



India, Nepal & Sri Lanka

18 DAY TOUR OF KATHMANDU, GALLE, JAIPUR AND MORE, WITH FLIGHTS INCLUDED.

From

\$3699*

per person twin share

18 DAYS



At a glance

Experience the exotic sights and sounds of three countries on this incredible 18 day guided cultural tour. Discover Kathmandu in Nepal, visit India's famous Golden Triangle, experience a slice of Sri Lankan life with visits to Kandy, Colombo, and the famous Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, and much more. With return flights, 16 nights accommodation, daily breakfast, English speaking guides and all transfers, this incredible tour will leave you with many precious memories.

Unravel the mysteries of India, Nepal and Sri Lanka on this magical 18 day journey. Discover spiritual meccas, bustling cities, sprawling hillside tea plantations, tropical jungles and so much more.

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Offer available for a limited time
or until sold out.



The itinerary

Day 1

Australia – Kathmandu

Depart from Sydney for Nepal with airlines such as Etihad Airways, Singapore Airlines or Emirates. Upon your arrival you'll be met by a tour representative to take you back to your hotel.

Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents at least 4 weeks prior to departure.

Overnight: Kathmandu (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: In-flight

Day 2

Kathmandu Temples and city tour

Welcome to Kathmandu, the capital and largest metropolitan city of Nepal, located in the Kathmandu Valley in the Himalayas.

After breakfast visit Pashupatinath, the majestic temple with a golden roof and considered the most important Hindu pilgrim centre. Located on the banks of the Bagmati River, you might even see cremations taking place. Later visit Bouddhanath that serves as the centre of Tibetan Buddhism. In the afternoon see Patan City and Patan Durbar Square, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel the ancient palaces, temples and shrines with their splendid courtyards, including the major monuments of Talaju Temple, Krishna Temple and Golden Temple.

Overnight: Kathmandu (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 3

Kathmandu Temples and city tour

After breakfast, visit Kathmandu Durbar Square, with its old temples and palaces it epitomises the religious and cultural life of the people. Here, the Kings of Nepal are crowned and solemnized. Interesting things for visitors to see are Taleju temple, gigantic figure of Kalbhairav (the god of destruction), Basantapur Durbar, and Temple of Kumari (Living Goddess). Later, travel to see Swayambhunath, also known as the 'Monkey

Temple', the world's most glorious Buddhist Stupa of over 2,000 years standing on a hillock at a majestic height of 77m.

Overnight: Kathmandu (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4

Kathmandu – Dhulikhel – Nagarkot

After breakfast head to Nagarkot. En route visit Dhulikhel, situated at the foothills of the Panchkhal valley. Continue to Nagarkot and on arrival check-in to your hotel. Located at an altitude of 2,175m, enjoy a guided nature walk, exploring the most beautiful trails in a natural setting. You can see the mountain villages perched on the hill with terraced farmlands and stunning Himalayan views.

Overnight: Nagarkot (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5

Nagarkot – Kathmandu – Delhi

Enjoy some free time after breakfast before returning to Kathmandu for your flight to Delhi. Once you arrive you'll be taken to your hotel by a tour representative.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6

Delhi city tour

After breakfast, you'll tour Old and New Delhi. See Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated, Red Fort and Jama Masjid. Stroll down Chandni Chowk, the main street in Old Delhi with its colourful shopping bazaar. Next up is Laxminarayan Temple, dedicated to Lakshmi the goddess of prosperity and good fortune. Your tour continues with a visit to Rashtrapati Bhawan, home to the President of India. Afterwards, visit Qutb Minaret, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and then the beautiful Lotus Temple. Adherents of any faith can visit, pray or meditate here.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 7

Delhi – Agra – Taj Mahal

Today you'll depart for Agra after breakfast. After checking in at your hotel, take in the quintessential Mughal city. In the afternoon you'll go on a tour visiting the Taj Mahal, built by the Moghul Emperor for his queen to enshrine her mortal remains.

Overnight: Agra (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8

Agra – Fatehpur Sikri – Jaipur

After breakfast you'll be on your way to Jaipur. On the way, visit Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once you arrive at Jaipur you'll check into your hotel and spend the rest of the evening however you like.

Known as the 'Pink City', the picturesque capital of Rajasthan is colour washed pink because it's the colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. The beautiful city, along with Agra and Delhi form what is known as the Golden Triangle of the Indian tourist circuit.

Overnight: Jaipur (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 9

Jaipur city tour – Royal Amber Fort

Enjoy a day of sightseeing in Jaipur, the picturesque capital of Rajasthan. First, you'll go on a morning excursion to Amber Fort before enjoying your afternoon tour of the city, including the City Palace, Jantar Mantar and the Hawa Mahal.

