

# A PASSAGE THROUGH INDIA



## TRIP OVERVIEW

India, a fascinating country of colour, culture and spiritualism, which we have combined to offer you a true insight into this magical land. This tour will take you through cities and landscapes, UNESCO world heritage sites, the colonial capital of Kolkata and onto the vibrant tea plantations of Darjeeling before heading south through the interior to finish your tour in lush Kerala.

## ITINERARY & DETAILS

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

### Your included meal guide:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

#### DAY 1: UK to Mumbai

Depart London on your scheduled overnight flight to Mumbai via Dubai.

#### DAY 2: Mumbai D

On arrival you will be met by a local guide and transferred to your hotel. After checking in at your hotel the rest of the day is at leisure to start exploring this multi-faceted city.

#### DAY 3: Mumbai B/L/D

An early morning start to commence your full day tour of Mumbai awaits you. Your first stop is the iconic stone arch landmark known as the Gateway of India. Next, board a motorboat to Elephanta Island and explore the ancient caves dedicated to the Hindu God Shiva which are UNESCO-listed (Please note there are 120 steps with a steep climb to access the ancient caves on Elephanta Island). Back in Mumbai you will delight in admiring such sites as the grand Jain Temple before meandering through the picturesque Hanging Gardens which offer beautiful views of the city and sea before arriving at the beach at Chowpatty. Continue to the museum of Mani Bhavan where Mahatma Gandhi stayed during his visits to Mumbai between 1917-1943.

#### DAY 4: Mumbai to Amritsar B/L/D

Fly from Mumbai to Amritsar. On arrival you will be met by a local guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the Sikh's holy city and its network of historic bazaars.

#### DAY 5: Amritsar B/L/D

Following breakfast, you'll enjoy a visit to the Golden Temple, one of the most awe-inspiring and memorable sights in India. Sikhism's holiest shrine, the spectacular golden temple blends Hindu and Islamic architecture, which is set off by its stunning location at the centre of a shimmering pool, known as the Pool of Nectar. After lunch, the afternoon is yours to explore at your own pace, alternatively you can take an optional excursion to the Wagah Border. Famous for its fascinating flag-lowering ceremony, Indian and Pakistani guards decked in full uniform lower their respective flags and close the border gates with as much pomp and fervour as they can muster.

#### DAY 6: Amritsar to Shimla B/L/D

This morning you'll board the train to Chandigarh before taking a winding, scenic drive through lush pine forests to the former summer capital of British India. Beautifully situated on a hilltop in the snow-capped Shivalik Ranges and offering stunning views of the Himalayan mountains, the British Raj would annually transfer here to avoid the heat of Calcutta.

#### DAY 7: Shimla B/L/D

After breakfast this morning you'll depart Shimla for the neighbouring hill station of Kufri. Set in the foothills of the Himalayas, this charming town is surrounded by dense forest and snow-capped mountains, offering staggering viewpoints of the surrounding countryside and the vast mountains beyond. After admiring Kufri's natural wonders, tour the impressive Rashtrapati Niwas, former residence of the British Viceroy. Built in Jacobethan style, this fascinating glimpse into British colonial history allows you to explore the maze of corridors, grand teak-panelled rooms and sprawling lawns.

#### DAY 8: Shimla to Delhi B/L/D

Today, you'll travel in style with a ride on the UNESCO recognised "Toy Train" – built for the British Viceroy and his delegates, the train is hauled along by a tiny

diesel locomotive which rattles at a leisurely pace through breath-taking scenery to its final destination of Dharampur Station where you will disembark for lunch. Following lunch, transfer by car to Kalka Station for your connecting train to Delhi where you will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel.

#### DAY 9: Delhi B/L/D

The symbol of old and new India, Delhi is simultaneously a buzzing, international metropolis and a city rich in history. Today you'll discover it in all its glory on a full day tour, traversing through Old Delhi's narrow, spice-scented streets by rickshaw, you'll feel like you've travelled back in time while taking in sights such as the Mughal Empire's imposing Red Fort and the UNESCO listed Humayun's Tomb, whose Persian-style elegance and landscaped garden setting makes it one of Delhi's finest historic sites. Crossing to the intricately planned colonial centre of New Delhi, you'll visit the minimalistic Mahatma Gandhi Memorial adorned in floral tributes, before exploring the ruins of Quatub Minar complex. Before falling to ruin, this red-sandstone city was built in the 13th Century by the Delhi Sultanate and housed a number of mosques and tombs, as well the intricate tower centrepiece from which the complex gets its name.

#### DAY 10: Delhi to Jaipur B/L/D

After Breakfast, drive to Jaipur (known as the Pink city) by coach. After Check in at your hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 11: Jaipur B/L/D

Begin your day with a visit to the impressive Amber Fort, built from pink sandstone and white marble this magnificent fort is largely made up of a royal palace, home to the royal family until 1728. Spread over four vast courtyards, you'll ascend to the fort either by jeep or by elephant, experience the grandeur of a Maharaja. The tour will continue to the famous open-air observatory of Jantar Mantar with a fascinating collection of archaic astronomical instruments including the world's largest stone sun dial. Finally you'll marvel at the numerous windows of the stunning Hawa Mahal, also known as the Palace of the Winds.

