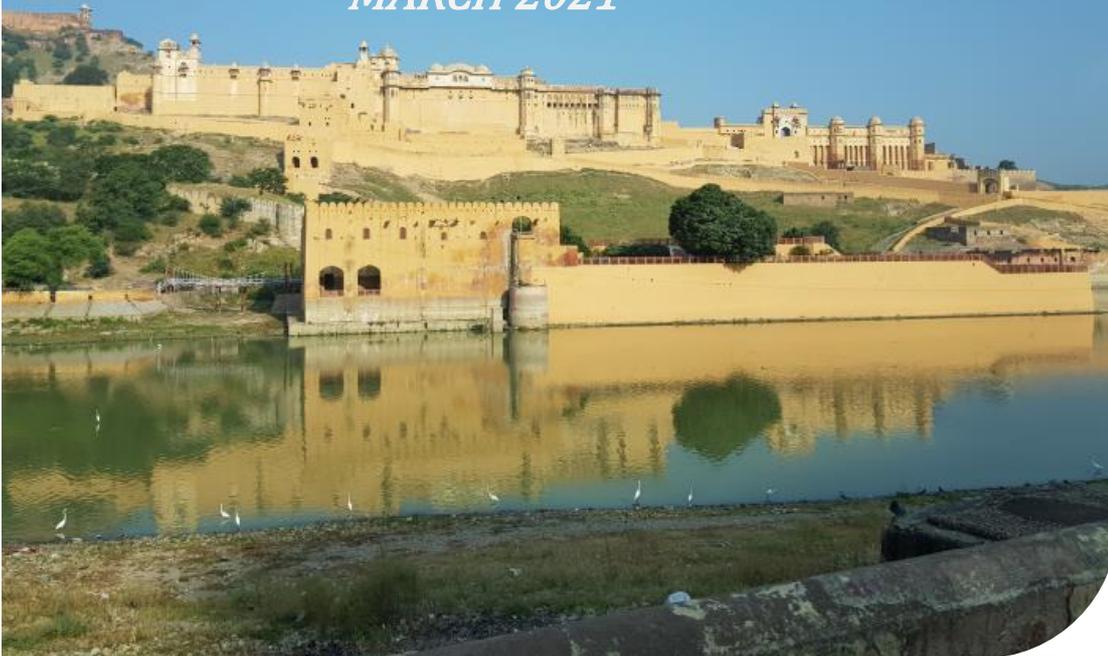


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India offers a stunning variety in its expanse of about 3.3 million sq. km. You can wander from the chilly peaks of the Himalayas to the hot green Gangetic plains from the majestic Rajasthan deserts to massive mangrove forests to the famous sea and sand of Goa. And in each region, you will be greeted by totally different sound and colors, arts and crafts.

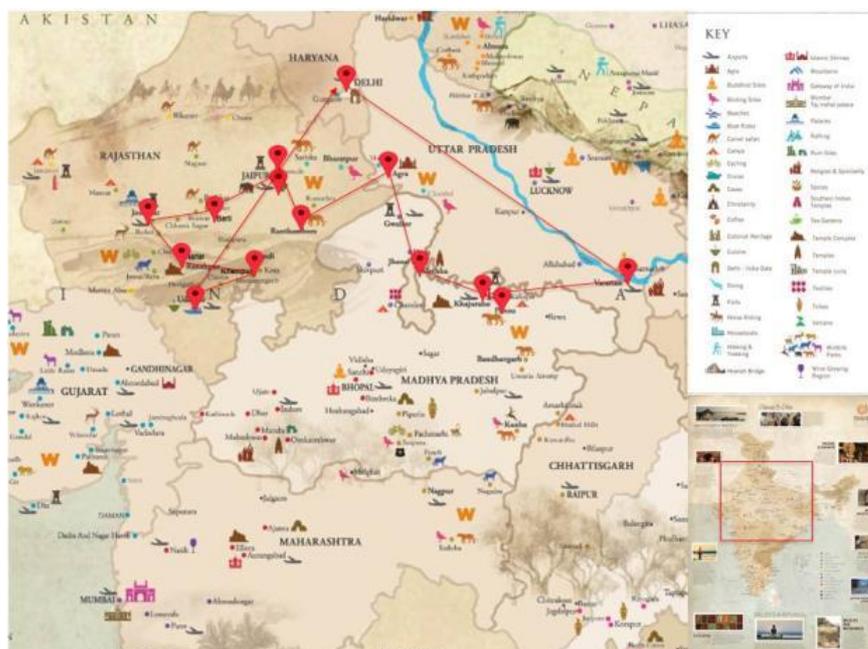
The Golden Triangle circuit of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur is on most travel itineraries yet these cities still offer something to the intrepid traveler. Perhaps the word 'golden' denotes the alchemy of the elements; the waters of the Yamuna river, the stone and earth of the monuments that have withstood the test of time and the fiery zeal of rulers who sought immortality. Retrace the alchemy of a millennium, through art, literature, economy, architecture, food, stories and folklore to convey an essence of what India is today.

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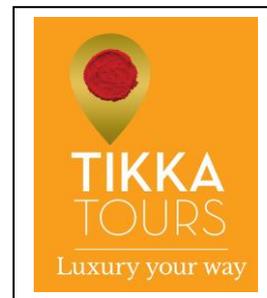
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel through India's three historic eras: feudal, Mughal and colonial
- Experience cycle rickshaw ride in Old Delhi
- Salaam Baalak Walk
- Boat ride on River Ganges
- Mesmerizing visit of Taj Mahal at sunrise
- Search for the Royal Bengal Tiger while game drive into Ranthambore National Park.
- Henna Tattoo session for ladies at Samode.
- Jeep safari at Samode Village
- Befriend an Elephant on a wilderness walk as you feed and bath them.
- Pink city Rickshaw ride in Jaipur
- Cooking demonstration in Jaipur.
- Village walk at Barli
- Rooftop Thali dinner at Pal Haveli
- Step-well dinner at Rawla Narlai.
- Stay at Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
- Holi celebration at Khempur
- Tranquil boat ride on Lake Pichola

