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Golden Kinkakuji temple Kyoto, Japan

Why Choose TRAVELMARVEL



MORE VALUE

Travelling with us means you'll visit incredible destinations, see all the must-see sights, stay in premium accommodation, and enjoy authentic meals, all without paying for the extras you don't want or need.



MORE CHOICE

We know that one size doesn't fit all, so our itineraries are designed to provide the perfect balance between exploring all the iconic sights while still having plenty of time to do your own thing.



MORE EXPERIENCE

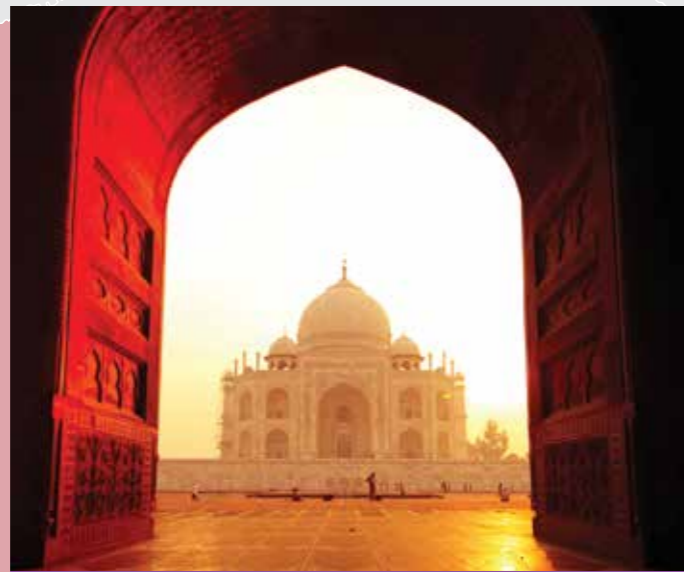
Backed by the award-winning APT Travel Group, we're proud to be owned and run by the McGeary family, who have spearheaded the travel industry for over 95 years.



MORE RELAXED

Travelling with like-minded people means you'll experience a more casual and relaxed atmosphere where fellow travellers quickly become new-found friends.

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“The accommodation was excellent, and the food provided was very good. The planning that had gone into making everything happen smoothly was evident, and much appreciated.”

Glenice & Mike, VIC

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Book WITH CONFIDENCE

Travelmarvel, part of the APT Travel Group, has a long history of caring for Australian travellers. We understand freedom and flexibility is important when making holiday plans. That's why when booking with us, we'll support you if plans change, and ensure your health and safety is our highest priority.



Flexible bookings

We have a range of covers to give you added flexibility. Like our Deposit Peace of Mind Guarantee, which allows you to cancel and move your deposit to another date or trip*. And you can secure your place for up to seven days without paying a deposit.



Safe journeys

Your health – and that of your family, as well as our staff and crew – is Travelmarvel's highest priority. You can rely on our industry-leading health protocols to help ensure everyone's health and wellbeing.



All taken care of

We make planning your travel experience as seamless as it can be. Our travel experts look after all aspects of your journey. There's 24/7 emergency support and we'll keep you updated on any travel requirements.

Consider protecting your travel plans with a travel insurance policy that's right for you. Ask our travel experts to quote on an nib Travel Insurance policy.

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"Travelmarvel is part of the APT Travel Group, an industry-leading group of companies, proudly owned by our family with roots that date all the way back to 1927. We've been designing and operating our premium Travelmarvel holidays for more than 30 years – and we are looking forward to many more years of exciting adventures with you.

Thank you for considering Travelmarvel for your next premium Asia holiday.

We hope to welcome you soon."

Geoff McGeary OAM
Company Owner

Robert McGeary
Director

Lou Tandy (nee McGeary)



The OneTomorrow Charitable Fund is an initiative established by the APT Travel Group. OneTomorrow's mission is to make a positive and enduring impact on nature and the communities we touch. Supporting various grassroots initiatives around the world, we aim to create immediate and long-term change in important environmental and humanitarian causes.

Some of the organisations we support around the world



Peace Village International
Germany



Antarctic Science Foundation
Antarctica



Conservation International Greater Mekong
Cambodia



Wunan Foundation
Australia

A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

At OneTomorrow we believe in travel as a platform for change. Across the APT Travel Group, we've partnered with a range of organisations and implemented initiatives to help protect the environment and ensure the wellbeing of local people wherever we go.

MAKING TRAVEL MEAN MORE

Working together, we can support not-for-profit organisations to continue helping their communities. The best part? Donations through OneTomorrow are tax deductible*, and all donations will be matched dollar for dollar. So together we can double our impact.

With your help, we can continue to shape the world together

Visit our website to learn about the causes we support and how you can be involved

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We Take Care OF EVERYTHING

LOOKING AFTER YOU ISN'T JUST OUR JOB – IT'S OUR PASSION

Arashiyama Park, Kyoto, Japan

At Travelmarvel, we know that great service is about going above and beyond, which is why our staff have a 98% satisfaction rating on average from our guests.

TRAVEL WITH OUR EXPERTS

On your travels through Japan, South Korea and Sri Lanka, you will have a dedicated Tour Director, while you'll be guided by a Cruise Director during your Lower Ganges cruise in India. During your rail journey in Japan and India, an expert Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort will make sure your holiday is memorable. Our Tour Directors, Cruise Directors and Tour Escorts are highly trained experts, selected for their engaging

personalities and insider's perspective and will ensure you have an informative and unforgettable experience.

THE ASIA EXPERTS

Our team has travelled Asia extensively to create unique holidays that showcase the best the region has to offer. You'll travel along beautiful yet convenient routes that allow you to maximise your time in each destination you visit.

KNOWLEDGEABLE LOCAL GUIDES

A friendly face can make all the difference, and when paired with an insider's perspective, you can be sure you'll have an informed insight into your destination. Our English-speaking local guides have a unique passion for their local area, and they're selected for their warmth and charm. They are there to make sure you not only visit the landmarks, but also the sites not mentioned in the guide books.

COMPREHENSIVE INCLUSIONS

We make sure that the majority of your holiday costs are covered before you leave home, and we clearly specify everything that is included in the itineraries to make planning easy.

WORLDWIDE OFFICES

Dedicated Travelmarvel and Great Rail Journeys staff are based in our offices throughout the world. If the unexpected

occurs while you're travelling, our staff will ensure you are taken care of.

INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

Travelmarvel's Insider Experiences are a collection of holiday highlights that provide a unique window into the history and culture of the region you're exploring – whether through an iconic rail journey, an outstanding hotel, a memorable meal, or a special sightseeing experience.



“To see the road less travelled and visit such interesting and diverse places was a fantastic opportunity.”

Julie & Tony, QLD

Gateway of India at sunrise, Mumbai, India

More Ways TO TRAVEL

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF ASIA BY RIVER, LAND AND RAIL

Travelmarvel’s extensive range of travel styles allows you to explore Asia in a way that best suits you. Cruise past remote riverside villages, journey along steel tracks on an epic rail adventure and wind through the countryside by coach.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Whether you’re looking to tick off all the iconic sights as well as lesser-known wonders on a much-loved river cruise, meander along rural roads by coach, or take a rail journey through mountain scenery, look no further. We’ve left no stone unturned in bringing you a range of travel styles to choose from, so you can explore Asia in a way that is just right for you.

COMBINE YOUR TRAVEL STYLE

For a more in-depth discovery of Asia, perhaps combine travel styles and enjoy a river cruise with an exciting rail or land journey. Our diverse range of options gives you the chance to stay a little longer and uncover some of the region’s most enchanting destinations. Get right to the heart of these countries. With access to road, rail and river, your discoveries are limitless.



Fishermen on the Lower Ganges in India



Search for leopards in Sri Lanka



Feel the rush of Japan’s bullet trains

River Cruising



Undoubtedly one of the more relaxing ways to travel, river cruising along the Lower Ganges in India allows you to see more of Asia at a comfortable pace. Watch the world glide by as you experience this iconic river. Wake each day to an exciting new destination, docking at remote ports, closer to the sights you’ve come to see. Step ashore and bask in the freedom to explore.

Land Journeys



Embark on an exciting land journey to visit famous landmarks and hidden gems. Delve into fascinating cultures and explore striking landscapes, all in total comfort, while staying in centrally located hotels. From a visit to the Demilitarised Zone in South Korea to tracking leopards on a safari in Sri Lanka, an immersive land journey is the perfect complement to any river cruise or rail journey.

Rail Journeys



A contrast to the fast pace of everyday life, rail travel is relaxing, comfortable and social. Be left in awe by the ever-changing scenery as you travel through diverse landscapes that cannot be accessed by any other form of transport. The streamlined power cars on South Korea and Japan’s high-speed trains are all air-conditioned and feature comfortable, well-furnished interiors. In India, climb aboard interesting heritage railways that traverse picturesque scenes.



Great Rail JOURNEYS

ENJOY AN UNPARALLELED EXPERIENCE ACROSS ASIA

Traverse Japan in style on its iconic bullet trains, Mount Fuji, Japan



Ride the Toy Train to Shimla, India



Journey on the Nilgiri Mountain Railway, India

Return to a time when travelling was an art in itself. The railways of Asia are among some of the planet's most efficient and have opened up the world to travellers who seek the pleasures of life in a comfortable, convenient and relaxing way.

THE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP

Travelmarvel is delighted to continue its partnership with Great Rail Journeys who have more than 45 years' experience in rail-based holidays. This award-winning company completes the perfect partnership to deliver you the best journeys in Asia.

A RELAXING WAY TO TRAVEL

The leisurely pace of rail travel is a joy to experience. You're free to move about the train and eat or drink as you desire. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the ever-changing views of Asia's impressive landscapes.

YOUR EXPERT TOUR ESCORT

Your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort is with you throughout your rail journey to ensure that every aspect of your holiday is an enjoyable experience, and they'll ensure that your trip with Great Rail Journeys is seamless and stress-free.

KNOW WHAT'S INCLUDED

We make sure the majority of your holiday costs are covered before you leave home. This includes rail travel, airport transfers, accommodation, gratuities, many meals, sightseeing and most portorage.

A VARIETY OF RAIL EXPERIENCES

Every rail journey through Asia has something unique to offer. You'll be amazed by the incredible innovation and seamless efficiency of the rail networks as you travel through stunning landscapes.

Bullet Trains, Japan

Regularly running at speeds of up to 300 kilometres per hour, Japan's Shinkansen bullet trains ensure a thrilling journey across the country, taking you to your destination safely and right on time. The trains offer comfortable reclining seats and large windows, and refreshments are served throughout your journey.

Nilgiri Mountain Railway, South India

One of the world's steepest rack-and-pinion railways, established by the British over a century ago, the narrow-gauge, cog wheel-driven railway is now World Heritage listed. Enjoy views of forests, local tea plantations and beautiful lush valleys dominated by towering eucalyptus trees.

Toy Train, North India

Embark on a memorable journey by heritage Toy Train to Shimla, nestled at the foothills of the Himalayas. This train ride is sure to excite, famous for its 96-kilometre-long narrow gauge track that passes through 103 tunnels and over 800 bridges and viaducts.



SILVER TRAVEL AWARDS 2022 WINNER





PREMIUM Accommodation

STAY IN PERFECTLY POSITIONED COMFORT AFTER EACH DAY OF DISCOVERY

Soak in the view at Aliya Resort and Spa, Sigiriya, Sri Lanka



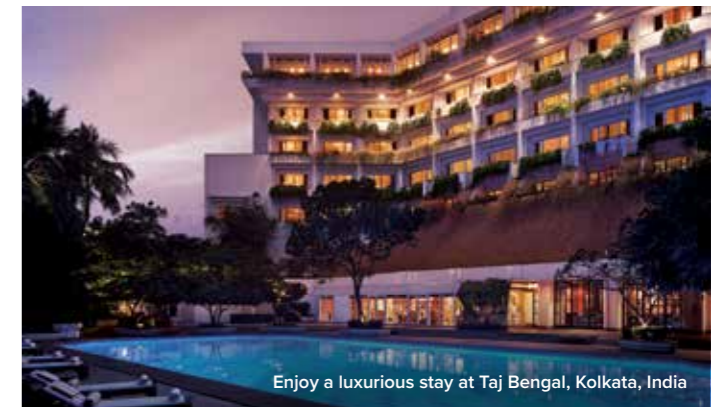
Soak up the views at Jetwing Yala, Sri Lanka



Relax in the eco-friendly Spice Village, Thekkady, India



Comfort at Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun, South Korea



Enjoy a luxurious stay at Taj Bengal, Kolkata, India

Relax and unwind in some truly charismatic properties that provide the perfect base to explore Asia. Whether you're admiring the views or soaking up the wonderful location, you're sure to be impressed by the quality, service and comfort of these first-class properties.

Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu, Tokyo, Japan

Just moments away from some of Tokyo's most famous attractions in the Shibuya district, this hotel provides terrific access to the vibrant capital city's best sites.

Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun, Seoul, South Korea

Located in Seoul's city centre, this hotel is walking distance from the Myeongdong district and many shopping opportunities. You'll be staying in the best location for exploring the city's sights.

Taj Palace, Delhi, India

Spread out over two-and-a-half hectares of lush gardens, the Taj Palace is an oasis of calm in the heart of India's capital city.

Taj Bengal, Kolkata, India

Enjoy an indulgent stay in the luxurious Taj Bengal, a stylish and grand hotel located in one of Kolkata's most exclusive neighbourhoods within walking distance of some of the city's leading landmarks.

Sheraton Kosgoda Turtle Beach Resort, Kosgoda, Sri Lanka

Discover the idyllic south coast of Sri

Lanka on a picturesque beach with stunning sunset views while nestled in a small, picturesque town known for its sea turtle conservation project.

INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

In select locations you will stay at properties selected for their spectacular locations and unique settings, showcasing the very best of the region.

Oberoi Cecil Hotel, Shimla, India ☆

Situated in the leafy hills of Shimla, this hotel features classically furnished rooms and a comfortable lounge area with marble

fireplaces. During the times of the British Raj it was one of Shimla's most exclusive hotels.

Jetwing Yala, Yala, Sri Lanka ☆

Set amid leafy vegetation, Jetwing Yala presents a winning combination of style and privacy in a lush, natural setting. Spread across 15 hectares and with unparalleled access to the beach, the hotel features an outdoor swimming pool and spacious modern rooms.

Aliya Resort & Spa, Sigiriya, Sri Lanka ☆

Enjoy a unique stay nestled in the quiet greenery surrounding Aliya Resort.