#### DAY 12: Jaipur B/L/D

Today is at leisure to explore this beautiful city at your own pace. Explore the colourful bazaars, temples and museums the city has to offer or simply admire this flamboyant showcase of Rajasthani architecture. You may book an optional excursion (payable locally) to The Elephant Village. Have the opportunity to see, touch and feed the elephants the village was set up by the local Rajasthan Government in 2010.

#### DAY 13: Jaipur to Agra B/L/D

Depart Jaipur this morning by coach for the wondrous city of Agra the former capital of the mighty Mughal dynasty, whose legacy can be seen in the colossal forts and opulent buildings. Your afternoon will be at leisure to explore the fascinating mausoleums and bustling marketplaces of this charming city.

#### DAY 14: Agra B/L/D

This unforgettable day begins with a sunrise tour of the truly magnificent Taj Mahal, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World and widely considered to be the most beautiful building on the planet. Built on the orders of heartbroken Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan upon the death of his wife, this stunning white marble mausoleum took over 20,000 people and around 20 years to build and words simply don't do it justice. You'll return to your hotel for breakfast and a well-deserved rest before visiting the impressive, red sandstone Agra Fort. One of the finest Mughal forts in India, this colossal giant began construction in 1565 as a military structure, but was later transformed into an opulent palace for the emperor.

#### DAY 15: Agra to Lucknow B/L/D

Today's coach ride takes you from Agra to Lucknow, India's former artistic and cultural hub. On arrival, check into your hotel, you are then free to relax or explore your new surroundings.

### DAY 16: Lucknow B/L/D

After breakfast, a full-day city tour of Lucknow visits the city's most impressive highlights. Wander through the recently restored Hazratganj Market and visit the 1857 Memorial Museum, where the collection of old photographs, documents and objects on display offers insight into the major historical events that have shaped Lucknow. Continue on to the historic the gilded dome and intricate inlays of Chota Imambara. Pass through the imposing 18th century gateway of Rumi Darwaza, travelling past the stark red walls of Taluqdar Hall, the towering peak of Husainabad Clock Tower. Return to your hotel after this comprehensive day of sightseeing.

### DAY 17: Lucknow to Varanasi B/L/D

Following breakfast, you'll board a coach to Varanasi where you'll be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. One of the oldest continually inhabited cities in the world; the great Hindu city of Varanasi stretches along the River Ganges, its waterfront lined with temples and pavilions, interspersed with vast stone steps or ghats used daily by thousand of pilgrims in their daily ritual ablutions. This evening you'll tour the ghats and witness a Ganga Aarti ceremony where a small lamp containing a candle and flowers representing an offering of fire is floated down the river.

### DAY 18: Varanasi B/L/D

Awake early this morning for a sunrise boat trip on the Ganges where you can gain a different perspective of this colourful waterfront city and the spiritual importance of the river in the Hindu religion. Returning to your hotel for breakfast and a rest you'll then spend the afternoon exploring the ancient temples of Sarnath, a sacred Buddhist pilgrimage site on which the Buddha gave his first sermon after achieving enlightenment around 530BC. After exploring the many ruins you'll return to Varanasi where your evening is at leisure.

### DAY 19: Varanasi to Kolkata B/L/D

Today is free for you to relax in the hotel or explore Varanasi's temples and forts, before your evening flight to Kolkata.

### DAY 20: Kolkata B/L/D

The showpiece capital of the British Raj, Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) was considered as the greatest colonial city of the Orient. You'll begin today's tour with a trip back to these times by visiting the grand imperial buildings around Dalhousie Square such as the majestic, white-domed General Post Office. Following lunch, enjoy a fascinating boat trip on the Hooghly river offering you a panoramic view of the city whilst sailing through the two spectacular Howrah and Vidyasagar bridges.

### DAY 21: Kolkata to Cochin B/L/D

Following breakfast, you will fly to Kerala and arrive in Cochin known as the 'Queen of the Arabian Sea'. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel and the rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 22: Cochin to Alleppey B/L/D

Today you will board a traditional House Boat at Alleppey for your tranquil journey through the scenic winding backwaters absorbing the stunning rural scenery and admiring the local villages. After an authentic meal served on board by your private chef spend the night on board, a once in a lifetime experience.

### DAY 23: Alleppey to Thekkady B/L/D

Today you will disembark from the houseboat and enjoy a drive through the spectacular countryside to arrive at the hill station of Thekkady which conjures up images of rolling lush hills and spice scented plantations. The Periyar forests of Thekkady are one of the finest wildlife reserves in India, and spread across the entire district are picturesque plantations and hill towns. In the afternoon, you can choose to relax at the hotel or visit spice market. This evening you will enjoy a traditional Kathakali and Kalaripayattu show.

