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*“...and the journey
itself is home.”*

— Matsuo Basho,
Narrow Road to the Interior

Dear Traveller,

While it would be churlish of me, of all people, to favour a single travel community, I do feel a special kinship with the people of Australia; always drawn to the exotic, adventurous in spirit, perfectly positioned to explore some of South Asia's greatest treasures – India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan – and so eager to do so in new and exploratory ways.

For me, the Indian Subcontinent is synonymous with everything exquisite and alluring. When we established Abercrombie & Kent in the 1960s, luxury adventures in India were always part of our plans. And we never do things by half-measures at A&K.

We first travelled to India in the 1970s. I was lucky to be able to leverage my Sandhurst connections and polo renown, and a love of the game among the royal families of Rajasthan, to establish the networks we needed to succeed in India and access the calibre of properties and experiences we wanted for our guests.

Between exhibition matches at storybook palaces, I learned early on that India does luxury like nowhere else on earth, drawing on the legacies of history's greatest empires.

My first experience of a luxury Delhi hotel was unforgettable, all marble and gold outshone by impeccable service and unexpected serenity. It makes little sense to speak in terms of numbers of stars for hotels where the sky is the limit.

On the same trip, I stayed as a guest of the legendary Maharani Ayesha in the royal family's private mansion in Jaipur. We visited not only marvellous palaces and forts, but also schools and hospitals supported by the family. It was a lesson in gracious living and whole-hearted community responsibility that has inspired the way we conduct our business and treat our guests and community partners in India and around the world.

Enjoy exploring.

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A&K's India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan & Nepal

Where will your journey take you?

Exquisite and exotic, the Indian Subcontinent delivers endless fascination for the spirited traveller. From the sweeping fort-strewn deserts of Rajasthan, and the tranquil backwaters and steamy coasts of Kerala, to the secluded mountain monasteries of Bhutan, the heart-stopping beauty of Nepal and the shimmering islands of the Indian Ocean – this is a region so diverse it will leave you breathless.

Whether it's searching for tigers in the pristine jungles of Madhya Pradesh, a magical boat ride down the holy River Ganges, mystical Buddhist rituals in Bhutan, or the abundant World Heritage sites of Sri Lanka, with A&K your experience will be nothing short of exceptional.



Why Choose an A&K Journey

Abercrombie & Kent takes you to the heart of a destination in extraordinary style and comfort, with authentic local insight, unforgettable encounters, and exclusive access privilege.

The Leader in Luxury Travel Experiences

For over 60 years, Abercrombie & Kent has been a pioneer in the world of luxury travel, redefining the notion of what is possible on holiday and delivering travel experiences that change the way travellers see the world, and themselves. We've made it our business to specialise in destinations and itineraries that are extraordinary, creating exquisite adventures handcrafted to exceed the expectations of even the most discerning travellers.

Our People

A&K works tirelessly to design adventures you won't see from any other travel company, backed up by the most robust support network, including over 55 offices in more than 30 countries around the world. Unlike other operators, we recruit, train and manage our own full-time staff, orchestrating every aspect of your journey with precision and flexibility, down to the last detail. Whether it's the seamless flow of an A&K itinerary or the prompt attention paid to an unexpected request, you can be sure that our global family is the driving force making it happen.

A&K's Journey Designers

Our Journey Designers regard travel not as an occasional diversion, but as a calling that stimulates the mind and nourishes the spirit. Exceptionally well-travelled individuals with an average of more than 10 years' travel industry experience, each is an expert in their chosen region of the world. They're also born adventurers who can advise on the best places to visit because they've usually been there themselves already. They're in constant touch with A&K's partners and our network of offices throughout the region and throughout the world, with access to the most up-to-date information at their fingertips. Your Journey Designer also gets to know you as an individual, either through your travel agent or directly with you, one traveller to another, to make sure your journey is everything you want it to be.

Local Presence & Privileges

When you travel with A&K, we don't just take you to the front of the line, we take you into the rooms in the palace not typically open to visitors, on an exclusive tour with the best historian in the region. This kind of unencumbered access to the authentic heart and soul of a place – to the people and sites that exist far beyond the reach of the average traveller – is something we pride ourselves on and ensure we deliver on every journey we create, whether to the most iconic luxury travel destinations across the Indian Subcontinent, or to more off-the-grid and under-the-radar places and experiences.

Expert Local Guides

It is often said that a guide can make or break a special journey. We agree. A&K's guides are the best in the world and deliver superlative experiences in every destination. All are blessed with extensive knowledge and the ability to bring local attractions to life. Multilingual and well-travelled, each possesses insight into diverse attractions and cultural interactions throughout the region, enlightening you in every locale with insider information that adds depth to your journey.

A Long-Standing Commitment to Local Communities

Conservation and philanthropy have been integral parts of A&K's operations for decades, long before they became *de rigueur* for other operators. Working hand-in-hand with local villages and communities, we fund schools and clinics and generate opportunities for employment that make a real difference. Grassroots Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy projects like these are included on several of our journeys across the Indian Subcontinent, welcoming our guests to participate in travel that changes lives. See page 36 for more information.

Safety You Can Trust

With experience comes excellence and reliability, and with A&K this translates to peace of mind and security. The safety of our guests is always our priority. Our network of local offices and long-established relationships in this region, and in every region in which we operate, allows us to keep our finger on the pulse of local dynamics and developments. If unexpected events occur, A&K has resources at the ready, and you can rely on us to go the extra mile to ensure your wellbeing and allow you to safely continue your journey.





Discover India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan & Nepal on a Journey Made Just for You

Your ideal journey starts with a dream, and a deep desire to experience a part of the world in a new way or for the first time. And our Journey Designers are here to create itineraries perfectly suited to your style, your interests and your budget.

Seamless, Ready-to-Travel Suggested Journeys

In this brochure, and in more detail on our website, you will find a range of suggested itineraries exclusively designed by our experts. Each element of each itinerary is carefully considered in terms of guest enjoyment, travel logistics, and how it fits in the overall pace and flow of the journey. Each itinerary is travelled and tested, to ensure we present the destination in the best possible manner in seamless style and comfort. These suggested journeys are all designed to give you an incomparable travel experience and are operated on a private basis for you and your travelling companions. Each is ready-to-book and ready-to-travel on dates to suit you.

Find Your Inspiration

Decades of in-country expertise mean our Journey Designers can curate exceptional activities and experiences for you that are beyond the reach of the average traveller. In each destination, a list of some of these unique experiences is featured. Some of these appear in our suggested journeys, but they can also be pieced together to form the framework for your own bespoke adventure.

No Two Holidays Are the Same

Our suggested journeys are just that, suggested. Should you need to deviate from the proposed route, add a different focus or start from scratch, our Journey Designers are poised to start the conversation with you, or your travel agent, to craft the holiday of your dreams.

It's simple. Tell us where and how you'd like to travel and we'll create or curate a journey to match, with as much or as little direction from you, and drawing on the expertise of locals from our offices throughout the Indian Subcontinent. By tailor-making your journey with an A&K Journey Designer, you are assured a unique experience from booking to boarding and beyond.

Itineraries You Won't Find Anywhere Else

With our unrivalled knowledge, A&K can create journeys that feature iconic destinations and perfect pacing, all seamlessly orchestrated for the luxury traveller. These are journeys that unfold with the narrative flow of a good book or a great film. Our approach and network advantages also bring practical benefits, including tailored transfer and flight routings to allow for extra time exploring, and longer stops in the places you most want to see.

Genuine, Cultural Immersion

We ensure every one of our journeys includes authentic cultural encounters. Imagine strolling the market of a little-known village alongside a friendly local – your A&K guide – who grew up just down the street and has probably known some of the vendors there her entire life. She makes warm introductions and suddenly you are taking a bite of some exotic fruit picked just that morning. Our guides offer the kind of insight into local culture that can only come from being a local. The result is a journey that reveals the real spirit of the people, and the place, in a way you'll never forget.