Interiors complement the location, with bright, airy rooms and elephant artwork strewn across the resort. Spend your time swimming in the large pool which looks out onto iconic Sigiriya Rock, or enjoy the same view over an authentic meal at one of the restaurants.

Spice Village, Thekkady, India ☆

Settle into your accommodation surrounded by mountains and spice plantations. Modelled on dwellings of tribal communities of the region, the rooms and en suite are traditionally decorated with elephant grass roofs.



INCLUDED Sightseeing

GAIN AN EXTRAORDINARY INSIGHT INTO THE ESSENCE OF ASIA



The iconic Taj Mahal, Agra, India



Famous Shibuya pedestrian crossing, Tokyo, Japan



Find Bengal tigers in the wild, Ranthambore National Park, India

Experience the must-see sights and lesser-known wonders of these astounding countries.

Mount Fuji, Japan

Regularly topped with brilliant white snow, Mount Fuji is arguably Japan's most iconic landmark. The volcano is home to many Shinto shrines dedicated to the goddess of cherry blossoms and volcanoes.

Shibuya Crossing Tokyo, Japan

Experience the busiest pedestrian intersection on the planet often featured in film and television.

Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), South Korea

Visit the Demilitarised Zone and gain an understanding of the relationship between the North and South.

The Taj Mahal, India

As you witness the play of sunlight beaming from the domed marble surfaces of the Taj Mahal, you'll see why this landmark is known as the world's greatest declaration of love.

Yala National Park, Sri Lanka

Yala National Park is home to over 32 species of mammals including elephants, sloth bears and leopards. Head out on a morning safari in search of these beautiful creatures.

INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

Here are just some of our exciting Insider Experiences – just look for the stars on the itinerary pages.

Gyeongbok Palace, South Korea ☆

See the changing of the Royal Guard. The Wanggung Sumunjang had the role of protecting the king and surveying the palace during the Joseon Dynasty. Though the king no longer resides here, the traditional ceremony is re-enacted daily.

Amber Fort, India ☆

Tour Jaipur's Amber Fort. Constructed in 1592, the impressive fort is built entirely out of pink and yellow sandstone and white marble.

Ranthambore National Park, India ☆

Look out for the elusive Bengal tiger and other wildlife on morning and afternoon game drives in Ranthambore National Park.

Meet a renowned author, Shimla, India ☆

Enjoy a talk from an author, historian and journalist, listening to stories and appreciating what life was like in the time of the British Raj in their summer capital.

Hindu ritual Madurai, India ☆

Step inside one of South India's most prolific temples, Meenakshi Temple. Admire the bright carvings of Hindu gods on this 12th-century temple before witnessing the final puja rituals of the day.

Rail Journey to Ella, Sri Lanka ☆

Embark on an enchanting journey through the highlands past leafy-green tea estates, hugging the edge of mountains and overlooking sweeping valleys before arriving into the town of Ella.

ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY

During your free time, you can tailor your holiday to suit your own interests with the range of select experiences we offer to further immerse yourself in Asia. See page 56 for details and pricing.



Authentic FLAVOURS

INDULGE YOUR TASTEBUDS ON THEIR OWN CULINARY JOURNEY

Traditional Indian food



Visit a sake brewery and enjoy a tasting, Japan



Take a bibimbap cooking class in Seoul, South Korea

Authentic meals are often the thing we remember most about a holiday, and great cuisine is an integral part of your journey through Asia.

DELIGHTFUL LOCAL CUISINE

Travelmarvel provides a host of unique culinary experiences for you to sample throughout your journey. Dine on fresh produce and sumptuous flavours, and sample local fare to discover each region's speciality.

WELCOME & FAREWELL DINNERS

At the beginning of your holiday, enjoy a Welcome Reception or Dinner as you get to know your fellow travellers. Your Farewell Dinner is your chance to get together as a group over a delicious feast one last time before parting ways.

ALL-INCLUSIVE LOWER GANGES RIVER CRUISE

Discover a range of enticing regional meals created by your ship's skilful chefs using the freshest local ingredients. On your cruise, soft drinks are included at no additional cost. Local beers and regional wines are also included with every lunch and dinner on board your river ship.

INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

Throughout your chosen tour, you will enjoy a range of delicious and eye-opening culinary experiences, specially selected by Travelmarvel just for you.

Sake Tasting, Japan ☆

Japan is the birthplace of sake. It all began in the eighth century, within the Imperial Palace in Nara, before eventually reaching the common folk. Enjoy a tasting and learn about the different grades of sake and how it's produced.

Bibimbap Cooking Class, Seoul, South Korea ☆

Immerse yourself in South Korea's gourmet culture, and learn to make the national dish, bibimbap, at a cooking class.

Korean BBQ, Seoul, South Korea ☆

Dine at a traditional Korean-style BBQ house. Smoky meats and sizzling savoury pancakes are often on the menu.

Traditional Local Dinner, Sigiriya, Sri Lanka ☆

At Aliya Resort & Spa's Paddy Museum, feast on simple, rustic Sri Lankan cuisine prepared in clay pots using traditional clay stoves, for a delicious insight into authentic Sri Lankan cuisine.

Tea Plantation Visit, Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka ☆

Tour a famous tea plantation and learn all about the traditions behind the tea making. Visit a tea processing factory and sample some of the world's finest pure Ceylon tea.

Backwater Lunch Cruise, Alleppey, India ☆

Enjoy a relaxing scenic cruise through Kerala's backwaters on board a traditional houseboat. Dine on a delicious lunch of local fare as you glide through the maze of canals.



Traveller Club

A CLUB THAT TAKES YOU FURTHER

Welcome to Traveller Club – our member-only loyalty program. Traveller Club is free for anyone to join and members have access to exclusive benefits, whether or not you have toured with us previously. Every time you travel with us, you rise through the membership tiers, so not only do you enjoy unforgettable travel experiences throughout the world, you unlock exciting new benefits after every trip.



Welcome Home voucher



Friends & Family voucher



Private airport transfers



Overnight hotel stays



Custom-made travel accessories



Exclusive offers just for you



First access – be the first to hear about new travel experiences



Member-only competitions and events



Priority member reservations line

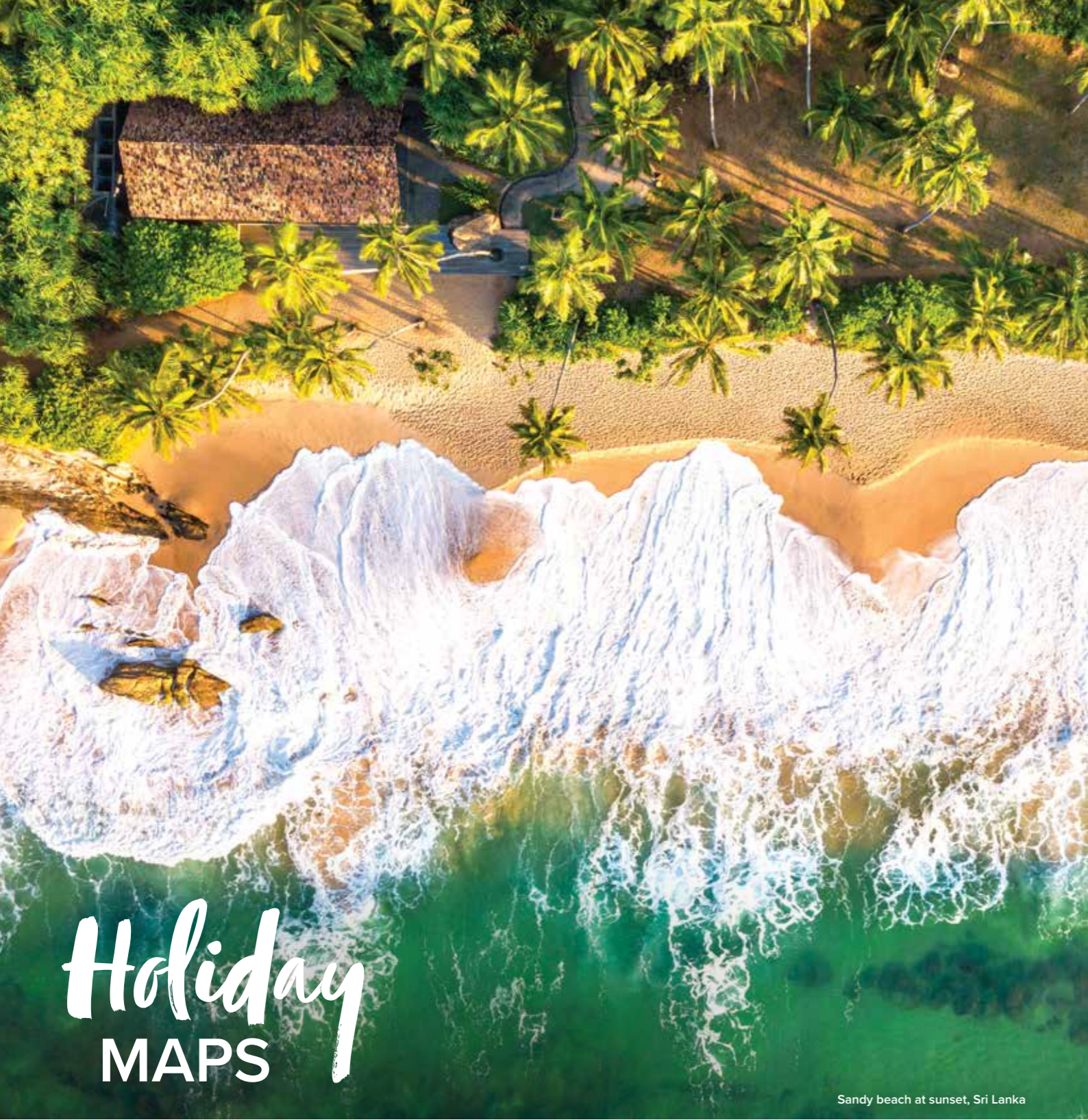


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Sandy beach at sunset, Sri Lanka

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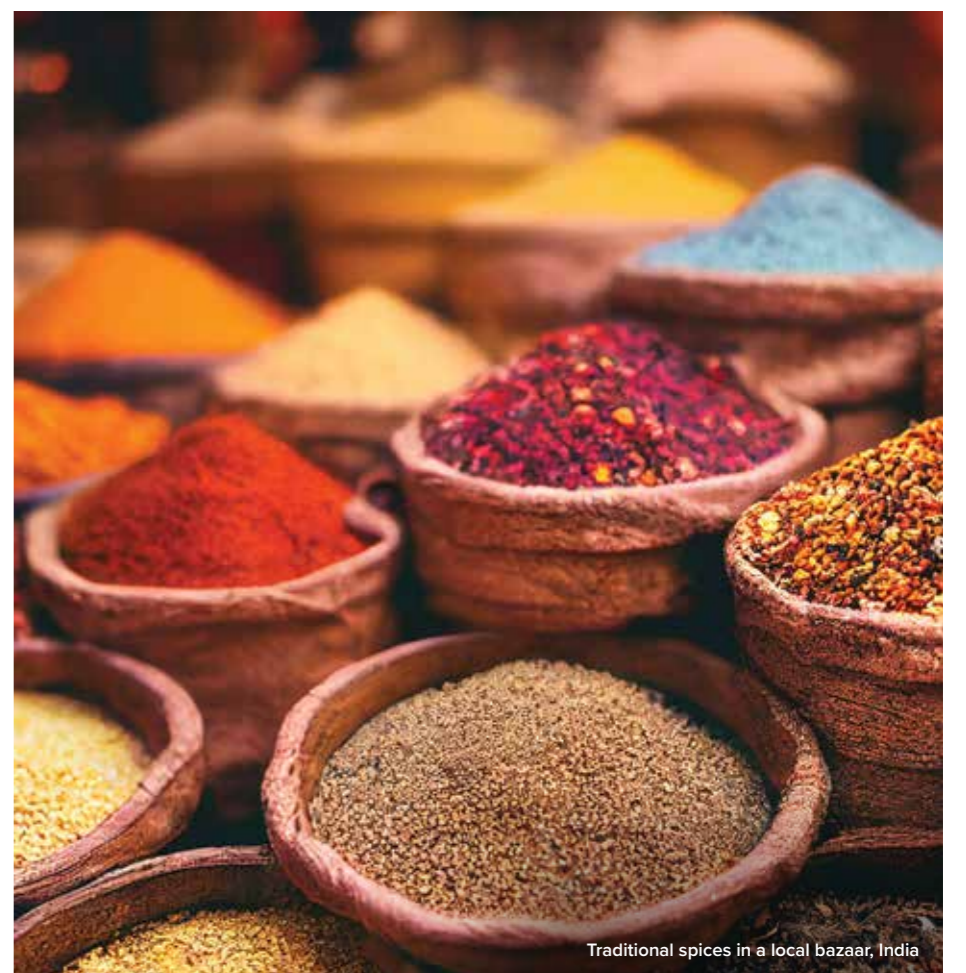
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Traditional spices in a local bazaar, India

Earlybird OFFERS

SEE OVERLEAF FOR APPLICABLE TOURS



EARLYBIRD SAVINGS

SAVE UP TO \$2,000* PER COUPLE
on selected holidays

THE OFFER ABOVE IS COMBINABLE WITH THE FOLLOWING OFFERS:

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT

When you book any Asia holiday and pay in full 10 months prior to departure.

SAVE UP TO \$600 PER COUPLE

TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS & SAVE

When six or more people book together on an Asia holiday.

SAVE UP TO \$600 PER COUPLE

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JAPAN HOLIDAYS					
26	Timeless Japan	JPT12	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
28	Discover Japan	RJTJAG12	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
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36	Scenic South Korea & Japan	JPKT19	\$2,000	\$600	\$600
INDIA HOLIDAYS					
40	The Lower Ganges, Golden Triangle & Mumbai	TINGMJ20	\$2,000	\$600	\$600
42	Highlights of the Golden Triangle & Mumbai	RJTGMJ10	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
44	India's Golden Triangle, Tigers & Shimla	RJTLTC13	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
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SRI LANKA HOLIDAYS					
50	Splendours of Sri Lanka	TS12	\$1,000	\$400	\$300
52	In Search of Tigers & Leopards	TSGMJ21	\$2,000	\$600	\$600

*Conditions apply. Information and offers are correct as of May 2023, but may fluctuate due to changes in availability, surcharges, fees, taxes or exchange rates. All pricing and amounts are in Australian dollars. A limited number of offers are available until sold out. Offers are subject to availability, available on new bookings and can be withdrawn any time. Offers cannot be combined with any other offer, unless otherwise stated. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is due within seven days of booking. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure. Earlybird Specials are strictly limited seats on set departures and are subject to availability at time of booking. EARLYBIRD SAVINGS are valid on new bookings only and are not valid in conjunction with any other offer. Offers may be withdrawn at any time.

