

Colours of Nepal



TRIP OVERVIEW

Nestled between India and Tibet, Nepal is a melting pot of diverse ethnic groups, stunning mountainous landscapes and dense ancient cities brimming with pagoda-topped temples. This wonderful tour takes you to the evocative city of Kathmandu then up into the hilltop settlement of Bandipur and lakeside city of Pokhara then finishes in the jungle of Chitwan National Park, which offers an excellent opportunity to spot the solitary greater one-horned rhinoceros.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information that you require for a smooth and comfortable trip to Nepal. Please take the time to read this dossier to familiarise yourself with all the aspects of our tour. It includes important information such as flight details, visa requirements and travel insurance.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 1: UK to Kathmandu

Depart London on your scheduled, overnight flight to Kathmandu, via Doha.

DAY 2: Kathmandu D

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in royal city of Patan.

DAY 3: Kathmandu B/L/D

Following breakfast, your group will commence its first foray into Nepal's capital city. Kathmandu is not only the country's core in terms of trading and religion but is also known for the sleepy, all-seeing Buddha eyes which keep watch from the stupas and temples dotted amongst the chaotic jumble of buildings that spread across the valley. Begin with Boudhanath, the largest and holiest Buddhist stupa (a hemispherical shaped monument containing Buddhist relics) outside of Tibet. Continue on to the ancient religious complex of Swayambhunath, also known as Monkey Temple due to the families of macaques that live and roam around the grounds. After lunch your tour returns to Patan, a sprawling city which has almost merged with Kathmandu, separated only by the murky waters of the Bagmati River. Explore the enchanting melange of temples and former royal palaces of Durbar Square before concluding your day with a shopping trip in Thamel where you can barter for souvenirs or take a break to enjoy a sweet pastry from one of the local bakeries.

DAY 4: Kathmandu to Bandipur B/L/D

In the morning you will begin your drive to the hilltop settlement of Bandipur, arriving in time for lunch. With winding lanes, traditional Newari-style buildings and a community of farmers and traders, this beautiful town is seemingly untouched by modern life. Following a local lunch, venture into the heart of Bandipur to discover Bandipur Bazaar, an area of old shops, houses, temples and meeting places where you can appreciate the extraordinary view of the snow-clad Himalayan skyline.

DAY 5: Bandipur to Pokhara B/L/D

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Bandipur before journeying to Pokhara, the gateway to the peaks and valleys of the Annapurna mountain range. This sleepy lakeside city enjoys a tranquil and relaxing atmosphere and is the perfect base for day walks or hikes into the spectacular surrounding mountains. Arriving at your hotel in the late afternoon there will be some time to unwind before your evening meal.

DAY 6: Pokhara B/L/D

After breakfast at your hotel, a tour to the stunning Devi's Falls follows where the group will follow a series of underground streams and small walkways before reaching the cascading waterfall that bursts through a tunnel and falls into a cave deep below. Next visit Mahendra Cave to appreciate the stalagmites and stalactites before making a stop at the Tibetan refugee camp to browse for handmade jewellery, pashminas, trinkets and local carvings. Finally your group will take a peaceful boat trip on the serene waters of the lake before enjoying a riverside lunch. Returning to your lodge in the afternoon the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 7: Pokhara to Chitwan B/L/D

Today you will depart Pokhara after breakfast for Chitwan National Park, one of the largest havens for the endangered Bengal tiger and home to a rare population of one-horned Indian Rhinoceros. A stop will be made en route at Manakamana to take a cable car ride to the summit of a spectacular viewpoint. Arrive at the hillside temple and a mountain shrine which dates back to the 17th century and is believed to be a place where the goddess Bhagwati has the power to grant wishes to those who are able to make a suitable sacrifice. Following lunch, your journey will continue into the sub-tropical lowlands of the national park where, in the evening you will experience the traditional dances of the Tharu Cultural Show.

DAY 8: Chitwan B/L/D

Your full day tour of Chitwan National Park begins in the morning with a canoe ride up the Rapti River where you may encounter the rare gharial, a fish-eating crocodile whose population is estimated at less than 235 individuals. Next visit the elephant breeding centre where you will have the chance to watch mother and baby elephants interact whilst grazing in the jungle and warding off pesky mosquitos by covering themselves in dust. After lunch the group will proceed further into the jungle for a guided Jeep safari, led by the local guides, who will be keen to help you spot deer, rhinoceros, antelope and perhaps even a glance of the "King of the Jungle", the Bengal tiger.

