GO AHEAD TOURS



India: Delhi, Agra & Jaipur

11 days | 15 days with Cochin, Kerala Backwaters & Mumbai extension

Conjure up India at its most alluring—the mystique of Eastern religions, the swirl of colorful saris, and of course, the magic of the Taj Mahal. On this small group Adventure Tour, you'll experience all the sights, sounds, and spiciness of the subcontinent while hitting the highlights of the Golden Triangle, with its stunning architecture and prolific wildlife.



Your tour package includes

8 nights in handpicked hotels
8 breakfasts
3 lunches
5 dinners with beer or wine
1 tasting
12 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
1 train ride

Included highlights

Jama Masjid
Qutub Minar
Humayun's Tomb
Sikh community kitchen
Itmad-ud-Daula
Taj Mahal
Yoga lesson
Game drives through Ranthambore National Park
Dhonk anti-poaching craft workshop
Amber Fort

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with some hills and stairs.

Group size

10–22

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to Delhi today.

Delhi → 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Delhi
Welcome to India! Arrive late this evening in Delhi and settle in to your hotel.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Old Delhi
Included meals: breakfast, welcome dinner
Enjoy a restful morning, then take a guided tour of Old Delhi this afternoon.

- See Raj Ghat, Delhi's tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, and visit the Gandhi museum
- View the black-and-white onion dome and minarets of the Jama Masjid, one of the most elegant mosques in India
- Take a rickshaw ride through the streets of Old Delhi

Sit down for an included welcome dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

Day 4: Sightseeing tour of New Delhi
Included meals: breakfast, lunch
Today, your Tour Director introduces you to New Delhi.

- Visit the India Gate, the most famous war memorial in India
- See Qutub Minar, an early Islamic tower and UNESCO World Heritage site
- Explore the grand boulevards, government buildings, and city parks
- Sit down for an included lunch
- Visit Humayun's Tomb and learn about the UNESCO-recognized complex
- Enter Gurudwara Bangla Sahib, one of the city's most important places of worship for Sikhs
- Learn about the history and traditions of Sikhism, the fifth-largest and youngest organized religion in the world
- See the langar, or community kitchen, where free meals are served 24 hours a day

Please note: Due to conditions within Delhi, the schedule of your sightseeing tour may vary based on your departure date. Additionally, all travelers will be given a head covering they're required to wear in the Sikh temple.

Agra → 1 night

Day 5: Transfer to Agra, Itimad-ud-Daula & the Taj Mahal
Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Travel to Agra and visit the Itmad-ud-Daula mausoleum, which is known as the baby Taj and houses the tomb of Mughal official Mirza Ghiyas Beg.

- Walk through the manicured grounds
- Enter the tomb with your Tour Director to see the buildings marble lattice screens, intricate tilework, and artistic motifs

Enjoy an included lunch before heading out on a guided tour of the legendary Taj Mahal at sunset. Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Ranthambore → 2 nights

Day 6: Yoga lesson, Mehtab Bagh garden & train to Ranthambore
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Start your day with a morning yoga class. You'll follow along with your instructor as you salute the sun and sip tea in view of the Taj Mahal.
Please note: Yoga mats are provided.
Later, visit the Mehtab Bagh garden with your Tour Director.

- Admire the incredible views of the Taj Mahal from across the Yamuna River
- Stroll through the square-shaped garden
- Learn abut the Mughal empire and the Persian design elements they incorporated into the garden

Continue on to Ranthambore National Park by train this afternoon and sit down for an included dinner tonight.

Day 7: Game drives in Ranthambore National Park
Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Spend the day exploring Ranthambore National Park.

- Set off on a morning game drive, keeping watch for the elusive Bengal tiger
- Stop by Dhonk, a craft workshop run by the non-profit conservation organization Tiger Watch
- Discover how people from the organization teach ex-poachers handicraft skills and provide them with sustainable job opportunities
- Enjoy an included lunch
- Head out on an afternoon game drive through the rugged terrain
- Try to spot sloth bears, striped hyenas, jackals, and Indian mongooses

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Jaipur → 2 nights

Day 8: Jaipur via Rajasthani village
Included meals: breakfast
This morning, learn about the Meena tribe during a stop at a local Rajasthani village.

