local sheep station, or riding a gondola for panoramic views over Queenstown. Evening return transfers to local restaurant for dinner.

#### DAY 04: QUEENSTOWN - MILFORD SOUND - TE ANAU

Cooked breakfast. Travel from Queenstown through spectacular Homer Tunnel and Eglington Valley to world famous Milford Sound. Enjoy cruise on Sound. Retrace journey to Te Anau on completion. Dinner at local Indian Restaurant.

Superior Tourist: Kingsgate Te Anau Hotel - 01 night Quality Class: Village Inn Te Anau - 01 night First Class: Te Anau Hotel & Villas - 01 night

#### DAY 05: TE ANAU - DUNEDIN

Cooked breakfast. Travel through fertile Southland farming region to arrive at Scottish influenced city of Dunedin. PM sightseeing excursion to beautiful Otago peninsula with visit to Larnach Castle, and Nature's Wonders with opportunity to view local wildlife including penguins, albatrosses and seals.

Evening return transfers to local restaurant for dinner. Superior Tourist: Kingsgate Dunedin Hotel - 01 night Quality Hotel: Scenic Hotel Dunedin City - 01 night First Class: Scenic Hotel Southern Cross - 01 night

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# DAY 07: DEPART CHRISTCHURCH

Cooked breakfast.

AM city sightseeing tour of Christchurch.

Transfer to airport.

Depart New Zealand.





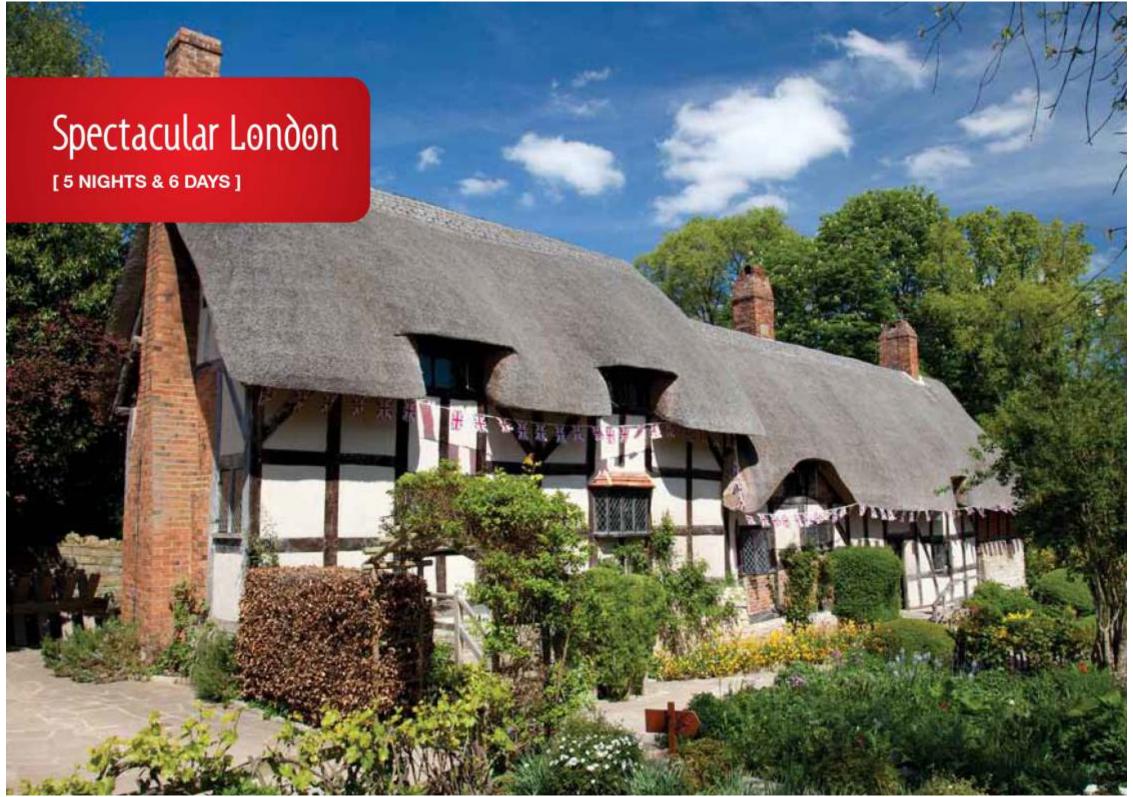




# **EUROPE**

Exotic European experience is all set to amuse you. Roam in Russia where winters woo you, lose yourself to the London beauty and hold your breath while you rove through Scandinavia and Venice.