DAY 9: Chitwan to Kathmandu B/L/D

Leaving Chitwan after breakfast, you will be driven back to Kathmandu, stopping for lunch along the way and arriving back in the city in the late afternoon. Enjoy some free time to venture out into the bustling streets to pick out any last minute gifts before enjoying your final dinner with the rest of your group. The sounds of bicycle bells and chanting monks and the intoxicating aromas of Nepalese delicacies will leave you with a memory to cherish for years to come. Namaste – "the spirit within me salutes the spirit in you", goodbye and farewell.

DAY 10/11: Kathmandu to the UK or Extension B

Transfer from your hotel to Kathmandu airport for your return flight to the UK, via Doha or continue on to your chosen extension.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS & MAP

Accommodation guide

Your accommodation is selected for convenience, location, comfort or character, and can range from business hotels to lodges. Hotel accommodation is generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note there is no international classification system for hotels, and differences in facilities and quality do exist between the UK and Nepal. All group tours hotels have private bathroom facilities and air-conditioning, where needed. If you are staying in a lodge during your tour, plumbing and electricity supplies can vary and, in some cases, infrequent, with electricity only being accessible during certain times of the day. Rest assured that all accommodation used by Mercury Holidays is regularly inspected by our staff and partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you have booked a triple share please note that your room will be a twin room with a rollaway bed or sofa bed added. This may limit the floor space in the room.

Please note: final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.

Meals

Breakfast is always western style and served in the hotel each morning. Lunch and dinner will generally be taken in local restaurants or your hotel. A variety of restaurants are visited giving you the chance to experience a range of dishes and flavours.

ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival in Nepal you will be met by a representative from our local agent, **NEC Travel**, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/Nepal representative will show you to your transfer vehicle. Your guide will be on hand 24 hours a day should you have any queries. However, if you need to contact Champawati Tours during your stay the details are:

Emergency contact information

Please find below the emergency contact details for NEC Travel

Contact	Telephone number
Madan Adhikari	Office: 00977 1 4700 967
	Mobile: 00977 985 1093896

Contact e-mail address for NEC Travel
info@nectravels.com



WHAT TO PACK

- Sunscreen and hat in summer
- Warm clothing and thermals in winter
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Camera and charger
- An electric plug converter - three different plug sockets are used, so it is best to bring a multi adapter

- Personal first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc
- Loo paper for public WCs
- Binoculars

WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR

Visas - IMPORTANT

British passport holders do not need to obtain a visa for Nepal prior to departure. A Nepalese visa can be purchased on arrival into Kathmandu; you will need to complete and download a form from the Nepal Embassy website and present this completed form on arrival at immigration together with your payment (currently USD \$30). You must print the form with the barcode and take it with you for arrival. The barcode is only valid up to 15 days after issue so please complete this form within 2 weeks of travel. You will also need to complete an 'arrival card' at the airport. When applying for the visa on arrival you will need to ensure you apply for a multiple entry visa. We recommend you check the following website before travelling for all the most up to date advice, requirements and any changes <http://www.nepembassy.org.uk/visa.php>. We strongly advise you to check with your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy for the most up-to-date guidelines regarding required passport validity.

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you and all members of your party are suitably insured as soon as you book your holiday. It is a condition of booking that you must have suitable travel insurance. It is important that you purchase travel insurance that suitably covers your participation in whatever activities you may undertake at the time that you make your booking. To assist you with this, we have arranged travel insurance in partnership with Holiday Extras. To arrange your travel insurance with Holiday Extras, please call 0800 781 4237 and quote 'WK830' for preferential rates. Please ensure you provide us with the name of your insurer, policy number and their 24 hour emergency contact number as soon as possible. Mercury Holidays will not be liable for any costs incurred by you due to your failure to take out suitable travel insurance from the date of booking.

Tour Guides

This is a fully escorted tour, meaning that you will be met on arrival by

your guide who will remain with you for the duration of your trip, starting in Kathmandu on Day 1 ending back to Kathmandu on Day 10. Transfers will be provided by a local English speaking guide.

Private Tour

If you have booked a private tour then you will be accompanied by a Driver Guide or a Driver and Local Guides. These will be available to you during all scheduled sightseeing. Private Tours can depart on any day of the week depending on flight and train schedules and the opening days of the attractions. They will follow the itinerary as described in the brochure unless you have been advised otherwise and you will still have all of the same meals, sightseeing and local excursions included.

