India

A Portrait by Easy Tours



Let Easy Tours color your dreams!





Do you dream in black & white?

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For custom experiences we ask for your preferences and then convert them into superbly planned and exquisitely facilitated journeys. Small Group Tours offer 28 itineraries ranging from 8 to 33 days and many combinations of destinations.

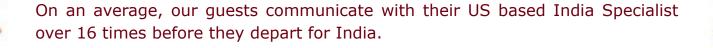


REAL VALUE: We know that your time is of the utmost importance, as is your money – we do not waste either. Itineraries are planned to let you experience the most you can without wasting time in tedious and unnecessary travel.

You can choose your level of accommodations ranging from fairly luxurious to bordering on decadence. We offer world class service and excellent values at each level.



REAL SERVICE: Our staff travels in India constantly and they are familiar with every facet of our guest's experience. Because schedules and facilities evolve constantly, we stay abreast of this change so that we can continue to offer a flawless experience for our guests.













We work on the smallest details so our guests don't have to be concerned about logistics. Maybe that is why our guests provide consistently high praise of our travel services. Here are just a few verifiable examples:

"The best trip of our lives (and we travel frequently!)"

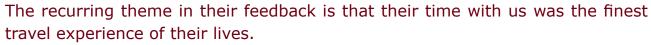
"Hotels were perfect and the tour guides were excellent"

"Personal attentive service - an absolute pleasure"

"Our trip was fantastic, all arrangements exceeded our expectations - simply excellent."

"Every time we saw an A&K tour bus or tour guide we looked to the heavens and thanked the stars that we were on your tour rather than theirs"

These comments are from seasoned travelers that have stayed at the best European and American hotels, flown on the world's premier airlines, and been pampered by the best that the western world has to offer.







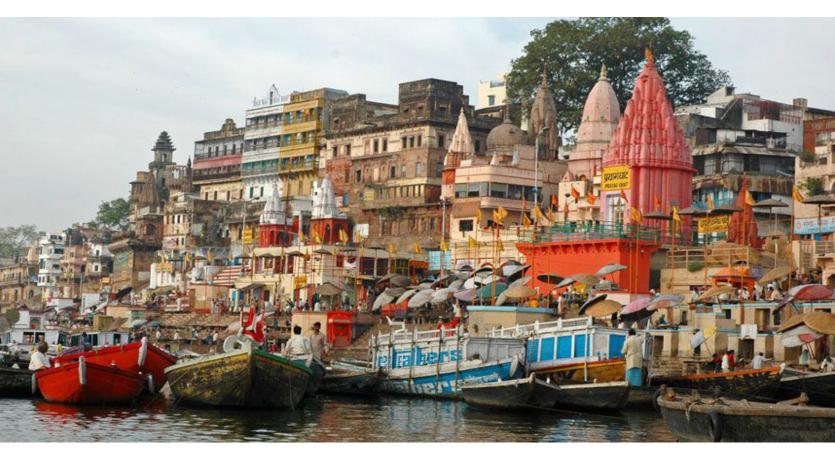


India - The Destination

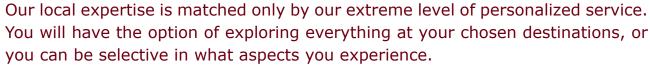




India can be bewildering to an unprepared visitor; it is an ancient, and hence, incredibly complex culture. Foreign influences have been altering India for thousands of years, and the rituals and behavior you'll encounter are a result of many millennia of evolution.



As our guest you will have the best opportunities to experience India's amazing diversities in people, architecture, geography and cultural heritage - secure in the knowledge that all logistical issues are being handled flawlessly.







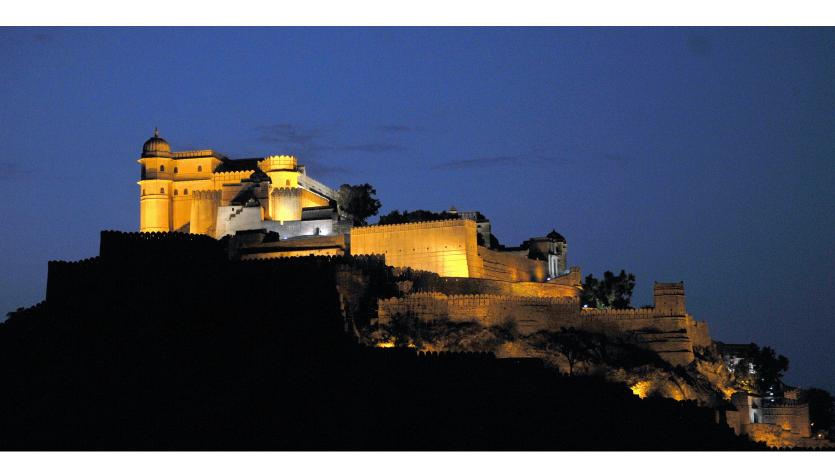






Nature is at its best in India. Explore the awe-inspiring peaks of the Himalayas, which are crowned by Mount Everest. Visit India's Great Plains that spread outwards from Delhi.

Marvel at the fabled desert state of Rajasthan which encompasses the magical cities of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur, as well as the famous Pushkar Camel Festival.



Discover Southern India, where the plains end and the lush Deccan plateau takes over. Experience the Ghats, where the great plateau descends to meet the beaches and warm waters of the costal resorts.

Walk around the European influenced cities on the southwestern coast. Fort Kochi is one fascinating example of this; it also happens to be the gateway to one of the world's most fascinating experiences – the Backwaters of Kerala.





UNESCO World Heritage Sites









Qutab Minar, New Delhi



The Romance of India





India has an incredible array of options to offer a traveler with romance in their soul. While there is no dearth of tales of valor and gory battles, it is in fables of love and devotion that India excels.

Let's start with the amazingly beautiful monument, the Taj Mahal. It was inspired by, and dedicated to, a king's love for his queen.

No matter how many pictures you've seen or descriptions you've read, the first sight of the Taj will leave you speechless. We will not attempt to describe the incredible beauty of the Taj; better writers and poets have tried and failed.

The awe-inspiring monuments of man's love and devotion for God that exist all over India are far too numerous to count. It is difficult to fathom how ancient Buddhists, Hindus and other devout sects were able to achieve such amazing marvels as Ajanta & Ellora, Khajuraho and countless others.

Easy Tours' local specialists live and breathe these monuments. They will tell you the tales with a passion that you will feel as they share their emotions with you.

The amazing beaches and resorts on the Southern India coast are unmatched, except by the spectacular nearby islands such as the Maldives.