SAVE UP TO \$2,000 PER COUPLE: Offer applicable to all Asia holidays of 19 days duration or longer listed in the Travelmarvel 2024 Asia brochure. SAVE UP TO \$1,000 PER COUPLE: Offer applicable to all Asia holidays from 8-15 days listed in the Travelmarvel 2024 Asia brochure, except TIN1 Authentic India - Lower Ganges Cruise. EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT: Offer applicable to all Travelmarvel Asia holidays. Valid when you book and pay in full 10 months prior to your departure date. TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS AND SAVE: When six or more friends book and are travelling together on the same cruise or tour.

Japan

Where breathtaking natural wonders and a futuristic cityscape join forces

A land of contrasts, where the ancient and modern world blend seamlessly, Japan offers a wealth of curiosities.

BUZZING TOKYO

More than just a city, this shimmering, neon metropolis perfectly illustrates Japan's dual nature. Just around the corner from futuristic skyscrapers, you'll find ancient temples and lantern-lit wooden buildings hailing from a far different time.

THE TRADITIONS OF KYOTO

Picture old Japan and what do you see? A kimono-clad geisha wandering a quiet street? Incense burning outside a temple? A tea ceremony? Experience it all in Kyoto, a former capital and the country's spiritual heart. Here there are over 1,000 Buddhist temples peppered throughout the city waiting to be explored, all marked with the tell-tale scarlet torii gates.

OSAKA GASTRONOMIC CAPITAL

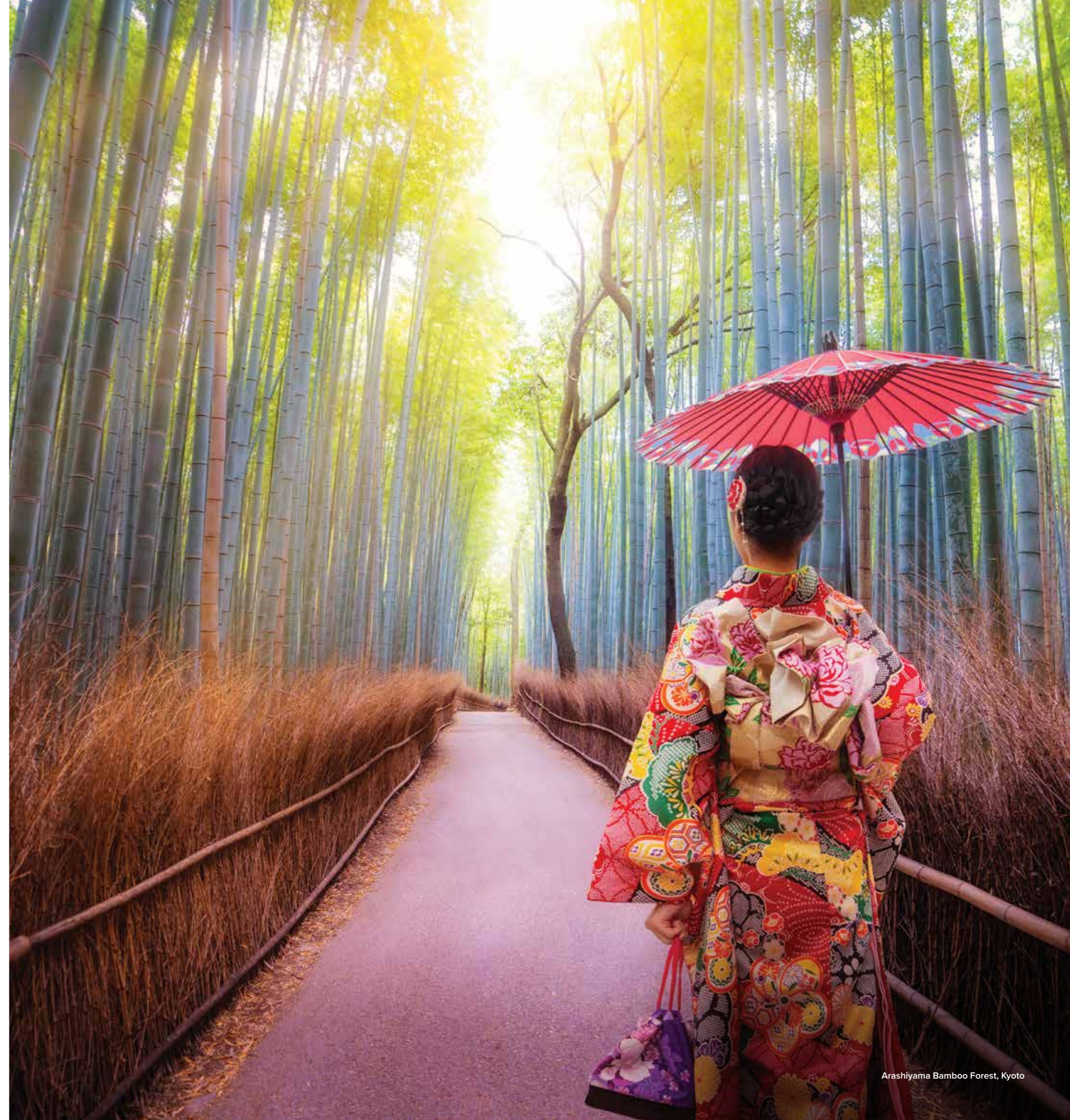
Osaka, in a word, is vibrant. From its buildings plastered with fluorescent billboards to its lively locals, there's never a dull moment. The best way to experience this is by wandering its energetic street-food markets. Here, find locals slurping steaming bowls of ramen and ordering the famous okonomiyaki, a Japanese pancake, among other dishes.

THE LEGENDS OF MOUNT FUJI

This iconic emblem of Japan is surrounded by legend. Some say that the name 'Fuji' is derived from the word 'Fuchi' meaning the goddess of fire. In the past, women were not permitted to climb the mountain as it was believed to anger the jealous Fire Goddess. Now, you can get up close to the monumental peak.

STUNNING SAPPORO

Known for its picturesque gardens, award-winning whisky and famous beer, this superb city is also renowned for its beautiful 19th century architecture and annual Snow Festival.





Mount Fuji with Cherry Blossom view from Lake Kawaguchiko



SAVE UP TO \$1,400 per couple*
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Timeless Japan

Tokyo to Osaka 12 Days



INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local izakaya-style restaurant
- ☆ Explore Matsumoto Castle, Japan's oldest original castle
- ☆ Join a hands-on sushi workshop after visiting Tokyo's largest wholesale fish market
- ☆ Explore Takayama's morning market and learn the art of making and roasting rice crackers
- ☆ Visit a sake brewery in Takayama and enjoy a tasting
- ☆ Glimpse the colourful kimonos of Kyoto's geisha
- ☆ Experience a Japanese tea ceremony and appreciate the art of brewing, serving and drinking this special beverage

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 11 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director
- ✓ 18 meals – 11 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L) and 3 dinners (D)
- ✓ Discover the blend of modern and traditional Tokyo
- ✓ Cruise Lake Ashiniko and ride the ropeway for a closer view of Mount Fuji
- ✓ Visit World Heritage Shirakawa-go, a village with picturesque gassho-zukuri-style farmhouses

Day 1. Arrive Tokyo Welcome to Tokyo. Transfer to your hotel and join your fellow travellers and Tour Director for a special Welcome Dinner at a local izakaya-style restaurant. **Two Nights:** Shibuya Excel Hotel, Tokyo. D

Day 2. Tokyo A full-day tour of Tokyo begins with a trip to Sensoji Temple. Next, it's on to the Imperial Palace for a photo stop. Take a walking tour of the largest fish market in Japan where fresh seafood is delivered daily. Wander the narrow aisles of this atmospheric marketplace to find all sorts of delicious and uniquely Japanese food before joining a sushi workshop. The last stop is Meiji Shrine and the famous Shibuya Crossing. BL

Day 3. Tokyo, Hakone Take a ride on the Hakone Ropeway to Owakudani Geothermal Valley. Continue on to Lake Ashi and enjoy a cruise. Later, for the ultimate exercise in relaxation, perhaps partake in a traditional onsen experience at your hotel **Stay:** Hakone, Susukinohara Inchinoyu. BD

Day 4. Hakone, Matsumoto This morning, travel to Mount Fuji, Japan's most distinctive landmark. Stop at the Fifth Station where, if the sun is shining, you will be able to see the snow-capped peak. Continue to Matsumoto and visit Japan's oldest original castle, Matsumoto Castle, an impressive five-storey fortress. Learn how to make soba noodles from buckwheat, a local speciality, before enjoying your creation for lunch. Afterwards, enjoy a stroll through the merchant district of Nakamachi. **Stay:** Matsumoto Hotel Kagetsu. BL

Day 5. Matsumoto, Takayama Dive deeper into Japan's alpine region with a visit to Oku-Hida region, where you'll board the Shin-Hotaka Ropeway to an observation deck. Later, arrive in the town of Takayama. Tonight, taste some famous Hida beef during a special select dining experience (additional charge, see page 56). **Two Nights:** Takayama Ouan. B

Day 6. Takayama This morning, visit the Miyagawa morning market. Then, take part in an o-sembei

making workshop, where you will learn to shape, flavour and roast your own rice crackers. Up here in the mountains makes for perfect sake-producing conditions, so it's only fitting you visit a sake brewery and enjoy a tasting. The afternoon is at your leisure, where you might like to explore further. BL

Day 7. Takayama, Kanazawa Following breakfast, head to Kanazawa, stopping en route at the alpine village of Shirakawa-go, made famous by its collection of original gassho-zukuri 'hands in prayer' farmhouses, which have been World Heritage listed. Continue to Kanazawa, and join a walking tour through the geisha and samurai districts. **Stay:** Amaneku Kanazawa. B

Day 8. Kanazawa, Kyoto Begin your explorations with a visit to 17th-century Kenrokuen Garden. Stroll across bridges and admire a landscape dotted with Japanese pines, cherry trees and maples. Afterwards, continue to Kyoto. This evening, keep on the lookout for beautiful geiko (geisha) and maiko (apprentice geisha) as you enjoy a stroll through the city. **Three Nights:** Noku Kyoto. BL

Day 9. Kyoto Today your Kyoto explorations begin at Sanjusangendo temple where you can see the thousand statues of Kannon are made of Japanese cypress covered in gold leaf. Step inside Kinkakuji Temple

(Golden Pavilion) and its stunning Japanese garden. Take a walk through Arashiyama Bamboo Forest and visit Tenryuji temple. Finish with a tea ceremony and experience the art of brewing, serving and drinking this special beverage. B

Day 10. Kyoto, Nara, Kyoto Rise early and follow the path marked by thousands of scarlet torii gates at Fushimi Inari Shrine. You'll then board your coach for a day trip to Nara. Immerse yourself in Nara culture with a visit to Todai-ji Temple. You'll also head to Nara Park and visit Kasuga Shrine. B

Day 11. Kyoto, Osaka Travel to Osaka and visit the Umeda Observatory in the iconic Umeda Sky building. After, admire Osaka Castle on a photo stop before heading to Dotonbori, a hotspot for street food. Your final night is celebrated with a Farewell Dinner at a local specialty restaurant. **Stay:** Osaka Excel Hotel Tokyu. BD

Day 12. Depart Osaka After breakfast, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. B

From \$6,795 per person, twin share

12 Days – Tokyo to Osaka (JPT12)		
2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)		
Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Mar. 14. 🌸	\$7,495	\$7,995
Mar. 21, 28, Apr. 4. 🌸	\$7,695	\$8,395
May 9.	\$6,795	\$7,495
Sep. 19.	\$6,995	\$7,695
Oct. 24.	\$7,395	\$8,095
Nov 7.	\$7,695	\$8,395

*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 22-23.

Solo travellers add on from \$3,900, please enquire for details.

Trip Notes

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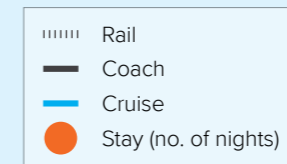
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INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Soak in the scenery as you travel by Japan's 'Shinkansen' bullet trains
- ☆ Enjoy the Limited Express Romancecar train journey to Hakone
- ☆ Explore Matsumoto Castle, Japan's oldest original castle
- ☆ Visit Mount Fuji Visitor Centre and travel to Mount Fuji's Fifth Station where you can see the icon's snow-capped peak
- ☆ Journey to the Japanese Alps aboard the Hida Train
- ☆ Enjoy a scenic boat ride out to the famous Miyajima Island
- ☆ Indulge in a traditional Japanese dinner at a local restaurant in Kyoto
- ☆ Glimpse the colourful kimonos of Kyoto's geisha
- ☆ Experience a Japanese tea ceremony and appreciate the art of brewing, serving and drinking this special beverage
- ☆ Visit a sake brewery in Nara and savour a tasting
- ☆ Take a walk through Arashiyama Bamboo Grove

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 11 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 15 meals – 11 breakfasts (B) and 4 dinners (D)

Day 1. Arrive Tokyo Welcome to Tokyo. Transfer to your hotel where a Welcome Dinner gives you the chance to meet your fellow travellers and Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort.
Two Nights: Tokyo, Keio Plaza Hotel. D

Day 2. Tokyo A full-day tour of Tokyo begins with a trip to Hamarikyu Garden. Next it's on to the Asakusa Kannon Temple Sensoji. Afterwards, pay a visit to the Meiji Shrine and the famous Shibuya Crossing before returning to your hotel for an evening at leisure. B

Day 3. Tokyo, Hakone Today, make the journey to Odawara by train, travelling in a Limited Express Romancecar on the picturesque narrow-gauge line. Continue on to Owakudani volcanic valley and enjoy a tour of its active sulphur vents and hot springs before taking a ride on the Hakone Ropeway to the Togendai station, nestled on the shores of the tranquil Lake Ashi. Enjoy a relaxing cruise around the lake before continuing to your hotel for the evening.
Stay: Hakone Hotel. BD

