

# india journey of a lifetime

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### **Erco Travels**



Ravi Gusain Managing Director

**Erco Travels Pvt. Ltd.** is one of India's leading Inbound Tour Operator based in New Delhi - the capital and important city in India. Formed in New Delhi (India) on 1999, as an Incoming Tour operator, it has grown to a full fledged DMC run by professionals having indepth experience in Tourism. Currently Erco is offering All Travel, Hospitality and Destination Management related services. Company is headed by **Mr Ravi Gusain**, a post graduate in Tourism Management with experience of over **18 years** in Tourism Industry. He is leading a professional team of around 45 operational staff who are working 24 hours (round the clock) in shifts to help the visiting Tourists. All team members are professionally trained, qualified and experienced to provide hassle free services to its clients. The company offers a dynamic and modern approach to Travel and Destination Management. It handles incoming tourists to all over India and Indian sub-continent (**Nepal**, **Tibet**, **Bhutan**, **Bangladesh**, **Myanmar**, **Srilanka and Maldives**). Erco Travels have two branch offices in Mumbai & Goa, along with over 30 representative offices for smooth ground handling in this part of the world.

In the last few years Erco Travels have provided its services to high profile visitors, Diplomats, Celebrities, Distinguished travelers and Multinational Corporate Houses for their Incentive Tours. The competitive prices and personalized services to overseas Tour Operators and Travel Agents made Erco Travels outstanding in the Travel Trade in a short time and have gained acknowledgeable position in the Tourism Industry.

Erco group is having their marketing offices in different countries viz., The Netherlands, France, Spain, and Argentina.

Wish you happy holidays in India !!!

### **INDIA WELCOMES YOU**

History & Culture: India's history goes back almost six thousand years and has passed through many different stages and societies and invasion from outside. Each region of the nation has its own separate history. Named after the river Indus, it is heir to one of the world's oldest and richest civilizations and the origin of many of the ideas, philosophies and movements that has shaped the destiny of human kind. One can broadly define different periods of influences in the history of this land, many of which overlap each other. They are classified according to ancient, medieval, British and modern period. India is a vast land of rich cultural heritage. Its arts and crafts, music and dance, architecture and people all make it one of the world's most vibrant nation.

**Religions:** India as a 'land of religions' is that it is the birthplace of several major world religions. It is home to Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Jainism, Sikhism and several other religious traditions. Hinduism , the dominant faith, is practiced by over 80% of the population. For the majority of Indians, religion permeates every aspect of life, from daily chores to education and politics.

**Geography:** India shares border to the northwest with Pakistan, to the north with China, Nepal and Bhutan and to the east with Bangladesh and Myanmar. To the west lies the Arabian Sea, to the east the Bay of Bengal and to the south the Indian Ocean. Sri Lanka lies off the southeast coast and the Maldives off the south west coast. The far northeastern states and territories are all but separated from the rest of India by Bangladesh as it extends northwards from the Bay of Bengal towards Bhutan. The Himalayan mountain range to the north and the Indus River (west) and Ganges River (east) form a physical barrier between India and the rest of Asia.

Weather: India has three major seasons: summer, winter and rainy season or the monsoon. The summer months (April-June) are hot in most parts of India. This is the season to visit the summer hill resorts. The winter months (November-March) are pleasant throughout India with bright sunny days. Winter is most severe in the northern plains and in the foothills of Himalayas while the south-eastern and the western zones remain pleasantly cool. The monsoon breaks at the beginning of June on the southwest coast and gradually break at all parts of the country except south - eastern areas. These areas receive most of the rainfall between mid-October to end December.

**Clothing:** Casual wear is suitable for travel in India. Light cottons are recommended from spring to autumn. In winter however you will need warm clothing and preferably a wind cheater. Early morning and late evenings are very cold in Rajasthan and few parts of northern India in winters. Society across the sub-continent is still deeply religious and steeped in tradition. Rural India, in particular, is very conservative. It is important to dress modestly to avoid offending local sensibilities and also (especially for women) to avoid being the target of unwanted attention. However, western dresses are common in big and metro cities.

Passports and Visas: All travelers to India (except nationals of Bhutan and Nepal) must possess a valid passport to enter the country. Similar to this all foreign nationals (except Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh) must require a valid visa. Interested travelers to India must contact Indian Consulate for necessary visa. However, Visas on arrival are extended to few countries (check with Indian embassy at your country). Special permits are required for travelers who want to visit restricted areas. Normally permits can be issued to groups and for limited number of days. For further information Indian missions in particular country can be contacted.