### DAY 24: Thekkady B/L/D

A highlight of Thekkady is the Periyar National Park, India's largest wildlife sanctuary. Enjoy a morning boat ride at Periyar Lake where you will have the chance to spot some elephants, or one of the park's 25 Bengal tigers amongst other birds, reptiles and mammals. This afternoon relax at the hotel with a complimentary Ayurvedic massage of 45 minutes per person. Later enjoy dinner at your hotel with two bottles of Indian Beer and overnight at the hotel.

### DAY 25: Thekkady to Munnar B/L/D

The tour will depart in the morning and travel by coach to Munnar. En route visit the spice plantation at spice garden and later proceed to Munnar, South India's largest tea growing region known for its expanse of tea plantations, rolling valleys and mountains. Today you will have a tour of Munnar, a nature lover's paradise. Listen to your own echo bouncing around the surrounding hills at Echo Point and Learn about the origins of your morning cuppa at one of the tea plantations owned by the mighty Tata corporation.

### DAY 26: Munnar to Cochin B/L/D

After breakfast, enjoy the last few highlights of Munnar before proceeding to Cochin. Arriving late evening at Cochin you will check in to your hotel and enjoy the evening at leisure.

### DAY 27: Cochin B/L/D

Following breakfast, you will embark on a tour of the city. Marvel at Mattancherry Dutch palace, St. Francis church, the oldest European church in India and the impressive promenade lined with distinct Chinese fishing nets.

### DAY 28: Cochin to the UK or extension B/L/D

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to UK (Via Dubai) or continue on to your Marari beach extension.

## ACCOMMODATION DETAILS & MAP

### Hotel information

#### Mumbai (2 nights): 4★ The Fern Residency

No. B-411, Hemu Kalani Marg, Sindhi Society, Chembur East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400071, India. Contact number: 0091 22 2523 8000

#### Amritsar (2 nights): 5★ Hyatt Amritsar

MBM Farms, G.T. Road, Amritsar - 143001, Punjab. Contact number: 0091 183 2871234

#### Shimla (2 nights): 4★ Clarks Hotel

The Mall Road, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh 171001, India. Contact number: 0091 177 265 1010

#### Please note: For departures on 06/11/19 you will stay at:

#### (2 nights): 5★ Radisson Jass Hotel

Goodwood Estate, Lower Bharari Rd, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, 171001 India

Contact number: 00 91 177 265 9012

#### Delhi (2 nights): 4½★ The Park Hotel

15, Sansad Marg, Hanuman Road Area, Connaught Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110001, India. Contact number: 0091 86848 69005

#### Jaipur (3 nights): 4★ Lemon Tree

Behind Inox Cinema, Nirwan Marg, Sindhi Colony, Bani Park, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302016, India. Contact number: 0091 141 405 1100

#### Please note: For departures on 06/11/19 you will stay at:

#### (3 nights): 5★ Radisson Blu

Khasa Kothi Circle, M I Road, Jaipur Rajasthan, 302001 India

Contact number: 0091 141 669 8888

#### Agra (2 nights): 5★ Crystal Sarovar Premiere

Fatehabad Rd, Near KFC, Tajganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001, India

Contact number: 0091 562 711 0711

#### Please note: For departures in 2019 you will stay at:

#### 4★ Ramada Plaza

672, Basai, Fatehabad Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001, India

Contact number: 0091 562 712 3500

#### Lucknow (2 nights): 4★ Radisson Lucknow City Centre

24, Cantonment Rd, Kaiserbagh Officer's Colony, Qaisar Bagh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 226001, India

Contact number: 0091 522 429 9999

#### Varanasi (2 nights): 4½★ Radisson Hotel

The Mall Cantonment, Mall Rd, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh 221002, India

Contact number: 0091 542 250 1515

#### Kolkata (2 nights): 4½★ Hotel Hindusthan International



235/1, AJC Bose Rd, Sreepally, Bhowanipore, Kolkata, West Beng, I 700020, India. Contact number: 0091 33 4001 8000

#### Please note: For departures in 2019 you will stay at:

#### 5★ Taj Bengal Kolkata

34B, Belvedere Road, Alipore, Kolkata, West Bengal 700027, India

#### Contact number: 0091 33 6612 3939

#### Cochin (3 nights): 3½★ Casino Hotel

Casino Building, Willingdon Island, Kochi, Kerala 682003, India.

Contact number: 0091 484 301 1711

#### Alleppey (1 night): 4★ Traditional House Boat

#### Thekkady (2 nights): 3★ Abad Green Forest

Opposite RC Church, Thekkady Junction, Kumily, 685509, India.

Contact number: 0091 4869 224 751

#### Munnar (1 night): 4★ Tea Country Resort

KTDC Hill Resort, Munnar, India

Contact number: 0091 486 523 0460

**Accommodation**

All accommodation is 3, 4 and 5★ and features an en suite bathroom, air-conditioning and TV. Mercury Holidays have visited and inspected all of the hotels to ensure that they meet the high standards of service which we require for our clients. Should any of the hotels listed become unavailable you will be placed in alternative accommodation of the same standard.