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JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

DESTINATION	HOTEL	ROOM CATEGORY	DURATION OF STAY
Delhi	Hotel Maidens	Premier Room	3 nights
Varanasi	Taj Ganges	Superior room	2 nights
Khajuraho	Sarai at Toria	Cottage	2 nights
Orchha	Hotel Amar Mahal	Super deluxe room	1 night
Agra	Double Tree by Hilton	DT Guest room	1 night
Ranthambore	Tree Leaf Kipling Lodge	Hideaway Garden Cottage	2 nights
Samode	Samode Palace	Deluxe room	1 night
Jaipur	Dera Wilderness Camp	Deluxe Tent	1 night
Jaipur	Khas Bagh	Deluxe room	2 nights
Barli	Fort Barli	Super deluxe room	1 night
Jodhpur	Ratan Vilas	Superior Courtyard room	2 nights
Narlai	Rawala Narlai	Luxury grand heritage	1 night
Khempur	Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	Deluxe room	1 night
Udaipur	Fateh Niwas	Deluxe room	2 nights

DETAILED ITINERARY (MARCH 2021)

DAY 01 | 09 MARCH, TUESDAY ARRIVE IN DELHI

Flight detail - TBA

Meals Included - None,

Welcome to Delhi!

On arrival at the Delhi International airport TIKKA TOURS representative will receive you at the visitor's lounge, with a paging sign bearing your name.

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You will be then escorted to your **hotel Maidens**.



Overnight - Maidens Hotel.

Maidens Hotel - Straight from a Rudyard Kipling novel, the Maidens Hotel is one of Delhi's oldest - originally built in 1903. Its simple white exteriors open into beautiful, traditionally decorated interiors with a touch of regal influences from the British Raj. The eight-acre property has beautiful gardens and trees, making it the perfect setting for an escape from the city noise, yet its central location works to its advantage. Each room is in soothing pastel tones and echoes the blend of traditional and contemporary elements, which this heritage hotel offers.

Website | www.maidenshotel.com

Room Category | **Premier room**

DAY 02 | 10 MARCH, WEDNESDAY DELHI

Meals Included - Breakfast, Dinner

If trees and streets could talk, the stories that would pour out of Delhi would keep listeners mesmerized for years. With a history as a capital, Delhi has seen the tides of several rulers from those that people the pages of the epic poem, Mahabharata to the Tughlaq and Mughal empires from Persia, from the imperial colonial armies to the present-day government. Looted, plundered, and resurrected over the years, Delhi emerges from the ashes of her past to take her place in the world as a global capital - politically, culturally and commercially.

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Start your day in Delhi with the following activities:

Rickshaw Ride (Old Delhi)

There is a lot to be said about a country, as diverse in its faiths as India, and as tolerant in its attitudes towards each. Today's political factions and media warmongering may create tensions between India's many religions; sow the seeds of dissension in the populace, yet the architecture of our cities tells a very different narrative. Head down to Chandni chowk which is partly by Rickshaw, partly on foot and palpably experience the sacred yet secular way of life that is so typical of India.

Visit of Colonial Delhi

The Colonial Delhi trail will take you past the India Gate, a monument commemorating the deaths of over 70,000 Indian soldiers in the British Forces during the World War I and older British buildings that house today's Parliament and Secretariat

Later drive to the famous Sikh Temple, **Bangla Sahib Gurudwara** in the company of your local guide. The highlight would be the visit to the community kitchen where volunteers work and feed thousands of devotees daily - the food is offered free to one and all.



After lunch visit Dilli haat followed by visit of Khan Market.

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Dilli Haat

Before the notion that today's Delhi is just another beehive of power struggles and banal urbanity grips you, set your sights on a visit to Dilli Haat, a cultural exchange where artisans and craftsmen from India's myriad nooks and crannies come together in a resplendent spectacle of colour, skill and salesmanship. An open-air food plaza and craft bazaar, Dilli Haat is your opportunity to browse through the infinite varieties of cotton-weaves, pottery, woodwork, jewellery, brassware, and clothes brought to life by true masters of their respective crafts.

This evening transfer to Connaught place where your **dinner** is organised at the historical and local favourite - **United Coffee house**. (7.30 pm)

Overnight - Maidens Hotel.

DAY 03 | 11 MARCH, THURSDAY DELHI

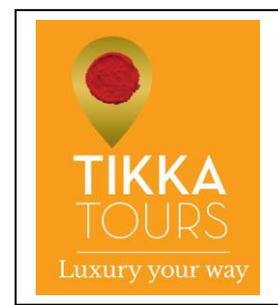
Meals Included - Breakfast,

Start your day in Delhi with the following activities:

Salaam Baalak Walk: Stories of children rescued from street life.



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The Salaam Baalak Trust City Walk is a guided tour of almost 2 hours conducted by children who used to live in the streets of Delhi before coming under the care of the Trust. These are adolescent children who have been fully trained as local guides and who want to improve their communication and speaking skills. These walks are designed to give people a view of their world through their eyes. The walks take you through the streets of Paharganj where these children lived not long ago, invisible to the taxis, the commuters and the sleeping strays in the shadow of New Delhi's Railway Station. These walks are a reflection of their past and the change that SBT has brought in their lives by empowering them and helping them to join a mainstream life.

Rest of the day will be at your leisure.

Overnight - Maidens Hotel.

DAY 04 | 12 MARCH, FRIDAY DELHI - VARANASI

**Flight detail - Indigo Airlines Flight 6E 906 (Dep: 0815 Hours Arr: 0940 Hours)
Meals Included - Breakfast, Dinner**

After breakfast **TIKKA TOURS** representative will escort you to Delhi airport.

Board your flight for Varanasi departing at 0815 hrs.

On arrival at Varanasi airport at 0940 hrs our representative will receive you at the airport.

Straight you will drive to Sarnath.

Sarnath, located on the outskirts of the city where the Buddha is said to have delivered his first sermon after achieving enlightenment. It's here that he preached his first five disciples on the four noble truths who then carried his message to the rest of the country.