**Entry Ports:** There are few designated airports in India. Delhi, Amritsar in north, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Cochin & Trivandrum in south, Mumbai, Ahmadabad & Goa in west and Kolkata in east. These cities in India can be used as the entry-exit ports by Air.



# The Golden Triangle

# Day 06: Jaipur / Delhi Day 07: Delhi / Depart DELH AGRA RAJASTHAN ATEHPUR UTTAR PRADESH JAIPUR SIKRI

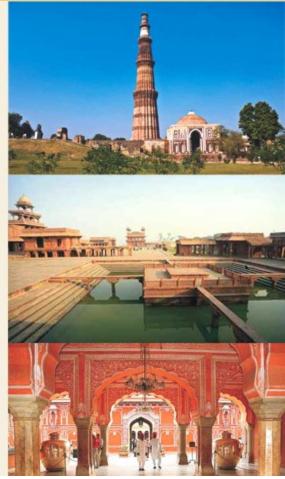
### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Elephant ride at Amer Fort, Jaipur Rickshaw ride in Delhi

### **DESTINATIONS**

Delhi / Agra / Fatehpur Sikri / Jaipur / Delhi

# 7 DAYS



### **TOUR ITINERARY**

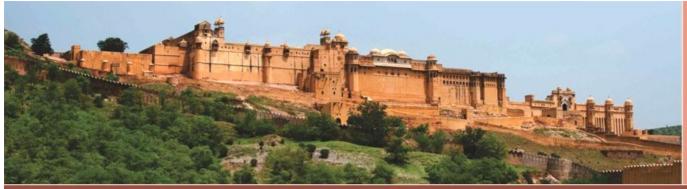
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Day 02: Delhi

Day 03: Delhi / Agra

Day 04: Agra / Fatehpur Sikri / Jaipur

Day 05: Jaipur



# **Royal Rajasthan**

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

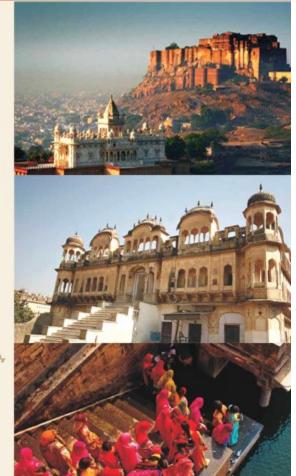
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# Day 08: Jaisalmer / Jodhpur Day 09: Jodhpur / Ranakpur / Udaipur Day 11: Udaipur / Pushkar Day 12: Pushkar / Jaipur Day 13: Jaipur Day 14: Jaipur / Fatehpur Sikri / Agra Day 15: Agra / Delhi / Depart

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Bishnoi village Jodhpur - Rohet - Narlai Pushkar Cycle tour in Jodhpur Camel ride in Jaisalmer DESTINATIONS

Delhi-Mandawa-Bikaner-Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Ranakpur-Udaipur-Pushkar-Jaipur - Agra - Delhi





# Rajasthan & Varanasi

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Arrive Delhi Day 02: Delhi Day 03: Delhi / Mandawa Day 04: Mandawa / Bikaner Day 05: Bikaner / Jailsamer Day 06: Jaisalmer Day 07: Jaisalmer / Jodhpur Day 08: Jodhpur / Mount Abu Day 09: Mount Abu JAISALME Day 10: Mount Abu / Udaipur Day 11: Udaipur Day 12: Udaipur / Chittaurgarh / Bundi

JODHPU

Day 14: Ranthambore Day 15: Ranthambore / Bharatpur Day 16: Bharatpur / Agra Day 17: Agra / Jhansi / Orchha / Khajuraho (Train/Drive) Day 18: Khajuraho / Varanasi Day 19: Varanasi Day 20: Varanasi / Delhi / Depart BIKANEPMANDAW DELHI AJASTHAN UTTAR PRADESH HANSI RCHHA VARANASI KHAJURAHO MADHYA PRADESH

Day 13: Bundi / Ranthambore

### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Park visit in Ranthambore Boat ride at the Ganges Visit to old age home in Varanasi

### DESTINATIONS

Delhi-Mandawa-Bikaner-Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Mount Abu-Udaipur - Chittaurgarh Bundi-Ranthambore-Bharatpur-Agra-Jhansi-Khajuraho-Varanasi - Delhi





### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Witness Kathakali show in Cochin Stay at Houseboat in Alleppy DESTINATIONS

