

# INDIA & THE HIMALAYAS

DELHI • DARJEELING • VARANASI • JAIPUR • AGRA • GANGTOK

## THE OFFER

An unforgettable cultural odyssey awaits. From the iconic monuments of the Golden Triangle to the rolling hills of Darjeeling, let India's myriad of colours, flavours, sensations and aromas take over as you discover this unique part of the world on this incredible 15 day package.

Visit Delhi's Lotus Temple, Red Fort, Raj Ghat and the beautiful Jama Masjid Mosque; take in the colourful Chandni Chowk market by rickshaw; gaze in wonder at Agra's Taj Mahal; discover the Royal Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar and Hawa Mahal in the pink washed city of Jaipur. Be amazed by the spiritual city of Varanasi, tour the temples and cruise the Ganges. Journey to the majestic setting that is Darjeeling; witness a sunrise over Mt Everest from Tiger Hill and uncover the secrets of the local tea gardens. Explore Gangtok and be captivated by the surrounding vistas of Tsomgo Lake.

This incredible once-in-a-lifetime package includes return international flights, meet and assist transfers, 13 nights quality accommodation, 17 meals and so much more.

Premium options receive extra meals and hotel upgrades.

### 15 DAY HIGHLIGHTS PACKAGE

FROM

**\$2999**

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

#### STANDARD PACKAGE

**\$2999**

#### PREMIUM PACKAGE

**\$3499**



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#### Day 1 Australia - Delhi, India

Depart today from either Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide or Perth for Delhi, India. Fly with either China Southern Airlines, Qantas Airways, Emirates or Singapore Airlines to name a few (subject to availability).

Upon arrival be met by a representative at the airport and receive a welcome garland. The representative will escort you by private chauffeur car to the hotel. Whilst room keys and check-in are organised, you will receive the 'Welcome Folder' documents and be briefed on the tour programme.

The capital of India, Delhi is a major gateway city for international visitors. It is a fascinating metropolis offering an intriguing mix of ancient sites and modern wonders, and also serves as the headquarters of Indian politics. Many of the heads of the Indian government, as well as other political parties, reside in the city, including the Prime Minister and President of India.

*Please note: due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents at least 6 weeks prior to departure.*

**Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 2 Delhi City Tour

After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of old and new Delhi. The tour will take in Raj Ghat (where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated); Red Fort (made famous by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan); and Jama Masjid (the largest mosque in India) which has three great gateways, four angle towers and two minarets constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble. Also enjoy a rickshaw tour through Chandni

Chowk, a colourful shopping bazaar in Old Delhi.

Travel to Laxminarayan Temple, a site dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune. You'll also witness the India Gate, a 42m high war memorial and stone of triumph. The tour continues with a visit to Rashtrapati Bhawan, the palace-like building home to the President of India, as well as the beautiful Lotus Temple. Also known as the Bahai Temple of Worship, adherents of any faith can visit, pray or meditate at this dazzling architectural temple.

**Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 3 Delhi - Jaipur's 'The Pink City' (approx. 265km day)

Following breakfast, travel to Jaipur, the picturesque capital of Rajasthan. On arrival in Jaipur check-in to the hotel. Instantly recognisable for its pink-washed buildings, a colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture, the city of Jaipur offers timeless appeal. It is a city where royalty still lives in the grandeur of its palaces, where fighting for the honour of the clan has never been a need but a way of life, and where treating guests as gods has been a tradition from time immemorial. The beautifully laid out gardens and parks, attractive monuments and heritage hotels, once the residence of Maharajas, are all worth a look. Together with Agra and Delhi, the city of Jaipur forms part of the 'Golden Triangle' of India's tourist circuit.

**Overnight: Jaipur (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 4 Jaipur City Tour and Amber Fort

Today enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Jaipur. Begin with a morning excursion to the impressive Amber Fort. Located



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just 11km from Jaipur, the Amber Fort was the old fort of the Kachwaha clan of Amber. The building is constructed with white marble and red sandstone and all the more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground. The fort in itself is a beautiful sight to behold, with its clear reflection on the lake so beautiful, it seems like an illusion.

This afternoon take part in a city tour visiting the City Palace, a former royal residence built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal styles. You will also take in Jantar Mantar, the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh, as well as Hawa Mahal - the Palace of Winds. This colourful palace was constructed for the royal ladies to watch royal processions without being seen. Also visit Lakshmi Narayan Temple, plus enjoy a sari and turban tying demonstration.