Four Steps to Your Inspiring Journey

- 1. Tell Us About Your Ideal Journey**
It starts with an A&K Journey Designer, who works with you or your travel professional to open your eyes to the possibilities of travel with A&K – a world of inspiring destinations and exclusive insider access.
- 2. Make Your Journey Your Own**
The Journey Designer creates a detailed proposal for your journey, complete with touring, hotels and insider access activities arranged specially for you, refining the itinerary until it's exactly what you're looking for.
- 3. Let Us Handle the Details**
Your journey is planned – now it's time to sit back and let us finalise the details, as well as provide all the information you need to prepare for your journey.
- 4. Travel with Around-the-Clock A&K Support**
Once you arrive at your destination, we manage everything behind the scenes, leaving you to enjoy every inspiring moment for as long as you travel with us. For any unexpected request, we are just a phone call away – a friendly voice, providing round-the-clock support. This is travel as it is meant to be.

Experience the Journey of Your Dreams

Contact A&K at 1300 851 800, visit www.abercrombiekent.com.au or speak to your travel agent to start planning your bespoke journey today.



Truly Luxurious Accommodations That Inspire, Enhance & Delight

The quality of the accommodation we use is one of the many things that sets an A&K journey apart. On all handcrafted tailor-made and Small Group Journeys, we select only the most remarkable hotels, boutique lodges and ships, each of which must combine superior service, a sense of place, local character and unanticipated luxuries.

Award-Winning, Iconic Hotels

When luxury is what you're looking for, there's no reason to settle for second best. Our local experts choose only the very best hotels in a given destination. In many cases, their choice will be the undisputed local favourite, synonymous with five-star style, often a *Condé Nast Traveler Gold List* or *Travel + Leisure World's Best* property.

But the choice might also be a whispered secret, a better option, a small but perfectly formed boutique property with a certain significant atmospheric, experiential or locational advantage. This firsthand knowledge allows us to recommend the perfect fit for you and your itinerary.

One-of-a-Kind Locations

When considering a hotel, our experts look at more than just the rooms. Wherever possible, we arrange for you to stay close to the places you most want to see, close to the people you'll most enjoy meeting, and close to the experiences you'll most enjoy discovering. We'll choose the right option from among the region's best properties, whether historically iconic, coveted high design or supremely located on the edge of wilderness.

Intimate Boutique Camps & Lodges

As a home base on secluded and extraordinary wilderness adventures, our more off-the-beaten track journeys feature luxurious boutique camps and lodges available to fewer guests and always with an incredible front seat to scenery and wildlife, often just outside your door.





Preferred Accommodation

India

The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra

The Oberoi Amarvilas is Agra's leading luxury hotel and all rooms boast splendid Taj views. Built in a style inspired by Moorish and Mughal architecture, the resort is a splendid display of ornately detailed interiors, terraced lawns, fountains, reflection pools and pavilions with rich interiors that hark back to an era of emperors and princes, with Burma teak flooring, grand armoires and spacious marble bathrooms.

Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur

Wonderful in every way, the Taj Lake Palace was built between 1743 and 1746. It is a truly regal building, its gleaming, white marble façade rising from the surface of the lake topped by domes, arches and gilded detailing. Inside, the public areas combine breathtaking views with eye-catching interiors. The rooms too are utterly palatial. With frescoes and superb original features in abundance, they showcase the finest modern craftsmanship, without forsaking their rich heritage.

RAAS Jodhpur

Located at the foot of the mighty Mehrangarh Fort, RAAS Jodhpur has been beautifully constructed from four heritage buildings of rose-red sandstone. For 300 years it was a family residence, replete with pavilions, stables, temples and a guesthouse. Today this hotel offers 39 beautifully appointed rooms and seven spectacular suites. The luxury rooms look out across the Mughal-style garden courtyard with breathtaking views of the fort.

Rajmahal Palace RAAS, Jaipur

Originally built in 1729 by the Maharaja of Jaipur, Rajmahal Palace provides Jaipur's most opulent, boutique experience. The palatial residence is eclectically restored, combining old-world culture with Indian Art Deco. All 14 rooms and suites boast vibrant interiors with walls individually decorated in the historical story of the 'Pink City'. This heritage property has hosted some of the world's most prominent dignitaries including Queen Elizabeth II and is currently the home of Rajmata Padmini Devi.

Chamba Camp, Thiksey

Chamba Camp Thiksey is one of the most luxurious camps in the Himalayas. Each of the 14 tented suites, 11 luxury suites and three Presidential suites are individually designed, with four-poster beds, en suite bathrooms, opulent chandeliers, handwoven rugs, private decks, and even the services of your own butler. Tents are fitted with air-conditioning and heating, and the food is plentiful and delicious.

The Imperial Hotel, Delhi

Relive India's glorious past at The Imperial Hotel – an iconic and distinguished building in the heart of the capital. Stroll the corridors and feel history come alive, interwoven in colonial elegance and a modern delivery of old-style class. Guests will enjoy a wonderful mélange of Victorian, colonial and Art Deco detail, with spacious rooms and suites that highlight the building's varied architectural inspirations.

Palais de Mahe, Puducherry

Located in the heart of Puducherry's French Quarter, Palais de Mahe combines the flavours of southern India with French flair, and is just steps away from the seaside promenade along the Bay of Bengal. With high ceilings, arched doorways, tiled floors and deep verandahs, this French-style mansion boasts 18 spacious rooms with contemporary elegance. Guests enjoy a lavish swimming pool, Ayurveda centre, and rooftop restaurant complete with sweeping views.



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Brunton Boatyard, Kochi

Brunton Boatyard perfectly echoes the Dutch and Portuguese colonial architecture of old Fort Kochi. With lime-washed walls and terracotta floors, fine public areas and antique furnishings, it is a perfect fusion of old-world charm and modern luxe. Spacious décor features exposed wood and local craft pieces, and all rooms afford superb views, with many looking out onto Kochi's famed Chinese fishing nets.

- 1 The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra
- 2 Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur
- 3 RAAS Jodhpur
- 4 The Imperial Hotel, Delhi
- 5 Rajmahal Palace RAAS, Jaipur
- 6 Palais de Mahe, Puducherry
- 7 Chamba Camp, Thiksey
- 8 Brunton Boatyard, Kochi

Preferred Accommodation

Sri Lanka

Residence By Uga Escapes, Colombo

Uga Residence offers luxury in a leafy area of cosmopolitan Colombo. Built in the 19th century as the home of a wealthy barrister, it has been meticulously restored to offer 11 spacious suites, outfitted in opulent style with warm, light and ornate furnishings, while the Residence is a palatial apartment with a spacious private garden and whirlpool tub. It is set in lush, expansive gardens with private courtyards, a gourmet restaurant, swimming pool and gym.

Ceylon Tea Trails, Hatton

Built between 1890 and 1939, each of the five restored colonial era tea planter residences is unique, but they all combine classical and contemporary style and a taste of gracious living. Each bungalow comes with its own manager, chef, butler and house staff with between four and six rooms each, a separate sitting room, sweeping lawns, swimming pools and English gardens. Rooms are named after past tea planter residents.

Ulagalla Resort, Anuradhapura

Set within 58 acres of private grounds, Ulagalla Resort promises tranquility, luxury and wilderness within easy reach of Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle. Expect to see monkeys and peacocks roaming around this eco-friendly hotel, as you enjoy the open-air spa, ravishing dining and serene chalets, built from local materials to harmonise with their surroundings. Guests enjoy four-poster king-sized beds, spacious terraces, private pools and stunning views.

Santani Wellness, Kandy

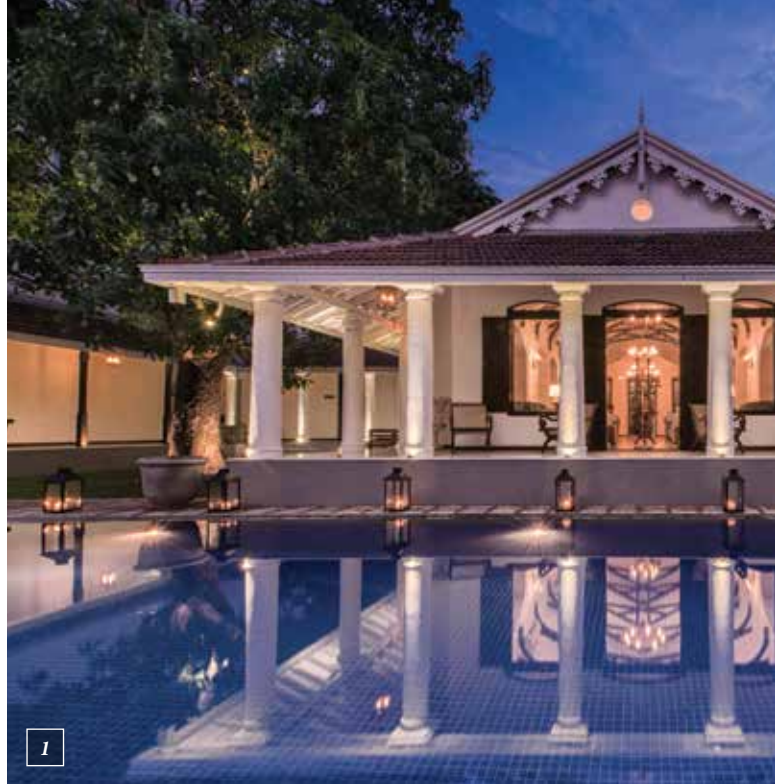
Santani is Sri Lanka's first luxury wellness resort. Located on a former tea plantation, the resort occupies over 130 acres of tropical jungle. Relax at the beautiful tri-level spa built into the natural contours of the landscape, meditate next to the Hulu River, practise yoga in the pavilion or enjoy a refreshing dip in the infinity pool. Experienced chefs will prepare delicious dishes based on your health goals and dietary preferences.

Kings Pavilion, Kandy

Set within a tropical haven, Kings Pavilion offers ultimate relaxation. All bedrooms showcase traditional styles combined with modern luxuries. Many even have 360-degree vistas and private Jacuzzis. Spacious balconies and teak interiors exude style and tranquility, and your butler ensures round-the-clock pampering. Explore great stretches of scenery on gentle afternoon hikes or sit back and enjoy them from the spectacular infinity pool. You can also find inner harmony at the private spa and sauna.

Amangalla, Galle

Amangalla is set within the walls of the famous Dutch fort in Galle. The hotel is full of antiques, old prints, rich mahogany, wood and rattan planters. The gracious suites are decorated in tasteful colonial style, with four-poster beds, pettagama chests and polished Burma teak floorboards. A swimming pool sits in the established gardens, while a traditionally inspired Spa offers a range of remedial pleasures.





Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Yala

Wild Coast Tented Lodge is a stylish, remote safari camp set beside the beach within Yala National Park, one of Sri Lanka's best wildlife-viewing destinations. Each of the 28 elegantly appointed, dome-like tents are crafted from thick canvas. Inside you will find teak floors, leather chairs and freestanding copper bath tubs. Other facilities include an enormous free-form swimming pool, two superb restaurants, the fantastic Sanctuary Spa and library.

- 1 Residence By Uga Escapes, Colombo
- 2 Ceylon Tea Trails, Hatton
- 3 Santani Wellness, Kandy
- 4 Ulagalla Resort, Anuradhapura
- 5 Amangalla, Galle
- 6 Kings Pavilion Kandy
- 7 Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Yala

Preferred Accommodation

Bhutan & Nepal

Pemako, Thimphu, Bhutan

Nestled in the heart of the Thimphu Valley is magnificent Pemako. Here, dzong architecture and modern luxury blend to create a unique hotel experience. Hand-drawn Buddhist murals and breathtaking views surprise at every turn. Elegant guestrooms and suites provide the perfect sanctuary in which to relax during your stay. Meet new friends over drinks in Ara bar, dine at one of the hotel's four restaurants, or experience rejuvenating treatments at the Jiva Spa.

Como Uma Paro, Bhutan

COMO Uma Paro is an intimate luxury resort hidden away in a serene forest in the culturally-rich Paro Valley. Blending local artisanship with COMO's contemporary style, the resort features 20 excellently appointed rooms and private, cottage-sized villas. The resort boasts the exceptional COMO Shambhala Retreat, the yurt-shaped Bukhari restaurant, and the elegant Uma Bar for all-day dining.

Amankora Punakha, Bhutan

Cross a suspension bridge over the Mo Chhu River to find luxury and serenity in Amankora, Punakha. The lodge marries the luxury and convenience of well-appointed private residences featuring spacious and airy bedrooms and living rooms with king size beds, window seats, en suite bathroom and traditional wood burners. Other features include an infinity pool, wellness spa, a restaurant and an outdoor dining terrace.

Dwarika's Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal

Dwarika's Hotel is a fine example of Nepali architecture with intricate wood and terracotta detail produced by the finest craftsmen in the country. If you are an avid foodie, the restaurants here will not disappoint; most of the ingredients come from the hotel's organic farm. We recommend a visit to the hotel library, full of interesting books and a splendid place to sit back and relax after an exhilarating day taking in vibrant Kathmandu.

Taj Meghauri Serai, Chitwan National Park, Nepal

Situated on the banks of the River Rapti in the renowned Chitwan National Park, Meghauri Serai is a luxury haven in the wilderness. Contemporary Meghauri rooms come with a balcony while the more spacious Rapti Villas boast private plunge pool; both offer great views of the river. Enjoy local style barbecues or private outdoor dining experiences, relax by the infinity swimming pool, or spend time in the private machan over the river, and let the wildlife come to you.

The Pavilions Himalayas Resort, Pokhara, Nepal

The Pavilions is a truly eco-sensitive luxury boutique resort nestled beside a small river in a secluded rural valley with spectacular views of the Annapurna range. All villas feature a private terrace, claw-footed bathtub, large rain shower and an outdoor Nepali shower. Nepalese textiles and artworks, and a fireplace complete the luxe experience. You can join treks and wildlife drives with the naturalists or soothe weary muscles in the infinity pool and state-of-the-art spa.



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- 1 Amankora Punakha, Bhutan
- 2 Pemako, Thimphu, Bhutan
- 3 Taj Meghauri Serai, Chitwan National Park, Nepal
- 4 Como Uma Paro, Bhutan
- 5 Dwarika's Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 6 The Pavilions Himalayas Resort, Pokhara, Nepal

North India

North India is a kaleidoscopic blend of colours, cuisines, peoples, and spiritual beliefs so diverse it will leave you dizzy. From grand historic palaces and inspiring temples to rust-coloured deserts, glistening lakes, bustling bazaars and colonial icons, few places in the world possess such intrigue. With each layer peeled comes another, infinitely more complex and fascinating. Experience the tapestry of north India — a vast wonderland of dazzling delights.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience North India

Watch the Sun Rise and Set Over the Taj Mahal

There are few sites on the planet as mesmerising and iconic as the Taj Mahal. Its grandeur leaves an indelible mark on all who visit. Rise early to watch the sunrise bathe the Taj in a radiating white aura. Return at sunset for moody tangerines, pastel pinks and soft bruising purples.

Witness an Aarti Ceremony on the Holy River Ganges

Immerse yourself in an unforgettable Aarti ceremony on the banks of the holy Ganges at sunset – a powerful prayer led by saffron-robed gurus. Hear rhythmic drumming and hymns, smell the incense and watch disciples sway in unison as candles and flowers are set afloat, marking the close of another day in Varanasi.

Take an Rickshaw Ride in the Chandni Chowk Bazaar

Enter the intoxicating chaos of Chandni Chowk bazaar on an exciting rickshaw ride through Old Delhi. The bustling market stalls are brimming with charming and colourful haggling selling everything from antique jewellery and vibrant textiles to delicious Indian-style omelettes, crisp and spicy samosas and golden jalebi sweets.

Step Out on a Water Walk in the Hills of Jaipur

As a desert region water is an invaluable resource to the people of Rajasthan. Head to the fortified hills overlooking Jaipur to discover an intricate system of channels and catchments that ingeniously supplied the city with water. Your charismatic guide will reveal how water is woven into the fabric of local history and culture.

