



WANDER TO INDIA WITH ELLIE QUINN !(13N/14D)

“Powered by India Someday”

Sun 1st March - Sat 13th March 2020

New Delhi - Agra - Jaipur - Pushkar - Homestay for Holi - Jodhpur - New Delhi

(Note: Acceptance of the package denotes that you have read & agreed to our Terms and Conditions)

Overview of your trip

Namaste!

Ellie Quinn, a travel addict and travel blogger from The Wandering Quinn travel blog, and India Someday, a travel agency that specializes in planning customized trips to India, have teamed up to bring you this unique and once in a lifetime Holi 14 day tour around India in March 2020 hosted by Ellie.

This tour is for Women only over the age of 18 and it will be a small group of 12 Women in total.

The tour is ideal for those who have been dreaming about visiting India for so long but haven't wanted to visit alone, now you'll have 11 like-minded friends to travel India with, you only need 2 weeks off work and you can tick celebrating Holi in India off your bucket list!



Itinerary, Accommodation & Transport:

This two week tour covers a totally unique itinerary. We'll be seeing India's famous Golden Triangle - Delhi, Agra & Jaipur, Jodhpur India's famous Blue City, the Spiritual Town Pushkar and we'll be celebrating Holi in the most traditional, authentic and safe way by staying at a homestay in a village outside of Jodhpur for 2 nights and celebrating Holi with the Rajasthani family who run the homestay. Ellie stayed in the homestay in 2018 and it was one of her best experiences in India!

We'll be staying in good quality accommodation throughout the trip with a focus on independently run Homestays, B&B's and Hotels with 2 women sharing a room. There's even a Luxury Heritage Hotel included! Note that rooms will vary in standard and there may be the need to share a double bed some nights as the hotels we're staying in are small and have less twin rooms but we will keep this even and fair throughout the trip.

Train's are the best way to travel around India and we'll be travelling mainly by train with 1 overnight train included as well as a few private buses to maximise our time and give you an authentic Indian travel experience.

We'll have private drop offs and pick ups from all stations which will enable us to travel at ease but don't worry, you won't be shielded from the delights of real travel and the real India, this will be an adventure for sure, and by the time we've finished you'll feel much more confident in travelling by yourself.

Each day we'll be exploring new places with a private local driver on hand and they'll be lots of things we can do. However, I want everyone to be involved so as a group we'll decide what time we want to head out sightseeing and what we want to see that day. Wander to India has been designed to offer *independence and freedom* in each place because this is what travel is all about. This is just one of the ways this trip is different from many other tours around India that are on offer.



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Day Itinerary

01-03-2020 Sunday	New Delhi	Prakash Kutir B&B	08-03-2020 Sunday	Pushkar	Inn Seventh Heaven
02-03-2020 Monday	Agra	Safarnama Hotel	09-03-2020 Monday	Village near Jodhpur	Chhotaram Homestay
03-03-2020 Tuesday	Jaipur	Shahpura House	10-03-2020 Tuesday - HOLI	Village near Jodhpur	Chhotaram Homestay
04-03-2020 Wednesday	Jaipur	Shahpura House	11-03-2020 Wednesday	Jodhpur	Devi Bhawan Hotel
05-03-2020 Thursday	Jaipur	Shahpura House	12-03-2020 Thursday	Jodhpur	Overnight Train
06-03-2020 Friday	Pushkar	Inn Seventh Heaven	13-03-2020 Friday	New Delhi	Prakash Kutir B&B
07-03-2020 Saturday	Pushkar	Inn Seventh Heaven	14-03-2020 Saturday	New Delhi	N/A

Scroll down below to check the details of the trip and what's included on this adventure of a lifetime!



NEW DELHI

Right at the heart of India, with monuments in every corner of the City, Delhi provides an eclectic vibe of India's rich heritage and culture that the Country is so famous for around the world. This along with Delhi's International Airport makes it a great place to start a trip to India.

DAY 1

Arrive in New Delhi on 1st March in your own time. We can arrange a private transfer from Delhi Airport to our Delhi Hotel for you or we can provide instructions on how to catch a taxi.

For those of us that are in Delhi in the evening we will go for a delicious Dinner near the Hotel as a group before getting an early night so we're fresh for the rest of the trip!

AGRA

Agra carries with itself not only a comprehensive history but the entire culture of the Mughal Dynasty in India. Some people say to visit Agra only to see the Taj Mahal but as you'll see, Agra offers more than just this Wonder of the World.

DAY 2

We'll be coming back to explore Delhi at the end of the trip so on our first morning in India we'll be getting straight into it by getting on an AC Chair Car Train to Agra at 9:15 - 11:20am.