**Please note: the hotels listed are provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.**

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**

Your initial flight is to **Mumbai International Airport**, via **Dubai** with **Emirates (EK)**, departing from **London Heathrow Terminal 3**.

**IMPORTANT: Please note that final flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.**

**Baggage Allowance**

Baggage allowance (per person): Each passenger is entitled to 30kg of hold luggage plus 1 item of hand luggage not exceeding 55cm x 38cm x 20cm in size or 10kg in weight. Weight restrictions will be finalized on E-ticket receipt. Should you wish to take additional luggage you will need to pay extra at check-in. Check-in should be at least 3 hours before departure.

**IMPORTANT: Baggage Allowance internal flight Mumbai to Amritsar**

Your internal flight will be with Indigo Airlines with a baggage allowance of 25kg per person.

**ON YOUR ARRIVAL**

On your arrival into India, you will be met by a representative from our local agent, holding a sign displaying: "Mercury Holidays". The Mercury Holidays/Jayasree Travels & Tours Company representative will show you to your transfer vehicle. Your guide will be able to answer any queries you may have, however if you need to contact your representative during your stay the details are:

**Jayasree Travels and Tours Company**

P.O Box 5236, Pettah, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India  
Contact number: 0091 471 2505067

**WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR TOUR****Visas**

A visa is required for entry into India. British Citizen Passport Holders will need to obtain an e-Tourist Visa (eTV) for travel to India. 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 cost of the visa is approximately £134 per person. The Travel Visa Company can only apply for this 120 days before your proposed travel date and takes around 10 working days to issue. It is only valid for a 60 day single entry stay from the date of arrival. 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.**

**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 an escorted tour, meaning that you will have the services of an English speaking guide during each excursion ensuring that you have first-hand knowledge at all times. Also, local monument guides will be provided subject to the monuments rules.

**Tipping**

Tipping is at your discretion; however we would recommend approximately £2 per day. Tips are accepted in the local currency, however it is asked that if you do not tip in the local currency that you only pay with notes, as coins cannot be exchanged.

**Meals**

Breakfast is always western style and served in the hotel each morning (sometimes a packed breakfast depending on train journey). Lunch and dinner where applicable will be taken in hotel/wayside restaurants. A variety of restaurants are visited giving you the chance to experience a range of dishes and flavours.

**Alcoholic drinks**

Please note that Kerala has strict laws regarding the governance of the sale of alcohol in public places including hotels and restaurants. The sale and consumption of alcohol is therefore often restricted in hotels, varying from one establishment to another. You may however bring your own alcohol with you for private consumption in your room.

**Airport Extras**

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

**Emergency contact information**

Please find below the emergency contact details for **Jayasree Travels**

Contact	Telephone number
Ms Jayasree Vikraman	0091 974 700 5888
Ms Samitha	0091 974 471 3380
Mr Biju Unnikrishnan	0091 952 618 8860
Mr Harish Kumar	0091 952 618 8859
Mrs Prashansa Alkesh	0091 997 148 8995/0091 9958988772

**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](http://www.fco.gov.uk), [www.travelhealthpro.org.uk](http://www.travelhealthpro.org.uk), [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk), your General Practitioner or a specialist clinic.

**Physical Accessibility**

This tour is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. It involves moderate days of walking on uneven paths and small hills, and getting on and off coaches and boats. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. Please note Shimla is not suitable for clients with walking difficulties; due to the nature of its mountainous location, there are many steep steps, inclines and declines around the town.

**Group Size**

The minimum number of travellers in your group will be 10, and the maximum will be 35. If in the unlikely event there are less than 10 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 India is the Rupee or Rs. The Rupee is a closed currency and officially you are not allowed to take any cash out of India. We recommend that you exchange your currency before you leave the UK. US Dollars and GBP are also widely accepted in India should you wish to keep an alternative currency on you. There are restrictions on taking Indian rupees into India. Visitors, including tourists, are not permitted to take any amount of Indian currency into the country. You can take cash or travellers' cheques (in pounds sterling or another foreign currency) and/or a bank card with you and exchange or withdraw rupees once in India.

**Personal Expenses**

You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any meals where these are not mentioned on your itinerary and personal purchases, such as souvenirs,

drinks and snacks. **Approximately £10 - £20 per person per day** should be sufficient for the duration of your tour. Please also bear in mind that there will be several shopping opportunities throughout your tour.

### Credit Card Information

As normal practice you may be asked for your credit card details on check-in at the hotel in order to cover any extras incurred during your stay. If you do not have a credit card you may be asked for a cash deposit. American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted in hotels.

