

The hills are alive and beckoning

LET SPICE ODYSSEY LEAD YOU.

Heavenly — ESCAPES —

**February 16, 2026 –
March 3, 2026**

PRICE: AUD 8860*
BASED ON TWIN SHARE

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: AUD 2500



- KOLKATA
- GANGTOK
- KALIMPONG
- DARJEELING
- DELHI
- AMRITSAR



*Terms & Conditions Apply. International fare not included



Crisp mountain air. Misty mornings. The Himalayas rising in the distance. Emerald-green tea plantations rolling over hills. Welcome to a side of India that stirs the soul. Let Spice Odyssey guide you through this serene, sensory-rich journey — where nature, culture, and tranquillity meet to create the perfect holiday. Experience India differently. Experience it deeply.

DAY 1 – Monday, 16th February. Sydney-Kolkata. By Air

Arrive Kolkata by an international flight and check in to your hotel. Kolkata, also known as Calcutta, is nicknamed the “City of Joy” after a 1985 novel by Dominique Lapierre that captures the resilience of the city’s slum dwellers. It was the former capital of colonial British India and still retains its colonial architecture. Colonial era buildings in the north and centre, art deco creations, steel and glass skyscrapers embody the essence of modern-day Kolkata. **Overnight Peerless Hotel. Meals: None.**

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 17th February. Kolkata

Proceed on a sightseeing tour of Kolkata. Get an understanding of the birth and evolution of the British Raj in India. Some of the places to be visited:

- Mullick Ghat Flower Market one of the oldest in the city
- Dalhousie Square, Writers’ Building, Governor’s House
- Walk through College St, a Mecca for book lovers
- Victoria Memorial dedicated to Queen Victoria and modelled after the Taj.

There is an optional tour Confluence of Culture Walk. Refer optional tours for price. Dinner in the evening will be at Glenburn Penthouse. Overnight Peerless Hotel. Meals B & D

DAY 3 – Wednesday, 18th February. Kolkata

Start the day with a visit to Saint Teresa of Kolkata’s home. Followed by South Park St Cemetery, Marble Palace and a 1-hour cruise on the Hooghly River. **Overnight Peerless Hotel. Meals B & D**

DAY 4 – Thursday, 19th February. Kolkata-Bagdogra-Gangtok

Board a flight for Bagdogra (IX-1595 at 0950 hrs./arrival Bagdogra 1105 hrs) On arrival in Bagdogra, you will be met and driven by coach to Gangtok (125 kms approx. 4.5 hours)

Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim, is known for its natural beauty with scenic views of Mt Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak in the world. It abounds in thick green forests, diverse bird life, varieties of orchids and rhododendrons, old monasteries and Stupas; all this located with the Himalayas serving as a backdrop. **Overnight at The Elgin Nor-Khill. Meals B & D**

DAY 5 – Friday, 20th February. Gangtok

Sightseeing in Gangtok. Visit the prestigious Institute of Tibetology, a worldwide renowned centre for Buddhist religion and philosophy. Followed by a visit to Rumtek Monastery belonging to the Karma Kagyupa (Black Hat) sect of Tibetan Lamaistic Buddhism. The tour concludes with a visit to the Directorate of Handloom and Handicrafts promoting traditional Sikkimese arts and handicrafts. **Overnight The Elgin Nor-Khill. Meals B & D.**

DAY 6 – Saturday, 21st February. Gangtok-Kalimpong

Proceed by coach to Kalimpong, 75 km away, approx. 2.5 hrs. It is located on the trade route between India and Tibet. Its heritage is a mixture of Bhutanese, Nepalese, Tibetan and Lepchas. Some of the places visited after lunch (own expense) will be, Dr Gracham’s House, Thapa Choling Monastery, Thongsa Gumpa. **Overnight The Elgin Silver Oaks. Meals B & D.**

DAY 7 – Sunday, 22nd February. Kalimpong-Darjeeling.

