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We extend a warm welcome to you, for considering our upcoming Annual Tour of Incredible India, and introducing —Majestic Mauritius! Your decision to embark on this journey is not merely a well-deserved vacation, but a profound opportunity for spiritual and historical enrichment.

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Thank you for entrusting us with your exploration of Incredible India, beloved Bharat Mata. May this journey be filled with joy, self-discovery, and blessings, leaving you with beautiful memories as vivid as the colors of India's diverse landscapes.

With blessings,

Pandit Neil Dev Persad





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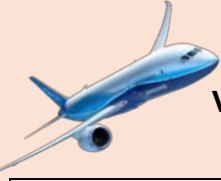






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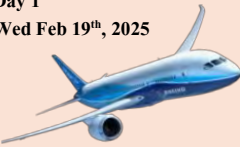


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| Day | Excursion | Reference |
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| <p>Day 1 & 2 Travel Thu Feb 13th 2025 Outbound from your home countries.</p> <p>Fri Feb 14th, 2025 - INTRANSIT</p>  <p>Entry Point #1</p> | <p>INTRANSIT – Paris, Dubai, Doha, Amsterdam, London, or Istanbul depending on flights.</p> <p>This is based on the airline’s flight schedules from your local airports and availability. There are NO direct flights to the Island of Mauritius from North America, hence, there will be long connection times en-route. Some airlines will offer a free hotel room during connection, based on the duration of the layover. <i>This will be finalized at the time of booking.</i></p> |  |
| <p>Day M-1 Sat Feb 15th 2025</p> | <p>Mauritius</p> <p>Welcome To Mauritius! Airport Transfers, Hotel Check-in, Lunch at Hotel/Restaurant, Visit Sagar Shiv Temple on the Beach, Experience Sunset on the Beach, Dinner at Hotel/Restaurant. Night’s stay.</p> <p>***Optional Spa Services at passengers’ expense***</p> <p><i>An Islander once told Mark Twain that “Mauritius was made first and then heaven; and heaven was copied after Mauritius”. Mauritius is a far-flung island in the Indian Ocean with turquoise bays and a fusion of culinary culture (Europe, Africa, and Asia), about 2,000 kilometers (1,100 nautical miles) off the southeastern coast of East Africa, east of Madagascar. Mauritius spans 2,040 square kilometers (790 sq mi). Calming, euphoric, curious, adventurous; it’s a place to embrace every energy.</i></p> |  |
| <p>Day M-2 Sun Feb 16th, 2025</p> | <p>Mauritius</p> <p>Breakfast at hotel, Visit Trou Aux Cerfs - Volcano, Mare Aux Vacoas Reservoir, Ganga Talao Temple, Alexander Falls, Gorges Viewpoint, Lunch at Chamarel Restaurant, Chamarel 7-coloured earth, Chamarel Waterfall, Gris Gris Beach, Maconde Viewpoint. Dinner at hotel and night’s stay.</p> <p>Ganga Talao (commonly known as Grand Bassin) is a crater lake situated in a secluded mountain area in the district of Savanne, deep in the heart of Mauritius. It is about 550 m (1,800 ft) above sea level. It is considered the most sacred Hindu place in Mauritius.</p> <p><i>The Shiv Mandir is located on the bank of the lake and is dedicated to Shiva, one of the principal deities of Hinduism. There are temples dedicated to other Gods as well, including Shri Hanuman, Goddess Ganga, and Shri Ganesh along the Grand Bassin. During Shivaratri, around half a million Hindus in Mauritius go on a pilgrimage to the lake, many walking barefoot from their homes carrying Kanvars.</i></p> <p>Chamarel’s Seven Coloured Earth Geopark is a unique opportunity to discover millions of years of history through the iconic 7 Colored Earth and the Chamarel Waterfall - one of the most impressive waterfalls in Mauritius. Opened in the late 1960s, the park is key to the development of Chamarel, an area full of history and breathtaking scenery.</p> |  |