Day 4. Hakone, Matsumoto This morning, travel to Mount Fuji, Japan's most distinctive landmark. Driving along the foot of the famous mountain, disembark at the Mount Fuji Visitor Centre to learn more about the country's tallest volcano. Continue to Mount Fuji's Fifth Station where, if the sun is shining, you will be able to see the snow-capped peak. Later, it's on to Matsumoto to enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.
Stay: Matsumoto, Buena Vista Hotel. B

Day 5. Matsumoto, Takayama First thing today, visit a miso factory to find out how this Japanese staple is made. After you will venture to Matsumoto Castle, a five-storey fortress. En route to Takayama, visit Hida Folk Village, a beautiful open-air museum of historic farmhouses offering a glimpse into Japan's fascinating past. Arrive in the picturesque town of Takayama
Stay: Hotel Associa Takayama Resort. B

Day 6. Takayama, Nagoya, Hiroshima This morning, join a guided walking tour to see sights

including Miyagawa Morning Market, with its array of stalls selling local farm products and handicrafts, Takayama Jinya and Sannomachi Street. Later, set off on a journey on the Hida Train to Nagoya, continuing onwards by bullet train to Hiroshima.
Two Nights: Hotel Granvia Hiroshima. B

Day 7. Hiroshima, Miyajima, Hiroshima Today, travel by train and ferry to Miyajima Island. Translated as 'Shrine Island', the wooded island is home to the famous Itsukushima Shrine. During your time here you'll enjoy a walking tour and see cheeky wild deer. Enjoy free time to discover more before returning to Hiroshima. B

Day 8. Hiroshima, Kyoto This morning, visit Hiroshima's World Peace Memorial Park and the A-Bomb Dome Museum. Afterwards, travel by bullet train to Kyoto. There, indulge in a traditional Japanese dinner at a local restaurant, renowned for using delicious and fresh produce. Later, wander the streets of the famous Gion district and keep watch for one of the many beautiful geiko and maiko.
Three Nights: Righa Royal Hotel Kyoto. BD

Day 9. Kyoto Venture to some of Kyoto's beautiful formal gardens to enjoy a traditional tea ceremony

this morning. Afterwards, take a tour of Kyoto's most famous landmarks including Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion), Kyoto Railway Museum, and Kiyomizu Temple. The rest of the afternoon is yours to spend at leisure. B

Day 10. Kyoto, Nara, Kyoto Today you'll enjoy a day trip to Nara. See Todai-ji Temple and its Great Buddha, and Nigatsu-do Shrine. Later, stroll through Nara's famous Deer Park, home to over 1,200 wild deer which freely roam the park, grazing on the spacious lawns. While you're in Nara, the birthplace of sake, it seems fitting that you also visit a sake brewery and savour a tasting. B

Day 11. Kyoto, Osaka After a visit to Arashiyama Bamboo Grove, continue on to Osaka and visit the Umeda Observatory in the iconic Umeda Sky building. Continue on to the lively Dotonbori District. Celebrate your final evening with a Farewell Dinner.
Stay: Sheraton Miyako Hotel Osaka. BD

Day 12. Depart Osaka Transfer to Kansai International airport after breakfast for your onward flight. B

From \$7,895 per person, twin share

12 Days – Tokyo to Osaka (RJTJAG12)		
2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)		
Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Mar. 17, 20, 24, 26, 31, Apr. 7, 14, 16	\$8,595	\$9,295
May 26, Sep. 1, 8.	\$7,895	\$8,595
Sep. 29, Oct. 8, 13.	\$8,595	\$9,295

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Trip Notes
Itinerary operated by Great Rail Journeys. Prices include transfers, tipping and most portage. An overnight bag will need to be packed for days 6-8.
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Sapporo to Fukuoka 14 Days



INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Soak in the scenery as you travel by Japan's 'Shinkansen' bullet trains
- ☆ Enjoy a whisky tasting at a Nikka whisky distillery
- ☆ Journey to Hakodate on the Super Hokuto Limited Express train
- ☆ Experience Hakodate's vibrant fish market
- ☆ Enjoy the Limited Express Romancecar train journey to Hakone
- ☆ Stop off at the Mount Fuji World Heritage Centre
- ☆ Explore Matsumoto Castle, Japan's oldest original castle
- ☆ Visit Hida Folk Village, an open-air museum of rustic farm dwellings
- ☆ Experience a Japanese tea ceremony and appreciate the art of brewing, serving and drinking this special beverage
- ☆ Enjoy a scenic boat ride out to the famous Miyajima Island
- ☆ Admire the collection of displays showcasing Japanese culture at the Kyushi National Museum

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 13 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 17 meals – 13 breakfasts (B) and 4 dinners (D)

Day 1. Arrive Sapporo Arrive in Sapporo and transfer to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travellers and Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort. **Two Nights:** Keio Plaza Sapporo. D

Day 2. Sapporo Explore Sapporo's 19th century architecture and pretty public spaces on a guided tour. Discover the delights of Otaru before heading to a nearby distillery where Nikka whisky is produced. There, enjoy a whisky tasting. Later, head back to Sapporo for the evening. B

Day 3. Sapporo, Hakodate Travel to Hakodate on the Super Hokuto limited express train. This afternoon, take a sightseeing tour by coach including Goryokaku fortress. Later, ascend Mount Hakodate via ropeway for fabulous views. **Stay:** La Vista Hakodate Bay. BD

Day 4. Hakodate, Tokyo Explore the vivid array of stalls at Hakodate's fish market,

where fresh produce is bought and sold in a lively atmosphere. After your visit, travel to Tokyo by bullet train. **Two Nights:** Tokyo, Keio Plaza Hotel. B

Day 5. Tokyo A full-day sightseeing tour of Tokyo showcases the old and the new combining ancient sites with the modern high tech world. Visit the Imperial Palace Plaza. Explore Asakusa temple, the oldest temple in Tokyo and take in the energy of the famous Shibuya Crossing, the busiest intersection on the planet. B

Day 6. Tokyo, Hakone Travel by Limited Express Romancecar train to Hakone. Enjoy a scenic ride on the Hakone Ropeway over the Owakudani Valley and Lake Ashi, as well as a boat cruise across the serene lake. Continue on to your hotel. **Stay:** The Prince Hakone Lake Ashinoko. BD

Day 7. Hakone, Matsumoto Visit the Mount Fuji World Heritage Centre where you will learn more about the world-famous symbol. Later, stop at the Chihiro Art Museum Azumino en route to Matsumoto. **Stay:** Matsumoto Hotel Kagetsu. B

Day 8. Matsumoto, Takayama This morning, visit the miso factory and Matsumoto Castle, an imposing fortress completed in 1593, followed by the Nakamachi District. En route to Takayama, visit Hida Folk Village, an open-air museum of rustic farm dwellings. Then, continue to Takayama, where you'll enjoy an overnight stay. **Stay:** Hotel Associa Takayama Resort. B

Day 9. Takayama, Kyoto Explore Takayama and admire the ancient architecture on a guided tour featuring Miyagawa Market, Sannomachi Street and Takayama Jinya, before travelling to Kyoto by bullet train. **Two Nights:** Righa Royal Kyoto. B

Day 10. Kyoto See the highlights of Kyoto today. Embark on a tour beginning at the Kyoto Railway Museum before visiting the iconic Kinkakuji Temple. Stroll through the tranquil Sagano Bamboo Forest. After taking part in a traditional tea

ceremony, finish the day with a stroll around the Gion area. B

Day 11. Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima Today you'll explore Nara. Take in the Todai-ji Temple and continue to beautiful Nara Park before transferring to Osaka, where you'll catch a bullet train to Hiroshima. **Two Nights:** Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Island. B

Day 12. Hiroshima, Miyajima, Hiroshima A guided tour today takes you around Hiroshima. From the Peace Memorial Park to the A-Bomb Dome, your tour explores the city's tragic devastation during World War II. Discover Miyajima island with its famed red Shinto shrine, a World Heritage site. B

Day 13. Hiroshima, Fukuoka After breakfast, journey to Hakata by bullet train. Take in the Dazaifu Tenman-gu Shrine and the Komyozenji Temple, and visit the Kyushu National Museum. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. **Stay:** Fukuoka, New Otani Hotel Hakata. BD

Day 14. Depart Fukuoka Transfer to Fukuoka airport this morning after breakfast. B

From **\$10,595** per person, twin share

14 Days – Sapporo to Fukuoka (RJTTG14)		
2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)		
Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Mar. 26, Apr. 9	\$10,595	\$11,295
Oct. 15	\$10,595	\$11,295

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Solo travellers add on from \$4,000, please enquire for details.

Trip Notes

Itinerary operated by Great Rail Journeys. Itinerary and excursions may be subject to change. An overnight bag will need to be packed for days 3-4, 8-9 and 11-13.

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Goryokaku fortress, Hakodate

South Korea

Juxtaposing tranquil landscapes with the buzz of the big cities

South Korea is almost enigmatic, as it flies under the radar for many travellers. We leave no stone unturned in our travels.

SOUTH KOREA'S HEART AND SEOUL

Fashion-forward and racing towards the next technological advancement, South Korea's cutting-edge capital is a far cry from the surrounding countryside. But as fast-paced and dynamic as Seoul is, you'll find many pockets of ancient history in the proudly preserved World Heritage sites.

INSIGHT AT THE DEMILITARISED ZONE

Make the journey to the Demilitarised Zone, the world's most heavily guarded border, where four kilometres of no-man's land divides North and South Korea. While here, learn about the countries' conflict and head to the Dora Observatory to look at the mysterious landscapes of North Korea.

BUSAN'S BREATHTAKING WONDERS

There's so much more to this bustling port town than meets the eye. While seafood plays a huge role in the everyday lives of the locals – take the incredible scale of the famous Jagalchi Fish Market for example – you'll also find seaside temples, pastel-coloured villages and mountains cutting through the dynamic urban landscape.

FLAVOURS OF SOUTH KOREA

Korean food continues to gather popularity across the world – for good reason. While you can visit a gogi-jip (meat house) on almost any street corner, there's a whole other world of South Korean delicacies awaiting. Think kimchi, hoeddeok (sweet syrupy pancakes) and the nation's favourite dish – bibimbap.

TRADITIONS OF BUKCHON HANOK VILLAGE

As one of South Korea's oldest villages, Bukchon Hanok offers an invaluable insight into Korean culture. The traditional hanok style of housing dates all the way back to the Joseon Dynasty. Wander through enchanting alleyways and admire these distinct and fascinating structures.



Gyeongbok Palace's Hyangwonjeong Pavilion, Seoul



Taste of South Korea

Seoul Return 8 Days



INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a traditional Korean-style BBQ house
- ☆ Witness the changing of the guard ceremony at Gyeongbok Palace
- ☆ Learn how to make bibimbap during a cooking class and demonstration
- ☆ Experience a traditional Korean village at Bukchon Hanok
- ☆ Enjoy tea time with a monk at Jogyesa Temple
- ☆ Travel on board South Korea's high-speed bullet train, the KTX Express
- ☆ Join a moonlight walking tour of Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Seven nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director
- ✓ 14 meals – 7 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L) and 3 dinners (D)
- ✓ Delve deeper into the story between North and South Korea with an in-depth tour of the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)
- ✓ Visit the world's only United Nations Memorial in Busan
- ✓ Explore Haeinsa Temple, home to the Tripitaka Koreana since 1398, the most complete collection of Buddhist scriptures.

Day 1. Arrive Seoul Arrive in Seoul and be transferred to your accommodation. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner this evening, joining your Tour Director and fellow travellers at a traditional Korean-style BBQ house.
Three Nights: Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun. D

Day 2. Seoul Begin a full day of sightseeing at Gyeongbok Palace. Built in 1392 it was the main royal palace for five centuries. Witness the changing of the guard ceremony. Later, learn how to make bibimbap during a cooking class. Continue on to a traditional hanok village, before visiting Jogyesa Temple for the chance to share tea with a monk. Your final stop for today is Insadong Antique Alley. Poke around the many stalls, maybe picking up a souvenir or two. BL

Day 3. Seoul, Demilitarised Zone, Seoul Today you'll visit the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) to gain an understanding of the bordering countries. See Imjingak Park, the Bridge of Freedom and the Third Infiltration Tunnel. You'll also spend time at the DMZ Theatre and Exhibition Hall, and the station, along with Dora Observatory, which offers binocular views into North Korea. BL

Day 4. Seoul, Busan After breakfast at your hotel, travel to Busan, aboard one of South Korea's famous KTX Express trains. Upon arrival in South Korea's second-largest city, you'll be taken on a city sightseeing tour. Begin at Busan Tower, which offers a great vantage point to the city's bustling port. Visit Jagalchi Fishery Market. Finish your explorations in Gamcheon Village.
Stay: Avani Central Busan. B

Day 5. Busan, Gyeongju There's more of Busan to be explored this morning. At Taejongdae observatory, admire views of the Taejongdae Resort Park. Continue to the United Nations Memorial cemetery. Afterwards, explore Haedong Yonggung temple before journeying to Gyeongju. **Two Nights:** Lahan Select Gyeongju. BL

Day 6. Gyeongju Set your sights on the World Heritage-listed Bulguksa Temple. Nearby, explore Seokguram Grotto and see the giant Sakyamuni Buddha. Afterwards, take a stroll across Tumuli Park where over 200 royal tombs can be found. See Family Choi's House, the oldest house in the area, built in 1693, and visit the Cheomseongdae observatory. Tonight join a moonlight tour of

Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, once part of the palace complex of ancient Silla. BL

Day 7. Gyeongju, Seoul Make the journey by coach to Haeinsa Temple, a World Heritage site, located within Gayasan National Park. Discover Buddhist scriptures carved into more than 80,000 wooden blocks. Head to Dongdaegu train station to board a KTX Express your holiday with a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. **Stay:** Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun. BLD

Day 8. Depart Seoul Breakfast is served at your hotel this morning before a transfer takes you to the Incheon International Airport, where your South Korea adventure comes to an end. B



Try your hand at making bibimbap

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8 Days – Seoul Return (SKT08)		
2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)		
Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28. 🌸	\$5,295	\$5,995
May 2, Sep. 12.	\$5,295	\$5,995
Oct. 17.	\$4,995	\$5,695
Oct. 31	\$4,795	\$5,495

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Trip Notes

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Seoul city skyline view from Inwangsan mountain



Donggung Palace and Wolji Pond, Gyeongju, South Korea



Scenic South Korea and Japan

Seoul to Osaka 19 Days



INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a traditional Korean-style BBQ house
- ☆ Witness the changing of the guard ceremony at Gyeongbok Palace
- ☆ Learn how to make bibimbap during a cooking class and demonstration
- ☆ Enjoy tea time with a monk at Jogyesa Temple
- ☆ Travel on board South Korea's high-speed bullet train, the KTX Express
- ☆ Take the opportunity to join a hands-on sushi workshop and learn the finer points to this speciality
- ☆ Head to a local izakaya for dinner in Tokyo
- ☆ Soak in the views of snow capped Mount Fuji
- ☆ Explore Matsumoto Castle, Japan's oldest original castle
- ☆ Learn to shape, flavour and roast your own rice crackers at an o-sembei workshop
- ☆ Visit a sake brewery in Takayama and enjoy a tasting
- ☆ Glimpse the colourful kimonos of Kyoto's geisha
- ☆ Take a walk through Arashiyama Bamboo Grove

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 18 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of Travelmarvel Tour Directors
- ✓ 32 meals – 18 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L) and 6 dinners (D)

Day 1. Arrive Seoul Arrive in Seoul. Join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at a traditional Korean-style BBQ house.
Three Nights: Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun. D

Day 2-3. See detailed itinerary for days 2-3 on page 34.