Tipping

It is at your customary to tip your guide and driver. This is at your discretion but we recommend you allow approximately £3 in local currency per person per day. This will be collected at the end of your tour for your convenience. Tips are accepted in the local currency, US dollars and British pounds.

Health and Vaccinations

It is your responsibility to check any health and vaccination requirements applicable to your booked arrangements. We can only provide general information about this. Health and hygiene facilities and disease risks vary from country to country. You should take health advice about your own needs as early as possible and in good time before your departure. Sources of information include; www.fco.gov.uk, www.travelhealthpro.org.uk/, www.hpa.org.uk, your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

Covid-19

Nepal will accept the UK's proof of COVID-19 recovery and vaccination record and proof of COVID-19 vaccination issued in the Crown Dependencies. Your final vaccine dose must have been administered

at least 14 days prior to travel. If you're not fully vaccinated, you must obtain a negative PCR test not more than 72 hours before your flight of first departure to enter Nepal, and should then be able to obtain a visa on arrival. Please visit www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/nepal/entry-requirements for full information.

Physical Accessibility

This tour is accessible to most people with a good level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves climbing of steep stairs and getting on and off coaches. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. All our tours feature a "Tour Pace" to help find the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights, climb stairs and get on and off coaches and boats. The tour pace for Colours of Nepal is intermediate. A good level of fitness is required as you may be on your feet for approximately four hours in a day, though this will be interspersed with regular breaks and will vary from day to day. You will be walking around the sights, and may be getting on and off coaches, trains and boats and climbing steps which may be irregular. You will stay in variety of hotels throughout the tour. Our guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

Group Size

The minimum number of travellers in your group will be 6, and the maximum will be 40. If in the unlikely event there are less than 6 people booked on your tour date, we will endeavour to reduce any disruption to your holiday and try to operate your tour with lower passenger numbers. If

we are not able to operate your departure date, then you may be asked to change to a different date and a full refund will be made available to you should this alternative not be suitable.

Currency Exchange

The currency in Nepal is the Nepalese Rupee or NPR, divided into 100 paisa. US dollars and UK sterling are both also often accepted should you wish to keep an alternative currency on you. We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. It is important that you budget carefully and ensure you have the right form of currency before you arrive in the country. Cash machines will also be available throughout the tour in order to withdraw money in your local currency.

Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs, laundry, any meals not included in the itinerary as well as drinks and any additional snacks. Approximately £200 per person will be sufficient for the duration of the tour. It is a good idea to try and maintain a supply of small notes and change in the local currency for tipping or small purchases.

Itinerary Changes

The order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions or for operational purposes. For this reason, we have indicated approximate times only. Your local guide will inform you of any schedule changes as they are informed of them. Some road construction and/or weather conditions may lengthen the driving times. Our intention is to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

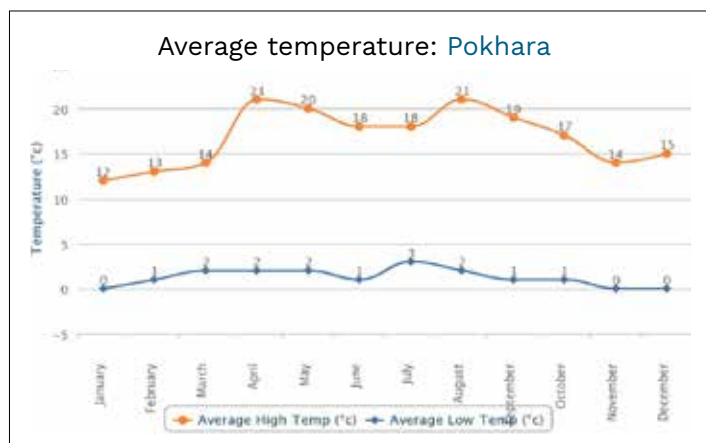
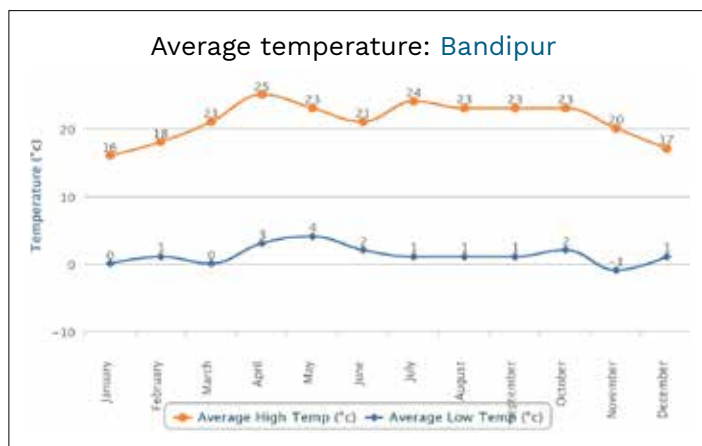
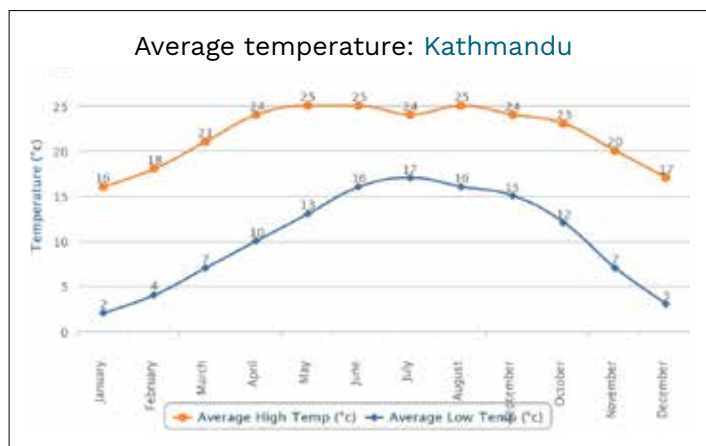
IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details, including terminal, airline and baggage allowance, will be confirmed on your final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure. A printed E-ticket is no longer required at check-in, all you need to do is present your passport to the staff at the desk and your boarding pass will be given to you.

