



WINGS OVER INDIA (2024)

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Small Group Journeys, Wings Over the World



India, Indian Subcontinent



12 days from AU\$58,455 pp



17 Guests

Journey Overview

Wings Over the World itineraries feature private charter flights between destinations, allowing you the convenience of visiting remote places with less time spent getting there.

Explore India's treasures, from the splendidly beautiful Taj Mahal to the palaces of Jaipur, witness the sacred *aarti* ceremony on the banks of the Ganges in Varanasi and seek out the elusive Bengal tiger in Ranthambore National Park, all while staying in some of the country's most iconic and luxurious hotels.

Journey Highlights

- Fly in comfort and style between India's iconic cities aboard private aircraft exclusively chartered for your journey
- Stay in exceptional luxury at Oberoi hotels, including The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur and The Oberoi Vanyavilas, Ranthambore
- Experience the glorious Taj Mahal during a visit to Agra, witnessing its jewel-like radiance
- Enjoy private Jeep safaris in Ranthambore National Park, home of the elusive Bengal tiger
- In Varanasi, visit the banks of the Ganges, the most holy site in Hinduism, before seeing Sarnath, one of Buddhism's most holy sites
- Join a *pandit* (Hindu priest) for an exclusive Hindu blessing ceremony in Jaipur

Take 10 with an A&K Expert to Hear More About This Journey



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai, India

Arrive in Mumbai, the illustrious gateway of India, where you are met and privately transferred to your luxurious hotel.

The Oberoi, Mumbai

Day 2: Mumbai | Five-Senses Walking Tour

Explore Mumbai on a visit that appeals to all of your senses, heading to a railway station to watch the famous *dabbawalas*, who deliver thousands of hot home-cooked meals in time for lunch. Visit the Prince of Wales Museum. After savouring lunch at a local restaurant, visit a local spice market. Return to your hotel where this evening you enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner.

The Oberoi, Mumbai | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Ranthambore National Park | Rural Rajasthan

Fly by private charter to Jaipur in the heart of Rajasthan. Travel to the southeast toward Ranthambore National Park. Along the way, stop for an exciting camel cart ride in the Rajasthani countryside followed by lunch at Talabgoan Castle. This evening at your hotel, listen to a special talk on Ranthambore's wildlife and enjoy a Scenic Sundowner.

The Oberoi Vanyavilas, Ranthambore | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Ranthambore National Park | Into the Wild

Explore Ranthambore National Park on two thrilling game drives, spotting crocodile, sloth bear, leopard or perhaps the rare and majestic Bengal tiger. Alternatively, you may choose to visit Ranthambore Fort this afternoon, which offers panoramic views of these former royal hunting grounds.

The Oberoi Vanyavilas, Ranthambore | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Jaipur | The Pink City

Travel overland to Jaipur, where you settle into your stunning room set in a beautiful garden and featuring exotic design touches, such as local textiles, in a fantasy of pinks, purples and greens. Later this afternoon, visit the local bazaar, taking in the colours and vibrancy of local life.

The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur | Meals: BD

Day 6: Jaipur | The Amber Fort & Astronomical Wonders

Explore the Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built of red sandstone and overlooking a lake, it features opulent and influential design flourishes worthy of the Rajput rulers who once called it home. Savour lunch at a local restaurant, and then visit the City Palace and Jantar Mantar Observatory, an open-air array of astronomical instruments built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II that includes the world's largest stone sundial.

The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Jaipur | Design your Day

This morning, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** options.

- **Bike the Streets of Jaipur**, stopping for chai at a local cafe, visiting a market and feeding cows for good karma.
- **Interact with the Students and Teachers** at Digantar Vidyalay, a school supported by A&K Philanthropy.
- **Learn how Rajasthan has Historically Managed Water Resources** during a walk outside of Nahargarh Fort.

Later, join the pandit (Hindu priest) for a Hindu blessing ceremony at a 300-year-old temple in the hotel. Savour lunch and a Chef's Table cooking demonstration, learning about the use of Indian spices in local specialties. Enjoy your evening at leisure.

The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur | Meals: BL

Day 8: Agra & Varanasi | Visions of the Taj Mahal

Today, fly to Agra via private charter. Upon arrival, explore the peerless Taj Mahal, a travel moment that never fails to amaze. Later, reboard your jet for a flight to Varanasi, a city of more than a thousand temples and shrines sacred to Hindus and Buddhists.

Taj Ganges, Varanasi | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Varanasi | Sacred Sarnath

Discover Sarnath, the place chosen by Buddha to deliver his first sermon. Explore the ruins of a once-flourishing Buddhist monastery and look around a museum of Buddhist art and sculpture. At dusk, beside the Ganges River, witness the *aarti* ceremony, as lantern-bearing priests bid the gods a restful slumber.

Taj Ganges, Varanasi | Meals: BLD

Day 10: Varanasi | Sunrise on the Ganges

Rise early for a private sunrise cruise on the Ganges River to observe activity along the *ghats* (stone steps leading down to the river), where locals and pilgrims cleanse themselves, literally and spiritually. Later, fly to Delhi for a farewell dinner.

