

INDIA + SRI LANKA

24 DAYS



Are you ready to experience the best of South Asia? Over 24 days on our India + Sri Lanka Experience trip, you'll see, taste, explore, and immerse yourself in everything these vibrant countries have to offer. From the bustling energy of Delhi to the wilds of Ranthambore, from the lush green tea fields of Ella to the serene beaches of beautiful Mirissa, this trip has it all. Oh, and did we mention you'll be doing all this with an awesome group leader and an instant crew of new mates? The trip of a lifetime just got even better...

DELHI ➔ MIRISSA

Transport:	Minibus, Train, TukTuk & Plane
Meals:	23B, 4L, 6D
Group size:	5 - 20
Age Range:	18 - 40's

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore ancient forts, temples, and palaces in mountains, lakes, and jungles
- Experience Rajasthani hospitality with traditional tents and jeep desert camp
- Enjoy local family cooking demonstrations with Indian dishes
- Spot wildlife, including Bengal tigers, in Ranthambore National Park
- Visit the Taj Mahal on a guided sunrise tour
- Explore tea plantations and learn to pick tea
- Climb Adam's Peak and see the Nine Arches Bridge
- Spot water buffalo, crocodiles, and elephants on a sunrise safari
- Learn to surf or relax at Welligama Beach
- Visit a Buddhist Monastery school

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Airport Pickup To Our Accom 24/7
- ✓ 23 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ 33 Meals
- ✓ All Transport + Included Flight to Sri Lanka
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- ✓ Local Markets & Food Tasting Tour
- ✓ Jama Masjid
- ✓ Mehrangarh Fort
- ✓ The 'Blue City' & Tuk Tuk Tour
- ✓ Bishnoi Traditional Village
- ✓ Overnight Desert Camp & Sunset Dune Safari
- ✓ Cultural Dance & Music
- ✓ Pushkar Lake & Viewpoint
- ✓ Hawa Mahal
- ✓ Jaipur Observatory
- ✓ Jeep Ride to Amber Fort
- ✓ Jal Mahal Water Palace
- ✓ Family Cooking Demonstration
- ✓ Ranthambore Fort
- ✓ Ranthambore National Park Safari
- ✓ Abhaneri Stepwell
- ✓ Baby Taj
- ✓ Sunrise at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Ride in a Tuk Tuk
- ✓ River Boat Ride
- ✓ Local Village Experience
- ✓ Sigiriya Rock Viewpoint
- ✓ Spice Garden
- ✓ Temple of the Tooth
- ✓ Tea Plantations
- ✓ Ella Train Journey
- ✓ Little Adam's Peak
- ✓ Nine Arches Bridge
- ✓ Wildlife Safari
- ✓ Yoga & Learn to Surf
- ✓ Buddhist Monastery Visit
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel

NOT INCLUDED:

Arrival & departure flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals



ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN DELHI

• **DELHI** Landing in Delhi, we'll meet you at the airport and take you to the accom to meet up with your travel crew.

DAY 2 - OLD DELHI & FOOD TOUR

• **DELHI** Wandering the streets of Chawri Bazaar, our local guide will show us how little traditional life has changed. We'll get a taste into India's renowned cuisine as we sample local delicacies. This afternoon we visit the magnificent, Jama Masjid, Rajghat Memorial and a Sikh Temple.

DAY 3 - EXPLORE THE 'BLUE CITY'

• **JODHPUR** We'll catch a short flight to Jodhpur, a 700-year-old city in the desert famously known as the 'blue city'. We'll hop on some tuk tuks for a tour of the city before watching the sunset and heading out for dinner.

DAY 4 - MEHRANGARH FORT & VILLAGE

• **JODHPUR** Dominating the Jodhpur skyline, the impressive Mehrangarh Fort stands on a rocky hilltop overlooking the city. Visit the fort to learn the history of this area and for some impressive views. Then head out to explore the land the warm and hospitable Bishnoi people call home.

DAY 5 - DESERT CAMP & SAND DUNES

• **OSIAN** Today we venture away from civilization into the Thar Desert. We'll jump on jeeps for a sunset desert safari and later we'll sleep in traditional Swiss tents under the stars.

DAY 6 - PUSHKAR

• **PUSHKAR** Pushkar, one of India's holiest cities, awaits. Centered around a sacred lake, it's a must-visit for Hindu pilgrims. With vibrant markets and delicious food, Pushkar offers a unique charm unlike anywhere else in Rajasthan.

DAY 7 - SUNRISE YOGA

• **JAIPUR** Start the day with a sunrise yoga class in the birthplace of yoga, finding peace and balance. After breakfast, we'll visit Savitri Temple for stunning views over Pushkar. Then, it's off to Jaipur, the 'Pink City,' with its striking rose-hued architecture. Tonight, we join a local family to help them prepare dinner, before we feast!

DAY 8 - EXPLORING JAIPUR

• **JAIPUR** We'll start today by swinging by Hawa Mahal before heading to Rajasthani Amber Fort (we'll travel up the hill by jeep)! The rugged, time-ravaged walls of this imposing structure hide a paradise with gorgeously decorated rooms and intricate artwork. Next we'll visit the almost 200 year old Jantar Mantar, Jaipur's Observatory.

DAY 9 - RANTHAMBORE

• **RANTHAMBORE** Today we are heading for the outskirts of one of India's largest and most renowned national parks. After checking in, there's time to chill. Later we're going into the jungle to explore Ranthambore Fort.

DAY 10 - SAFARI

• **RANTHAMBORE** It's an early start as we head out on a sunrise safari to try and spot some tigers in the wild. Ranthambore National Park is brimming with wildlife - monkeys, crocodiles, wild boars, deer, peacocks, and even leopards! After our morning safari, you are free to explore the local area.

