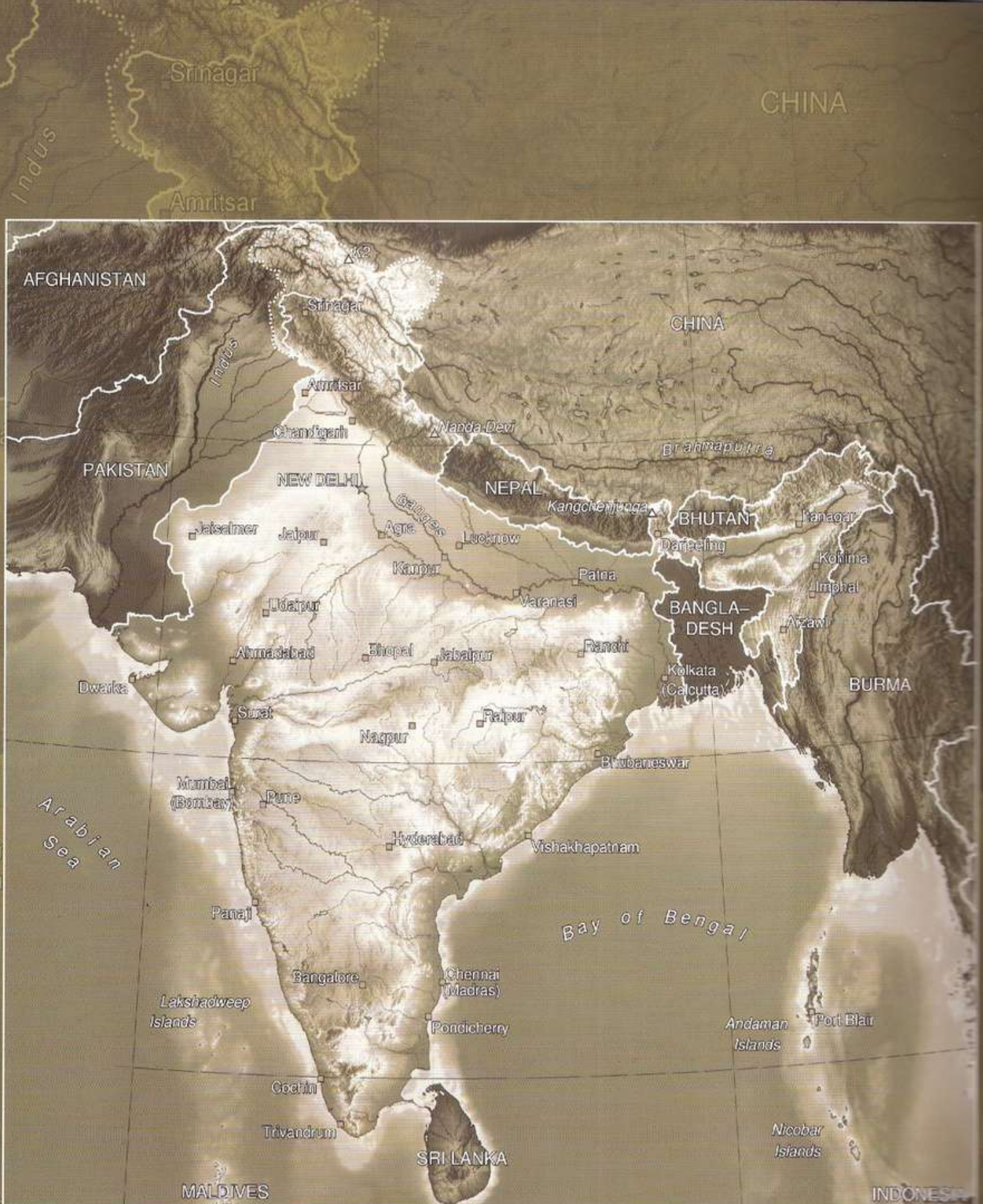




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History & Civilization:- Around 2500 B.C., one of the world's first great civilizations arose in the Indus River valley, in what is now Pakistan and western India. It was followed by the Vedic Civilization which laid the foundations of Hinduism and other cultural aspects of early Indian society.

The empire built by the Maurya dynasty under Emperor Ashoka united most of modern South Asia except the Tamil kingdoms in the south. From 1800 B.C., a series of invasions from Central Asia followed including the Indo-Greeks, Indo-Scythians, Indo-Parthians and Kushans in the northwestern Indian Sub-continent. From the third century B.C., the Gupta dynasty oversaw the period referred to as ancient India's

"Golden Age". While the north had larger, fewer kingdoms, in the south there were several dynasties such as the Chalukyas, Cholas, Pallavas and Pandyas, overlapping in time and space. Science, engineering, art, literature, astronomy, and philosophy flourished under the patronage of these kings.

Following the invasions from Central Asia, between the tenth to the twelfth centuries, much of north India came under the rule of the Delhi Sultanate, and later the Mughal dynasty, who gradually expanded their reign through large parts of the Indian subcontinent. Nevertheless, several indigenous kingdoms flourished, especially in the south, like the Vijayanagara Empire.

From the sixteenth century onwards, several European countries, including Portugal, Netherlands, France and the United Kingdom, started arriving as traders, later taking advantage of the fractious nature of relations between the kingdoms, to establish colonies in the country. By 1856, most of India came under control of the British East India Company. A year later, a nationwide insurrection of rebelling military units and kingdoms, known locally as the First War of Indian Independence (known as the Sepoy Mutiny elsewhere) broke out, which failed even as it seriously challenged British rule. As a consequence, India came under the direct control of the British Crown as a colony of the British Empire.

In the early twentieth century, a nationwide struggle for independence was launched by the Indian National Congress, largely led by Mahatma Gandhi. Millions of protestors would engage in mass campaigns of civil disobedience with a commitment to Ahimsa or non-violence. Finally, on 15th August 1947, India gained independence from British rule not before losing its Muslim-majority areas which were carved out into a separate nation-state of Pakistan. Three years later, on 26th January 1950, India chose to be a republic, and a new Constitution came into effect.

People and Society: With an estimated population of 1.1 billion, India is the world's second most populous country. Almost 70% of Indians reside in rural areas, although in recent decades migration to larger cities has led to the exponential rise in the urban population. India's largest urban agglomerations are Mumbai, Pune, Kolkata, Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

India is home to two major linguistic families: Indo-Aryan and Dravidian. Other languages spoken in India come from the Austro-Asiatic and Tibeto-Burman linguistic families. The Indian constitution recognises 23 official languages. Hindi and English are used by the Union Government of India for official purposes, wherein Hindi has a de jure priority. Sanskrit enjoy classical language status in India. The number of dialects in India is as high as 1,652.

Religion & Culture: Although 80.5% of Indians report themselves as Hindus, India's Muslim population is the world's second largest; they constitute 13.4% of the population. Other religious groups include Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Jews, Ayyavazhi's, Zoroastrians and Bahá'is.

Religious practices are an integral part of everyday life and are a very public affair. Traditional Indian family values are highly respected, although urban families now prefer a nuclear family system due to the socio-economic constraints imposed by the traditional joint family system.

India has a rich cultural heritage; it has managed to preserve established traditions whilst absorbing new customs, traditions, and ideas from invaders and immigrants. Many Indian cultural practices, languages, customs, and monuments are examples of this co-mingling over centuries. Famous monuments, such as the Taj Mahal and other examples of Islamic-inspired architecture, have been inherited from the Mughal dynasty. These are the result of traditions that combined elements from all parts of the country.

The cuisine of India is extremely diverse, as ingredients, spices and cooking methods vary from region to region. Rice and wheat are the nation's main staple foods. The country is notable for its wide variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian cuisine. Spicy food and sweets are popular in India.

Indian dress greatly varies across the regions in its colours and styles, and depend on various factors, including climate. Popular styles of dress include the sari for women and the lungi or dhoti for men.

