

— ONCE IN A LIFETIME —

INDIA 2025

CELEBRATING THE FESTIVAL OF COLORS
"HOLI"

17 DAYS / 16 NIGHTS

DELHI-AGRA-JAIPUR-PUSHKAR-VARANASI
& 3 DAYS VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

ADD ON : 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

KOCHI-ALLEPPEY-VARKALA

A CHASIN CLEAN COASTS X
GREENWHEEL TRAVEL COLLABORATION



WHAT MAKES THIS ADVENTURE DIFFERENT?

Embark on an extraordinary voyage through the vibrant heart of India alongside Elisha & Udit. Together, we have meticulously crafted an itinerary designed for travelers seeking more than just the typical tourist experience. Our aim is to immerse you in the rich tapestry of India's culture, history, food and natural beauty, while sharing our profound love for this magnificent country.

Delve into the world of wildlife conservation with hands-on volunteer opportunities at Wildlife SOS, working alongside dedicated professionals to protect and care for *India's majestic Elephants and Sloth Bears*. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Bagru village as you learn the ancient art of *Dabu printing and Indigo dyeing*, gaining insight into traditional crafts passed down through generations.

And ultimately, no Chasin' adventure is complete without a beach cleanup, so let's get to the eastern coasts of India to learn and involve in a beach cleanup activity.

From the bustling streets of Delhi to the iconic Taj Mahal in Agra, the pink hues of Jaipur's palaces, the serene shores of Pushkar, the spiritual energy of Varanasi, and the lush coastal landscapes of Kerala, with Elisha & Udit as your guides, this journey promises to be an unforgettable odyssey filled with unforgettable moments and cherished memories.

Come, let us unveil the true essence of India together.



UNVEILING THE BEAUTY OF **INDIA**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Rickshaw Tour in Old Delhi & breathtaking view of old areas from Jama Masjid
- Visiting one of the wonders of the world 'Taj Mahal'
- 3 days Volunteering at Wildlife SOS
- Get to know about the rescued Sloth Bears & Asian Elephants
- Celebrate Festival of colors "Holi" in Jaipur
- Explore "Pink City" Jaipur
- A hands on workshop on Dabu Block printing & Indigo dyeing crafts
- Glamping under the million stars
- Experiencing Ganga Aarti
- Walking tour in old streets of Varanasi
- Overlook the serenity of ghats in a boat ride
- Heritage & Food walk in Kochi
- HouseBoat stay experience in Alleppey
- Kayaking in backwaters of Varkala
- Chasin' Sunsets
- Beach cleanup activity in Varkala
- Indulge in Yoga & Ayurvedic massages

TOUR DETAILS

MAIN TOUR : 17D/16N

STARTS - 08 March, 2025
(Saturday)

ENDS - 24 March, 2025 (Monday)

USD \$2499 PER PERSON
(TWIN SHARING)

KERELA EXTENSION : 7D/6N

STARTS - 25 March, 2025
(Tuesday)

ENDS - 31 March, 2025 (Monday)

USD \$1199 PER PERSON
(TWIN SHARING)



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INCLUSIONS

- Airport Pickups
- All Accommodations (twin/double sharing)
- Private AC transportations throughout the tour
- 2 Domestic Flights
- 1 Train journey
- All entries to Forts, Palaces,
- Taj Mahal and sightseeing places
- English speaking guide assistance 24*7
- All sightseeing/city/walking tours as in itinerary
- Volunteering Fee and donations to projects
- 29 Veg meals
- 50+ Cups of Chai

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa
- International Flights
- Early check-ins
- Camera & videography fees at monuments (if any)
- Drinks and meals outside of itinerary
- Travel and Medical insurances
- Personal shopping expenses
- Tips and gratuities
- Any activities outside of itinerary



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DETAILED DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Arrival in Delhi : Welcome to India! Upon your arrival in Delhi, you'll be greeted with the vibrant energy of this bustling city. Check into your hotel, settle in, and perhaps take a leisurely stroll around your accommodation's neighborhood, soaking in the sights and sounds of Delhi's lively streets.

DAY 2 Delhi Sightseeing : Today is dedicated to exploring the historical and cultural treasures of Delhi. Dive into the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk for a taste of local life and end your day with a visit to the peaceful India Gate, a tribute to Indian soldiers. We will also get a chance to visit and understand about the Sikh religion at Gurudwara Bangla Sahib Gurudwara.

DAY 3 Drive to Agra & Agra Fort : After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive to Agra. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and freshen up before heading to the magnificent Agra Fort. Explore this UNESCO World Heritage site, marveling at its impressive architecture and rich history, as the sun begins to set, casting a golden hue over the fort's red sandstone walls.

DAY 4 Sunrise at Taj Mahal & Departure to Wildlife SOS : Rise early to witness the breathtaking beauty of the Taj Mahal at sunrise, a truly magical experience. Spend the morning at this iconic monument, soaking in its elegance and history. Post Breakfast, depart for the Wildlife SOS, where you'll spend today's day learning about the Rescued Sloth Bears and Elephants.