Celebrate Your Spice Palate in the Hidden Lanes of Agra

Embark on a culinary journey with your in-the-know guide through the living history of Agra's best eateries. Follow the aromatic spices down hidden laneways as you sample traditional delicacies, from scented fritters to tangy chutneys and colourful sweets on a delicious celebration of the palate.

Take an Exclusive Tour to the Royal Family's Home

Savour an exclusive opportunity to witness the grandeur of royalty in the private parts of the Palace of Jaipur. See where the Royal Family still lives – an area not accessible to the common tourist – with mirrored glass halls of solid gold and a regal collection of royal art and photography.

Enjoy a Curator-Led Tour of Mehrangarh Fort

As twilight descends on the historic fort of Jodhpur, the rugged impregnable walls and the delicate rooms come alive with the Mehrangarh Museum Curator. Join him on an exclusive tour, as you listen to tales of sacrifice and adventure, and bask in the sheer joy of discussing this fascinating collection.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Splendours of Rajasthan

9 days

Arrive Delhi (2N) – Agra (1N) – Jaipur (3N) – Depart Udaipur (2N)

Step back into a bygone era of emperors and princes in royal Rajasthan. Discover Delhi's colonial grandeur and delectable cuisine. Be awestruck by the perfect symmetry and marbled elegance of the iconic Taj Mahal. Drink in the dusky magnificence of Jaipur's City Palace and hillside Amber Fort. Savour a sunset across the exquisite lake palaces of Udaipur, India's most romantic city, and live like a maharaja in Rajasthan's regal hotels. This is an enchanting encounter with India at its most majestic.

[Please click here to view detailed itinerary and pricing.](#)

The Golden Triangle & Beyond

12 days

Arrive Delhi (3N) – Agra (2N) – Ranthambore National Park (2N) – Jaipur (2N) – Depart Varanasi (2N)

Experience a spellbinding world of colour, rituals and wildlife on this comprehensive journey through India's north. Witness the scale and majesty of Delhi's heritage sites. Be humbled by the Taj Mahal. Step inside temples and palaces for a glimpse of contrasting cultures. Seek out the majestic tiger in Ranthambore National Park. And discover the perfect harmony of chaos and serenity in the sacred city of Varanasi.

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Icons and Hidden Treasures of Northern India

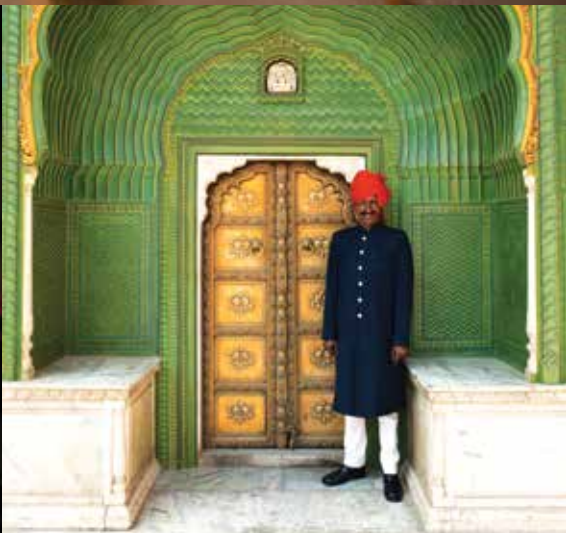
16 days

Arrive Delhi (2N) – Agra (2N) – Jaipur (3N) – Rural Rajasthan (2N) – Jodhpur (2N) – Jawai Bandh (2N) – Depart Udaipur (2N)

From elaborate royal palaces to the most desolate landscapes, enter into a world of extremes in north India. Discover Delhi's colonial magnificence and culinary delights. Take in the imposing magnificence of Jaipur's City Palace and Amber Fort. And let the Taj Mahal mesmerise at sunrise and sunset. Then, head into a limitless wilderness where the leopard roams wild, and rare birdlife provides a delightful diversion. Live like a maharaja in regal palaces, historic havelis and luxury tented camps – after all, this is the Land of Kings.

[Please click here to view detailed itinerary and pricing.](#)

Our complete range of popular [tailor-made journeys can be viewed on our website](#) and all can be personalised to your individual requirements. [Find out more about the A&K Difference.](#)



India Himalaya

Derived from the Sanskrit word meaning 'abodes of snow', the Himalaya was named by the ancient pilgrims of India who travelled its awe-inspiring mountains. Scattered among India's vast towering peaks are mist-shrouded shrines, ancient monasteries, high-altitude deserts, gushing rivers, rolling tea plantations and fabled British hill stations. While many think the Himalaya is just for mountaineers, this stunning region is a major drawcard for those looking for peace and tranquillity. Nothing beats waking up in your own luxurious retreat, under a crystal-clear Himalayan sky.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience the India Himalaya

Witness Tibetan Monks Perform Sacred Rituals

Visit Thiksey monastery for the morning prayer ceremony and stand in awe as you witness more than 100 monks of the reformist Yellow Hat or Gelug-pa order perform their sacred rituals. Followers of the Dalai Lama, this order has been practising their blessed traditions since the 15th century.

Rest and Recharge with Mindfulness Masters

Rest and spiritually recharge in the tranquil Himalayan foothills of north India. Experience an integration of traditional Ayurveda, Yoga and Vedanta with international wellness experiences, fitness, and healthy organic cuisine to restore balance and harmony.

Ride the Exhilarating Steam Train to Ghoom

Ride the fascinating narrow-gauge steam train from Darjeeling to Ghoom, one of the highest train stations in the world. This UNESCO World Heritage-listed wonder will take you looping and the zig-zagging as you admire breathtaking views around the treacherous hills – a remarkable feat of engineering.

Witness Sikh Devotees at the Golden Temple

Behold the mesmerising Golden Temple of Amritsar, shimmering pilgrimage site to the fifth largest religion in the world: Sikhism. Listen to the holy chant of priests and musicians, wonder at the immense gold and marble architecture and witness Sikh devotees from around the world bathe in sacred waters.

Savour a Local Artisanal Lunch in Ladakh

Savour authentic Trans-Himalayan food traditions as you feast on organic produce harvested from local Himalayan fields. Learn from local experts about the stories, historical background, agro-climatic conditions and purpose behind every ingredient during this delicious and immersive spread – an exclusive and scrumptious dining experience.

Pedal Through Himalayan Villages on a Cycle-Tour

Feel the rush of the Himalayan breeze on a mountain biking excursion in Ladakh. Pedal downhill through villages, past rushing rivers and mystical monasteries; and cross a stunning suspension bridge over the mighty Indus, surrounded by the awe-inspiring Himalayan mountains.

Discover the Secrets Behind Darjeeling's Famous Tea

Explore a working tea estate with an expert guide. Meet the tea ladies, learn how to care for the tea bushes and the art of plucking the two leaves and a bud. Experience the journey from leaf to farm to teacup, before you savour the delicate flavours in a tea tasting.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Fabled Hill Stations and the Golden Temple

11 days

Arrive Delhi (1N) – Shimla (3N) – Palampur (2N) – Dharamshala (2N) – Depart Amritsar (2N)

Revealing stories at every turn, India's fabled hill stations will leave you spellbound. Step back in time in stunning Shimla, once the summer retreat of the British Raj. Savour delicate infusions in the tea capital of Northern India, let the artists of Andretta ignite your creativity, and discover a special kind of tranquillity in the home to the Dalai Lama. Wind through the mountains on the Himalayan Queen train, one of the finest engineering feats in India, and witness the theatrical flag lowering ceremony on the Wagah border. This is India at its most extraordinary.

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Ladakh: A Breathtaking Himalayan Journey

9 days

Arrive Leh (3N) – Nubra Valley (2N) – Thiksey (3N) – Depart Leh

Venture into India's far-flung northern reaches to Ladakh and experience an extraordinary life amid the cloud-conquering peaks of the Himalayas. Witness the magnificent palaces, colourful markets and rich cultures of Leh. Hike into colossal mountains to find ancient hidden monasteries and fluttering prayer flags. At the end of each day, bed down in the most beautiful spots, surrounded by every luxury imaginable.

