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## INDIA TOUR

15 Day Conducted Tour

**\$4,875**

per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

This great price includes all of the following:

- ◆ Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Delhi and out of Bombay (Mumbai) with Singapore Airlines plus a flight within India.
- ◆ A 14 day tour of India including a visit to the wonderful Taj Mahal.
- ◆ Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4½ star.
- ◆ Many meals.
- ◆ Entrance fees to many attractions.
- ◆ All transport and transfers.
- ◆ Prepaid gratuities to 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 require a single room is an extra charge of \$1640.

It is planned to restrict the number of participants to a maximum of approximately 25 people.



**Tour departs Australia 19<sup>th</sup> November and returns 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024**

*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

### **19.11.24 Australia – Singapore – Delhi, India**

Depart Melbourne at 7.00am on SQ 248, arriving in Singapore at 11.40am.

Depart Sydney at 9.05am on SQ 212, arriving in Singapore at 2.15pm.

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

All passengers depart Singapore at 4.25pm on SQ 406, arriving in Delhi at 8.00pm.

Upon arrival we are met and transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: The Suryaa New Delhi or similar

### **20.11.24 Delhi**

**(B/D)** After 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). Following this we commence sightseeing of New Delhi. We see the mausoleum of Emperor Humayun, a forerunner of the Mogul style of architecture. Also see the imposing Lakshmi Narayan Temple, India Gate (memorial to Indian army soldiers who died in World War I), the Rashtrapati Bhawan (formerly the Viceroy's residence) and Parliament House. Visit the Birla (Laxi Narayan) Temple, with its many idols. Later today we visit the 12<sup>th</sup> century 230 feet high Qutab Minar, gracefully hand-carved for its entire height of 234 feet. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.  
Accommodation: The Suryaa New Delhi or similar

### **21.11.24 Delhi - Agra**

**(B/D)** This morning we depart for Agra, which is 200kms away and approximately a five hour drive. Upon arrival we check into the hotel for a two night stay. We have some time to relax. This evening we have a sunset visit to the world famous Taj Mahal, built by Shah Jahan in 1661 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'. We enjoy a Tonga ride from Taj Bus Park to Taj and vice versa.  
Dinner tonight is included at the hotel.  
Accommodation: Radisson Agra or similar

### **22.11.24 Agra**

**(B/D)** Breakfast at the hotel. We then commence a sightseeing tour of Agra. We visit Agra Fort containing the 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. Then visit Itimad-Ud-Daulah (known as 'baby Taj'). The design of the Taj Mahal was inspired by this monument.  
In the afternoon a brief visit is made to the marble inlay workshop, where we can see the art that went into the inlay work at the Taj Mahal. Following this we have some free time for shopping. This evening we see a live drama show at Kalakriti 'Mohabbat-e-Taj', followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Radisson Agra or similar

#### **23.11.24 Agra – Samode**

**(B/D)** This morning we depart for Samode, which is 275 kms away and approximately a six 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 this evening is included.  
Accommodation: Samode Palace or similar

#### **24.11.24 Samode - Jaipur**

**(B/D)** This morning after breakfast we take a leisurely walk around the village of Samode. Later we have a one hour drive to 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 and 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 'Hall of Public Audience', the 'Hall of Private Audience' and 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 at the hotel.  
Accommodation: Hilton Jaipur or similar

#### **25.11.24 Jaipur**

**(B/D)** 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. This evening we have an included dinner.  
Accommodation: Hilton Jaipur or similar

#### **26.11.24 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 for a two night stay. This evening is at leisure. You may wish to visit the spice market of Jodhpur. Dinner is at the hotel.  
Accommodation: Ranbanka Hotel or similar

**27.11.24 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. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant. Accommodation: Ranbanka Hotel or similar