### WHAT TO PACK

- Sunglasses, sunscreen and hat in summer
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Warm clothing and thermals in winter
- Camera and charger/spare batteries
- Loo paper for public WCs
- Binoculars
- Mosquito Repellent
- Anti-bacterial hand gel

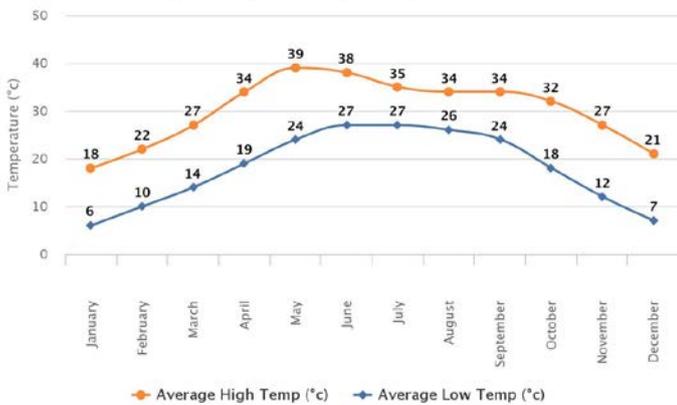
### WEATHER AND CLIMATE

### 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. The schedules of domestic airlines in the country are subject to frequent changes and 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 the local conditions.

- Long sleeve shirt and long trousers
- Swimwear
- Personal toiletries and first aid kit containing travel pills, rehydration powder, plasters, stomach settlers, antiseptic creams, aspirin etc
- Travel plug adapter – The voltage in India is 230 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.

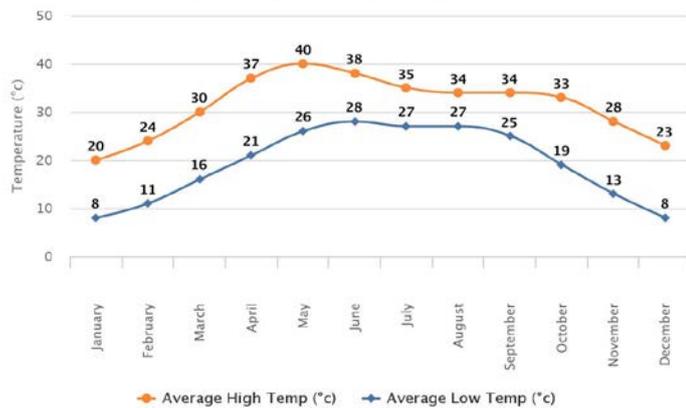
Average Temperature (°C) Graph for Amritsar



Average Temperature (°C) Graph for Shimla



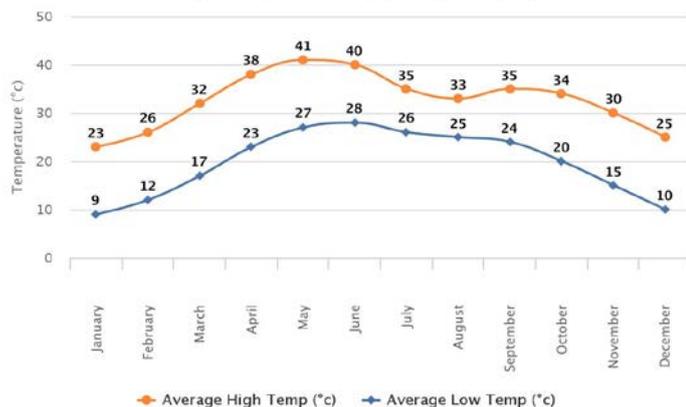
Average Temperature (°C) Graph for Delhi



