

An Ode to the Himalayas



~ Highlights of Kerala~

~ 10 Nights / 11 Days ~

~ Itinerary at a Glance ~



Delhi - Amritsar - Dharamshala - Shimla -
Haridwar - Rishikesh - Delhi

An Ode to the Himalayas takes you on a scenic route at the foothills of the Himalayas witnessing sites of Historical , cultural and religious significance.

The Golden Temple of Amritsar, The Government in Exile of Dalai Lama and the home of Spirituality in Rishikesh and Haridwar which once welcomed the beatles are all part of this off the beaten track Journey

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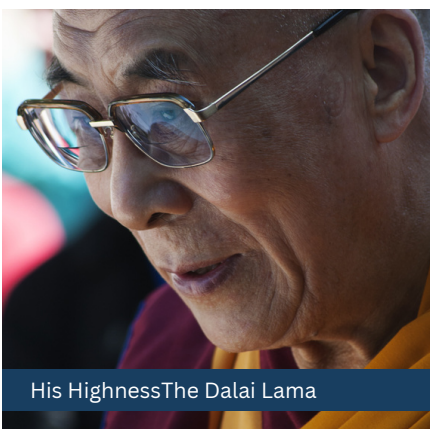
Houseboat, Kerala



Arti at Ganges



Rishikesh



His Holiness The Dalai Lama



Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla

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Day 01

Arrive into India / New Delhi

Arrival at New Delhi International Airport. Meet & Greet at the Airport & transfer to the Hotel.

Day 02

Delhi - Old & New

Post Breakfast , embark on a sightseeing tour of the Historic City of Delhi

The city where one can experience the influence of the many rulers who ruled this region, a city built and destroyed and re-built over seven times. The guided tour takes to the monuments that depict the different eras.

Begin with the Rajghat, a monument where Mahatma Gandhi was erected on the site of his funeral pyre and an important place of pilgrimage for people from all over the world. After that, go to the Jama Masjid, the great mosque of Old Delhi. It is the largest in India and the final architectural extravagance of Shah Jahan.

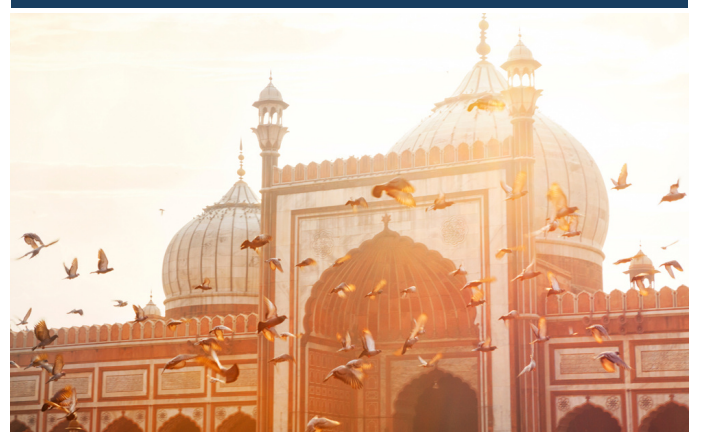
Begun in 1644, the mosque was not completed until 1658. It has three great gateways and two minarets standing 130 ft high and constructed of alternating vertical strips of red sandstone and white marble. The courtyard of the mosque can hold 25,000 people, and broad flights of steps lead up to the imposing gateways.

Drive past the Red Fort, The red sandstone walls of Lal Qila, the Red Fort, extend for just over a mile and vary in height from 59 ft on the river side to 108 ft on the city side. Shah Jahan started construction of the massive fort in 1638 and it was completed in 1648.



Qutab Minar, New Delhi

Jama Masjid, Delhi



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Day 03

Delhi - Amritsar

Early morning embark on a train Journey to Amritsar (Flight Options are available as well)

Amritsar, located in the state of Punjab, India, is a city of immense historical and spiritual significance. It is most renowned for being home to the iconic Golden Temple, the holiest shrine in Sikhism. The Golden Temple, with its golden exterior and serene Sarovar (pool), attracts millions of devotees and visitors from around the world. The city also holds historical importance as the site of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, a tragic event during India's struggle for independence. Amritsar offers a rich cultural experience, with bustling markets, delicious Punjabi cuisine, and a warm hospitality that reflects the spirit of the region.

