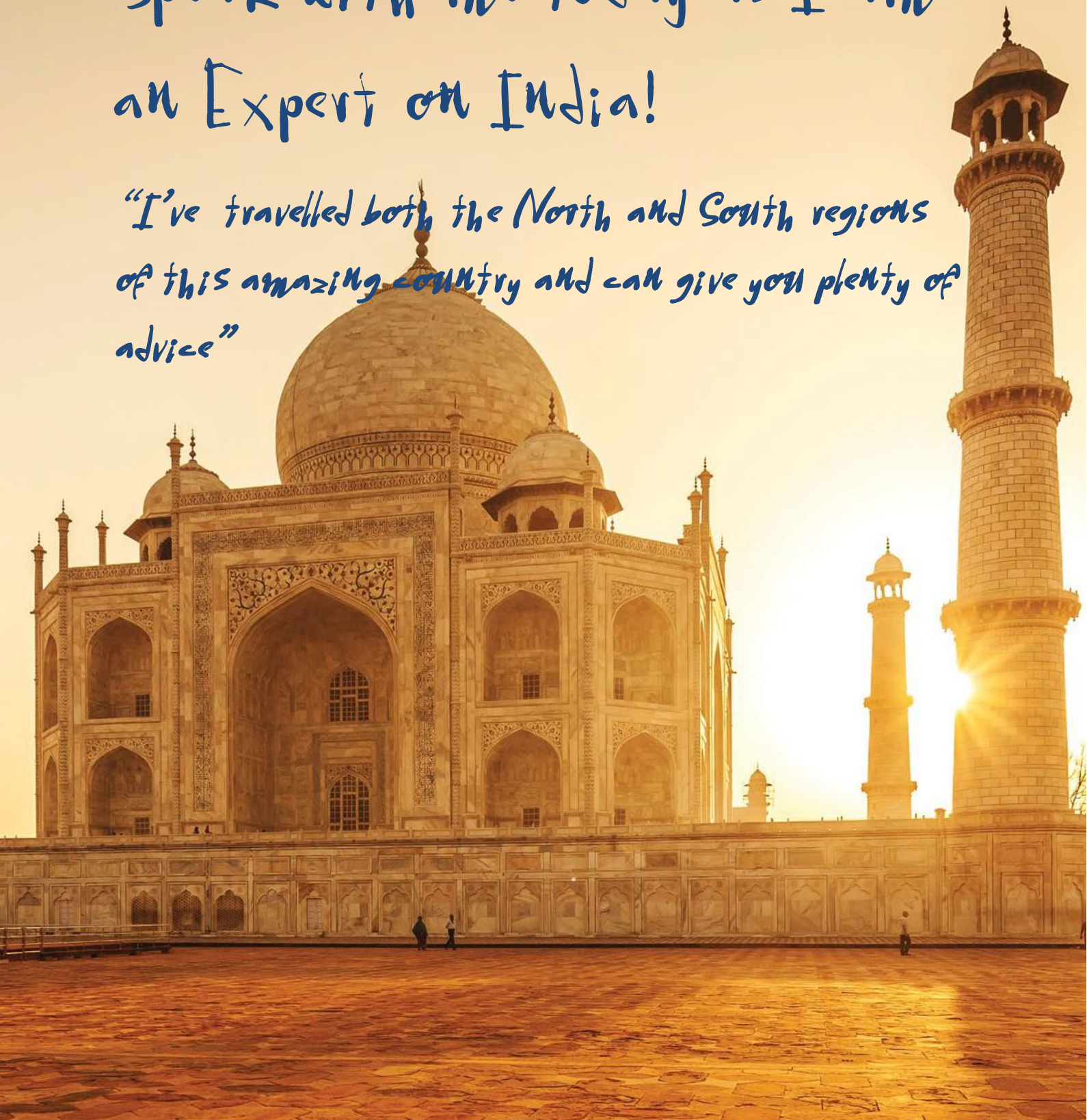


# TEMPLES, TIGERS & THE GANGES

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an Expert on India!*

*"I've travelled both the North and South regions  
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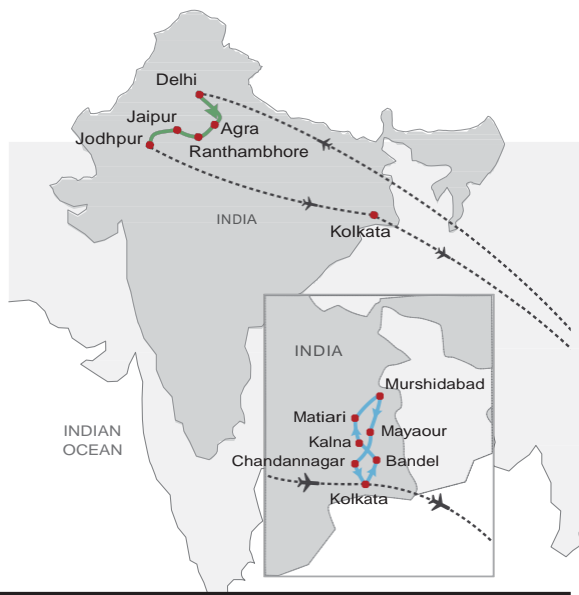
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*India boasts a profusion of colours, chaos, sights, sounds and smells that will assault your senses on every level. Begin in Delhi, the capital city dotted with relics of lost empires. Nothing will prepare you for your first glimpse of the Taj Mahal at sunrise. On to the Pink City of Jaipur and Ranthambhore National Park famed for its tigers. Continue on to Kolkata for a cruise gliding along the Ganges River, you'll get a glimpse into daily life on the river as well as in remote towns. An essential Indian experience second to none.*

## 18 DAYS | HOSTED JOURNEY

**DEPARTS:** 26 September – 13 October 2017



## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- Begin in Delhi, with its glitzy modern towers contrasting with the bustling chaos of its lively bazaars
- Visit Agra Fort and see the magnificent Taj Mahal, both a legacy of the Mughal empire
- Continue to Ranthambhore National Park for game drives to try and spot the Bengal Tiger
- Visit Jaipur, a historical colourful city with its famous Amber Fort.
- Begin your seven night cruise in Kolkata, on board the Ganges Voyager, where you will see remote Indian villages that line the banks of the Lower Ganges River
- A World Journeys host to guide you every step of the way

## SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

### *Rickshaw ride through the streets of Old Delhi*

See the local markets operating as they have for centuries and marvel at your driver's ability to manoeuvre in the tiny streets teeming with people and traffic.

### *Make like a local and see a Bollywood movie*

Join the locals at a well-known cinema in Jaipur and enjoy the spectacle that is Bollywood. You may even find the audience joining in the fun by dancing.