Airport Extras

If you wish to arrange Airport car parking, lounges or accommodation at preferential rates, we recommend you book this in advance with Holiday Extras Tel. 0871 360 2000, quoting HX313.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



Mystical Bhutan Extension

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0333 003 0522



TRIP OVERVIEW

Your 4 night extension to mystical Bhutan offers you the chance to become one of the privileged few to say they have experienced this beautiful kingdom in this relatively untouched corner of the Himalayas.

ON YOUR ARRIVAL

On your arrival in Paro you will be met by a representative from our local agent, **Jayasree Travels and Tours**, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/**Jayasree Travels and Tours** representative will show you to your transfer vehicle. Your guide will be able to answer any queries. However, if you need to contact **Jayasree Travels and Tours**, during your stay the details are:

Jayasree Travels and Tours

F 341-Ground Floor
Lado Sarai
New Delhi 110030
Contact number: 0091 471 2505067

Emergency contact information

Please find below the emergency contact details for Jayasree Travels

Contact	Telephone number
Mrs Samitha Azhar:	0091 974 471 3380
Mr Biju Unnikrishnan.A.G:	0091 952 618 8860
Mr Harish Kumar:	0091 952 618 8859
Mr Amit Bhardwaj:	0091 995 898 8719

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to Bhutan.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 10: Kathmandu to Thimphu B/D

Depart Kathmandu for your flight to Paro in Bhutan, offering incredible views across the entire Himalayan region. Your guide will meet you on arrival and accompany you to Thimphu, stopping en-route to admire the joining of the Thimphu and Paro Rivers at Chuzom before arriving at your hotel with some time to relax. In the afternoon visit the impressive fortress of Trashichoedzong, then 'Buddha Point' where locals chant prayers to the largest Buddha statue in Bhutan. In the evening explore Thimphu's main market area and browse through paintings, hand-woven textiles and jewellery.

DAY 11: Thimphu to Paro B/L/D

Explore the Thimphu valley with a trip to the National Library and a weaving centre. Taking the scenic highway back to Paro appreciate the dramatic river valleys before arriving at your hotel late morning. Next visit Ta Dzong, originally built as a watchtower during the 1864 Duar War and now home to the National Museum focussing on royal memorabilia and Bhuddist art.

DAY 12: Paro B/L/D

Visit the breath-taking Taktshang Monastery perched on the side of a cliff, a place of worship recognised as one of Bhutan's most famous monasteries. In the afternoon drive to the ruins of Drukgyel built back in 1649 as a control point along the route to Tibet.

DAY 13: Paro to Kathmandu B

Depart Paro after breakfast for your return flight to Kathmandu, with the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 14: Kathmandu to the UK B

Transfer to Kathmandu airport for your flight to the UK.

