

India, Nepal and Sri Lanka

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[Day 1 Australia - Kathmandu, Nepal](#)

Depart from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth for Nepal. Fly with award winning airlines such as Etihad Airways, Singapore Airlines or Emirates to name a few (subject to availability). Upon arrival be met with a meet and assist with a tour representative to escort you by private transport for the Hotel, with further assistance at check in.

Welcome to Kathmandu. Kathmandu is the capital and largest metropolitan city of Nepal. The city is the urban core of the Kathmandu Valley in the Himalayas, which also contains two sister cities namely Patan or Lalitpur, 5 kilometres to its southeast and Bhaktapur, 14 kilometres to its east. Kathmandu is not only the capital of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal but also the headquarters of the Central Region (Madhyamanchal) among the five development regions constituted by the 14 administrative zones of Nepal located at the central part of the country.

Please note: 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 & City Tour](#)

After breakfast visit Pashupatinath, the majestic temple with golden roof. It is considered the most important Hindu pilgrim centre. Located on the banks of the Bagmati River - one can even witness cremations taking place. Later visit Bouddhanath. This colossal stupa is one of the biggest in the world and also serves as the centre of Tibetan Buddhism. In the afternoon visit Patan City; 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 & Golden Temple.

Overnight: Kathmandu (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

[Day 3 Kathmandu Temples & City Tour](#)

After breakfast, visit Kathmandu City; Kathmandu Durbar Square, with its old temples and palaces, epitomizes 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 or 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. This site also commands an excellent view of the Kathmandu Valley.

Overnight: Kathmandu (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast
[Day 4 Kathmandu - Dhulikhel - Nagarkot](#)

After breakfast depart by surface to Nagarkot (approx. 2.5 hour journey). En route visit Dhulikhel, which offers stunning views of the north-eastern Himalayas. Dhulikhel is situated at the foothills of the Panchkhal valley, and the snow-fed mountains offer a fine panoramic. Continue to Nagarkot and on arrival check in at the hotel. Nagarkot is located at an altitude of 2,175m. It thrills visitors with its unobstructed mountain panorama, which extends from Annapurna in the west to Everest in the east. Late this afternoon 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 with the stunning Himalayan views (subject to the weather conditions).

Overnight: Nagarkot (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast
[Day 5 Nagarkot - Kathmandu - Delhi, India](#)

Enjoy some free time after breakfast before departing by surface back to Kathmandu and on arrival transfer to the airport for your flight to Delhi. On arrival in Delhi be greeted by a meet and assist representative to escort you by a private car to the Hotel with further assistance at check in. While the room keys and check-in is organised, a representative will hand over the "Welcome Folder" documents and brief you the tour programme.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast
[Day 6 Delhi City Tour](#)

After breakfast, start a city tour of Old and New Delhi visiting Raj Ghat (where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated); Red Fort (made famous by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan); and Jama Masjid (the largest mosque in India) which has three great gateways, four angle towers and two minarets constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble. Chandni Chowk is the main street of Old Delhi in the colourful shopping bazaar. Next up is Laxminarayan Temple, a site dedicated to Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity and good fortune. India Gate is a 42 metre high stone of triumph and is a war memorial. The tour continues with a visit to Rashtrapati Bhawan, the palace-like building home to the President of India. Afterwards visit Qutb Minaret, a UNESCO World heritage site and then the beautiful Lotus Temple, also known as the Bahai Temple. Adherents of any faith can visit, pray or meditate here. Today take the opportunity ride on a traditional rickshaw!

Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast
[Day 7 Delhi - Agra - Taj Mahal](#)

After breakfast depart for Agra (approx. 4 hour journey), on arrival check-in at the hotel. Agra is the quintessential Mughal City, where the world marvels at the epitome of love, beauty and sacrifice with the majestic Taj Mahal - one of the wonders of the world. So overwhelming is the magic monument, that Agra has been immortalised as the City of the

Taj. In the afternoon take a city tour visiting the Taj Mahal, built by the Moghul Emperor Shahjahan in 1630 for his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. Besides the Taj, the Agra Fort (also called the Red Fort) makes an interesting sight that is visited. Besides the historical monuments, one can also explore Agra's rich heritage of handicrafts in its markets.

