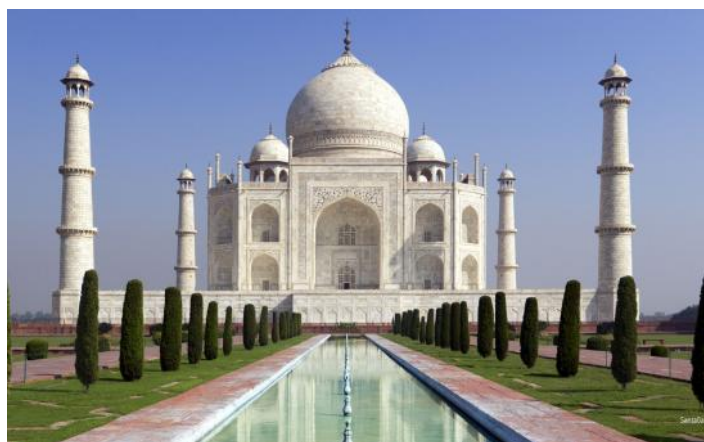


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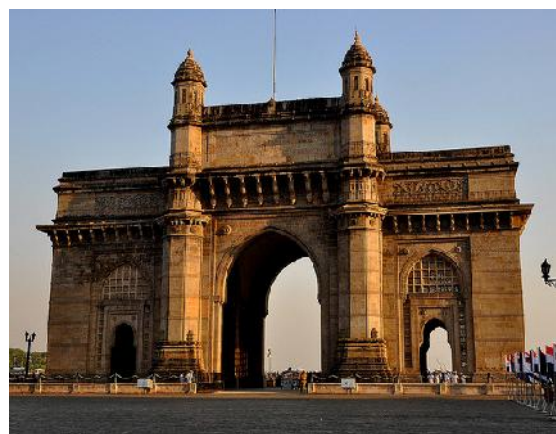
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only **\$5,265** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

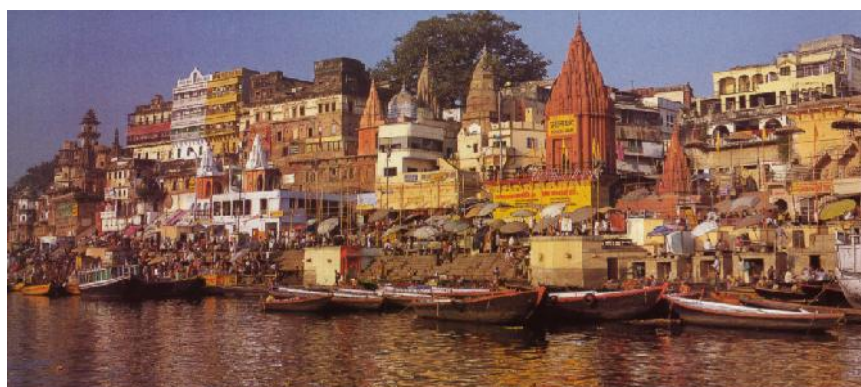
This price is great value as it covers all of the following:

- ◆ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Delhi and out of Bombay (Mumbai) with Singapore Airlines plus 3 flights within India.
- ◆ An extensive 16 day coach, air and boat tour of India including a visit to the wonderful Taj Mahal.
- ◆ A 2 day stopover in Singapore.
- ◆ Good accommodation, mainly 3½ to 4½ star.
- ◆ Many meals.
- ◆ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ◆ All transport and transfers.
- ◆ Prepaid gratuities for the guide and drivers.
- ◆ Services of Indian tour guides and if there are 12 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you don't have a travel partner but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person but this is not guaranteed. If you require a single room is an extra charge of \$1590.

It is planned to restrict the number of participants to a maximum of approximately 22 people.



**Tour departs Australia 22<sup>nd</sup> March and returns 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for India Tour**

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

### **22.03.18 Australia - Singapore**

Depart Brisbane at 9.10am on SQ 256, arriving in Singapore at 3.10pm.

Depart Melbourne at 11.25am on SQ 238, arriving in Singapore at 4.05pm.

Depart Sydney at 12.15pm on SQ 232, arriving in Singapore at 5.35pm.

We will be transferred to our hotel in Singapore for a two night stay.

### **23.03.18 Singapore**

Today is at leisure. While in Singapore you will receive the benefits listed below:

\*50% discount on the la carte food menu (food only) at the designated food outlet in the hotel

\*Free unlimited rides on SIA Hop-on tourist bus, which travels through the main tourist belt.

\*Singapore Cable-Car.