### *Cooking class to learn a tasty Indian dish*

Try your hand at preparing staple Indian dishes under the watchful eye of your chef. Conclude the lesson by sampling the fruits of your labour.



Shahi Paneer Curry



Bengal Tiger



# TEMPLES, TIGERS & THE GANGES ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 AUCKLAND > SINGAPORE

Evening flight to Singapore. Transit to our onward flight.

## DAY 2 SINGAPORE > DELHI

Arrive Delhi in the morning and transfer to our hotel. The day is at leisure to relax.

## DAY 3 DELHI ③ ④

Visit the Gandhi memorial of Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid mosque and enjoy a rickshaw ride through the spice bazaar in Chandni Chowk. Later visit Humayun's Tomb and join Sikhism rituals inside Bangla Sahib Gurudwara. Stroll through the downtown market in Connaught Place before a welcome dinner in a local restaurant.



Jal Mahal, Jaipur

## DAY 4 DELHI > AGRA ③

We depart early for Agra and this afternoon visit Agra Fort before watching the sun set over the Taj Mahal.

## DAY 5 AGRA > RANTHAMBHORE ③ ④

Visit the Taj Mahal for the sunrise and after breakfast see the fascinating step well at Abhaneri. Continue to Ranthambhore National Park, the maharajas' hunting ground until 1970 and now the best place to spot wild tigers in Rajasthan. The park comprises wild jungle scrub and rocky ridges. In the centre of the park is the 10<sup>th</sup> century Ranthambhore Fort with ancient temples and mosques, hunting pavilions, crocodile-filled lakes and vine-covered burial tombs scattered around.

## DAY 6 RANTHAMBHORE ③ ④ ⑤

Set off on morning and afternoon game drives by jeep in search of some of India's rarest flora and fauna, including the elusive tiger.

## DAY 7 RANTHAMBHORE > JAIPUR ③

Drive to Jaipur and then drive past Jal Mahal (Water Palace) an abandoned palace seemingly floating in the middle of the Man Sagar Lake. This afternoon, perhaps taste the local specialty of mango icecream.