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| <p>Day M-5 Mon Feb 17th, 2025</p> | <p>Mauritius Breakfast at Hotel, Drive through the Capital (Caudan Waterfront), Shopping at Caudan, Aapravasi Ghat (UNESCO World Heritage Site), Pereybere Beach, Cap Malheureux Beach & church visit, Shopping at La Croisette Mall, Dinner at Hotel/Restaurant. Relax & good night's sleep.</p> <p><i>In the district of Port Louis, lies the 1,640 m2 site where the modern indentured labor diaspora began. In 1834, the British Government selected the island of Mauritius to be the first site for what it called 'the great experiment' in the use of 'free' labor to replace slaves. Between 1834 and 1920, almost half a million indentured laborers arrived from India at Aapravasi Ghat to work in the sugar plantations of Mauritius, or to be transferred to Reunion Island, Australia, southern and eastern Africa, or the Caribbean. This can be a very emotional experience, as it is where many of our ancestors from Bharat Mata (India) would have 'rested' prior to the long journey ahead, across the Kala Paani. The buildings of Aapravasi Ghat are among the earliest explicit manifestations of what was to become a global economic system and one of the greatest migrations in history.</i></p> |  |
| <p>Day M-6 Tue Feb 18th, 2025</p> | <p>Mauritius Breakfast at hotel. Visit to Sugar Factory Museum, Free day for shopping and relaxation. Check out of hotel by noon and head to Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport for flight to Mumbai at 5:00pm.</p> <p><i>Things to shop for in Mauritius: Ravanne (Tambourine like instrument), Salt from Les Salines, Cassava biscuits, Tea, Papaya jam, Natural cosmetics, and Macramé wall tapestry. Local crafts: Woven baskets and mats, handmade pottery, wood carvings (figurines, boxes, frames), leatherwork, recycled glass, sculptures, jewelry, finely crafted model ships made from teak and mahogany.</i></p> <p><i>Flight time is 6.5 Hours</i></p> |  |
| <p>Day 1 Wed Feb 19th, 2025</p>  <p>Entry Point #2</p> | <p>Mumbai Arrival in Mumbai at 1:00am from Mauritius. Various arrival times based on countries of origin.</p> <p>Free day for rest, relaxation and Shopping. Money exchange, cell phone, pharmacy and related services. Breakfast. Lunch. Dinner and night's stay.</p> <p>***Optional Spa Services at passengers' expense***</p> |  |
| <p>Day 02 Thu Feb 20th, 2025</p> | <p>Mumbai Breakfast at Hotel – Visit Gateway of India & Taj Hotel, Dhobi Ghat – Lunch - Shopping at Kolaba Market – Bus Drive-through Marine Drive (Wankhede Cricket Stadium), Malabar Hill, Antilia (Mukesh Ambani's House), Haji Ali Mosque, Bandra - Worli Sea Link. Bus Drive-by Manat (Sharukh Khan's House), Amitabh Bachchan's, Lata Mangeshkar's and other celebrity homes on Juhu Beach.</p> <p>Dinner and night's stay.</p> <p><i>Juhu is a suburb of Mumbai. It is known for the sprawling Juhu Beach. Juhu is among the most expensive and affluent areas of the metropolitan area and home to many Bollywood celebrities.</i></p> |  |

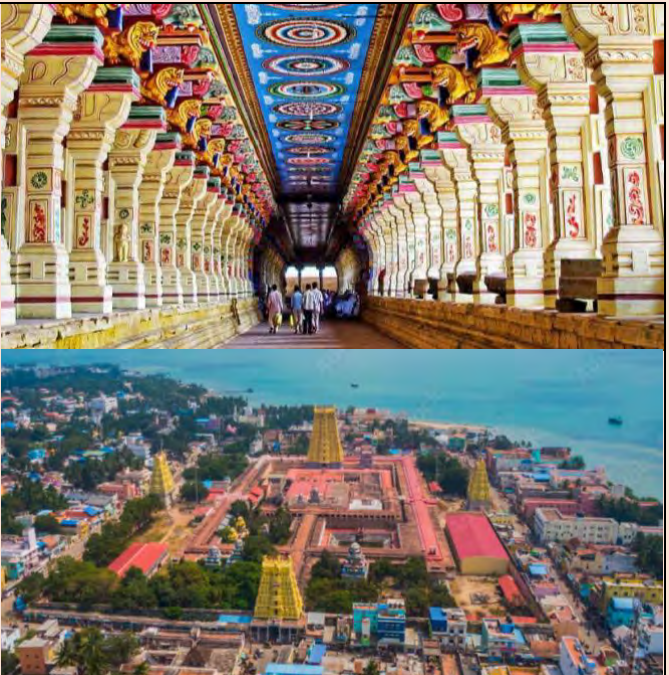
Day 03
Fri Feb 21st 2025



Mumbai-Madurai-Rameshwaram
 Hotel Checkout after breakfast and arrive at airport at 11:30am to get flight for Madurai at 1:30pm – Arrive at Madurai at 3:25pm – Board the bus and drive to **Rameshwaram** – Hotel Check-in – Dinner and night’s stay.

Made famous by the epic Ramayana, Rameshwaram is a quaint beach town and a popular Hindu pilgrimage destination that also attracts nature lovers and adventure enthusiasts. Rameshwaram is where Sri Ram decided to build the sea bridge and that is why one of the names of the island is Setu, the Bridge. According to the Puranas (Hindu scriptures), upon the advice of sages, Sri Ram himself laid the foundation of Rameshwaram. Sri Ram worshipped Lord Shiva there just before His journey towards Lanka, seeking His blessings to be victorious against Ravana. It is a Jyotirlinga temple and one of the Char Dhams. It is also the place where Ravana's brother Vibhishana left Lanka and joined Sri Ram in his battle of righteousness. Sri Ram held Vibhishana's coronation here and crowned him as the king of Lanka.