Day 4. Seoul, Busan After breakfast at your hotel, travel to Busan aboard one of South Korea's famous KTX Express Trains. Watch the beautiful countryside whip past your window, and jet right past busy cities as your train reaches speeds of over 300 kilometres per hour. Upon arrival in South Korea's second-largest city, you'll be taken on a sightseeing tour. Begin at Busan Tower, which offers a great vantage point to the city's bustling port. Visit Jagalchi Fishery Market, the largest seafood market in South Korea. Here, locals select seafood that is straight from the ocean and take their purchase to the market's chefs to be prepared just how they like it. Finish your explorations in Gamcheon Village, a mishmash of pastel-coloured houses, street art and art galleries.
Stay: Avani Central Busan. B

Day 5. Busan, Gyeongju There's more of Busan to be explored this morning. At Taejongdae observatory, admire sweeping views of the natural wonders of Taejongdae Resort Park. Continue to the United Nations Memorial cemetery. Afterwards, voyage to the seaside for a visit to Haedong Yonggung temple before journeying to Gyeongju. BD

Day 6. See detailed itinerary for day 6 on page 34-35.

Day 7. Gyeongju, Seoul Journey by coach to Haeinsa Temple. As one of the three principal Buddhist temples in Korea, discover Buddhist scriptures carved into more than 80,000 wooden blocks. Afterwards, head to Dongdaegu train station to board a KTX Express Train to Seoul. Tonight, celebrate the Korean part of your holiday with your fellow travellers and Tour Director with a dinner at a local restaurant.
Stay: Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun. BLD

Day 8. Seoul, South Korea, Tokyo, Japan Today, fly to Tokyo and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, meet your Japan Tour Director for a welcome meeting before dinner,

then head to a local izakaya for dinner to celebrate your first night in Japan.
Two Nights: Tokyo, Shibuya Excel Hotel Tokyu. BD

Day 9. Tokyo A full-day tour of Tokyo begins with a trip to Sensoji Temple, one of the oldest Buddhist temples in the city. Next, it's on to the Imperial Palace, where the Japanese royal family reside, for a photo stop and pass other important buildings on the drive to Tsukiji Outer Market. Take walking tour of the largest fish market in Japan where fresh seafood is delivered daily. Wander the narrow aisles of this atmospheric marketplace before joining a sushi workshop. Stop at Shibuya Crossing, one of the busiest intersections in the world before visiting Meiji Shrine. Enter through the massive torii gate and discover a peaceful Shinto shrine. BLD

Day 10. Hakone, Tokyo Travel to Hakone today. Take a ride on the Hakone Ropeway to Owakudani Geothermal Valley. Continue on to Lake Ashi and enjoy a cruise around the lake, formed 3,000 years ago when Mount Hakone erupted. Later, for the ultimate relaxation, perhaps partake in a traditional onsen experience at your hotel.
Stay: Hakone, Susukinohara Inchinoyu. BD

Day 11. Hakone, Matsumoto This morning, travel to Mount Fuji. Stop at Mount Fuji's Fifth Station and lunch before continuing on to

Matsumoto. Afterwards, enjoy a stroll through the merchant district of Nakamachi, where streets are lined with well-preserved Edo-style buildings.
Stay: Matsumoto Hotel Kagetsu. BL

Day 12-13 See detailed itinerary for days 5-6 on page 26-27.

Day 14. Takayama, Kanazawa Following breakfast, head to Kanazawa, stopping en route at the alpine village of Shirakawa-go, made famous by its collection of original gassho-zukuri style farmhouses, which have been World Heritage listed. Continue to Kanazawa, sometimes referred to as the hidden pearl of Japan's west coast and join a walking tour through the geisha and samurai districts.
Stay: Amaneku Kanazawa. B

Day 15-17 See detailed itinerary for days 8-10 on page 27.

Day 18. Kyoto, Osaka Travel to Osaka, Japan's unofficial culinary capital. Visit the Umeda Observatory in the iconic Umeda Sky building, and soak in the incredible views across this dynamic city. After, admire Osaka Castle on a photo stop before heading to Dotonbori, a hotspot for street food. Your final night is celebrated with a Farewell Dinner at a local sukiyaki restaurant.
Stay: Osaka Excel Hotel Tokyu. BD

Day 19. Depart Osaka After breakfast, be transferred to the Airport airport for your onward flight. B

From **\$12,190** per person, twin share

19 Days – Seoul to Osaka (JPKT19)		
2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)		
Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Mar. 7. 🌸	\$12,490	\$13,490
Mar. 14. 🌸	\$12,890	\$13,890
Mar. 21, 28. 🌸	\$13,090	\$14,390
May 2.	\$12,190	\$13,490
Sep. 12.	\$12,390	\$13,690
Oct. 17.	\$12,490	\$13,790
Oct. 31.	\$12,590	\$13,890

*Best Price – Includes Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 22-23.
 Solo travellers add on from \$5,700, please enquire for details.

Trip Notes

Itinerary and inclusions may be subject to change. Flight from Seoul to Tokyo on day 8 is unescorted. Prices include transfers, tipping and most portage.
 🌸 Cherry Blossom season in South Korea usually lasts from March to mid April, and in Japan from March to May. However, due to changeable weather blooms cannot be guaranteed, even during spring months. See pages 58-59 for full terms and conditions.

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CITIES OF INDIA

Whether you're looking for a spiritual awakening, a soul-shaking cultural immersion, or some of the world's most iconic sights, you'll find what you need in India. Explore the energetic major cities of Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai, wonderfully chaotic hubs bursting with colours, sounds and smells.

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

No trip to India is complete without a visit to the Golden Triangle. Visit Humayun's Tomb, see the monumental Amber Fort, wander the pink-hued streets of Jaipur and experience the beauty of the Taj Mahal. The Golden Triangle perfectly packages some of India's most memorable highlights.

THE WILD SIDE OF INDIA

India is not all heaving cities and holy temples. Delve deeper into the country's jungles and national parks and discover a plethora of rare and exotic creatures. At Ranthambore National Park, find leopards, panthers, striped hyenas, marsh crocodiles and sloth bears among other unique wildlife. The most exciting local of all is the elusive Bengal tiger, which has been a significant part of Indian tradition and lore for millennia, symbolising power and fearlessness. In South India, uncover Periyar National Park with its herds of elephants, sambar deer, significant bird life and even the occasional big cat.

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The Ganges is a lifeline to millions of people, a holy river that carves its way through India from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal. Traverse the stunning Lower Ganges region in style on an incredible cruise on the RV Rajmahal from Farakka to Kolkata. Explore the area's hidden gems and charming communities on a peaceful journey through a path less trodden.

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Discover temples and tea plantations, old forts, serene backwaters and explore the captivating city of Kochi, influenced by traders from Europe and beyond.



Amber Fort seen from Jaigarh Fort, Jaipur



Cruise the Ganges in style on the RV Rajmahal



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The Lower Ganges, Golden Triangle & Mumbai

The Lower Ganges, Golden Triangle & Mumbai

Kolkata to Mumbai 20 Days



INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Enjoy an indulgent stay at the Taj Bengal Hotel in Kolkata
- ☆ Unlock the secrets of Murshidabad's mysterious Hazarduari Palace
- ☆ Watch locals beat brass to make water pots and other utensils in Matuari
- ☆ Take a sightseeing rickshaw ride through the town of Kalna
- ☆ Wind through a sea of pedestrians going about their everyday lives as you ride a rickshaw through the narrow streets of Delhi
- ☆ Explore the Pink City of Jaipur
- ☆ Travel by jeep to the main entry of Amber Fort and spend the morning touring through the fort, learning about its fascinating history
- ☆ Discover Mumbai by foot on a dawn walking tour under the beautiful morning light

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 12 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Seven-night Lower Ganges cruise on the RV Rajmahal
- ✓ Services of a TravelMarvel Cruise Director and Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 48 meals – 19 breakfasts (B), 11 lunches (L) and 18 dinners (D)
- ✓ All meals, plus local beers and regional wines are included with lunch and dinner on board your river ship

Day 1. Arrive Kolkata On arrival at the airport, be met and transferred to your premium hotel, the Taj Bengal Hotel in Kolkata. **Two Nights:** Kolkata, Taj Bengal.

Day 2. Kolkata Embark on a sightseeing tour of Kolkata's famous landmarks including the Mullik Ghat Flower Market, the Howrah Bridge and Mother Teresa's House. Enjoy an afternoon of leisure or choose from the Select Experiences for an additional charge (see page 56). **BD**

Day 3. Kolkata, Embark Ship, Farakka Transfer to a local train for the colourful journey from Kolkata to Farakka. Transfer to your river ship for your seven-night cruise. **Seven Nights:** Lower Ganges River, RV Rajmahal. **BLD**

Day 4. Gaur Discover Gaur, a city strewn with ancient monuments and remains of mosques. Rejoin the ship later in the day near Jangipur. **BLD**

Day 5. Baranagar, Murshidabad This morning, take a stroll through the fields of Baranagar and visit three miniature terracotta temples before continuing down the Lower

Ganges. Cruise to Murshidabad where Hazarduari Palace dominates the waterfront. Visit the great Katra Mosque before driving out to see the Katgola Palace. **BLD**

Day 6. Murshidabad Visit the Khushbagh, a peaceful Mughul-style garden enclosing the tombs of the last independent Nawab of Bengal and his family. Continue sailing to Berhampur, mooring close to the battlefield of Plassey. **BLD**

Day 7. Matuari, Mayapur Explore the village of Matuari, seeing first-hand how locals beat brass to make water pots and other utensils. Continue on through the countryside to Mayapur to visit the vast new ISKCON temple. **BLD**

Day 8. Kalna, Hooghly Discover Kalna on a traditional rickshaw ride before sailing on to the outskirts of Kolkata. Land at Hooghly to visit the imposing Imambara. Sail past Chinsura to Chandannagar. **BLD**

Day 9. Chandannagar, Barrackpore See the French church and the Dupleix's House before continuing to Barrackpore and take a walk through the cantonment. **BLD**

Day 10. Kolkata, Disembark Ship Disembark this morning in Kolkata. Visit Victoria Memorial and St Paul's Cathedral. Enjoy dinner at Sonargaon Restaurant. Enjoy an afternoon of leisure or choose a Heritage Walk (additional charge, see page 56) **Stay:** Kolkata, Taj Bengal. **BLD**

Day 11. Kolkata, Delhi Farewell your TravelMarvel Cruise Director and transfer to the airport for your included flight to Delhi. On arrival be met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, get to know your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort during dinner at your hotel. **Two Nights:** Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla. **BD**

Day 12. Delhi Visit Jama Masjid mosque, then move on to New Delhi to visit Humayun's Tomb. You'll also visit India Gate and the 13th-century Qutab Minar. Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi's lively bazaar. **BD**

Day 13. Delhi, Agra Transfer to the station and board the Gatimaan Express to Agra. Embark on a sightseeing tour of the Red Fort and continue to the iconic Taj Mahal. **Stay:** Agra, Clarks Shiraz Hotel. **BD**

Day 14. Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Ranthambore National Park Transfer from Agra and stop for a tour of Fatehpur Sikri. Enjoy lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace Bharatpur before boarding a train to Ranthambore National Park. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. **Two Nights:** Ranthambore Regency. **BLD**

Day 15. Ranthambore National Park Today, search for the elusive Bengal tiger on guided morning and afternoon game drives through Ranthambore National Park. Enjoy an evening talk by a naturalist. **BLD**

Day 16. Ranthambore National Park, Jaipur Spend the morning at your leisure. After lunch, depart to the picturesque city of Jaipur. **Two Nights:** Jaipur, Clarks Amer. **BLD**

Day 17. Jaipur Spend the morning touring through the Amber Fort. Then visit other famous sites in the Pink City of Jaipur, including the City Palace, the Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory, and drive by the Hawa Mahal, 'Palace of the Winds'. **BD**

Day 18. Jaipur, Mumbai Transfer to the airport in the morning for your included flight to Mumbai. Travel to your hotel before observing an afternoon cooking demonstration. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. **Two Nights:** Mumbai, Trident Nariman Point. **BD**

Day 19. Mumbai Rise early for a Mumbai at dawn walking tour. Discover by foot as the city comes to life in the sun's early rays. Take an afternoon tour of Mumbai icons such as the Gateway of India, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminal and Mani Bhavan. Enjoy a delicious Farewell Dinner at your hotel. **BD**

Day 20. Depart Mumbai After breakfast, transfer to the airport where your journey ends. **B**

From **\$8,290** per person, twin share

20 Days – Kolkata to Mumbai (TINGMJ20)		
2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)		
Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Mar. 26.	\$8,290	\$9,590

*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 22-23. Solo travellers add on from \$4,200, enquire for details and upgrade pricing.

Cruise Upgrades – RV Rajmahal

Twin Share prices based on Cat. B (Double Stateroom) on the Main Deck. See page 64 for deck plans. To upgrade, add per person from:

Cat.	Balcony Type	Deck	Twin Share
A	Panoramic	Upper	\$495
A+	Panoramic	Upper	\$695

Trip Notes

Itinerary Days 11-20 are operated by Great Rail Journeys. Day 11 and flight from Kolkata to Delhi is unescorted. Itinerary and inclusions may be subject to change. Prices include transfers, tipping, internal flights, portage and port charges. Low or high water levels may cause disruption to cruising. See pages. 58-59 for full terms and conditions.