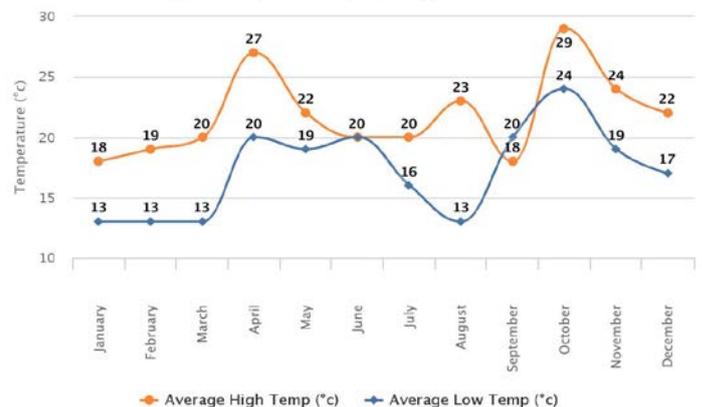
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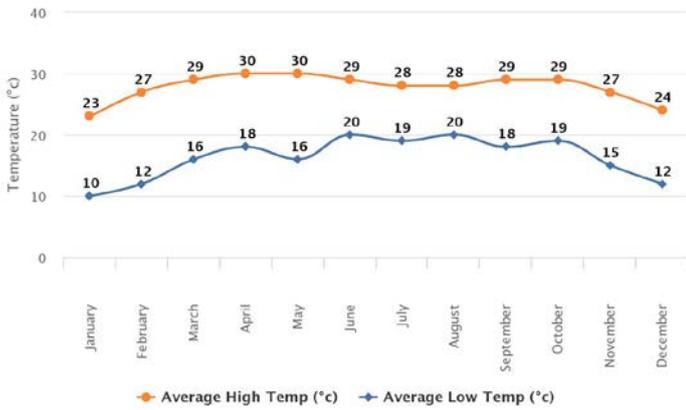
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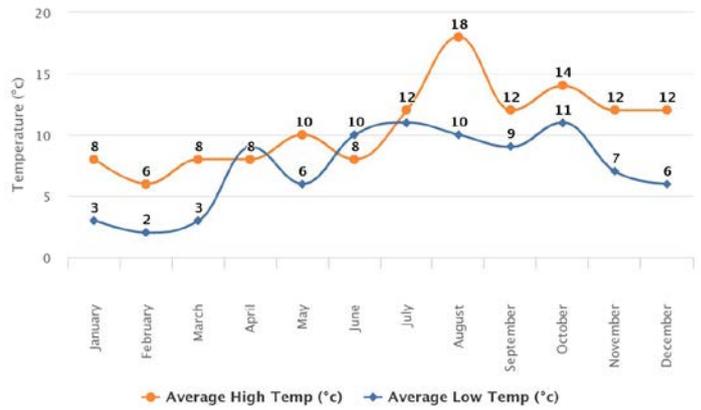
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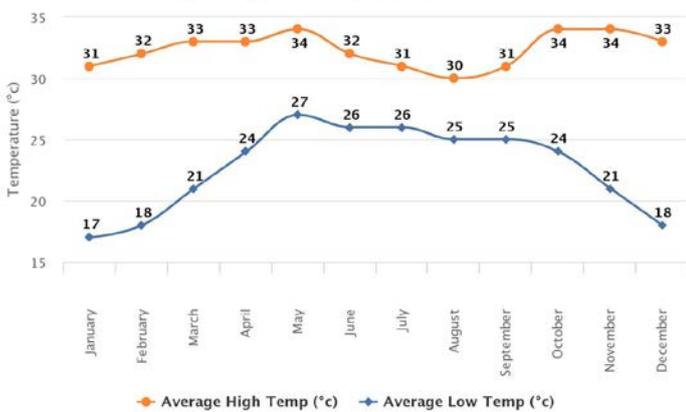
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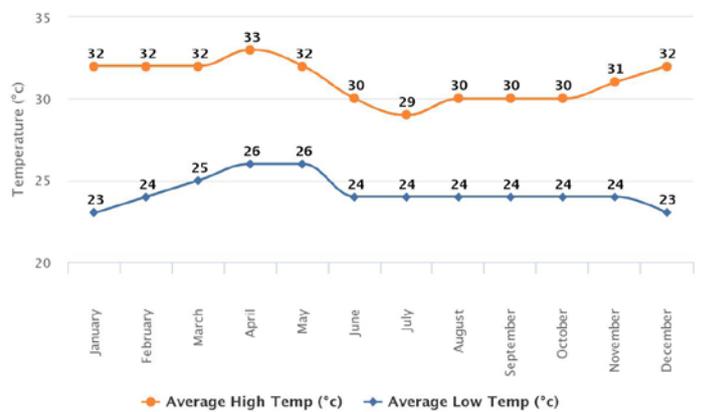
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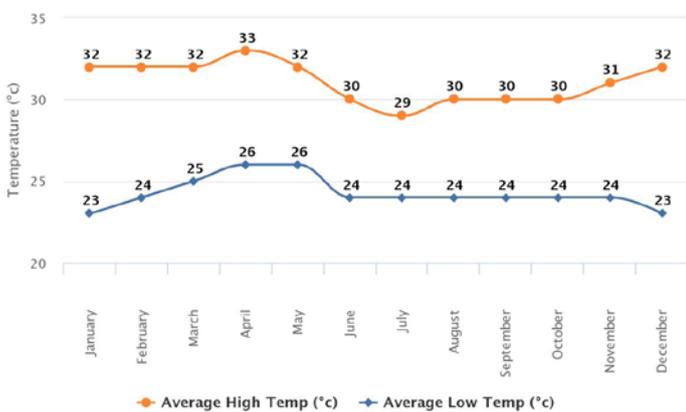
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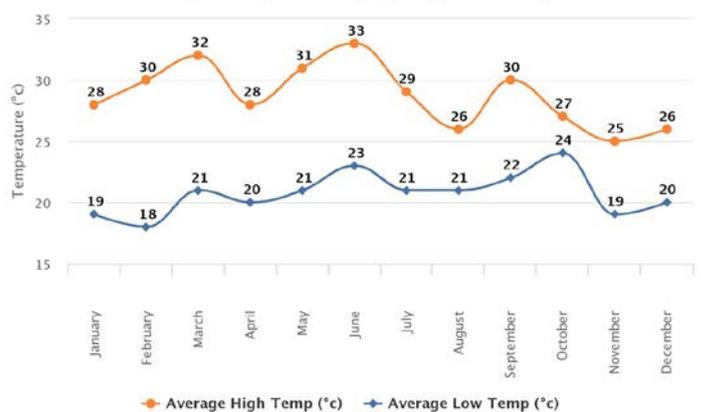
Average Temperature (°C) Graph for Cochin



