

Planning your Holiday



Reclining Buddha at Ajanta Caves

TAILOR-MADE HOLIDAYS

A tailor-made holiday is designed to suit your exact requirements. The itineraries described in this brochure are suggestions, and although they can be booked as they are, our expertise is to formulate a programme especially for you. If any destination you wish to visit, or hotel you wish to stay in, does not feature here, we will be pleased to discuss your requirements and prepare an itinerary including them.

You can travel on your own, as a couple or as a larger party. The benefits of a tailor-made holiday are many:

- **Planning your itinerary with the benefit of our knowledge and expertise.**
- **Determining the pace of your holiday to suit you - be it relaxed, moderately active or brisk.**
- **Deciding the date of departure and return.**
- **Choosing the hotels. We will help you choose properties best suited to you.**
- **Choosing the airline for your international flights.**
- **If you book your own international flights, we are happy to provide land services only.**
- **Road travel is by private chauffeur-driven car, or minibus for larger parties. This gives you flexibility to stop when and where you wish - for breaks, to take photographs or to explore.**

TRAVEL BY ROAD

Travel by road gives you the freedom and flexibility to explore the country in a manner that is not possible by train and plane. We provide fully licensed air-conditioned chauffeur-driven cars for your exclusive use during the trip. Up-grades include the Toyota Innova, Ford Tempo Traveler, and limousines, which are available in some cities.

TRAVEL BY TRAIN

India has one of the largest railway networks in the world. We recommend travelling in air-conditioned first or second class for both day and overnight journeys, and in "Executive Chair Car" on a Shatabdi Express, which operate on a number of routes. When planning to visit Darjeeling, Shimla or Ooty you may take one of the famous "Toy Trains". There are also luxurious "Travelling Palace" trains. (See pages 48 & 49)

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

Mysteries of India will be delighted to arrange your international flights. We have competitive fares with all major carriers including Air France, Air India, British Airways, Emirates, Jet Airways, Kingfisher, KLM and Virgin Atlantic, in economy, business or first class.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

India has a wide choice of domestic carriers. We use Jet Airways, Jetlite and Kingfisher, all known for excellent reliable service. Business class is available on most routes.

ADVENTURE

Blessed with desert, savannah, jungle, snow-capped peaks, beautiful valleys, white water, meandering rivers, backwaters and thick verdant forests, India has something for everyone looking for adventure. It offers some of the most challenging opportunities anywhere in the world. Trekking, white water rafting, safaris by horse, camel, jeep and village or tribal safaris are some notable examples.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

We can organise private itineraries to suit special requirements for individuals and groups. Special interest possibilities include: architecture, culture, festivals, fairs, religion, spa, ayurveda, yoga, wildlife, bird watching, fishing, golf, sports, cooking, painting, photography, textiles and trains.



Neemrana Fort Palace



Malabar House

HONEYMOONS

India is the perfect destination for honeymooners. You may choose to be pampered in grand palace hotels or private pool villas in today's luxurious beach, jungle and hill resorts. The sun-kissed beaches of the Lakshadweep Islands, Goa, Kovalam, Covelong, Gokarna and the Maldives are superb romantic retreats for those seeking a less hurried pace.

GROUP HOLIDAYS

We can arrange group tailor-made holidays - be it a cultural, activity or special interest tour. The size of the group can be as required.

WHEN TO TRAVEL

Because of its vast size and geographical variation India is a year-round destination. From the Himalayan foothills to the far south, India can be visited year round, but its main season is October to April when the weather is at its best. The Himalayan foothills, Ladakh, Himachal and Garhwal are ideal from April to September.

WHEN TO BOOK

In order for us to secure your exact requirements we advise booking your holiday as far in advance as possible. During certain periods, like Christmas and New Year, accommodation and flights tend to be booked many months in advance. If bookings are made at short notice, requisite hotels may not be available. In such cases, we aim to book alternative hotels of a similar standard.



Tented camp at Rajvillas



Treehouse at Tranquil Resort

OUR CONSULTANTS

We are committed to provide outstanding service both before and during your stay in India. Our consultants have comprehensive experience of the subcontinent, having lived and/or travelled there extensively. Their knowledge is in-depth and augmented by regular visits to the destinations.



OUR ASSOCIATES

In addition to our office in Delhi, our nationwide network of regional associates will be at your service. They will ensure that your holiday runs smoothly and to plan.

HOTELS

Hotels are a vital aspect of your travel arrangements and the enjoyment of your holiday, and there is a wide and varied choice. We have carefully selected hotels that provide high standards of service, cuisine and hygiene. The majority range from 4 star to 5 star deluxe, some are boutique hotels, plus many delightful heritage hotels and grand Maharajas palaces that reflect India's regal history and character. We have special negotiated rates with all the hotels in this brochure (see pages 6 to 9), and many more.

PRICING

You will find tour prices listed in the insert that accompanies this brochure. The itineraries are priced per person based on 2 people sharing a room and travelling in one air-conditioned car. Meal plan as specified in the itineraries. For travel between May and September there is usually a reduction in price on most of the itineraries. During the Christmas and New Year period air fares and hotel prices are higher and supplements will apply.