Hotel Information

Thimphu (1 night): 3★ Pelyang Boutique - Opposite to City Hotel, Dungkhor Lam, Thimphu 11001, Bhutan
Contact number: 00975 2 330 630

Paro (2 nights): 3★ Rema Resort - CCQ3+CCM, Sangchoker Road, Remphakha Village, Nemjo, Paro, Bhutan
Contact number: 00975 8 271 082

Kathmandu (1 night): 5★ Hotel Aloft - Chhaya Devi Complex, Amrit Marg, Kathmandu 44600, Nepal.
Contact number: 00977 1-5252000

If the hotels listed are unavailable alternatives will be used of a similar standard.

Visas

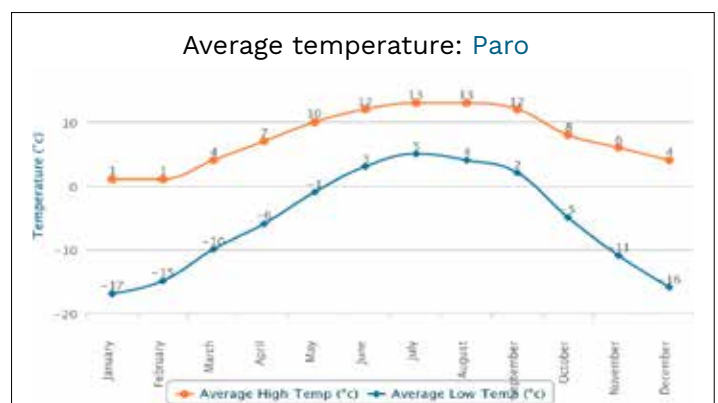
British Passport Holders do need a permit to enter Bhutan. However, we have included the cost of this in the extension price and the Mercury Holidays representative will give this to you before you depart Nepal for your flight to Paro. You will also need to make sure you request a multiple entry visa on arrival in Nepal at the start of your main tour.

Please note:

Due to frequent flight schedules changes by the domestic airline, some amendments may need to be made to the order of touring within Bhutan.

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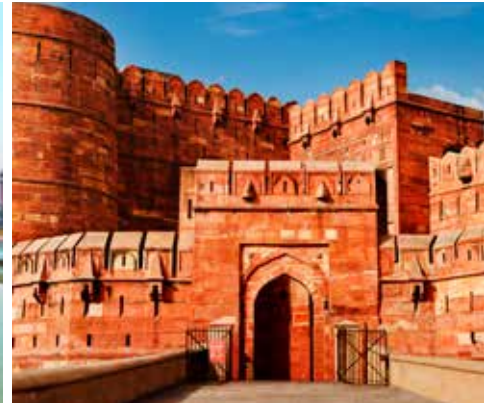
FLIGHT INFORMATION

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Taste of India Extension

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Travelling from Delhi to Agra, this 3 night extension takes you on a tour through India's capital as well as the magnificent Taj Mahal.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to India.

Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

DAY 10: Kathmandu to Delhi B/L/D

Transfer to Kathmandu airport for your flight to Delhi. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel in time for lunch. After this, a short tour of the beautifully planned city of New Delhi will follow. Offering you a taste of its imperial glory, you'll drive past the India Gate, President's House, Parliament Building and visit the Birla Temple, made purely out of 2,000 tons of white marble. Continue on to the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial and the 12th century Qutab Minar, the tallest stone tower in India.

DAY 11: Delhi to Agra B/L/D

After breakfast, you will be driven to Agra, arriving at your hotel in time for lunch. Despite being a small city, Agra was once the capital of the mighty Mughal dynasty whose strength manifested itself in the huge forts and buildings built to maintain its power. During the afternoon, you will visit one of The Seven Wonders of the World, the Taj Mahal. Words do not do this remarkable palace justice; it really must be seen to be appreciate its stupendous beauty. Taking 17 years to build, the heartbroken Mughal Emperor Shahjahan dedicated this monument of love to his deceased wife to enshrine her mortal remains.

DAY 12: Agra to Delhi B/L/D

This magical day starts after breakfast with a visit to Agra Fort, which was built in 1565 and boasts grand palaces, gigantic pavilions and spectacular courtyards. After lunch return to Delhi to spend the evening.

DAY 13: Delhi to the UK B

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to London.

Hotel Information

Delhi (2 nights): 5★ The Metropolitan Hotel and Spa - Bangla Sahib Rd, Sector 4, Gole Market, New Delhi, Delhi 110001, India. Contact number: 0091 11 4250 0200

Agra (1 night): 5★ Ramada Plaza Agra - 672 Basai, Fatehabad Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001, India. Contact number: 0091 562 712 3500

Meals

Breakfast is always western style & served in the hotel each morning. Lunch & dinner will generally be taken in local restaurants or at your hotel. A variety of restaurants are visited giving you the chance to experience a range of dishes and flavours.