Average Temperature (°C) Graph for Alleppey



Average Temperature (°C) Graph for Periyar



# MARARI BEACH STAY EXTENSION

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so, please contact 0843 224 0723



Abad Turtle Beach



Marari Beach Resort

## TRIP OVERVIEW

Nestled beside the quaint fishing village of Mararikulam in the district of Alappuzha, discover the untouched sandy-beaches of Marari on your three-night extension within a truly tropical retreat. Whether lounging upon the beach soaking up the year-round sunshine, swimming within the Arabian Sea's glistening waters or enjoying a traditional Ayurveda massage at your hotel, the Marari extension is the ideal way to conclude your tour.

## ITINERARY & DETAILS

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

### Hotel

Your stay will take place at one of the following hotels;

**3★ plus Abad Turtle Beach** on Full Board. Overlooking the quiet shores of Marari beach, the Abad Turtle Beach provides guests with a sublime tropical retreat with modern and traditional amenities. Stretching across a verdant area, each villa boasts air-conditioning, an en suite bathroom, TV, tea/coffee making facilities and a safe. For those looking to unwind, the massage service offers utter relaxation, alongside a myriad of other leisure and recreation facilities.

### Hotel information

Varankavala, Pollathai P.O, Mararikulam, Alleppey 688567, Kerala  
Contact number: 0091 478 2860965

**5★ Marari Beach Resort** on Full Board. Surrounded by local fishing communities and within acres of parkland scattered with lotus ponds and coconut groves, this is a hidden gem and has the perfect beachfront location to unwind and relax.

Each villa has a thatched roof and a partly open-air courtyard-style bathroom, air-conditioning, terrace, mini bar and tea & coffee making facilities.

### Hotel information

Marari Beach, Mararikulam-North, Alappuzha, Kerala 688549, India  
Contact number: 0091 484 301 171

Your choice of hotel will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

### Personal Expenses

You will need to take money with you to cover personal purchases, laundry service, souvenirs, plus any items not included in your Full Board package.

### Tour Guides

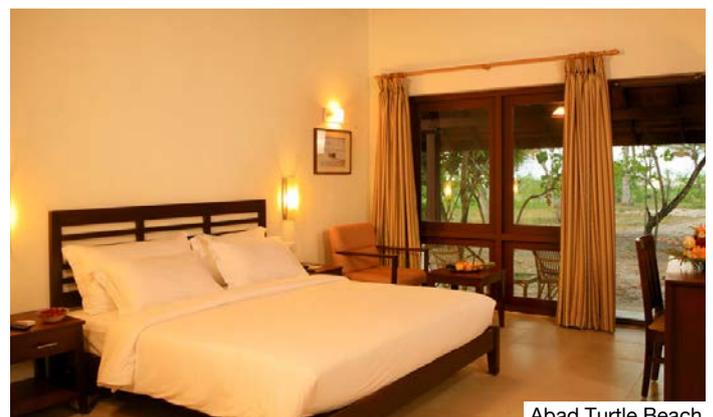
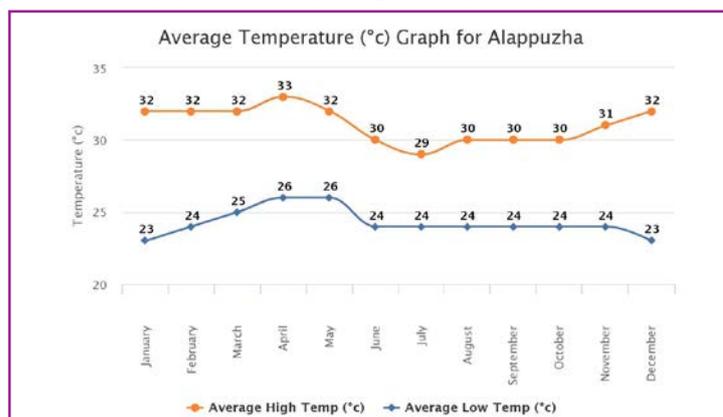
Your stay in Marari is not escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included.

### Please note

This extension takes place after your main tour.

## WEATHER AND CLIMATE

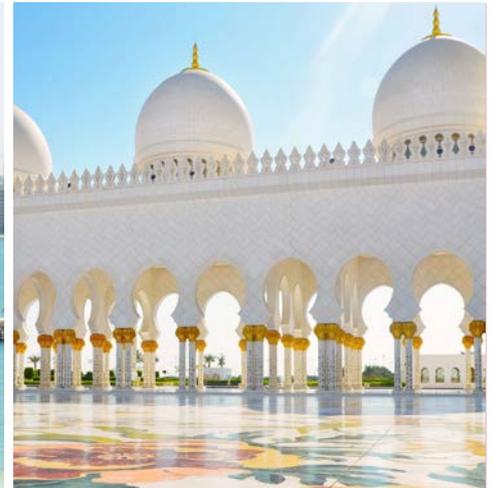
Weather can vary quite considerably throughout the year, so please familiarise yourself with the climate charts below.