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DAY 5 Wildlife SOS : We spent this entire day volunteering at Agra Bear rescue facility of Wildlife SOS. The schedule for the day will be provided to us in the morning when we arrive at the sanctuary, and accordingly work will be allotted to us. We'll have a midday break with tasty homemade vegetarian lunch and carry on with our activities until 4/5pm.

DAY 6 Wildlife SOS : Today we head towards Elephant Conservation and Care center of Wildlife SOS. We spend our day volunteering and spending time around these gentle giants knowing more about them. We start with volunteering activities in the morning followed by homecooked style lunch and some more helping for these gentle giants. Please note there will be no physical interaction/touching/bathing the elephants.

DAY 7 Drive to Jaipur & Holika Dahan: Bid farewell to beautiful animals as you journey to the vibrant city of Jaipur. In the evening upon arrival, we'll witness the traditional Holika Dahan ceremony, a colorful and lively celebration of the triumph of good over evil. Arrive in Jaipur and immerse yourself in the festive atmosphere.

DAY 8 Holi Celebration: Today is the joyous festival of colors, Holi! Join locals and fellow travelers in the jubilant festivities, where streets come alive with vibrant hues of powdered colors and joyous laughter. Dance to lively music, indulge in traditional sweets, and experience the magic of Holi.





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DAY 9 Jaipur Sightseeing : Explore the Pink City's architectural wonders, starting with the majestic Amber Fort. Marvel at the intricate designs of the City Palace and the awe-inspiring Hawa Mahal & Jal Mahal. We'll also go for a panoramic view of Jaipur before ending your day with a stroll through the bustling local markets.

DAY 10 Jaipur to Pushkar : Enroute to Pushkar, stop at Bagru which has secured the GI tag for its traditional block printing craft. We will be involved in a hands-on Workshop to make our own scarves/bags with exquisite block-printing technique and learning about indigo dyeing. Post workshop, we head to Pushkar in the afternoon. We leave our suitcases in the hotel, get to chase a sunset and drive in jeeps to glamp under a million stars.

DAY 11 Pushkar : Check into your hotel and immerse yourself in the tranquil atmosphere of this sacred city. Explore the serene Pushkar Lake and its ghats, surrounded by temples and spirituality. Today is yours to explore Pushkar at your leisure. A walking tour with a local from Pushkar will immerse you in the ancient stories of this spiritual village and show you the nooks and corners.

DAY 12 Pushkar : Explore the vibrant markets filled with unique handicrafts, jewelry, home decorations and textiles. Post brekkie, we will visit a local animal Rescue hospital that we have been supporting since 2018 and get to meet & pet hundreds of rescued animals who now live permanently at the hospital. Enjoy your free noon, strolling the markets and enjoying the variety of cuisines this village has to offer. We call it a night by going out for an Dinner together.





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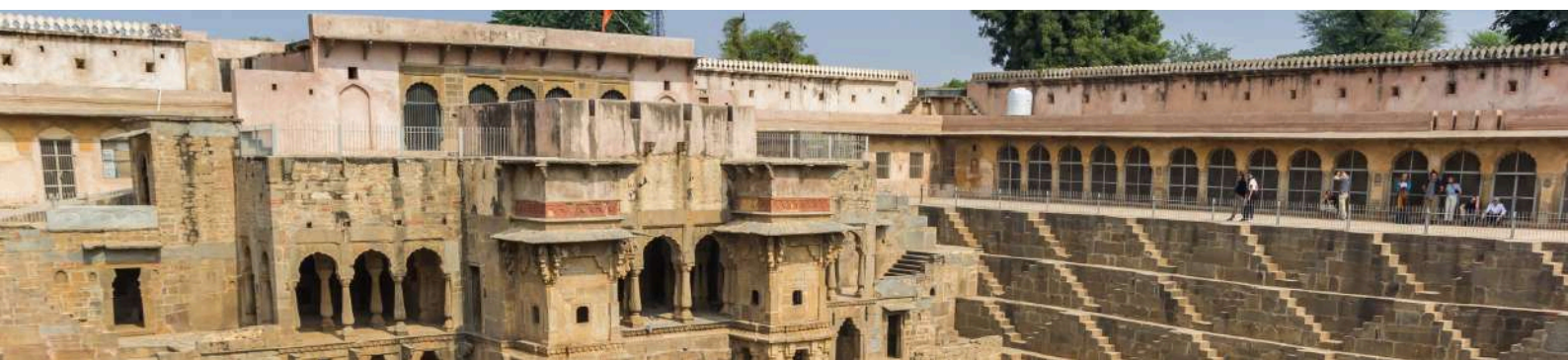
DAY 13 Pushkar to Delhi : Get prepared to be a part of India's fastest train! We board our train at 06:00 from Ajmer station and reach Delhi by noon. Check-in to the hotel and have a free noon. Craving for some food, let's go to enjoy some curries & naan's at one of the popular restaurants in Delhi. Sleep well as we start our spiritual experience tomorrow!

DAY 14 Flight to Varanasi: We board a 1.5 hour morning/noon flight to Varanasi. Upon arrival, Check into your hotel and prepare for an enchanting experience in Varanasi for the next 2 days.