Europe has a lot to offer and you will have a lot to remember.



# DAY 01: LONDON

Arrive at London's Heathrow airport. will be met by our Tour Leader who will escort to their private luxury coach. And taken to their hotel. After check - in, if time permits they will travel into central London for a river Thames Cruise and a ride on the London eye before the evening dinner. Overnight at Hotel.

# DAY 02: LONDON - STRATFORD ON AVON - WARWICK - YORK

Today we will head off early to Shakespeare's Stratford upon Avon. There will be time here for a look around Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Shakespeare's birthplace and all Stratford's top sight. After lunch here we will head to nearby Warwick for a look around the fantastic Warwick Castle. After Warwick castle the group will head back in their coach up to the delightful city of York. After checking into their hotel, the group will head into the centre of this ancient Viking city for dinner and a walk down the Shambles, Britain's most picturesque street. Overnight at Hotels in York.

#### DAY 03: YORK - EDINBURGH - STIRLING

Today is an extremely busy day. We will start with a tour of the incredible York Minster Cathedral before heading back into the coach and north to the world famous city of Edinburgh. This afternoon and evening we will explore Edinburgh's most famous sights - Edinburgh Castle and the Queen's Scottish residence the Palace of Hollywood House. After dinner in Edinburgh we will head across to the historic city of Stirling to check into our accommodation. Overnight at Hotels in Stirling.

### DAY 04: STIRLING - OXFORD

We will begin the day in Stirling with a tour of Scotland's most historic and famous castle, Stirling Castle. It's here that we will also see the monument to Scottish legend William 'Brave heart' Wallace. There's no time to lose here as we head down to the Salisbury where we will visit the cathedral and take a group tour of this remarkable structure which boasts the countries highest steeple. Salisbury Cathedral is also the cathedral on which the recent book and TV drama 'Pillars of the Earth' was based. From Salisbury we will go over to what may well be the highlight of the trip, the mysterious pre - historic monument of Stonehenge. After studying these incredible stone pillars, we will continue our journey to Oxford where we will stay the night and have dinner. If we arrive in time, we will take a tour of Blenheim Palace, one of England's grandest stately homes. Overnight at Oxford.

#### DAY 05: OXFORD - WINDSOR

This morning we may go a little slower as we take in some of Oxford's magnificent museums and colleges. After lunchhere we will head back towards London and visit Windsor. Our hotel here is directly opposite Europe's largest inhabited palace and home to Queen Elizabeth II herself, the Windsor Castle. We will take a full tour of the castle and head to nearby Eton for a look around the amazing old educational buildings and church there. In the evening we will return to Windsor for our first of a 2 night's stay in a wonderful hotel. Overnight at Windsor.

#### DAY 6: LONDON

Today is our London sightseeing day. We will be joined by a professional blue badge guide who will take us all over London today. We will see St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London Museum to see the Kohinoor Diamond, Tower Bridge, 'Changing the Guards' ceremony at Buckingham Palace (subject to

operation), Piccadilly Circus, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, River Thames, Prime Minister's Downing Street, Trafalgar Square, Houses of Parliament, Hyde Park. Today we end our tour program, Drop at Airport.

#### **FAST FACTS**

The official name of the UK is the "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland". It is situated north - west of the European continent between the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea. Language spoken here are English, Welsh, Irish Gaelic, Scottish Gaelic. Red double - decker buses and black taxis are a typical sight on London's busy roads. The Red rose is widely recognized as the national flower of England. Tower Bridge has stood over the River Thames in London since 1894 and is one of the finest, most recognisable bridges in the World.