- Join a head member of the village, known as a *pradhan*, on a walk through the village
- Interact with villagers during visits to a home and small shops as you learn about the local culture
- Hear how the money they receive from your visit is used to develop the community

Please note: The pradhan requests travelers do not give money or gifts to children or villagers.
Then, travel to Jaipur and spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.
+ An Evening in Jaipur: Bollywood Movie Night

Day 9: Amber Fort, 4x4 Jeep ride & sightseeing tour of Jaipur
Included meals: breakfast, tasting, farewell dinner
Travel to the 16th-century Amber Fort to take in stunning architecture and sweeping views.

- Climb into a 4x4 Jeep to ascend the slope to Amber Fort
- Enjoy beautiful views from the top of the fort as well as a guided tour

Then, travel back to Jaipur, known as The Pink City, and set off on a guided tour.

- Walk through the city's bustling markets, stopping to sample a local tea called masala chai
- Marvel at historic sites and enter the City Palace to explore its museum with your Tour Director
- View Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds

Sit down for a farewell dinner with a local Rajput family in their home.

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 10: Transfer to Delhi & departure
Included meals: breakfast
Travel back to Delhi. If you're not extending your tour, you'll have time to relax in a dayroom before returning to the airport for your overnight flight home.

Arrive Home

Day 11: Arrival at home
Arrive home today.

+ Cochin, Kerala Backwaters & Mumbai extension

Southern India has a laid-back vibe that gives it a notably different feel. Plus, the food is some of the best in the whole country, which doesn't hurt. Fly to Cochin to cruise through God's Own Country on a houseboat alongside an expert before flying to Mumbai, where history is at your fingertips.

Cochin → 2 nights

Day 10: Flight to Cochin
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Fly from Jaipur to Cochin this morning. Then, sit down for an included dinner.

Day 11: Sightseeing tour of Cochin & cooking class
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Take part in an optional yoga lesson at your hotel early this morning.
Then, discover why Cochin is considered the jewel in the crown of Kerala on today's tour.

- Visit Fort Cochin, home to some of the oldest European architecture in India
- See Mattancherry Palace and the Santa Cruz Basilica
- Enter and marvel at the St. Francis Church—the oldest European church in India—and Paradesi Synagogue, where you'll see Hebrew-inscribed gravestones
- Stroll through the old city and explore the Spice Market with your Tour Director leading the way

This evening, join a local chef to learn how to cook cuisine native to Kerala. You'll sit down to enjoy the foods you cooked for dinner.

Kerala Backwaters → 1 night

Day 12: Transfer to Alleppey
Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Travel to Alleppey to board a houseboat for a cruise through the Kerala backwaters, a network of picturesque lagoons and canals.

- Enjoy a lunch of local cuisine cooked by private houseboat chefs
- Hop aboard a canoe to try your hand at fishing and learn about fishing traditions in the backwaters from a local guide
- Spend tonight on board the houseboat for a unique opportunity to experience some of India's most stunning scenery
- Sit down for an included dinner of regional cuisine cooked by the private houseboat chefs

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Mumbai → 1 night

Day 13: Transfer to Cochin & flight to Mumbai
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Disembark and transfer to Cochin before flying to Mumbai.
This evening, celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner.

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 14: Sightseeing tour of Mumbai & departure
Included meals: breakfast
Today, you'll be introduced to the vibrant culture of Mumbai on a guided tour.

- Ride past Marine Drive and make your way to the Hanging Gardens
- Make a photo stop at Dhobi Ghat
- Visit Mani Bhavan, the headquarters of Gandhi's political activities from 1917 to 1934
- See the stunning Victorian Gothic Revival architecture of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus train station
- Pass by the Bombay High Court, the University of Mumbai, and the Gateway of India
- Step inside the CSMVS museum to explore some of the 50,000 archaeological, artistic, and historical artifacts

Then, relax in a dayroom before traveling to the airport for your overnight flight home.

Arrive Home

Day 15: Arrival at home
Arrive home today.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/GTI | 1-800-597-0350**

Day 8: An Evening in Jaipur: Bollywood Movie Night

$35/$45* (3 hours, departs in the evening)

Experience the beauty and art of one of India's most treasured cultural pastimes—Bollywood. More feature films come out of Indian cinema than anywhere else in the world, with many of the most popular coming from the Hindi-language movie industry known as Bollywood. The term combines Hollywood and Bombay, now known as Mumbai, where this globally known motion picture art form originated. Tonight, enter the beautiful Raj Mandir Theatre to watch a Bollywood film. This single-screen movie theater is the creation of architect W.M. Namjoshi's. The theater was designed to make sure all visitors feel like royal guests at a palace while watching the movie. After enjoying the feature film, head back to your hotel.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms