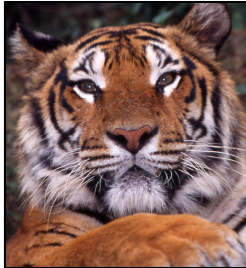




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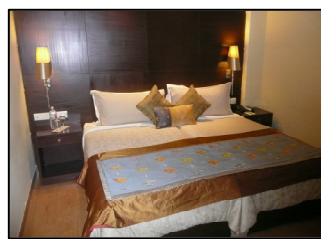
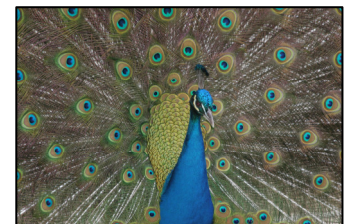
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What an amazing, vibrant and colourful place India is - and what a land of dramatic contrasts. Picture the Taj Mahal, tigers, temples, tandoor, Bollywood movies, maharajahs, sitars and saris. Imagine being immersed in the mysterious culture that is India, learning about the fascinating history, appreciating the crafts and the architecture, admiring the wildlife and enjoying the cuisine.

This exotic small group adventure will be personally escorted by Jeremy and Jan of Global Gypsies with assistance from a reputable Delhi-based tour operator and local English-speaking guides. You'll experience all the excitement of India with the security of knowing that you'll be in safe hands. We'll travel by comfy air-conditioned coach, train, 4WD safari vehicles, rickshaw – even an elephant! – and we'll stay in quality accommodation (some hotels are former palaces!) with delicious meals included.

We'll explore the exciting northwestern region of India and visit such attractions as the Taj Mahal, Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, Jaipur, Sikandra, Itmad-ul-Daulah's Tomb, Agra Fort, Ghandi Museum and more. We'll spend three days at the famous Ranthambore National Park and Tiger Sanctuary taking game drives in the jungle. There will also be an optional tie-dye lesson, a cooking class and visits to local bazaars, restaurants and markets. As always, our corporate travel partner, RAC (WA) will arrange our international group air fares and pre/post tours. Join us for the time of your life! Namaste!



# ITINERARY

## **Day 1: Wednesday, February 2**

We arrive at Delhi International Airport early a.m. and are met at the airport by our local hosts from Format Travel. We are driven to our hotel in a comfy coach and have arranged early check-in so we can have a rest. We meet for sundowners and a briefing at 6 p.m. followed by a special Welcome Dinner. Overnight at The Residence Hotel.

## **Day 2: Thursday, February 3**

Sightseeing of New and Old Delhi for the next two days including Gandhi Museum & Memorial, Qutab Minar, Bhai Temple, India Gate, Sikh Temple and Red Fort. That evening we have dinner at Karims Restaurant and enjoy a special sound and light show. Overnight at The Residence Hotel.

## **Day 3: Friday, February 4**

We continue exploring the attractions of Old and New Delhi. Dinner at the popular Sagar Restaurant followed by a Cultural Show. Overnight at The Residence Hotel.

## **Day 4: Saturday, February 5**

We go to the nearby railway station before dawn where we catch the bustling express train for Agra. We are met by our local Tour Guide and transferred to our hotel. Morning free to relax. After lunch in the hotel we visit Agra and Sikandra Forts with our guide. Overnight at Howard Park Plaza Hotel.

## **Day 5: Sunday, February 6**

Taj Mahal day! We view the fabulous Taj at sunrise, then spend of the rest of the day exploring this amazing iconic attraction and surrounds. Dinner and overnight at Howard Park Plaza Hotel.

## **Day 6: Monday, February 7**

We board our coach for Bharatpur via the ancient town of Fatehpursikri. We check into our hotel in time for lunch – it's a former palace where the maharajah is still in residence! Afternoon at leisure to explore the hotel grounds or swim in the palatial pool. Overnight at Laxmi Vilas Palace.

## **Day 7: Tuesday, February 8**

After a leisurely breakfast and lunch we depart for a tour of the famous Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary - one of the finest in the world with over 400 species of water birds and exotic migratory birds. We tour the tranquil park in rickshaws accompanied by local nature guides. Dinner and overnight at Laxmi Vilas Palace.

## **Day 8: Wednesday, February 9**

A long day's drive in our coach to Ranthambore National Park & Tiger Sanctuary where we begin our jungle safari! We check into our lodge where we enjoy dinner anticipating the next day's adventure! Overnight at safari lodge.

## **Day 9: Thursday, February 10**

We go in search of the elusive and endangered tiger in 4WD safari vehicles. Dinner and overnight at our safari lodge.

## **Day 10: Friday, February 11**

We continue our 4WD jungle game drives in search of tigers. Dinner and overnight at our safari lodge.

## **Day 11: Saturday, February 12**

We leave the park and drive to Jaipur, the ancient "Pink City", enjoying the scenery and local colour along the way. We check into our quaint hotel and relax that afternoon. After dinner at the hotel we take rickshaws to one of India's most famous movie theatres to see a Bollywood movie! Overnight at Diggi Palace Hotel.

## **Day 12: Sunday, February 13**

We meet our local guide who takes us on a fascinating tour of the Amber Fort – and we go on an elephant ride! We explore Jaipur that afternoon and admire Nahargarh Fort at sunset. Dinner and overnight at Diggi Palace Hotel.