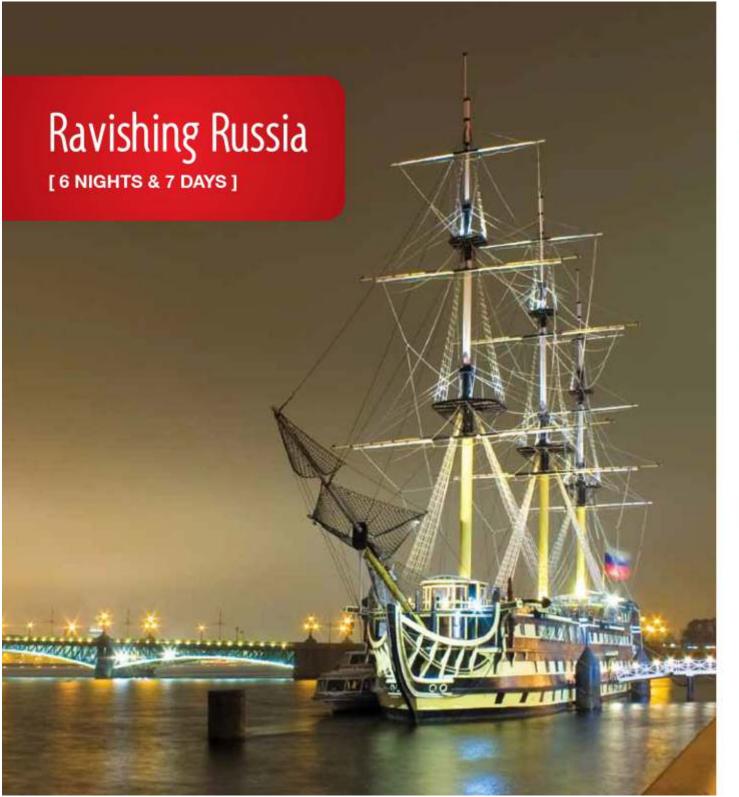
Buckingham Palace is the Queen's official and main royal London home. It has been the official London residence of Britain's monarchy since 1837. Queen Victoria was the first monarch to live there. The British Airways London Eye is the world's highest observation wheel. Pubs are an important part of British life. People talk, eat, drink, meet their friends and relax there.

@ Capital: London

Best time to visit: June - September

Currency: Sterling pounds

Airports: London Heathrow Airport, Glassgow International Airport, London Gatwick Airport



# DAY 1: ARRIVE MOSCOW, SATURDAY

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

### DAY 2: IN MOSCOW, SUNDAY

Moscow, one of the largest cities in the world, is the symbolic heart and soul of the country. Sightseeing begins at the Red Square, dominated by St. Basil's Cathedral and by the massive red walls of the Kremlin. Visit the Armory Museum; proceed to see the Moscow University and the popular Arbat shopping district. Continue with a drive along the wide boulevards and then stroll through GUM, Russia's largest department store. Rest of the day is at leisure. You may take part in an optional tour by night of Moscow and its subway.

# DAY 3: TO TVER AND NOVGOROD, MONDAY

After an early breakfast, depart for Tver, an ancient trading port nestled on the banks of the Volga River. The city offers fascinating treasures, including Putevoy Dvorets, built for Catherine II as a resting place on her journeys from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Enjoy a short sightseeing tour of this remarkable city. End the day in historic Novgorod, founded almost twelve centuries ago.

#### DAY 4: TO ST. PETERSBURG, TUESDAY

A morning sightseeing tour of Novgorod starts at the Kremlin with a visit to St. Sophia Cathedral. Then, cross the river via a pedestrian bridge to visit the Yaroslav Court. In the afternoon, travel north to St. Petersburg, the former capital of the Romanov Czars. Starting with the visit of Peter and Paul Fortress, quarter of the City museum and its cathedral, which houses the crypt of the Russian emperors. Next, visit St. Isaac's Cathedral.

# DAY 5: IN ST. PETERSBURG, WEDNESDAY

There are not many cities in the world that can match

the grace of St. Petersburg. When Peter the Great founded the city in 1703, he hired Europe's best architects, craftsmen and artists to build and decorate it. Spread over 100 islands linked by over 600 bridges, it is often referred to as "Venice of the North". This morning sightseeing tour will feature hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Welcome dinner in the evening. Upon arrival first enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city. Highlight: The world famous Hermitage, which houses many treasures from the Czarist era. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

# DAY 6: IN ST. PETERSBURG, THURSDAY

Free day for shopping or individual activities. An optional tour to visit Petrodvorets, Peter the Great's Summer Palace, will be available. In the evening you may take part in an optional tour featuring a folklore performance.