Board a coach for Darjeeling (55 km, approx. 2.5 hrs). Darjeeling was a summer getaway of the British to escape the heat of Calcutta. It still retains its old colonial charm offering sweeping views of the Himalayas. **Overnight The Elgin. Meals B & D.**

DAY 8 – Monday, 23rd February. Darjeeling

Start the day with a city tour and a ride on the UNESCO World Heritage Darjeeling Himalayan Railway – The Toy Train. Proceed to visit the Ghoom Monastery, Tea Plantations at the Ging Tea Estate. Followed by a visit to the Tibetan Help Centre – rehabilitation centre for the Tibetan refugees who fled during the Chinese invasion in 1959. **Overnight The Elgin. Meals B, L (Ging Tea Estate), D.**

DAY 9 – Tuesday, 24th February. Darjeeling.

Leisure day or an Optional Walk (cost involved). Refer optional tours. **Overnight The Elgin. Meals B & D.**

DAY 10 – Wednesday, 25th February. Darjeeling-Bagdogra-Delhi.

Travel by coach to Bagdogra airport to board a flight for Delhi (AI2726 departure 1425hrs). Delhi is India’s capital and a major gateway to the country. It combines the ancient with the modern. Amidst the skyscrapers spiralling above the city, the remnants of a bygone era, in the form of its many monuments, stand as silent reminders to the city’s ancient legacy. The first impression of any visitor is of a spacious garden city, tree-lined with several parks. **Overnight Holiday Inn Aerocity. Meals B & D.**

DAY 11 – Thursday, 26th February. Delhi-Amritsar.

After breakfast, board a flight for Amritsar (AI491 departure 1100 hrs.) Amritsar founded in 1577 CE by Guru Ramdas is believed by the residents to contain the nectar of immortality (Amrit). It is home to the Golden Temple, the spiritual and cultural centre for Sikhs. It is known for its historical monuments, places of worship, old bazaars and its exuberant lifestyle and rich cuisine. In the afternoon head to the Golden Temple. Spend time in the community kitchen manned by volunteers who offer 100,000 free meals every day. In the evening, if you wish, join a post dinner visit to the Golden Temple to witness the “Going to Bed Ceremony” where the holy book of the Sikhs is laid to rest for the night. **Overnight Hyatt Regency. Meals B & D.**



DAY 12 – Friday, 27th February. **Amritsar**

Commence a sightseeing tour, walking through the narrow lanes of Old Amritsar. Some of the sites visited, the Gurudwara built by the British to honour 21 Sikh soldiers; Jalianwala Bagh a sombre memorial to commemorate the lives of peaceful protestors killed by British troops, and the Partition Museum.

In the afternoon, proceed to Attari-Wagah Border to witness the “Beating Retreat ceremony”. This is held every day before sunset where a flag ceremony is conducted by the Indian Border Security Force and Pakistan Rangers.

Overnight Hyatt Regency. Meals B & D.

DAY 13 – Saturday, 28th February. **Amritsar-Delhi.**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board a flight for Delhi (AI492 departure 1300 hrs).

Overnight The Suryaa. Meals B & D.

DAY 14 – Sunday, 1 March. Delhi.

Embark on a sightseeing tour of Delhi. Start with the Agrasen ki Baoli Stepwell. Drive past some of the famous monuments – India gate, Parliament House, the Secretariat buildings and the Vice Regal Palace – the official residence of the President of India. Visit Gandhi Smriti, a museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi. This is where he spent his last 144 days of his life prior to his assassination on 30th January 1948. A visit to Humayun’s Tomb and the Qutub Minar rounds up the sightseeing tour. **Overnight The Suryaa. Meals B & D.**

DAY 15 – Monday, 2nd March. Delhi

Two optional tours are being offered; a day tour to Agra to see the Taj Mahal or The Great Indian Wedding tour of Delhi. Refer optional tours for details. **Overnight The Suryaa. Meals B & D**

DAY 16 – Tuesday, 3rd March. Depart Delhi.

Proceed to the airport for onward flights.

OPTIONAL TOURS

These need to be paid for prior to leaving Australia, along with payment for the main tour.

Confluence of Culture Walk (Kolkata) **on February 17. AUD101**

Walk through narrow lanes of what was once called the ‘Grey Town’ of Calcutta. Sandwiched between the colonial masters and their native subjects, the people who lived in this section made up and they still constitute a major portion of the multicultural legacy of Calcutta. You will be introduced to the different communities like Parsis, Chinese, Marwari business families, Anglo-Indians, Jews, and much more in this walk, that perfectly captures the multi-hued culture of Calcutta.