Cochin - Alleppey - Kumarakom -Thekkady - Kovalam - Trivandrum

# **Backwaters of Kerala**

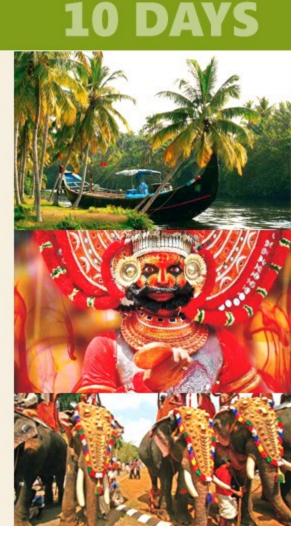
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Day 01: Arrive Cochin Day 02: Cochin Day 03: Cochin / Alleppey Day 04: Alleppey / Kumarakom Day 05: Kumarakom Day 06: Kumarakom / Thekkady Day 07: Thekkady Day 08: Thekkady / Kovalam

Day 09: Kovalam

Day 10: Kovalam / Trivandrum / Depart







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# **Grand South India**

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Arrive Chennai Day 02: Chennai Day 03: Chennai / Mahabalipuram Day 04: Mahabalipuram / Pondicherry Day 05: Pondicherry Day 05: Pondicherry / Tanjore / Trichy Day 06: Pondicherry / Tanjore / Trichy Day 07: Trichy / Madurai Day 07: Trichy / Madurai Day 08: Madurai / Kanyakumari Day 08: Madurai / Kanyakumari Day 09: Kanyakumari / Kovalam Day 10: Kovalam Day 11: Kovalam Day 12 : Kovalam / Alleppy Day 13: Alleppy / Cochin Day 14: Cochin / Bangaluru (Flight) Day 15: Bangaluru Day 16 : Bangaluru / Ooty Day 17: Ooty Day 18: Ooty / Mysore Day 19: Mysore / Bangaluru Day 20: Bangaluru / Depart

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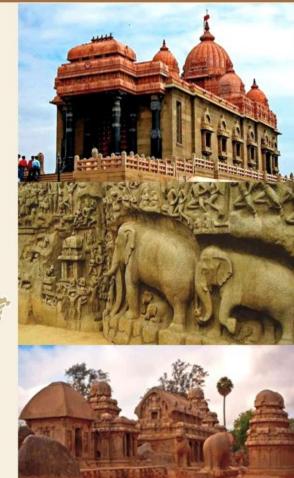
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### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Auto rickshaw ride
- Evening procession at Madurai **DESTINATIONS**

Chennai- Mahabalipuram -Pondicherry-Trichy- Madurai -Kanyakumari -Kovalam- Alleppy - Cochin- Bangaluru -Ooty - Mysore - Bangaluru





# South India with Goa

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Arrive Chennai Day 02: Chennai Day 03: Chennai / Kanchipuram / Mahabalipuram Day 04: Mahabalipuram / Tanjore Day 05: Tanjore / Trichy / Madurai Day 05: Madurai Day 06 : Madurai Day 07: Madurai / Thekkady Day 08 : Thekkady / Alleppy Day 09: Alleppy / Cochin Day 10: Cochin / Bangaluru / Mysore (Flight/Drive) Day 11: Mysore / Bangaluru Day 12: Bangaluru Day 13: Bangaluru / Goa (Flight) Day 14 : Goa Day 15 : Goa Day 16 : Goa / Mumbai (Flight)

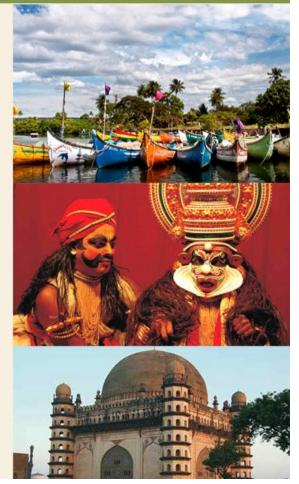


### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Spice Garden visit in Thekkady

### - Nature walk in Thekkady **DESTINATIONS**

Chennai-Kanchipuram-Mahabalipuram-Tanjore-Trichy- Madurai - Thekaddy -Alleppy - Cochin - Bangaluru - Mysore -Bangaluru - Goa - Mumbai





# **Royal Gujarat**

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS - Visit of Gandhi Ashram in Ahmedabad

### DESTINATIONS

Mumbai - Ahmedabad - Wankaner -Rajkot - Gondal - Junagarh - Diu -Bhavnagar - Utelia - Ahmedabad -Mumbai

# **15 DAYS**

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Arrive Mumbai

Day 02: Mumbai / Ahmedabad (Train)

Day 03: Ahmedabad

Day 04: Ahmedabad / Wankaner

Day 05: Wankaner

Day 06: Wankaner / Rajkot / Gonda

Day 07: Gondal

Day 08: Gondal / Junagarh / Diu

Day 09: Diu

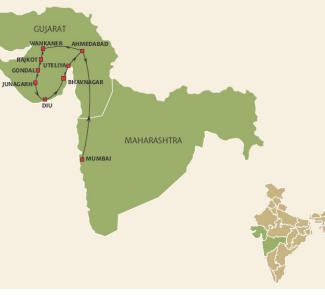
Day 10: Diu / Bhavnagar

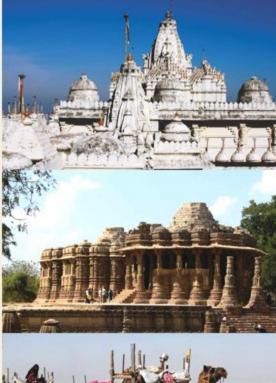
Day 11: Bhavnagar

Day 12: Bhavnagar / Utelia

Day 13: Utelia Day 14: Utelia / Ahmedabad / Mumbai (Drive/Train)

### Day 15: Mumbai / Depart









# **Tiger Trail**

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Arrive Mumbai

Day 02: Mumbai / Nagpur / Pench National Park

Day 03: Pench National Park

Day 04: Pench / Kanha National Park

Day 05: Kanha National Park

Day 06: Kanha / Bandhavgarh

Day 07: Bandhavgarh National Park

Day 08: Bandhavgarh / Khajuraho

Day 09: Khajuraho / Orchha / Jhansi / Agra

Day 10: Agra / Bharatpur

Day 11: Bharatpur / Ranthambore

Day 12: Ranthambore National Park

Day 13: Ranthambore / Jaipur Day 14: Jaipur / Delhi Day 15: Delhi / Depart

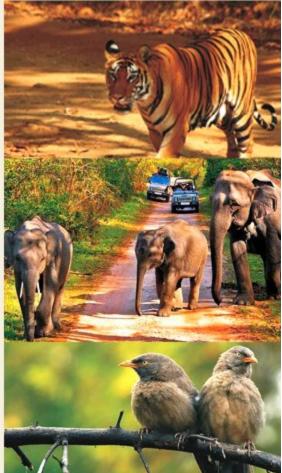


### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Village visit in either Kanha or Bandhavagrh

### DESTINATIONS

Mumbai - Nagpur - Pench Park - Kanha Park - Bandhavgarh - Khajuraho -Orchha - Jhansi - Agra - Bharatpur -Ranthambore - Jaipur - Delhi

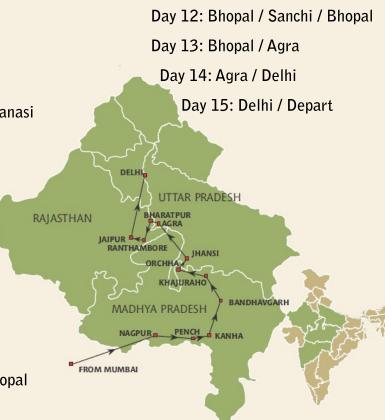




# **Footsteps of Lord Buddha**

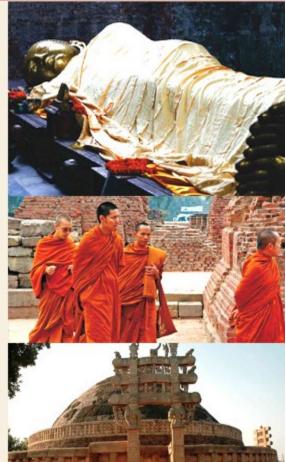
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### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS - Ropeway ride in Rajgir DESTINATIONS

Delhi - Varanasi - Bodhgaya - Rajgir -Nalanda-Patna - Vaishali- Kushinagar -Lumbini-Sravasti - Lucknow - Bhopal -Sanchi - Bhopal - Agra - Delhi





# **The Eastern Himalayas**

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Arrive Kolkata

Day 02: Kolkata / Bagdogra / Darjeeling

Day 03: Darjeeling

Day 04: Darjeeling

Day 05: Darjeeling / Gangtok

Day 06: Gangtok

Day 07: Gangtok

Day 08: Gangtok / Kalimpong

Day 09: Kalimpong

Day 10: Kalimpong / Bagdogra / Kolkata

Day 11: Kolkata

Day 12: Kolkata / Depart

Darjeeling KALIMPONG GANGTOK BAGDOGRAL<sup>®</sup>DARJEELING BIHAR JHARKHAND WEST BENGAL SUNDERBANS

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Home stay in Gangtok / Kalimpong

### DESTINATIONS

Kolkata - Bagdogra - Darjeeling -Gangtok - Kalimpong - Bagdogra -Kolkata





# **Tribes of Orissa**

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Arrive Delhi Day 02: Delhi Day 03: Delhi / Bhubaneshwar (Flight) Day 04: Bhubaneshwar / Baliguda Day 05: Baliguda / Kotagarh / Rayagada Day 05: Rayagada / Chaitkona / Jeypore Day 07: Jeypore Day 07: Jeypore Day 08: Jeypore Day 09: Jeypore Day 10: Jeypore Day 11: Jeypore Day 12: Jeypore / Taptapani Day 13: Taptapani / Puri Day 14: Puri Day15: Puri / Bhubaneshwar / Delhi

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### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

# - Tribal market visit DESTINATIONS

Delhi - Bhubaneshwar - Baliguda -Kotagarh - Rayagada - Chaitkona -Jeypore - Taptapani - Puri -Bhubaneshwar - Delhi





# Nepal - Himalayan Kingdom

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Arrive Kathmandu

Day 02: Kathmandu

Day 03: Kathmandu / Pokhara

Day 04: Pokhara

Day 05: Pokhara / Chitwan

Day 06: Chitwan

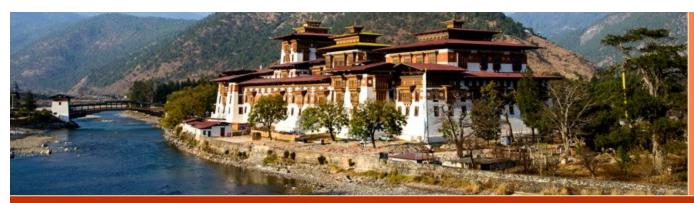
Day 07: Chitwan / Kathmandu

Day 08: Kathmandu / Depart

### **DESTINATIONS**

Kathmandu - Pokhara - Chitwan - Kathmandu





# Bhutan - Dragon Kingdom

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Arrive Paro

Day 02: Thimpu

Day 03: Thimphu / Punakha

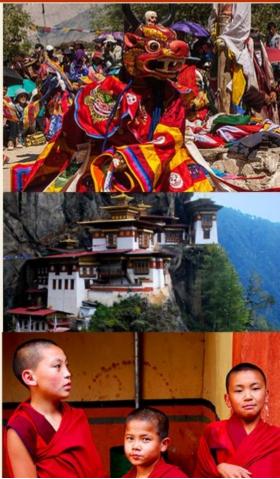
Day 04: Punakha / Paro

Day 05: Paro

Day 06: Paro depart

### DESTINATIONS

Paro - Thimphu - Punakha -Paro





# Sri Lanka - Emerald Island

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Arrive Kandy

Day 02: Kandy / Nuwara Eliya

Day 03: Nuwara Eliya / Kataragama

Day 04: Kataragama / Bentota

Day 05: Bentota / Colombo

Day 06: Colombo / Depart

### DESTINATIONS

Kandy - Nuwara Eliya -Kataragama - Bentota -Colombo





### DESTINATIONS

Bangkok - Bagan - Mandalay -Inle Lake - Yangon

# **Myanmar - The Golden Land**

### **TOUR ITINERARY**

Day 01: Bangkok / Yangon

Day 02: Yangon / Bagan

Day 03: Bagan / Mandalay

Day 04: Mandalay / Heho / Inle Lake

Day 05: Inle Lake / Yangon

Day 06: Yangon / Depart



# **Luxury Spas**



Experience a spectrum of authentic and traditional Indian wellness treatments in tranquil ambience. Enjoy treatments that include a choice of Indian, royal and holistic experiences, applications and ceremonies specially designed to maintain your physical, mental and spiritual equilibrium.

Enjoy a variety of Spa treatments by highly trained and dedicated spa therapists. The treatments are offered with unique products made from pure Indian herbs, Indian aroma-therapy oils, natural creams and special ingredients. All the treatments are thoughtfully designed to luxuriously pamper and indulge, heal and nourish, restore and rejuvenate you. Relax and rejuvenate with a variety of body therapies that includes the unique Pehlwan Màalish (powerful Indian oil massage), Champi (authentic Indian head massage), Garshana and Ubtans (Indian scrubs and wraps) and Ventoz (Indian cupping therapy). Take part in a choice of yoga classes ranging from elementary techniques and relaxing practices to more advanced asanas, breathing and meditation techniques. Enhance your physical strength, flexibility, mental clarity and balance, peace and wellness.

Indulge in a complete range of beauty treatments including facials, manicures, and pedicures using natural products that are made with a deep understanding of the therapeutic benefits of Indian herbs, essential oils, special ingredients and pharmacopoeia.

# **Luxury Spas**



Some of the best spas and resorts in India are:

**Devigarh Resort:** Situated in the beautiful town of Udaipur it is known for its spa that specializes in Ayurveda therapy. The spa offers a wide range of Ayurveda therapies, as well as spa therapies for your complete rejuvenation.

Ananda in the Himalayas: Located in the Himalayan foothills in Uttaranchal in northern India, Ananda is a serene getaway. The best spa therapies from around the world, as well as traditional Indian therapies of Ayurveda, yoga and Panchkarma are offered to guests

**Oberoi Udai Vilas Udaipur:** One of the finest spas in the lake city, the Oberoi Udaivilas Spa, located in Udaipur Rajasthan, promises to soothe your city-jaded nerves and uplift your soul.

**Oberoi Amar Vilas Agra:** The Oberoi Amarvilas Agra is located just 600 metres away from the Taj Mahal. The hotel offers worldclass spa facilities to its guests.

**Oberoi Raj Vilas Jaipur:** Thespa at the Oberoi Rajvilas Jaipur is one of the finest spas in Jaipur. The hotel Jaipur is spread over an area of 32 acres and offers accommodation in 54 deluxe rooms.

**Oberoi Wildflower Hall:** Located in Mashobra about 13 kilometres away from Shimla in Himachal Pradesh, the Oberoi Wildflower Hall offers a perfect spa retreat for the rich and famous. The Oberoi Spa by Banyan Tree at the Wildflower Hall offers a number of exotic spa treatments to soothe your senses.

# **Luxury Trains**

History of luxury train traveling in India dated back to the days of British Raj and introduction of railways in India. Born into royalty and adorned with rubies and jewels, maharajas of India were certainly a breed apart from their counterparts. Vying with each other to create the most luxurious carriages, the maharajas installed salons and billiard rooms, private suites, and even air conditioning - made from electric fans that blew air over blocks of ice. If one maharaja gifted his son a personal narrow gauge toy train to celebrate his birthday, others were content in miniature rail carriages made of silver to ferry cuisines and drinks on the sprawling dining table during royal feasts.

An array of luxury trains operates on different routes and offers a manifestation of kaleidoscope of India. Each of these opulent luxury train tours have been designed to provide best of the traditional and the contemporary. These tourist trains provide whirlwind tour across some of the most enthralling destinations in India and are one of the most effective ways to discover the untold wealth of this country.

Interiors of these luxury trains recreate the elegance and affluence of the personal cabins of erstwhile Maharajas of India whereas the contemporary amenities and impeccable service ensure that a lavish stay akin to 5 star hotels is offered on board these cruise trains. The itineraries of these trains are meticulously planned to bring out diverse colors, rich heritage and vibrant culture of India and illumine and enrich the guests when it comes to irresistible allure of Incredible India. Enjoy some of the best rail journeys of world courtesy Indian luxury trains.

# **Luxury Trains**

The Palace on Wheels: You may realize your dream to be a prince or a princess as well as experience the ambience and the aura that will take you to the regal era - aboard the Palace on Wheels. The chugging Palace on Wheels will make you live in a palace. The Palace on Wheels is so true to its name and is bound to sweep you off your feet.

The Royal Rajasthan on Wheels: This train is designed and embroidered in a contemporary royal style to experience the existing regal luxury. Taste a slice of royalty and enjoy a royal feast onboard, where every moment is woven together into an everlasting and immemorial experience to be lived and cherished forever.

**Deccan Odyssey:** As the wind whispers through the halo of legends crowning the land of the mighty Marathas, a lone majestic whistle blows its salutation of honour as it gracefully traverses this land of fantastic fantasy. Welcome to the mesmerizing Maharashtra, Goa, Aurangabad, Ajanta and Ellora aboard the luxurious Deccan Odyssey.

The Golden Chariot: Welcome aboard a fascinating journey through the many worlds of Karnataka. Embark on a luxurious voyage of discovery through the Cradle of Stone Architecture. Travel through timeless historical heritage sites, resplendent palaces, wildlife and golden beaches.