\*Free admission to several attractions; National Orchid Garden, Singapore River Cruise, Jurong Bird Park, The Singapore Zoo, Singapore Flyer, Malay Heritage Centre, Gardens by the Bay and Universal Studios Singapore.

\*Discounts on shopping, dining, sightseeing tours and attractions as listed in SIA Boarding Pass Privileges program.

Please note that the inclusions provided in Singapore are subject to change.

### **24.03.18 Singapore - Delhi, India**

Free morning in Singapore. In the afternoon we are transferred to Singapore airport for our flight to India. Depart Singapore at 5.00pm on SQ 406, arriving in Delhi at 8.20pm. Upon arrival we are met and transferred to our hotel.

Accommodation: Royal Plaza Hotel

### **25.03.18 Delhi**

**(B/D)** After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, we proceed on a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. We drive past the Red Fort and enjoy a rickshaw ride in the bustling market area of Old Delhi. Visit Jama Masjid and spend some time in Chandni Chowk to savour the ambience of a crowded oriental bazaar. Later we visit the Raj Ghat, which is the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Then drive through the old city (subject to traffic restrictions). Afterwards we visit the 12<sup>th</sup> century 230 feet high Qutab Minar, gracefully hand carved for its entire height. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Royal Plaza Hotel

### **26.03.18 Delhi - Varanasi**

**(B/D)** After breakfast at the hotel, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Varanasi. We arrive in Varanasi around midday and transfer to our hotel.

In the afternoon we will be taken on a boat ride on the River Ganges, which lasts for two hours and is over three miles in length. The western banks of the Ganges has a string of Ghats - the chain of stone steps, all built with pavilions, palaces and terraces, most of which are mainly used as Dharamsalas where the pilgrims stay during their visit to the holy city. At dusk, the Ghats are abuzz with activity. See the devotees performing their ablutions in the river or offering prayers to the descending sun and performing other

religious rituals. A boat ride along the Ghats gives us great views of this activity. The sunset on the Ganges is a soul-lifting experience.

In the evening the ghats are lit with oil-lamps and candles. We will see a collective prayer ceremony, known as an Arti, and watch the floating oil-lamps on the Ganges. Gathered in the narrow cobbled lanes of Varanasi are large numbers of people all looking for 'Nirvana' - a release from the cycle of rebirth. Dinner tonight is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Hindusthan International

### **27.03.18 Varanasi - Delhi**

**(B/D)**

This morning we check out of the hotel and drive to Sarnath, located 10kms from Varanasi City. Buddha preached his first sermon to five disciples at the Deer Park here, enshrining the principals of his teaching into laws. The Dhamek Stupa marks the location of a once resplendent monastery. A large complex of ruined monasteries cover the area north of the stupas. The major events of Buddha's life are depicted here in wall paintings by a Japanese artist. Following this we transfer to Varanasi airport for our flight back to Delhi. Upon arrival in Delhi we are transferred to the hotel.

Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Royal Plaza Hotel

### **28.03.18 Delhi - Agra**

**(B/D)**

After breakfast at the hotel there is a sightseeing tour of New Delhi. We drive past the mausoleum of emperor Humayun, a forerunner of the Mogul style of architecture. We see the imposing Lakshmi Narayan Temple, India Gate (memorial to the Indian army soldiers who died in World War I), the Rashtrapati Bhawan (formerly the Viceroy's residence) and the Parliament House. We also visit the Birla (Laxi Narayan) Temple, with its many idols. In the afternoon we depart for Agra, which is 200kms away and approximately a five hour drive. Dinner tonight is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Jaypee Palace

### **29.03.18 Agra**

**(B/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning there is a half day sightseeing tour of Agra visiting the Taj Mahal and Fort. The world famous Taj Mahal was built by Shah Jahan in 1660 in memory of his Queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains. This architectural marvel is a perfectly proportioned masterpiece fashioned from white marble that stands testimony to the skill of 20,000 craftsmen brought together from Persia, Turkey, France and Italy. It took 17 years to complete this 'Love Poem in Marble'. Later we visit the Agra fort, which contains halls, private and public audience rooms and other palaces. Shah Jahan spent years of confinement at the hands of his son Aurangzeb, looking wistfully at the Taj Mahal from the Fort.