Overnight: Agra (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast

[Day 8 Agra - Fatehpur Sikri - Jaipur](#)

After breakfast depart by surface to Jaipur (approx. 6 hour journey), en-route visit Fatehpur Sikri, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site (37kms from Agra). On arrival into Jaipur - the 'Pink City' check-in to the hotel. The picturesque capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur is colour washed pink-the colour associated with hospitality in Rajput culture. This Beautiful city along with Agra and Delhi form what is known as the Golden Triangle of the Indian tourist circuit. Jaipur is a city where royalty still lives in the grandeur of its palaces, where fighting for the honour of the clan has never been a need but a way of life, and where treating guests as gods has been a tradition from time immemorial. There is a timeless appeal to Jaipur's colourful bazaars where one can shop for Rajasthan handlooms and trinkets. Beautifully laid out gardens and parks, attractive monuments and marvellous heritage hotels, once the residence of Maharajas are worth admiration. Not to mention the ambling camels and cheerful people in multi-hued costumes that makes your trip to the pink city a memorable one.

Overnight: Jaipur (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

[Day 9 Jaipur City Tour & Royal Amber Fort](#)

Enjoy full day city sightseeing tour of Jaipur - the picturesque capital of Rajasthan. Morning excursion to the Royal Amber Fort - Amber is located at a distance of 11 kilometres from Jaipur and was the old fort of the Kachhwaha clan of Amber, which used to be the capital, till it was moved to Jaipur. The fort is built with white marble and red sandstone and look even more attractive because of the Maota Lake in the foreground. The fort in itself is a beautiful sight to behold but as one looks on the fort with its clear reflection on the lake in the front, one cannot help but wonder if it is a dream or a beautiful illusion. Afternoon city tour visiting City Palace, the former royal residence built in a blend of the Rajasthani and Mughal styles. Jantar Mantar, is the largest of the five observatories built by Sawai Jai Singh. The Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds was constructed for the royal ladies to watch the royal processions without being seen. Amber Fort, situated just outside the city, is perhaps the most beautiful example of Rajasthani forts and gives a grand view of the city down below.

Overnight: Jaipur (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast

[Day 10 Jaipur - Delhi](#)

After breakfast depart by surface to Delhi (approx. a 6 hour journey). On arrival check-in to the hotel for the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Delhi (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast

[Day 11 Delhi - Colombo, Sri Lanka - Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - Kandy](#)

Today depart Delhi for an international flight to Colombo. Upon arrival receive a garlanding with a meet and assist at the airport by a tour representative in a private chauffeur driven transport for Kandy. En-route visit Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage - set amongst the verdant hills of Kegalle is a unique orphanage, where the tiny tots weigh 60kg or more. This is the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage, the world's first and only elephant orphanage established to feed, nurse and house young elephants lost or abandoned by their mothers. Other occupants are elephants displaced from their natural environment by development projects or those found wounded. Visitors can see the baby elephants being fed milk from gigantic feeding bottles or bathed in the river, which flows nearby – an unforgettable sight! Established in 1975, by the Wildlife Department and National Zoological gardens, which subsequently led to a breeding programme which more than twenty five elephants have been born since 1984. Afterwards continue on to Kandy to check-in to the hotel.

Overnight: Kandy (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast

[Day 12 Kandy City & Cultural Tour](#)

After breakfast enjoy a half-day city tour of Kandy – a lovely exotic city, the Hill Capital and last stronghold of the Sinhala Kings is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which retains an aura of grandeur, time has not affected. Encircled by hills, with a tranquil lake in its centre, it is the site of the renowned temple that enshrines the Tooth Relic of the Buddha and the Royal Botanical gardens – home to one of the world's best collections of Orchids. 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 (items of wood, brass & silver) exquisite silver or gold jewellery and precious gems of many varieties including the world's best blue and star sapphires. The highlight of the city's calendar is the Esala Perahera festival, when a replica of the casket enclosing the Tooth is taken in procession for ten glittering nights in July/August by exotically costumed dancers, drummers and approximately 100 Elephants.