Madurai-Rameshwaram 177 kms / 3 Hrs.



Day 04
Sat Feb 22nd 2025

Rameshwaram
 Breakfast at hotel – Visit **Dhanushkodhi**

An abandoned town at the south-eastern tip of Pamban Island of the state of Tamil Nadu in India. It is about 24 kilometres/15 miles west of Talaimannar in Sri Lanka. – Lunch

Visit Rameshwaram - Ramanathaswamy Temple.

A shrine dedicated to Lord Shiva and one of the twelve sacred Jyotirlinga temples in India. Ramanathaswamy temple is known for its imposing structure, majestic towers, intricate sculptural work and corridors, making it an architectural marvel.

Dinner and night’s stay.



Day 05
Sun Feb 23rd 2025

Rameshwaram-Madurai
 Hotel Check-out after breakfast and arrive at **Madurai** – Hotel Check-in – Lunch – Rest - **Visit Meenakshi Amman Temple** at 4:00pm.

One of the direct Shakti Peeth temples, and the only temple in India including 4 Rajagopuram (towers). According to Hindu legend, Lord Shiva came to Madurai in the form of Sundareswarar to marry Meenakshi, the daughter of the Pandya ruler; Meenakshi was a manifestation of the goddess Parvati. The Meenakshi Amman Temple is dedicated to their union. (There are an estimated 33000 sculptures in the temple. It was on the list of top 30 nominees for the “New Seven Wonders of the World”). The Meenakshi temple also includes Lakshmi, flute playing Krishna, Rukmini, Brahma, Saraswati, and other Vedic and Puranic deities, as well as artwork showing narratives from major Hindu texts.

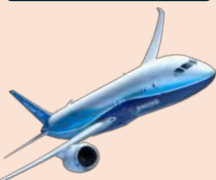
Shopping – Dinner and night’s stay.



Day 06
Mon Feb 24th, 2025



Entry Point #3



Madurai-Bangalore

Hotel Check-out with Breakfast To-go (packed breakfast) to arrive at **Madurai** airport at 9:40am to get flight for **Bangalore** at 11:40am – Arrive at **Bangalore** at 1:05pm – Lunch enroute – Hotel Check-in — **Shopping** - Dinner and night’s stay.

Bengaluru (also called Bangalore) is the capital of India's southern Karnataka state. The centre of India's high-tech industry, the city is also known for its parks and nightlife. Former royal residences include 19th-century Bangalore Palace, modelled after England's Windsor Castle. Shopping spree at Commercial Street, Mahatma Gandhi Road (MG Road), popular market areas.

*****Optional Spa Services at passengers' expense*****



Day 07
Tue Feb 25th, 2025

Bangalore-Puttaparthi

Breakfast at hotel – Visit **Shivoham Temple** (Dedicated to Lord Shiva, seated in meditative mode) – Lunch and Shopping in Mall - Visit **Adi Yogi** (Bangalore, Isha Foundation) at **Chikkaballapur** – Drive to **Puttaparthi** – Hotel Check-in.

Spend the evening at **Prashanthi Nilayam** (*the abode of the highest peace*), **Sri Sathya Sai Baba Ashram**. Dinner and night’s stay at hotel.

What is unique about the Shivoham Temple in Bangalore, is the magnificent 65-feet tall statue of Shiva. This is the only place in the world that can take you to the famous and sacred Amarnath Paanch Dham Yatra and the well-known Barah (12) Jyotirlinga Yatra, a miniature re-creation of the 12 Jyotirlinga sites.

Bangalore-Puttaparthi 160 kms / 3 Hrs.



Day 08
Wed Feb 26th, 2025

Happy Maha Shivarathri

Om Namah Shivaya

"Maha Shivarathri is celebrated as a day of gratitude to Lord Shiva. Shivarathri has a variety of meanings. "Rathri" implies the darkness of night. But "Shivarathri" connotes not darkness but the special sacredness of this night. There is darkness in this night also, but this darkness is invested with auspiciousness. The reason is that on this 14th day after the Full Moon (Chaturdasi day), the moon, who is the presiding deity for the mind, has shed fifteen of his sixteen digits. This is an auspicious time for having proximity to God. The Upanishads refer to the attributes of the Divine as Truth, Goodness, and Beauty (Sathyam, Shivam, Sundaram)."

Prasanthi Nilayam, Puttaparthi

Morning Darshan at Ashram, Breakfast at Hotel, **Chaitanya Jyoti Museum, Hanuman Murti**, Lunch, Shopping. Dinner and Night’s stay.

Overnight Live Maha Shivarathri Bhajans at the Ashram.

Prasanthi Nilayam means 'the abode of highest peace'. It is the main ashram of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, located near the village of Puttaparthi amidst rolling hills, with the river Chitravathi to its east.