The Oberoi, New Delhi | Meals: BD

Day 11: Delhi | A City's Timeless Treasures

Explore Delhi, old and new, visiting Jama Mosque. Ride Like a Local by rickshaw through Chandni Chowk bazaar and encounter Humayun's Tomb — an architectural precursor to the Taj Mahal. Stop for lunch at a restored 19th-century mansion, and then fly a kite from its rooftop overlooking Old Delhi.

The Oberoi, New Delhi | Meals: BL

Day 12: Depart Delhi

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 9:00 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: end of sightseeing at 5:00 p.m. on Day 11.

Flight Details:

Mumbai-Jaipur (1 hr 15 min)

Jaipur-Agra (30 min)

Agra-Varanasi (1 hr)

Varanasi-Delhi (1 hr 15 min)

Aircraft: Dassault Falcon 2000 or comparable (Aircraft and seating configuration subject to change).

Included with every Wings Over The World Journey

- Unique Itinerary Made Possible by Private Chartered Flights
- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except for Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

Map



Accommodation

The Oberoi Vanyavilas, Ranthambore National Park



Nestled in a picture-perfect setting with a dramatic watercourse and sun-kissed private decks, The Oberoi Vanyavilas is India's leading luxury jungle resort. This is the perfect base from which to explore the territory of the majestic tiger, which is most commonly sighted during the months of May and June.

The luxury tents with finely embroidered canopies, luxurious bathrooms and private walled gardens are in perfect contrast to the ruggedness of the jungle. All tents, each 73-square-metres, have private sitting areas and outside decks for sunbathing. They feature king size four-poster beds, freestanding roll-top baths and separate showers. All have wooden floors and embroidered interior canopies and are furnished in regal style.

Why we like it

- All luxury tents have private sun decks
- Beautiful wilderness location on the edge of the Ranthambore National Park and home to one of the country's first tiger reserves
- The Executive Chef provides an exquisite menu, offering Western, Thai and Indian cuisine. Much of the fresh produce and salad comes straight from the hotel's kitchen garden
- The spa offers personalised, holistic therapies based on the five Ayurvedic principles

and incorporating international influences

- The hotel has a lovely outdoor pool set in gardens with sun lounges

The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur



This luxury resort recreates the architecture of a traditional Rajasthani walled city, complete with red sandstone fort, torch lit ramparts and 'Haveli' mansion.

Oberoi's Rajvilas features 71 stylish air-conditioned rooms and tents. All rooms have large four-poster beds and sunken marble baths overlooking private walled gardens. The air-conditioned luxury tents have embroidered interior canopies, old style baths and outdoor decks. The Royal Villa is a highlight, its interiors perfectly showcasing the fine craftsmanship and attention to detail that distinguish the hotel.

Why we like it

- All rooms have private outdoor spaces
- The Oberoi Rajvillas is located in 13 hectares of beautiful gardens, pools and fountains, in the peaceful Rajasthani countryside
- Chef Ashish Bhashin and his highly trained team offer the very best of international and Indian cuisine in the hotel's two restaurants
- The Oberoi Spa at Rajvillas offers an unmatched array of therapies, rituals and experiences designed to renew, refresh and replenish
- The 18m outdoor pool is set in beautiful gardens

The Oberoi, New Delhi



From its fabulous location in the heart of New Delhi's cosmopolitan metropolis, the Oberoi New Delhi offers a central base for exploring this cultural city.

With luxury and comfort front of mind, this hotel was designed as a contemporary interpretation of Sir Edwin Lutyens' architecture found around the district. This is reflected in the 220 rooms and suites, which are carefully furnished with handpicked items and artwork in line with Lutyens' approach. These somewhat pale into insignificance though when you catch a glimpse of the views through large picture windows of the Delhi golf course and Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Service here is second to none with butlers available 24 hours every day and four bars and three restaurants. Choose to indulge in the views with a sundowner in the brand new open air rooftop bar Cirrus9, along with the savvy residents of the city. If you would like to be a little more low key, head to either the wine cellar Enoteca, the Club Bar or the Cigar Lounge.

The restaurants cater to international and local tastes with Omya serving authentic Indian cuisine, under the mentorship of internationally renowned chef Alfred Prasad and Baoshuan offering Chinese delicacies on the rooftop terrace. Enjoy a meal at the recently redesigned 360 degree for either breakfast, lunch or dinner.

When you have taken in the sights, sounds and smells of Delhi, retreat to the Oberoi Spa for some R'n'R at the wellness centre – either in the heated indoor and outdoor pool or in the fitness centre.

Why we like it

- Centrally located in the heart of the city
- Contemporary design with traditional New Delhi accents
- Temperature-controlled wine cellar with a superb selection of fine wines and champagnes
- Outstanding culinary offering in three different restaurants
- Stunning views over the Delhi golf course and the UNESCO World Heritage site of Humayun's Tomb

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Oct 9, 2024 - Oct 20, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$58,455 pp	AU\$5,840	Included	Call for Availability

Nov 13, 2024 - Nov 24, 2024

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