# SPORTS & Adventures



India is fast emerging as one of the most popular adventure sports destination in the world. India offers immense opportunities for adventure travellers looking for a varied experience. The topography of India is diverse that varies from snow capped mountains on the one hand to dessert and sea on the other, all this make India an ideal adventure sports destination.

A country, which has immense potential for adventure sports, from mountaineering, trekking, paragliding and rafting to scuba diving, India promises to offer the discerning traveller an experience that will last a lifetime.

### Some of the most popular adventure sport activities are:

Jeep Safari: These tours in India are best for Himalayan regions. Explore the unknown while admiring the natural beauty at its best on a jeep safari tours. Jeep safaris is the best way to explore the rugged terrain, hilly terrain or any other off beaten track in India. You can travel around the wildlife, forts, palaces and deserts of Rajasthan. Jeeps can take you to the interiors of a village or a town.

**Trekking:** It is becoming popular among the tourists all over the world. At every nook and corner, collage of natural wonders and beautiful Himalayan vistas greet the visitors. The awe inspiring beauty of the Central Himalayan range and solitude of the mountain and forest retreats attracts numerous tourists all across the world to India.

# SPORTS & Adventures



**River Rafting:** It is one of the most thrilling and sensational adventure sports. The foot-hills of the Himalayas serve as the perfect playground for river rafting in India. If you have not had the experience of river rafting in India yet, plan your next adventure holidays in India. Enjoy river rafting expeditions on various rivers of India such as Ganga, Alaknanda, Tons, Mahakali, etc.

**Camel Safaris:** A camel safari across the sands of the Great Indian Thar Desert is a rare experience on old caravan routes, unfolding the marvels of glorious Rajputana - frescoes, intricate paintings and fine Hindu architecture of forts and palaces. Camel safaris on double humped camels are also possible in the high altitude desert of the Nubra valley in Ladakh.

**Elephant Safari:** Enjoy an unforgettable experience atop gentle elephants for a few hours to a few days guided by mahouts. Short riding safaris can be done in some of the game parks of North and Central India, whilst longer ones can be undertaken in the jungles of North India.

**Horse Riding:** Ride through tiny villages and open spans of sand to witness the colourful ethnic, rustic scenery of Rajasthan. Along the way one can hear the far away melodies of traditional folk music and witness the people's dances and folklore that display the rich legacy and culture of the land.

# GOLFING H o l i d a y s



India was the first country outside Great Britain to take up the game of golf. The Royal Calcutta Golf Club, established in 1829, is the oldest golf club in India and the first outside Great Britain. With the growing influence of the British in the Indian empire, the eighteenth century saw a mushrooming of new golf clubs in India.

Playing golf in India is an interesting experience due to the diversity of its golf courses. The ambience of each golf course, spread wide through the mountains, plains, deserts and also at the beach resorts is quite unique; characterized by its culture and history. These distinguishing golf courses have made India an ideal destination for Golf.

Planning a Golf tour in India is one of the best ways to experience the sporting spirit in India closely. A large number of international standard courses designed by Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus are offered at the golf courses providing the golfers with adequate challenge. In India, the Golf tours cover many places like Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Ooty, Chennai, Kolkata, Pune, Hyderabad, Gulmarg and Srinagar. The Golf Courses in Delhi and Jaipur are worth visiting and widely applauded by the golf lovers from all over the world.

Tee off from the highest 18 hole course in the world, watch a peacock dance on a green or play on a course that is enriched by monuments and beautiful buildings. Playing golf in India enables you to experience the country in its splendid best.

# GOLFING H o l i d a y s



If you have not played Golf in India, you have been missing out on a wonderful adventure as well as a sport. India Profile team has included nowadays the Golf tours in India, high in demand especially amongst the foreign tourists. Indian Golf Courses have been well maintained to compete with some of the leading Golf Courses in Asia and the world in terms of Quality and Facilities, Varying environments, Club Houses, Changing facilities, Caddies, Pro-Shops and Post Tournament Function Rooms. You can experience this reality by joining the Golf Tours in India.

Some of the oldest golf clubs in the world outside England and also the highest golf course located at Gulmarg in Kashmir make India irresistible for the golf lovers. The Golf tours in India are convenient for the tourists as most of the golf courses are well connected with the mainstream through road, rail and air network. The Indian Golf Union is also affiliated to the World Amateur Golf Council.

India has the luxury standards of 5 star deluxe hotels in all golf playing cities of India to accommodate the high standard of guests coming from all over the globe.