Currency Exchange

The currency in India is the Rupee or Rs. The Rupee is a closed currency, meaning you cannot buy currency before you travel and officially you are not allowed to take any cash out of India. US Dollars and GBP are also widely accepted in India should you wish to keep an alternative currency on you.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Tour Guides

This is a fully escorted tour, meaning that you will be met on arrival by your national guide who will remain with you for the duration of your trip. You will also be joined by a local guide in each of the cities which you visit, ensuring that you have first-hand knowledge at all times.

Tipping

Tipping is not compulsory & is at your discretion. Should you wish to tip, this will be collected by your guide at the end of your tour for your convenience. It is asked that if you do not tip in the local currency, please do not give coins as these are difficult to exchange.

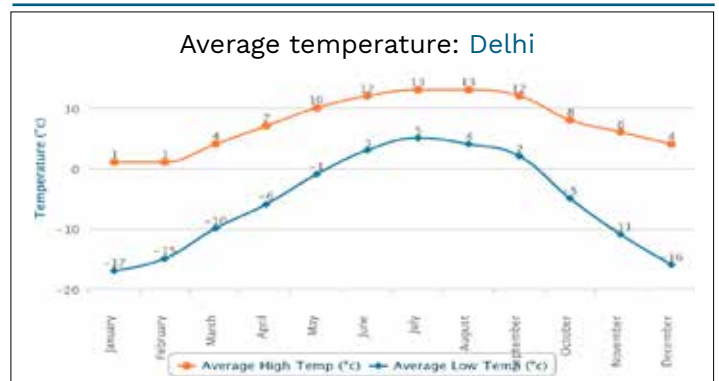
Travel Plug Adaptor

The voltage in India is 220 Volts with plugs and sockets having either grounded 3 pin connections or ungrounded 2 pin connections. Should you plan to use your own hairdryer, travel iron, video camera, battery charger, electric shaver etc, it is advisable to bring a multi-adaptor.

Visas

A visa is required for entry into India. British Citizen Passport Holders will need to obtain a tourist visa. We work closely with The Travel Visa Company who will be able to arrange your visa on your behalf. Please call them on 01270 250 590 and quote "Mercury Holidays". The Travel Visa Company can only apply for this 120 days before your proposed travel date. When calling the Travel Visa Company they will advise you of any changes to the fees or the procedure, they will also advise you of all information they will require in order to apply for the visa. Alternatively you can visit The Indian Visa Application Centre in London: 142-148 Goswell Road, London, EC1B 7DU. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months before you enter India. Visa requirements are subject to change and obtaining a visa is the responsibility of the traveller and not Mercury Holidays. We recommend you check with your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy prior to departure for the most up to date guidelines regarding visas and passport validity.

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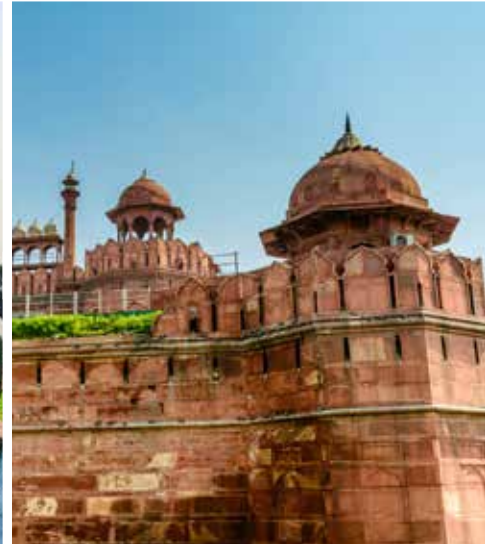


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India's Golden Triangle Extension

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Travelling from Delhi to Agra then Jaipur, this 6 night extension tour of the Golden Triangle takes you through India's most famous sights. Ride a rickshaw around Old Delhi, marvel at the Taj Mahal and discover the Pink City of Jaipur.

ITINERARY & DETAILS

This document aims to give you all the information which you will require during your extension to India's Golden Triangle.