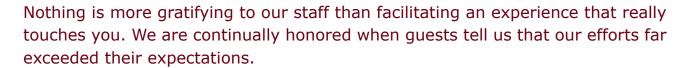
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What do you remember most about your travels? What were the best experiences?

We believe the most memorable travel experiences occur when something or someone touches your heart.

It can happen when you arrive at a monument and the beauty of the structure amazes you because nothing you had read prepared you for the reality in front of you.

For many of us it is unexpected contact with another being; witnessing the innocent merriment of a child, receiving a gracious greeting from a stranger in a foreign land - it can even occur in fleeting a moment as your gaze meets a stranger's eyes.

We pride ourselves on specializing in providing these moments.

"Thank you for making my lifelong dream come true."

"This was the best trip of my life!"

"I have never experienced anything like this."

"The very best service I have ever received!"

At Easy Tours we get this feedback all the time. We have thousands of guests that are willing to make these same statements about us to you.



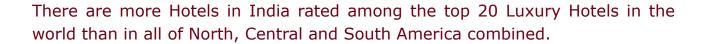






Experience World Class Luxury





Examples of these World Class Hotels are the amazing Oberoi Vilas Resorts and the spectacular Taj Group Palaces that have been converted to luxury hotels and offer furnishings and services that were once the trappings of royalty.

We possess an intimate knowledge of the best establishments at different levels of luxury. Our First Class Level hotels are almost all 5 star establishments and are luxurious enough to satisfy most travelers. The Opulent Level includes many of the finest hotels in the world with accommodations bordering on decadent, along with legendary levels of service.

Comfort levels and management do change in time, along with service levels. Our local insight and contacts enable us to stay abreast of changes in facilities and service standards.

We have established relationships with the best hotels, resorts, and lodges at our destinations. This allows us to provide you with great values on the best rooms and suites available.

The level of service you experience will amaze you. Nothing that the luxury establishments of the west have to offer prepares a guest for the extreme level of service they experience while they tour India with us. We have thousands of past guests that are willing to vouch for this fact.







Rooms with semi-private pools at Oberoi Udaivilas





India has among the finest spas on the planet offering ancient organic treatments and therapies. These holistic treatments are far more beneficial in the long term when compared to what modern western medicine has to offer.



Pool at Oberoi Amarvilas

Reservations for these services can be made through our Guest Relations Department. Our local staff is trained and equipped to help you resolve all foreseeable problems quickly. Your visit facilitator has access to the best available resources allowing them to locate and supply almost anything a guest desires.









Suite at Taj Lake Palace



World's Easiest Travel Configurator





Easy Tours is proud to introduce the World's Easiest Travel Configurator.

A revolutionary interactive travel planner, this proprietary tool is generations ahead of anything currently available in the online travel industry.

Our designers were asked to develop a simple and attractive way to give website users a plethora of information and tools. We wanted to make it simple for the end user, whether they were an experienced travel agent or someone planning a trip online for the first time.

We are thrilled with the end result. It achieves everything we wanted and more. The user interface is attractive and its genius is in its simplicity of use. This simplicity is amazing when you consider the depth of information it provides and the number of choices it offers.

The World's Easiest Travel Configurator can be quickly manipulated to accommodate a multitude of variations, all based on the user's whims.



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Easy Tours' E-Village





We are excited to announce the launch of our new social community site, E-Village. This part of our website allows users to share photos and videos of their explorations in India and Asia, get breaking news on travel in India and Asia, find travel partners, offer travel advice, win great prizes and more.

E-Village is open to anyone who has a passion for travel and wants to share their experiences or learn more about exploring India and Southeast Asia. It allows users to post in travel forums, create their own travel blog, enter photo and video contests, pair up with travel partners and meet the other members of Easy Tours' luxury small group tours.

Easy Tours of India's E-Village is the ultimate social site for anyone who has an interest in touring India or Southeast Asia. To join Easy Tours of India's E-Village visit www.EasyToursofIndia.com/E-Village and click Sign-Up. Membership is open to everyone with a valid email address.















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Travel with a Conscience





A simple path to conservation and profits.

All of Easy Tours' travel offerings are available with a Zero Carbon Footprint by paying a nominal offset surcharge (that is quoted separately).

Whether a guest chooses to participate in these efforts or not, Easy Tours contributes a portion of every dollar we earn to environmental and/or social organizations.

When Easy Tours commenced operations, we discovered that it was beneficial to support the communities we did business in. That is why we protect, enhance, and ensure the continued existence of our surroundings wherever we do business.

As an employer we realized that to recruit and retain the best employees we needed an approach that enhanced their sense of well being. Easy Tours provides above average wages, positive work environments and a reward + recognition based culture.



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We recruit local talent wherever we establish Operation Centers. We empower our team to succeed by providing the best training, education and support.

We set up our operating procedures to maintain a synergistic philosophy. Our environment is not just defined by the nature and wildlife, but also by the local societies and economies.

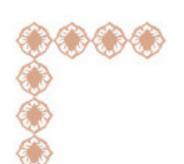
We work hard to ensure a symbiotic relationship between all of the above elements. Planting trees in areas where deforestation has devastated the habitat and local communities helps to reduce and even reverse the carbon footprint created by the travel services we provide. We donate to and partner with wildlife conservation programs that are leading such efforts in many of India's wildlife habitats.

An example of this synergy between environmental and social responsibility is the not-for-profit foundation established by the principals of Easy Tours. It currently operates two centers in India that employ underprivileged locals from rural communities.

This non-profit is focused on organic farming in our own small farms and local hand-crafted products that are wholesaled and retailed internationally. Cooperatives distribute the profits from these endeavors to the disadvantaged communities. Part of what we charge you will be directly invested in local economies and grass roots environmental campaigns.







Tours Vs. Vacations





We are India's leading luxury tour operator for North Americans. The key difference between one of our tours and a vacation is that the sightseeing and other experiences are standard in the tour.

You can tour India independently, or join a First Visit Collection Small Group Tour that is comprised of no more than 12 guests and an accompanying Tour Director. There are hundreds of departures available every year, ranging from 8 to 33 days in duration.

We also offer a very large selection of vacation itineraries. Just like in our tours, guests have the option of selecting from three levels of luxury, ranging from fairly luxurious to almost decadent. The typical vacation itinerary tends to spend more time at each destination selected.

Vacations include your lodging and the travel between all your destinations. If you so desire, you can select from an optional menu that includes chauffeur-driven vehicles, guided sightseeing and/or other experiences.