**Day 13: Monday, February 14**

We continue exploring Jaipur and visit a bazaar and one of India's best jewellery emporiums. We are treated to a special dinner and cultural show that evening. Overnight at Diggi Palace Hotel.

**Day 14: Tuesday, February 15**

We head west to the desert villages of Jhunjhunu, Shekawati, Mandawa and Dunlohd which are rich in ethnic culture and tradition. Over the next three days we will explore the area and its many attractions with a local guide - visit a school and a traditional home, walk in the cobblestoned streets, shop at local bazaars, admire havelis and temples and enjoy an optional tie dye and cooking class. Overnight at Fort Hotel.

**Day 15: Wednesday, February 16**

Our guided tour of the area continues. Special surprise dinner that evening. Overnight at Fort Hotel.

**Day 16: Thursday, February 17**

Free day to learn more about the Rajasthan desert culture, visit quaint local villages or do some more shopping independently. Overnight at Fort Hotel.

**Day 17: Friday, February 18**

Early morning drive through the countryside to Neemrana Fort Palace, one of India's oldest heritage resorts high on a hill overlooking the nearby town. Afternoon is free to explore the fort, relax or swim in the pool. Sundowners in the rooftop bar followed by Farewell Dinner. Overnight at Neemrana Fort Palace.

**Day 18: Saturday, February 19**

After a leisurely breakfast and lunch we depart for Delhi International Airport for our flight back to Perth. Our local tour operator can arrange additional nights in Delhi or post-tour packages at special rates on request.

**Cost per person** (twin/share accommodation):

**AUD\$5950**

**Single supplement:**

**AUD\$7400**

(no single supplement charge if we can find you a buddy')

**The above cost includes:-**

- English speaking Tour Escort for the entire journey
- Local English speaking Guides at all destinations
- A/C Deluxe Coach for the entire trip
- Chill box with soft drinks & water in the bus
- Assistance on arrival & departure at airport & railway station
- All meals
- Accommodation in quality hotels
- Activities as described

**Does not include:**

- Visa fees
- International airfares
- Airport taxes
- Items of a personal nature
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Drinks
- Laundry
- Tips to drivers, guides, porters and others (we will establish a 'tipping' kitty for this)

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**Terms & Conditions**

- The "Exquisite India Tour" is being operated and conducted by Delhi-based Format Travel Counsellors (FT) under local laws, conditions and regulations. Global Gypsies Pty Ltd of Western Australia (GG) is marketing the safari and providing two escorts.
- Our corporate travel partner in Australia is RAC (WA) who will be arranging & booking flights.
- FT/GG reserve the right to cancel the tour if there are insufficient participants.
- Deposits are non-refundable (unless the tour is cancelled by the operators in which case all moneys will be refunded in full). All cancellations by clients are subject to administration fee from 90-180 days prior to departure. A cancellation fee of 50% of total tour cost will apply within 90 days of departure. No refunds will be made if cancelled within 30 days of departure. No refund will be given in the event clients fail to join the tour or leave it early.
- Whilst all care is taken, FT/GG do not accept liability for loss or damage to baggage, sickness or injury, or additional expenses caused by factors beyond their control.
- Clients are advised that in many countries there is no free health service and that local vehicle insurance is of limited value. Travel Insurance is compulsory and covers most circumstances of cancellation as well as luggage loss and medical cover.
- The client accepts that this tour is of an adventurous nature and involves an element of personal risk, and that neither FT/GG nor their agents can be held liable for any injury, damage to property or loss of life caused. The client accepts responsibility for all risks involved.
- Please check with RAC or other travel agent as most visitors require visas for India. It is the client's responsibility to ensure that they are in possession of valid travel documents including passports, visa, health certificates etc. FT/GG cannot accept any liability for incorrect documentation.
- The itinerary is subject to alteration without notice and is intended as a guide only. Alterations may occur due to road conditions, flooding, mechanical defect or other reasons. Any additional expenses incurred by passengers are not FT/GG's responsibility.
- FT and/or its agents and employees are unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other service. In the event of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances, FT/GG reserve the right to substitute vehicles other than those specified.
- Properties used may change, however the same or similar standard is guaranteed. Hotels are twin/share basis.
- There is no single supplement charge if we can arrange a 'buddy'.
- The client agrees to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries visited and to comply with all reasonable instructions of the Tour Leaders and Escorts relating to the safety and organisation of the tour.
- This agreement between the client and FT is made subject to and shall be interpreted and construed in an Indian court of law. Any legal conflict with GG shall be resolved in the jurisdiction of Western Australia.
- Please keep luggage to a minimum packed in small soft bags. Maximum 15 kg per person. Additional bags may be stored in Delhi during tour.
- ALL prices are based on the costs prevailing in 2010 and are therefore subject to change if consequently affected by Indian government taxes, exchange rate difference, increase in jet fuel or car fuel prices and/or any other influence beyond our control.

**BOOKING FORM : EXQUISITE INDIA TOUR**

Please book ..... place(s) on the **Exquisite India Tour** at **AUD\$5950** per person

I am also interested in an additional pre/post-tour excursion to: .....

Name .....

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I enclose my cheque for \$..... being 10% deposit made payable to **GLOBAL GYPSIES PTY LTD.**

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