**Overnight: Jaipur (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 Jaipur - Chand Baori Step Well - Agra - Taj Mahal (approx. 245km day)

After breakfast, depart for Agra. On the way, you will visit Chand Baori step well, located opposite a temple known as Harshat Mata Temple. Chand Baori step well is believed to have a religious connection to the temple, and that is why it was built in front of the temple.

On arrival to Agra, check-in to the hotel. Agra is the quintessential Mughal City, where the world marvels at the epitome of love, beauty and sacrifice - The Taj Mahal, one of the Wonders of the World. So overwhelming is the architectural triumph that Agra has been immortalised as the City of the Taj. As visitors walk down the narrow bustling streets, they cannot help but wonder, if the man contentedly smoking a hookah, is a direct descendent of some bygone Mughal.

After you have settled into the hotel, enjoy a city tour visiting the Taj Mahal, built by the Moghul Emperor Shah Jahan in 1630 for his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. Besides the Taj, the Agra Fort (also called the Red Fort) makes an interesting sight.

**Overnight: Agra (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 6 Agra - Delhi - Varanasi (approx. 205km day)

Early risers can take the opportunity to head to the Taj Mahal and experience the monument just after sunrise (not included), then return to the hotel for breakfast. After breakfast depart for Delhi (approx. 4 hours) where you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Varanasi. Upon arrival, check into the hotel.

The city of Varanasi is situated along the west bank of the Ganges in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. Called Benaras by the British, Varanasi is an important pilgrimage centre for the Hindus. The city finds mention in the great epics of Mahabharata and Ramayana. It was a flourishing trade centre when Buddha came to Sarnath, about 10kms away, to preach his first sermon in 500 BC. The renowned American novelist Mark Twain once wrote, "Benaras is older than history, older than tradition, older even than legend and looks twice as old as all of them put together". Right from ancient times, Varanasi has stood as a symbol of Hindu renaissance and preserved the rituals and traditions of Hindu philosophy. Down the ages, pilgrims from distant lands have come to Varanasi in search of divine blessings. In the evening, witness the glittering Aarti ceremony at the Ganges.

**Overnight: Varanasi (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**



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#### Day 7 Ganges Boat Cruise - Varanasi & Sarnath City Tour

Enjoy an early morning boat cruise on river Ganges. After breakfast, enjoy a city tour of Varanasi's temples. The banks of the Ganges, considered to be a sacred river by the Hindus is the centre of much of the religious activity that occurs in the city. The ghats built along the banks of the river for such religious activity also form a major source of attraction here. Some of the other interesting places you will see on the panoramic city tour are Alamgir Mosque, Durga Temple, Vishwanath Temple, Bharat Mata temple, Tulsi Manas Temple, Banaras Hindu University and the Archaeological Museum.

In the afternoon enjoy an excursion to the city of Sarnath, just 10km from Varanasi. Sarnath is a highly revered Buddhist pilgrimage centre. It is believed that after reaching enlightenment at Bodhi Gaya, Lord Buddha preached his first sermon. The great Dhamek Stupa and several other structures stand testimony to the importance the place enjoyed at that time. The Chaukhandi Stupa is the place where, during his first visit to Sarnath, Lord Buddha met his first five disciples.

The area is a treasure trove of archaeological findings such as Dharmarajika Stupa and Mulagandha Kuti Vihar. The smooth glistening pillar established by Emperor Ashoka in 273-232 B.C. marks the foundation of the Buddhist Sangha and the Lion Capital atop this pillar is now India's National Emblem. Also visit the Pillars of Ashoka and a Tibetan Temple.

**Overnight: Varanasi (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Varanasi - Delhi

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight back to Delhi. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your accommodation where you can spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 9 Delhi - Bagdogra - Darjeeling

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your flight to Bagdogra. Upon arrival, the representative will welcome and escort you by a private chauffeur driven transport to Darjeeling. Upon arrival check-in to the hotel.

Darjeeling is a famous hill resort offering breathtaking views of the numerous peaks of the majestic Himalayas. The clouds seem to whisper to one another here. The ranges of Kanchenjunga, stretching from horizon to horizon, are covered with snow from head to foot all year round. The views of Kanchenjunga and Mount Everest are particularly inspiring and viewing the sunrise from the famous Tiger Hill is a wondrous sight.

