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INDIA



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Why should India be on your travel list?

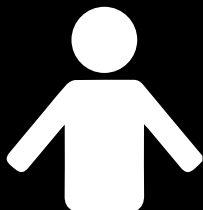
It's no secret that India has been a country travellers dream of visiting since always; from its colourful streets to spicy food India is a country full of contrast, charisma and intensity. It's the only country that practices all the religions in the world, it's quite near being the number one population in the world and is known for its extravagant food, customs and movies.

So why should you visit India? Simple, it's got a little bit of everything. Temples from each religion, ceremonies and tradition changing from one corner to another, food that will enhance your palate and cities that will stimulate not only your brain but your soul and spirit.

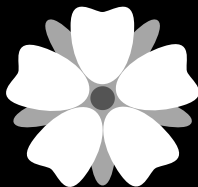
India is one of those countries that will fulfill you spiritually and emotionally; it's a trip focused on you and on every experience you'll have while you're here. It'll leave you completely overwhelmed and astonishingly happy.

What makes it so special?

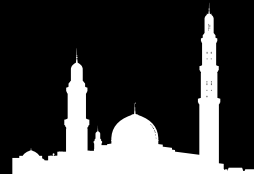
There's so much magic contained in this country, but without a doubt the 3 elements that make it one of a kind are:



PEOPLE



CULTURE



PLACES



People

India's essence, all different, unique & what makes this country so magical.

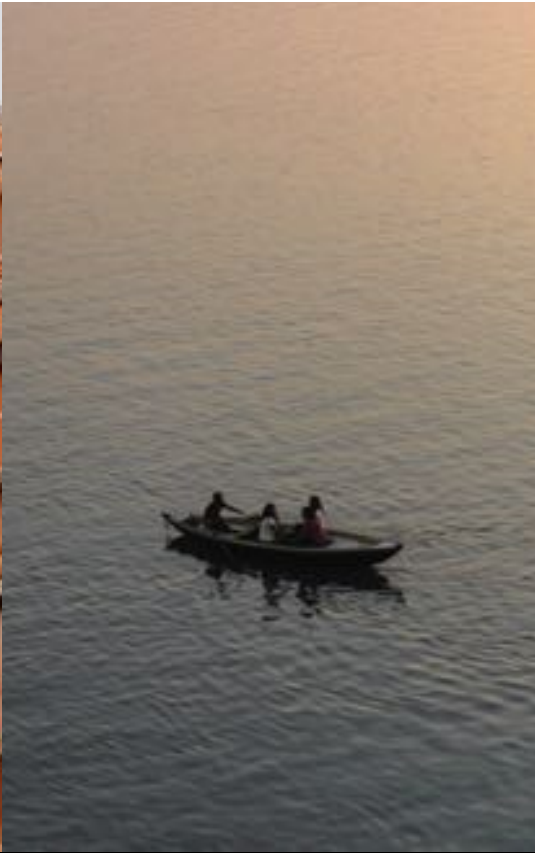




Culture

Colours, flavours, spices and loud noises. India's culture is what makes it so different from others.





Places

World famous wonders, crammed cities, peaceful deserts and unique landmarks. You'll never run out of sites to visit.



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WHAT NOT TO MISS

WHILE IN INDIA

India is a country full of vibrant colours, loud noises and friendly people. It can be a little overwhelming to know what are the top activities you shouldn't miss while you're here, so here are our top recommendations not to miss while you're in this beautiful country:

- Talk to locals! While it's pretty common to visit India with a pre arranged tour, the best way to learn about the country's culture and customs is by talking to locals. Don't be shy to talk to people in the streets, ask them about their lives, what they're doing, what religion they're from and about their families. Learning about Indian's daily lives by talking to them is a truly unique experience.
- Try street Chai! While in India many people doubt street food and if it's worth the hype, but we can guarantee that trying a street chai will change your trip. Traditional Masala Chai is served in little hard mud glasses and has the most delicious taste, you'll be wanting to buy this drink all through your trip.
- Finally we can't let you leave India without visiting a market, we believe the best way to really get to know a country is walking through its streets, markets and trying their food. Indian markets sell all sorts of spices, textiles and jewelry. It's the best way to really enjoy Indian culture.



Agra

What to expect.

Agra is one the most visited cities in all of India, it's home to the world's biggest monument of love and has a sense of astonishment and wonder that capture all your attention when you're there. It's elegant, romantic and chaotic; you'll be impressed not only by the one and only Taj Mahal, with its beautiful white marble and immense size, but by the ambience that is Agra. Sites like the Red Fort and the Baby Taj make this city a must while you're in India.



Pro tip

The Taj is one of the most important landmarks in the world, which is why visiting it can be a little crowded. We recommend going as early as possible to avoid crowds, remember food and drinks aren't available so you should eat breakfast beforehand, and remember, since many items are prohibited to enter the Taj try to bring as little carry on items as possible.

PREFERRED HOTEL

Oberoi Amarvilas

Inspired by Mughal palace designs; with fountains, terraced lawns, reflection pools and pavilions, it offers unrestricted views of Taj Mahal from all rooms and suites, complemented by their warm, personalised hospitality.