A brief visit is also made to the marble inlay workshop, where one can see the art that went into the inlay work at the Taj Mahal. This workshop has brought back this forgotten art style. Also enjoy a Tonga ride from Taj Bus Park to Taj and vice a versa. The afternoon is at leisure. Our tour guide may offer an optional outing to see a live drama show at Kalakriti 'Mohabbat-e-Taj'. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Jaypee Palace

### **30.03.18 Agra – Samode**

**(B/D)**

After breakfast at the hotel we depart for Samode, which is 275 kms away and approximately a seven hour drive. There is a stop en route at Fatehpur Sikri, located 40kms from Agra. The deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri was built by Emperor Akbar in

1569, in honour of the great Saint Sheikh Salim Chisti who blessed Akbar and prophesized the birth of three sons to the heirless Emperor. Akbar used Fatehpur Sikri as his capital and the city was fully occupied for 14 years but slowly became deserted and ruined after Akbar left the city. Scarcity of water was the prime factor for the abandonment of this beautiful city. Visit the remarkably well-preserved, graceful buildings within the 'Ghost City' including the Jama Masjid, tomb of Salim Chisti, Panch Mahal Palace and other palaces that speak of the grandeur and splendour of the Mogul Empire at the height of its power.

Later we drive to Samode and upon arrival check in at the hotel.

Dinner is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Samode Palace

### **31.03.18 Samode - Jaipur**

**(B/D)** This morning after breakfast we take a leisurely walk around the village of Samode. Later we depart for Jaipur. En route we visit Amer Fort Palace, which stands amidst wooded hills. The Amer Fort Complex is one of the finest examples of Rajput architecture, it was the ancient capital of Jaipur. The original palace was built by Raja Man Singh and additions were made later by Sawai Jai Singh. Within the palace are the Diwan-e-Aam or the 'Hall of Public Audience', the Diwan-e-Khas or the 'Hall of Private Audience' and the Sukh Niwas, the private chambers of the queens with windows having latticed screens so that the ladies could watch the proceedings of the royal court in privacy. There is also the Jai Mandir or the 'Temple of Victory', with its famed Sheesh Mahal, the scintillating 'Hall of Mirrors'. Afterwards we continue to Jaipur and check into the hotel.

Dinner this evening is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Hilton, Jaipur

**01.04.18** In the morning we visit Maharaja's City Palace, the former Royal residence, part of which has been converted into a museum. A small portion is still used by the Royal family of Jaipur. Built in the style of a fortified campus, the palace covers almost one-seventh the area of the city. One of the major attractions in the museum is the portion known as the Armoury Museum housing an impressive array of weaponry - pistols, blunderbusses, flintlocks, swords, rifles and daggers. The royal families of Jaipur once used most of these weapons. Later we visit the Jantar Mantar, which is the largest stone and marble crafted observatory in the world. Situated near the gate of the city palace, the observatory has 17 large instruments, many of them still in working condition.

Dinner this evening is at Spice Court restaurant with a folklore dance/performance.

Accommodation: Hilton, Jaipur

### **02.04.18 Jaipur - Jodhpur**

**(B/D)** After breakfast this morning we commence our six hour drive to Jodhpur. On arrival in Jodhpur we check into the hotel. This evening is at leisure. You may wish to visit the spice market of Jodhpur. Dinner is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Ajit Bhawan Palace

### **03.04.18 Jodhpur**

**(B/D)** After breakfast at the hotel, proceed with a sightseeing tour of the city visiting the 5km long Mehrangarh Fort situated on a 125 metre high hill. This is one of the most impressive and formidable structures in Rajasthan. Within the fort are some magnificent palaces with meticulously carved panels, latticed windows or 'jarokhas' with evocative names. The chambers of Moti Mahal, Phool Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, the Sileh Khana and

the Daulat Khana are noteworthy for the splendour and glamour of a bygone era. Later visit the Jaswant Thada - a cluster of royal cenotaphs in white marble built in 1899 AD in memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. This evening we have a Bishnoi jeep safari to nearby villages for a chance to interact with the local people. Afterwards we return to the hotel for an included dinner.

Accommodation: Ajit Bhawan Palace

#### **04.04.18 Jodhpur - Jojawar**

**(B/D)** After breakfast at the hotel we depart for Jojawar, which is approximately 125kms and a three hour drive. Upon arrival in Jojawar we check-in at the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to walk around this historic village. Dinner tonight is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Rawla Jojawar

#### **05.04.18 Jojawar - Udaipur**

**(B/D)** This morning we depart for Udaipur, which is approximately 145kms and a three hour drive. Upon arrival in Udaipur we check in at the hotel. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. In the evening we are taken to Bagro ki Haveli to enjoy a local music and dance show. Dinner is at the hotel.