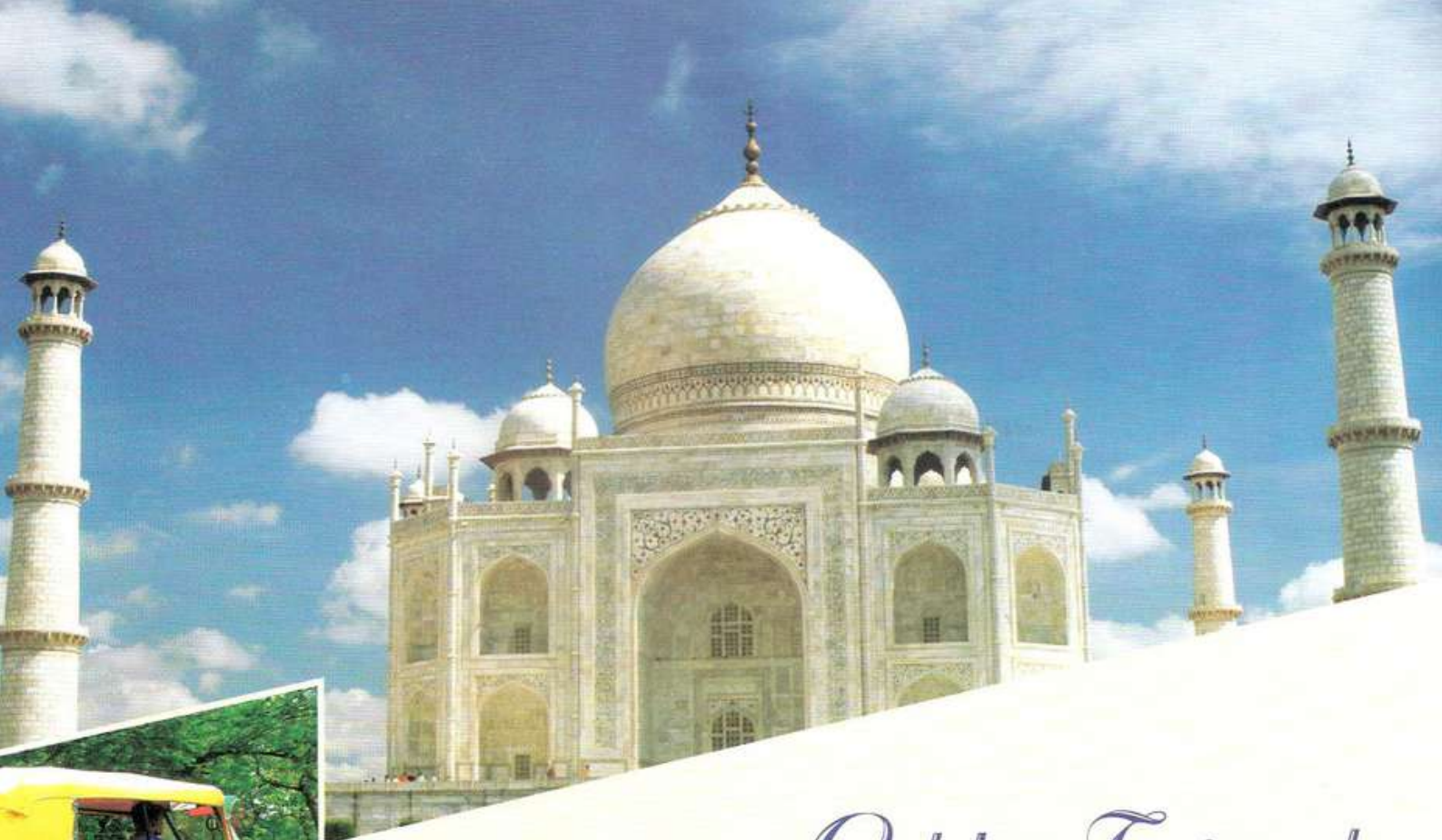
Music & Dance: Indian music is highly diversified. Classical music is mainly split between the North Indian Hindustani and South Indian Carnatic traditions. Highly regionalised forms of popular music include Filmi and folk music like Bhangra. Many classical dance forms exist, including Bharatanatyam, Kathakali, Kathak, Kuchipudi, Manipuri, Odissi and Yakshagana. They often have a narrative form and are usually infused with devotional and spiritual elements. The earliest literary traditions in India were mostly oral, and were only later transcribed. Most of these are represented by religious texts such as the Vedas, Upanishad, the Mahabharata and the Ramayana. The Indian film industry is the world's most prolific; its most recognisable face is the Mumbai-based "Bollywood", which produces mainly Hindi films. Other strong cinema industries are based on the Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, and Bengali languages.

Sports & Festivals : India's national sport is field hockey, although cricket is widely popular in India. In some states, particularly those in the northeast, football is the most popular sport and is widely followed. In recent times, tennis has gained popularity. Chess, commonly held to have originated in India, is also gaining popularity with the rise of the number of recognised Indian grandmasters. Traditional sports include kabaddi, kho kho, and Gulli-Danda, which are played nationwide.

: Indian festivals come in a large variety; many are celebrated irrespective of caste and creed. The most popular are Diwali, Holi, Sankranti/Pongal, Gudi Padwa/Ugadi, the two Eids, Christmas, and Vaisakhi.

This is India, always warm and inviting, a land of vivid colours, of timeless beauty - one that favors you with a different facet of its magnificence every time you come here on a visit.





Golden Triangle

Delhi / Agra / Jaipur / Delhi



Day 01 Arrive Delhi Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi In the morning proceed for a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi, a multi-layered city. Our first stop is the Red Fort built by the great Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan when he shifted his capital from Agra. A short drive brings us to the Great Mosque - the Jama Masjid. Drive on to see the memorial built for Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat. Afternoon Sightseeing tour of New Delhi includes a visit to Qutub Minar - the tallest stone tower in India built in 1191 AD and Humayun's Tomb believed to have been designed by his widow. Its plan is based on the description of Islamic paradise gardens and is known to have inspired the Taj Mahal and many later Mughal tombs. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Delhi / Jaipur Drive to Jaipur and on arrival transfer to hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure. Explore the local market in the evening. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 04 Jaipur Morning excursion to Amber Fort. An Elephant transports us inside the fort which houses a Marble Palace, Temple of Victory and a Hall of Mirrors. Later in the day proceed for a city tour of Jaipur visiting the Observatory (Jantar Mantar), built in 1726 by Jai Singh, a notable astronomer King. The City Palace is a visitors' delight. Within the walls are several Palaces and

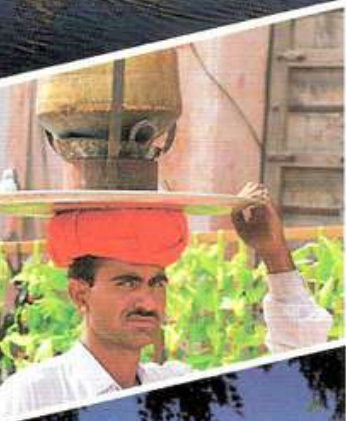
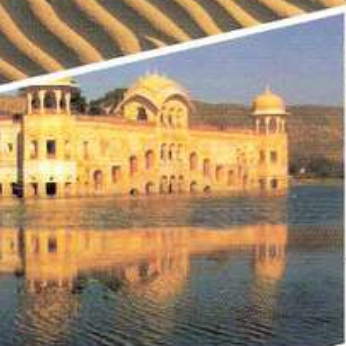
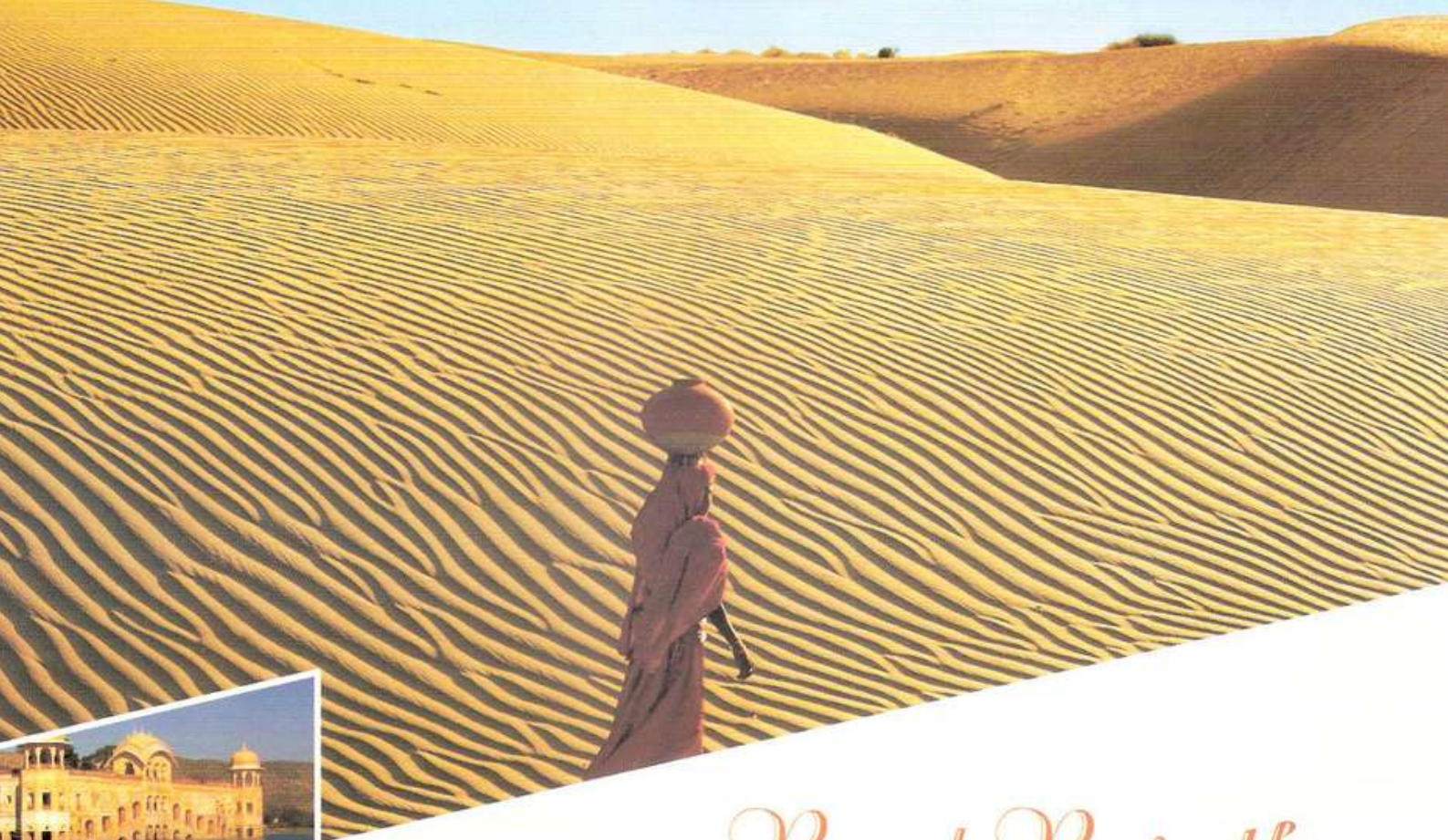
museums resplendent with collections of the princely era. Drive to the Palace of Winds (Hawa Mahal), a five story high Palace having a facade of windows and latticed screens which allowed the Ladies of the Court, in bygone days, to sit and view the streets of the city. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Jaipur / Agra Early morning drive to Agra en route visiting Fatehpur Sikri - a fascinating deserted capital of Emperor Akbar. Arrive Agra by late afternoon and check-in at hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel. **Taj remains closed on Fridays**

Day 06 Agra Morning proceed for city sightseeing and visit Taj Mahal - built by a grief-stricken emperor, Shah Jahan, as a memorial of eternal love for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, Agra Fort which perhaps offers the most moving view of the Taj Mahal from its octagonal tower situated across the River Jamuna. Also visit Emperor Akbar's tomb at Sikandra, a magnificent gateway, covered with floral and geometrical arabesque decoration in white and colored marble. Four elegant Minarets surround the tomb. Evening at leisure to explore the local market. Overnight stay at the hotel.

