



## Best of India - 23 Days (#17748)

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### Trip Highlights

Delhi-Agra-Jaipur-Pushkar-Jodhpur-Udaipur-Mumbai-Chennai-Pondicherry-Trichy-Madurai-Periyar-Alleppey-Cochin

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 1: Arrival Delhi

Rooms booked from today noon. Meet upon arrival & check-in at Hotel.

#### Day 02

#### Day 02: In Delhi

Proceed for a full day sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi starting with drive past the Red Fort to Jama Masjid followed by rickshaw ride in narrow lanes of Old Delhi. Later continue to New Delhi visiting Indian gate, Parliament house, Sikh



temple and Qutub Minar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 03**

**Day 03: Delhi–Agra (By Surface: 200 Kms/3 Hours)**

After breakfast drive to Agra and check-in at Hotel. Later visit the Agra Fort.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 04**

**Day 04: Agra-Abhaneri-Jaipur (By Surface: 265 kms/5 hours)**

Visit Taj Mahal at Sunrise (Closed on Fridays). Later drive to Jaipur en-route visiting stepwells in Chand Baori. Arrive Jaipur and check-in at hotel. Evening is free for strolling in bazaars (Market).

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 05**

**Day 05: Jaipur**

Morning proceed for a visit to brief photo stop at Hawa Mahal before visiting Amber fort. Later continue with visit to City palace and observatory. Later free time in local markets.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 06**

**Day 06: Jaipur–Pushkar (by surface: 145 kms/03 hours)**

Drive to Holy city of Pushkar. Visit Famous Brahma temple, Holy Lake and several temples scattered around the Ghats of the lake. Enjoy short walk in the local markets.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 07**

**Day 07: Pushkar – Jodhpur (by surface: 220 kms/04 hours)**

After breakfast drive to Jodhpur & check-in at Hotel. Later explore local spice & vegetable market.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 08**

**Day 08: Jodhpur**

Morning proceed for 5Km long Mehrangarh Fort. This is one of the most impressive and formidable structures in Rajasthan. Visit Jaswant Thada, the tour culminates with a visit to the Museum housed in the majestic Umaid Bhawan Palaces.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 09**

**Day 09: Jodhpur – Udaipur (by surface: 260 kms/05 hours)**

After breakfast drive to Udaipur en-route visiting Ranakpur, the Jain Temples of Ranakpur, built in the 15th century, are situated in the lovely Aravalli valley. Continue drive to city of lakes Udaipur.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 10**

**Day 10: Udaipur**

Morning proceed with sightseeing tour of Udaipur visiting the City Palace, the Jagdish Temple built in 1651 is dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the preserver in gardens of the maids-of-honour, with beautiful lawns, gardens and fountains. Later drive around the Fateh Sagar Lake. Enjoy boat cruise on famous Lake Pichola on shared basis

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 11**

**Day 11: Udaipur – Mumbai (by flight)**



Transfer to airport to board flight to Mumbai. Meet upon arrival check-in at Hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 12**

**Day 12: In Mumbai**

Sightseeing of Mumbai includes visit to the Hanging Gardens on Malabar Hill, the Dhobi Ghats a huge open-air laundry, Mani Bhawan, Victoria Terminus and some free time in local markets.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 13**

**Day 13: Mumbai-Chennai (by flight)**

Departure transfer to airport to connect flight to Chennai. Meet upon arrival check-in at Hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 14**

**Day 14: In Chennai**

Proceed with Chennai city tour including 16th Century Kapaleeshwarar temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, sacred to Tamil Shivaites. Non-Hindus are only allowed up to the outer courtyard. Drive past Fort St. George, Marina Beach and San Thome Cathedral. Later visit DakshinaChitra is a center for the living traditions of art, folk performing arts, craft and architecture of India.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 15**

**Day 15: Chennai – Puducherry (by surface: 150 kms/3.5 hours)**

Drive to Pondicherry & check-in at Hotel. Later proceed for city tour of Pondicherry. Visit Auroville, an 'Ashram' for peace and harmonious living, founded by saint-philosopher Sir Aurobindo. Enjoy walk in the French quarters of Pondicherry.