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Visit **Buddha's school of smile.**

Buddha's Smile School (BSS) serves children from local slums and villages in north India, delivering primary education with love, care, and motivation since 2003.

You will be then escorted to **Taj Ganges.**

Rest of the evening will be at leisure.

Dinner & Overnight - Taj Ganges

Taj Ganges -is located at Nadesar Palace grounds and set amidst 40 acres is constructed like a Swastik - an ancient symbol which represents good fortune and blessing. With its garden or pool-facing rooms and suites, the hotel is an oasis of greenery, world-class style and contemporary comforts in the oldest living city of the world.

Website | www.tajhotels.com

Room Category | **Superior room**

DAY 05 | 13 MARCH, SATURDAY
VARANASI

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Meals Included - Breakfast



At the confluence of two tributaries of the Ganges river, Varanasi, is a city of many names, bearing a history of over 3000 years, and had reached its zenith as a centre of religion and learning in the 7th century BC. A city steeped in spiritual sanctity and knowledge, which three great world religions - Buddhism, Jainism and Hinduism, acknowledge as a place of homage. Later named Benares, the city saw the establishment of the Benaras Hindu University, a pre-eminent center of Sanskrit language, culture, philosophy and learning. As a thriving trade post for many centuries, Benaras was also an important center of crafts and culture under the patronage of various rulers, and is world-renowned for its Benaras silk weaving motifs, metal and brass work, and for its wrestling tradition!

Rise early and head to the river to board your small boat at dawn. You will be in the perfect spot to watch the colorful Ghats slowly come to life, as pilgrims begin to bathe themselves in the holy river. Walk through the narrow lanes of Varanasi to see life around the riverside.

Return to the hotel for breakfast.

This morning after breakfast, discover Varanasi by walking through the twisted bylanes of markets, with a plethora of interesting shops selling everything from flowers to spices, which open up onto the colourful, pilgrim-overrun ghats - the steps that lead down to the river. Follow by visit of to the Sankat Mochan temple, which hosts a humble statue of mud and dung that draws pilgrims from far and wide.

Towards evening witness the Aarti Ceremony on the ghats of river Ganges.



Overnight - Taj Ganges

DAY 06 | 14 MARCH, SUNDAY
VARANASI - KHAJURAHO

Flight detail - Air Vistara Flight UK 631 (Dep : 1245 Hours Arr : 1345 Hours)
Meals Included - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After breakfast TIKKA TOURS representative will escort you to Varanasi airport.

Board your flight for Khajuraho departing at 1245 hrs.

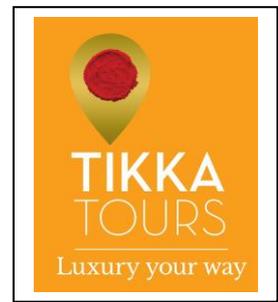
On arrival at Khajuraho airport at 1345 hrs our representative will receive you at the airport.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Post Lunch visit Khajuraho group of temple's.

Experience the best Khajuraho has to offer with the Temple Trail, an evocative way to experience history of a bygone era, with a narrative of the Chandela dynasty, the temple construction and the city's name. Khajuraho has some of the best preserved temples in the country, with intricate stone

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carvings that have the finish of wood or metal and while the erotic sculptures have brought it to the attention of the world, there is a far deeper symbolism to the art.

You will be then escorted to **Sarai at Toria**.

Rest of the evening will be at your leisure.

Dinner & Overnight - Sarai at Toria.

Sarai at Toria - With sweeping views of the gushing Ken River, the thatched, mud-caked cottages and the stone-paved dining areas, the Sarai at Toria is a simple but tastefully done-up property that blends into the rustic landscape at the edge of the Panna National Park. Enjoy the comforts of a stay that has little impact on the wildlife, offers rich pickings for fishermen, and is dominated by the incredible diversity of insects and birds on the riverside.

Website | www.saraiattoria.com

Room Category | **Cottage**

DAY 07 | 15 MARCH, MONDAY KHAJURAHO

Meals Included - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

PANNA is a city of tribes and sages, of rajahs and colonial loyalties, of meadows and evergreen forests, of tigers and diamonds, and could be your doorway to Central India. The lesser known Panna National Park, has seen a success of the tiger reintroduction programme, a lesson that other national parks would do well to emulate. With a good mammal population and a rich raptor activity indicating a healthy ecosystem, the park offers an offbeat experience for wildlifers looking to avoid the hassle and formalities of more popular destinations.

Included activities:

Jeep safari: Discover Pench's wildlife in morning jeep safaris accompanied by a naturalist.

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Evening you can in-house activity boat ride / bird watching or village walk.

Lunch & Dinner at hotel.

Overnight - Sarai at Toria.

DAY 08 | 16 MARCH, TUESDAY KHAJURAHO - ORCHHA

Journey Time - Approx. 4 hours drive

Meals Included - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

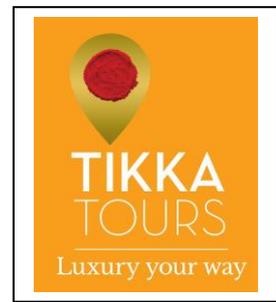
After breakfast commence your drive Orchha and on arrival check into your **Hotel Amar Mahal.**

Post lunch you will visit Orchha fort, Jahangir Mahal and Temple.

Set off on a quiet, charming heritage trail through Orchha's Indo - Mughal architecture - the indomitable stone structures that command the horizon of the town with their beautiful domes known as chhatris. The sights include the ruins of the Aurangzeb Palace with its open courtyards and painted ceilings, the Lakshmi Narayan Temple with its ceremonies and bells, and the numerous cenotaphs along the riverside.

Rest of the evening will be at your leisure.

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Lunch & Dinner at hotel.

Overnight - Hotel Amar Mahal.

Hotel Amar Mahal - With a panoramic view of Orchha's monuments set amidst rolling hills, Amar Mahal hotel recreates the atmosphere of the glorious Bundela era of 1895. With its well-appointed rooms and tasteful décor, the Bundela-style paintings lining the corridors, and its sunrise and sunset views over the city from the terraces and its manicured lawns, Amar Mahal showcases the best of Orchha.