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Day 07 Agra / Delhi Morning drive to Delhi. On arrival transfer to a hotel for wash & change (lobby use). Rest of the day free for independent activities. Do your last minute shopping. Late night transfer to Airport to board flight for your return journey.



Royal Rajasthan

Delhi / Mandawa / Bikaner / Khimsar / Jaisalmer / Jodhpur / Udaipur / Pushkar / Jaipur / Agra / Delhi

Day 01 Arrive Delhi Assistance on arrival followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi Enjoy the day visiting the many sites in the capital city. Important among them are Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar, and Humayun's Tomb. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Delhi / Mandawa Morning drive to Mandawa and check in at hotel. Later proceed for a tour visiting the famous painted Havelis with beautiful frescoes. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Mandawa / Bikaner Morning drive to the royal fortified city, Bikaner. Upon arrival check-in at a hotel. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Bikaner / Khimsar Morning proceed for Khimsar, en-route visiting Karni Mata temple at Deshnok. Upon arrival check-in at Khimsar Fort. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 Khimsar / Jaisalmer Morning proceed to Jaisalmer via Osian - an oasis in the desert. Upon arrival check-in at a hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Jaisalmer Explore the town with spectacular Forts, Havelis and Temples. Evening visit Sand dune Village. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Jaisalmer / Jodhpur Morning drive to Jodhpur and check-in at hotel. Later visit Mehrangarh fort and Jaswant Thada. Evening at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel in Jodhpur.

Day 09 Jodhpur / Udaipur Leave early to drive to Udaipur en-route visiting the marvelously curved Ranakpur Jain Temples. On arrival in Udaipur check-in at a hotel. Evening enjoy a Boat ride on Lake Pichola. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 Udaipur Morning Spend the day visiting City Palace, Jagdish Temple, Sahelion-ki-Bari and Bharatiya Lok Kala Museum. Afternoon excursion to Eklingji and Nathdwara. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 Udaipur / Pushkar Drive to Pushkar and check-in at hotel. Later visit Pushkar Lake and also explore the local market. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 Pushkar / Jaipur Drive to Jaipur and check-in at hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 Jaipur Morning proceed for an excursion to the Amber Fort. Enjoy elephant ride over there. Later in the day proceed for a city tour of Jaipur visiting the City Palace, Jantar Mantar and Hawa Mahal. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 Jaipur / Bharatpur / Agra Drive to Agra in the morning en-route visiting Bharatpur bird sanctuary. After visit continue your drive to Agra and visit the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri. Upon arrival in Agra check-in at a hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

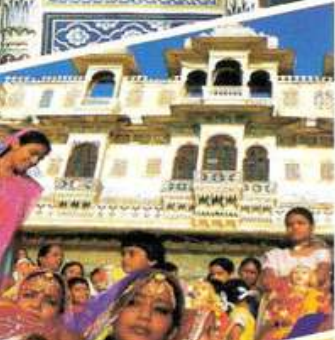
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Day 15 Agra / Delhi / Depart Morning visit Taj Mahal, Agra Fort and Sikandra. Later drive to Delhi and transfer to airport to board flight back home.



Painted Havelis

Delhi / Bikaner / Gajner / Mandawa / Jaipur / Delhi



Day 01 *Arrive Delhi* Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 *Delhi / Bikaner* Enjoy the day visiting the many sites in the capital city. Important among them are Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb. Check-out of the hotel and transfer to railway station in time to board overnight train to Bikaner. Overnight on board in the train.

Day 03 *Bikaner / Gajner* Drive to Gajner and on arrival check-in at Gajner Palace. Rest of the day at leisure to explore the surrounding of the Palace. You can explore the estate on Buggies (Horse Carriages) or on open jeeps. Alternatively you can go for nature walk in the nearby forest. Overnight at the Gajner Palace Hotel

Day 04 *Gajner / Bikaner / Gajner* Morning proceed for a sightseeing tour of Bikaner city visiting Junagarh Fort, Devi Kund Sagar and Dargah of Rustal Ali Shah Peer. Later in the afternoon proceed for a sightseeing of Deshnok Temple. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 *Gajner / Mandawa* Check-out of the hotel and drive to Mandawa. Arrive and check-in at Hotel Castle Mandawa. Rest of the day at leisure to explore the quaint town full of Havelis with

beautiful frescos. Overnight at the hotel.

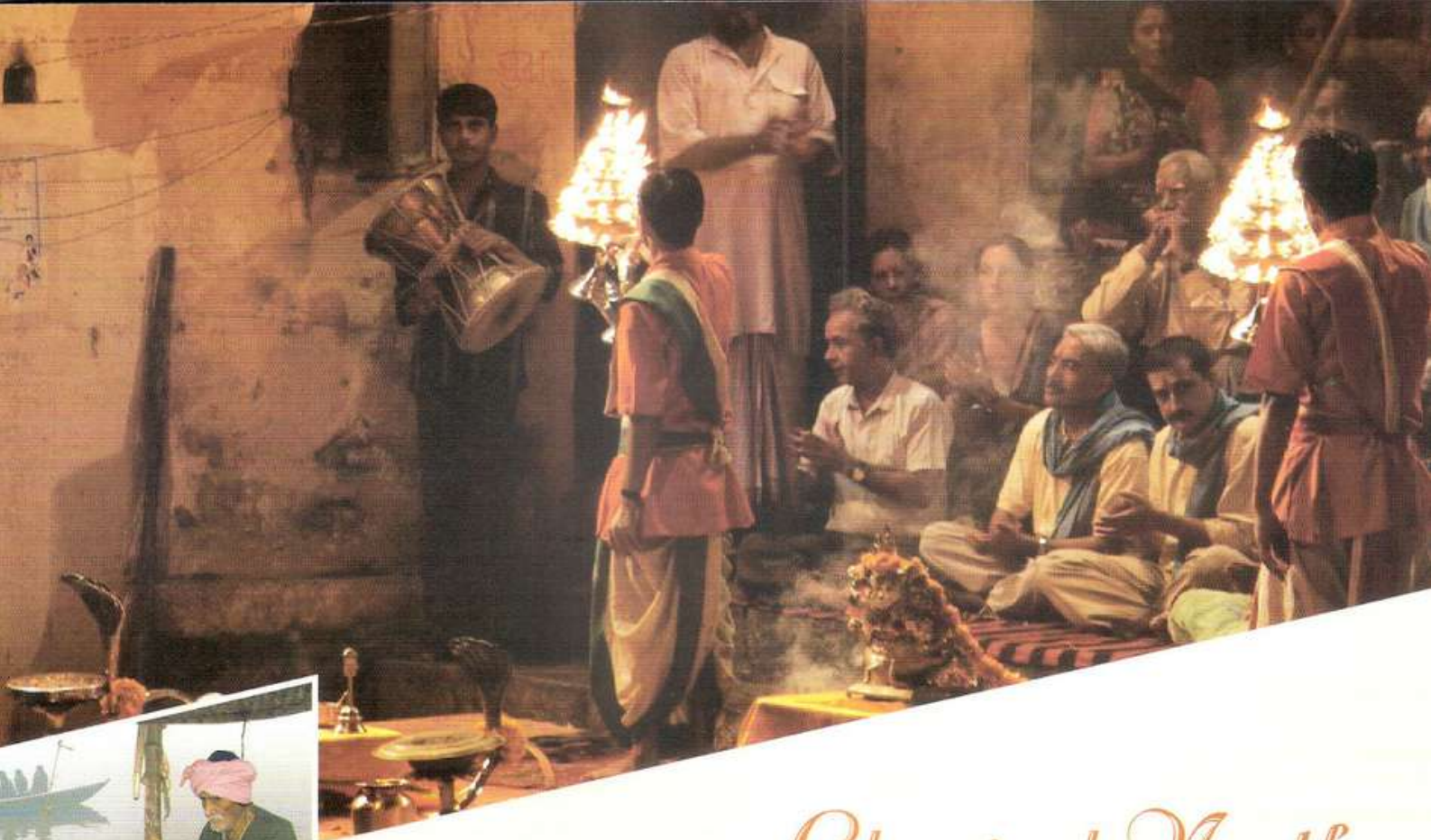
Day 06 *Mandawa / Nawal Garh / Mandawa* Morning drive to Nawalgarh. Founded in the 18th Century by Nawal Singh, it has some of the finest frescos in the Shekhawati region. Evening return to Mandawa. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 *Mandawa / Dundlod / Mandawa* Morning drive to Dundlod. Visit the Fort of Dundlod. Later return to Mandawa. Overnight at the hotel in Mandawa.