Sri Sathya Sai Baba is an inspiration, a guide, and most of all a cherished, endearing and intimately felt divinity in the hearts of millions who knew Him. He is also known as Sathya Sai Baba, Sai Baba, Swami, Bhagawan or simply as Baba to millions of people. His followers come from all faiths and races and meet regularly for devotional singing, to study His teachings, and to engage in service activities to practice His message of Love and Peace to unite all mankind – Unity in Diversity. Devotees from all over the world visit Prasanthi to join in Satsangh at Baba's Samadhi, to experience His earthly abode, divine omnipresence, and pure love.

The valley houses the divine Sannidhi (sanctum) of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Sai Kulwant Hall, bhajan mandir, residential complexes, the headquarters of the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, its allied institutions, and Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organizations.



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| <p>Day 09 Thu Feb 27th, 2025</p> | <p>Puttaparthi - Bangalore Hotel Check-out after late breakfast and arrive at Bangalore.</p> <p>Visit Bengaluru Palace (<i>Turreted parapets, battlements, fortified towers, and arches adorn this regal architectural masterpiece modelled on the Windsor Castle in England</i>) and Lalbagh Botanical Gardens (<i>A sprawling garden situated on 240 acres of land in the heart of the city, Lalbagh houses India's largest collection of tropical and sub-tropical plants, including trees that are several centuries old.</i>)</p> <p><i>Bangalore is sometimes referred to as the "Silicon Valley of India" or "IT capital of India" because of its role as the nation's leading information technology (IT) exporter. Indian technological organizations ISRO, Infosys, Wipro and HAL are headquartered in the city. A demographically diverse city, Bangalore is the second fastest-growing major metropolis in India.</i></p> <p>Hotel Check-in – Shopping – Dinner and night's stay.</p> <p>Puttaparthi-Bangalore 160 Kms / 03.00 Hrs.</p> |  |
| <p>Day 10 Fri Feb 28th, 2025</p> | <p>Bangalore-Mysore Hotel Check-out after breakfast and arrive at Mysore – Hotel Check-in – Lunch – Visit Brindavan Gardens – Dinner and night's stay.</p> <p><i>Mysore (or Mysuru), a city in India's southwestern Karnataka state, was the capital of the Kingdom of Mysore from 1399 to 1947. In its centre is opulent Mysore Palace, seat of the former ruling Wodeyar dynasty. The palace blends Hindu, Islamic, Gothic and Rajput styles.</i></p> <p><i>Spread across an area of 60 acres, Brindavan Gardens is at the bottom of the Krishnaraja Sagara Dam (KRS), across the river Cauvery. Modelled on the Shalimar Gardens of Kashmir, the garden entices visitors with its lush green lawns, terraces, flower beds, topiary and multihued fountains. Today, the Brindavan Gardens is world-famous for its ethereal beauty and grandeur. An endless expanse of green, dotted with colourful blooms, the terraced gardens are well laid out and admired for their symmetrical design.</i></p> <p>Bangalore-Mysore 142 Kms / 02.30 Hrs ***Optional Spa Services at passengers' expense***</p> |  |
| <p>Day 11 Sat Mar 1st, 2025</p> | <p>Mysore Breakfast at hotel. Visit Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji's Ashram, Mysore Palace and Chamundeshwari Temple. Lunch. Dinner and night's stay.</p> <p><i>Avadhoota Datta Peetham is an International Spiritual, Cultural and Social Welfare organisation established by His Holiness Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji in 1966. Sri Swamiji's universal vision and deep compassion for the upliftment of mankind has inspired the Peetham to run a vast variety of programs, activities and projects towards enrichment of human life.</i></p> <p><i>Visit Shukhvana, a parrot rehabilitation centre managed by the ashram and houses hundreds of exotic parrots. Shri Hanuman Temple on the Ashram grounds. – Lunch – Visit Mysuru Palace and Chamundeshwari Temple.</i></p> |  |

Mysore Palace/ Mysore Maharaja Palace is in the heart of the city and is one of the most visited monuments in India. One of the largest palaces in the country, it is also known as **Amba Vilas Palace**, which was the residence of the **Wodeyar Maharajas** of the Mysore state. Locally in Kannada, it is called **Mysuru Aramane**.

Chamundeshwari Temple is a sacred temple considered to be one among the 18 Shakti Peethas. It is said that the hair of Sati Mata fell here. Our scriptures also indicate that Goddess Durga slayed the demon king Mahishasura on the top of this hill which was once ruled by him.



Day 12
Sun Mar 2nd, 2025



Mysore-Bangalore - Varanasi

Hotel Check-out after breakfast and arrive at **Bangalore** airport by 3:00pm to get flight for **Varanasi** at 5:05pm – Arrive in **Varanasi** at 7:50pm – Hotel Check-in – Dinner and night’s stay.

