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## Small Group Tour of India

Including **THE HOLI FESTIVAL**

**ESCORTED BY SEAN FERNANDES**  
**Departing 7 March, 2027**

*Celebrate the vibrant spirit of India on this 17-day escorted tour, culminating in one of the country's most joyful and colorful events—the Holi Festival. And who better to take you there and show you the highlights of India than our Indian specialist, Sean Fernandes. Sean, originally from India, but now calls Australia home, shares his passion and love for India in an entertaining and humorous way, making this trip one of the most sought after. Sean not only makes it interesting but also offers insights that only a local can provide into what makes India so special. This tour takes you through iconic destinations including Delhi, Varanasi, Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur, and Udaipur. Along the way, explore grand Mughal monuments, sacred riverside rituals, bustling markets, royal palaces and embark on a safari in search of the Bengal tiger! The highlight of your journey is the Holi festival in Udaipur where you'll take part in traditional festivities with color, music, dance and local cuisine. This tour is based on deluxe accommodation using private air-conditioned vehicles throughout. If you want to see India then this tour is for you!*

17 Days / 16 Nights from

**\$9,325** per person  
twin share

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Holi Festival celebration
- Sunrise at the Taj Mahal
- Ganga Aarti Ceremony (Varanasi)
- 2 Safaris in Ranthambore National Park
- Amer Fort (Jaipur)
- City Palace (Udaipur)
- Boat ride on Lake Pichola (Udaipur)
- Mehrangarh Fort (Jodhpur)
- Personally Escorted by Sean Fernandes

### SEAN FERNANDES

Senior Consultant

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Sean was born in India and absolutely loves the food, culture, history and colour of his homeland. He's a real people person who enjoys sharing his love and knowledge about the country. For the past 18 years, Sean has been curating immersive travel experiences throughout the Indian

subcontinent. He has a strong personal bond with India and a deep passion for showcasing its rich heritage. Sean escorts this small group tour that provides travellers with genuine glimpses into the vibrant Holi festival, iconic landmarks, and varied landscapes.



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# ITINERARY

### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN DELHI

On arrival you will met by Sean at the airport and then be transferred to your hotel for your three-night stay at THE CONNAUGHT, or similar, New Delhi.

### DAY 2: OLD DELHI

After breakfast, you will be taken on a guided tour of Old Delhi. Being the centre of Mughal power, Old Delhi offers ancient monuments, narrow streets, and bustling markets. Visit the Red Fort and Jama Masjid – one of the biggest mosques in India and take a rickshaw ride through the busy streets of Chandni Chowk. Tonight you will also enjoy a welcome dinner at Haveli Dharampura in Old Delhi before returning to your hotel in New Delhi. (B, L, D)

### DAY 3: NEW DELHI

Today you will enjoy a tour of New Delhi, visiting Humayun's Tomb and the Qutab Minar, considered by many as being the most perfect tower in the world. You will stop for lunch in New Delhi, before continuing on tour to Gandhi Smriti, Gurudwara Bangla Sahib (a Sikh temple) and local markets. Complete your tour with a drive past the Lotus Temple, Connaught Place – an upmarket business and shopping precinct of New Delhi, viewing the many government buildings, President's House, Parliament House, and the India Gate War Memorial. (B, L)

### DAY 4: DELHI – VARANASI

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Varanasi. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel TAJ GANGES, or similar, for your two-night stay. Enjoy a speciality dinner at an authentic Indian Vegetarian Restaurant. (B, D)

### DAY 5: VARANASI

Early this morning you will be taken for a sunrise boat ride on the sacred river Ganges to see the cremation ghats and witness the living traditions of one of the world's oldest religions. Afterwards, you will visit Vishwanath Temple, the most sacred shrine in Varanasi. Return to your hotel for breakfast before being taken on a site seeing tour of the city, where you will visit Banaras Hindu University and enjoy a Rickshaw ride in the bustling local markets. Afterwards, you will visit Sarnath, the place where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon after enlightenment and attaining Nirvana. After this visit you will be taken back to Varanasi for lunch at a local Indian restaurant. In the evening, you will be taken to the banks of the Ganges River to witness the "Ganga Aarti" ceremony that is performed by Hindu priests every evening at sunset. (B, L)

### DAY 6: VARANASI – AGRA

After lunch, you will be transferred to Varanasi Railway Station to board your express train to Agra. On arrival you will be met and transferred by vehicle to your HOTEL. Two-nights at ITC MUGHAL AGRA or similar. (B, L, D)

### DAY 7: AGRA – VISIT THE TAJ MAHAL

Early this morning, you will be taken on a sunrise tour of the Taj Mahal. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in the mid-17th century as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, who died in childbirth, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Though the Taj appears to be amazingly perfect from almost any angle, it is the close-up marble inlay work, which is really astounding. You will have ample time to view this outstanding piece of architecture before returning to your hotel for breakfast. After breakfast, you will be taken to see the Agra Fort and the tomb of itimad ud daulah. Tonight, you will have an interactive cooking session followed by dinner at the home of a local Indian family. (B, D)

### DAY 8: AGRA – RANTHAMBORE

After breakfast, you will be transferred by road to Ranthambore, visiting Fatehpur Sikri enroute, which was built by Emperor Akbar in 1569 as his capital but was abandoned 15 years later. After lunch, you will be taken to your hotel THE RANTHMBORE BAGH PALACE, or similar, for your two-night stay. (B, L, D)