Website | www.amarmahal.com

Room Category | **Super Deluxe room**

DAY 09 | 17 MARCH, WEDNESDAY ORCHHA - JHANSI - AGRA

Journey Time - Approx. 45 mins

Train details : Gatimaan Express Dep : 1505 hrs Arr : 1745 hrs

Meals Included - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Morning will be at your leisure.

After lunch at hotel, **TIKKA TOURS** representative will escort you to Jhansi Railway Station.

Board your train for Agra departing at 1505 hrs.

On arrival at Agra station at 1745 hrs, our representative will receive you.

You will be then escorted to your hotel **Double Tree by Hilton**.

Evening enjoy **dinner** at **Kabab-E-Que restaurant** of your hotel.

Overnight - Double Tree by Hilton

Double Tree by Hilton - Located in the heart of Agra city center, this Double Tree is one of the hotel in Agra offering views of this legendary monument close to the hotel. Whether you stay in a garden view or city view room, the hotel offers breathtaking views of the Taj Mahal from the pool area, and convenient access to Agra attractions such as the Agra Fort, Akbar's Tomb and Sadar Bazaar.

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Website | www.doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/india/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-agra-AGRDTDI/index.html

Room Category | DT Guest room

DAY 10 | 18 MARCH, THURSDAY
AGRA - BHARATPUR - RANTHAMBORE

Journey Time - Approx. 1.5 hours' drive

Train details: Jan Shatabdi: Dep: 1515 hrs Arr: 1803 hrs

Meals Included - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Agra - The origins of the city of Agra can be traced back to the days of the Mahabharata, the epic poem of Great India when it was called Agrevana, meaning 'the edge of the forest'. Agra served as capital for the Mughal Empire during the 16th and 17th centuries and flourished as a centre of art, drawing inspiration from Persian, Islamic, Turkish, Byzantine and Indian styles. It has been immortalized ever since by the Taj Mahal - a magnificent marble mausoleum that epitomises love, yet Agra has so many more monuments that tell a rich narrative of the tides and times of Man.

Your day will start early today. Early morning we will leave hotel to visit **Taj Mahal at sunrise**. Agra has been immortalized by Taj Mahal - the magnificent mausoleum, which the emperor Shahjahan had built for his queen, Mumtaz and India's own jewel in the list of 7 Wonders of the Modern World.

Return hotel for breakfast.

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After breakfast visit Agra Fort.



On the right bank of the Yamuna river, is one of the most important and robustly built stronghold of the Mughals, embellished with a number of richly decorated buildings – the Agra Fort. Let our guide tell you the rich, evocative Mughal history of Agra Fort, where emperors like Babar, Humayun, Akbar, among other historic characters take centre stage.

Later you will drive to Bharatpur to arrive by lunch time.

Post lunch, you will be escorted to Bharatpur Railway Station to board your train for Ranthambore departing at 1515 hrs.

On arrival at Ranthambore, the land of tigers at 1803 hrs, TIKKA TOURS representative will receive you at Railway station.

You will be then escorted to your hotel **Tree Leaf Kipling Lodge**.

Dinner & Overnight - Tree Leaf Kipling Lodge.

Tree Leaf Kipling Lodge - has been named after Rudyard Kipling, the 19th century Nobel Prize winning writer who has been immortalized by his literary works. Set in the lap of nature, surrounded by lush fields and trees, and just a stone's throw away from Ranthambore National Park, Kipling Lodge reconnects you back to nature and self.

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Website | <http://treeleafhospitality.com/ranthambore-resorts/>

Room Category | Hideaway Garden Cottage

DAY 11 | 19 MARCH, FRIDAY

RANTHAMBORE

Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



The Ranthambore Fort dating as far back as 944 AD, passed through several hands as bounty of vicious battles, and was absorbed into the kingdom of Jaipur in the 17th Century. The forest around the fort was a hunting ground for the Maharajahs of Jaipur, and after India's independence from British colonization, Ranthambore National Park was carved out to offer sanctuary to diverse wildlife, the most enigmatic of which is the Royal Bengal Tiger.

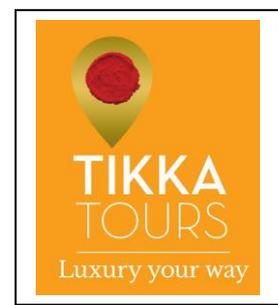
Mornings and afternoons are the best times when forests are buzz with activities, nocturnal animals heading home after the night hunt and others leaving home in search of food, antelopes grazing out lazily in the grasslands, some animals and birds congregating at the waterhole and others calling it a day moving back to homes. There is never a dull moment.

Early this morning at **5.30 am**, leave hotel for morning safari (**park gate opens at 6 am**)
Enjoy jeep safari into Ranthambore National park accompanied by a naturalist.

Today after breakfast you will drive to visit **Dhank Craft**.

An organization making handicrafts in and around Ranthambhore with the ex-poachers families and local villagers. By providing craft training to the villagers living around the Ranthambhore National park Dhank craft is creating useful employment opportunities to the locals and the ex-

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poachers families. Dhonk also encourages artisans across the globe to come and interact with these groups and exchange ideas and craft skills.

Lunch will be at your hotel.

At **2.30 pm**, continue for afternoon jeep safari into Ranthambore National park accompanied by a naturalist. (**Park gate opens at 3 pm**)

Dinner will be at your hotel.

Overnight - Tree Leaf Kipling Lodge.

DAY 12 | 20 MARCH, SATURDAY **RANTHAMBORE - SAMODE**

Journey Time - Approx. 5 hours' drive
Meals Included - Breakfast, Dinner

After breakfast commence your drive to Samode and on arrival check-into your Heritage Palace hotel.

Lunch will be at your discretion.

This afternoon a special **Henna Session** for ladies has been arranged at Samode Palace.

This evening enjoy pool side **Dinner**.