Varanasi is a city in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh dating back to the 11th century B.C. The holiest of India's sacred cities, Varanasi's mythical status within Hinduism has attracted religious seekers and pilgrims since antiquity. Previously known as Benares and Kashi ("city of light"), the abode of the Hindu god Shiva, Varanasi is referenced in the Vedas, Mahabharata, Ramayana, Puranas and also many Buddhist and Jain texts. For countless generations, Hindus have revered this sacred land as a portal to the divine. Here, amidst the ancient ghats and timeless rituals, it is believed that death bestows moksha, freeing souls from the ceaseless cycle of birth and rebirth. Its present name derives from the two rivers, Varuna and Asi, that join the Ganges River here, and the city is the most celebrated pilgrimage destination in India.

Varanasi's waterfront, with its miles of ghats, is the spiritual heart of the city that is home to hundreds of shrines, temples, and palaces. Kashi Vishwanath, the "Golden Temple," is dedicated to Lord Shiva. This is one of the 12 sacred Jyotir Lingams of Lord Shiva.

Mysore-Bangalore Airport 171 Kms / 03.00 Hrs





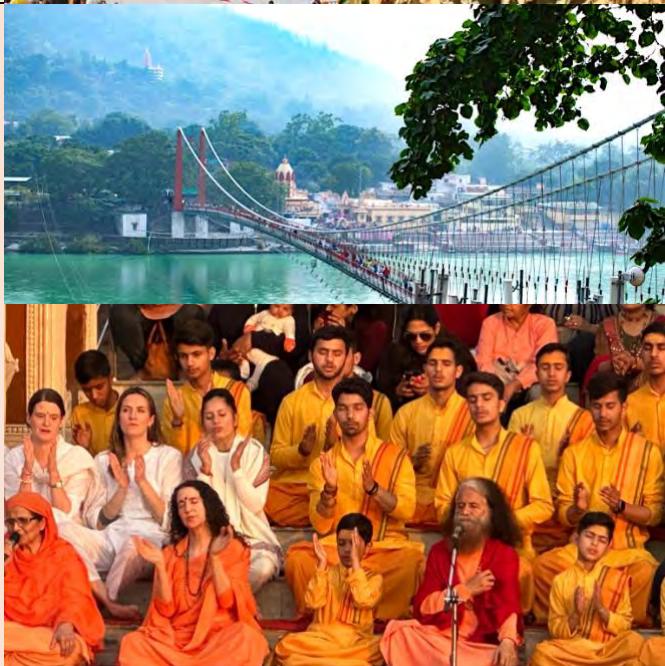
Day 13
Mon Mar 3rd, 2025

Varanasi

Breakfast at hotel – Arrive at **Sankat Mochan Hanuman Temple** with a Tuktuk – Receive the darshan of Sri Sankat Mochan Hanuman Ji – Lunch – Shopping – Visit **Assi Ghat** with a Tuktuk, then journey to **Sri Kashi Vishwanath** Corridor on a boat – Receive the Divine Darshan of **Shri Vishwanath Jyotirlingam** – Witness **Ganga Aarti** from a boat – Dinner and night’s stay.

Kashi Vishwanath Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva. It is located in Vishwanath Gali, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India. The presiding deity is known by the names Vishwanath and Vishweshwara, which means the "Ruler of the Universe." The temple is a Hindu pilgrimage site and is one of the twelve Jyotirlinga shrines. A Jyotirlinga is a sacred representation of Lord Shiva in the form of a radiant lingam. According to the Skanda Purana, Lord Vishwanath himself established the Jyotirlinga in Varanasi, making it one of the twelve Jyotirlingas in India. The Jyotirlinga represents the eternal nature of Lord Shiva and attracts countless pilgrims seeking divine blessings.