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Flower market, Kolkata



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SAVE UP TO \$1,400 per couple*
See pages 22-23



Highlights of the Golden Triangle & Mumbai

Highlights of the Golden Triangle & Mumbai

Delhi to Mumbai 10 Days



INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi's lively bazaar, winding through a sea of pedestrians going about their everyday lives
- ☆ Search for the elusive Bengal tiger on morning and afternoon game drives in Ranthambore National Park
- ☆ Travel by jeep to the main entry of Amber Fort and spend the morning touring through the fort, learning about its fascinating history
- ☆ Explore the Pink City of Jaipur
- ☆ Discover Mumbai by foot on a dawn walking tour under the beautiful morning light

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Nine nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 21 meals – 9 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) and 9 dinners (D)

Day 1. Arrive Delhi On arrival in Delhi, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, get to know your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and fellow travellers during a Welcome Dinner.
Two Nights: Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla. D

Day 2. Delhi Today you will explore Delhi, India's vibrant, hectic, awe-inspiring capital city. Visit Jama Masjid, a 17th-century mosque, then move on to New Delhi to visit Humayun's Tomb, which is thought to have inspired the magnificent Taj Mahal. You'll also visit India Gate and the 13th-century Qutab Minar, and take a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi's lively bazaar. BD

Day 3. Delhi, Agra Transfer to the station where you'll board the Gatimaan Express to Agra. Once in Agra, embark on a sightseeing tour of the World Heritage-listed Red Fort. One of the city's most historic sites, the fort has served as both a

military point and a royal residence in the past. Continue to the iconic Taj Mahal. The structure took over 22 years to build and is a wonder to behold. Its glittering white marble domes inspire awe, and almost seem to change colours throughout the day depending on the position of the sun.
Stay: Agra, Hotel Clarks Shiraz. BD

Day 4. Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Ranthambore National Park Transfer from Agra to Ranthambore National Park, stopping en route at the abandoned ancient city of Fatehpur Sikri for a guided tour. Built in the 16th century, Fatehpur is home to a number of impressive monuments and temples. Enjoy lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace Bharatpur before boarding an express train for the last leg of your trip to Ranthambore National Park. Dinner is at your hotel.
Two Nights: Ranthambore Regency. BLD

Day 5. Ranthambore National Park Today, search for Bengal tigers on guided morning and afternoon game drives through Ranthambore National Park. Keep your camera close as Ranthambore is one of the best parks to view the big cat, while it is also home to many more unique animals including leopards, sloth bears and striped hyenas. Enjoy an evening talk by a naturalist about the park and its diverse wildlife. BLD

Day 6. Ranthambore National Park, Jaipur Spend the morning at your leisure. After lunch, depart by coach to the picturesque and historic city of Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan.
Two Nights: Jaipur, Clarks Amer. BLD

Day 7. Jaipur This morning is dedicated to an in-depth exploration of Jaipur. Begin with a guided tour of Amber Fort. The striking architecture is a unique blend of Hindu and Islamic styles. Its exterior contrasts with the interior with, many of the rooms elaborately painted with decadent mirrors and precious stones. Enjoy time at your leisure for lunch before jumping right back into your sightseeing. Explore the "Pink City" of Jaipur and discover why its buildings are coloured in this distinctive hue. Visit sites including the City Palace and the 18th-century Jantar Mantar

Astronomical Observatory, and drive by Jaipur's most distinctive landmark, Hawa Mahal, 'Palace of the Winds'. BD

Day 8. Jaipur, Mumbai Transfer to the airport for your included flight to Mumbai. Travel to your hotel before observing a cooking demonstration, introducing you to the rich and vibrant food culture of the city. Enjoy dinner at the hotel.
Two Nights: Mumbai, Trident Nariman Point. BD

Day 9. Mumbai Rise early for a Mumbai by dawn walking tour under the beautiful morning light. Visit the fishing docks of Colaba, see the colonial architecture of DN Road, experience the bustling environment of Crawford Market, explore the fascinating neighbourhoods of Byculla and Dadar, and admire the colours of Mahalaxmi Dhobhi Ghat, the world's largest open-air laundry. Return to your hotel for breakfast and spend the rest of the morning at your leisure before taking an afternoon sightseeing tour of Mumbai icons including the Gateway of India, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminal and Mani Bhavan, a museum dedicated to Gandhi. Enjoy a delicious Farewell Dinner at your hotel. BD

Day 10. Depart Mumbai After breakfast, transfer to the airport where your journey ends. B

From **\$2,695** per person, twin share

10 Days – Delhi to Mumbai (RJTGMJ10)		
2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)		
Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 23, Mar. 8.	\$3,195	\$3,695
Mar. 15.	\$2,995	\$3,695
Sep. 13.	\$2,695	\$3,395
Oct. 4, 25.	\$2,995	\$3,695

*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 22-23.

Solo travellers add on from \$1,400, please enquire for details.

Trip Notes

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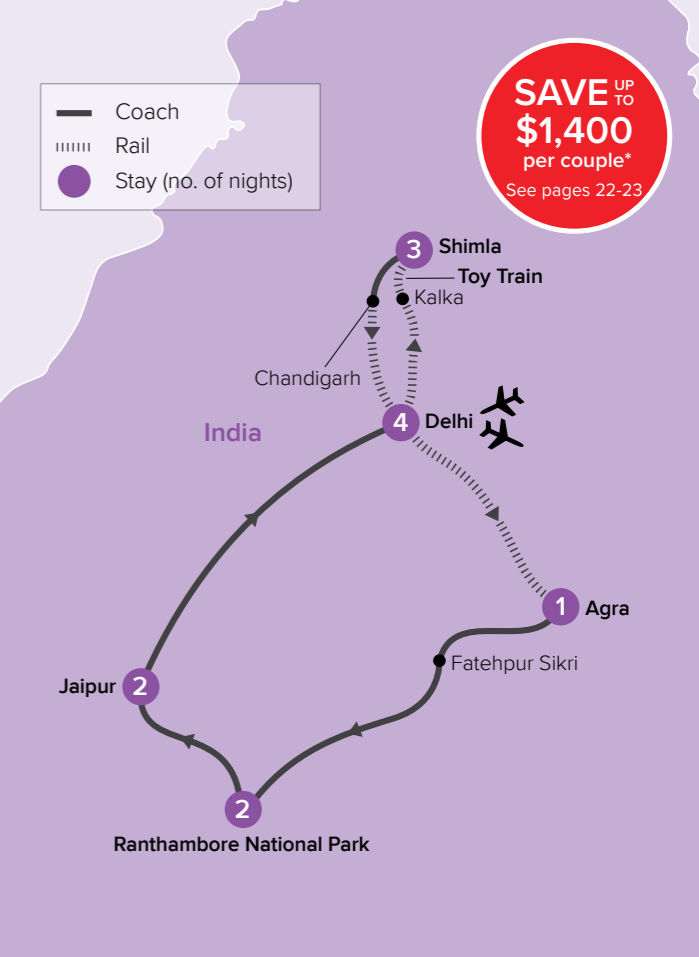
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Tiger in Ranthambore National Park



Marvel at the vibrant colours of Hawa Mahal, 'Place of Winds', Jaipur



India's Golden Triangle, Tigers & Shimla

Delhi Return 13 Days



INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Ride the legendary 'Toy Train' to Shimla, the World Heritage Toy Train provides one of the country's most idyllic train journeys
- ☆ Enjoy a talk from author, historian and journalist Raaja Bhasin and learn about Shimla's fascinating history
- ☆ Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi's lively bazaar, winding through a sea of pedestrians going about their everyday lives
- ☆ Search for the elusive Bengal tiger on morning and afternoon game drives in Ranthambore National Park
- ☆ Explore the Pink City of Jaipur
- ☆ Travel by jeep to the main entry of Amber Fort and spend the morning touring through the fort, learning about its fascinating history

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 12 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 30 meals – 12 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L) and 12 dinners (D)

Day 1. Arrive Delhi On arrival in Delhi, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, get to know your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and fellow travellers during a Welcome Dinner. D

Day 2. Delhi, Shimla Take the Shatabdi Express to Kalka. From here, you'll board the World Heritage-listed Toy Train to Shimla, embarking on one of the country's most idyllic train journeys and arriving by early evening. **Three Nights:** Shimla, The Oberoi Cecil Hotel. BLD

Day 3. Shimla Enjoy a talk from author, historian and journalist Raaja Bhasin before embarking on a guided sightseeing tour of Shimla. See a number of sights including the Viceregal Lodge, once the summer residence of the Indian viceroys. Continue on to the Sankat Mochan Temple. This afternoon, walk to the mysterious Scandal Point. BLD

Day 4. Shimla Nestled at the foothills of the Himalayas and surrounded by picturesque natural scenery, Shimla is a delight to visit and was a favourite with the Sahibs from the time of the Raj. Make the most of your free day in this charming town as you further discover on your own. Perhaps explore the Himalayas outside Shimla and visit Wildflower Hall. BD

Day 5. Shimla, Delhi After breakfast this morning, travel from Shimla to Chandigarh by road before boarding the express train back to Delhi. Upon arrival, transfer back to your hotel. **Two Nights:** Delhi, Taj Palace. BLD

Day 6. Delhi Today you will explore Delhi, India's vibrant, hectic, awe-inspiring capital city. Visit Jama Masjid, a 17th-century mosque, then move on to New Delhi to visit Humayun's Tomb, which is thought to have inspired the magnificent Taj Mahal. You'll also visit India Gate and the 13th-century Qutab Minar, and take

a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi's lively bazaar. BD

Day 7. Delhi, Agra Transfer to the station where you'll board the Gatimaan Express to Agra. Once in Agra, embark on a sightseeing tour of the World Heritage-listed Red Fort. One of the city's most historic sites, the fort has served as both a military point and a royal residence in the past. Continue to the iconic Taj Mahal. The structure took over 22 years to build and is a wonder to behold. Its glittering white marble domes inspire awe, and almost seem to change colours throughout the day depending on the position of the sun. **Stay:** Agra, ITC Mughal Resort & Spa, a Luxury Collection. BD

Day 8. Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Ranthambore National Park Transfer from Agra to Ranthambore National Park, stopping en route at the abandoned ancient city of Fatehpur Sikri for a guided tour. Enjoy lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace Bharatpur before jumping back into your coach for the last leg of your trip to Ranthambore National Park. Dinner is at your hotel. **Two Nights:** Ranthambore Regency. BLD

Day 9. Ranthambore National Park This morning, enjoy hearing a local naturalist deliver a lecture on Ranthambore National Park. After lunch, head out for a guided game

drive through the national park and search for Bengal tigers. Ranthambore is one of the best parks to view this elusive cat, so make sure to have your camera at the ready. Return to your hotel for dinner. BLD

Day 10. Ranthambore National Park, Jaipur After a morning game drive, return to your hotel to spend the rest of the morning at leisure. Visit Birla Temple to witness an Aarti ceremony en route to the Pink City of Jaipur. **Two Nights:** Jaipur, ITC Rajputana, a Luxury Collection. BLD

Day 11. Jaipur This morning is dedicated to an in-depth exploration of Jaipur. Begin with a guided tour of Amber Fort. Enjoy time at leisure for lunch before jumping right back into your sightseeing. Visit sites including the City Palace and the 18th-century Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory, and drive by Jaipur's most distinctive landmark, the Hawa Mahal, 'Palace of Winds'. BD

Day 12. Jaipur, Delhi Spend your morning at leisure. This afternoon, travel back to Delhi, arriving in the evening. Tonight, say goodbye to your fellow travellers at a Farewell Dinner. **Stay:** Delhi, Taj Palace. BD

Day 13. Depart Delhi After breakfast, you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight. B

From **\$3,595** per person, twin share

13 Days – Delhi Return (RJTLTC13)

2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Mar. 4.	\$4,295	\$4,795
Apr. 5, Sep. 20.	\$3,595	\$4,295
Oct. 18, Nov 4.	\$4,095	\$4,795

*Best Price – Includes Earlybird Savings and Early Payment Discount, for full terms and conditions see pages 22-23.

Solo travellers add on from \$2,000, please enquire for details.

Trip Notes

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Ride the legendary Toy Train to Shimla



Stunning backwaters of Kerala



Discover Southern India & Kerala



Bengaluru to Chennai 15 Days

INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Ride the famous Mountain Toy Train passing through the Nilgiri Mountains
- ☆ Watch a Kathakali dance performance accompanied by local music
- ☆ Take guided walks through tea gardens and spice plantations
- ☆ Enjoy a traditional tea tasting after learning about the process
- ☆ Cruise through the serene palm-lined backwaters of Kerala
- ☆ Step inside the Meenakshi Temple and witness traditional Hindu rituals

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 14 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 31 meals – 14 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L) and 13 dinners (D)
- ✓ Dine on regional and authentic South Indian cuisine

Day 1. Arrive Bengaluru Touch down in Kempegowda International Airport. After clearing customs and immigration make your way to your premium hotel. Spend time relaxing or indulge in a spa that features a menu of anti-jetlag treatments.
Stay: Bengaluru, Taj Bangalore.