Your included meal guide: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Day 10: Kathmandu to Delhi B/D

Departing Kathmandu after breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Delhi. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. After settling in, a short tour of the beautifully planned city of New Delhi will follow. Offering you a taste of its imperial glory, you'll drive past the India Gate, President's House, Parliament Building and visit the Birla Temple, made purely out of 2,000 tons of Rajastani white marble.

Day 11: Delhi B/L/D

A full day tour of Delhi commences after breakfast, beginning with the historic Old Delhi in the morning. Lying side by side, Old Delhi dates back to the Mughal period, whilst New Delhi was built just over a hundred years ago. Travelling through the narrow and crowded streets on a rickshaw will transport you back in time, whilst a visit to the regal Red Fort gives you a sense of the lavish life once led by the former rulers. After lunch your tour will continue on to New Delhi to see the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial and the 12th century Qutab Minar, the tallest stone tower in India.

Day 12: Delhi & Agra B/L/D

After breakfast you will be driven to Agra, arriving at your hotel in time for lunch. Despite being a small city, Agra was once the capital of the mighty Mughal dynasty whose strength manifested itself in the huge forts and buildings built to maintain its power. During the afternoon you will visit the vast red sandstone Agra Fort, which was built in 1565 and boasts grand palaces, gigantic pavilions and spectacular courtyards.

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Day 14: Jaipur B/L/D

Begin your first day in Jaipur with a visit to the spectacular Amber Fort, the ancient capital of the royal family until 1728 located just 11km from Jaipur. Spanning over four huge courtyards, you will travel to the centre of the fort by either elephant or jeep, passing snake charmers, harems of the Maharajah and the Palace of Mirrors along the way which all make for a truly

unforgettable morning. An afternoon city tour of Jaipur takes in the major sights including the home of the royal family of Jaipur - The City Palace and the Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory. Lastly, marvel at the hundreds of tiny windows on the facade of the Hawa Mahal, known to many as the Palace of Winds, where it is said that the women of the royal family could once watch the streets below without being seen.

Day 15: Jaipur & Delhi B/L/D

The morning is left free so that after breakfast you can visit some of the local bazaars and stalls for some last minute shopping. Try the M1 Road and Chameliwala market for jewellery, handicrafts, textiles and more, or wander the streets and sample the delicious and unique Rajasthani street food that Jaipur has to offer. You will then begin your return journey to Delhi, stopping for lunch on the way. A final farewell dinner in Delhi will bring your trip to a close, celebrated by a cultural dance show to round off this unforgettable tour.

Day 16: Delhi to the UK B

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to London.

Hotel Information

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Agra (1 night): 5★ Ramada Plaza Agra - 672 Basai, Fatehabad Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001, India.
Contact number: 0091 562 712 3500

Jaipur (2 nights): 4★ Lemon Tree - Behind Inox Cinema, Nirwan Marg, Sindhi Colony, Bani Park, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302016, India.
Contact number: 0091 141 405 1100

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Travel Plug Adaptor

The voltage in India is 220 Volts with plugs and sockets having either grounded 3 pin connections or ungrounded 2 pin connections. Should you plan to use your own hairdryer, travel iron, video camera, battery charger, electric shaver etc, it is advisable to bring a multi-adaptor.