Walk in and around Chowrasta (Darjeeling) **on February 24. AUD112**

Walk in and around Chowrasta - The Centre of the Old Town of Darjeeling. Head to the iconic Darjeeling Gymkhana Club. After a stroll inside the historic club, gather at the Old Library to meet and interact with an Ex-Gorkha Officer from the Darjeeling Hills. Over finger snacks and beverages listen to Nepalese folklore.

The great Indian Wedding Tour of Delhi **on March 2. AUD125**

Don’t we all love weddings? And Indian weddings happen to be grand and colourful celebrations that go on for days and often for as long as a week! We take you through a market that’s become the go-to destination for all things wedding! The market itself is so exciting because it’s an urban- rural melting pot where one can witness many subcultures of the city. The tour has everything for everyone! Visits to an apparel design studio, a shoe and jeweller store. Attend a workshop and indulge your taste buds with some Indian sweets.

Day trip to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. **March 2 (8 hrs drive time journey)**

AUD281 (based on 3-6 participants)

AUD238 (Based on 7-8 participants)

The Taj Mahal is everything that has been said about it and more. Taking 22 years and 20,000 men to build, the white marble was quarried 200 miles away and transported to the site by 1000 elephants. The Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan as an expression of love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal in the mid-17th century, built it. A monument that will mesmerize you.

Agra Fort was the capital and nerve centre of the Mughal Empire until Shah Jahan shifted it to Delhi. The present structure is an amalgamation of prolific building activities by successive emperors starting from Akbar.

INCLUSIONS

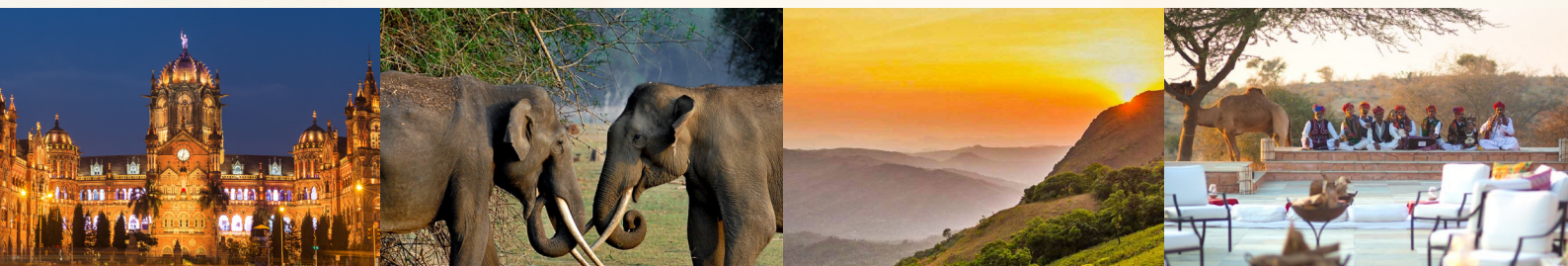
- Accommodation based on Twin Share
- Breakfast Daily
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Air-conditioned coach/car travel
- Domestic Fares within India
- Tips/Porterage
- Sightseeing as mentioned above

EXCLUSIONS

- Expenses of a personal nature such as visa fees, insurance
- Telephone bills, laundry.
- Meals not mentioned
- Drinks – alcoholic/non alcoholic
- Medical Expenses
- Any service not included in this itinerary

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Travel insurance is compulsory. Contact the Travel Agent
- Pricing can change. Subject to currency fluctuations
- Booking early is strongly recommended.
- Ask for TravelTours Terms and Conditions
- In the event of hotels listed above are unavailable, accommodation of a similar category and standard will be provided.
- Sightseeing programmes/Meal and domestic flights' schedule are governed by local conditions and are subject to change.



CUSTOMER REVIEWS



RICHARD COGSWELL: Marie is a quiet and a very efficient leader with an engaging personality.



JACKIE BATTEN: I was captivated by the soul of India and would love to return.



VALDA DICKINSON: Marie is outgoing and communicative; she is able to help all in the group feel comfortable.



ANNE CALDWELL: Marie knows India; she loves India. It is this love that drives her to ensure that all who come under her care will leave India with a positive experience.



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