Accommodation: Udai Kothi Hotel

#### **06.04.18 Udaipur**

**(B/D)** After breakfast at the hotel, we have a boat ride on Lake Pichola, which takes its name from the small village of Pichola on its west bank. In the lake are several islands. We then visit the City Palace, built in 1725, which houses the Dilkhush Mahal, the Sheesh Mahal, studded with glittering Belgian mirrors, Moti Mahal and the Palace of Lord Krishna all of which are ornately decorated. We also visit the Jagdish Temple. This temple was built in 1651 and is dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the preserver in the Hindu Trinity of Gods. Later drive around the Fatehsagar Lake and also visit the Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens. This evening we have dinner at Raj Bagh, a restaurant located on the bank of the lake.

Accommodation: Udai Kothi Hotel

#### **07.04.18 Udaipur - Mumbai**

**(B/D)** We have an early morning transfer to the airport to board our flight to Mumbai. On arrival we are met and transferred to our hotel to drop off our luggage, and then commence our tour of Mumbai.

Mumbai is a vibrant, bustling city situated along the western coast of India and on the edge of the Arabian Sea. Formally known as Bombay, the city is made up of seven connected islands and boasts a population in excess of 13 million. It is one of the world's fastest growing cities. As the business and financial capital of India, all the major financial institutions, banks and stock exchanges are based here. Mumbai is also home to the glamour and intrigue of Bollywood, India's renowned movie industry. To truly experience Mumbai, all one has to do is wander through the myriad of neighbourhoods and markets, alive with the sights and sounds of this unique city. This multicultural metropolis is characterised by an eclectic mix of traditional huts and sky scrapers, age old customs as well as modern traditions. The city captures the spirit of change and diversity that is India today.

On our tour we will visit the Gateway of India, the main attraction of Mumbai city, built in 1924 to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary for their Delhi Durbar visit in 1911. We drive past the Secretariat of Maharashtra Government and along

Marine Drive, which is fondly known as the 'Queen's Necklace.' We visit Mani Bhavan, where Mahatma Gandhi stayed during his visits to Mumbai. We also drive past Victoria Terminus, the principal railway station of Mumbai. It is a beautiful building that symbolizes the ethos of Edwardian architecture. At the Churchgate Station we see the Dabbawalas, a unique tiffin delivery service run by over 5,000 semi-skilled workers, delivering lunch to corporate executives from their homes. Visit the Dhobi Ghat, an open laundry where Mumbai's 'dirties' are scrubbed, bashed, dyed and hung out to dry. It is a unique photography stop and well worth a visit. We also visit the Iskon Temple, devoted to Lord Krishna, in time for the noon Arti. We continue to the colourful Crawford Market and Flora Fountain, a large bustling square in the heart of the city. Later this afternoon we return to our hotel for check-in. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant 'Khyber'.  
Accommodation: Marine Plaza Hotel

#### 08.04.18 Mumbai

**(B/D)** After breakfast at the hotel, proceed on a half day excursion to the Elephanta Caves. Across the Mumbai Harbour, 1200-year old Elephanta Caves house some of the most beautiful rock-cuts of the period. The famous Trimurti sculptures of three-faced Shiva depicting his three aspects as Creator, Preserver and Destroyer is powerfully portrayed in the massive sculpture. This afternoon is at leisure. You may wish to do some Mumbai bargain shopping. Tonight we have a farewell dinner at Ali Baba restaurant.  
Accommodation: Marine Plaza Hotel

#### 09.04.18 Mumbai - Singapore

**(B)** This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights home. Depart Mumbai at 11.45am on SQ 421, arriving in Singapore at 7.50pm. Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 9.15pm on SQ 227, arriving in Melbourne at 6.40am the following morning (10.04.18). Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 9.30pm on SQ 235, arriving in Brisbane at 7.05am the following morning (10.04.18).

#### 10.04.18 Singapore - Australia

Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 00.45am on SQ 231, arriving in Sydney at 10.25am.

**Note:** The luggage allowance for the internal flights within India is one 15kg piece per passenger.





## Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's India Tour

**Deposits and Payments** - A non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel, as we need to purchase the internal India flights. The balance is payable in full 8 weeks prior to departure.

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**Airline Tickets** - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

**Insurance** - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

**Passports** - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. An Indian eVisa is required for Australian passport holders and can be obtained at <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

The current price is USD \$50 per eVisa. Please note that this price is subject to change.

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**Not Included in the Cost** - Travel insurance and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for Diners Club.

**Breakaway Fee** - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$55 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

**Health and Fitness** - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

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**A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM**

Name of Tour : \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 1** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 2** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **PostCode** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone / Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Passport Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

**Single room / Twin beds / Double bed:** (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Extensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person.

**DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.**