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| | <p>It is often referred to as the “City of Lord Shiva” and is believed to be the place where Lord Shiva performed the cosmic dance of destruction, known as the Tandava.</p> <p>Kaal Bhairav, an incarnation of Lord Shiva, is believed to be the guardian deity of Varanasi and the Kashi Vishwanath Temple. It is said that Kaal Bhairav ensures that no one can enter Varanasi with impure intentions.</p> <p>King Harishchandra, known for his unwavering commitment to truth and justice, is believed to have constructed the original Kashi Vishwanath Temple.</p> <p>The temple remains a symbol of the timeless connection between the divine and the human spirit, drawing people from all walks of life to seek solace, enlightenment, and salvation in the heart of Varanasi.</p> |  |
| <p>Day 14 Tue Mar 4th, 2025</p>  | <p>Varanasi-Ayodhya</p> <p>Hotel Check-out after breakfast and arrive at Varanasi Junction Railway Station at 8:30am to catch the Vande Bharat train (the most modern semi-high-speed train in India) for Ayodhya at 9:25am – Arrive in Ayodhya at 12:15pm. Hotel Check-in. Lunch. Dinner and night’s stay.</p> <p>Jai Shri Ram! Visit Ram Lalla at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir (Birthplace of Shri Ram Bhagavan).</p> <p>Shop for religious items in Ayodhya.</p> <p>The legendary city of Ayodhya is identified in the epic Ramayana as the birthplace of the Sri Ram of Kosala and is hence regarded as the first of the seven most important pilgrimage sites for Hindus. According to the Ramayana, Ayodhya was founded by Manu, the progenitor of mankind. Both the Ramayana and the Mahabharata describe Ayodhya as the capital of the Ikshvaku dynasty of Kosala, including Ram and Dasharatha.</p> <p>Ram Mandir is a poignant chapter in India’s cultural narrative. It transcends the boundaries of religion, resonating with the hearts of millions who see it as a symbol of cultural resurgence and national pride. The construction of the Ram Mandir is a testament to the indomitable spirit of a people, for a sacred space that embodies the essence of their beliefs and aspirations.</p> |  |
| <p>Day 15 Wed Mar 5th, 2025</p> | <p>Ayodhya – Dehradun - Rishikesh</p> <p>Breakfast at hotel. Hotel Checkout and arrive at airport by 8:30am to get flight for Dehradun at 12:20pm – (Board Bus) – Arrive in Rishikesh – Lunch enroute / or in hotel – Shopping for religious articles - Witness Maa Ganga Arti at Parmarth Niketan and participate in Satsangh/ Meditation on the banks of the Ganges.</p> <p>Hotel Check-in. Dinner and night’s stay.</p> <p>For Hindus around the world, the Ganges is not just a river but a mother, a goddess, a tradition, a culture and much more. Some Hindus also believe life is incomplete without bathing in the Ganges at least once in your lifetime. Rishikesh is commonly referred to as the ‘yoga capital of the world.’ Set against the backdrop of the Himalayas, Rishikesh finds a mention in the ancient text Skanda Purana, and in the epic Ramayana. It is said Sri Ram, along with his brothers, came to Rishikesh to do penance after killing Ravana.</p> |  |

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| | <p><i>Maa Ganga flows right through the centre of Rishikesh and its whole layout is governed by the two bridges that span its width. Here the river is running straight from the Himalayas and is cold, wide and quick flowing, cutting through the valley with temples, ghats and beaches lining its edges.</i></p> <p><i>(It's also a revered location to immerse the remains of deceased relatives).</i></p> |  |
| <p>Day 16 Thu Mar 6th, 2025</p> | <p>Rishikesh – Haridwar – Kurukshetra - Chandigarh Breakfast at hotel - Sacred bath in the Ganges (Maa Ganga) at Haridwar. Lunch – Arrive at Kurukshetra - Visit Mahabharata War Panorama – Visit Bramha Sarovar and Banyan Tree at Kurukshetra.</p> <p><i>The banyan tree at Jyotisar Tirtha — which is believed to be an offshoot of the one under which Lord Krishna delivered the sermon of ‘Gita’ to Pandava prince Arjuna during the Mahabharata. There is a replica of the chariot of Arjuna on the spot where Lord Krishna delivered the Gita from his lips. Reverentially and silently perform circumambulation around the Banyan Tree while chanting mantras led by our Pandit Ji.</i></p> <p>Arrive at Chandigarh – Dinner enroute - Hotel Check-in and night’s stay.</p> <p>Rishikesh-Kurukshetra 150 Kms / 03.30 Hrs Kurukshetra-Chandigarh 100 Kms / 02.30 Hrs</p> |  |
| <p>Day 17 Fri Mar 7th, 2025</p> | <p>Chandigarh-Amritsar Hotel Check-out after breakfast – Lunch enroute and arrive at Wagah Border - Witness the ‘Changing of the Guards’ Ceremony at India / Pakistan Border.</p> <p><i>The pomp and pageantry of the Beating Retreat and the Change of Guard within handshaking distance of the Indian and Pakistani forces makes for a most charming spectacle. Wagah, an army outpost, is the international border between India (Amritsar) and Pakistan (Lahore), with an elaborate complex of buildings, roads and barriers on both sides.</i></p> <p>Hotel Check-in – Dinner and night’s stay.</p> <p>Chandigarh-Amritsar 262 Kms / 04.30 Hrs</p> |  |
| <p>Day 18 Sat Mar 8th, 2025</p>  | <p>Amritsar – Chandigarh - Jaipur Breakfast at hotel – Visit Jallianwala Bagh & Golden Temple.</p> <p><i>The Golden Temple, Amritsar (Sri Darbar Sahib Amritsar) is not only a central religious place of the Sikhs, but also a symbol of human brotherhood and equality. Everyone, irrespective of cast, creed or race can seek spiritual solace and religious fulfilment without any hindrance. It also represents the distinct identity, glory and heritage of the Sikhs.</i> – Lunch – Hotel Check-out</p> |  |

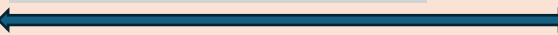
*****Full Tour – Passengers*****

Continue on by bus to Chandigarh Airport then fly to Jaipur.