**Meal:** Breakfast





**Day 16**

**Day 16: Puducherry – Tiruchirappalli (by surface: 200 kms/4 hours)**

Drive to Trichy en-route visiting famous Brihadishvara Temple in Tanjore. Continue drive to Trichy and check-in at Hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 17**

**Day 17: Tiruchirappalli – Madurai (by surface: 135 kms/3 hours)**

After breakfast proceed with sightseeing of Trichy visiting the Rock Fort Temple, dominating the city from atop a most ancient rock. In Srirangam visit the multi-tiered Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, the largest Hindu temple in India. Later drive to Madurai and check-in at your hotel

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 18**

**Day 18: In Madurai**

On a city tour of Madurai visit the Thirumalai Nayak Mahal built in 1523 and the Gandhi Museum, housed in a 300-year-old palace and dedicated to promoting the Mahatma's teachings. Walk in the bazaar area for some shopping time before visiting the adjacent Meenakshi Temple complex.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 19**

**Day 19: Madurai – Thekkady (by surface: 140 kms/3.5 hours)**

After breakfast drive to Periyar and check-in at Hotel. Afternoon, enjoy a boat ride on lake at Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary with opportunity to view wildlife specially elephants, wild boar, sambar, etc.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 20**

**Day 20: Thekkady – Alleppey (by surface: 140 kms/4 hours)**



After breakfast Travel to Alleppey to board your kettuvalam, a traditional rice barge houseboat, for an overnight cruise on the tranquil, palm-fringed Kerala backwaters. An onboard chef is at your service preparing local cuisine.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 21

### Day 21: Alleppey – Cochin (by surface: 55 kms/1.5 hours)

Early in the morning you can have the panoramic view of sunrise from your houseboat. After breakfast disembark your houseboat and drive to Cochin. Evening enjoy a Kathakali dance Show

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 22

### Day 22: In Cochin

Proceed for sightseeing of Kochi visiting the Dutch Palace, the Jewish Synagogue, St. Francis Church and the Santa Cruz Basilica. Also view the unique and still-in-use "Chinese Fishing Nets" which were introduced by the Chinese traders in the 14th Century. Visit the historical Dutch and Portuguese buildings. Some parts of this nearly 500-year-old Fort are still amazingly well preserved.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 23

### Day 23: Departure Cochin

Drive to Cochin airport to board flight for onward destination

Room till 1200 noon.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions



- Accommodation sharing twin on Bed & Breakfast Basis inclusive of taxes except Houseboat where plan will be on full board basis ( Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner ).
- All transfers, excursions and sightseeing tours to be by private air-conditioned vehicle.
- Monument entrance fees as per itinerary (1 visit per monument).
- Service of Local stationed English Speaking Guide (Different for South & North India).
- Assistance at airports by our company representatives.
- Cycle Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi.
- Jeep ride at Amber Fort in Jaipur.
- Boat cruise on lake Pichola, Udaipur (sharing boat basis).
- Boat ride in Lake Periyar.
- Kathakali dance show in Cochin.
- All presently applicable Governments taxes (GST).

#### **With Best compliments**

- Two bottles of mineral water daily in the vehicle.
- Traditional Indian welcome by flower garlands on arrival.

## **Exclusions**

- Any item of personal nature such as table drinks, Laundry, Telephone calls.
- Camera fees (Still/video) at any monuments.
- Any tipping, gratuities or portorage anywhere.
- Lunches, Dinner unless specified.
- Any International airfare/Visa Fees.
- Any Domestic air fare.
- Any item not mentioned in above cost inclusions.