### DAY 9: RANTHAMBORE

Enjoy morning and afternoon open-jeep safaris with an experienced naturalist. The wildlife sanctuary is known for its tigers and is regarded as one of the best places in India to see these majestic predators up-close. Other wild animals you have the opportunity to see include leopard, nilgai, dhole, wild boar, sambar, hyena, sloth bear and chital. (B, L, D)

### DAY 10: RANTHAMBORE – JAIPUR

After breakfast, you will be met by your driver and travel by road to Jaipur, enroute you will visit Abhaneri Stepwell. Stop for lunch at Aagman restaurant, Abhaneri before continuing to Jaipur. Three-nights at the ITC RAJPUTANA, or similar. (B, L)

### DAY 11: JAIPUR

After breakfast, you will be taken on a tour of Jaipur. Also known as the 'Pink City' it is the capital and largest city of the Indian state of Rajasthan. Jaipur was one of the finest planned cities in India and it is here you will visit the Amber Fort, City Palace, Jantar Mantar, Hawa Mahal and Jal Mahal. Today, you will also have the opportunity to shop in the local Pink City markets. Dinner tonight will be local Rajasthani Cuisine. (B, D)

### DAY 12: JAIPUR – JODHPUR (VIA PUSHKAR)

After breakfast you will be taken by road to Jodhpur, stopping in Pushkar for lunch on the way. Pushkar is a major Hindu pilgrimage site renowned for the holy Pushkar Lake. Here you will also visit the Brahma Temple, before proceeding to Jodhpur. Two-nights at THE AJIT BHAWAN PALACE, or similar. (B, L)

### DAY 13: JODHPUR

After breakfast, you will be taken on a tour of Mehrangarh Fort, one of the largest forts in India. You will also be taken to visit Jaswant Thada, a 19th century royal cenotaph built in commemoration of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Afterwards, enjoy a city visit to Sadar market, Toorji Ka Jhalra Stepwell, and the clock tower. After lunch, you will be taken on a 4WD open-jeep safari to visit a local Bishnoi village, a community of nature worshippers committed to protecting the land and wildlife. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

### DAY 14: JODHPUR – UDAIPUR (VIA RANAKPUR)

Today, you will be transferred by road to Udaipur, visiting Ranakpur Jain Temple enroute. Three-nights at the TRIDENT HOTEL, UDAIPUR, or similar. (B)

### DAY 15: UDAIPUR

After breakfast, you will be taken on a tour of the city. Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola, where you will have the opportunity to see some of the historical monuments along the lakeside. After your boat ride you will visit the City Palace, Jagdish Temple and the beautiful Sahelion-Ki-Bari gardens. Afterwards, you will return to your hotel for a rest before enjoying our final dinner together at a well-known rooftop restaurant "Upre by 1559 AD", overlooking Lake Pichola. (B, D)

### DAY 16: UDAIPUR - HOLI FESTIVAL

Today you will experience the festival of colours – Holi. After a leisurely breakfast, you will be taken to participate in the Holi festival celebrations with

coloured powder, local performances, Indian sweets, music, and dance followed by lunch. After the celebrations, you will return to your hotel, with the rest of the day at leisure. (B, L)

### DAY 17: UDAIPUR - DELHI

Today, after a leisurely breakfast, you will be taken to Udaipur Airport for your flight to Delhi. (B)

17 Days / 16 Nights  
from \$9,325 pp Twin Share  
Single Supplement \$3,730

## PRICE INCLUDES:

- 16 nights accommodation on a twin share basis
- Meals as indicated (B, L, D)
- Welcome and Farewell dinners
- All sightseeing, excursions and transfers using an air-conditioned vehicle
- Monument / Temple Entrances during sightseeing tours as per the itinerary
- Food tasting walking tour in Old Delhi
- Rickshaw ride at Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi
- Evening Ganges Aarti Ceremony (with seats)
- Early morning boat ride on the River Ganges
- Rickshaw ride in Varanasi
- Air-conditioned Executive Class Train Ticket from Varanasi to Agra
- Two open-jeep safaris with a naturalist in Ranthambore National Park
- Jeep ride to and from Amer Fort
- 4WD open-jeep excursion to a Bishnoi Village
- Holi festival activity – includes local Indian outfit, herbal colours, soft beverages and sweets, music, dance followed by lunch
- Shared boat ride on Lake Pichola
- Internal economy airfares: Delhi – Varanasi and Udaipur – Delhi.
- Tips for guides, drivers, helpers, airport reps, and waiters and portage at hotels.
- Cooking demo with dinner at the home of a local Indian family in Agra
- All current applicable taxes
- Services of an accompanying English speaking guide
- Fully escorted by Indian Tours and Travel Specialists Sean Fernandes

## NOT INCLUDED:

- Any International airfare, Visa fee and Travel insurance.
- Any meal which is not mentioned in the itinerary or inclusions.
- Personal nature expenses such as table drinks, laundry, telephone calls etc.
- Any beverage or hard/soft drink, tea coffee, camera/video fee etc.
- Any other service not mentioned in the above tour cost inclusions.

**NOTE:** This tour requires a minimum of 8 passengers travelling to be escorted.