We'll drop our bags at the hotel and head out to explore Agra for the afternoon with a local English speaking guide. Agra Fort, The Baby Taj, Mehtab Bagh and the Taj Mahal Nature Park are all easy and good places to visit in Agra, and to get a glimpse of the mighty Taj. We'll aim to see the sunset too.

We'll get dinner and get another early night for a big day ahead.



DAY 3

Today is going to require a very early morning but it will be well worth it because we'll head to the Taj Mahal for sunrise! The earlier we get there the less crowded it will be and sunrise is definitely the best and most magical time of day to see the Taj Mahal.

We won't be rushed and can spend as long as we want exploring the grounds and taking as many photos as we need to get the perfect shot. We'll head back to the hotel to have breakfast, freshen up, check out and get on a private bus to Jaipur which will take a few hours. On route to Jaipur we can stop at Fatehpur Sikhri, an Ancient City founded in 1569 if we wish.

We're staying at Shahpura House in Jaipur which is a Luxury Heritage Hotel and we'll feel like we're staying in our own Palace! Shahpura House has a pool which we can chill by in the afternoon followed by an amazing Dinner on their Rooftop.

JAIPUR

Jaipur is the famous Pink City of India and part of the Golden Triangle. The Rajput Era Forts and Palaces are a huge part of Rajasthan's heritage and many of the iconic images of India you have seen will probably be from this City.

DAY 4 & 5

Let's see Jaipur! We'll have a local English speaking guide to show us the best of Jaipur over 2 days and we'll have the beautiful Shahpura House to come back to and relax at.

It'll be up to us what we see and where we go. Jaipur is full of Temples, Palace's, Fort's and Famous Buildings like the Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar so we'll see as much as we can.

On one of the evenings we'll head to the Rajmandir Cinema, one of the fanciest Cinema's there is! The film will most likely be in Hindi but the crowd is what makes this Cinema and we'll be in for some laughs!



Another evening we'll head out on a street food tour to taste the best of what Jaipur has to offer!

PUSHKAR

Devotees flock to Pushkar to worship Brahma, the Hindu God of Creation and in the Centre of Pushkar is a Spiritually significant Lake. Pushkar isn't just popular with Hindu's though, it's also a travellers heaven.

DAY 6

This morning is the morning for a lie in and another amazing buffet Breakfast at the Hotel before heading to the train station to catch a short 2 hour A/C Chair Class Train at 10:45am followed by an hour bus journey to the town of Pushkar.

We'll get a late lunch in Pushkar and spend the afternoon exploring the town. Pushkar is a great place to shop and get any souvenirs and clothes that you want to take home!

There are many ways to see the Sunset in Pushkar- down by the Holy Lake in Town or from the top of 2 Mountains so we'll see how we feel and pick our sunset spot.

Pushkar is a foodie heaven because it's full of many Hippie Cafes and Restaurants selling a good selection of Western Food, but if you still want Indian Food you can get this too. It's worth noting that Pushkar is totally Vegetarian, Egg and Alcohol free.

DAY 7 & 8

We have two full days in Pushkar to do as we please. Our Hotel in Pushkar - Inn Seventh Heaven really is Heaven and the best Hotel in Pushkar so we can enjoy their chilled rooftop restaurant and comfy seating areas between getting our zen on and seeing the town.

Morning Yoga and Meditation Classes can be arranged, there is a Swamiji in Pushkar who Ellie has had lessons with before and she'll try to arrange this for those that want to have some lessons.



We'll head to the Brahma Temple and get Blessed by the Holy Lake if you wish, we'll see more Sunset's, drink Fruit Juices, do more Shopping and really enjoy our last few days in India in a relaxed way.

SALAWAS

We'll be staying in a village called Salawas at Chhotoram Prajapat's Homestay not too far from Jodhpur city. Chhotoram and his family run this homestay which is comprised of a few beautiful mud huts alongside their family weaving business.

We'll be welcomed as part of the family and provided with the most delicious homemade food you have ever eaten during our stay.

DAY 9

We'll leave Pushkar in the morning and take a private bus towards Jodhpur arriving at our homestay after about 5 hours of driving.

Chhotoram and his family will welcome us into their homestay and we can get settled in our mud huts and relax in the quietness of Salawas village.

Most people know Holi for the colour part of the festival however Holi is a 2 day festival and the first day, which is today on 9th March, is the celebration of fire so we will join the family in their traditional celebrations alongside a beautiful home cooked dinner.

