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The Absolutely Perfect Best Exotic Marigold Adventure!

YOUR TRAVEL

Itinerary

Small Group Tour – max. 14 people

16 days / 15 nights

17 November – 2 December 2019

Price per person (Half Twin): A\$4,000.00 per person



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INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

All accommodation (15 nights)

All of the accommodation on this tour offers luxury, history, atmosphere and immersion in a very special and fascinating culture. You will experience wonderful hospitality, beautiful settings and great comfort. Many of the accommodation choices were actual locations used in the movies “The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” – you will be charmed!

Breakfasts, selected lunch & dinner

Full Breakfast each day (16), 3 lunches included, 6 dinners included. Each day we will stop for breaks for lunch and comfort when we are en-route.

Movies & shows

Included in tour cost – as specified in Itinerary.

Transfers to/from airport in Delhi

Airport transfers will be included if within confines of the tour dates – transfers on arrival on 17 November, transfer to Udaipur Airport for flight to Delhi on 1 December and transfer from Domestic to International terminal in Delhi on 1 December to catch flight home.

Transport outside these times and dates can be arranged at a further cost, on request.

Tour Transport

Each day (unless otherwise specified) in a Deluxe Mini Coach with Air Con.

Guides

English-speaking guides provided during tours of cities and attractions, as per itinerary.

Entrance Fees

All pre-paid for all monuments, forts, places of interest etc.

Taxes:

5% India Government (GST).

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares are NOT included.

We favour Singapore Airlines & their connections between Singapore and New Delhi. The price will vary, but a ‘rule of thumb’ would be a \$1000 - \$1400 return from Sydney to Delhi (with a change in Singapore) as long as bookings are made early enough. Talk to us about our preferred flights.

Gratuities

It is traditional (but not mandatory) to leave an end of tour tip for the driver/guides and any guide or service staff who you wish to tip along the way. It is also expected that the concierge staff that handle your luggage to and from your rooms and the bus receive tips as we go. (We can do this as a group if you wish.)

Items of a personal nature

These include laundry, phone calls, drinks, mini bar etc. any medication.

Video/camera fees

Some places charge for you to take video, or a camera inside (usually a very small amount).

Lunches, dinners and snacks / drinks

Lunches and dinners not specified as included. Additional snacks between meals, and drinks and alcohol.

Early check-in or late check-out / non-tour date airport transfers

Additional charges for early check-in or late check-out at all hotels, and any extra costs for transfers outside of tour dates.

Travel Insurance - IMPORTANT

Your booking with us is dependent on proof of Individual Travel Insurance. India does have excellent medical facilities BUT it is wise for you to have appropriate and adequate travel insurance to ensure that transfers and high standards of medical assistance can be accessed, should you need it.

ITINERARY CALENDAR – Locations & highlights

16 days / 15 nights – 17 November – 2 December 2019

The Absolutely Perfect Best Exotic Marigold Adventure Tour	DAY 1 <u>DELHI</u> Arrival Accom: Maidens Hotel 17 Nov, 2019	DAY 2 <u>DELHI</u> Tour of Old Delhi Jama Masjid Mosque Accom: Maidens Hotel 18 Nov, 2019	DAY 3 <u>DELHI</u> Humayun's Tomb Chor Bizarre Accom: Maidens Hotel 19 Nov, 2019	DAY 4 <u>AGRA</u> Arrive in Agra Evening: 'Mohabbat The Taj' Accom: Hotel Clarks Shiraz 20 Nov, 2019	
	DAY 5 <u>AGRA</u> Agra Fort Taj Mahal Accom: Hotel Clarks Shiraz 21 Nov, 2019	DAY 6 <u>KANOTA</u> Abhaneri Step Well Then to hotel Accom: Hotel Castle Kanota 22 Nov, 2019	DAY 7 <u>JAIPUR</u> Amber Fort Accom: Narain Niwas Palace 23 Nov, 2019	DAY 8 <u>JAIPUR</u> City Palace & Museum City Bazaar / Tuk tuk Accom: Narain Niwas Palace 24 Nov, 2019	DAY 9 <u>ROHET (Jodhpur)</u> Rohet Garh Local artisan visit Accom: Rohet Garh 25 Nov, 2019
	DAY 10 <u>ROHET (Jodhpur)</u> Mehrangarh Fort Jeep Tour/Opium Ceremony Accom: Rohet Garh 26 Nov, 2019	DAY 11 <u>KHEMPUR</u> Ranakpur Temple Best Exotic Marigold Hotel! Accom: Ravla Khempur 27 Nov, 2019	DAY 12 <u>UDAIPUR</u> Free afternoon / shopping Accom: Hotel Chunda Palace 28 Nov, 2019	DAY 13 <u>UDAIPUR</u> City Tour Boat ride on Lake Pichola Accom: Hotel Chunda Palace 29 Nov, 2019	DAY 14 <u>PUSHKAR</u> Ajmer Dargah Lake walk / markets Accom: Hotel Pushkar Palace 30 Nov, 2019
	DAY 15 <u>BACK TO DELHI</u> Accom: The Muse Sarovar Portico Hotel 1 Dec, 2019	DAY 16 <u>LEAVE DELHI</u> Transfers to Airport 2 Dec, 2019			