Overnight - Samode Palace.

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Samode Palace - A jewel nestled in the Aravali hills was built in the early 19th century and transformed into a premium palace hotel in 1987. The palace comes into view like a mirage rising above cobbled streets and stone houses of the village of Samode. Samode Palace a 475-year-old palace, has hosted royalty, celebrities, artists and discerning travellers with a touch of regal charm. The romance of Mughal and Indian architecture, traditional hospitality with modern luxury, as you pass your time exploring the countryside or indulging your senses; Samode Palace is a delectable wonderland.

Website | <http://www.samode.com>

Room Category | **Deluxe Room**

DAY 13 | 21 MARCH, SUNDAY SAMODE - JAIPUR

Journey Time - Approx. 1.5 hours drive

Meals Included - Breakfast, Dinner

This morning after breakfast explore the countryside with a **Jeep safari** through farms and villages around Samode. This is a chance to see Indian rural and small-town life up close.

End Jeep safari at Samode Bagh, where Hi-tea will be arranged.

Later commence your drive to Dera Amer.

On arrival you will check-into your Elephant wilderness camp.

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Late afternoon Befriend an Elephant on a wilderness walk as you feed and bath them.



Situated on the outskirts of Jaipur, this private retreat was once a scrubland, when the Singh family acquired an expanse of 180 acres it. Dera Amer today is full of wilderness and natural beauty. Operating with an eco-sensitive mind set, with organic farming practices, implementation of solar panelled water pumps, drip irrigation, engaging and empowering the local communities, and adopting elephants and camels that were rescued from a life of hard labour. Meet the man who has been striving towards creating a positive effect on the environment and providing a natural habitat and a healing touch to the animals.

Interact with Laxmi, Rangmala or Anarkali, the three resident elephants; you can feed them, bathe them or stroll around the retreat with one of them or walking alongside you.

Savour special organic farm fresh meals in exclusive venues in the wilderness of Dera Amer.

Dinner will be at Camp.

Overnight - Dera Amer Camp

Dera Amer Camp: Dera Amer situated behind the hills of the famous Amer Fort is the ideal location for outdoor recreational and adventure activities in very close proximity to the city of Jaipur. The Camp is located at the foothills of the Aravali Range and surrounded by the wilderness of a reserved forest with no urban civilization in the vicinity, just a few hamlets housing the local villagers occupied by farming on their fields bordering a pretty lake.

Website | <http://deraamer.com/>

Room Category | **Deluxe Tent**

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DAY 14 | 22 MARCH, MONDAY
DERA AMER - JAIPUR

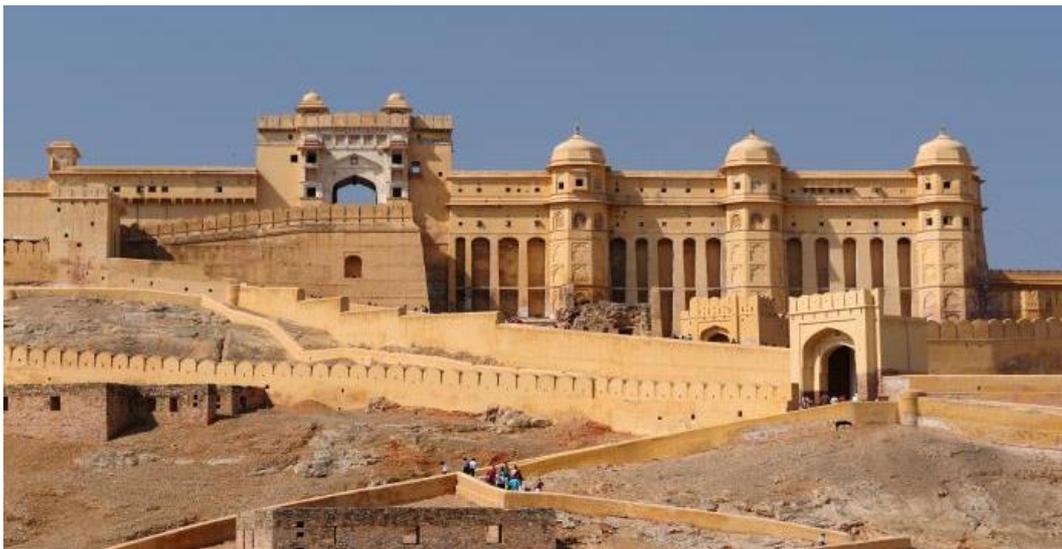
Journey Time - Approx. 30 mins drive
Meals Included - Breakfast, Dinner

After breakfast, commence your drive to a city of stone, fabric, style and design Jaipur.

On your arrival at Jaipur, drive to Amer fort.

Amer Fort

The citadel of the Kachhawaha clan who later became the rulers of Jaipur. With its sprawling apartments, pleasure gardens, and temples, Amer is one of the most intricate and beautiful Rajput fortresses in all of India.



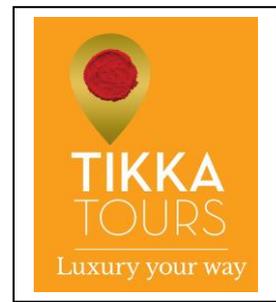
Explore colourful market of Jaipur. No travel experience is complete without shopping, and the colourful bazaars of India have something to offer even the most impatient of men! With specialties like local handicrafts, textiles, gems, silver jewellery, blue pottery and carpets, Jaipur's streets can rival Ali Baba's cave of wonders.

Later check-in at your **hotel Khas Bagh**

Evening enjoy **cooking demonstration followed by dinner** at hotel.

Overnight - Khas Bagh

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Khas Bagh -It is an authentic luxurious home stay experience beckons you on the outskirts of Jaipur. It's a heritage style haveli with its magnificent sandstone pool, sprawling lawns and verandahs overlooking the hills. Every room has spacious jharokas or an enclosed overhanging balcony, borrowed from old palace architecture.