Day 2. Bengaluru, Mysuru Meet your Great Rail Journey Tour Escort and fellow travellers and transfer by coach to Mysuru. On arrival, step out and explore the city, relax, or simply settle in and unwind. Mysuru is often referred to as the cultural capital of Karnataka.
Stay: Mysuru, Radisson Blu Plaza Mysore. BD

Day 3. Mysuru Step out on a full-day's guided tour, exploring the cultural icons of Mysuru such as St Philomena's Church, and Mysuru Palace. Continue to Srirangapatna. Following lunch (not included) head to Chamundi Hills and discover the unique Nandi (Bull) statue. BD

Day 4. Mysuru, Ooty Journey to Ooty, short for Udhagamandalam, a hill station located in the Nilgiri Mountains. You may like to take a cruise on one of the nearby lakes, or visit the local honey and bee museum.
Two Nights: Fortune Sullivan Court Ooty. BD

Day 5. Ooty Begin your day with a visit to Ooty's popular Botanical Gardens. Continue to Doddabetta Peak, then after lunch at a local restaurant visit St Stephen's Church, known for its colourful depiction of 'The Last Supper'. BLD

Day 6. Ooty, Coimbatore Travel to Coonoor by local toy train and take a walking tour. Visit a local factory to learn the process of making tea. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before stepping on board the toy steam train for a scenic journey on Nilgiri Mountain Railway. Arrive into Mettupalayam, and travel by coach to the city of Coimbatore for an overnight stay.
Stay: Vivanta Coimbatore. BLD

Day 7. Coimbatore, Kochi Following a morning at leisure in Coimbatore – on the banks of the Noyyal River – catch the train to the captivating Kerala city of Kochi.
Two Nights: Kochi, Taj Malabar Resort and Spa. BLD

Day 8. Kochi Spend time discovering Fort Kochi. Head to Mattancherry Palace and admire the beautiful murals and gain insight into the daily life of local people at the Dhobi Khana. In the evening, watch a Kathakali dance performance – a Kerala tradition. BD

Day 9. Kochi, Kumarakom Visit Kochi's Jewish synagogue and marvel at its incredible treasures before transferring to Alleppey. Board a houseboat, or kettuvallam, for a scenic cruise. Enjoy a delicious lunch on board. Disembark at Kumarakom for an overnight stay.
Stay: Kumarakom, Coconut Lagoon. BLD

Day 10. Kumarakom, Thekkady Spend time at leisure before travelling through the Western Ghats to Thekkady, home to Periyar National Park.
Two Nights: Thekkady, Spice Village. BD

Day 11. Thekkady Discover an aromatic spice plantation, on a guided walking tour. In the afternoon head to Lake Periyar for a peaceful cruise as you search for elephants and tigers. BD

Day 12. Thekkady, Madurai Journey to Madurai, one of the oldest cities in India, for two nights. Enroute visit a village inhabited by artisans who specialise in sculpting aesthetic idols and puppets.
Two nights: Madurai, The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai. BD

Day 13. Madurai Take a guided tour of Madurai which includes the impressive 17th-century Thirumalai Nayak Palace, the Gandhi Memorial Museum and the 12th-century Meenakshi Temple. BD

Day 14. Madurai, Chennai Set off for the airport for your flight to Chennai and your overnight stay. Explore The Madras War Cemetery on Marina Beach, one of the world's longest.
Stay: Chennai, Taj Coromandel. BD

Day 15. Depart Chennai Spend time at leisure or join an optional excursion to Mamallapuram, known for its World Heritage-listed temples and monuments (additional charge paid locally) before you transfer to the airport for your onward flight. B

From **\$4,795** per person, twin share

15 Days – Bengaluru – Chennai (RJTGJ15)		
2024 Dates and Prices (NZ\$)		
Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Jan. 20; Feb. 3	\$5,395	\$5,895
Oct. 5	\$5,095	\$5,795
Nov. 2	\$4,795	\$5,495

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Trip Notes

Itinerary is operated by Great Rail Journeys. Itinerary and inclusions may be subject to change. When arriving in Bengaluru, ensure your flight arrives before 4pm. Prices include transfers, tipping and portage. An overnight bag will need to be packed for day 13. See pages 58-59 for full terms and conditions.

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Meenakshi temple, Madurai

Sri Lanka

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AN ABUNDANCE OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES

From sacred temples to ancient ruins, fortified palaces and colonial fortresses, this tiny nation boasts an impressive eight World Heritage-listed sites tracing back more than 2,000 years of history. Be sure to visit the iconic Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, as well as Sigiriya Rock fortress and the incredible Dambulla Cave Temple. Get lost in the wonders of Sri Lanka.

PARADISE BEACHES

Sri Lanka is a delightfully unexpected island paradise, where the jewel-bright Indian Ocean laps at white sand beaches, fringed by swaying palm trees. Enjoy a relaxing stay right on the beach front on Sri Lanka's Southern coast.

TEA COUNTRY BY TRAIN

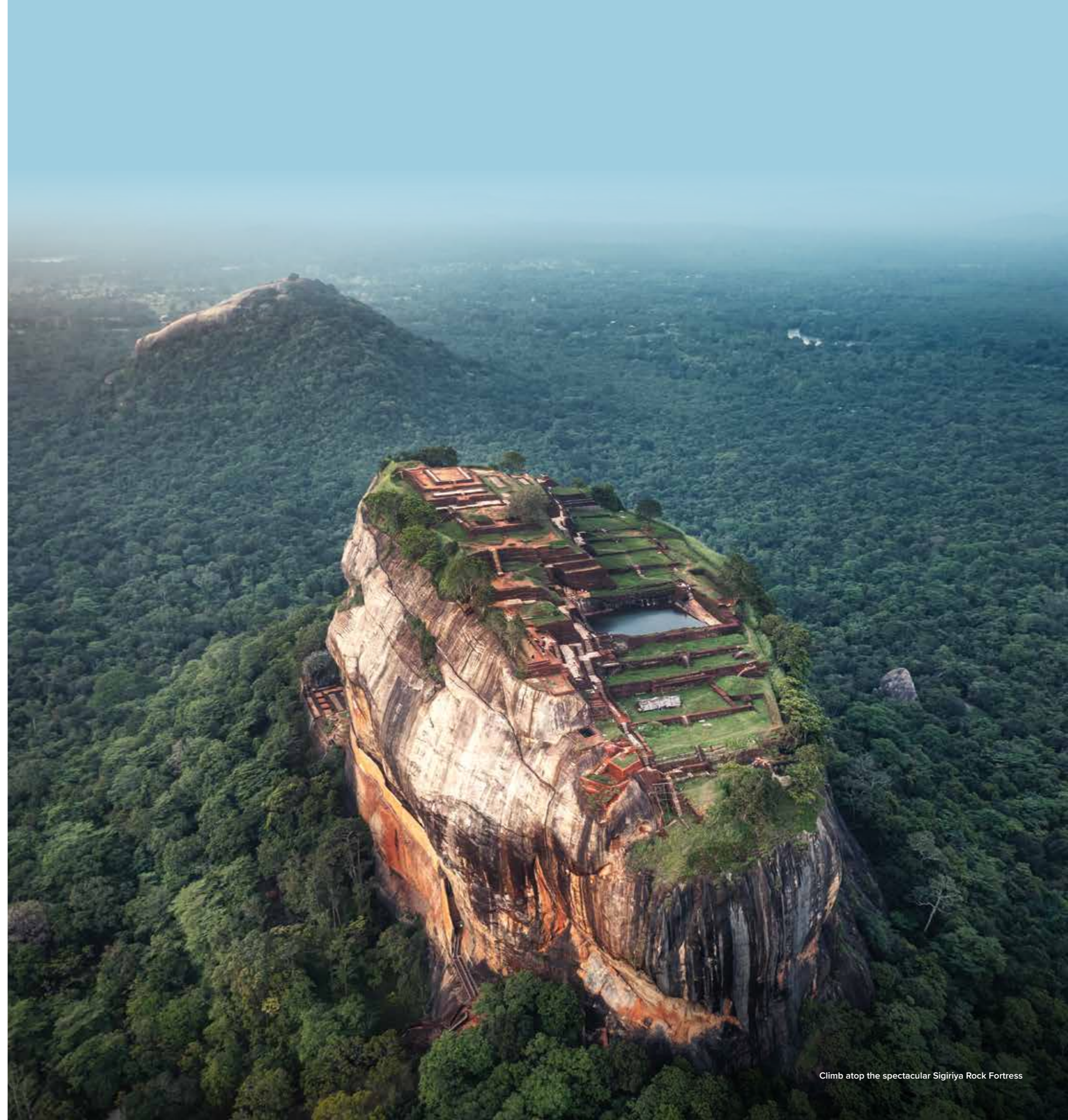
All aboard an enchanting rail journey from Nanu Oya to Ella through the lush heart of Sri Lanka. Pass rolling green hills, waving to the occasional local tea picker dressed in a colourful sari. Enjoy stunning, unobstructed views from your window as you travel past the leafy tea plantations.

ABUNDANT WILDLIFE

Explore the wilderness of the country in Yala National Park, home to an abundance of remarkable wildlife. From majestic, trunk-swinging elephants and stalking Sri Lankan leopards, to spectacular wild peacocks and fascinating sloth bears, there are plenty of reasons to keep your camera nearby.

A TASTE OF WHAT'S TO COME

Craving a rich, simmering curry? Maybe you'd like to take a bite of some string hoppers? Or are you dreaming of scooping up some freshly grated sambol with a warm slice of roti bread? Be sure to wash it down with a cup of the world's freshest and finest Ceylon tea. Sri Lanka does cuisine right, with meals bursting at the seams with flavour.



Climb atop the spectacular Sigiriya Rock Fortress



Visit the remarkable Dambulla Cave Temple

SAVE UP TO
\$1,400
 per couple*
See pages 22-23

Splendours of Sri Lanka

Negombo Return 12 Days



INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ★ Relax overlooking the rock fortress of Sigiriya at Aliya Resort and Spa
- ★ Enjoy a two-night stay at the peaceful Amaya Hills, nestled in the beautiful hilltops of Kandy
- ★ Take an enchanting train ride through tea plantations and picturesque hill country to Ella
- ★ Wake up to the calls of the wild at Jetwing Yala, surrounded by Yala National Park and views of the Indian Ocean
- ★ Visit the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, where displaced baby elephants are cared for and rehabilitated
- ★ Enjoy a special Farewell Dinner at Lagoon Seafood Restaurant

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 11 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director
- ✓ 21 meals – 11 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L) and 4 dinners (D)
- ✓ See ancient Buddha images and rock paintings in Dambulla Cave Temple
- ✓ Explore the World Heritage-listed rock fortress of Sigiriya
- ✓ Discover a world of archaeological treasures in Polonnaruwa
- ✓ Embark on an exciting safari in Yala National Park
- ✓ Relax at your beach side hotel, the Sheraton Kosgoda Turtle Beach Resort

Day 1. Arrive Negombo

Touchdown at Bandaranaike International Airport, located near the charming fishing village of Negombo. On arrival, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Stay: Negombo, Jetwing Lagoon.

Day 2. Negombo, Sigiriya Today, venture to the World Heritage-listed Dambulla Cave Temple, home to over 150 incredible Buddha paintings and statues. Explore the five sanctuaries, each containing ornate statues and ancient art relating to the life of Buddha. Later, arrive at Aliya Resort and Spa, where you can relax overlooking the rock fortress of Sigiriya. Tonight, savour a special Sri Lankan Dinner. Two Nights: Sigiriya, Aliya Resort and Spa. BD

Day 3. Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa, Sigiriya Today, head to the World Heritage site of Polonnaruwa for a tour of its ancient city. Once a prosperous religious centre, it was the second capital of Sri Lanka. Explore the fascinating ruins and discover a world of

archaeological treasures. Have lunch in Polonnaruwa before returning to the hotel. This afternoon, you may wish to embark on a safari to see the herds of elephants in Minneriya National Park (additional charge, see page 56). BL

Day 4. Sigiriya, Kandy This morning, visit the World Heritage-listed ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya, which was once home to an ancient civilisation. You can climb the open staircases to the top and take in the impressive views at its summit. Alternatively, visit the Sigiriya Museum. Take a guided tour of the area before departing for Kandy. En route, enjoy lunch at a local spice garden. Depart on a guided tour of Kandy's major sights, including World Heritage-listed Temple of the Tooth. Later, experience a traditional cultural performance before continuing to your hotel. Stay for two nights at the peaceful Amaya Hills. Situated in the hilltops of Kandy, the hotel looks out to the green mountains of Hanthana. Two Nights: Kandy, Amaya Hills. BLD

Day 5. Kandy Today you will visit the Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya. Home to over 4,000 species of exotic flora and fauna, the gardens are renowned for their collection of beautiful orchids. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure. BL

Day 6. Kandy, Nuwara Eliya Journey onwards to the lush, green hills of Nuwara Eliya. En route, visit one of the many famous tea plantations and factories. This afternoon, tour Nuwara Eliya. Stay: Nuwara Eliya, Jetwing St Andrews. BL

Day 7. Nuwara Eliya, Yala National Park This morning, head to Nanu Oya to board a train for the scenic journey to Ella (subject to availability). As you travel, take in the scenery of the beautiful hill country. Later, continue to Yala where you'll check in to your hotel. Nestled amid splendid vegetation, enjoy both style and privacy at Jetwing Yala. Two Nights: Jetwing Yala. BD

Day 8. Yala National Park Board a Jeep and venture out on a morning safari in Yala National Park. The park is home to over 40 species of mammals including elephants and sloth bears. Its star attraction, however, is the spectacular Sri Lankan leopard. Spend the afternoon at your leisure, or head out on an optional afternoon safari for a chance to see more of the

park's wonderful wildlife (additional charge, see page 56). BL

Day 9. Yala National Park, Galle, Kosgoda Enjoy a morning visit to the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, where displaced baby elephants are cared for and rehabilitated. Then, journey to Galle. A fortified city, Galle is steeped in history. Here you'll depart on a walking tour and see many of its major landmarks, observing the unique architecture and admiring the fort's historic gate and iconic lighthouse. Continue to your beach side hotel in Kosgoda. Two Nights: Sheraton Kosgoda Turtle Beach Resort. BL

Day 10. Kosgoda The day is free for you to enjoy relaxing at your beach-front hotel. You may like to join an optional tour to the Lunuganga Estate (additional charge). B

Day 11. Kosgoda, Colombo After breakfast, depart for the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo. Take a guided tour of the city and see many of its sights. You will also get to explore the city further on a tuk tuk ride. Later, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at Lagoon Seafood Restaurant. Stay: Colombo, Cinnamon Grand. BD

Day 12. Colombo, Depart Negombo Your holiday comes to an end this morning with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. B

From **\$2,795** per person, twin share

12 Days – Negombo Return (TS12)

2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)

Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Jan. 28, Feb. 11.	\$3,695	\$4,195
Mar. 17, 24, Apr. 7.	\$3,395	\$4,095
Sep. 22.	\$2,795	\$3,495
Oct. 13.	\$3,095	\$3,795
Nov. 3.	\$3,195	\$3,895

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Solo travellers add on from \$1,350, please enquire for details.

Trip Notes

Itinerary and inclusions may be subject to change. Prices include transfers, tipping and portage. See pages 58-59 for full terms and conditions.