Day 08 *Mandawa / Jaipur* Check-out of the hotel and drive to Jaipur. Arrive Jaipur and check-in at a hotel. Evening at leisure to explore the local market. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 *Jaipur* Morning Proceed for an excursion to Amber fort. Enjoy elephant ride. Later in the day proceed for a city tour of Jaipur visiting The City Palace, Outdoor Observatory the Jantar Mantar and Palace of Winds (Hawa Mahal) - a five story high Palace having a facade of windows and latticed screens. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 *Jaipur / Delhi* Morning free after noon check-out from the hotel and drive to Delhi. Assistance on arrival in Delhi and direct drive to airport to board flight for your return journey.



Classical North

Delhi / Varanasi / Khajuraho / Orchha / Jhansi / Agra / Jaipur / Udaipur / Delhi

Day 01 *Arrive Delhi* Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 *Delhi* Enjoy the day visiting the many sites in the capital city. Important among them are Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 *Delhi / Varanasi* Morning transfer to Airport to board flight for Varanasi. Assistance on arrival and transfer to your hotel. Later visit Sarnath in the afternoon. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 *Varanasi* Enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city visiting the Vishwanath Temple, Bharat Mata Temple and Tulsi Manas Temple and the burning Ghats. Evening enjoy the Aarti ceremony at Ganga ghat. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 *Varanasi / Khajuraho* Morning enjoy boat ride on the river Ganges. After breakfast check out of the hotel and fly to Khajuraho. Assistance on arrival and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon visit the different temples. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 *Khajuraho / Orchha* Drive to Orchha in the morning and on arrival check-in at hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel in Orchha.

Day 07 *Orchha / Jhansi / Agra* Morning visit the temples. Drive to Jhansi to board the express train to Agra. In Agra assistance on arrival at railway station and transfer to your hotel for overnight stay.

Day 08 *Agra* Morning visit Taj Mahal & Agra Fort. Return in the evening to see Taj Mahal at sunset. Overnight at the hotel.

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Day 09 *Agra / Jaipur*: Morning drive to Jaipur enroute visit Fatehpur Sikri. After visit continue drive to Jaipur check - in on arrival at a hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

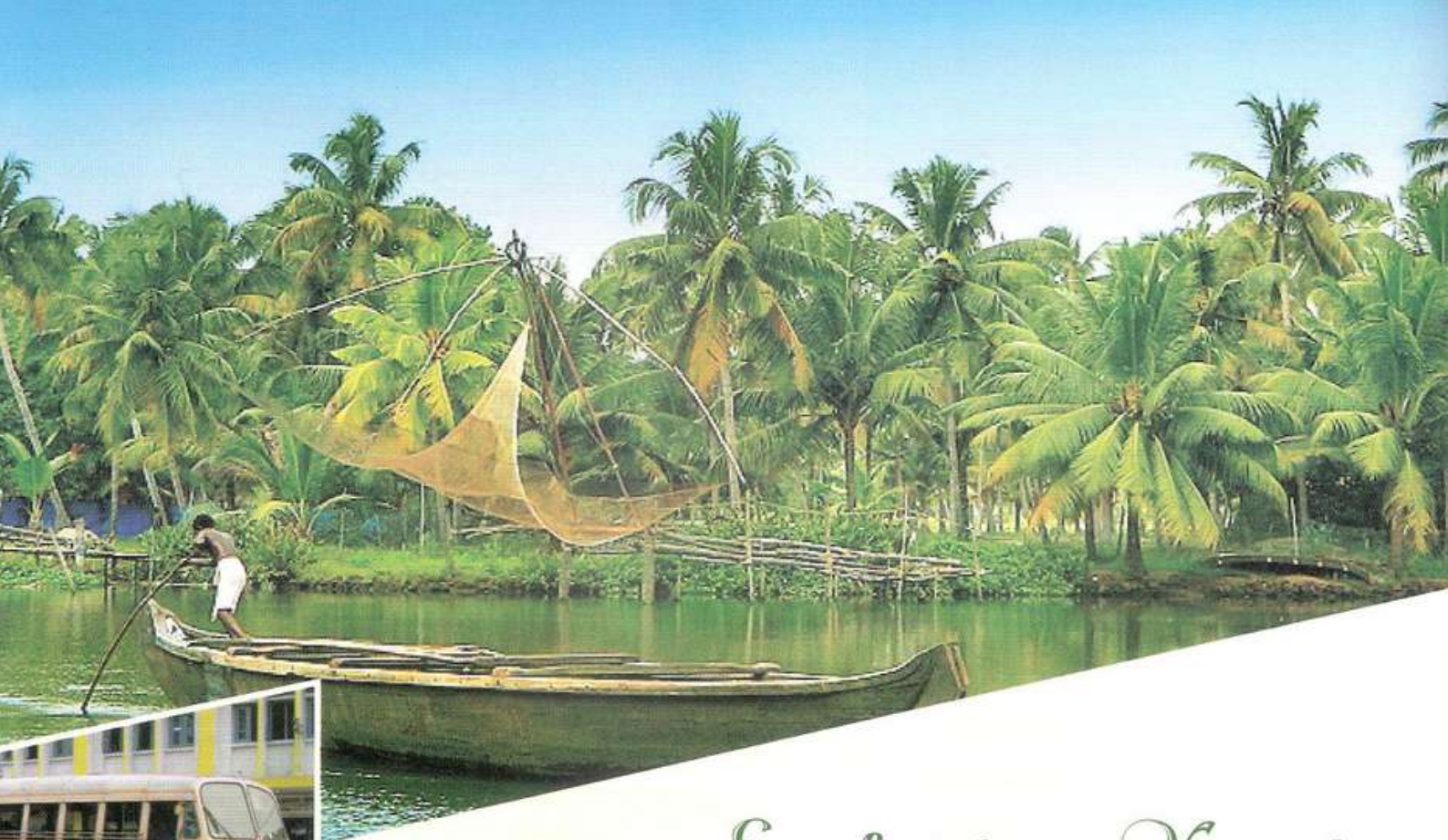
Day 10 *Jaipur* Morning excursion to Amber Fort. Enjoy Elephant ride. Afternoon sightseeing of Jaipur city includes Jantar Mantar, Hawa Mahal and City Palace. Overnight at the hotel in Jaipur.

Day 11 *Jaipur / Udaipur* Morning drive to Udaipur. Arrive Udaipur in the late evening & check in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 *Udaipur* Spend the day visiting the famous sites of Udaipur like the City Palace, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion-ki-Bari. Afternoon enjoy a boat ride on the picturesque Lake Pichola. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 *Udaipur / Delhi* After breakfast day free till in time transfer to airport to board the flight for Delhi and on arrival transfer to a hotel for wash & change (lobby use). Rest of the day free for independent activities. Do your last minute shopping. Late night transfer to Airport to board flight for your return journey.





Enchanting Kerala

Cochin / Munnar / Periyar / Kumarakom / Allepey / Kovalam / Trivandrum

Day 01 Arrive Cochin Assistance on arrival by our representatives followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 02 Cochin Enjoy a city tour of Cochin visiting St. Francis Church, Jewish Synagogue, Mattenchery Palace and Chinese fishing nets. Afternoon free at leisure. Later in the evening enjoy a Kathakali dance performance. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Cochin / Munnar Check out of the hotel in the morning and drive to Munnar and on arrival, check in at a hotel. Later in the afternoon visit the Tata Tea Museum. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Munnar Day is free at leisure. Enjoy the sights of perfectly manicured hillsides, Tea gardens stretch for miles, broken by the splash of a waterfall here and there. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Munnar / Periyar Drive to Periyar en route visiting a few tea plantations. On arrival check in at hotel. Later enjoy boat ride in Lake Periyar and watch the wildlife around it. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 Periyar / Kumarakom Drive to Kumarakom

in the morning and check in at a lake resort. Rest of the day is free at leisure. Overnight at the resort.

Day 07 Kumarakom / Allepey / House boat: Morning drive to Jetty to embark a house boat. Cruise along the backwaters towards Alleppey passing through villages, paddy fields, market etc. Overnight on board House Boat.