Many of our guests combine a small group tour and an independent vacation so that they can get an immersive experience of India's attractions and culture and also have time to recuperate and relax. You can also build your own tour or vacation using our revolutionary interactive Travel Configurator.









We can design region specific itineraries that allow you to concentrate on one (or more) specific areas of the country (or region), or theme/agenda based itineraries that focus on attractions such as wildlife, yoga, festivals and cuisine.



Tour Director with Easy Tours guests

Some of our most popular vacation packages actually include combinations of India with other nations such as Dubai, Nepal, Thailand, Vietnam, Tibet, Bhutan, Cambodia and Laos. We can provide you great values on exquisitely planned multi-stop international air travel that keeps your travel duration to a minimum and uses the better airlines while doing so.















The First Visit Collection is a diverse selection of tour itineraries that range from a 6 day exploration up to a 33 day tour of all the major sites India has to offer. All First Visits include explorations of India's main tourist attractions as well as many opportunities to observe local color and customs.

This Collection is ideal for your first exploration of India or if you haven't visited India for a while. These tours can be relished as part of our ultra small group departures (max of 12 guests) or enjoyed on your choice of dates as Independent Tours.

Three levels of hotels and services are offered - from luxurious (First Class Level) to almost decadent (Opulent Level). Expert customization of the itineraries is available to suit your preferences and International travel can be facilitated upon request.

You can customize your trip by adding extra days, destinations and attractions to any of our small group tours and we will facilitate these additions as Independent Travel.







Palaces at Udaipur



North India First Visit Collection





These itineraries include visits to North India's main tourist attractions, as well as opportunities to include Nepal and Dubai. The North India First Visit Tour Collection ranges from an 8 day tour of India's Golden Triangle to a 17 day exploration of North India and Nepal.

North India bore the brunt of countless invasions over thousands of years and was the land where many of these invaders chose to make their home. North India's architecture, culture, and people reflect the absorption of all these influences.

Explorations include major monuments and an opportunity to experience everyday life in India. More than half of India's population still lives in villages – our guests are encouraged to discover this rural culture and way of life.



Street vendor - Corn on the cob, New Delhi style





Villagers after a day of work



South India First Visit Collection





Itineraries from the South India First Visit Collection range anywhere from 9 days up to a 22 day tour of all the major destinations in South India. The geography, climate, cuisine and culture of Southern India are very different from the North.

The Deccan Plateau is home to lush plantations, farms, and jungles; it descends into hundreds of miles of warm and beautiful beaches. There is magnificent traditional Hindu architecture, art and handicrafts.

Kerala is marketed as "God's Own Country". Its amazing scenery and friendly locals will captivate you. The awe inspiring temples of Tamil Nadu let you discover Hinduism in its purest form and religious festivals occur all through the year.







Door-to-door salesman - Backwaters, Kerala









The All India First Visit collection is comprised of 8 itineraries that range from 15 days to a 33 day exploration of the best sights of India. This is our most popular Collection as it allows explorers the opportunity to experience both North and South India.

North and South India are very different from each other in almost all aspects. The landscape, race, culture, language, cuisine and architecture have little in common.

This Collection starts from Delhi in the North and ends, depending on which itinerary you select, in Kochi, Chennai or Bangalore. In most cases we can arrange for you to fly back to North America directly from your last destination.









Pushkar Fair Collection





The Pushkar Fair Collection takes all the itineraries in our North India and All India Collections and adds two days at the Pushkar Camel Festival.

The Pushkar Camel Fair is a fascinating spectacle that occurs once a year in the small town of Pushkar, Rajasthan. It is a visitor's finest opportunity to experience rural India in its organic form as the entire city comes to life with villagers from all across the magical state of Rajasthan.

There is something for everyone - innumerable colorful stalls selling handicraft materials, beautiful arts and crafts, as well as the delicious cuisine of Rajasthan. It also includes a plethora of activities such as horse shows, camel races, camel and cow beauty contests, acrobatics, camel safaris and much more.

Easy Tours is the pre-eminent luxury agency at the Pushkar Fair - our guests enjoy the best facilities, the best lodging and the best seats for the events, including available camel back seating to give you a better view!

Our competitors hand their clients over to one local agent who uses one staff member per hundred plus visitors and houses everyone in the mammoth temporary tented camp. Easy Tours has one staff member for every eight guests at the festival.

We have our own hospitality desk at our Desert Resort, as well as our own camel carts that take you to the fair and the village whenever you want to go. An individual camel back (or camel cart) safari through the desert is included, and you can ask for more than one.









Culinary Collection





The Culinary Collection has tour itineraries that start with a 12 day tour that lets you experience the distinctive cuisines of North India as well as the major attractions. There are three other itineraries, culminating with a 21 day exploration of North and South India and the distinctive cuisines of each destination.

The Culinary Collection includes three meals a day and can be experienced as a Small Group Tour or on your choice of dates as an Independent Tour. Western food alternatives are available at most destinations.

Contrary to popular belief, Indian cuisine is not meant to be hot. There are a great variety of herbs and spices used in Indian cooking. These may add flavor, aid digestion, have medicinal properties, or just bring color to the food (usually it's a combination of a few qualities).

Indian cuisine, you will discover, has six distinctive tastes - sweet, sour, salty, spicy, bitter and astringent. A well-balanced Indian meal achieves this through the use of numerous spice combinations and depth of flavor in Indian recipes. Side dishes and condiments like chutneys, curries, lentils and pickles enhance the overall flavor and texture of the meal, and provide the balance required.

The unique flavors in Indian cuisine are derived from spices, seasonings, and nutritious ingredients such as leafy vegetables, grains, fruits, and legumes. Geographical location further influences the style of preparation and type of cuisine in a state.









The types and flavors of herbs and spices vary greatly as you travel from one place to another within India. Just as anywhere else, there are people that prefer really hot food; however, all good Indian restaurants will ask for your preference while taking your order, and the meals offered during these tours can be aligned to your preferences.







Independent Tour Collection





Independent Tours are facilitated just for you or your own group. Group size is limited only by your preferences; we can facilitate independent travel for one quest or a thousand.

The Independent Tour Collection includes all the itineraries that are part of our First Visit Collection and also adds in a large collection of other itineraries that are not available for small group travelers.

Some of these are region specific itineraries that allow you to concentrate on one or more specific areas or theme based itineraries that focus on attractions such as wildlife, yoga, festivals, cuisine and more.

You can customize your travels by adding extra days, destinations and attractions to any of our Independent Tour itineraries. Not sure about what you want to do? Start by speaking with one of our India Specialists in the Austin office and tell them what you want. Or you can use our website and the Easy Configurator.