Overnight: Kandy (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast

[Day 13 Kandy - Colombo](#)

After breakfast depart by surface to Colombo, on arrival check-in at Hotel. Colombo – the trade and commercial capital has long been the traditional gateway to the Orient. Sri Lanka's largest city, it is located on the west coast and draws together all the cultures, religions and influences of foreign lands into a potpourri of sounds, smells and a kaleidoscope of colour. The original traders and settlers - the Arabs, Portuguese, Dutch and the British have left in their wake churches and monuments, names and religions, costumes and food and smatterings of their languages which have been absorbed into the speech of the Sri Lankan. Today, Colombo is a fascinating city – a happy blend of east & west, past & present, with a charm of its own. A less known but amazingly true fact is that Colombo has a superb range of high quality restaurants serving food from all over the world and some of the best shopping opportunities in Asia.

Overnight: Colombo (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

[Day 14 Colombo Temple & City tour](#)

After breakfast travel to places of interest; such as beautiful Buddhist temples, Hindu temples, mosques, the historic Wolfendhal church, (1749) residential areas where you find the stately homes of the affluent, the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, the Folk Art Centre, Art Galleries, Parks, Independence Square, the Ceramic Corporation famous for its well-known brand “Noritake” and ODEL the renowned shopping centre.

Overnight: Colombo (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast

[Day 15 Colombo - Galle - Galle Fort & City Tour](#)

After breakfast depart by surface to Galle. On arrival, check-in at Hotel. Galle is the capital city of southern province of island; it's about 157 km from Negombo - Founded by the Portuguese in the 15th century. The magnificent Dutch fort is the most popular attraction of the town. Galle is the best example of a fortified city built by Europeans in south and Southeast Asia, showing the interaction between European architectural style and south Asian tradition. Built by the Dutch beginning in 1663, 36-hectare fort occupies most of the promontory that forms the older part of Galle. Many old Dutch buildings are still intact inside the fort. UNESCO has recognized fort as a world heritage site. In the afternoon enjoy a city sightseeing tour of Galle Fort to explore this magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is a spellbinding mixture of Dutch, Portuguese and British history. Its oozes colonial charm with an eclectic range of low rise European architecture, tucked down a lace of narrow lanes and alleyways. The tour is part driven and part walking and covers the important highlights within the fort. These include the thick walled ramparts that withstood the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami. It explores the chain of huge bastions that guard Galle Fort from the outside world. It explores the Dutch Reformed Church, the Dutch Government House and the Maritime Museum. Afterwards enjoy a guided tour to Meera Mosque, which was built in 1904 as well as the All Saints Church that was built in 1871. The fort today offers a plethora of cafes, restaurants, vintage shops, chic boutiques and art galleries. These have taken the place of 17th and 18th century vendors who would have traded in cinnamon, lace and elephants.

Overnight: Galle (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast

[Day 16 Galle Free Day](#)

Free day at leisure to explore the coastal delights of Galle and the region or just take the day to relax.

Overnight: Galle (Standard or Premium Hotel Option) Meals included: Breakfast

[Day 17 Galle - Colombo Airport - Australia](#)

After breakfast a transfer will be arranged to Colombo airport to board your return flight back home to Australia! This is one trip-of-a-lifetime with memories that will last a lifetime!

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

[Day 18 Arrive In Australia](#)

Cost per person \$3699.00 and includes the following:

Tour Inclusions

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[HIGHLIGHTS](#)

- Discover three amazing countries - Nepal, India and Sri Lanka
- Explore Kathmandu, Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Kandy, Colombo and Galle

Nepal

- 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

India

- 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

Sri Lanka

- 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/MEL/BNE/ADL/PER
- 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 Options)
- Enjoy 45 meals (Premium Options only)

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