Arrive in Jaipur – Hotel Check-in – Dinner and night's stay

Optional Spa Services at passengers' expense

Amritsar-Chandigarh 230 Kms / 04.00 Hrs



*****Three Weeks - Tour Passengers*****

Drive to Delhi by bus, Dinner enroute – Arrive at hotel and check-in — Night's stay



Day 19
Sun Mar 9th, 2025

*****Full Tour – Passengers*****

Jaipur

Breakfast at hotel – Visit Hawa Mahal & Alwar Hall from Bus - Jantar Mantar, City Palace, Amer Fort – Lunch – Shopping – Visit Jal Mahal from outside.

Planned by Vidyadhar Bhattacharya, Jaipur holds the distinction of being the first planned city of India. Renowned globally for its coloured gems, the capital city of Rajasthan combines the allure of its ancient history with all the advantages of a metropolis. Since the colour pink was symbolic of hospitality, Maharaja Ram Singh of Jaipur painted the entire city pink and makes for a marvellous spectacle to behold. Jaipur rises up majestically against the backdrop of the forts Nahargarh, Jaigarh and Garh Ganesh Temple.

Dinner at **Chokhi Dhani** 'Chokhi Dhani', which is a perfect mirror to the Rajasthani culture, food, traditions, and heritage. The name Chokhi Dhani literally translates to Rajasthani Culture. Since it displays the vibrant culture, art, folklore and tradition of Rajasthan, visitors can experience the countryside life and learn about the history of the Rajput valour). Night's stay in Jaipur.

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Delhi

Breakfast at hotel – Visit Akshardham Temple, Lotus Temple – Shopping – Visit Rajghat, Red Fort from bus, India Gate, Parliament House and President's House from Bus – Shopping, Dinner and night's stay.

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Day 21

Tue Mar 11th, 2025

*****Full Tour – Passengers*****

Agra– Mathura – Vrindavan - Delhi

Hotel Check out after breakfast and arrive at **Mathura** – Visit **Sri Krishna’s birthplace** – Lunch in **Vrindavan** – Visit **Prem Mandir and Vaishno Devi Mata Mandir** – Arrive at **Delhi** – Hotel Check-in – Dinner and night’s stay.

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Agra-Mathura 65 Kms / 01.30 Hrs

Mathura-Vrindavan 15 Kms / 00.30 Hrs

Vrindavan-Delhi 150 Kms / 03.00 Hrs

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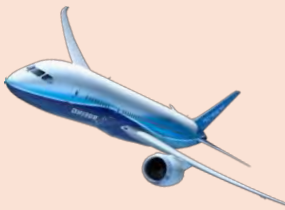
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Day 20

Mon Mar 10th, 2025

*****Full Tour – Passengers*****

Jaipur – Agra

Hotel Check-out after breakfast – Arrive at **Agra** – Lunch enroute – Hotel Check-in — Visit **Taj Mahal** (*The Taj Mahal is one of the three World Heritage Sites in India. Set in a serene Mughal garden the monument stands on a raised marble platform, with its back towards the sacred Yamuna River.*

The four sides of the Taj Mahal show a perfect symmetry and feature impressive vaulted arches embellished with Pietra Dura scrollwork, and verses from the Quran in calligraphy using inlaid jasper.

This architectural masterpiece is one of the most frequented places in India by photographers and foreign tourists. The Taj Mahal looks as immaculate today as when it was first built, leaving onlookers mesmerized. - Shopping – Dinner & night’s stay.

Jaipur-Agra 246 Kms / 04.30 Hrs

*****Three Weeks - Tour Passengers*****

Delhi

Breakfast at hotel – Free day for shopping and independent activities – Dinner and night’s stay.



Day 21

Tue Mar 11th, 2025

*****Full Tour – Passengers*****

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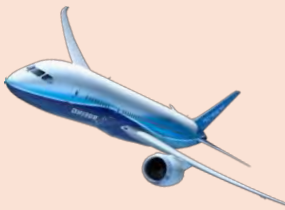
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| <p>Day 22</p> <p>Wed Mar 12th, 2025</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">***Full Tour – Passengers***</p> <p>Delhi</p> <p>Breakfast at hotel – Visit Akshardham Temple, Lotus Temple – Shopping – Visit Rajghat, Red Fort from Bus, India Gate, Parliament House and President’s House from Bus – Dinner and night’s stay.</p> <p><i>Delhi, officially the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, is a city and a union territory of India containing New Delhi, the capital of India. Delhi is of great historical significance as an important commercial, transport, and cultural hub, as well as the political centre of India.</i></p> | |
| <p>Day 23</p> <p>Thu Mar 13th, 2025</p> | <p>Delhi</p> <p>Breakfast at hotel – Free day for shopping and independent activities – Dinner and night’s stay.</p> <p><i>The earliest reference to a settlement in the Delhi area is found in the Mahabharata. According to the narrative, a city called Indraprastha (“City of the God Indra”), built about 1400 BCE, was the capital of the Pandavas. Although nothing remains of Indraprastha, legend holds it to have been a thriving city. The first reference to the place-name Delhi seems to have been made in the 1st century BCE, when Raja Dhilu built a city near the site of the future Qutb Minar (in present-day southwestern Delhi) and named it for himself.</i></p> | |
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Services