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Reflections of East India

10 days

Arrive Kolkata (3N) – Kalimpong (1N) – Gangtok (2N) – Depart Darjeeling (3N)

From fragrant tea plantations and snow-capped Himalayan peaks to bustling bazaars and the grandest colonial architecture, discover the hidden wonders of East India. Lose yourself in the soulful city of Kolkata, abuzz with intellect and creativity. Venture into striking Sikkim and see firsthand why this petite state was once regarded as a utopia. Delight in Gangtok's tapestry of mountain scenery and Buddhist spiritualism. Wander through tea plantations. And make the train journey of a lifetime on the famous Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.

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South India

South India is an endless feast for the senses. With its colonial ports, steamy tea plantations, lazy backwaters and powdery, sun-kissed coast, it offers a vibrant contrast to the cooler hills up north. From the tranquil backwaters of Kerala and the old hill stations of the Western Ghats to the historical spice-trading port of Kochi and the ancient temples of Tamil Nadu, expect a slower pace, an enthralling ancient history and colonial-influenced culinary delights.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience South India

Discover Fascinating Mumbai at Dawn Like a Local

Rise early to experience Mumbai as the locals do. See hundreds of newspaper vendors sort editions printed in seven different languages, witness a one-of-a-kind fish auction, peruse a herb market, watch milkmen pass by on their delivery route and admire the riot of colour at local flower markets.

Cruise Down the Kerala Backwaters on a Rice Barge

The Kerala backwaters offer a glimpse into rural Indian village life, best experienced on board a converted rice barge. The dreamy backwaters reflect the azure sky, while the mangroves and rice paddies dazzle in verdant shades of green. Spot pastel-coloured churches behind swaying palms and local boats plying their trade.

Sit and Talk with Artisans at Work

Immerse yourself in the Chola Empire artisan legacy and interact with master craftsmen and women during a visit into the homes and workshops of Tanjore. Sit with artisans as they weave their magic carving instruments, employing ancient painting techniques and constructing stunning Bronze idols.

Enjoy a Sensory Extravaganza at the Meenakshi Temple

Experience the dance, music and devotions of an evening 'putting to bed' ceremony in the Meenakshi Temple, a dazzling affair of noise and colour. This high-walled temple is surrounded by soaring pyramid towers decorated with deities, mythical animals and monsters. A sensory extravaganza.

Unravel the Historical Stories of the Lost Chola Empire

Uncover the secrets of gem dealers, salt merchants and chandlers of the ancient Chola Empire in Chettinad, a wealthy trading community of huge, deserted village mansions. Marvel at the opulence and quality of the workmanship, with teak pillars, brightly coloured floor tiles, and eggshell plastered walls. Unravel fascinating stories of a bygone empire.

Glide by Hampi Riverbanks in a Coracle

Enjoy a *coracle* (traditional bamboo boat) ride down the River Tungabhadra, traditionally used to ferry people and livestock during the Vijayanagara Empire. Glide through the waters passing temples, boulders, caves, worshippers and offerings, jumping out to explore the ancient Hampi riverbanks as you go.

Go Behind-the-Scenes on a Live Bollywood Set

Experience the madness of Bollywood on a behind-the-scenes film and television tour. Learn to dance Bollywood style, go backstage on a live set, attend a special screening and record snippets of script or song in a sound studio. Soak up fascinating insider-news from industry experts along the way.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Essential Kerala

9 days

Arrive Kochi (3N) – Periyar National Park (2N) – Backwaters/Alleppey (1N) – Kumarakom (2N) – Depart Kochi

From Kochi's vibrant art scene to Alleppey's shimmering backwaters, with lush forested hills and fragrant spice plantations, Kerala promises an exotic medley of different landscapes and cultures. Immerse yourself in the region's rich cultural legacy with vibrant dance and ancient martial arts. Taste the freshness, spice and tropical flavours of local cuisine. Drift along sleepy backwaters in a private houseboat. Wander among exotic birds, butterflies and elephants, and experience some of India's most exquisite resorts.

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Ancient India: Legends of the South

13 days

Arrive Mumbai (2N) – Aurangabad (2N) – Hyderabad (3N) – Hampi (3N) – Depart Bengaluru (2N)

Uncover the cultural heritage of Southern India, and explore some of the most magnificent architecture, palaces, shrines, forts, temples and ruins on the subcontinent. Wherever you go in the south, you'll uncover breathtaking diversity in a land that has been inhabited for more than two millennia. From buzzing Mumbai and the cave temples of Ajanta to the extraordinary ruins of Hampi, and on to the delicious culinary delights of Bengaluru, immerse yourself in the legends of the south on this unforgettable luxury journey.

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Indian South: Coast to Coast

16 days

Arrive Chennai (2N) – Puducherry (3N) – Tanjore (2N) – Madurai (2N) – Periyar (2N) – Kumarakom (2N) – Depart Kochi (2N)

From the Bay of Bengal to the Arabian Sea, South India is an endless and vibrant sensory feast. With its colonial ports, steamy landscapes, tea-covered hills, lazy backwaters and world-famous beaches, it offers a vibrant contrast to the north. From the French influence of Puducherry to the tranquil backwaters of Kerala, the cultural charms of Kochi to the ancient temples of Tamil Nadu, expect a slower pace, extraordinary wildlife, an enthralling ancient history and colonial-influenced culinary delights.

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India Wildlife Encounters

Beyond India's dazzling cities, nature lovers can discover more than a hundred national parks covering 40,400 square kilometres of land. While the iconic Bengal tiger, India's national animal, is the top draw for safari-goers, an impressive array of wildlife can be spotted in India's forests, plains, mountain peaks and rivers, including Asiatic lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, wild buffalo and over 1,200 exotic bird species. A luxury journey through India's national parks offers the chance to glimpse nature at its finest, all while staying in some of the country's most luxurious camps and suites.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience India's Wildlife

Explore Bandhavgarh National Park in a Hot Air Balloon

Explore the deep dark mysteries of Bandhavgarh National Park and its temples and tigers in a hot air balloon. This adventurous, first-of-its-kind safari to one of the densest tiger reserves in Asia should be on the wish list of every wildlife enthusiast.

Spot the Majestic Bengal Tiger on a Jeep Safari

Take an exciting jeep safari through the forests and ruined forts of Ranthambore National Park. Timed for optimal viewing of big cats on the prowl, keep your camera handy for leopard, deer, wild boar, striped hyena, a variety of monkey, sloth bear and a stunning orchestra of birdlife.

Marvel at One-Horned Rhino in Kaziranga

Witness the endangered Indian one-horned rhinoceros on the beautiful banks and marshes of the Brahmaputra River. Here, herds of rhino, barasingha and wild buffalo roam. Watch as the theatre unfolds, with a variety of eagle, partridge, bar-headed goose, whistling teal, Bengal florican, stork, heron and even pelican circling the marshes.

Meet Asiatic Lions With an Expert Naturalist

Sasan Gir National Park is a tapestry of rugged terrain and steep rocky hillsides covered with deciduous forests. Home to the last surviving population of the Asiatic lion in Asia, meet the Asiatic lion up-close in the sanctuary, and spot sambar, panther, jackal, hyena and sloth bear with your expert naturalist as guide.

View Thousands of Migratory Birds at Dawn

The UNESCO World Heritage-listed Bharatpur National Park is one of the most important bird breeding and feeding grounds in the world, with over 370 recorded species. Marvel at thousands of these intelligent, feathered beauties swooping and darting in the wetlands as the sun rises. A magical immersion into nature.