# DAY 7: DEPART ST. PETERSBURG, FRIDAY

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

#### **FAST FACTS**

Russia is the largest country in the world with a landmass that is 17, 075, 400 sq kms in area.

The country stretches over a vast area of Eurasia and is bordered by a number of countries that include (counter-clockwise from NW to SE) Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, China, Mongolia, and North Korea. Russia is also close to the United States and Japan. Russia is the coldest country in the world and has a largely continental climate because of its sheer size. However, due to its vast expanse, climate in Russia differs widely from region to region.

@ Capital: Moscow

Currency: Ruble (RUB)

The best time to visit Russia is May through September.





# DAY 01: MONDAY, ARRIVE LJUBLJANA OR VENICE

Upon arrival in Venice or Ljubljana you will meet our representative and be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is for leisure.

# DAY 02: TUESDAY, POSTOJNA AND LIPICA

The day is reserved for the Karst region. Visit Postojna Cave and continue to Predjama medieval castle perched in the middle of a cliff. Drive to Slovenian coast. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Piran.

# DAY 03: WEDNESDAY, PIRAN, PORTOROZ AND GORISKA BRDA

Visit Portoroz, popular tourist resort and then continue to Nova Gorica. Rest of the day at leisure or you can take part in an optional tour to the vineyard region of Goriska Brda where you will have the possibility to taste local cuisine and wines. Overnight in Nova.

# DAY 04: THURSDAY, SOCA VALLEY

Morning drive upstream to the emerald green Soca river, through Kobarid. After the visit travel to Bled and end the day in this peaceful town beautifully situated in the Alps.

# DAY 05: FRIDAY, BLED

A sightseeing tour of Bled features the charming town with the lakeshore, and imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake. The rest of the day is at leisure or you can take an optional tour to Skofja Loka - the medieval town with castle that rises above the confluence of the two

Morning tour of Piran.

Visit of the WW1 museum.

Overnight in Ljubljana . Overnight in Bled.

Sora rivers. Overnight in Bled.

# DAY 06: SATURDAY, BLED AND BOHINJ

Day at leisure in Bled. Possibility to join the optional tour to the other Alpine beauty - lake Bohinj. You will visit the Sheppard's museum and taste the best Slovenian cheese. Return to Bled. Farewell dinner at local restaurant.

# DAY 07: SUNDAY, DEPART

After breakfast you will be transferred to Ljubljana airport, Koper port or Venice airport for your flight home.

#### FAST FACTS

Venice is also known as "La Serenissima" (the most serenely beautiful one) and "Queen of the Adriatic". Venice is also known as The City of Bridges and canals, City of water City of Masks & the flowing City. Venice the capital of Veneto region, it is located in the north - east part of Italy on numerous small islands that belong to the Venetian Lagoon. The main mean of transportation in Venice is represented by boats.

Venice really is built on water. One of the most photographed images in the world is that of the Venice Gondolas (Venetian Boat). Gondolas are hand made using 8 different types of wood Venice was home to the world's first factory.

Languages: "Veneziano" (Local language), Italian (official), German, Slovene

Currency: Euro
Capital: Veneto

Airports: Venice Marco Polo, Sant'Angelo Treviso Airport.

Best Time to Visit: The best months to visit Venice are April, May, June and early September. The city generally enjoys mild winters and warm summers but extreme situations can occur: hot and humid in summer and extreme cold days in winter are not uncommon. Between November and January, fog can sometimes cause disruption to public transport. Venice is famous for its Carnival, but there is so much going on all year round, from regattas to religious events held for centuries on a yearly basis.





# DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN COPENHAGEN - TRANSFER TO THE HOTEL

Arrival in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark. Transfer from airport to your hotel. Spend some time to see the charm of Copenhagen on your own.