**Overnight: Darjeeling (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast; Dinner**

#### Day 10 Darjeeling - Tiger Hill - Darjeeling City Tour and Tea Garden

Early this morning you will visit Tiger Hill and Ghoom Monastery. View the sunrise (weather permitting) and its reflection over Mount Everest and Kanchenjunga in their majestic glory from Tiger Hill.

After breakfast enjoy a city tour visiting one of the most beautiful hill stations in Eastern India. Darjeeling has an indelible imprint of the British in its lifestyle, garden tea-estates and its hotels. Visit the Race Course, Lablong village, The Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, and the house of Tenzing Norgay - the first Everest hero.

Also see endangered Himalayan wolves and red pandas on a



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visit to the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park. In the afternoon, a visit to a tea garden takes you on an educational tour of the entire process of tea planting to manufacturing. Darjeeling tea has acquired a name for itself; enjoy and taste some of the special tea flavours.

**Overnight: Darjeeling (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 11 Darjeeling - Gangtok (approx. 112km day)

After breakfast depart for Gangtok, the capital city of Sikkim - the second smallest state of India. On arrival check-in to the hotel. Famous for its many important monasteries, as well as the picturesque views of the Himalayas, Gangtok is one of the important hill stations of the country. Here, see a smooth blend of both tradition and modernity. Located 1547m above sea level, Gangtok houses some of the most important Buddhist religious sites too. The peaceful Chortens or Stupas, old monasteries, and the unspoilt natural beauty of Gangtok offers a truly rewarding travelling experience.

**Overnight: Gangtok (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 12 Gangtok - Tsomgo Lake - Gangtok City Tour

Today visit the stunning Tsomgo Lake (subject to weather; route accessibility/conditions), located 35km from Gangtok, and at an altitude of 12,000 ft. Embedded in steep and rugged mountain terrain, the lake is covered with snow from early winter to late spring. Associated with many legends and myths, Tsomgo is regarded as holy by the Sikkimese. In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour visiting Do Drul Chorten; the Enchey monastery, also known as 'Solitary Temple'; The Namgyal Institute of Research; and the Tsuk la Khang, a depository of a large collection of scriptures and the principal

place of worship for the local Buddhists.

**Overnight: Gangtok (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 13 Gangtok - Bagdogra - Delhi (approx. 125km day)

After breakfast transfer to Bagdogra airport to board your flight to Delhi. Upon arrival the representative will welcome and escort you to the hotel.

**Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium Hotel option)**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner**

#### Day 14 Delhi, India - Australia

After breakfast transfer to the airport to board your return flight back to Australia.

*Please note: some customers may be required to depart after midnight (technically day 15).*

**Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight**

#### Day 15 Arrive in Australia



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### TOUR INCLUSIONS

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour India's Golden Triangle: Delhi, Agra and Jaipur
- Journey to Darjeeling, Gangtok & spiritual Varanasi
- Experience a full day tour of New and Old Delhi
- See Red Fort, Raj Ghat and Jama Masjid Mosque
- Explore colourful Chandni Chowk market by rickshaw
- Visit the beautiful Lotus Temple in New Delhi
- Explore Jaipur, the picturesque capital of Rajasthan
- Visit the Royal Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar, City Palace and more
- See Hawa Mahal, also known as Palace of Winds
- Enjoy a sari and turban tying demonstration in Jaipur
- Visit Chand Baori, one of the world's deepest step wells
- See the Harshat Temple
- Witness the breathtaking Taj Mahal in Agra
- Watch the sunrise over Mt Everest and Kanchenjunga from Tiger Hill
- Explore The Tibetan Ghoom Monastery and wander through Lablong village
- Visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute on a tour of Darjeeling
- See the home of Tenzing Norgay; the first Everest hero
- Enjoy a Tea Garden tour and taste some speciality tea in Darjeeling
- See endangered wolves and red pandas at Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park
- Explore Gangtok and visit the Do Drul Chorten, 'the solitary temple'
- Witness the glittering Aarti Ceremony on the banks of the River Ganges
- Take a boat ride on the River Ganges in Varanasi, India's holiest city
- Visit Ashoka Pillar and a Tibetan temple on a city tour of Sarnath

#### FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/\*BNE/\*ADL/PER
- 4 internal flights: Delhi to Varanasi, Varanasi to Delhi, Delhi to Bagdogra, Bagdogra to Delhi.