Abad Turtle Beach

# DUBAI CITY STAY EXTENSION

If you have not yet booked this fabulous extension, there is still time to do so. Please contact 0843 224 0723



## TRIP OVERVIEW

An extension to Dubai and its Emirates is the perfect place to relax and soak in the Arabian sun which shines out of a clear blue sky day after day. The United Arab Emirates offer a kaleidoscope of attractions from bustling city centres to rugged mountains and idyllic beaches.

## ITINERARY & DETAILS

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

### Hotel (2 nights)

Your stay in Dubai will take place at one of the following hotels:

#### 4★ Marco Polo on Bed & Breakfast.

Centrally located in the leisure district of Deira, the Marco Polo offers a great range of guest facilities including a roof top pool, plus an excellent selection of restaurants featuring several speciality eateries. The hotel provides a free shuttle service also operates to one of Dubai's beaches.

#### Hotel Information

Address: Al Mateena St, Al Muteena, Deira, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Contact number: 00971 4 272 0000

#### 5★ Carlton Palace Hotel on Bed & Breakfast.

The luxurious Carlton Palace Hotel is situated upon the exclusive Al Maktoum Street, within the heart of Dubai's business district. The city's best-known and most extravagant shopping malls are in walking distance along the busy waters of Dubai Creek; great nearby transport links will also open up a wealth of opportunities to further explore your surroundings.

#### Hotel Information

Address: Al Maktoum Rd Deira, Dubai 56262 United Arab Emirates  
Contact number: 00971 4 227 0000

Any alternative hotels or board basis will have been confirmed at booking. Please speak to our reservations department if you are unsure.

**Please note: the hotels listed are provided for guidance only and final confirmation of your accommodation will be sent in a document, along with your final flight information, approximately 10 days before you travel.**

### Visas

All UK passport holders do not require a visa.

### Personal Expenses

You will need to take some extra money with you to cover any personal purchases such as souvenirs and laundry plus any meals and drinks that are not included.

### Tour Guides

Your stay in Dubai is not escorted by a tour guide. All internal transfers are included.

### Currency

The currency in Dubai is the UAE Dirham.

### Festivals

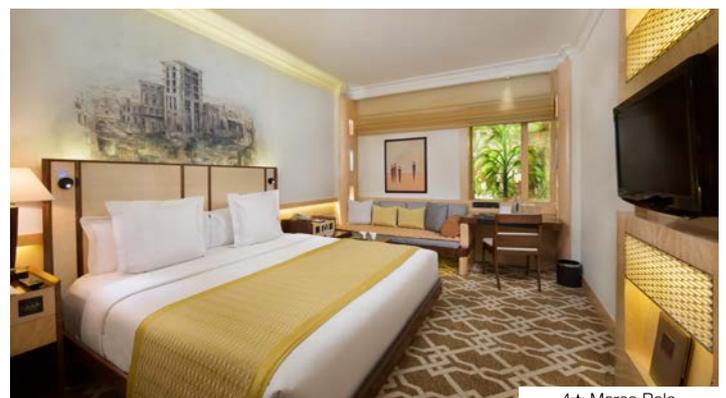
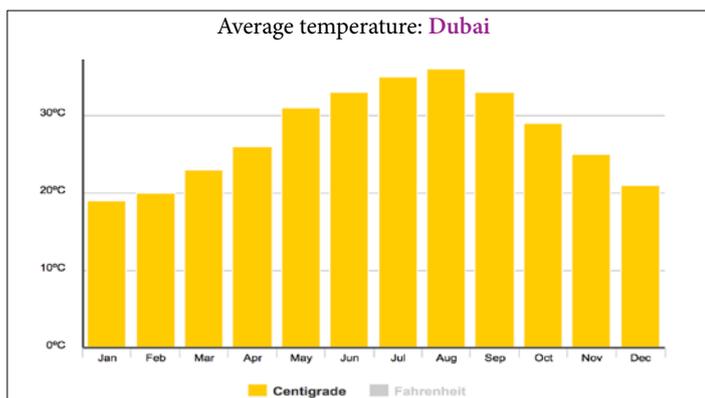
Ramadan will fall for a 1 month period sometime in May/June. Please be advised that restaurants, bars and facilities may close during this period. Please ask Reservations for details.

### Tourist tax

The Emirates of Dubai and Ras Al Khaimah have introduced a compulsory tourist tax on all hotel accommodation, to be paid by guests at the hotel before departure. Please ask Reservations for details.

### Please note

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4★ Marco Polo

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

Please note: Final hotel and flight details will be confirmed on your e-ticket and final documentation which will be sent to you approximately 10 days before departure.

For any further enquiries or for more information call us on **0843 224 0723**