Website | www.khasbagh.com

Room Category | **Deluxe room**

DAY 15 | 23 MARCH, TUESDAY JAIPUR

Meals Included - Breakfast, Dinner

If there is an aspect of India that neither the Mughal empires nor the British Era could wipe out, it was the regal lifestyles of the chieftains and princes from the feudal times, and nowhere is it more in evidence than in Rajasthan. Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan state, is known fondly as the 'pink city' as most buildings are made of rosy sandstone. Established by Sawai Jai Singh II, the ruler of Amber, thus named to signify a 'city of victory', Jaipur's bustling bazaars and labyrinthine by lanes whisper the history of 4 eras.

Morning you will enjoy the **Pink City Auto- Rickshaw Ride** (Duration: 45 minute - 01 hour) Drive through the walled city of Jaipur on uniquely designed, eco-friendly e-rickshaws driven by smart, enthusiastic and well trained women, all from low income households. With a stylized collapsible canopy, ergonomically designed seats, the ride itself is a unique experience.

Continue visit Jantar Mantar observatory built in the early 1700s by Sawai Jai Singh II, Jaipur's ruler and a keen astronomer that bears witness to Central Asia's rich legacy of astronomy.

Nearby is the ornate Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds) - a delightfully idiosyncratic five-tier composition of arches and balconies.

Return back to hotel.

Overnight - Khas Bagh

DAY 16 | 24 MARCH, WEDNESDAY JAIPUR - BARLI

Journey Time - Approx. 5 hours drive

Meals Included - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Today commence your drive to Barli and on arrival you will check-into your **hotel Fort Barli**.

Lunch will be at hotel.

Late afternoon enjoy a walk in the village to explore rural life from close quarters.

Evening you will have royal dress-up.

Your dream to be dressed as a Maharaja and Maharani and experience the regalness of their times come to an end at Fort Barli. You will be made to dress in traditional outfit and adorned with jewellery.

Dinner & Overnight - Fort Barli

Fort Barli - This royal heritage fort hotel combines classic heritage with contemporary elegance and is fast becoming the discerning traveller's ideal getaway. The fort has been lovingly restored and refurbished retaining its original character

Website | www.fortbarli.com

Room Category | **Super Deluxe Room**

DAY 17 | 25 MARCH, THURSDAY BARLI - JODHPUR

Journey Time - Approx. 4.5 hours drive



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Meals Included - Breakfast, Dinner

Today morning 1 hour private yoga session for the group is arranged at hotel (optional)

After breakfast commence your drive to the blue city, Jodhpur and on arrival check into your hotel **Ratan Vilas**.

Rest of the day is at your leisure.

Evening **roof top thali dinner at Pal Haveli**.

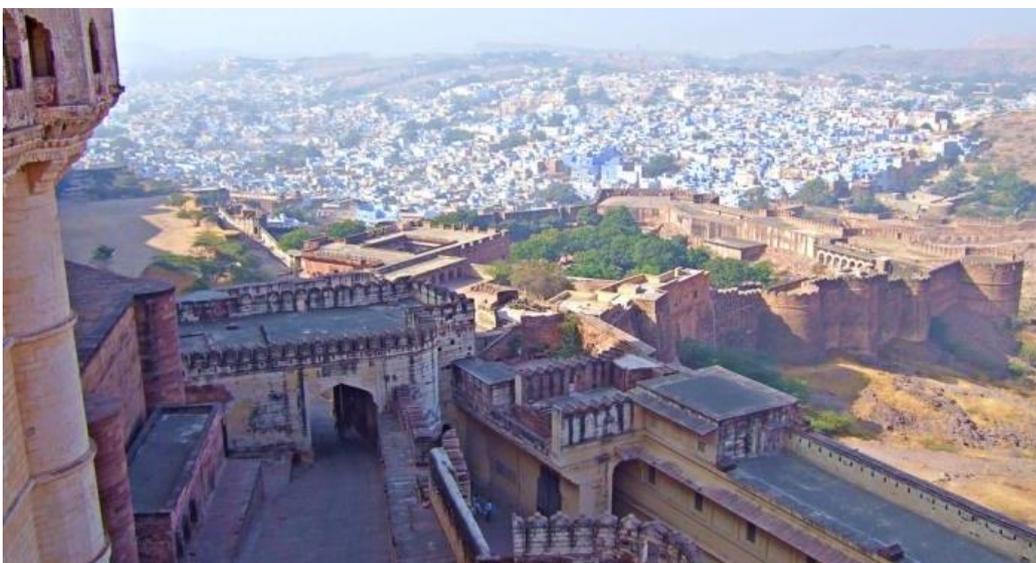
Overnight - Ratan Vilas.

Ratan Vilas - Built in 1920, by Maharaj Ratan Singhji of Raoti a royal from Jodhpur and one of the finest horsemen and polo players of his time, the Ratan Vilas with its imposing yet delicately carved exterior and elegant interiors is a genuine heritage edifice in a sylvan setting. The mansion reminiscent of the romance of the bygone era, has been converted into a hotel by Maharaj Bharat Singh and continues to be their residence as well.

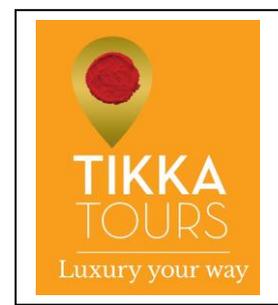
Website | www.ratanvilas.com

Room Category | **Superior Courtyard Room**

DAY 18 | 26 MARCH, FRIDAY JODHPUR



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Meals Included - Breakfast, Dinner

Epitomizing the romance and feudal splendor of Rajasthan with the majestic Mehrangarh Fort towering over it, the city of Jodhpur was once a flourishing trade center for opium, silk and copper. Painted a brilliant shade of blue, Jodhpur is the last bastion of fort ramparts, colorful bazaars, animated people with their storytelling traditions before the desert sands and dunes stretch away towards the horizon.

Begin your day with visit to **Mehrangarh Fort**, one of the most majestic of Rajasthan's forts, described by the author Rudyard Kipling as "the creation of angels, fairies and giants". Its forbidding ramparts are in sharp contrast to the flamboyantly decorated palaces within. Founded in 1459, the sandstone fort was added to by later rulers between 17th and 19th centuries. Explore the massive fort complex and the exquisite museum collection.