Glimpse Elephants on the Banks of the Kabini River

To see the Asian elephant in its natural habitat is a breathtaking privilege. Embark on a safari through the wilds of Periyar National Park, set high in the Western Ghat ranges, and catch a glimpse of these majestic animals on the banks of the Kabini River.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itinerary

India's Tiger Lands

12 days

Arrive Delhi (1N) – Kanha National Park (3N) – Bandhavgarh National Park (3N) – Panna National Park (2N) – Depart Varanasi (2N)

Beyond India's dazzling cities are more than a hundred national parks, teeming with spectacular wildlife and home to the iconic and endangered Bengal tiger – India's national animal. Discover India's tiger lands through the eyes of Rudyard Kipling, on your very own jungle adventure. This luxury wildlife journey takes you deep into the heart of tiger country, viewing remarkable feats of nature through daily jungle drives, all while relaxing in the country's most impressive safari camps.

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Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is a dreamy, tropical paradise packed with eight incredible World Heritage sites, rolling tea plantations, wildlife-rich jungles, and a coastline of palm-fringed, sun-dappled beaches. Discover ancient sites where staggering temples are tucked into caves, and revel in 2000-plus years of culture that blends an enduring Buddhist philosophy with striking Portuguese, Dutch and English architecture.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Sri Lanka

Study the Ancient Ruins and Remains of Sinhalese Cities

The iconic Cultural Triangle is the nucleus of early Sinhalese civilisation. Explore the 12th century palaces and monasteries of the Sacred City of Polonnaruwa; gape at the 5th century remains of the city of Sigiriya, built wondrously atop a giant granite rock; and wander the mural-filled cave monastery of Dambulla.

Track Leopards on a Safari in Yala National Park

Yala National Park stretches 1,300 kms across the beaches, forests, bushlands, grassy plains and lagoons of Sri Lanka's stunning south-eastern coastline. Embark on a morning game drive in search of elephant, crocodile, buffalo, monkey and the elusive leopard – a rare sight spotted by only a lucky few.

Hike Through the Magic Central Highlands

Get out into nature with an off-the-beaten-path walk through Sri Lanka's spectacular Central Highlands. The Pekoe Trail takes you along scenic walking paths that are centuries old, rich in history, with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

Relax on Sri Lanka's Sun-Dappled Beaches

Sri Lanka is famed for its swaying palm trees, azure seas and sumptuous white beaches. Seek out deserted coastline, or pick an elegant resort on the south coast where you can visit a cinnamon plantation, wake for dawn yoga and dine on fresh and vibrant seafood and fare.

Taste Your Way Through the Ages in Colombo

Sri Lankan cuisine fuses centuries of ethnic diversity. From early Arab traders to European colonialists, taste your way through the ages on a gastronomic walking tour in Colombo, savouring Sri Lankan, Arab, English, Indian-Malay, Dutch and Portuguese flavours; a kaleidoscope of fragrances and tantalising tastes.

Roll Through Mist-Shrouded Highlands by Rail

Board one of the world's most scenic railway journeys through the mist-shrouded highlands of Sri Lanka. From captivating Kandy to the hill station of Hatton, roll past emerald-green tea estates blanketed in clouds and breathe in the unmistakable aroma of pure Ceylon tea.

Pluck & Roll Your Own Tea Leaves on an Organic Farm

Sri Lanka's lush green hill country is a patchwork of rolling, endless tea plantations. Visit an organic farm to learn about manual tea picking techniques that ensure the quality of the most premium teas. Try your hand at plucking and rolling the tea leaves yourselves – a defining experience for anyone visiting this magnificent country.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itineraries

Serendipitous Sri Lanka

13 days

Arrive Colombo (2N) – Anuradhapura (3N) – Kandy (2N) – Hill Country (Dickoya) (3N) – Galle (2N) – Depart Colombo

Welcome to Sri Lanka, an island of lush jungle and paddy fields, tea plantations and rock temples. Embark on your discovery starting in the bustling capital Colombo. Climb the magnificent rock-top fortress of Sigiriya, visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth and marvel at the spiritual caves of Dambulla. Taste a whirl of local flavours. Find your home-away-from-home in a colonial-style tea planter's bungalow in the leafy highlands. And seek out leopards and sloth bears on safari. These are the jewels of Sri Lanka.

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Sri Lanka: Body & Soul^{NEW}

8 days

Arrive Colombo (1N) – Thirappane (3N) – Kandy (3N) – Depart Colombo

There is something irresistible about Sri Lanka, where gentle people with a Buddhist soul take the days at a rhythmic pace. On this restorative journey you'll delve into Buddhist philosophy as you re-align your body in yoga and meditation classes. Fill your lungs with fresh air and get the blood flowing while you explore ancient ruins and mountainous jungles. Then head to the award-winning Santani Wellness Retreat, where you'll spend two days detoxing your mind, body and soul.

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Sri Lanka: A Family Adventure

14 days

Arrive Negombo (1N) – Dambulla (3N) – Kandy (1N) – Ella (3N) – Yala National Park (2N) – Midigama (3N) – Depart Colombo

Culture and history, beaches and mountains, jungle and wildlife, Sri Lanka is a holiday destination for the whole family. Climb through ruined palaces for panoramic vistas at Sigiriya, delve into the cultural traditions of Kandy and step back in time among the ancient temples of Anuradhapura. Head out on safari in search of leopard and elephant and take a Ceylon tea journey. Enjoy hikes to waterfalls, zip-lining, abseiling and quad bike adventures. Conclude your journey unwinding in Galle and the tropical beaches of the south coast.

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Bhutan

Long sheltered from foreign influences, the mountain kingdom of Bhutan is shrouded in mystery and magic. Here, sacred mountains soar above rural villages, age-old fortresses guard mountain passes, and colourful prayer flags flutter over Buddhist shrines and monasteries. Its unique way of life and timeless traditions are remarkably untouched from outside influences, and you'll find a welcoming and proud people boldly embracing a globalised world.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Bhutan

Hike to Staggering Tiger's Nest Monastery

Lace up your boots for one of the world's most incredible hikes, a trek to the cliffside monastery of Taktsang, the 'Tiger's Nest' – one of the most venerated places of pilgrimage in the Himalaya. This mist-shrouded enclave clings miraculously to a rocky mountain face 900 metres above the floor of the Paro valley. While the hike is steep in stretches, the pace is relaxed and the trail rich with discovery.

Witness Vibrant Dance and Music at a Tsechu

Your departure may be timed to coincide with a Tsechu (Buddhist festival), one of the best ways to experience the ancient living culture of Bhutan. Part religious holiday, part social event, local people gather in a spirit of festivity, celebration and deep faith to honour Guru Rinpoche, the saint who brought Buddhism to Bhutan.

Receive Powerful Blessings From a Buddhist Monk

Visit a monastery as monks perform daily Buddhist prayers. Receive sacred blessings from a monk and participate in a butter lamp lighting ceremony. The light from the flame symbolises the wisdom of the awakened mind, dispelling darkness, making it one of the most powerful offerings of the Buddhist philosophy.

Explore the Lush Emerald Valley of Punakha

Punakha's lush emerald valley is entirely dominated by the 17th century Punakha Dzong, a vast walled monastery set at the confluence of two beautiful rivers. Other highlights include Chimi Lhakhang, and the incredible valley views from Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten.

Unwind in a Mineral-Rich Bhutanese Hot Stone Bath

A visit to Bhutan would be incomplete without experiencing a traditional Bhutanese hot stone bath – an ancient and rejuvenating treatment long touted for its therapeutic benefits. River stones are heated over a fire till they crack, releasing mineral-rich steam. The stones are then added to a wooden chamber that heats your bath and infuses it with deeply healing minerals.

Become an Archer for a Day with an Expert

Archery is the national sport of Bhutan and is celebrated all over the kingdom. You can experience it for yourself, the real Bhutanese way, during an exclusive archery session. Attended by a master archer, line up your bow and release the arrow watching it fly towards the target.