## **Note**

#### **Hotels Used Or Similar**

#### **HOTELS (Combination of 4\* & Basic 5\* Category)**

Delhi - The Muse Sarovar Portico OR Similar

Agra - Howard Plaza – The Fern OR Similar

Jaipur - Holiday Inn City Centre OR Similar



Pushkar - Dera Masuda OR Similar  
Jodhpur - The Ummed OR Similar  
Udaipur - Udai Kothi OR Similar  
Mumbai - Ambassador OR Similar  
Chennai - The Residency OR Similar  
Pondicherry - Accord Pondicherry OR Similar  
Trichy - Courtyard By Marriott OR Similar  
Madurai - JC Residency OR Similar  
Periyar - Spice Groove hotel OR Similar  
Alleppey - Deluxe air-conditioned houseboat OR Similar  
Cochin - Crowne Plaza OR Similar

**Note: Rates are not applicable from 20 Dec'2024 Till 10 January' 2025 & 20 Dec'25 Till 10 January'2026 & Pushkar Period.**

**Pre/Post accommodation rates (Per Room Per night rates inclusive of breakfast & taxes):**

Hotel/City : Hotel The Muse Sarovar, Delhi

April' 2024-September' 2024 - AUD 167/room/night

April' 2025-September'2025 - AUD 199/room/night

October' 2024-March' 2025 - AUD 200/room/night

October' 2025-March'2026 - AUD 229/room/night

Hotel/City : Hotel Le Maritime, Cochin

April' 2024-September' 2024 - AUD 144/room/night

April' 2025-September' 2025 - AUD 175/room/night

October' 2024-March' 2025 - AUD 178/room/night

October' 2025-March' 2026 - AUD 211/room/night

Domestic airfare supplement (**Below airfare are Subject to change at the time of issuance**)

Udaipur-Mumbai : AUD 421 per person (Economy Class Fare)

Mumbai-Chennai : AUD 515 per person (Economy Class Fare)

IMPORTANT:1. Standard check in and check out time at hotels is 1400 hrs.

2. Kindly note that names of hotels mentioned above only indicate that our rates have been based on usage of these hotels and it is not to be construed that accommodation is confirmed at these hotels until and unless we convey such confirmation to you. In the event of accommodation not becoming available at any of the above mentioned hotels we shall book alternate accommodation at a similar or next best available hotel and shall pass on the difference of rates (supplement/reduction





whatever applicable)to you.

3. Our offer is based on usage of base category rooms at the mentioned hotels (unless specified otherwise) and if this category of rooms is not available we shall try to confirm accommodation in next available higher category of rooms and shall advise supplementary cost involved while conveying the status.

4. GGTS total liability, at law in respect of any package or services towards its customers (including, but not limited to all cost expenses and fees), shall be limited to and shall not exceed the value of the total amount of the invoice paid to GGTS and the parties agree that this amount is a reasonable and genuine pre estimate of the liability of GGTS.

5. GGTS shall not be liable for any non-performance of any obligations hereunder arising from acts of God: acts of a public enemy, acts of any governmental authority or any political subdivision or any department or regulatory agency thereof or entity created thereby; acts of any person engaged in subversive activity or sabotage; fires, floods, explosions, or other catastrophes; strikes, embargoes or any other act or circumstance beyond the reasonable control of GGTS. The failure of either Party to act upon any right or remedy it has or upon any breach by the other Party shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other right, remedy, or breach. No waiver is effective unless made in writing and signed by the waiving Party.

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

## Periodic Departure

14 Sep, 2024 to 15 Mar, 2025	01 Apr, 2025 to 30 Sep, 2025	01 Oct, 2025 to 31 Mar, 2026
2-3 pax AUD 6,851 P P twin share AUD 9,023 P P single AVAILABLE	2-3 pax AUD 6,306 P P twin share AUD 8,409 P P single AVAILABLE	2-3 pax AUD 7,398 P P twin share AUD 9,703 P P single AVAILABLE
4-5 pax AUD 5,582 P P twin share AUD 7,754 P P single AVAILABLE	4-5 pax AUD 4,931 P P twin share AUD 7,034 P P single AVAILABLE	4-5 pax AUD 5,713 P P twin share AUD 8,018 P P single AVAILABLE
6+ pax AUD 5,379 P P twin share AUD 7,552 P P single AVAILABLE	6+ pax AUD 4,816 P P twin share AUD 6,920 P P single AVAILABLE	6+ pax AUD 5,069 P P twin share AUD 7,731 P P single AVAILABLE