#### ACCOMMODATION

- 13 nights hotel accommodation (Standard or Premium Option)

#### DINING

- Enjoy 17 meals (Standard Option)
- Enjoy 37 meals (Premium or Luxury Option)

#### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Sightseeing and monument entry fees
- Airline taxes and surcharges
- English speaking local guides
- Welcome garland on arrival in Delhi
- Complimentary gift on departure

#### TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private A/C vehicles

#### TRANSFERS

- Return airport transfers with meet and assist

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### Covid-19 Booking Policy

- TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive either a free date change (credit that is specific to your original package and purchase value) or an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website.

Please note: Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed by TripADeal, not the tour operator you are due to travel with.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 10th of November 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

- Standard: \$500
- Premium: \$600

### Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

### Surcharges

*Please note: dates/months with a \* incur a flight high season surcharge of \$250 per person.*

### Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide or Perth

### Departure City Surcharges

\*Brisbane and \*Adelaide: \$50 per person

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Thai Airways, Vietnam Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Qantas Airways, Emirates, Virgin Australia, Korean Airlines, Japan Airlines, and airline partners (subject to availability)

*Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*

### Arrive early in Delhi, India

\$200 per person, subject to availability

*Please note:*

- *This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.*
- *No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.*
- *Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.*
- *Blackout Dates:*
  - \* 17 September 2021 - 11 October 2021
  - \* 1 November 2021 - 7 November 2021
  - \* 6 December 2021 - 30 January 2022
  - \* 30 March 2022 - 28 April 2022

\* 7 July 2022 - 23 July 2022

\* 27 September 2022 - 15 October 2022

\* 23 October 2022 - 27 October 2022

\* 8 December 2022 - 29 January 2023

### Stay behind in Delhi, India

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
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### Stopover Packages

Not Available

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

Standard Package

3-4 Star (self-rated):

- Delhi: Sk Premium Park or similar
- Jaipur: Hotel Hyphen Ujjawal or similar
- Agra: Hotel Royal Residency or similar
- Darjeeling: Summit Grace Hotel & Spa or similar
- Gangtok: Summit Golden Crescent Resort & Spa or similar
- Varanasi: Hotel Meraden Grand or similar

Premium Package

4-5 Star (self-rated):

- Delhi: Radisson Blu Hotel OR ITC Welcome Dwarka or similar
- Jaipur: Hotel Sarovar Portico or similar

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- Agra: Hotel Clark Shiraz or similar
- Darjeeling: Elgin Inn Hotel or similar
- Gangtok: The Royal Plaza or similar
- Varanasi: Hotel Grapevine or similar

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

## Extra Nights

Not available.

## Maximum Room Capacity

3 people (subject to availability).

## Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 12 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

## Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

*Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.*

## Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

## Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 4, maximum group size 20 per vehicle.

## Optional Tours / Activities

Day 6: Early Morning at Taj Mahal Experience – approx. 1035 rupees

*Please note:*

- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified
- Some tours require minimum numbers to

*operate.*

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)
- Recommended gratuities/tipping: 300 Rupees per person, per day
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

*Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.*

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour*

*leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Delhi:

- Summer: April, May, June; Hot to very hot; Very low to moderate humidity; Low precipitation
- Autumn: October, November; Warm days, Cool nights, Pleasant; Low humidity; Low precipitation
- Winter: December, January; Cool to Cold; Moderate humidity; Low precipitation
- Spring: February, March; Warm days, Cool nights, Pleasant; Low to moderate humidity; Moderate precipitation

### Darjeeling:

May through July is the summertime when the temperature varies between 11.2°C to 19.1°C. The highest recorded temperature in Darjeeling town has been 26.7°C in the month of June. In general though, the temperature in Darjeeling hill town does not rise past 25°C during the summer.

### Gangtok:

Temperatures range from an average maximum of 22 °C in summer to an average minimum of 4 °C in winter. Summers (lasting from late April to June) are mild, with maximum temperatures rarely crossing 25 °C. The monsoon season from June to September is characterised by intense torrential rains often causing landslides that block Gangtok's land access to the rest of the country. In winter temperature averages between 4 °C and 7 °C.

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

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## Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

17 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Premium Package Meals:

37 buffet style meals including breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, starting with breakfast on Day 2 and ending with breakfast on Day 14.

### Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

### Gratuities / Tipping:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is 300 Rupees per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver, and will be collected whilst on tour.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

### Sightseeing:

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or an similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

### Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

A tourist visa for India is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. You will be able to start your Visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.

TripADeal offers a fast, secure and easy service to obtain a Visa for this country - This visa can take approximately 5 business days to complete.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions*

*in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket, date/accommodation changes or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

• Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

• If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.