#### DAY 2: SIGHTSEEING / EVENING CRUISE TO OSLO

You will be provided with either a pass for hop on hop off bus and boat tour (which is valid throughout your stay) or you will get a nutshell bus and boat tour of two and a half hours (depending on availability). Both the tours pass by the Tivoli Gardens and the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek. The tours drive through the colourful canal district and past the National Museum, by Christiansborg Palace, home to the Danish Parliament. The trips continue on to the old Stock Exchange and across Kongens Nytory, where you can see the Royal Theatre, world famous for its Royal Ballet. You will also go past the colourful harbour district of Nyhavn to Amalienborg Palace - Winter residence of the Royal Family. Here you have the opportunity to see the changing of the Guard. This may be followed by a visit to the Gefion Fountain and The Little Mermaid, inspired by H. C. Andersen's fairytale. During the tours you pay a visit to one of the many magnificent churches in Copenhagen as well as passing by Rosenborg Castle, where the Crown Jewels are protected by the Royal Guard.

A taxi will transfer you from the hotel to the cruise harbour at 15:40. At 16:00 board the cruise to Oslo for the wonderful cruise on the North Sea and night long party. Your own cabins with washroom will be booked with breakfast.

# DAY 3: OSLO SIGHTSEEING - EVENING STAY IN OSLO

Arrive in Oslo after breakfast on board at 09:30 a.m. The port town of Oslo is the capital of Norway Oslo celebrated its 1000 year anniversary in the year 2000. Until 1814, it was known as Christiania after the Danish - Norwegian king. The city is beautifully situated at the head of Oslo Fjord surrounded by forested ridges and this very location gives Oslo unexpected qualities for a national capital. Start the Oslo tour which allows you to see all of Oslo's main attractions for instance, the Royal Palace, the City Hall, the Akershus fortress. Spend some time on the controversial Vigeland Sculpture park. Check - in to your hotel after the tour finishes. Spend the evening at Karl Johan street.

# DAY 4: TRAIN TRANSFER TO FLLM / STAY

After breakfast board the train to Film. The four hour journey is full of nature's best offerings so be ready to enjoy and shoot the picturesque memories. After Myrdal, change to the 1 hour journey over the world famous Filmbana that stops on the way to let you enjoy the waterfalls. Lookout for the ferries dancing on the rocks with surreal music. Check - in to your hotel and enjoy the evening at your leisure.

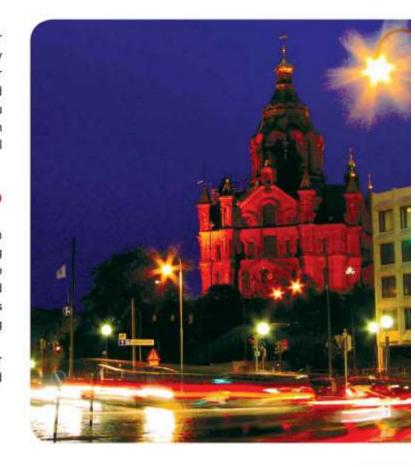
# DAY 5: TRANSFER TO BERGEN VIA BALESTRAND BY FJORD EXPRESS BOAT

After breakfast, spend the day in some easy trekking on the FIIm valley. The green pastures and the cascading waterfalls are simply spectacular. In the afternoon take the express boat through Sognefjörd, the largest fjord in Norway that takes you through shows the various places e.g. the famous to reach Bergen crossing famous Balestrand on the way.

Note: Boat is available in summer time only so in winter we use train. Arrive Bergen in the evening and spend overnight at your hotel.

# DAY 6: BERGEN SIGHTSEEING / STAY

After breakfast discover Bergen through the Flřibanen funicular that takes you on top of the Flři mountain to give you view of Bergen from different perspectives. After spending time to buy souveniers and enjoying coffee in the cafetaria take the train back. Discover the UNESCO heritage of Bryggen, Fish Market and beauitful parks in the centre of Bergen. Spend the evening in discovering the local food from a pool of restaurants on the harbour.





# DAY 7: FLIGHT TO STOCKHOLM

After breakfast, we provide the transfer to the aiprort for the flight to reach Stockholm - The Capital of Scandinavia. On arrival in Stockholm you are transferred to your hotel. Spend the time at your own leisure to discover Stockholm - the Capital of Scandinavia. Stockholm full of shopping streets and houses exclusive brand names as Lindex, H&M, Lhlens, Ikea etc.

# DAY 8: STOCKHOLM SIGHTSEEING EVENING CRUISE TO HELSINKI

You will either get your Sightseeing card (valid throughout your stay) giving you access to major museums and free usage of public trasnportation. As an option to this card, we may provide you Sit In Coach bus / boat tour ticket. Start your sightseeing through a comfortable bus with a fabulous view. The

trip provides you with exciting information about the sights as you drive or sail past them. See the whole of Stockholm in 90 minutes. The trip shows you the most famous buildings and views, including a stop at Fjällgatan, where the view of Stockholm's islands and waters is truly wonderful. This trip continues further to one hour boat ride. Spend the rest of the day on your own to discover the beauty on water. Taxi will transfer you from the hotel at 15:40 to the cruise harbour. Check - in starts around 16:00 hrs at the cruise terminal from where the ship for Helsinki departs at 1700 hrs An own inside cabin with breakfast will be booked.

# DAY 9: ARRIVAL IN HELSINKI- SIGHTSEEING AND DEPARTURE

After buffet breakfast on board, arrive in Helsinki, the capital of Finland. We suggest you to keep your luggage in the cabin or at the cabin lockers and proceed straight to the waiting coach for Helsinki sightseeing. Helsinki City Tour with recorded commentary and sound effects, giving you a wide variety of information about Helsinki. The many sights include the Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, the Parliament Building and the Olympic Stadium, the Sibelius Monument, the Temppeliaukio Church, etc. Spend some time on your own to discover the Market Hall and return back to the cruise terminal for your return back to Stockholm.

# DAY 10: ARRIVAL IN STOCKHOLM DEPARTURE BACK

After breakfast on board, arrive back in Stockholm at 10:00 a.m. From the cruise harbour you are transferred back to Arlanda airport for your flight back.

#### **FAST FACTS**

The location of the geographical center of Europe is



widely contested, with over 10 cities / villages vying for this honor. Europe is home to 731 million people in 50 countries spread over a combined landmass of 3.9 million square miles. Its cosmopolitanism and climatological diversity defy summarization. Europe is king of the world. Europe is defined geographically by Scandinavia and Russia to the north and east, and by Greece and Portugal at its southernmost and westernmost, respectively. Traditionally, the continent also includes Iceland, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Mediterranean island nations of Malta and Cyprus. The climate of Europe is very different depending on location. Many of the Scandinavian countries experience freezing winters with temperatures well below zero, while other countries such as Malta and southern Spain enjoy very mild winters. Scandinavia is a historical and geographical region centered on the Scandinavian peninsula of Northern Europe. The weather in Scandinavia in most parts is generally mild and pleasant. Scandinavia's climate varies from north to south and from west to east. The languages spoken in Scandinavia include Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Icelandic, Faroese, The cities in Scandinavia are wonderful travel destinations for every visitor in the mood for interesting Scandinavian city life and modern urban atmosphere.

Capital: Stockholm

Best Time to Visit: May & September

Currency: EURO

Airport: Copenhagen International Airport

Helsinki International Airport. Oslo International Airport.

Airways: Air Malta, Air France, Air U K, British Airways, Lufthansa, Virgin Atlantic, German Wings, Jet2, Olympic, Scandinavian Airlines System, Scot Airways





# DAY 1: STOCKHOLM

Arrival in Stockholm the capital of Scandinavia. We welcome you at Arlanda airport and provide a transfer to your hotel. Stockholm is one of the world's most beautiful capitals. Built on 14 islands around one of Europe's largest and best-preserved medieaval city centres, the Swedish capital is superbly positioned, with stunning and extremely varied scenery in every direction. Stockholm offers a wealth of museums, theatres, sights, attractions and events. Relax in the comfort of your hotel and refresh for starting your trip.

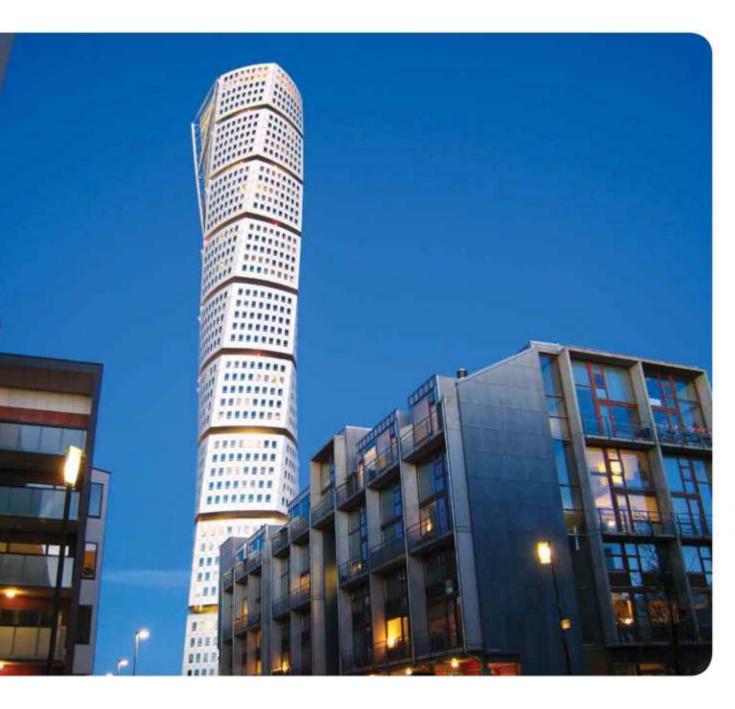
### DAY 2: STOCKHOLM SIGHTSEEING

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, start the day by discovering the "Beauty on water", Stockholm which was founded in the 13th century and is built on 14 islands surrounded by water so clean that you can swim and fish right in the capital city. Explore the old part of Stockholm, Gamla Stan with the Houses of Parliament, the Great Cathedral and cavernous Stockholm Palace. See the City Hall, constructed in the National Romantic style where each year on December 10th the Nobel price banquette takes place; take a walk through cobbled streets lined with medieval buildings. The Old Town is in direct contrast with today's modern city centre. Discover the famous Vasa Musuem. The Vasa is the world's only surviving 17th - century ship and one of the foremost tourist sights in the world. The ship is displayed in a purpose - built museum in Stockholm. Relax for the day in the coziness of your hotel.

#### DAY 3: AROUND STOCKHOLM - CRUISE TO HELSINKI

After breakfast we visit the country side of Stockholm and first visit Sigtuna - the oldest town in Sweden. It is a lively little town of 6500 inhabitants. Founded in 1980





AD it is the oldest still existing town in Sweden and the place where the first coins were minted. Then we visit Steninge Palace a beautiful 18th century palace and a national heritage stone barn with an art glassworks, candle-making facility, factory outlet, gallery and restaurant. The palace itself was built in 1705 as the result of a love story between Carl Gyllenstierna and the Swedish queen dowager Hedvig Eleonora. The best architects, stucco artists and craftsmen of the time were hired.

Uppsala - visit Scandinavia's oldest university and cathedral. Old Uppsala with its ancient viking burial mounds has a newly inaugurated museum. Uppsala castle has also been the scene of many dramatic events. Over the years Uppsala has been the home of many internationally recognized persons such as the botanist Carl von Linné, the former UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and the film director Ingmar Bergman. Today, Uppsala is Sweden's fourth largest city and a centre of scientific skills and knowledge. This is also the religious centre of Sweden and residence of the Archbishop. By evening we are ready for the ship cruise to Finland over the Baltic sea. You may like to checkout on the choice of delicacies amongst various restaurants on board.

# DAY 4: HELSINKI SIGHTSEEING - CRUISE TO STOCKHOLM

Wake up in the surrounds of Baltic sea after a night filled of music and dance on board the ship to enjoy a sumptuous buffet breakfast. Enjoy the cold baltic breeze freshen your soul on the ship deck or enjoy the Scandinavian spa. Do not loose site of the never ending islands on your way. This is the famous archipelago of Sweden.

Arrive in Helsinki by 10:00 a.m. and board the site seeing bus. Helsinki is a modern European cultural city whose urban cosmopolitan lifestyle exists in perfect harmony with nature. Surrounded by the sea and its own exotic archipelago, Helsinki offers visitors an endless number of possibilities. Throughout its history, Helsinki has existed in the crosscurrents of the East and West. The colourful layers of history can be seen everywhere; its modern architecture, cutting-edge design and high-technology have attracted international recognition for the city and made it the style city of Scandinavia. We visit the Old Market Hall, White Cathedral (Lutheran) at the Senate Square and Uspenski Cathedral (Orthodox). By evening we are back in our cabin to start the journey back to Stockholm.