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Nine Arches Bridge in Ella, Sri Lanka



Search for leopards in Yala National Park

SAVE UP TO \$2,600 per couple*
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In Search of Tigers & Leopards

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Delhi to Negombo 21 Days

INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Wind through a sea of pedestrians going about their everyday lives as you ride a rickshaw through the narrow streets of Old Delhi
- ☆ Explore the Pink City of Jaipur
- ☆ Travel by jeep to the main entry of Amber Fort and spend the morning touring through the fort, learning about its fascinating history
- ☆ Discover Mumbai by foot on a dawn walking tour under the beautiful morning light
- ☆ Relax overlooking the rock fortress of Sigiriya at Aliya Resort and Spa
- ☆ Enjoy a two-night stay at the peaceful Amaya Hills, nestled in the beautiful hilltops of Kandy
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- ☆ Enjoy a special Farewell Dinner at Lagoon Seafood Restaurant

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 20 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and Travelmarvel Tour Director
- ✓ 42 meals – 20 breakfasts (B), 9 lunches (L) and 13 dinners (D)

Day 1. Arrive Delhi On arrival in Delhi, India's capital, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, get to know your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and fellow travellers during a Welcome Dinner. **Two Nights:** Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla. **D**

Day 2. Delhi Visit Jama Masjid mosque, then move on to New Delhi to visit Humayun's Tomb. You'll also visit India Gate and the 13th-century Qutab Minar. Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow streets of Delhi's lively bazaar. **BD**

Day 3. Delhi, Agra Transfer to the station and board the Gatimaan Express to Agra. Embark on a sightseeing tour of the Red Fort and continue to the iconic Taj Mahal. **Stay:** Agra, Hotel Clarks Shiraz. **BD**

Day 4. Agra, Delhi, Fatehpur Sikri, Ranthambore National Park Transfer from Agra and stop for a tour of Fatehpur Sikri. Enjoy lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace Bharatpur before boarding a train to Ranthambore National Park. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. **Two Nights:** Ranthambore, Ranthambore Regency. **BLD**

Day 5. Ranthambore National Park Today, search for the elusive Bengal tiger on guided morning and afternoon game drives through Ranthambore National Park. Enjoy an evening talk by a naturalist. **BLD**

Day 6. Ranthambore National Park, Jaipur Spend the morning at your leisure. After lunch, depart to picturesque Jaipur. **Two Nights:** Jaipur, Clarks Amer. **BLD**

Day 7. Jaipur Spend the morning touring through the Amber Fort. Then visit other famous sites in the Pink City of Jaipur, including the City Palace, the Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory, and a drive by the Hawa Mahal, 'Palace of the Winds'. **BD**

Day 8. Jaipur, Mumbai Transfer to the airport for your included flight to Mumbai. Continue to your hotel before observing an afternoon cooking demonstration. **Two Nights:** Mumbai, Trident Nariman Point. **BD**

Day 9. Mumbai Rise early for a Mumbai at dawn walking tour. Discover by foot as the city comes to life in the sun's early rays. Take an afternoon tour of Mumbai icons such as the Gateway of India, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminal and

Mani Bhavan. Enjoy a delicious dinner at your hotel. **BD**

Day 10. Mumbai, India, Negombo, Sri Lanka Say goodbye to your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort and transfer to the airport for your included flight to Negombo, Sri Lanka. On arrival, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure. **Stay:** Negombo, Jetwing Lagoon. **B**

Day 11. Negombo, Sigiriya. Venture to the World Heritage-listed Dambulla Cave Temple, home to over 150 incredible Buddha paintings and statues. Later, arrive at Aliya Resort and Spa and relax overlooking Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Tonight, savour a special Sri Lankan Welcome Dinner. **Two Nights:** Sigiriya, Aliya Resort and Spa. **BD**

Days 12-15. See detailed itinerary for days 3-6 on pages 50-51.

Day 16. Nuwara Eliya, Yala National Park This morning, head to Nanu Oya to board a unique train for the journey to Ella (subject to availability). Later, continue to Yala where you'll check in to your hotel. Nestled amid splendid vegetation, enjoy both style and privacy at Jetwing Yala. **Two Nights,** Jetwing Yala. **BD**

Day 17. Yala National Park Board a Jeep and venture out on a safari in Yala National Park. The park is home to over 40 species of mammals including elephants and sloth bears. Its star attraction is the spectacular

Sri Lankan leopard. Spend the afternoon at your leisure, or head out on an optional afternoon safari for a chance to see more of the park's wonderful wildlife (additional charge see page 58-59). **BL**

Day 18. Yala National Park, Galle, Kosgoda Enjoy a morning visit to the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, where displaced baby elephants are cared for and rehabilitated. Then, journey to Galle. A fortified city, Galle is steeped in history. Here you'll depart on a walking tour and see many of its major landmarks, observing the unique architecture and admiring the fort's historic gate and iconic lighthouse. Continue to your beach side hotel in Kosgoda **Two Nights:** Sheraton Kosgoda Turtle Beach Resort **BL**

Day 19. Kosgoda The day is free for you to enjoy relaxing at your beach-front hotel. You may like to join an optional tour to the Lunuganga Estate (additional charge). **B**

Day 20. Kosgoda, Colombo After breakfast, depart for the capital of Sri Lanka, Colombo. Take a guided tour of the city. You will also get to explore the city further on a tuk tuk ride. Later, enjoy a special Farewell Dinner at Lagoon Seafood Restaurant. **Stay:** Colombo, Cinnamon Grand Colombo. **BD**

Day 21. Colombo, Depart Negombo Your holiday comes to an end this morning with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

From **\$5,690** per person, twin share

21 Days – Delhi to Negombo (TSGMJ21)		
2024 Dates and Prices (A\$)		
Per person, twin share	Best Price*	Standard Price
Feb. 2.	\$6,990	\$7,990
Mar. 8.	\$6,890	\$7,890
Mar. 15.	\$6,590	\$7,890
Sep. 13.	\$5,690	\$6,990
Oct. 4.	\$6,290	\$7,590
Oct. 25.	\$6,390	\$7,690

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Trip Notes

Itinerary days 1-9 are operated by Great Rail Journeys. Flight from Mumbai to Negombo on day 10 is unescorted. Itinerary and inclusions may be subject to change. Prices include transfers, tipping, flight from Mumbai to Negombo and portage. See pages 58-59 for full terms and conditions.

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Japan's Northeast Tohoku Region 10 Days

There are many reasons to visit Japan's Northeast, also known as Tohoku. Slightly off the beaten track, experience a more authentic side to Japan which is renowned for its delicious local cuisine, rich cultural heritage, and some of Japan's most beautiful natural landscapes including mountains, lakes and forests. Experience its famous onsens (hot springs) that draw in locals and travellers alike, delight in traditional local delicacies, and marvel at ancient World Heritage temples and shrines.

DAYS 1-2. TOKYO Embark on a tour of Tokyo. Immerse yourself in the sensory experience of TeamLab Planets, where people go barefoot and immerse their entire bodies in the vast artworks. Explore Tokyo at night with its spectacular energy and neon lights, discovering hidden sides of the bustling city from a whole different perspective.

DAYS 3-4. NIKKO Journey to Nikko by train. Spend the evening relaxing in the hot springs, followed by a traditional Kaiseki dinner. Visit the World Heritage temples and Shrines. You will also visit Lake Chuzenji, also called Sea of Happiness,

which is Japan's highest natural lake. Take the elevator down to the base of the spectacular Kegon Falls. Enjoy a lunch of Yuba, one of Nikko's most traditional (and nutritious) delicacies.

DAYS 5-6. SENDAI Continue your journey north by train via Utsunomiya to Sendai. This afternoon, visit the Kirin Beer Sendai Brewery to learn how this beer is produced. At this brewery, you can discover its secret manufacturing process and enjoy the delicious taste that has made it so popular. After the production process, the opportunity to compare the first and second squeezed wort is a rare experience and is very popular with visitors. This evening, you

will dine on the local specialty, beef tongue. Explore Matsushima, which is famous for its bay dotted by many pine-clad islets and has been ranked one of Japan's three most scenic views. The small town is also known for Zuiganji, one of the Tohoku region's most important Zen temples. Take a scenic boat ride through the 260 pine-covered islands. Visit Kanrantei Tea House for matcha green tea and sweets while overlooking the bay. Have some free time to wander around the stores before returning to Sendai.

DAYS 7-9. AKITA Board the bullet train to Akita, and after checking into your hotel explore the Akita Museum of Art, and

Senshu Park. Travel to the ancient samurai village of Kakunodate and discover where samurai families lived and explore unique traditional 17th- and 18th-century architecture. Join a workshop with a local artisan and marvel at the deepest, clearest most blue lake in Japan. Visit a traditional crafts centre to learn about the art of lacquerware making and enjoy a fascinating afternoon at Ryozeiki Sake Brewery, learning about the production process and enjoying some samples.

DAYS 10-11. TOKYO Fly from Akita to Haneda airport and enjoy a day and night at leisure in Tokyo before transferring to the airport the next day for your flight home.

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SIGHTSEEING & DINING

JAPAN TAKAYAMA



HIDA WAGYU BEEF DINNER**
Sink your teeth into some succulent Hida Wagyu beef, famous in this region. It's best eaten in the form of the traditional Japanese dish, sukiyaki.
Price per person, from \$130

INDIA KOLKATA



HERITAGE WALK**
Discover what went into the making of the colonial capital of India during this fascinating introduction to British Kolkata.
Price per person, from \$110

SRI LANKA

MINNERIYA NATIONAL PARK



JEEP SAFARI**
Enjoy an afternoon safari in Minneriya National Park, a sanctuary for elephants spreading over 88,000 hectares.
Price per person, from \$105

YALA NATIONAL PARK



JEEP SAFARI**
Head out on an additional afternoon safari to see more of Yala National Park's wonderful wildlife.
Price per person, from \$125

Please note: Prices are in A\$ and are indicative only. Select experiences marked with an ** must be pre-booked and may not be able to be purchased on tour. Japan select experience and dining are only available on JPT12 and JPKT19. Due to venue closures on some dates, some options may not be available as listed. Minimum and maximum numbers may apply.

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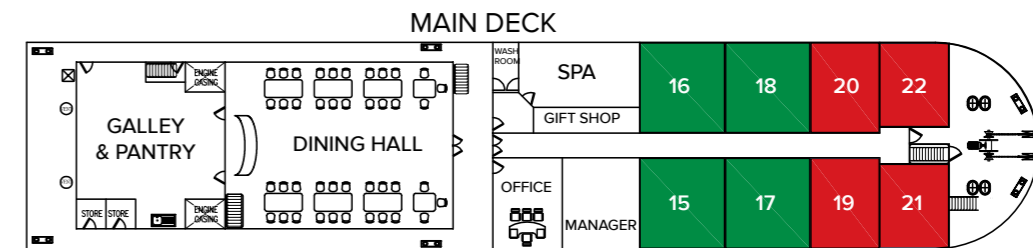
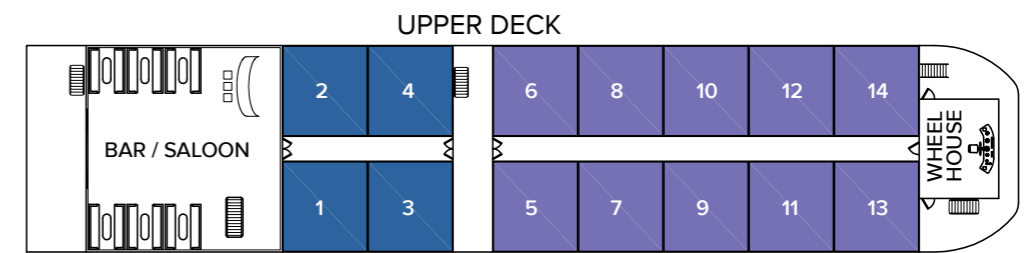
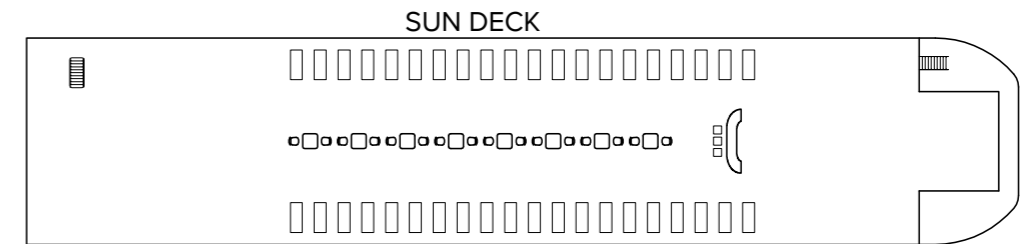
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Hotel New Otani Hakata	\$495	\$785	Taj Bangalore	\$230	\$460
OSAKA, JAPAN			CHENNAI, INDIA		
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Sheraton Miyako Hotel Osaka	\$450	\$865	DELHI, INDIA		
SAPPORO, JAPAN			Taj Palace	\$265	\$520
Keio Plaza Hotel Sapporo	\$300	\$575	Crowne Plaza New Delhi Okhla	\$125	\$250
TOKYO, JAPAN			KOLKATA, INDIA		
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Keio Plaza Hotel	\$540	\$975	MUMBAI, INDIA		
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA			Trident Nariman Point	\$195	\$390
Courtyard Seoul Namdaemun	\$200	\$360	COLOMBO, SRI LANKA		
			Cinnamon Grand Hotel	\$115	\$210
			NEGOMBO, SRI LANKA		
			Jetwing Lagoon	\$95	\$170

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DECK PLANS

RV Rajmahal

India River Cruise

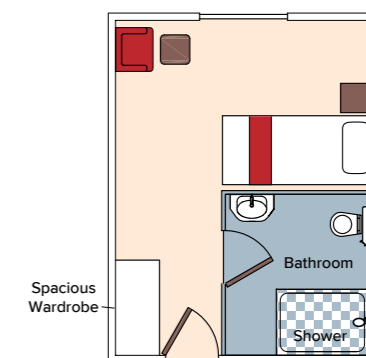
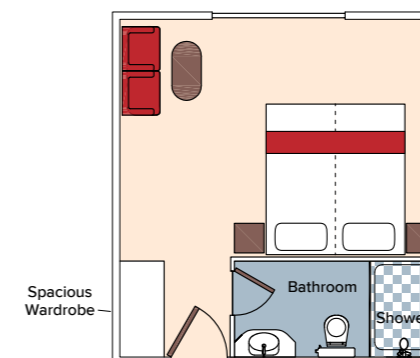


TECHNICAL DATA

RV Rajmahal – Launched 2014
Decks: 3
Length: 51 m
Cabins: 22 staterooms
Crew: 30

SUITE CATEGORIES

Cat. A +	Panoramic Balcony Double Stateroom	Cat. B	Panoramic Balcony Double Stateroom
Cat. A	Panoramic Balcony Double Stateroom	Cat. C	Panoramic Balcony Single Stateroom



Cat. A +, A and B
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