

GRAND TOUR OF INDIA & NEPAL

Amritsar to Kathmandu 18 Days | Two Countries

Amritsar ■ Humayun's Tomb ■ Agra Fort
Taj Mahal ■ Varanasi ■ Kathmandu
Chitwan National Park ■ Himalayas



YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ 17 nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ The services of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort
- ✓ 38 meals – 17 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L) and 17 dinners (D)
- ✓ Airport transfers, tipping, internal flights and portage

INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

- ☆ Visit the stunning Golden Temple in Amritsar
- ☆ Take a fascinating rickshaw tour of Delhi
- ☆ See one of the finest Mughal forts in India, Agra Fort
- ☆ Be captivated by the colours of the Taj Mahal at sunset
- ☆ Experience a magical sunrise during a boat ride on the River Ganges in Varanasi
- ☆ Visit the historic Durbar Squares of Kathmandu and Patan
- ☆ Enjoy a Jeep safari in Chitwan National Park
- ☆ Be amazed by once-in-a-lifetime views of the sun rising over the Himalayas in Sarangkot

Day 1. Arrive Amritsar

Your adventure begins today as you arrive in the Indian city of Amritsar. Here, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Meet your Great Rail Journeys Tour Escort at dinner this evening, and afterwards head out to witness the Palki Ceremony, an atmospheric

tradition where the Sikh Holy Book is paraded through a crowd of worshippers and 'put to bed'.

Two Nights: Amritsar, Radisson Blu Hotel. D

Day 2. Amritsar ☆

After a welcome briefing set off on a guided tour of Amritsar including

the stunning Golden Temple, a Sikh holy shrine and one of India's most beautiful sights. You'll also visit Jallianwala Bagh Gardens, an important memorial site. This afternoon visit the Wagah Border to witness the ceremony marking the lowering of both countries' flags. Afterwards, you'll return to the hotel for dinner with your fellow travellers. BD

Day 3. Amritsar, Delhi

Spend the day at leisure in Amritsar. This evening travel on the Shatabdi Express train to Delhi. Two Nights: Delhi, Taj Diplomatic Enclave. BD

Day 4. Delhi ☆

Today you'll take a tour through the historic streets and colourful markets of Old Delhi. Set off on a rickshaw ride through the lively bazaar before moving on to New Delhi to see India Gate, Humayun's Tomb and Qutab Minar. BD

Day 5. Delhi, Agra ☆

After breakfast, board the early Gatimaan Express train to Agra. Upon arrival, explore one of the finest Mughal forts in India, Agra Fort. Later, cross the city to see the iconic Taj Mahal in all its mesmerising beauty. Stay: Agra, Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. BD

Day 6. Agra, Lucknow

Travel by coach to the city of Lucknow. Check in to your hotel where you'll enjoy a delicious dinner this evening. Two Nights: Lucknow, Vivanta by Taj. BD

Day 7. Lucknow

Today, set off on an included sightseeing tour of Lucknow and take in all of its incredible landmarks. Afterwards, visit the famous La Martiniere Boys' School, founded by an endowment from Major-General Claude Martin. Later, proceed to the moving British Residency, which is the site of the tragic siege of 1857. BD

Day 8. Lucknow, Varanasi

Your final train journey of the tour takes you to Varanasi, the Hindu's sacred city. It attracts thousands of pilgrims a year and is one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Tonight, watch the spectacular Aarti fire ceremony at the Ghats (steps) on the banks of the River Ganges. Stay: Varanasi, The Gateway Hotel Ganges. BD

Day 9. Varanasi, Delhi ☆

This morning, experience sunrise during a boat ride on the River Ganges. Hindus flock to the river at sunrise to cleanse



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per couple*
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themselves of their sins, creating one of the most spectacular sights in India. Later, take an excursion to Sarnath, now considered to be the place where Buddhism began. This afternoon, board your included flight to Delhi where you will spend the evening.
Stay: Delhi, Holiday Inn Aerocity. BD

Day 10. Delhi, Kathmandu
Today, fly to Kathmandu. On arrival, check-in to the Gokarna Forest Resort, located in the peaceful forests just outside the city. This afternoon, explore the fantastic Boudhanath Stupa, the largest in the world, adorned with Nepalese prayer flags. Later, visit the Thangka Painting School and a local art gallery.
Two Nights: Kathmandu, Gokarna Forest Resort. BD

Day 11. Kathmandu ☆
Explore Kathmandu and Patan's historic Durbar Squares, the social, religious and urban hub of the cities. Tonight, go for dinner at Rum Doodle restaurant. BLD

Day 12. Kathmandu, Chitwan
Leave the city today and drive west to Chitwan National Park, stopping for lunch. Chitwan is home to an incredibly diverse variety of wildlife, including rhinos, sloth

bears, leopards, crocodiles and of course, the elusive Bengal tiger. Stay at the Safari Narayani Lodge this evening, which offers basic but comfortable accommodation. Later this afternoon, head to the ethnic village of Tharu on ox cart and take part in an interesting discussion with local naturalists.
Two Nights: Chitwan, Safari Narayani Lodge. BLD

Day 13. Chitwan ☆
Set out on a Jeep safari through Chitwan National Park. Keep an eye out for rhino and the incredible tigers. After lunch, take a canoe ride on the river to look for two breeds of crocodile and a variety of bird species. Later, set off on a jungle walk through the National Park and pay a visit to the Gharial Breeding Centre. BLD

Day 14. Chitwan, Pokhara
This morning, drive back towards the Himalayas, past turquoise glacial rapids and jungle-covered peaks to Pokhara. Set on the shores of Lake Phewa, Pokhara is undoubtedly one of the world's most scenic places. Stay for three nights at the Fish Tail Lodge, set on a peaceful island in Lake Phewa and accessible only by boat.
Three Nights: Pokhara, Fish Tail Lodge. BD

Day 15. Pokhara
With a free day in Pokhara, explore this picturesque city at your own pace. Perhaps stroll along the shores of Lake Phewa, or spend some time at your hotel's spa. BD

Day 16. Pokhara ☆
Today, you will drive up to Sarangkot, a mountain viewpoint that offers the once-in-a-lifetime experience of witnessing a sunrise over the Himalayas. After breakfast, explore Pokhara and visit Davi's Waterfall and the Gurkha Museum, where you'll have the chance to

chat with an ex-British Army Gurkha. Then, embark on an early evening cruise on Lake Phewa to watch the sunset over Fish Tail Peak. BD

Day 17. Pokhara, Kathmandu
Drive back to Kathmandu and check-in to your hotel. After a free afternoon, enjoy a Farewell Dinner.
Stay: Kathmandu, Radisson Hotel. BLD

Day 18. Depart Kathmandu
Return to the airport this morning. B

1. Discover India's holy city of Varanasi on the sacred Ganges River

2019 Dates & Prices (A\$)

18 Days – Amritsar to Kathmandu (RJTKTJ18)

Per person	Twin Share	Solo Traveller
Feb. 10; Mar. 3, 17.	\$5,595	\$7,795
Sept. 8.	\$5,295	\$7,195
Oct. 6; Nov. 3.	\$5,595	\$7,795

Trip Notes

Itinerary operated by Great Rail Journeys. Itinerary and inclusions may be subject to change. Prices include transfers, tipping, internal flights and portorage. Please see pages 100-101 for full terms and conditions. Your flight into Amritsar should arrive by 4pm.

Portorage Included

Total portorage is included on all departures. This means your luggage will be transported from place to place and waiting for you at each destination.