Witness the Mating Dance of Black-Necked Cranes

In Bhutan, the people are blessed when black-necked cranes circle the Phobjikha Valley – a roosting ground for these majestic birds. Observe the crane's distinctive mating dance in the wetlands, then, visit the Black-Necked Crane Visitor Centre, sighting the cranes through powerful spotting scopes as you gain insights from local wildlife experts.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itinerary

Bhutan: Land of the Thunder Dragon

8 days

*Arrive Thimphu (2N) – Punakha (2N) –
Depart Paro (3N)*

Venture high in the eastern Himalayas to one of the last untouched bastions of ancient civilisation, Bhutan. A place where mountain legends, quiet spirituality and dramatic snow-capped vistas await at every turn. Step inside mountaintop monasteries and experience the wonders of Buddhist spirituality. Trek through emerald valleys surrounded by soaring peaks and glacial rivers. And explore the rich culture of the local community, unchanged for centuries. Welcome to the Land of the Thunder Dragon.

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Nepal

Discover the staggering beauty of Nepal, with its majestic mountain scenery, deep-rooted spirituality, ancient temples, medieval cities and breathtaking sacred sites. Set between the towering, snow-capped peaks of the Himalaya, Nepal offers the ultimate immersion into raw and pristine nature. Explore its jungles on a luxury safari, join Buddhist pilgrims wandering centuries-old monasteries and stupas, or simply recline and gaze over the extraordinary scenery with a sundowner. This is truly one of the world's most remarkable destinations.

Extraordinary Ways to Experience Nepal

Explore the Mystique of Ancient Kathmandu

At 1,400 metres above sea level, alluring Kathmandu has more UNESCO World Heritage sites than any other city in the world. Discover the towering medieval temples of Bhaktapur and the imposing temples and palaces of fiercely independent Patan. This is an awe-inspiring odyssey through the finest religious architecture in the valley.

Roam the Lush Mountain Valleys of Pokhara

Nestled along the shore of a tranquil lake with bobbing paddle boats, the sheer beauty of Pokhara will take your breath away. Revel in the most sought after adventure activities in the world – trekking, kayaking and rafting – or simply rejuvenate the mind in pure peace and solitude.

Behold Mount Everest From a Helicopter

Experience a birds-eye-view of the legendary Himalaya on a one-hour mountain flight. You'll soar above clouds, with an incredible vista of some of the world's highest snow-capped peaks, including Everest – which at 8,848 metres, is the highest and most majestic peak in the world.

Take a Thrilling Jeep Safari in Chitwan National Park

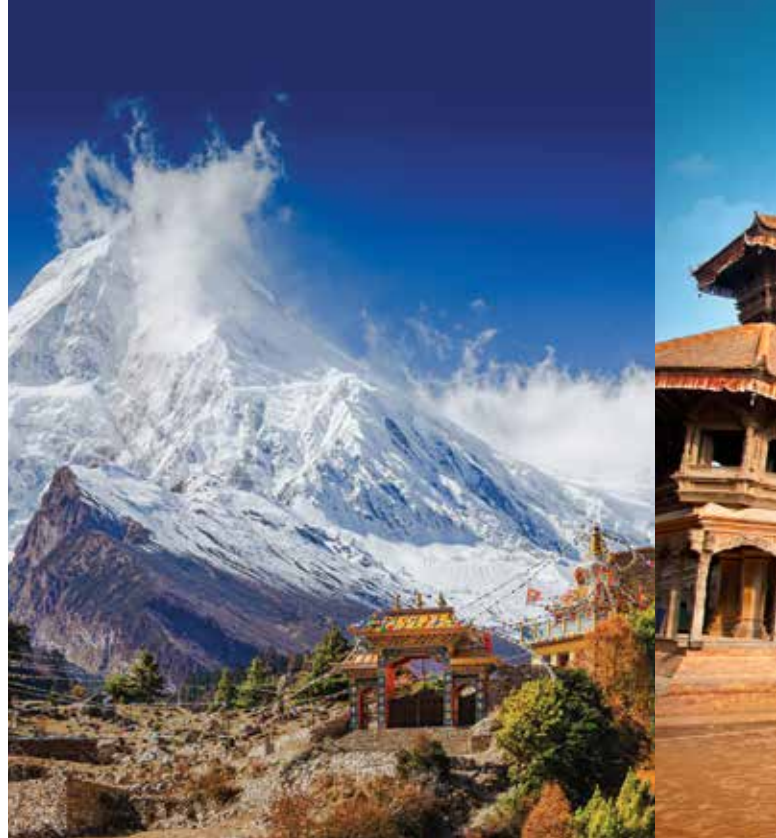
Arguably the best wildlife reserve in Asia, revel in the thrill of a jeep safari in UNESCO-listed Chitwan National Park. Skilled rangers reveal rare animals, such as the endangered one-horned rhino, the royal Bengal tiger, Indian elephant, sloth bear and over 550 bird varieties.

Trek Through the Annapurna Foothills

Discover the magic of the Himalaya on a spectacular trek through the Annapurna foothills. Walk from lodge to lodge, as Gurkhas carry your packs, taking your time to breathe in the immense panoramas. Gaze upon some of the highest peaks in the world and get a fascinating glimpse into the villages along the way.

Hear How Everest Changed One Man's Life

At 8,848 metres above sea level, the summit of Mount Everest looms as the climbing world's most rarefied air. The treacherous terrain has humbled many a would-be summiteer. Gain firsthand insights from an Everest summiteer, learning about the challenges he faced and how the mountain changed his life.





Suggested Tailor-Made Itinerary

Images of Nepal

11 days

Arrive Kathmandu (3N) – Pokhara (2N) – Chitwan National Park (2N) – Dhulikhel (3N) – Depart Kathmandu

Raw, spiritual and extraordinary: a journey through Nepal is unparalleled. Wind through Kathmandu's medieval old town and join the flurry of pilgrims circling its most sacred temples. Drive through Chitwan National Park in search of the one-horned rhino and tiger. Journey to Himalayan villages to see mountain life. And inhale the sheer enormity of a majestic landscape that will get your heart racing.

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Explore More the Maldives



The Maldives

The Maldives is an earthly paradise of unrivalled luxury, bone-white beaches and brilliant turquoise ocean. Lying off the southern tip of India, this slender chain of atolls is a playground of vast lagoons in infinite shades of blue and dazzling underwater gardens. Enter a tranquil world of vibrant tropical fish, where lavish suites hover over reefs and the horizon stretches out to infinity and beyond. In the Maldives, time stands still and at the day's end, you'll gaze at some of the finest sunsets on earth.



One&Only Reethi Rah

The epitome of luxury, all-villa resort One&Only Reethi Rah is surrounded by crystal-clear ocean and endless white sand coves with breathtaking sea views. Gourmet dining choices abound, with an alfresco organic eatery, Asian, French and Italian-inspired restaurants and modern Japanese fare. Wellness features include the sea-facing spa with revitalising face and body treatments, vitality pools and tennis courts. There is a kids' club and a variety of water sports including diving, deep-sea fishing, parasailing and snorkelling.



Baros

Turquoise waters lap at white-sand shores and towering palms rustle overhead. Welcome to Baros, a natural paradise with a lush island canopy, and 69 decadently appointed villas with breathtaking views of the gorgeous gardens and surrounding ocean. Rise early for a morning yoga session, embark on a sandbank picnic, or dive into the underwater landscapes. Visit the Lighthouse, the resort's signature restaurant, for flavoursome fare and light jazz accompanied by spectacular views of the dazzling Indian Ocean.



COMO Cocoa Island

Floating elegantly on sparkling shallow lagoon waters, the timber dhonis and villas of COMO Cocoa Island offer luxurious private accommodation. Set between the renowned diving of the Kandooma Channel and sheltered snorkelling from the shallows nearby the house reef, the stylish suites and villas are linked by a timber walkway to a private island. Here you will find the COMO Shambhala Retreat Spa, a gourmet restaurant, swimming pool, all-day lounge and watersports centre.



Milaidhoo Island

An emerald drop wrapped in soft white sands, surrounded by a vibrant coral reef, and hidden in the heart of a UNESCO biosphere reserve, Milaidhoo is an island paradise. Dine in Ba'theli – a docked, locally-made cargo boat in the lagoon, watch dolphins play in the turquoise ocean or simply relax on your private sundeck. Avid divers will rejoice at the marine life in nearby reefs and honeymooners will be entranced by the spectacular sunsets and incomparable ocean views.