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Delhi



Pro tip

One of our favourite activities to do while in Delhi is to visit the Sikh temple "*Gurudwara Bangla Sahib*" during lunch time. Sikhs religion is based on helping and sharing with others, so every lunch they serve food to hundreds of people in their dining rooms located inside the temples. This is one of the richest cultural rituals you'll be able to experience in India.



What to expect.

The capital city of this country has a little bit of everything; modern buildings, ancient temples and chaotic traffic. Delhi is the perfect city to understand India's impressive contrasts and really immerse into the diversity this country has to offer. Some of the best sites to visit are the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib (sikh temple), the Jama Masjid (largest Mosque in India), the newly built Akshardham campus, India Gate and the Red fort.



PREFERRED HOTEL

The Lodhi

A luxurious modern hotel decorated with contemporary Indian artwork; the Lodhi is dedicated in creating personal journeys and discoveries for guests. It's the perfect option if you're looking for a complete experience in Delhi, it's based in lifestyle, comfort and culture.

Jaipur

What to expect.

Jaipur is one of the jewel cities in India; known as the pink city it's a place that explodes with colour! You can find pink everywhere; houses, temples, decor and even in elephant's chairs! Jaipur's a city worth exploring, whether it's strolling through the City Palace, taking some pictures at Patrika Gate, riding an elephant at one of the many sanctuaries or simply visiting the Hawa Mahal, Jaipur will show you a sweeter side of India (with all the chaos included, that's for sure).



Pro tip

We'll share with you our favourite spots in all of Jaipur. The Hawa Mahal is one of the most beautiful monuments in all of Jaipur, but it can get a little crowded, so we recommend you visit it during the late afternoon. There's some cafe's across the street directly in front of the monument, you can drink some delicious Masala Chai sitting in one of them overlooking the Hawa Mahal and enjoying the sunset. Memorable moment guaranteed.

PREFERRED HOTEL

Sujan Rajmahal Palace

Set in what used to be the home of the Maharaja of Jaipur the Sujan Rajmahal palace is only 6 km away from the City Palace and the Hawa Mahal tower. The rooms have chandeliers and are Indian royalty inspired; some rooms even offer wide living areas, dining rooms, personal butler and chauffeur service.



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Udaipur



What to expect.

Udaipur is one of those peaceful, small and tranquil cities; yes, we are still talking about India, but there's something about Udaipur that makes you feel tranquil and at peace. You can stroll through its markets (it's a great place for shopping) and streets, visit the beautiful City Palace overlooking Lake Pichola, or take a boat ride at sunset to admire the city from afar.

Pro tip

One of the less visited attractions in Udaipur is the Mansapurna Karni Mata Ropeway. This is a ropeway located a few minutes outside of the city and is the perfect way to admire the city from afar and see the 8 lakes in Udaipur. It's also a Hindu temple for the God Karni Mata, you can visit the temple, climb the mountains around the temple and admire quite a view from up there.



PREFERRED HOTEL

Oberoi Udaivilas

One of the most majestic hotels in all of India; the Oberoi Udaivilas offer a luxurious experience full of amenities, a personalised stay and rooms to die for (with a built in pool with a stunning view of Lake Pichola). The Oberoi Udaivilas is the perfect location if you're looking for a memorable stay.

Varanasi

What to expect.

Varanasi is the most spiritual city in India, this is where Hindus come when they feel their time to leave the Earth has arrived. Hindu religion states that the Ganges river is sacred, and can purify your soul; which is why Hindus want their ashes spread in the river once they're gone. Living Hindus also come and bathe here, to cleanse their soul and spirit. Visiting Varanasi is a completely different experience, this city will make you reflect not only about others but about yourself too.



Pro tip

One of the most unique ways to experience and really admire Varanasi is by boat. We recommend you rent a boat at sunrise, here you'll see people bathing in the Ghats of the Ganges river and you'll be able to admire it front row. This is a spiritual experience that will change your visit to Varanasi completely.

PREFERRED HOTEL

Taj Nadesar Palace

Overlooking the Ganges River this Palace is a property dating from 1835 and has suites with gardens and pools. It's the perfect escape full of peace you'll be needing in a city as chaotic as Varanasi.



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Jodhpur



What to expect.

Jodhpur is one of those cities you need to visit once in your life; known as the blue city this is the perfect location where colour, chaos and culture get together. Jodhpur is full of blue, as its name states most of the houses, streets and monuments are an intense blue. Making this a perfectly photogenic city. Jodhpur is also home to one of India's biggest forts, the Mehrangarh Fort overlooks the city and is the best way to admire Jodhpur from afar.

Pro tip

Approximately half an hour away from Jodhpur there's some local villages called the Bishnoi Village. These are homes that haven't ever been restored, they've been built hundreds of years ago. Local Indian people still live here and being able to visit them and learn about their lives and routines is quite an experience.



PREFERRED HOTEL

RAAS Hotel

If you're visiting Jodhpur this is without a doubt the best option as to where you should stay. The RAAS Hotel is located at the city center, and has a spectacular view of the Mehrangarh Fort; during the evening you can go to their rooftop bar and have a drink while admiring the night life in Jodhpur, the cherry on top is the Fort lit up at night.



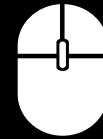
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