From the Fort walk down the narrow alleys leading to **Old City** and start the heritage walk, it will take you through the bazaars of the old city where you can find everything from traditional handicrafts to copper pots and pans! Sardar Bazaar, as it is known, has several beautiful havelis primarily made of red sandstone. Follow this with a visit to the vegetable market - where the colours and varieties of local produce from gourds to beans, from leafy greens to tubers will showcase tropical produce at its best.

Rest of the day is at your leisure for leisure and shopping activities.

Dinner & Overnight - Ratan Vilas

DAY 19 | 27 MARCH, SATURDAY JODHPUR - NARLAI

Journey Time - Approx. 2.5 hours drive
Meals Included - Breakfast Dinner

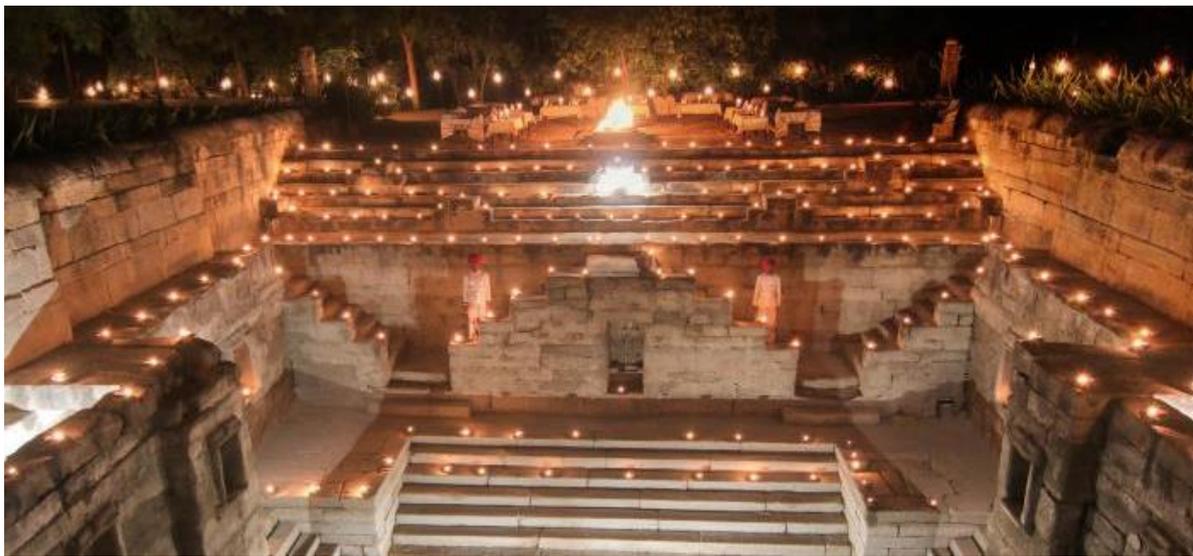
Today after leisurely breakfast, commence your drive to Narlai and on arrival check-into your **hotel Rawla Narlai**.

Afternoon will be at your leisure.

Evening enjoy the **step well dinner** and taste the flavour of true Rajasthani royal hospitality at the 16th Century old Baoli (Stepwell).

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Overnight - Rawla Narlai



Rawla Narlai - Wake up to the sounds of this 17-century village and take in the spiritual energy from the invigorating air descending from the Shiva Temple, lodged deep in a primal cave high on the hill. The village is caught in a time warp, since the Royal family moved back to the Kingdom of Jodhpur. Life has continued much as it was then in Narlai.

Website | www.rawlanarlai.com

Room Category | **Luxury Grande Heritage room**

DAY 20 | 28 MARCH, SUNDAY

NARLAI - RANAKPUR - KHEMPUR

Journey Time - Approx. 4.5 hours drive

Meals Included - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After breakfast commence your drive to Khempur.

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En - route stop at **Ranakpur Jain Temples**. (Temple opens at 12 noon). Set in a secluded wooded valley of the Aravali Hills, the 15th century Ranakpur Temple complex is one of the five great holy places of the Jain faith. The grand scale and the sheer architectural complexity of the white marble temple along with its exquisite sculptural ornamentation makes it the single most impressive example of Indian temple architecture - it is a hymn in marble. Each of the temple's pillars is carved with different patterns of floral motifs and the play of light and shadow on the pillars as the sun moves is one of the glories of this monument.



After lunch at Ranakpur town, continue your drive to Khempur and on arrival check-into your **Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**.

Early evening you will have **unlimited drinks** with **screening of movie** followed by **special dinner**.

You will then witness holika fire, a village tradition of HOLI festival.

Overnight - Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Best Exotic Marigold Hotel - It has a passionate history of true Mewari valour that dates back to 1628 AD. It exudes historical ambience and is graced with breathtaking surroundings. The lofty terraces, open courtyards, sprawling gardens, domes, arches and canopied balconies transport one back in time. Khempur village developed over the centuries to one side of the Ravla. It comprises a small, random and attractive cluster of typical rural dwellings and shops.

Website | www.ravlakhempur.com

Room Category | **Deluxe room**

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DAY 21 | 29 MARCH, MONDAY
KHEMPUR - UDAIPUR

Journey Time - Approx. 2 hours drive
Meals Included – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Morning you will enjoy the festival of color Holi.

Holi, the festival of colors and merriment, welcomes the spring season in India. An occasion when



family and friends come together for a cheerful celebration, the festival is celebrated across the country. North India's revelry is, however, one of the most playful. Dress up in traditional white kurta pajama to be painted in splashes of powdered colors. Also, savour sweets, savorys and beverages that have been an integral and traditional part of Holi celebrations.

This afternoon you will commence your drive to the city of Lake Udaipur and on arrival you will check-into your **hotel Fateh Niwas**.

Rest of the evening will be at your leisure.