Patina Maldives

With its Modernist architecture and environmental ethos, the Patina Maldives, part of the Fari Islands, is exquisitely designed with style and relaxation in mind. The villas feature private terraces with pools and tubs for luxuriating with panoramic views. Floor to ceiling glass doors open the space up to the elements, while custom furniture and useful gadgets keep you in the utmost comfort. Practice yoga, meditate, cook, paddle board, snorkel or dive, the choice is yours.



Soneva Fushi

Fringed by white sand beaches shelving gently into a crystal-clear lagoon, the 57 elegantly appointed villas of Soneva Fushi offer a truly luxurious escape. Explore the underwater world as you drift among colourful corals and vibrant tropical fish. Indulge in the regular sandbank cocktail party, and the on-site Fresh in the Garden restaurant, with feasts of local produce, and informative cooking classes. As night falls, marvel at astronomical wonders at Ever Soneva So Celestial, the resort's own observatory.

Small Group Journeys

In addition to our portfolio of Tailor-Made Journeys, A&K offers a range of Small Group Journeys to a variety of the world's and the region's greatest luxury travel destinations, as well as journeys to more emerging and off-the-beaten track destinations. These are expert-led shared adventures, with intimate group sizes of no more than 18 guests, and guaranteed departures from the first two guests booked. Presented here is just a sample of some of the Small Group Journey options we have available across the Indian Subcontinent.





Taj Mahal and the Treasures of India

14 days

Departs January-May & October-December 2024

India is a lively land of vivid colours and endless activity. It is also a profoundly spiritual place with a proud heritage and extraordinarily diverse scenery. From the intense bustle of Mumbai and Delhi, you'll journey through the Rajasthani countryside and gain a fascinating glimpse into rural life. Stay at the country's most iconic hotels, some converted from royal palaces, travel deep into the wilderness in search of the elusive Bengal tiger, and take an intimate look at life and death in the sacred city of Varanasi, where devout pilgrims flock to the holy Ganges to bathe in the sacred water and cremate their loved ones.



India: The Beautiful South

14 days

Departs January, March & September-November 2024

Immerse yourself in India's more spiritual side on this journey through the relaxed southern states of the subcontinent. Prized for millennia for its aromatic spices and natural beauty, the south remains a feast for the senses, with fragrant cuisines, friendly people, and fascinating cultures. Bask in the colour and movement of bustling, sophisticated cities, sleepy fishing villages, tropical coastlines, and lush hinterlands. You'll be astonished by the Pallava sculptures and towering Chola temples of Tamil Nadu, enchanted by the colonial charms of Puducherry, and lulled by the tranquil backwaters of Kerala, in an India still largely undisturbed by tourism.



Sri Lanka: Secrets of the Spice Island

14 days

Departs March & September-November 2024

Sri Lanka is a world apart, a deeply spiritual place where Buddhist values and a rich cultural heritage are interwoven with enduring colonial influences. On this extraordinary journey, we peel back the layers of the beguiling island nation, and uncover its many treasures: a serene and gentle people, fragrant and flavoursome cuisine, fascinating ruins, and diverse terrain – from golden beaches and arid plains, to lush tea plantations and mist-covered mountains. Bask in the warm tropical glow of this irresistible and welcoming paradise.



Bhutan & Nepal: Heart of the Himalaya

11 days

Departs March-May & September-November 2024

Discover Bhutan and Nepal, two Himalayan countries little touched by the passage of time. Stroll through Kathmandu's Durbar Square, enjoy a meal in the home of a local Nepali family and hear firsthand from a Mount Everest summiteer about his experiences scaling the world's tallest peak. Feel the spirit of remote Bhutan on a pilgrimage hike to the revered 'Tiger's Nest' Monastery, perched high on a sheer rock face. Absorb the grace, beauty and remoteness of Punakha, where you visit the ornately designed Dzong and wander in hand-painted courtyards among crimson-robed monks.

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Celebrate with Family and Friends

At A&K, we love curating exceptional holidays for you, your family and your friends, so that you can share journeys that matter to the world's most extraordinary destinations.

Whether you're gathering to celebrate a special milestone – a birthday, anniversary, honeymoon or wedding – or simply pulling family together from different corners of the globe, we recognise that shared experiences are the most memorable, and we know how to tailor the journey to suit every dynamic. Our Journey Designers can create magical moments for every generation.

Multi-Generational & Family Holidays

Travelling with your extended family – whether it's with your grandchildren, kids, parents, grandparents, aunt and uncle or siblings – can be a hugely rewarding experience. It offers an opportunity to reconnect, and bond over the excitement of shared discoveries and experiences.

India and the Subcontinent are intriguing destinations for all ages, combining rich cultural experiences with vibrant cuisines and outdoor adventures 'Jungle Book' style. Some of our favourite family activities include:

- Delight in a friendly introduction to Indian cuisine at a family cooking class in the home of a Delhi resident. All willing participants are encouraged to roll up their sleeves for some hands-on roti making, spice blending and curry creation, tasting the fruits of their labour over a specially-hosted family lunch.

- Track tigers in the wild on an invigorating safari through the national parks of Central India. From an open-sided 4WD vehicle, all eyes are peeled for the slightest movement through the tall grass or deep in the shadows of the teak forest. It's an experience that will stay with you forever.
- Take to the skies above Sigiriya in Sri Lanka in a hot air balloon to gaze over the incredible Rock Temple and the vast landscape beyond. An early start brings memorable rewards as you drift in the morning light marvelling at the skills of the 5th century labourers who constructed this extraordinary monument.

A&K Milestone Celebrations

One of the best ways to mark a special occasion is to take up residence in your own fully-staffed villa or aboard your own luxury vessel. You decide who the guests are, and you set the daily timetable.

A&K has access to some extraordinary properties in India, a palace in Rajasthan, a private tented haven deep in the heart of the tiger territory, or a houseboat on the waterways of Kerala – all perfect venues for a milestone celebration or a multi-generation family adventure.





Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy

Be a Part of Travel That Changes Lives

Make a deeper local connection on your next journey with a visit to an Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy project.

Transforming Travel

While the travel industry is in the midst of a transformation toward greater equity and sustainability, Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP) has been committed to positively impacting lives and livelihoods in the communities where our guests have travelled for decades. We are equally committed to ensuring guests learn about our philanthropic investments as an integral part of their travel experience.

Sharing a Journey That Matters

While an A&K journey reveals all kinds of inspiring experiences, our guests often find their visit to an AKP project the most stirring. You'll find these unique opportunities on many of our journeys, affording a wealth of interactions and insights you won't find anywhere else. Whether celebrating a newly opened school or the beauty of an ecosystem brought back from the brink, these visits forge memories that last a lifetime.

Building on a Solid Foundation

Established in 1982 under the guidance of A&K Vice Chairman Jorie Butler Kent, Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy is dedicated to giving back to the vibrant communities we're so privileged to share with our guests. Our local offices seek out and support grassroots projects in these communities, and we're now deeply involved in more than 40 education, conservation, healthcare and community enterprise projects in 22 countries.

Sustaining an Unmatched Local Presence

With full-time, locally based coordinators serving our partner communities in Peru, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana, India, Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia, AKP is fostering philanthropic commitments unprecedented in the travel industry. Focussed on making the most of our efforts in the field, these community development professionals are also uniquely qualified to share these projects with you, our guests.

If you'd like to meet one of our Philanthropy Coordinators and experience an AKP project firsthand, please contact A&K or your travel agent to arrange a site visit on your next journey.

Abercrombie & Kent makes a donation to AKP on behalf of every guest travelling.

Indian Subcontinent AKP projects

- **India:** Deepalaya School, Digantar School, Hansraj Children's Home, Kacherawala Primary School
- **Sri Lanka:** Project Leopard
- **Bhutan:** Medical Assistance Program



For more information on AKP projects around the world, and how you can support or visit them, see www.abercrombiekent.com.au/philanthropy



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