DAY 15 Varanasi Full Day : Today, delve into the heart of Varanasi's spirituality. Begin with a visit to Sarnath, where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon, and explore the ancient ruins and stupas. Dive into the city's famed silk industry, witnessing artisans at work and later in the evening experience the evening Ganga Aarti, a mesmerizing spectacle of lights and chants.

DAY 16 Varanasi Local : Continue your exploration of Varanasi's cultural richness. We listen to the history, stories & hidden temples of Benares through an expert local guide while walking along the narrow streets of varanasi. To end the experience, we get on a sunrise/ sunset boat ride along the Ganges, witnessing the mesmerizing rituals and ceremonies along the ghats.

DAY 17 Varanasi to Delhi Flight: On your final day, bid farewell to Varanasi as you catch a flight back to Delhi. Check-in to the Delhi hotel. Depending on your flight schedule to home, you may have time to explore Delhi once more.





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DAY 18 Delhi to Kochi Flight : Today marks the exciting beginning of your journey from Delhi to Kochi. As you board your flight, anticipation fills the air for the adventures ahead in this vibrant southern state of India. Leaving behind the bustling capital, you're bound for the lush landscapes and serene backwaters that await in Kerala. The flight offers a transition from the hustle of city life to the tranquility of Kerala's natural beauty, setting the stage for an unforgettable trip.

DAY 19 Kochi Walking Tour, Markets & Food Experiences : Immerse yourself in the heart of Kochi today with a captivating walking tour. Stepping into the vibrant streets, your senses are awakened by the sights, sounds, and aromas of this historic port city. Navigate through bustling markets where vendors peddle spices, fabrics, and local crafts. Each corner tells a story, from the ancient Chinese fishing nets to the colonial-era architecture of Fort Kochi. Indulge in Kochi's culinary delights, sampling traditional dishes bursting with flavor, a delightful journey for both the palate and the soul.

DAY 20 Alleppey Houseboat Stay : We drive for 2 hours from Kochi to Alleppey & embark on a tranquil journey along Kerala's famed backwaters as you board a traditional houseboat in Alleppey. Drifting along the serene network of canals and lagoons, surrounded by swaying palm trees and quaint villages, time seems to stand still. The gentle rhythm of the houseboat offers a peaceful retreat, a stark contrast to the modern world. Relax on the deck, savoring delicious Keralan cuisine prepared onboard, as the mesmerizing landscape unfolds around you, a true taste of Kerala's unique charm.





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DAY 21 Varkala Free Day and Evening Kayaking : Today in Varkala, you have the freedom to explore at your leisure. Whether you choose to unwind on the golden sands of Varkala Beach, known for its dramatic cliffs and soothing waves, or meander through the lively markets, the day is yours to discover. In the evening, we go on an kayaking adventure along the pristine mangroves & backwaters. Paddling through azure waters, a breathtaking finale to a day of exploration.

DAY 22 Varkala Free Day and Beach Cleanup : Dedicated today to giving back to the beautiful coastal community of Varkala. Engage in a beach cleanup initiative, joining hands with locals and fellow travelers to preserve the pristine shores. As you collect litter and debris, you not only contribute to environmental conservation but also connect with the spirit of the place and its people. Afterward, enjoy another evening of leisure, perhaps rejuvenating with a yoga session (optional) or simply basking in the serenity of Varkala's laid-back atmosphere.

DAY 23 Flight Back to Delhi from Trivandrum : As your journey in Kerala comes to a close, it's time to bid farewell to the tranquil beauty of the south and return to Delhi. Boarding your flight from Trivandrum, you carry with you cherished memories of Kerala's diverse landscapes, warm hospitality, and cultural richness. Reflecting on the past days filled with exploration and discovery, you leave with a deeper appreciation for the enchanting allure of **God's Own Country 'Kerela'**.

DAY 24 Tour Departs Delhi : With a heart full of memories and a suitcase packed with souvenirs, today marks the end of your Indian adventure. Bidding farewell to newfound friends this day serves as a reflection on the incredible experiences of the past week. As you head back home, Incredible India's beauty and warmth remain etched in your mind, a place you'll always carry with you.





ABOUT VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

WILDLIFE SOS

No previous experience is required but you will need to be willing and enthusiastic. A strong interest in conservation and wildlife is recommended. You will need to be physically fit, able to tolerate high temperatures and humidity (during summer months in India), work well within a team and be adaptable to working in a group.

There'll be a morning shift for 3/4 hours, followed by a lunch break and then another 2/3 hours shift in evening. Our volunteering tasks in 3 days will be like these :

- Food Prep for Bears & Elephants.
- Assisting keepers in cutting fruits/loading/making enrichment treats.
- Distributing food to the Bears & Elephants.
- Maintenance of the enclosures and facilities.
- Sloth Bear & Elephants Vet Treatment observation.
- Building Enrichment structures for Bears
- Gardening / plantation /nursery maintenance & development.
- Knitting of coil Rope for hiding enrichments.
- Organization of facility resources.
- Facility-wide mechanical assistance.
- Painting maintenance work.
- Removal of weeds in enclosures.