**28.11.24 Jodhpur – Ranakpur - Udaipur**

**(B/L/D)** After breakfast at the hotel we depart for Udaipur, which is approximately a 5½ hour drive. En route we visit the Ranakpur Temples, built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, with the most noteworthy temple being made from white marble. We have an included lunch in Ranakpur, before continuing to Udaipur. Upon arrival in Udaipur we check in at the hotel for a two night stay. Dinner this evening is at the hotel. Accommodation: Justa Sajjangarh Resort & Spa or similar

**29.11.24 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. Next we visit the City Palace, which was built in 1725 and houses the Dilkush Mahal, the Sheesh Mahal, studded with glittering Belgian mirrors, Moti Mahal and the Palace of Lord Krishna all of which are ornately decorated. 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 Fatehsagar Lake and also visit Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens. In the evening we are taken to Bagro ki Haveli to enjoy a local music and dance show. Dinner tonight is included at a local restaurant. Accommodation: Justa Sajjangarh Resort & Spa or similar

**30.11.24 Udaipur - Mumbai**

**(B/D)** We have an early morning transfer to the airport to board our flight to 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 included tour 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 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.

In the afternoon we check into the hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Dinner this evening at the hotel.

Accommodation: Marine Plaza Hotel or similar

#### **01.12.24 Mumbai**

**(B/D)**

After breakfast we proceed on an 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.

Afterwards we 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.

The remainder of the day is at leisure. You may like to do some Mumbai bargain shopping. Tonight we have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Marine Plaza Hotel or similar

#### **02.12.24 Mumbai – Singapore – Sydney & Brisbane**

**(B)**

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights home.

Depart Mumbai at 11.50am on SQ 421, arriving in Singapore at 7.50pm.

Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 8.40pm on SQ 221, arriving in Sydney at 7.40am the following morning (03.12.24).

Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 9.35pm on SQ 235, arriving in Brisbane at 7.15am the following morning (03.12.24).

#### **03.12.24 Singapore – Melbourne**

Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 00.25am on SQ 237, arriving in Melbourne at 10.50am.



### Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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### **Tour Difficulty Level 3**

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, walking distances of up to 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as some early morning departures.



## Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's India Tour

**Deposits and Payments** - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 10 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

**Refunds and Cancellations** - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline. Any refund for a cancelled booking will not be paid until the airline(s) provide the refund to Macleay Valley Travel.

**Insurance** - Adequate travel insurance that includes medical coverage for Covid-19 is required. Please contact your preferred travel insurance provider. The responsibility to obtain adequate travel insurance rests with the passenger. Proof of your travel insurance is required to be presented to us on or before the final payment date of the tour.

**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.

**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 \$40 per visa. This price is subject to change.

**Basic Tour Price and Taxes** - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

**Limitation of Liability concerning Covid-19** - It is possible that there may be outbreak(s) of Covid-19 during this tour. Whilst we take necessary safety precautions, Macleay Valley Travel cannot be held responsible for any quarantines or other associated costs brought about by quarantines, border closures and/or travel delays. You are aware that Covid-19 is a highly contagious and potentially dangerous disease that may result in significant personal illness and even death. You acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19, and you agree to assume all risks.

**Not Included in the Cost** - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance and departure taxes. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1.2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for payments made using American Express.

**Breakaway** - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel. A post tour deviation from the set itinerary may be permitted under certain circumstances. Please contact our office for prices. Pre-tour extensions are usually not permitted.

**Accreditation** - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices.

**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. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. It is strongly recommended that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, but this is not mandatory. Passengers must comply with any specific Covid-19 requirements that may be imposed by airlines and/or authorities of the destinations visited.

**Twin Share Bookings** - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

**Disclosure of fees or commissions received from third parties** - Macleay Valley Travel Pty Ltd may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third parties under this contract.

**Limitation of Liability** - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or de facto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, pandemics, endemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

## MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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

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

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

In case of emergency, please notify:

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

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

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

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person and the health & fitness form.

**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, the airline will charge a reissue fee.**



## HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details and severity: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No

3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No

If no, please provide details about these limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No

10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No

If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No

11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: \_\_\_\_\_

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

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I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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