## DAY 8 JAIPUR ③ ④

Visit Amber Fort, a magnificent fort built from pale yellow and pink sandstone and white marble, and divided into four

main sections, each with its own courtyard. Then witness prayer rituals at a Hindu Temple and perhaps see snake charmers at work. Continue to the City Palace, Museum and the Jai Singh Observatory. If you wish you can have your palm read by a local astrologer. Enjoy a cooking class, lunch and visit the local markets. Afterwards, we head to a local cinema to experience a Bollywood movie first hand.

## DAY 9 JAIPUR > KOLKATA ③

Fly to Kolkata (Calcutta) this morning. Afternoon at leisure.

## DAY 10 KOLKATA ③ ④ ⑤

Join your cruiser, the Ganges Voyager this morning and begin your seven night cruise. In the afternoon, visit Mother Teresa's house and tomb including the permanent exhibition on her life story and work in Kolkata. A short distance away is her orphanage, Shishu Bhavan (Children's Home).

## DAY 11 KOLKATA > BANDEL ③ ④ ⑤

Sightseeing this morning includes a number of heritage buildings such as St John's which is the oldest Anglican church in the city and the Victoria Memorial Museum. Set sail in the afternoon and later today, visit the Shiva pilgrimage centre of Hoogly Imambara with its fascinating Victorian clock, huge Persian chandeliers and charming halls and passages.

## DAY 12 BANDEL > KALNA ③ ④ ⑤

Visit the Rajbari temple complex of Kalna with its unique mix of architectural styles including the Krishna Chandra temple dating from 1751.

## DAY 13 KALNA > MATIARI ③ ④ ⑤

Matiari is known for beautiful handcrafted brass items utilising traditional methods passed down for generations. Enjoy a visit to the bazaar and set sail past the site of the battlefield of Plassey where Robert Clive of the British East India Company defeated the Mogul Nawabs.

## DAY 14 KHUSHBAGH > BAGANAGAR > MURSHIDABAD ③ ④ ⑤

Visit the charming villages of Khushbagh and Baranagar before reaching Murshidabad, an architectural gem of the colonial era. Visit the Hazarduari Palace or 'palace of a thousand doors', then travel by buggy to Katra Mosque.

## DAY 15 MAYAPUR ③ ④ ⑤

Mayapur is the home of the Krishna Consciousness Movement also called ISKON. Guests will view the fascinating culture of these followers and their ornate and colourfully decorated statues of Krishna within the complex.

## DAY 16 CHANDANNAGAR > KOLKATA ③ ④ ⑤

Chandannagar was established as a French colony in 1673. Explore the French colonial buildings along the promenade and visit the Sacred Heart Church of Chandannagar. The church has stood for over two centuries and marks the beauty of the architecture during the French period. Return to our ship and continue the journey downstream.

**DAY 17 KOLKATA > SINGAPORE ⑥**

We disembark this morning and fly to Singapore travelling overnight.

**DAY 18 SINGAPORE > AUCKLAND**

Connect to our onward flight arriving Auckland late this evening.



**KIPLING LODGE, RANTHAMBORE**

Surrounded by lush fields and trees, Kipling's Lodge is a stone's throw away from Ranthambore National Park, one of India's largest tiger reserves and nature conservatories. During the evening, the courtyard comes alive with traditional dances and cultural fiestas. Bask in the campfire, while enjoying an exclusive performance by Rajasthani musicians and a Kalbelia dancer.



**GANGES VOYAGER**

An enthralling cruise aboard the RV Ganges Voyager presents guests with the rare opportunity to explore the remote and rural Indian villages that line the banks of the Lower Ganges River. Graceful and sophisticated, it has been specifically designed for the journey between Kolkata and Murshidabad. This luxurious ship offers spacious and well appointed suites each with a private balcony.

<b>Departs 26 September 2017</b>	<b>Twin <i>per person</i></b>	<b>Single <i>per person</i></b>
Tour Cost	\$13,330	\$18,540
Airline Taxes	\$150	\$150
Business Class Upgrade*	\$4,900	\$4,900

**INCLUDED**

- Economy class airfares ex Auckland
- A World Journeys host
- Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- Accommodation on board the Ganges Voyager
- Transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Meals as indicated ⑥ **BREAKFAST** ⑥ **LUNCH** **DINNER**
- Gratuities (handled by your host)

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- Items of a personal nature
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- Visas (if applicable)
- Optional activities

**BOOKING CONDITIONS**

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person is required, with the balance due 20 July 2017. As cancellation fees apply, travel insurance is mandatory. Please refer to World Journeys terms and conditions at [www.worldjourneys.co.nz](http://www.worldjourneys.co.nz)

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