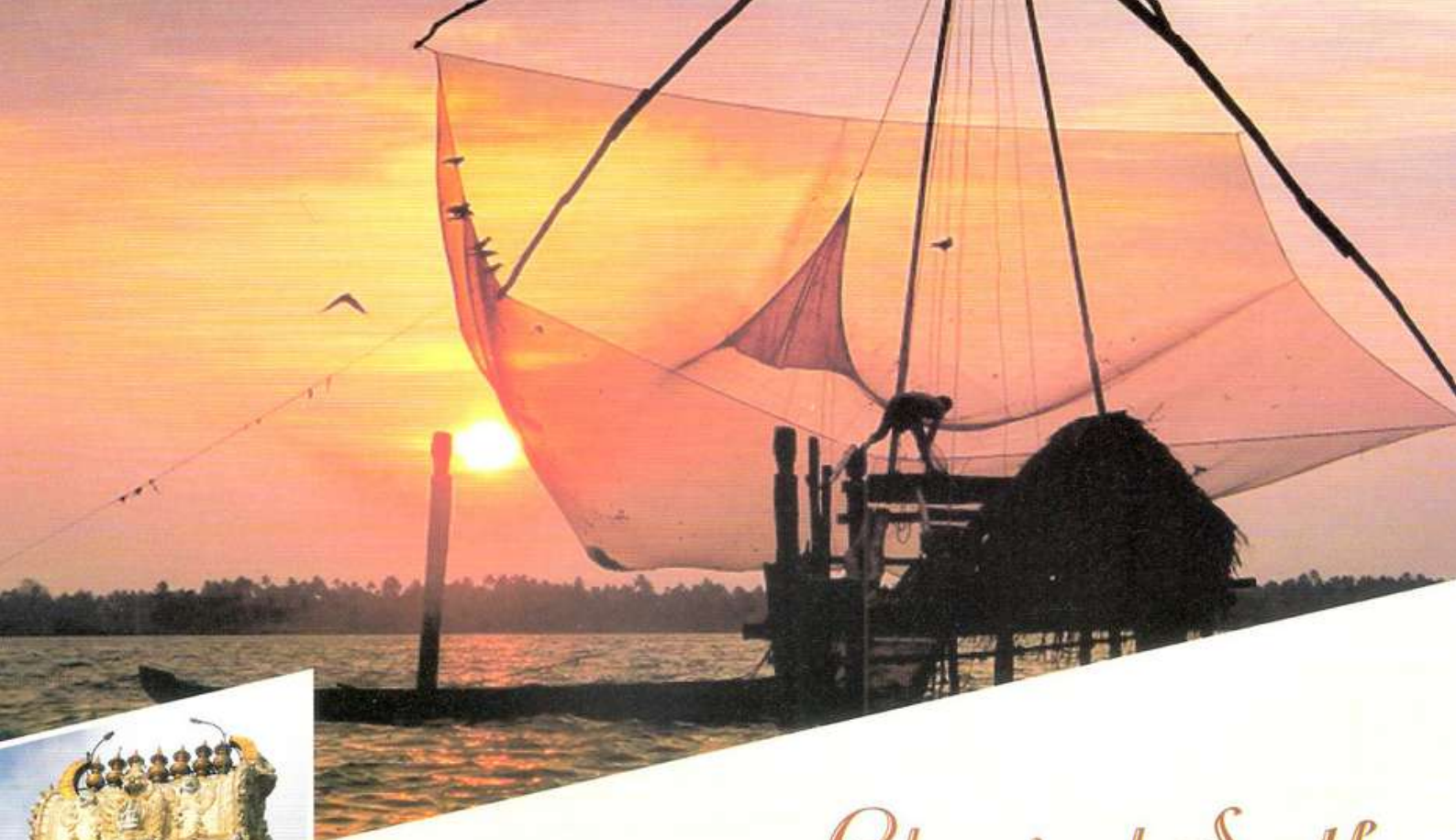
Day 08 Arrive Alleppey / Kovalam Arrive Alleppey, disembark from the boat at jetty and drive to Kovalam. Day is free on the beach. Overnight at the resort.

Day 09 Kovalam The day is free for independent activities (optional excursion to Kanyakumari). Overnight at the resort.

Day 10 Kovalam Day free at leisure / Ayurvedic massage (Optional). Overnight at the resort.

Day 11 Kovalam Enjoy a guided city tour of Trivandrum including visit to Temples and Napier Museum. Afternoon is free on the beach. Overnight at the beach resort in Kovalam.

Day 12 Kovalam / Trivandrum / Depart Day free in the evening, transfer to Trivandrum airport to board flight for your return journey.



Classical South

Mumbai / Chennai / Madurai / Periyar / Munnar / Cochin / Mumbai

Day 01 *Arrive Mumbai* Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 *Mumbai* A full day to explore the city of Mumbai. Visit Gateway of India, Prince of Wales Museum, Jain Temple, Hanging gardens, Kamla Nehru Park, Mani Bhawan and Dhobi Ghat. Also drive past Afghan Church, Flora fountain, colourful Crawford Market and Marine drive. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 *Mumbai / Chennai* Early morning transfer to airport to board flight to Chennai. Assistance on arrival by our representatives and transfer to hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 04 *Chennai* After Breakfast proceed for a full day excursion to Mahabalipuram and Kanchipuram. Overnight at the hotel in Chennai.

Day 05 *Chennai / Madurai* Transfer to railway station to board train for Madurai.

Day 06 *Madurai* Arrive Madurai and transfer to hotel. Later visit the great Meenakshi Temple in the afternoon. Also visit Tirumala Nayak Palace.

Overnight at the hotel in Madurai.

Day 07 *Madurai / Periyar* Morning depart for Periyar. Assistance on arrival at Periyar and check-in at hotel. Later enjoy a boat safari in Lake Periyar surrounded by Periyar national park which boasts of wild elephant, Bison, Deer and spectacular Bird life. Overnight at the hotel.

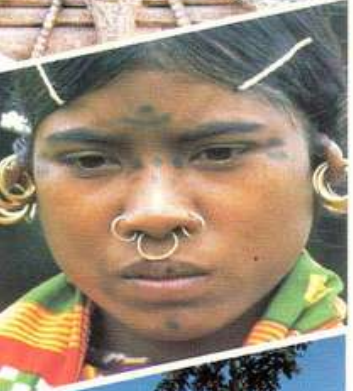
Day 08 *Periyar / Munnar* Morning depart for Munnar through a breathtaking landscape. On arrival check in at a hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 *Munnar / Cochin* Drive to Cochin in the morning and check in at a hotel. Rest of the day is free at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 *Cochin* Enjoy a tour of Cochin visiting the Dutch Palace, Jewish Synagogue, Chinese fishing Nets, St. Francis Church and the Santa Cruz Church. Overnight at the hotel in Cochin.

Day 11 *Cochin / Mumbai / Depart* Transfer to Trivandrum airport to board flight for Mumbai. Assistance on arrival and transfer hotel envisaged for day use. Late evening transfer to International airport to board flight for your return journey.





Tribes of Orissa

Calcutta / Bhubaneshwar / Keonjhar / Sambalpur / Bolangiri / Bhawanipatna / Jeypore / Rayagara / Taptapani / Puri / Bhubaneshwar / Calcutta

Day 01 *Arrive Calcutta* Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 *Calcutta / Bhubaneshwar* Morning transfer to railway station to board train for Bhubaneshwar. Assistance on arrival and transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 *Bhubaneshwar / Keonjhar* Early morning depart for Keonjhar. En route visit Nuapatna to see the Sari weaving village. On arrival in Keonjhar transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 04 *Keonjhar* Morning drive to a few Juang tribal villages or Seri-culture villages. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 *Keonjhar / Sambalpur* Drive to Sambalpur and check-in at hotel for overnight stay.

Day 06 *Sambalpur / Bolangiri* Drive for Bolangiri, en route visiting Baripalli and a few Weaver Men's village. Overnight at hotel in Bolangiri.

Day 07 *Bolangiri / Bhawanipatna* Drive to Ranipur Jharia. Visit 64 Yogni Temple and then continue drive to Bhawanipatna. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 *Bhawanipatna* Spend the day exploring a few tribal villages. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 09 *Bhawanipatna / Jeypore* Today visit the Kotpad Weaver Man's village and continue your

drive to Jeypore. Overnight in Jeypore.

Day 10 *Jeypore* Drive to Kudmulguma. Visit Bonda and Didyai Tribal market on Thursday and drive back to Jeypore. Overnight at Jeypore.

Day 11 *Jeypore* Drive to Kundli. Visit of Paraja market on Friday. Overnight at hotel in Jeypore.

Day 12 *Jeypore / Rayagada* Depart for Rayagada and check-in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 13 *Rayagada* Drive to Kothagarh (near Belghar). Visit of of Kuttiya Kondha market and a few Kuttiya Villages. Overnight at Rayagada.

Day 14 *Rayagada / Taptapani* Drive to Puttasingh. Visit a few Langia Soura villages and drive to Taptapani. Overnight at the hotel in Taptapani.

Day 15 *Taptapani / Puri* Drive to Puri visiting Chilka Lake en route. Overnight at hotel in Puri.

Day 16 *Puri* Full day visit to Konark. Return back to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 17 *Puri / Bhubaneshwar* Drive to Bhubaneshwar. On arrival check into your hotel. Afternoon city tour. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 18 *Bhubaneshwar / Calcutta* Morning board flight for Calcutta. Assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel for wash and change (lobby use). Rest of the day free at leisure. Late evening transfer to airport to board flight back home.



Exotic East

Delhi / Bagdogra / Darjeeling / Pelling / Gangtok / Kalimpong / Delhi



Day 01 Arrive Delhi Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi Enjoy the day visiting the many sites in the capital city. Important among them are Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb. Enjoy a welcome dinner at an Indian restaurant accompanied with ethnic folk dances & music. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Delhi / Bagdogra / Darjeeling Fly to Bagdogra and drive to the beautiful hill station of Darjeeling. Assistance on arrival and transfer to a hotel. In the evening visit the bazaar for a taste of life in this little hill town. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Darjeeling Morning excursion to Tiger Hill followed by a Toy train ride from Darjeeling station to Ghoom Monastery. Afternoon take a tour of the city visiting Himalayan Institute of Mountaineering, founded by late Tenzing Norway. Overnight at the hotel in Darjeeling.

Day 05 Darjeeling The day is at leisure with the option to visit the tea gardens. Overnight at the hotel in Darjeeling.

Day 06 Darjeeling / Pelling Morning drive to the remote hamlet of Pelling. Assistance on arrival and transfer to a hotel. In the afternoon visit the Pemayangtse Monastery. Overnight at the hotel in Pelling.