Overnight – Fateh Niwas

Fateh Niwas - It is a strategically located property in the city, offering a cultural experience in an antiquated setting. Enjoy breath-taking views of City Palace, Jagmandir, Monsoon Palace, Lake Pichola and the Aravalli hills from our roof top pool and restaurant. It has 2 swimming pools.

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Website | www.fatehniwas.com

Room Category | **Deluxe room**

DAY 22 | 30 MARCH, TUESDAY UDAIPUR

Meals Included – Breakfast, Farewell Dinner



Udaipur is an oasis nestled in the lap of the Aravalli Mountain range and has a tranquil serenity that belies its tumultuous past. Udaipur, originally a thriving caravanserai later became a capital of local, royal clans. Udaipur's serene lakes, beautiful gardens and magnificent palaces lend it a nostalgia that has often earned it the acclaim of being one of the most romantic places in the world. Apart from a place in history, Udaipur has been immortalized in contemporary culture in iconic films from Jewel in the Crown, James Bond's Octopussy to Gandhi.

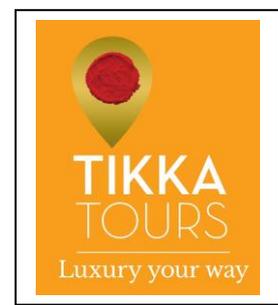
This morning start from hotel to explore the **City Palace**.

City Palace is blend of stern Rajput military architecture and lavish Mughal-inspired decorative art. This is the largest palace in Rajasthan sprawled out over an area of 5 acres, built between the 16th and 20th centuries. From here continue on towards the Jagdish Temple, a three-storied wonder of architecture comprising of an intricately sculpted spire, beautifully carved pillars, decorated ceilings and painted walls dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the sustainer in Hindu mythology

Enjoy at James Bond style Tuk-Tuk ride through the old city and explore local market.

Return to hotel. Afternoon will be at your leisure.

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Evening enjoy a tranquil **boat ride** on the Lake Pichola listening to the lapping of the water alongside your boat, one of the most beautiful ways to take in the city of Udaipur.

Evening you will enjoy farewell dinner.

Overnight - Fateh Niwas

DAY 23 | 31 MARCH, WEDNESDAY UDAIPUR - DELHI DEP

**Flight detail - Air Vistara flight UK 628 (Dep : 1520 Hours Arr : 1645 Hours)
Meals Included - Breakfast**

Morning will be at your leisure.

Afternoon **TIKKA TOURS** representative will escort you to Udaipur airport to board your flight for Delhi departing at 1520 hrs.

On arrival Delhi at 1645 hrs our representative will assist you in checkin formalities for International flight.

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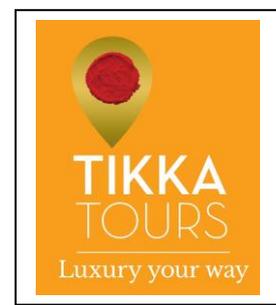
COST PER PERSON Based on 11 people

\$11,290 per person based on twin share
Single Supplement \$3370

Inclusions to Land Cost:

1. Accommodation for a total of 22 Nights on Twin / Double Sharing as per hotel list and room category given.
2. Domestic Air: Delhi/Varanasi/Khajuraho & Udaipur/ Delhi in Economy Class (Subject to Change)
3. Meals as indicated in the itinerary: 22 Breakfast, 09 Lunch and 19 Dinners
4. Ground Transportation by Air-Conditioned Mini Coach
5. *Salam Balak* Walk in Delhi
6. Boat ride at River Ganges- Varanasi
7. 01 Jeep safari at Panna National park inclusive of English-speaking Naturalist & Park Entrances
8. 01 activity at Sarai at Toria (Boat ride Or Else Bird walk or Village walk)
9. Train ride (Jhansi- Agra by Executive Chair car) & (Bharatpur- Ranthambore by AC Chair car).
10. 02 Exclusive Jeep safari (based on 03 Jeeps) at Ranthambore national park with services of

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English speaking naturalist & park entrances (Jungle safari subject to availability)

11. Henna Session for ladies at Samode
12. Village Safari by Jeep at Samode
13. Private Poolside Dinner at Samode
14. Hi-Tea at Samode Bagh
15. Spend time with Elephant at Dera Wilderness camp.
16. Cooking demo at Khas Bagh.
17. Pink city auto-rickshaw ride in Jaipur
18. Village walk & Royal Dressing session at Fort Barli
19. Private Yoga Session at Fort Barli.
20. Rooftop thali dinner at Pal Haveli- Jodhpur
21. Stepwell Dinner at Narlai
22. Cocktail and dinner at *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*
23. Holi celebration at *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*
24. Boat ride at Lake Pichola - Udaipur
25. Services of Expert Accompanying English Speaking Tour Escort throughout the tour.
26. Entrance Fee to Monuments.
27. Baggage Portage at Airports.
28. Mineral Water and Soft Drinks in the vehicles.
29. Still Camera Fee.
30. Tip for baggage at hotel, Airport, Driver & his helper & paid meals (except Accompanying escort)

Exclusions to the Land Cost

1. International Air Fare.
2. Personal nature like Laundry, Telephone, Internet, and Drinks etc.
3. All alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
4. Travel and medical Insurance.
5. India Visa
6. All expenses arising out of voluntary or involuntary re-routing of the program.
7. Movie Camera Fees at monuments.
8. Tips for Accompanying Indian Escort.

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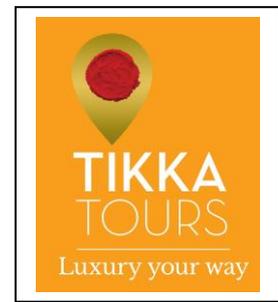
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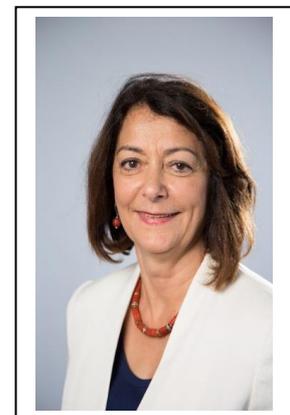
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