Tell us the amount of attention, if any, you would like, and how luxurious you want your travels in India to be. Within 1 to 2 business days you will be presented with a detailed itinerary that lists every aspect of your tour, with temporary reservations in place for lodging and travel.

All Independent Tours can be enjoyed on your choice of dates. They offer a quest the flexibility of spending more time experiencing things that interest them the most, as well as being able to make modifications while exploring. Independent tour guests are never part of a group – whether it be for travel or sightseeing.







Ranakpur Temple



Build Your Own Visit





When you speak with one of our India Specialists in the Austin office and tell them what you want, they will ask you questions, give you suggestions based on your preferences and needs and then ask for your feedback.

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Combine Tours





One of the best ways to explore India is to combine your tour with visits to other nearby destinations in South Asia, such as, Thailand, Nepal, Dubai, Cambodia, Vietnam, Bhutan, Tibet or Laos.

Visit **www.EasyToursofAsia.com** or speak to one of Easy Tours' knowledgeable travel specialists for more information on combining you tour of India with other destinations. We will propose a visit (or a choice of visits) designed around your preferences.

Thailand - In the heart of Southeast Asia, it has four distinct regions: North, Central, East and South. Well-known tourist destinations include Thal Pattaya, Bangkok, Phuket, Chiang Mai and Ko Samui.

Nepal - Located in the Himalayas and bordered by India and China, Nepal is a country of highly diverse and rich geography, culture, and religions. The north has eight of the world's ten highest mountains while the fertile and humid south is heavily urbanized.

Dubai - South of the Persian Gulf on the Arabian Peninsula, it is one of the seven emirates of the United Arab Emirates. Dubai is a global business hub that attracts world attention with large construction projects, world class shopping and desert activities.









Combine Tours





Cambodia - The geography of Cambodia is dominated by the Mekong River and the Tonlé Sap "the fresh water lake". The heartland of Cambodia is the densely populated plain region much of which has been designated as a biosphere reserve.

Vietnam - Rich with natural beauty, it has two World Heritage sites; Halong Bay and Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park. It also has six biosphere reserves: Can Gio Mangrove Forest, Cat Tien, Cat Ba, Kien Giang, Red River Delta and Western Nghe An.

Bhutan - Located at the eastern end of the Himalaya Mountains it is bordered by India and Tibet. Protection of the environment is a top priority. Bhutan has balanced growth with ancient culture and tradition using the philosophy of Gross National Happiness.

Tibet - Sometimes referred to as the roof of the world, it is located in a plateau region in Asia, north of the Himalayas. Tibet is the highest region on earth, with an average elevation of 4,900 meters (16,000 ft).

Laos - Known for its relaxed style of living, it is said to have elements of "original Asia" lost elsewhere. The official tourism slogan is "Simply Beautiful" because of the many opportunities to explore lush jungles, limestone forests, rivers and waterfalls.









Wildlife Parks of India





To protect its great variety of wildlife, **India has 80 national parks and 441 sanctuaries**. They are spread all over the country, and offer numerous opportunities for the enthusiast to observe and enjoy a huge variety of wildlife. Two thirds of the world's remaining **tigers** are here, as well as the last remaining **Asiatic lions**. The gigantic **one-horned rhino** is found here, as is the **Asian elephant**.

Easy Tours of India knows the best parks and sanctuaries and hires the most skilled and experienced guides and trackers available. The best time to visit almost all of these parks is from November through May. You can stay at comfortable to incredibly **luxurious Jungle Lodges** and venture out during the day to explore the parks and view wildlife. An elephant ride or safari into the jungle can be exhilarating and will provide memories that will last a lifetime. Or you could sit and watch from a watchtower, and, in some cases, even take a boat trip to observe the wildlife.

We make wildlife viewing in India easy by combining our knowledge of the expectations and needs of western visitors with the realities of Wildlife Parks in India.

India's best wildlife park for tiger sightings, Ranthambore National Park, is included in most of our North India and All India small group tours. We can arrange visits to any other park/sanctuary that you choose. Guests with a strong preference for bird watching may want to consider asking us to do just that! The best bird watching parks in India are not included in our Small Group Tours, but can be experienced on an **Independent Tour** or a tour extension.















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| Jim Corbett National Park | Panna National Park | |
| Ranthambore National Park | Kaziranga National Park | |
| Sasan Gir Sanctuary | Pench National Park | |
| Royal Chitwan Park, Nepal | Periyar National Park | |
| Bandhavgarh National Park | Bandipur National Park | |
| Kanha National Park | Nagarhole National Park | |
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Festivals of India





Festivals in India are known for their fascinating colors, pageantry, and ancient rituals. Visiting one of the many festivals of India adds to your vacation. Easy Tours of India allows you to experience these culturally rich festivals by adding an extension to a tour itinerary or by scheduling your tour of India around a festival date.

There are countless fairs, celebrations and festivals in India each year and travelers planning a trip to India often have a difficult time deciding which festivals they should visit. All the major festivals of India are spectacular in their own right, but some are better to include on your tour of India.

Easy Tours of India has selected the best fairs, celebrations and festivals in India for travelers, based not just on popularity but also on the cultural experience provided, timing, accessibility, safety, cost and other factors.

Easy Tours of India offers the **Pushkar Camel Fair** and the **Kumbh Ka Mela** as part of our standard tour availability. The Pushkar Camel Fair can be added as a stop during your tour or as an extension to your tour. The Kumbh Mela can only be added as an extension because of its remote location.









Festivals Recommended By Easy Tours





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| Name of Festival | Festival Periods | Location | |
| Pushkar Camel Fair | November | Pushkar, Rajasthan | |
| Nehru Trophy Boat
Race | Mid-August | Backwaters, Kerala | |
| Camel Festival | January | Bikaner, Rajasthan | |
| Desert Festival | February | Jaiselmer, Rajasthan | |
| Elephant Festival | March | Jaipur, Rajasthan | |
| Float Festival | January | Madurai, Tamil Nadu | |
| Great Elephant March | Late January | Kerala | |
| Khajuraho Dance
Festival | Early February | Khajuraho, Madhya
Pradesh | |
| Mewar Festival | April | Udaipur, Rajasthan | |
| Kumbh Ka Mela | January – April | Haridwar &
Allahabad | |
| Nagaur Cattle Fair | February | Nagaur, Rajasthan | |
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| Rathyatra – Puri | June/July | Puri, Orissa | |
| Thrissur Pooram | April/May | Trichur, Kerala | |
| Teej Festival | July/August | Jaipur, Rajasthan | |
| Taj Mahotsava | Early February | Agra, Uttar Pradesh | |
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International Flights & Travel Insurance





Easy Tours of India is affiliated with Exclusively Luxury Travel, an agency that specializes in international travel. We offer discounted consolidator fares for First, Business and Coach Class travel.