Day 07 Pelling / Gangtok In the morning proceed to Gangtok, the mountainside capital of the tiny state of Sikkim meandering through pretty valleys. Assistance on arrival and transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Gangtok Morning visit Rumtek Monastery, built in the 1960s by the 16th Gyala Karmapa. Later in the afternoon, tour delightful Gangtok visiting the Research Institute of Tibetology with nearly 30,000 volumes on diverse subjects like astrology, magic and philosophy; the orchid sanctuary featuring an enormous number of rare and beautiful orchids; the Buddhist monastery at the Palace, and the Residency - from which an excellent view of the mountains is possible. Overnight at the hotel in Gangtok.

Day 09 Gangtok / Kalimpong In the morning drive to Kalimpong. Kalimpong : A remote hill station, has been a meeting point of the once "three Closed Lands" on the trade route to Tibet, Bhutan & Nepal. Afternoon, visit the Thongsa Gompa Bhutanese monastery, founded in 1692. Also visit Pedong Bhutanese monastery. Overnight at the hotel in Kalimpong.

Day 10 Kalimpong / Delhi Morning transfer to Bagdogra Airport to connect flight for Delhi. On arrival transfer to a hotel for wash & change. Rest of the day free for independent activities. Do your last minute shopping. Late night transfer to Airport to connect the flight for return journey.



Leh Ladakh

Delhi / Leh / Lamayuru / Alchi / Delhi

Day 01 Arrive Delhi Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi Enjoy the day visiting the many sites in the capital city. Important among them are Red Fort, Jama Masjid, the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat, Qutub Minar, and Humayun's Tomb. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Delhi / Leh Morning check-out of the hotel and transfer to airport to board flight for Leh. On arrival, assistance and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to acclimatize. Evening walk up to Leh Palace. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Leh Enjoy a full day excursion to Spituk Monastery and Phyang Monastery. Overnight at the hotel/Tent in Leh.

Day 05 Leh Enjoy a full day excursion to Shey, Thiksey & Hemis Monasteries. Overnight at the hotel/Tent.

Day 06 Leh / Lamayuru / Alchi Drive to Lamayuru and visit monastery and the Village. Evening depart for Alchi and overnight at hotel/Tent.

Day 07 Alchi / Leh Morning visit Alchi monastery. After lunch depart for Leh. Arrive and check-in at hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08 Leh / Delhi Morning transfer to Leh airport

to board flight for Delhi. Arrive Delhi & transfer to Hotel. Later in the day transfer to international airport to board flight for your return journey.

KASHMIR, THE PARADISE ON EARTH

Day 01 Arrive Delhi Assistance on arrival followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi Morning sightseeing takes you to the sights of New and Old Delhi. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Delhi / Srinagar Fly to Srinagar this morning. On arrival check-in at hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Srinagar Morning Sightseeing tour of city includes Old Mughal Fort of 17th Century & 14th century Jama Masjid. Afternoon tour of the Mughal Gardens visiting Nishat & Shalimar. Dinner & overnight stay at the House Boat.

Day 05 Srinagar Full Day excursion to Gulmarg with picnic lunch. Overnight stay at the hotel

Day 06 Srinagar Full day sightseeing tour in and around Srinagar. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Srinagar / Delhi Morning is at leisure. Fly back to Delhi this afternoon. On arrival assistance and transfer to hotel for wash and change (lobby use). Later transfer to international airport in time to board flight for your return journey.





Wild Encounter

Delhi / Jaipur / Ranthambore / Bharatpur / Agra / Umaria / Bandhavgarh / Kanha / Jabalpur / Delhi

Day 01 Arrive Delhi Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi Enjoy the day visiting the many sites in the capital city. Important among them are Red Fort, Jama Masjid, Rajghat, Qutub Minar, and Humayun's Tomb. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 Delhi / Jaipur Early morning drive to Jaipur and check-in at hotel. Rest of the day free at leisure to explore the local market. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 Jaipur Morning excursion to Amber Fort. Enjoy elephant ride over there. Later in the afternoon enjoy sightseeing tour of Jaipur visiting City Palace, Jantar Mantar and Hawa Mahal. In the evening lose yourself free in the colorful bazaars of Jaipur. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 05 Jaipur / Ranthambore Check-out of the hotel and proceed to Ranthambore. Arrive & check-in at Hotel. Later in the afternoon proceed for a Jungle safari by Jeep into the national park. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 Ranthambore Enjoy jeep rides in the morning and in the afternoon. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 07 Ranthambore / Bharatpur / Agra Morning transfer to railway station to board train to Bharatpur. On arrival proceed for a birding tour with naturalist. Later drive to Agra en-route

visiting Fatehpur Sikri. Overnight at hotel in Agra.

Day 08 Agra / Umaria Morning proceed for a sightseeing tour of Agra visiting Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Late afternoon transfer to railway station to board train to Umaria. Overnight on board.

Day 09 Arrive Umaria / Bandavgarh Early morning, arrive Umaria & transfer to Bandavgarh and check-in at a resort. Afternoon proceed for a Jungle safari into the national park. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the resort.

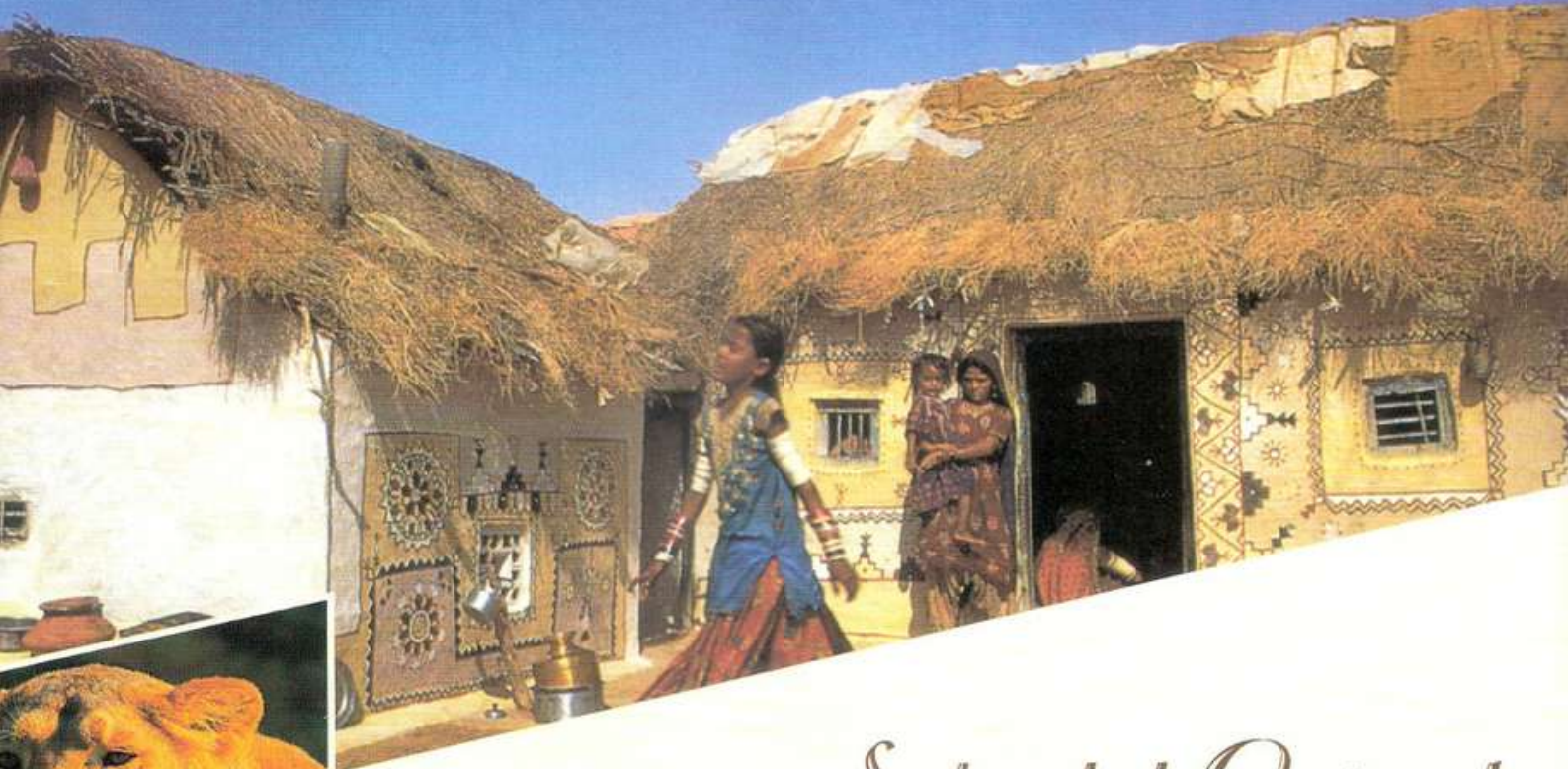
Day 10 Bandavgarh Enjoy morning and afternoon Jungle Safari into the National Park. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the resort.

Day 11 Bandavgarh / Kanha Check-out of the hotel and proceed to Kanha. Arrive Kanha and check-in at resort. Evening set out for a Jungle Safari. Overnight at the resort.

Day 12 Kanha Enjoy morning and afternoon Jeep Safari into the National Park. Evening at leisure. Overnight at the resort.

Day 13 Kanha / Jabalpur / New Delhi Check-out of the resort and transfer to Jabalpur railway station to board train for New Delhi. Overnight on board.

Day 14 Arrive Delhi / Depart Arrive Delhi & transfer to Hotel. Day free at leisure. Check-out of the hotel and transfer to International airport in time to board flight for your return journey.