ITINERARY DETAIL

DAY 1 – Arrive	DELHI	17 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Maidens Hotel https://www.maidenshotel.com 3 NIGHTS	On arrival in Delhi, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in. We will 'check in' with you on arrival. We'll give you a 'heads up' on what will be happening over the next few days.	
DAY 2	DELHI	18 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Maidens Hotel 8 AM START Breakfast and Lunch are included today	8.00 am – Yes, it's an early start today – but you are in for a treat! We will be catching the Delhi Metro to Chawri Bazaar for a walking tour of Old Delhi. This is an incredible experience. You will gain an insider's view of Old Delhi's winding lanes, crazy markets, rooftops, mosques, temples and yummy street food from someone whose family has lived there for many generations. We'll have a great lunch at the historic haveli home of Dhruv Gupta, the tour leader. Before returning to the hotel we will visit India's oldest & largest mosque Jama Masjid. We'll also stop outside the majestic Red Fort, which was the old seat of power and residence of the Mughal rulers until the mid-1850's. On arrival back at the hotel the rest of the afternoon and evening is yours. You'll welcome this time to process what you have experienced today!	
DAY 3	DELHI	19 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Maidens Hotel Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner are included today	Today we will continue our tour of Delhi – we'll visit Humayun's Tomb, built during 1565 in the Persian style. We'll visit an incredible Sikh Temple and also drive around India Gate, President & Parliament House (from outside). We'll enjoy lunch together at a Kashmiri Cuisine restaurant at Chor Bizarre. Now, you'll want to rest up for a couple of hours before we all head out again for an amazing evening in Old Delhi – we'll be visiting the amazing Haveli Dharampura for dinner and a musical performance. You will be transported back to the time of the last Mughal rulers of India and the old city of Shajahnabad.	

DAY 4	AGRA	20 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Hotel Clarks Shiraz http://www.hotelclarksshiraz.com/ 2 NIGHTS 8 AM START Breakfast included	8.00 am - Today we'll leave Delhi and head off to Agra – the old Mughal capital and home of the Taj Mahal. (4 hour drive.) You will have the afternoon to relax at your leisure! This evening you will be taken to see an excellent show – Mohabbat The Taj and then back to the hotel to have dinner at your leisure.	
DAY 5	AGRA	21 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Hotel Clarks Shiraz 9 AM START Breakfast included	9.00 am start - Today is Taj Mahal day! First up we'll tour the jaw-dropping Agra Fort – you will be overwhelmed by the scale and beauty here. Next, we'll head for the Taj Mahal – yes, it is even better than you think it is going to be!	
DAY 6	KANOTA	22 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Hotel Castle Kanota https://www.heritagehotelsofindia.com/rajasthan/royal-castle-kanota-jaipur.html 1 NIGHT 9 AM START Breakfast and dinner included	9.00 am - Today you are going to do some more 'jaw dropping'! Next we will stop enroute to Kanota and visit to the awe-inspiring Abhaneri Step Well – this is the stuff of dreams and tales... we certainly have nothing like this 'at home'! We'll stop somewhere nice for lunch (at your expense) and then head to our beautiful hotel for some relaxation.	

DAY 7	JAIPUR	23 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Hotel Castle Kanota https://www.heritagehotelsofindia.com/rajasthan/royal-castle-kanota-jaipur.html 2 NIGHTS Breakfast and dinner included	<p>We'll start today with a tour of the amazing Kanota Castle property and surrounds – you may recognise some of the locations from the movies!</p> <p>Next we'll head to Jaipur, which is not far away, where we'll be heading by jeep up onto the amazing Amber Fort - a very majestic fort in a wildly romantic setting amongst the Aravalli ranges. Amber Fort was built in the 16th century by Raja Man Singh I – it is a striking blend of both Hindu and Rajput elements.</p>	
DAY 8	JAIPUR	24 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Hotel Castle Kanota Breakfast and dinner included	<p>We begin today with a heritage tour of the City Palace and museum.</p> <p>In the afternoon, we visit the local City Bazaar Markets where you are free to explore on own. We suggest trying a traditional 'Kurta' (Indian top), 'Juti' (Indian footwear). Our guide will also accompany you just in case you need a hand in negotiating with locals.</p> <p>From the Bazaar, we'll hop on a local Tuk-Tuk for a ride along narrow streets, past the bazaar and heritage landmarks including the Palace of Winds Hawa Mahal.</p> <p>Afterwards we'll drive-return to the Hotel for some rest and perhaps a swim before 5.30pm when we'll take you to watch a Bollywood Blockbuster at a local cinema Raj Mandir and get entertained by the whistling/hooting of local crowd (being local cinema, films here are 3hrs duration without subtitles, hence we exit at halftime interval). After the movie we'll return back to hotel to enjoy dinner at your leisure.</p>	
DAY 9	ROHET (Jodhpur)	25 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Rohet Garh http://houseofrohet.com/rohet_garh/ 2 NIGHTS Breakfast included	<p>We will travel from Jaipur to Rohet (just south of Jodhpur) today. We will spend two wonderful nights at the lovely Rohet Garh. You will wish you could stay longer – this is truly a beautiful jewel of a place, set in lovely gardens and with easy access to very friendly and traditional small town/villages.</p> <p>The food here is really excellent, the music wonderful and the atmosphere as you dine outside at night just charming. We will visit the shop and home of a local artisan and his family and see them creating beautiful local textiles and leather goods.</p>	

DAY 10	ROHET (Jodhpur)	26 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Rohet Garh Breakfast and dinner included	<p>tour of Mehrangarh Fort – you will be amazed at this imposing fort as you look out across the ‘blue city’.</p> <p>We’ll also take a walk through a great market and perhaps enjoy some local snacks!</p> <p>We’ll head off by jeep to a couple of villages near Rohet (this is A LOT of fun) and participate in a local opium ceremony (I’ll explain more later!). We’ll also pay a visit to the village school.</p> <p>You may also wish to check out the stables – the Rajput family, whose home this is, have been breeding Marwari horses (the horse of the Thar desert) for generations.</p> <p>At 6.00 pm we’ll have a cooking class/ demonstration and then enjoy dinner together (included in tour).</p>	
DAY 11	KHEMPUR	27 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Ravla Khempur http://www.ravlakhempur.com/ 1 NIGHT 8 AM START Breakfast and lunch included	<p>8am. You will be picked up from your hotel and driven to Khempur en-route visiting Ranakpur Temple and check-in at your hotel – which you will recognise as THE Best Exotic Marigold Hotel!</p> <p>3pm. You will be taken around the charming Khempur village and specific locations, to explain their roles in the Best Marigold Hotel Movies.</p> <p>Enjoy Lunch at your hotel – the food is great.</p>	
DAY 12	UDAIPUR	28 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Hotel Chunda Palace http://www.chundapalace.com/ 2 NIGHTS Breakfast and lunch included	<p>This morning we will leave the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel in Khempur and move further south to the beautiful city of Udaipur – the locals like to call it ‘The Venice of the East’.</p> <p>This is a very pretty city and easy to stroll around in – it’s full of interesting shops and cafes and wonderful water views across the lakes.</p> <p>You’ll have the afternoon free to do whatever you wish.</p>	

DAY 13	UDAIPUR	29 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Hotel Chunda Palace 2 NIGHTS Breakfast and dinner included	This morning we'll take a half day city tour, visiting the Maharaja's City Palace, Jagdish Temple, Sahelion Ki Badi and local markets. In the evening we'll take a 1 hour boat ride on Lake Pichola and then head for a great restaurant for our final dinner together!	
DAY 14	PUSHKAR	30 Nov, 2019
Accommodation Heritage Hotel Pushkar Palace http://hotelpushkarpalace.com/ 1 NIGHT Breakfast included	Ajmer and Pushkar are both sacred places; Pushkar for Hindus and Ajmer for Muslims. Our accommodation tonight is perfectly situated on the holy Lake at Pushkar. This afternoon we will visit the Brahma temple, Ajmer Dargah, the Lake at Pushkar and local markets.	
DAY 15	DELHI	1 Dec, 2019
Accommodation The Muse Sarovar Portico 1 NIGHT Breakfast included	Today we will travel from Pushkar to Delhi by coach. This will be quite a long drive – but there will be some comfort stops at nice refreshment places along the way. We will check in to The Muse Sarovar Portico – near the airport – ready for your departure the following morning.	
DAY 16 – Leave	DELHI	2 Dec, 2019
Breakfast included	You will be picked up to taken to your international flights today. Bon voyage! Please note – the costing of this tour includes a GROUP transfer to the airport for return flights. If your particular departure time requires a different transfer time then this MAY incur an extra cost.	