We offer expert advice on the best way to get to India from wherever you are. This includes information on which airlines offer the shortest duration flights to your destination, the most comfortable seats for your preferred class of travel, and the best routes, including routes that permit stopovers at other destinations that you might want to visit.

Securing your international travel through us ensures that your international flight arrival and departure will coincide with the way your tour (or vacation) is scheduled. We can design the arrival and departure day's activities to match with your flight timing, or, if you so desire, just give you time to rest before and/or after a long flight.

We are the single "India Only Specialist" that is a Covered Supplier with Access America, the largest travel insurer in the world. We offer multiple options for travel protection that can cover your tour or your flight, or both at the same time.









Easy Tours' Itineraries





Our website (www.easytoursofindia.com) is the most comprehensive tour operator website on this planet. You will be amazed by the depth of information and the ease with which it can be located.

There are 28 different itineraries for small group tours, and scores more for independent travel. There are over 600 small group departures (encompassing 3 Tour Levels) every year and we provide very detailed information on every aspect of each itinerary.

Environmental awareness is an integral part of our corporate belief structure. If we were to put all our offerings in this catalog, it would generate a massive publication that would waste a lot of resources.

This brochure is intended to be a general introduction to our company, our philosophy and our core beliefs. We have included one of our most popular small group itineraries as an example.

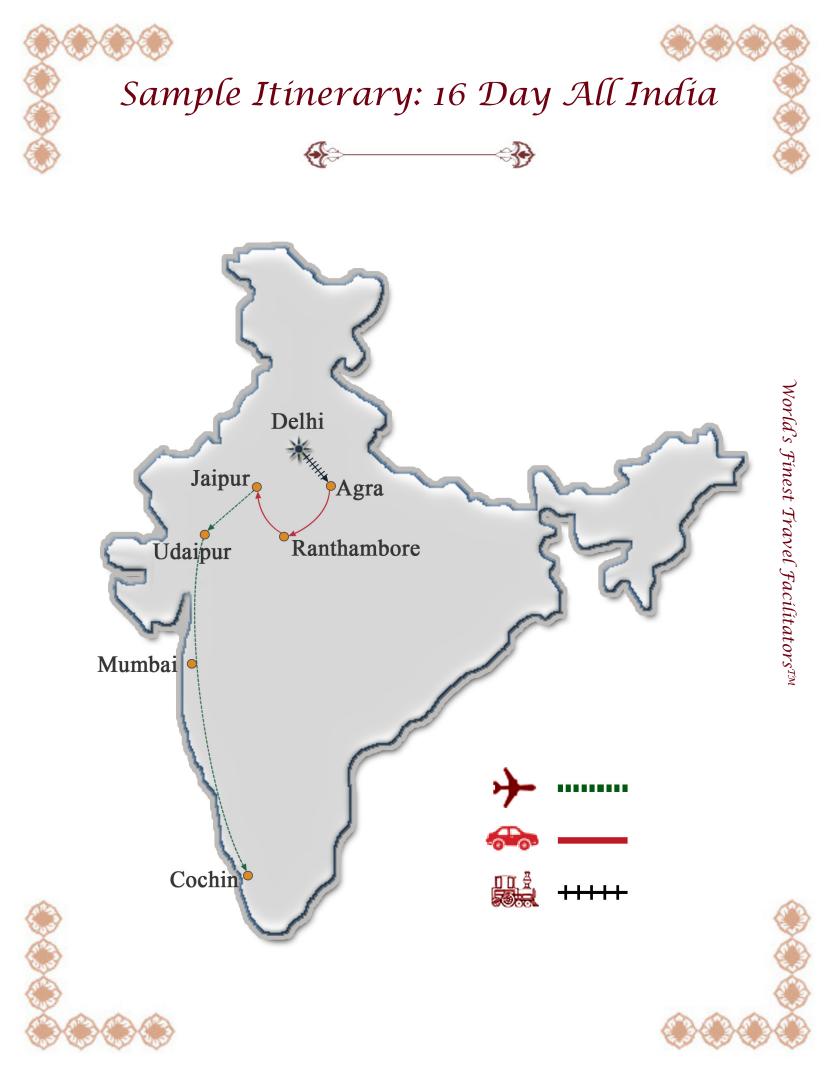
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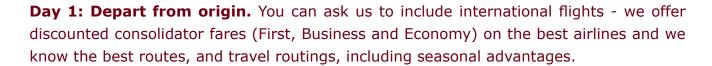
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Day 2: Arrive at Delhi (most flights arrive either in the evening or at night). Our services begin here. You are greeted at the airport by an Easy Tours Travel Facilitator or your Tour Director, and ushered to a chauffeur driven vehicle. You are then driven to your hotel where you are assisted with your check-in. The next day's plans are briefly reviewed and you are presented with your welcome package. Among other things, this package includes a beautiful handcrafted journal for your explorations, travel documents such as your air tickets and hotel vouchers, as well as copies of documents (such as our General Travel Guide) that were sent to you earlier.

Day 3: Delhi. Start your exploration

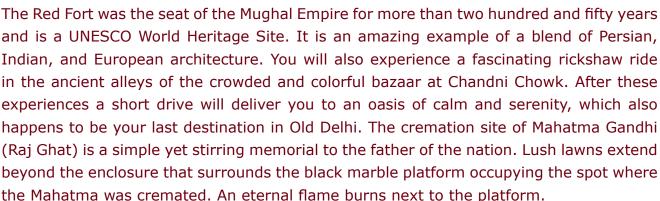
of India with a guided city tour of Old Delhi. You will be introduced to the other members of your group and your Tour Director prior to beginning this excursion. Drive, walk and ride through the ancient city's streets and alleys; explore crowded and colorful bazaars. This excursion includes an exploration of the Jama Masjid (1650 AD), the largest mosque in India. The Masjid (Mosque) is a magnificent example of Mughal architecture and is constructed of red sandstone and white marble. It is an active place of worship and its



courtyard can hold 25,000 worshippers. You continue on to the amazing Red Fort that was finished a decade before the mosque. Both structures were built by Shah Jahan, the emperor that created the Taj Mahal. **The great city** inside the massive sandstone walls of the Red Fort offers visitors a large number of architectural and historical attractions; it was once known as the 8th wonder of the world.