DAY 11 - DRIVE TO AGRA & BABY TAJ

• **AGRA** Departing the jungle, en-route to our next location we will stop at the Abhaneri Stepwell. We'll make tracks to magical Agra and visit the tomb of I'timād-ud-Daulah – otherwise known as the Baby Taj. This will definitely get us excited for tomorrow!

DAY 12 - SUNRISE AT THE TAJ MAHAL

• **DELHI** Wake up early and witness the dawn illuminate the famous Taj Mahal with a mesmerizing golden glow. One of the 7 New Wonders of the World, our local guide will share the Taj's history. We'll head back for breakfast and drive back to South Delhi. Tonight we'll enjoy one last Indian feast and maybe even some Bollywood dancing.

DAY 13 - FLY TO SRI LANKA

• **NEGOMBO** Today we'll board our included flight to the beautiful Sri Lanka!

DAY 14 - TUK TUK TOUR

• **SIGIRIYA** This morning we'll jump into tuk tuks to explore the pretty seaside town of Negombo, stopping off to visit the local markets. We'll then head north to the serene and sacred town of Sigiriya, where we'll check in to our lush hotel stay.

DAY 15 - SIGIRIYA & LOCAL VILLAGES

• **SIGIRIYA** Today we'll take in views of the ancient Sigiriya Rock Fortress as we climb the towering rock adjacent, with 360 degrees views from the top. We'll then head to a local village before hopping on some unique, local transportation to be treated to a local cooking demonstration courtesy of the local ladies.

DAY 16 - TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH

• **KANDY** Today we head south to Kandy, stopping en route to visit a spice garden. We'll head out to visit the fascinating Temple of the Tooth. Dinner and drinks tonight will give us the chance to experience Kandy's nightlife offerings.

DAY 17 - TEA PICKING & ELLA TRAIN RIDE

• **ELLA** We'll learn the art of tea picking (and brewing) from local pickers today. We'll then hop on board a train for one of the 'world's most scenic train journeys' bound for beautiful and serene Ella. Later we'll go out to an incredible dinner at a very popular restaurant followed by a night out.

DAY 18 - LITTLE ADAM'S PEAK

• **ELLA** We will lace up our trainers to hike up the beautiful Little Adam's Peak and enjoy the stunning views. After that little hike, you will have plenty of time to explore the lovely town of Ella.

DAY 19 - NINE ARCHES BRIDGE

• **UDAWALAWE** This morning we'll be making a stop at Nine Arches Bridge, one of the most Insta famous places in all of Sri Lanka. We'll then continue south to Udawalawe National Park, where we'll check in to our laid back hotel on the edge of the park.

DAY 20 - SUNRISE SAFARI

• **TALALLA** Travelling by jeep at sunrise we'll see free roaming wild elephants, plus other species like crocodiles, buffalo and bird life on safari. We'll then head to the beachside oasis of Hiriketiya for a chilled afternoon. Later we'll arrive at our beachfront eco retreat in gorgeous Tallala.

DAY 21 - BEACHSIDE YOGA & CHILL

• **TALALLA** Participate in the included yoga session, read a book, enjoy an ayurvedic massage, or just snooze under a palm tree. The choice is yours today.

DAY 22 - LEARN TO SURF

• **MIRISSA** We'll stop off at Welligama Beach this morning for a private surf lesson. We'll later check into our beachfront accommodation in Mirissa, before visiting the iconic Coconut Tree Hill.

DAY 23 - BUDDHIST MONASTERY VISIT

• **MIRISSA** Today we'll be heading to a Buddhist Monastery to take part in a cultural exchange with the local monk students. Tonight we'll be treating you to a farewell dinner on the beach.

DAY 24 - CHECK OUT

• **MIRISSA** Your unforgettable adventure comes to an end today. For those flying out today, we'll have a bus returning to Negombo or extend your stay.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date, as that's when most people get in. While there are no activities on the first day, the group usually meets up for dinner around 7pm. If you do arrive early, we'll still pick you up from the airport if you're staying at our accommodation. You can book and pay for extra nights accommodation in the [Manage My Booking](#) area.

It's also recommended to have onward travel booked out of India before travelling there, as you may get asked for proof of this before boarding your flight to India.

AFTER INDIA + SRI LANKA EXPERIENCE

Sri Lanka Experience finishes in Mirissa. You can choose to stay on longer in Mirissa, continue your travels in Sri Lanka or make your way back to the airport. The airport is an approx. 3 hour drive from your Mirissa accommodation and transfer costs start at approx. £60 / \$75 USD / \$110 AUD.

For those departing Sri Lanka on day 12, the INTRO bus will be departing Mirissa between 8-10.30am on day 12. This bus is free of charge and will take you to Hotel J in Negombo, arriving at approx. 12-2pm. You are welcome to use the hotel's facilities until you are ready to make your way to the airport.

It is then a 20-25 min taxi to Colombo airport that costs approx. £10 / \$20. Your group leader can organise this all for you and will ensure you're comfortable with all parts of your onward travel.

VISAS

Most nationalities require an E-Tourist visa to enter India, which must be granted before travel. If you don't have your visa approved before you arrive, you may not be allowed to enter India, so please allow sufficient time for the application to be processed. This visa is typically for 30 days and you can [apply here](#).

Most nationalities require a visa or ETA (electronic travel authority) to enter Sri Lanka. This visa is typically for 30 days and can generally be done on arrival at the airport or [online](#). The cost is usually approx. \$35USD.

We recommend checking with your local consulates for up-to-date visa requirements and costs. If you need any further help with visas just contact us.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is compulsory to join India + Sri Lanka. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise a quote and policy for yourself [here](#).