Amber Fort is located just outside Jaipur on a high hill. Known for its artistic Hindu style, constructed of red sandstone and marble, it overlooks the Maota Lake.

Overnight: Jaipur (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10

Jaipur – Delhi

Today you're off to Delhi after breakfast. After checking in to your hotel, spend the rest of the day however you like.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11

Delhi – Colombo – Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage – Kandy

It's time for your flight to Colombo, Sri Lanka today. Once you arrive you'll be met by a tour representative and taken to Kandy. En route, visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, set amongst the hills of Kegalle. It's the world's first and only elephant orphanage, established to feed, nurse and house young elephants lost or abandoned by their mothers. After your visit, continue on to Kandy and check in to your hotel for the evening.

Overnight: Kandy (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12

Kandy city and cultural tour

Enjoy a half day city tour of Kandy, the Hill Capital and last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings. Encircled by hills, with a tranquil lake in its centre, it's the site of the renowned temple that enshrines the Tooth Relic of the Buddha and the Royal Botanical gardens. A cultural sanctuary where many legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive, Kandy and its satellite villages are the centre of the islands handicraft industry.

Overnight: Kandy (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 13

Kandy – Colombo

Today you'll head off for Colombo, the trade and commercial capital of Sri Lanka and its largest city. Located on the west coast, it draws together different cultures, religions and influences.

Overnight: Colombo (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 14

Colombo Temple and city tour

Visit Buddhist temples, Hindu temples, mosques, historic Wolfendhal Church, art galleries and more today.

Overnight: Colombo (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15

Colombo – Galle Fort and city tour

Today you're off to Galle, the administrative capital of Southern Province on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka. First up is the Galle Fort, built in 1588 by the Portuguese then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century. Afterwards, enjoy a guided tour to Meera Mosque, All Saints Church and more.

Overnight: Galle (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16

Day at your leisure in Galle

Spend today however you like in this beautiful city.

Overnight: Galle (Standard or Premium hotel option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17

Galle – Colombo airport – Australia

After breakfast this morning, you'll head back to Colombo for your return flight to Australia.

Meals included: Breakfast and in flight

Day 18

Arrive in Australia



Tour inclusions

Highlights

- Discover three amazing countries - Nepal, India and Sri Lanka
- Explore Kathmandu, Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Kandy, Colombo and Galle
- Enjoy a walking heritage tour in Kathmandu
- Visit the majestic golden Pashupatinath Temple
- Marvel at views from Swayambhunath 'Monkey Temple' over the Kathmandu valley
- Wander beautiful Patan Durbar Square
- Stay in magical Nagarkot on the edge of the 'Kathmandu Valley'
- Experience an afternoon guided nature walk
- Enjoy some free time at leisure in Nagarkot
- Discover the highlights of India's Golden Triangle
- See the breathtaking Taj Mahal
- Take a full day tour of New and Old Delhi
- See Red Fort, Raj Ghat and Jama Masjid Mosque
- Take a traditional rickshaw ride
- Visit the beautiful Lotus Temple in New Delhi
- Explore the colourful Chandni Chowk Market
- Discover Jaipur 'The Pink City' Rajasthan's picturesque capital city
- Visit the magnificent Royal Amber Fort and Palace
- Experience the ancient city of Fatehpur Sikri
- Enjoy a sari and turban tying demonstration
- Traverse exotic Sri Lanka on tour
- See elephants bathing in the river at Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage
- Discover the beauty of Kandy on a half day city tour
- Visit the famous Temple of the Tooth Relic

- Enjoy a city tour of Colombo; the gateway to the Orient
- Visit Colombo's iconic Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple
- Discover Galle and its surrounds free at leisure
- Enjoy a guided tour of the UNESCO listed Galle Fort including Meera Mosque

Flights

- Return international flights (economy class) departing SYD
- 1 way international flight Kathmandu to Delhi
- 1 way international flight Delhi to Colombo

Accommodation

16 nights accommodation (Standard or Premium hotel option).

Dining

- Enjoy 19 meals (Standard option)
- Enjoy 45 meals (Premium option)

Tour essentials

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

Transport

Transportation by A/C vehicles.

Transfers

Return airport transfers with meet and assist.



Important information

Booking information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a purchase confirmation via email. This email will direct you to an online Passenger Booking Form. You must return your Passenger Information Form **within 72 hours of purchase**.

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

On purchasing this travel offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this important information.

Please note: All additional charges are payable direct to the NRMA (unless otherwise stated).

Offer essentials

- Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 13th November 2018 and valid for one person based on twin share.