Day 04

Amritsar - Golden Temple & Wagah Border

Early Morning visit the Golden Temple in Amritsar. Amritsar sightseeing includes the magnificent Golden Temple, a spiritual gem and symbol of Sikhism. Experience the soul-stirring Wagah Border ceremony, a patriotic spectacle between India and Pakistan. Explore the poignant Jallianwala Bagh memorial, bearing witness to India's struggle for independence. Taste delectable Punjabi cuisine and immerse in the vibrant local bazaars.

Later afternoon take an excursion to the Wagah Border where the Indian and Pakistani Troops prepare a spectacle for you with music galore.

Day 05

Amritsar - Dharamshala

Drive to Dharamshala. Dharamshala, nestled in the scenic Kangra Valley of Himachal Pradesh, India, is a serene hill station renowned for its spiritual and natural beauty. It serves as the residence of the Dalai Lama, making it a significant center of Tibetan Buddhism. The main town, McLeod Ganj, offers a mix of Tibetan culture, monasteries, and handicraft markets. Dharamshala's tranquil ambiance, breathtaking mountain views, and the opportunity to immerse in Tibetan spirituality make it a popular destination for spiritual seekers and nature enthusiasts alike.

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Day 06

Dharamshala

Day excursion to the Kangra Masroor rock cut Temples. Later in the afternoon take a stroll in Mcleodganj or find time to visit a budhist Monastery

Day 07

Dharamshala - Shimla

Drive through a long but picturesque road to Shimla.

Shimla, the capital city of Himachal Pradesh in India, is a picturesque hill station that enchants visitors with its natural beauty and colonial charm. Nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas, Shimla is famous for its cool climate, snow-capped peaks, and lush greenery. The town offers a blend of British colonial architecture, including the iconic Christ Church and the Viceregal Lodge, along with bustling markets and scenic viewpoints like the Ridge and Mall Road.

Day 08

Shimla

Easy Stroll on the Mall road of Shimla bringing you closer to its colonial heritage.

The roman catholic church at The Ridge and many other imperial structures are good specimens of the glory of the foregone Era gone.

Need an adventure ? take a joyride on the Toy Train of Shimla which is categorised as world heritage and part of UNESCO.



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Day 09

Shimla - Haridwar - Rishikesh

Drive to Haridwar. Witness the evening Aarti in Haridwar and transfer to Rishikesh.

Day 10

Rishikesh

Full day sightseeing of Rishikesh. Rishikesh, nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas in Uttarakhand, India, is a renowned spiritual and adventure destination. Hop by the Triveni Ghat, Laxman &. Ram Jhoola & the Beatles Ashram amongst other sites

Day 11

Rishikesh- Delhi - Flight Back Home

Drive back to Delhi. Upon arrival check in to the Hotel for room for wash and change. Evening post dinner transfer to Airport to connect your Flight back home



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Toyota Innova Crysta

HOTEL OPTIONS

CITY	Superior	Deluxe	Luxury	Nights
New Delhi	The Crowne plaza Okhla	Vivanta By Taj	The Taj Palace	02
Amritsar	Fairfield By Mariott	WH Ranjit vilas	Taj Swarna	02
Dharamshala	Best western Plus Revanta	The Atman	Hyatt Regency	01
Shimla	Woodville Palace	The Oberoi Clarks	The Oberoi Cecil	02
Rishikesh	Ganga Kinare	Shaantam Resort & Spa	Taj Rishikesh Resort and Spa	04
New Delhi	Lemon Tree Aerocity	Vivanta By Taj	Taj Palace	wash and change

Inclusions

- Accommodation in Hotels as indicated or similar on twin share bed and breakfast basis.
- Air conditioned surface transportation (Toyota Innova Crysta) including Transfers, sightseeing tours and excursions as indicated in the itinerary.
- Good knowledgeable English / German or requested foreign Language speaking local guides
- Entrances to the Monuments as mentioned in the Programme.
- Boat ride at Udaipur
- All around Local Support through our network of local offices in all the cities
- 24 x 7 reachable Phone Contacts for any query / Clarification / Assistance during the whole Tour
- All prevailing Taxes.

Exclusions

- Meals not indicated above
- Room Service, Drinks and beverages, housekeeping & Laundry, Telephone calls, expenses of personal nature.
- Tips and Gratuities



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Notes

A series of horizontal dotted lines provided for taking notes.