DAY 10

Today is HOLI! Today will be celebrated by throwing coloured paint at each other in and around the homestay. Chhotoram has celebrated Holi with his guests for years and we will be enjoying the celebration in not only a safe and protected environment but in a traditional and authentic way. This will be a day to remember!

We'll also make time to go out on a village safari to see some animals, local businesses and more of the area during our stay at the homestay.



JODHPUR

Jodhpur is the iconic blue city of India with Mehrangarh Fort, one of the biggest Fort's in India towering above. There are many stories as to why this city was painted blue and once you're there you can decide for yourself which is true!

DAY 11

A home cooked breakfast will be served for us and we'll slowly say goodbye to our mud hut homes before driving one hour from Salawas Village into Jodhpur city. We will have gone from the quietness of Pushkar and Salawas to a pretty busy city so we'll take our time to adjust back into city life and have dinner on a rooftop restaurant overlooking the blue city.

DAY 12

We'll start the day with a bit of adrenaline by going on the Flying Fox zipline over Mehrangarh Fort which is a lot of fun!

The rest of the day will be spent with a local English speaking guide exploring the Fort and more of the Blue City before catching our first and only overnight train of the trip back to Delhi at 19:45.

NEW DELHI

DAY 13

Our arrival into Delhi should be 6:40am which I know is early but at least we'll have all day to explore Delhi with our local English speaking guide and we can kick that off in the morning. The places we'll visit will include the Red Fort in Old Delhi- the main residence of the Mughal Emperors for 200 years. The Jama Masjid- one of India's largest mosques which gives a scintillating view of the old city from its top, and Humayun's Tomb.



We can have some rest time at our hotel in the afternoon and on our final evening together we will head out into Delhi for one last street food tour!

DAY 14

To fully finish off the tour and see the most of Delhi we'll be getting up early to start a cycling tour around Old Delhi! The tour will start at 6:00am until 10:00am avoiding the major traffic. After this we'll get a late breakfast, check out and this is when the tour will end!

If you want to fly out of Delhi Airport on 14th March, I suggest not booking a flight until the afternoon so we have time to finish the tour at 10:00am, get back to the hotel and get to the airport which could take a few hours.

If you see a flight that leaves early on 14th that suits you best, you are welcome to leave early and miss out on the bike tour or we can try and shorten the tour for you.

If you need an extra night's accommodation in Delhi on 14th because you book to fly on the 15th, we can arrange this for you. If your flight is not until later on 14th you can store your bags at the hotel until it's time to leave for your flight.

On either day we can arrange a private airport transfer for you or you can get a taxi or the subway yourself.

If you want to carry on travelling India alone you can do so from Delhi, or from Pushkar. If you need some ideas or want some help, India Someday can provide you with a personalised itinerary to carry on your trip with along with a special discount, or you can head to Ellie's blog www.thewanderingquinn.com/india to get some ideas on where to visit next.

Alternatively check the Facebook Event that will be created beforehand and see if anyone else is looking to keep travelling after the trip, maybe you can travel together!



The Details

£1380.00 Per Person

A Deposit of £460.00 is required to secure your place, another £460.00 is required by 1st November, 4 months prior to the tour start date and the remaining £460.00 by 1st January, 2 months prior to the tour start date.

To Enquire and Book - [FILL IN THIS FORM.](#)

Inclusions

- Accommodation in double/twin occupancy rooms with breakfast.
- Train / Bus Travel between all Cities & Towns.
- Travel in A/C vehicle including all railway station transfers and sightseeing where mentioned.
- Services of an English speaking local guide in Delhi, Agra & Jaipur.
- Two night stay in a Homestay in Rajasthan including all 3 meals a day & a village safari.
- Welcome Dinner in Delhi.
- Street Food Tour in Jaipur and Delhi.
- Ziplining in Jodhpur Fort.
- Cycling Tour in Delhi.
- India Someday fees.
- All government and service taxes.



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Exclusions

- Lunch & Dinner where not specified on the itinerary.
- Entry / Monument Fees.
- Yoga / Meditation Classes.
- Airport Transfers.
- Extra Personal Expenses and Optional Gratuities.
- Travel Insurance.
- Visa Costs.

Budget For Trip

- Roughly £1.50-£3.00 / \$2.00-\$3.50 USD per lunch and dinner.
- Entrance Fees vary from £1.00 to £6.50 / \$1.50 to \$8.50 USD. Some days we'll need to pay a few entrance fees, other days we won't pay any.
- Roughly £3.30 / \$4.25 per Yoga class.
- Pre-arranged Airport Transfer through India Someday £25.00 / \$28.00 USD per transfer.

We look forward to seeing you in India!