Visas

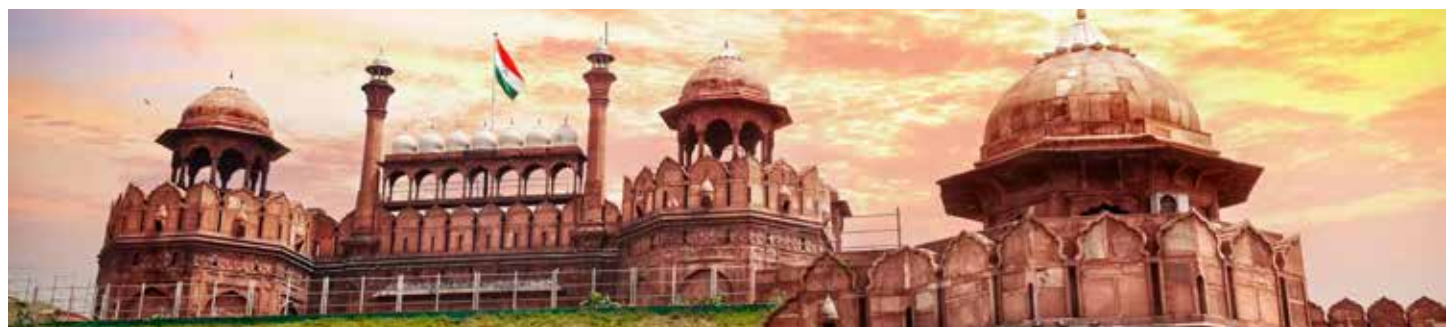
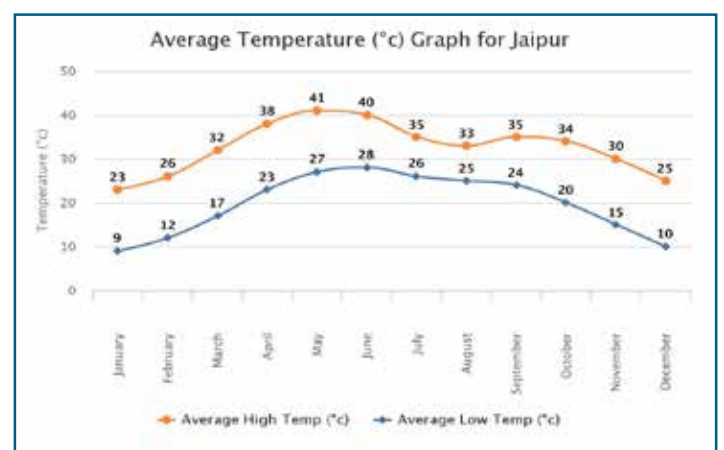
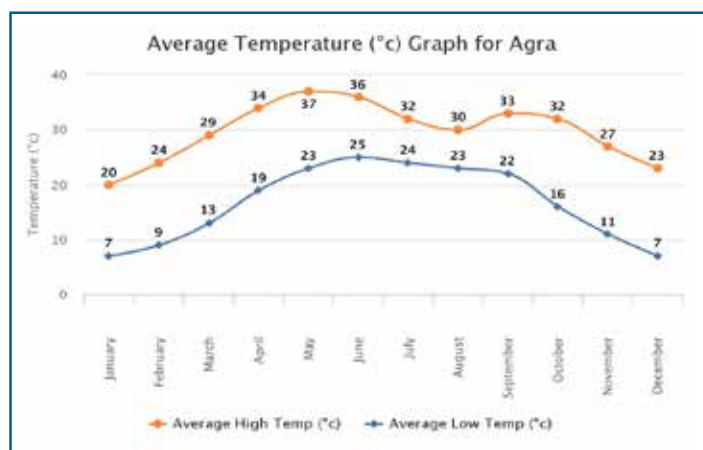
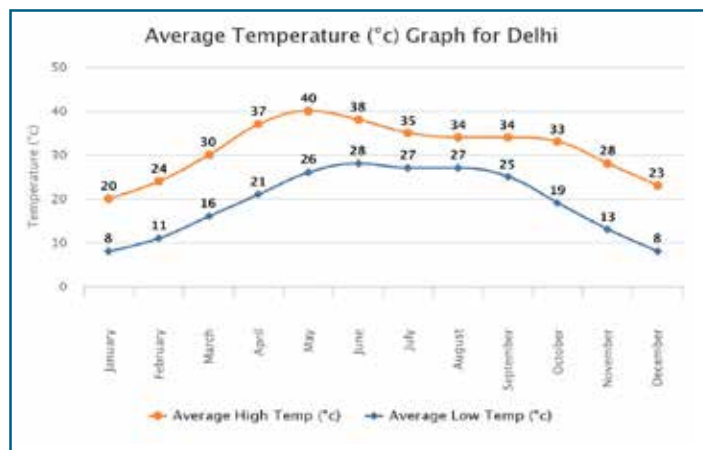
A visa is required for entry into India. British Citizen Passport Holders will need to obtain a tourist visa. We work closely with The Travel Visa Company who will be able to arrange your visa on your behalf. Please call them on 01270 250 590 and quote "Mercury Holidays". The Travel Visa Company can only apply for this 120 days before your proposed travel date. When calling the Travel Visa Company they will advise you of any changes to the fees or the procedure, they will also advise you of all information they will require in order to apply for the visa. Alternatively you can visit The Indian Visa Application Centre in London: 142-148 Goswell Road, London, EC1B 7DU. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months before you enter India. Visa requirements are subject to change and obtaining a visa is the responsibility of the traveller and not Mercury Holidays. We recommend you check with your destinations' Tourist Board or Embassy prior to departure for the most up to date guidelines regarding visas and passport validity.

IMPORTANT: Baggage Allowance

Your flight from Kathmandu to Delhi includes 20kg of hold luggage per person.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



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