Single traveller supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies.

- Standard Package: \$1000
- Premium Package: \$1200

Departure dates (2018)

August: 28

September: 4, 11

October: 23, 30

November: 6, 13

Departure cities

Sydney.

Flights

Airline(s) used

Malaysian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Thai Airways, Air India, China Eastern Airlines, Virgin Australia, Etihad Airways, Emirates, Qatar Airways, Jet Airways plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Arrive early in Kathmandu, Nepal

\$300 per person/voucher plus any applicable difference in airfare and/or taxes.

- This fee does not include accommodation
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking
- Airport transfers are not included

Stay Behind in Galle, Sri Lanka

\$300 per person/voucher plus any applicable difference in airfare and/or taxes.

- This fee does not include accommodation
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking
- Airport transfers are not included

Flight Class upgrades

Upgrades are subject to request only. Availability and pricing will be confirmed once your Passenger Information Form is returned to the NRMA.



Important information

Accommodation

Standard packages:

3-4 star (self-rated)

- Kathmandu: Grand Hotel or Royal Singi
- Nagarkot: Chautari Paradise Inn
- Delhi: SK Premium Park
- Agra: Hotel Royal Residency
- Jaipur: Hotel Park Ocean
- Kandy: Emerald Hill Hotel
- Colombo: Sapphire Hotel
- Galle: Lady Hill Hotel

Premium packages:

4-5 star (self-rated)

- Kathmandu: Shangri-La Hotel & Resort
- Nagarkot: Club Himalaya
- Delhi: Park Plaza Shahdara
- Agra: Hotel Clarks Shiraz
- Jaipur: Sarovar Portico Hotel
- Kandy: Earl's Regent Hotel
- Colombo: Galadari Hotel
- Galle: Fisherman's Bay Hotel

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

Extra nights

Standard packages:

- Kathmandu (Pre Tour): \$110 per room
- Galle (Post Tour): \$130 per room

Premium packages:

- Kathmandu (Pre Tour): \$190 per room
- Galle (Post Tour): \$210 per room

Please note: Extra nights are based on room, breakfast and transfer. Subject to availability until the time of booking.

Maximum room capacity

3 (subject to availability).

Child policy

- No child discounts apply
- A full priced voucher must be purchased for all children travelling with their parents
- Strictly valid for children/infants 2 years old and over
- Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel
- No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. A full priced voucher must be purchased. A rollaway bed is provided per room. Subject to availability until the time of booking.

Bedding configuration

Double or Twin Bedding (subject to availability)

Adjoining rooms (interconnecting rooms)

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



Important information

General tour information

Minimum group size 2, maximum group size 20.

Other important information

Climate and average temperature

India:

May is the hottest month with an average temperature of 33°C (91°F) and the coldest is January at 15°C (59°F) with the most daily sunshine hours at 9 in November. The wettest month is August with an average of 227mm of rain.

Nepal:

June is the hottest month in Kathmandu with an average temperature of 23°C and the coldest is January at 9°C, with the most daily sunshine hours around 12°C in April. The wettest month is July with an average of 325.3mm of rain.

Sri Lanka:

Sri Lanka is a year round destination with two monsoon seasons so there is a lot of confusion around when is the best time to visit. The weather doesn't run like clockwork here. However, there will rarely be weather so dramatic that it will stand in the way of a brilliant holiday with plenty of warm weather and sunshine. The temperature is constant at around 27°C on the coast, both the air and the water.

Tour Guide vs Tour Leader

Tour Guide:

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

Tour Leader:

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

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

Coach tour

Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be to be prepared with any medication you require.

Please note: Breakfast, lunch and dinner are only included if you choose the Premium Package, and only on days part of the main tour itinerary. Arrive Early or Stay Behind meals at own expense.

Luggage:

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



Other important information

Gratuities:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour leader and driver is \$5-\$10 per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Fitness level required/mobility:

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

A general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements (a visa for India, Sri Lanka and Nepal are strict requirements if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping at approximately \$5-\$10 per person/day payable on tour
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

Visas

India and Sri Lanka:

Tourist visas are strict requirements if travelling on an Australian Passport. Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

Nepal:

Tourist visa for Nepal is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. This can be arranged on arrival for approximately \$25 USD, valid for 15 days.

Visas must be arranged in USD currency at the border with 2 passport sized photos.

Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.

Schedule of fees

Voluntary changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or travel voucher reissue.

- **1st Change** - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **2nd Change** - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **Subsequent changes** - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **Changes within 30 days of departure** \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.
- **Changes within 14 days of departure** \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider.

Name changes due to passenger error

If the incorrect name has been advised to the NRMA, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider will apply.