#### DAY 5: TRANSFER TO MALMO

After breakfast on board, arrive back in Stockholm by 10:00 a.m. Transfer by train to Malmö. The six hour journey to Malmö takes you through natural forests of Sweden. Arrive to the border town of Malmö and relax for the evening. Malmö is the southern most town of Sweden facing Denmark's capital city of Copenhagen.

# DAY 6: MALMÖ SIGHTSEEING

During June to beginning of August, we have Malmö sightseeing. Sightseeing starts with visit to the tallest building in Scandinavian the famous The Turning Torso a marvel of modern architecture and residential buildings. The equestrian statue of King Karl - Gustav, who took Skine from the Danes through the Roskilde Treaty of 1658, stands in the midst of the largest square in Malmö. Stortorget became Malmö's new marketplace and was the largest city square in Northern Europe for a very long time. Kockska huset, one of the most well-preserved 16th century buildings in Malmö, is of red brick with a richly ornamented. stepped gable. The City Hall, finished in 1546, has undergone major changes over the centuries. In the 1860s, Helgo Zettervall redesigned the façade in the Dutch Renaissance style, much of which remains today. The Residence, the pale stuccoed building



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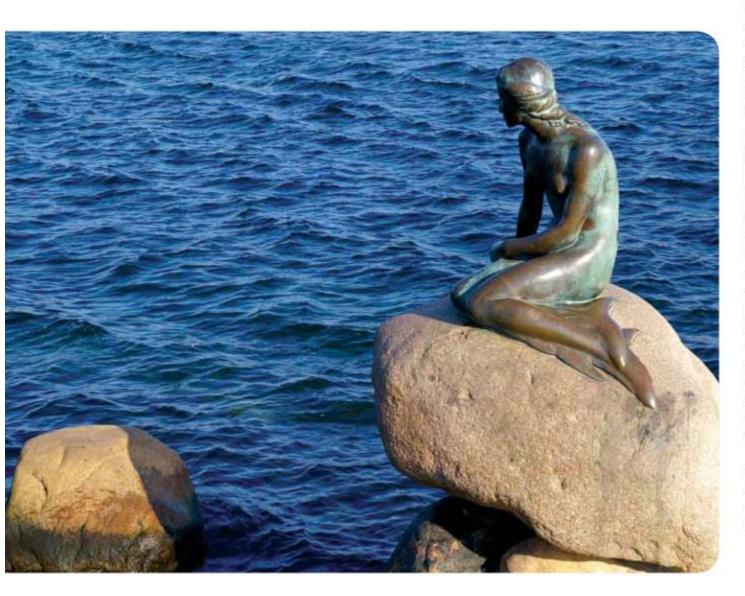
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next to the City Hall, is now the home of the County Governor. The present façade dating from the 1850s was built in 17th century Renaissance style by one of the most prominent architects of the day, F.W. Scholander. After a visit to the Malmö Slott, Lilla Torget, you may also visit Folkets Park which was opened in 1893 and has always been a popular park and entertainment venue for the people of Malmö.



#### DAY 7: COPENHAGEN SIGHTSEEING

The lovely city of Copenhagen, is the capital of Denmark. Copenhagen got its name from the word "köbenhavn", which means "Merchants harbour". It is a captivating, friendly city where there is always something wonderful around the next corner - to see, smell, taste, feel or listen to. There are the royal castles, the parks, the squares and the plazas and not least like a precious gem, Nyhavn, the New Harbour. Discover the architecture and museums which are famous all over the world. We recommend you to start by visiting the Town Hall a good place to start exploration in any direction. Noble statues stand at its entry on its roof and inside where, among others the writer Hans Christian Andersen and the Nobel Prize-winning physicist Niels Bohr are honored. We visit Jens Olsen's World Clock with its exact calibration in the lower portion of the Town Hall Tower. Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek Houses both a stunning classical collection and somewhat incongruously, an assemblage of Danish impressionist and postimpressionist art. The building itself is a work of art and merits a visit (the central palm garden with murmuring fountains was cleverly designed to offer museum visitors a place to relax). We also visit Ronsenborg Palace and the Royal Reception Rooms and let's not forget The Little Mermaid, inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairytale. The statue of the "Little Mermaid" is a favourite with most visitors.

#### DAY 8: DEPARTURE

After breakfast, spend some time on your own for shopping before taking the transfer to the airport for your flight back home.