# MICE



(meetings, incentives, conferences, exhibitions)

India has not only one of the glorified oldest civilisation but also a largest democracy in the World. Travelling to India gives you a lifetime experience which you hardly get anywhere else. India is progressively developing as a favourable destination for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions, commonly referred as MICE. Travelling for MICE related activities not limited to work but looking for some leisure and pleasure activities. Here India offers its variety of tourism products from its metropolis to quiet towns, mountains, beaches, deserts etc., which can be combined with MICE activities. India is becoming prominent on world map with its economic development while keeping pace along with its diversity, culture and historical past.

India offers good connectivity to the world with various international airlines connects major cities in India. Airlines network, surface transportation and Railways connectivity within India also widens which facilitates smooth travel for MICE prospects to any part of India.

The metropolitan cities of India have international standard conference and convention centers. The country hosts many international conferences and conventions as well as large business exhibitions throughout the year. Hotels and Resorts in destinations across India offer world-class facilities for conferences and conventions.

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Modern India is offering world class MICE venues be it Vigyan Bhawan and Ashoka convention centre in New Delhi, Jaypee Palace convention center in Agra, Renaissance hotel and Convention in Mumbai, BM Birla Science center in Jaipur, Cochin Convention Centre and Hyderabad Convention centre etc. With state-of-the-art equipment, including broadband Internet connectivity and facilities for teleconferencing, major hotels in India are ideal destinations for conferences and conventions. If you'd like to retreat from the busy cities, you can get away to a hill resort, a seaside conference center, a palace hotel at a heritage destination or get together for a conference on a luxury train. Step back from the busy routine of urban life, and meet in peaceful surroundings on Conferences and Conventions in India.

Incentive Tours to India are rewards for your hard work and dedication. You deserve a holiday to relax and recharge yourself before you get back to work again. Incentive Tours to India offer you the perfect opportunity to enjoy a memorable vacation in India. Have a wonderful beach holiday with the warm sun, golden sand and sparkling sea, on the beaches of Goa or Kerala in India. See the beautiful Taj Mahal, an architectural wonder and monument to eternal love in Agra India. Relax in the luxury of a royal palace hotel and feel like a Maharaja or ride a royal luxury train and travel back to royal times.

# FAIRS & Festivals



India has a vast diversity of people, religion, culture, language and terrain. So it is not surprising that there are a variety of festivals being celebrated all the year round. Only a few of the festivals take place on a particular date. Most of them follow the lunar calender and hence the exact date of the festivals varies from year to year. Muslim holidays and Muslim festivals follow the Islamic calender. Festivals of India are celebrated throughout the country with great spirit and devotion. India is home to numerous religious, cultural and spiritual fairs and festivals. But there are some very popular festivals which are well known and are celebrated by Indians all over the world. Holi and Diwali are few of the most famous festivals in India. Old rituals, traditions and possessions are an important part of these fairs and festivals in India. Here we have presented below a list of some of the popular fairs and festivals celebrated in India.

January: Makar Sankranti, Lohri, Pongal, Thai Pusam, Float Festival, Kerala Village Fair, Bikaner Festival, Pattadakal Dance Festival, Id-ul-Fitr, Vasant Panchami

**February:** Mahashivratri, Goa Carnival, Desert Festival, Nagaur Fair, International Yoga Week, Elephant Festival, Deccan Festival, Taj Mahotsav, Surajkund Crafts Mela, Chapchar Kut, Islands Tourism Festival.

March: Holi, Gangaur, Jamshed-e-Navroz, Ramnavami, Idul- Zuha, Mahavir Jayanti, Khajuraho Dance Festival, Elephant Festival, Hoysala Mahotsava, Ellora Festival.v

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April: Moharram, Buddha Purnima, Mewar Good Friday, Easter, Baisakhi, Gudi Padva or Ugadi, Poonam.

May: Urs.

June: Ganga Dussehra, Hemis Festival.

July: Rathyatra, Guru Purnima.

August: Janmashtami , Onam , NagPaami , Rakshabandhan, Ganesh Chaturthi.

September: Tarnetar Mela.

October: Navratri, DurgaPuja, Dussehra, Marwar Festival.

November: Sharad Purnima, Diwali, Guru Purab, Ka Pomblang Nongrem, Sonepur Fair, Pushkar Fair, Hampi Festival.

December: Christmas, Konark Dance Festival.











# BUSES

# TRANSPORTATION

Further to strengthen its services to incoming Tourists Erco Travels have their own fleet of well maintained Cars, Tempo Travelers (mini bus) and Luxury Coaches to support our operations.

### TEMPO TRAVELER



# MEMBERSHIP & Affiliations

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