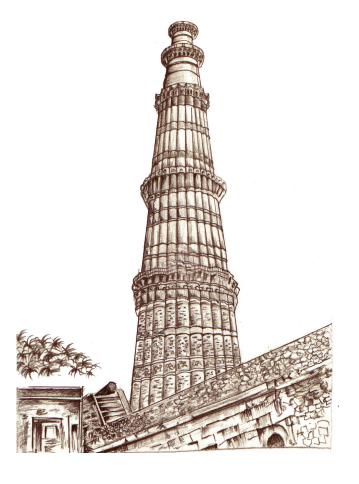




There is a break for lunch.

Afternoon – enjoy a city tour of New Delhi. This excursion begins with a drive past Safdarjang's Tomb (1753 AD) while driving to the awe-inspiring Qutab Minar (1193 A.D.). This 239 ft tall medieval tower is a symbol of victory and a beautiful example of Persian architecture from that period. The Qutab Minar and its Monuments are also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Within the Qutab complex, amidst the ruins of the Quwat-ul-Islam Mosque, stands one of the legendary Ashoka Pillars. This large iron pillar has withstood the ravages of Delhi's weather (and recent pollution) and has not rusted in over 1500 years. After the Qutab complex you will be driven to visit the magnificent tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun. It is Delhi's third UNESCO World Heritage Site and it's amazing architecture and the elaborate gardens (all currently undergoing restoration) will captivate you.



From the tomb you will proceed on a drive to Lutyens' New Delhi. Time permitting, this drive will include photo opportunities at some of the following attractions - the exterior of the massive and awe-inspiring Rashtrapati Bhawan (known as Viceroy's House during the British era), Delhi's landmark structure India Gate, a golden domed Sikh Temple (Bangla Sahib Gurudwara), and the Birla Temple. The last part of this excursion is a drive through Connaught Place, which is New Delhi's downtown.







Day 4: Delhi – Agra. You are assisted with your checkout from your hotel and driven to Delhi's railway station where you are assisted with boarding the early morning Express train to Agra for a two hour journey. Your Facilitator and Tour Director assist you in getting seated in your assigned seats and get your luggage ported to the appropriate location above your seats. The Facilitator stays with you till the train departs. Your Tour Director provides you with a detailed itinerary of the trains schedule to make you comfortable with every step of the journey. Refreshments are served by Indian Railways during this journey – we recommend that you refrain from consuming these (except for the bottled water) as you will have been provided with a bagged breakfast. You are greeted by an Easy Tours Facilitator on your arrival at Agra.

You now start your exploration of Agra with a half day city tour of the magnificent monuments of this city. This exploration includes a visit to the famous tomb of Itmad-Ud–Daulah's. This was built by Mughal Emperor Jehangir's queen as a memorial to her father. The tomb's sheer beauty will surprise you – the only reason it does not get more accolades is because it shares the stage with the incomparable Taj Mahal. Like the Taj it has amazingly intricate 'Pietra Dura' inlay and lattice marble screens. The mausoleum rests in a walled garden with a view of the river Yamuna. Constructed in the year 1628, most historians believe that its design provided the inspiration for the Taj Mahal. After your exploration of the tomb you will visit the first red sandstone fort of North India, the Agra Fort. It was built in 1565 by India's greatest Mughal ruler, Emperor Akbar. Its royal audience halls, immense stone courtyards, marble mosque and the private royal chambers give us a glimpse of the grandeur of the Mughal Empire.

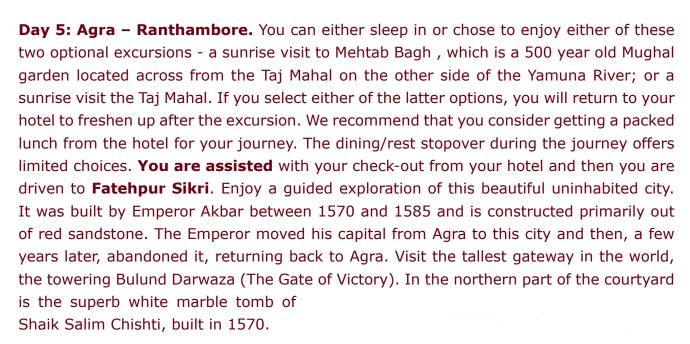
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Afternoon - Visit one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the incomparable Taj Mahal. The world's greatest monument dedicated to love is obviously a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Taj Mahal was completed by Emperor Shah Jahan in 1653 AD as a memorial to his beloved queen, Mumtaz Mahal. This spectacular white marble mausoleum was created by about 22,000 skilled craftsmen and it took 22 years to complete. When you experience the Taj Mahal with an Easy Tours Guide and have them provide



unique insights into its innumerable facets, some of their passion for this masterpiece may rub off on you! Explore the amazing Taj and its surroundings until it is time to admire the sun's rays setting on the façade of the world's finest monument.





Continue on with your journey to Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore National Park). The second half of this drive is through rural Rajasthan and there are multiple photo opportunities of the colorful villagers as they go about their daily activities. You will also encounter many camels and other livestock on this drive.

You are greeted on arrival at your jungle lodge and assisted with your check-in.



Since 2006, Easy Tours of India has tracked the percentage of tiger sightings for our guests in Ranthambore National Park. Over 85% of our guests have had tiger sightings during this period, with many of them getting multiple sightings.

Day 6: Ranthambore. Covering an area of 410 sq. km, Ranthambore National Park runs along the eastern spur of the Aravali mountain range until it meets with the Vindhya ranges. Ranthambore used to be the private hunting ground of the rulers of Jaipur. In 1972 it was declared a Sanctuary and was brought under the Project Tiger Conservation platform. Dry deciduous forest covers most of the park, and the vegetation is lush around the many small lakes and ponds. The open grasslands that are the tigers' favorite terrain account for much of the land on the higher slopes. This varied flora supports a large number of animals including a variety of deer, the sloth bear, the shy caracal, leopards and of course, the tiger.







Enjoy wildlife safaris into the park in the morning and evening.

In between safaris, you have the option of a guided visit to the **Ranthambore Fort**. This excursion does have a fairly steep climb – approximately 700 feet of stairs. The massive Fort is one of the finest examples of the ancient Hindu concept of "Vana-Durg", or a fort protected by a jungle. The history of this Fort (originally built in 944 AD) is a chronicle full of tales of blood and valor. Successively occupied by the Muslims, Rajputs and Mughals, the insides of the fort today lie partly in ruins, and there are superb views of the park to be had from the ramparts. There is an ancient temple located in the fort and it attracts a continuous stream of pilgrims from the surrounding villages. A large number of aggressive

langurs (South Asian monkey) have made the Fort area their home and it is not advisable to have food visible in your hands as you tour the fort.