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| Food | <p>All meals (<i>Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner</i>), filtered or bottled drinking water on all days throughout the tour as per requirements.</p> <p>All breakfasts are inclusive at our hotels. Most dinners will be buffet style at our hotels or restaurants enroute. Some lunches will at times be fast foods that can be consumed on the bus while traveling in order to save time. In the case where we are having lunch at a la carte restaurants, our tour guide will specify what's included from the menu. Water, tea, and coffee are complimentary at all meals.</p> <p>All other drinks, desserts, and other delicacies, while available, are not included in this package, and will be the responsibility of the passenger who orders these items, to cover the cost.</p> <p>*** Only vegetarian meals are provided as part of your tour package. ***</p> | | |
| Transportation | Internal Flights | Mumbai - Madurai | Ayodhya - Dehradun |
| | | Madurai - Bangalore | Chandigarh - Jaipur |
| | | Bangalore - Varanasi | |
| | Train | Varanasi – Ayodhya via Vande Bharat- New High Speed Train | |
| | Road Transport | By latest model of AC luxury coach except for some airport transfers which will be by Taxi or Private Cars. | |
| Accommodation | <p>Double bedded AC rooms on twin sharing basis at 4/5-Star Hotels at all places of stay. Tour cost is based on dual occupancy.</p> <p>**Should a separate room be required for accommodation, there will be an additional surcharge – approx. \$75USD / Night**</p> <p>***Should a separate room be requested for accommodation after the tour has started, there will be an additional surcharge – a minimum of \$75USD+ / Night payable immediately and in full by the requesting passenger, in Cash or by Card, <u>PRIOR TO any desired change in accommodation, AND subject to room availability, AND subject to Pt. Neil Dev Persad's decision</u>***</p> | | |
| Miscellaneous | All entry tickets at monuments, local conveyance, local tour guide, tour escort. | | |
| Inclusions | Flights, food, transportation, accommodation, and services as mentioned above. | | |
| Payments <i>(This tour originates in the US/Canada/UK. Passengers are required to travel to the US or Canada or UK for departure at their own expense)</i> | <p>The cost is based on cash/check (or <i>Electronic Transfer</i>) payments. Using a credit card will incur an additional 3.5% bank surcharge for processing.</p> <p>A 50% deposit is required ASAP to secure your spot on this tour. Space is limited so it's on a first come basis.</p> <p>The remaining balance must be paid no later than Friday November 1st, 2024. In the event of a cancellation, most airlines will issue a travel credit for future use, and the tour operator will refund 70% of the remaining balance after the airline ticket charges have been subtracted.</p> | | |

Itinerary is subject to change at short notice based on unpredictable circumstances such as excessive traffic in some cities, inclement weather, flight interruptions and delays, unexpected closure of an attraction without proper notice to the tour operators.
We will make every effort to maximize our time and efforts to cover all the places of interest and attractions on the itinerary.

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| <i>Exclusions</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Cost of Tourist Visa for India & Mauritius for some countries. Medical expenses, Insurance, shopping, tipping, Camera tickets, Seafood, Liquor, Soft drinks, Juices, any drinks other than Bottled or Filtered Water, and all expenses personal in nature.</i> ● <i>ALL passengers will be required to sign a release form as the tour companies are not responsible for any medical related expense or services should you require them while on, or following, the tour. Therefore, it is highly recommended that passengers secure their own travelers medical insurance coverage, as the tour operators will not be responsible for any medical expenses incurred by passengers for the duration of and following the tour.</i> ● <i>Passengers are also advised to travel lightly until the last day of the tour due to airline baggage restrictions, both internationally and especially domestic travel while in India.</i> ● <i>International Flights: 2 Pieces 23Kg or 50 lbs. each</i> ● <i>Domestic Flights: 1 Piece 15Kg or 33 lbs. and 1 Carry On 7Kg or 15 lbs.</i> ● <i>Baggage overage charges while traveling in India can become quite expensive and will be the sole responsibility of the passenger. Passengers are advised to travel lightly and with one suitcase 15Kg, while in India.</i> |
| <i>Management</i> | <p><i>Our tours are managed overall by Pandit Neil Dev Persad and jointly created with Shailesh Mishra. All local tour coordination, support, and ground transportation arrangements are handled by our local tour guides and managers in each country. Pt. Neil serves as the overall escalation point for any issues or emergencies which may arise.</i></p> |