Splendid Gujarat

Mumbai / Bhuj / Gondal / Sasangir / Diu / Bhavnagar / Utelia / Zainabad / Baroda / Ahmedabad / Mumbai

Day 01 *Arrive Mumbai* Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 *Mumbai* A full day to explore the city of Mumbai. Visit Gateway of India, Prince of Wales Museum, Jain Temple, Hanging gardens, Mani Bhawan and Dhobi Ghat. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 03 *Mumbai / Bhuj* Transfer to airport for flight to Bhuj - gateway to the Kutch region of Gujarat. On arrival visit Collector's office for permit. Afternoon city tour covering Kutch Museum and Palace of Rao Pragmalji. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 04 *Bhuj* Proceed for an excursion to Bunny Villages. Overnight at the hotel Bhuj.

Day 05 *Bhuj* Full day excursion to villages and Mandvi - one of the finest beaches in India on the coastline of Gujarat. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 06 *Bhuj / Gondal* Morning drive to Gondal, a place with a royal past. En-route visit Dhamadka. Overnight at the hotel in Gondal.

Day 07 *Gondal / Sasangir* Morning drive to Sasangir, the forest which is the habitat of the last of Asiatic Lions. On arrival in Sasangir check-in at hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 08 *Sasangir* Morning and evening Jeep safari at the Gir National Park. Overnight at hotel.

Day 09 *Sasangir / Diu* Morning drive to Diu and

check in at hotel. En route visit Somnath.

Day 10 *Diu* Day free to relax at beach. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 *Diu / Bhavnagar* Morning drive to Bhavnagar On arrival check-in at hotel. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 12 *Bhavnagar / Uteliya* Morning drive to Uteliya via Palitana - famed for its spectacular temple sites, beautiful beaches and wildlife. On arrival check-in at hotel. Afternoon city tour. Overnight at the hotel.

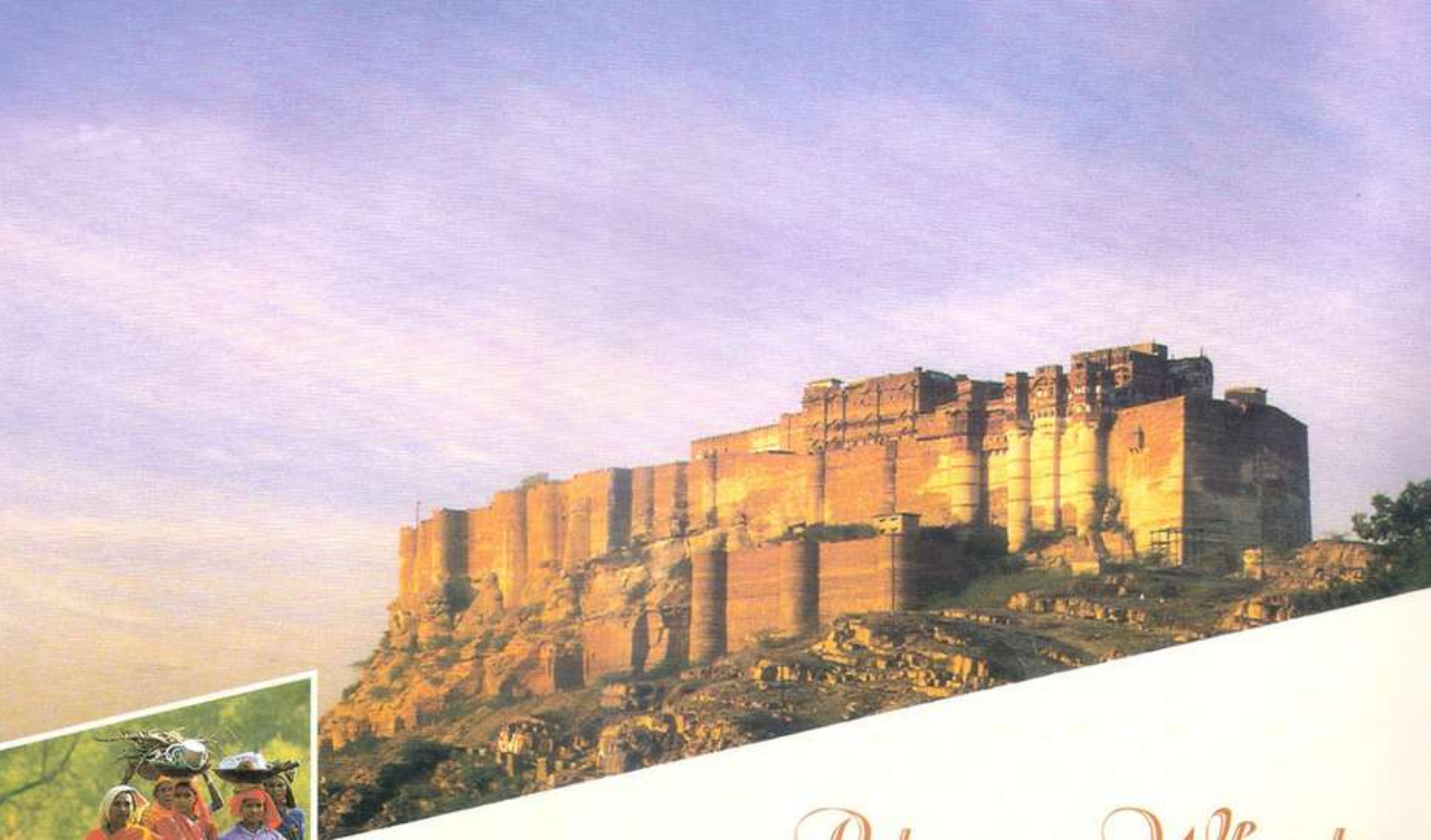
Day 13 *Uteliya / Zainabad* Drive to Zainabad en-route visiting Lothal. Assistance on arrival in Zainabad and transfer to hotel for overnight stay.

Day 14 *Zainabad / Baroda* After a half day city tour of Zainabad, drive to Baroda. On arrival check in at hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 15 *Baroda / Ahmedabad* After a half day excursion of Baroda drive to Ahmedabad and check in at hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

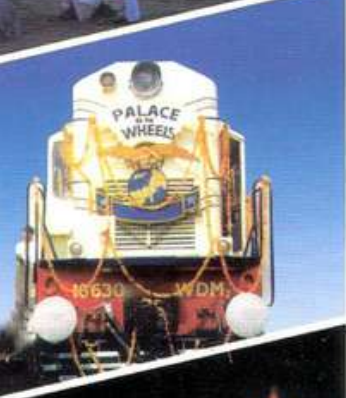
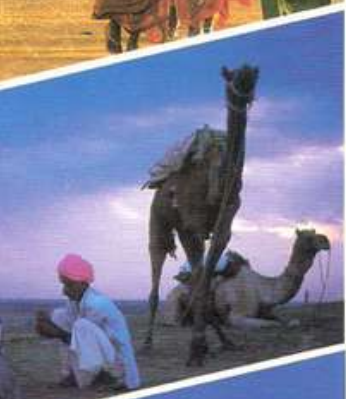
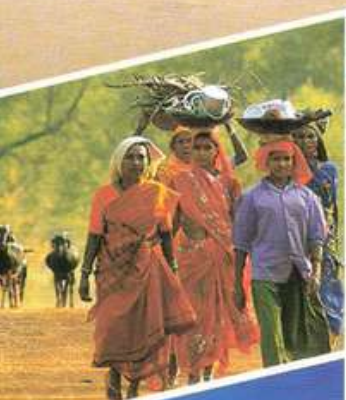
Day 16 *Ahmedabad* Full day excursion to Modhera and Patan. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 17 *Ahmedabad / Mumbai* Morning transfer to airport for flight to Mumbai. Assistance on arrival and transfer to hotel for wash and change (lobby use). Later transfer to international airport to board flight for your return journey.



Palace on Wheels

Delhi / Jaipur / Jaisalmer / Jodhpur / Sawai Madhopur / Chittorgarh / Udaipur / Bharatpur / Delhi



Day 01 Arrive Delhi Assistance on arrival at the airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 02 Delhi / Jaipur After breakfast enjoy a full day guided tour of Delhi. Visit the busy lanes of Old Delhi and the austere beauty of the Red Fort. Also visit Jama Masjid, India Gate, drive past President's House, Qutub Minar, Humayun's tomb and Raj Ghat. Later check-out from the hotel and transfer to Delhi Cantonment Station. where you will be accorded a warm, traditional welcome before the Palace on- Wheels pulls into the night. Dinner on board the train.

Day 03 Arrive Jaipur Morning arrival at Jaipur. After breakfast on board set out to explore the Pink City. Visit Amber Fort and enjoy Elephant ride over there. Also visit the City palace, The outdoor observatory, Jantar Mantar and the Palace of Winds, Hawa Mahal. In the evening you will be brought back to Palace-on-Wheels for your further journey to Jaisalmer.

Day 04 Arrive Jaisalmer Arrive at Jaisalmer proceed for a sight seeing tour of the city. Visit Jaisalmer Fort, Patwon-ki-Haveli, Salim Singh-ki-Haveli and other exotic havelis. Later visit sand dunes and enjoy exciting Camel Safaris. Enjoy a colourful cultural program over dinner at a hotel. Back to the train which will proceed to Jodhpur.