Day 7: Ranthambore – Jaipur. Enjoy your last safari into Ranthambore in the morning.

You are assisted with your check-out from your hotel and then you are driven to Jaipur. Sawai Madhopur is a rural small town and you will drive though it to get a glimpse of life here.

Arrive at Jaipur and you are assisted with your check-in at your hotel.

There is a break for lunch.

Afternoon - Proceed for a city tour of the walled city of Jaipur, including the magnificent City Palace. Visit the unique Jantar Mantar magnificent stone observatory built by Raja Jai Singh in 1728. View the 'Hawa Mahal' (Palace of the Wind), the intriguing facade



built in 1799 to allow the ladies of the court to view the city and bazaar from the windows without being seen themselves. Continue the tour to visit the City Palace, the former royal residence (a part of it is still occupied by the Royal family and is not accessible to the public), built in a blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architectural styles. This immense complex also houses a number of museums that offer a large and impressive collection of miniature paintings, costumes, and armory.

Jaipur is famous for its carpets, jewelry and handicrafts.









Day 8: Jaipur. Start your day with an excursion to Amber Fort and Palace, located 12 kilometers from the center of the City. Just like the Emperors of a few centuries ago, enjoy the ascent up to the ramparts of the fort on top of a colorfully caparisoned elephant (if you so desire, jeeps are available instead of the elephants). The massive Fort complex was originally built by Raja Mansingh and is one of India's finest examples of Rajput

architecture. Explore the chambers and hallways of the Palace which are famous for their exquisite designs and handcrafted embellishments. Return to the valley beneath the Fort on your elephant or jeep and proceed back to the Pink City.

There is a break for lunch.

Afternoon – You are at leisure with your guide and chauffeur, who are available to you until 5 pm. This is a good time to shop for Rajasthani specialties if you are so inclined. There

are other options that your guide can offer you.

Evening – You are driven to a nearby venue where an Easy Tours facilitator is your host at a cultural show and dinner. An alternative to this is that there is usually a cultural performance at your hotel in the evenings. You can choose to watch this instead (if available) and then drive to the home of a Rajasthani family where you can enjoy a traditional dinner with them. This selection needs to be made when you reserve your tour.

Day 9: Jaipur – Jodhpur. You are assisted with your check-out from your hotel in the morning and then you proceed on the drive to Jodhpur. Arrive at Jodhpur and you are assisted with your check-in to your hotel.

There is a break for lunch.

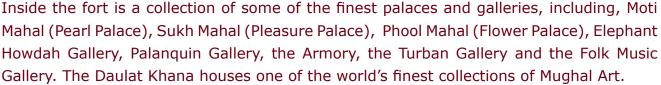
Afternoon - Proceed on a half-day city tour of Jodhpur. The tour begins from the fifteenth century Mehrangarh Fort. This formidable hilltop fort is arguably the most awe inspiring in Rajasthan, a land of impressive hilltop forts and palaces. Entry to the massive fort is through a series of seven great gates, with the main entrance being the huge Lohapol, which literally means Iron Gate. Next to this gate there are 15 handprints in the wall, the Sati Marks of Maharaja Man Singh's widows. These handprints were etched into the wall by the queens just prior to them throwing themselves upon his funeral pyre in 1843, as the besieged fort was about to be conquered.











On your way back to your hotel you will stop for a tour of Jaswant Thada, a marble cenotaph built in 1899 as a memorial to Maharaja Jaswant Singh II.

Day 10: Jodhpur – Udaipur. You are assisted with your check-out and you proceed on the drive to Ranakpur. Arrive at Ranakpur around noon and enjoy a guided excursion to the awe-inspiring Jain Temple Complex. You will be amazed by the famous 15th Century marble temple that is still an active place of worship. The main temple's twenty nine halls are supported by fourteen hundred and forty four massive yet intricately carved marble pillars, and no two are of the same design. There is an abundance of exquisite sculptures and friezes; the enormous scale of the monument and the exquisite details of its design have to be experienced to be believed.

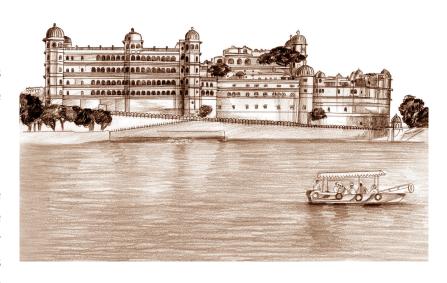
Lunch is included at Ranakpur this afternoon.

Continue on the drive to Udaipur after lunch. This is one of the most picturesque drives in all of India. As you go through the Aravali hills there will be photo opportunities of village

life and livestock, including many camels. Arrive at Udaipur in the late afternoon/early evening and you are assisted with your checkin to your hotel.

Udaipur is famous for its artists and paintings, including exquisite miniatures.

Day 11: Udaipur. Proceed for a city tour, including a tour of the fabled City Palace. At this Palace complex, explore the beautifully decorated rooms with thousands of exquisite, handcrafted mirrors



that cover the walls, the ancient ivory doors that are a dark reminder of royalty's passion for hunting, the brightly colored glass windows, expansive inlaid marble balconies and the unique peacock courtyard. Enjoy a private tour of the amazing Crystal Gallery which houses the world's largest collection of priceless crystal.







After your tour of the City Palace you will visit the historical Sahelion-ki-bari gardens and the local Museum.

Late afternoon/Early evening: Enjoy a cruise on Lake Pichola and visit the historical and beautiful monuments at Jag Mandir Island (if available – the royal family at Udaipur will occasionally rent out the island for large celebrations and on those occasions the island cannot be visited by tourists). Bid farewell to your North India Tour Director today.

Day 12: Udaipur – Mumbai - Cochin. You are assisted with an early morning check-out

today and driven to the airport. You are assisted with boarding the morning flight to Mumbai. Connect with the flight to Cochin – your bags have been checked through. Upon your arrival at Cochin you are greeted at the airport and ushered to your chauffeur-driven vehicle. You are then driven to your hotel in Cochin and assisted with your check-in.

Evening – Your South India Tour Director or Easy Tours Facilitator will pick you up from your hotel and accompany you to a local theatre where you get to experience Kerala's ancient performing art, a Kathakali dance performance. Kathakali literally means the art of storytelling through dance and the dance form is an ancient forefather of many Asian dance forms.

