



ESSENTIAL INDIA: VARANASI POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Discover one of the world's oldest cities and the heart of spiritual India steeped in legend and traditions. Varanasi is intoxicating and is sure to awaken all of your senses.

Tailor-Made Journeys



India, Indian Subcontinent



3 days, from AU\$1,110pp

Journey Overview

Discover one of the world's oldest cities and the heart of spiritual India steeped in legend and tradition. Located on the banks of the River Ganges, Varanasi is intoxicating and a sensual awakening, filled with ancient temples and the aroma of incense. Observe life and death along the river, see pilgrims come to worship and learn about Buddha and his teachings in nearby Sarnath.

Journey Highlights

Cruise slowly down the River Ganges accompanied to the sounds of Sitar and table
Witness the evening Aarti ceremony on the banks of the sacred river
Observe the wrestlers at an akhara, Indian style gymnasium
Discover Sarnath where Lord Budha preached his first sermon
Learn the basic of yoga with a private class



Itinerary

Day 1: Jaipur - Varanasi

Fly from Jaipur to Varanasi, India's City of Temples to a warm A&K greeting before a private transfer to your luxury accommodation. Settle into your hotel before an evening visit to the River Ganges to witness the Aarti ceremony. Considered to be one of the most sacred rituals of Hinduism, the ceremony pays homage to the element of fire and to Hindu deities.

Taj Ganges, Varanasi (Superior Room)

Day 2: Varanasi

Rise early for a sunrise Ganges boat trip. Drift slowly down the river, accompanied by local musicians playing the sitar and tabla, and soak up the serenity as the sacred river comes to life. See pilgrims immersing themselves at the bathing ghats and offering their morning prayers to the rising sun.

Then, set out to explore the city, which is home to more than a thousand temples and shrines. Wander through the old town with its narrow lanes, bustling markets and vibrant temples. Step inside a traditional akhara, a gymnasium where men of all ages practice a traditional form of wrestling known as kushti or pehlwani.

After time to relax, journey to Sarnath where Lord Buddha is said to have preached his first sermon. Participate in a discussion with a Buddhist monk and learn about Buddhist teachings and practices before discovering Buddhist art treasures in the Archaeological Museum.

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Day 3: Varanasi - Depart Delhi

Start your day by transporting yourself to new heights of relaxation in a private yoga session. Refreshed and relaxed, transfer to the airport for your onward flight to Delhi.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Can only be booked in conjunction with Essential India.

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