Day 05 Arrive Jodhpur Arrive and after breakfast

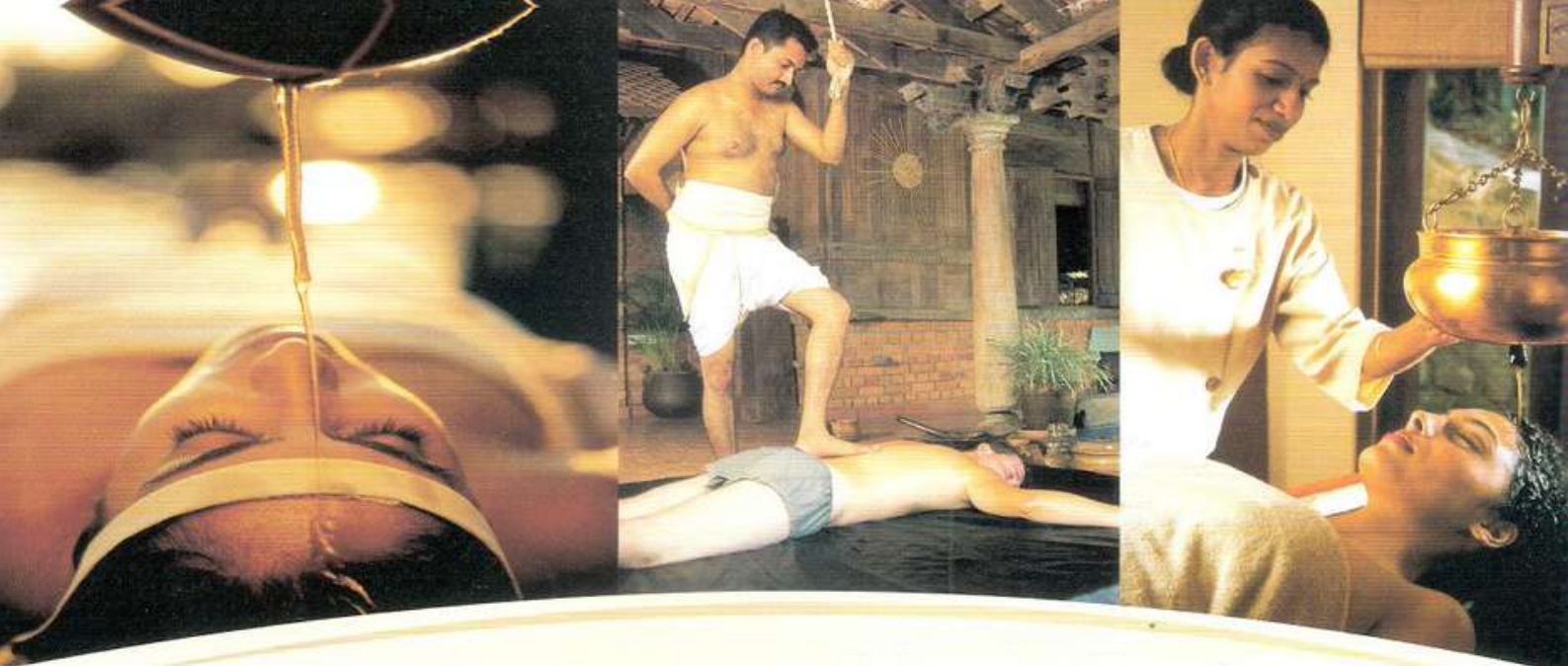
on board, proceed for a sightseeing tour visiting the Mehrangarh fort and Jaswant Thada. Lunch at Umaid Bhawan Palace Hotel, originally the Royal Palace of the Maharajas of Jodhpur. Return to Palace-on-Wheels and leave for Sawai Madhopur.

Day 06 Arrive Sawai Madhopur / Chittorgarh After breakfast visit Ranthambhore to see wild life. Later depart for Chittorgarh. Arrive Chittorgarh and visit the Chittorgarh Fort. Return to Palace -on-Wheel and leave for Udaipur.

Day 07 Chittorgarh / Udaipur Arrive Udaipur and visit the Lake Palace Hotel and enjoy boat ride on Lake Pichola followed by lunch at the Lake Palace Hotel. Sightseeing also includes City Palace and Sahelion-Ki-bari. Return back to Palace-on-Wheels and proceed for Bharatpur.

Day 08 Arrive Bharatpur / Agra After breakfast visit Keoladeo National Park which has over 300 species of birds. Enjoy bird watching over there. Later drive to Agra en route visiting the abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri. Visit the world famous Taj Mahal. After lunch at a hotel in Agra drive back to the Palace-on- Wheels and leave for Delhi.

Day 09 Arrive Delhi Assistance on arrival and check-in at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to explore the local market. Later in the day check-out of the hotel and transfer to airport in time to board your flight for return journey.



Tranquil Abode

AYURVEDA

A traditional form of Holistic science, handed down over the centuries by ancient physicians, Ayurveda uses natural remedies for different therapies, ranging from relaxing massages to complex treatments. Refresh yourself and eliminate all toxic substances from the body, regaining resistance and good health. Some of the hotels in India offering Ayurvedic treatments are :-

Devi Garh: This 18th century Fort Palace is just 45 minutes from Udaipur, overlooking the Rajasthani village of Delwara.

Karali Kovilakom: In the foothills of Kerala's Annamalai range, is a former palace which is now a hotel dedicated to Ayurveda.

Surya Samudra: Situated on a rocky promontory between two deserted beaches in southern Kerala is this wonderful beach resort.

Travancore Heritage: Just Located near Trivandrum, it stands on a cliff overlooking a long white sand beach.



SPAS

Be pampered and relax in the most wonderful of settings. Heritage hotels with fountains and terraces and Himalayan retreats with stunning mountain views. Enrich your stay in India with a day of invigorating Spa treatments at one of these wonderful hotels:-

Ananda: Nestled in the Himalayas near Rishikesh, it is a world class destination spa which integrates the traditional Indian systems of Ayurveda with the more contemporary

western Spa approach. The calming integration of lush greenery, fresh mountain air, Himalayan spring water, luxurious therapy rooms overlooking the holy River Ganges and the mystifying Himalayas, provides the ideal environment for rejuvenation of the mind, body and soul.

Taj Green Cove Resort: It offers a breathtaking view of the backwaters, lush landscapes, coconut palms and unspoiled beaches. Exotic tropical beauty and relaxing hospitality combine to allow guests to relax and enjoy the coastal

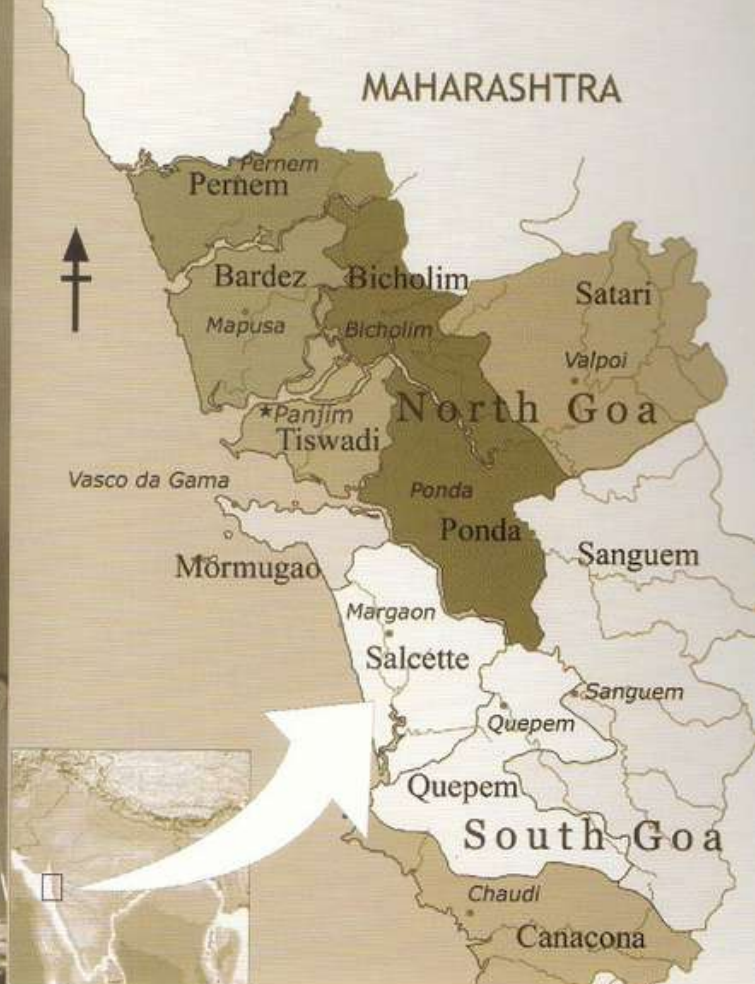
scenery, and with a range of treatments available at the peaceful and calming Jiva Spa. It is the perfect place to rejuvenate the mind, body and soul.

The Oberoi Rajvillas: Romance and grandeur abound with rooms, luxury tents and villas clustered around private courtyards. This is a luxury resort set in 32 acres of landscaped gardens. Indulge

yourself in rejuvenating treatments in the beautifully appointed Spa suites, relax in the steam room, sauna and Jacuzzi or restore your inner balance with a session of yoga.

The Oberoi Udaivilas: Set in 30 acres with landscaped terraces of white marble in a grand and majestic setting of unrivaled splendour. It offers the utmost in modern comfort. Treat your body to luxurious rejuvenation and relaxation on a truly royal scale.

Wildflower Hall: Situated in the magnificent Himalayas, this is a fairytale luxury resort, set in 23 acres of virgin woods of pine and cedar. Enjoy wonderful views of the mountains and valleys beyond and for the ultimate in pampering.





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