After the dance performance you are driven to an experience that is the



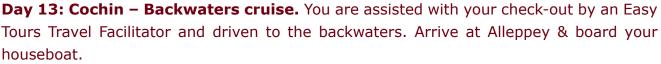
highlight of many of our guests' time in Kerala. You will be hosted by a famous Keralan Chef and her family at their home. A delicious dinner will follow, and cooking lessons are included. At the end of dinner you will be driven back to your hotel.







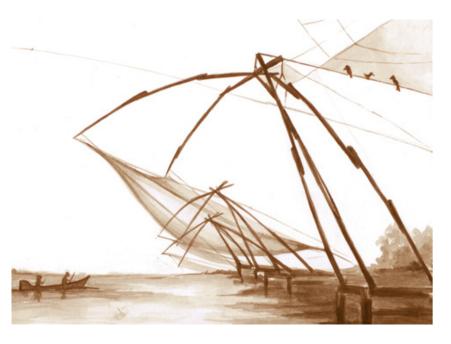




Take our word for this, your backwaters cruise will very likely become one of your most treasured travel memories. The incredible lushness of the vegetation around the fresh water canals, rivulets and lakes, the beauty of the water bodies themselves and the abundance of coconut trees and other exotic plants create a subtropical environment not found elsewhere on this planet. When you combine this with the opportunity to be part of a unique way of life that hasn't changed much for a few centuries, it results in most visitors' second highest rated experience in India (after the Taj Mahal). Relax and have a great time until the next morning as you cruise the amazing backwaters. The cook and other staff make sure that all your needs are taken care of, while serving you with delicious Kerala cuisine. You have the option of taking shore excursions at one or two of the tiny rural communities as you cruise by – the locals are very friendly and communicative.

Day 14: Backwaters cruise – Cochin. Disembark from your houseboat in the morning and enjoy the scenic drive back to Cochin. You are assisted with your check-in to your hotel at Cochin.

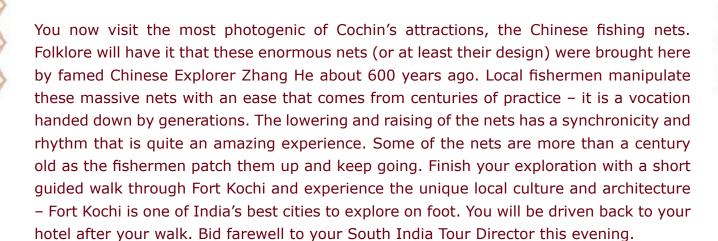
Start your exploration of the fascinating port city of Cochin and marvel in its culture and architecture, a result of centuries of various European influences combined with rich indigenous history. The guided



tour begins from the Jewish Synagogue (closed on Fridays and Saturdays), which was built in 1568 and is still an active house of worship for the few remaining Jews in the area. If the synagogue is closed on this day the visit can be facilitated on the day before or the day after. Next to the synagogue is Cochin's ancient and colorful Jew Street with its antique stores and souvenir peddlers. There is evidence of a Jewish presence in Kochi from 70 AD. After the synagogue you visit the St. Francis Church, which was established by the Portuguese Franciscan friars in 1503. This is one of the first European churches built in India and the famed Vasco Da Gama was buried in its courtyard for a few years before his remains were returned to Portugal.



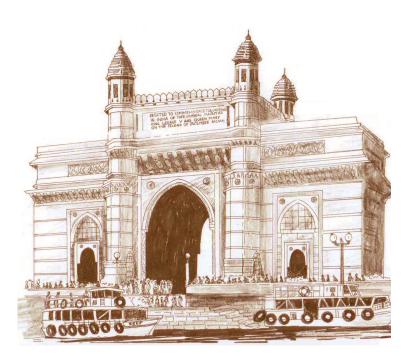




Day 15: Cochin – Mumbai/Delhi – International Flight. You are assisted with your check-out by an Easy Tours facilitator and then driven to Cochin airport in time for your outbound flight. Board your international flight or your flight to Mumbai/Delhi.

As most international flights depart in the evening, if you are boarding your international flight from Cochin a personal vehicle and driver are available to you until your assisted check-in in at the airport.

If you are boarding a daytime flight to Mumbai/Delhi in order to connect with your international departure, you are greeted at the airport by an



Easy Tours Facilitator & your chauffeur on arrival at Mumbai/Delhi. You are provided with personal vehicles for each single traveler / couple / family traveling together. This is a good time to do some last minute shopping and/or sightseeing if you are so inclined. Your vehicle and driver stay with you until your (usually late evening) assisted check-in in at the airport. If your flight departs early in the morning you may want us to arrange a room for you so you can rest.

Our services end at Mumbai/Delhi/Cochin airport.

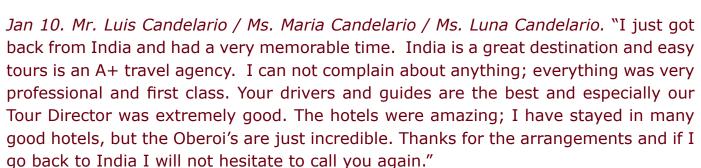
Day 16: Arrive at your next destination.





Guest Comments





Dec 09 – Jan 10. Mr. Vinod Bhula / Mrs. Nishal Bhula / Mr. Roshan Bhula / Ms. Rashina Bhula. "Just to let you know what a fantastic trip we had thanks to you and your coworkers. The drivers and guides were prompt and very accommodating. All the aspects of the trip were carefully thought out and your company's sense of timing was impeccable. We are thinking of planning another tour with your company for South India in December 2010. Any ways thank you for a wonderful trip and fantastic memories."

Nov 09. Ms. Pamela Matheson / Mr. John Burrow. "The guides, greeters, and drivers were all excellent - full of knowledge and travel suggestions. We truly loved every aspect of the tour and can hardly wait to explore the South part of India."

Nov 09. Ms. Deborah Kent / Mr. Harold La Bonte. "We just wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed our trip. You have the most excellent people working for you in India. We have only compliments for every single one of them - they were more than very good, they were outstanding and wonderful."

Oct 09. Ms. Frances Schieb. "I just returned from a fantastic trip to Rajasthan with Easy Tours of India. The hotels, restaurants and the itinerary were beyond my expectations. Our Tour Director was exceptionally hospitable, helpful and knowledgeable."

May – Jun 09. Mr. John Leahy / Ms. Martha Murphy. "A short note to express our appreciation for a great trip to India, and the wonderful service you and your colleagues provided for us. Everything went smoothly, even the running changes we made, and the hotel selection couldn't have been better. Please extend our gratitude to your staff for all they did on our behalf."

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