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A land of colour, mystery and diversity...

Experience a mind blowing mix of landscapes and cultural traditions, with your very own cultural guide, **Shivani**.

India is everything and more, all at once.

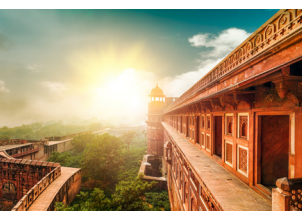
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INDIA WITH SHIVANI”
a life changing journey

TOUR ITINERARY

Join us on this exotic ten day adventure in the land of colour, mystery and diversity. Experience a mind blowing mix of landscapes, ancient traditions and the magical sounds, tastes and aromas of Indian life with your very own cultural guide, Shivani. An exotic, sensory feast, this experiential voyage will immerse you in the chaos, charm and poetry of the cities of **Delhi, Agra, Jaipur and Tilonia**.

Find your inner self while you learn the art of meditation and yoga in the peaceful setting of an authentic Ashram. Be inspired by the amazing work being done at Barefoot College, where they are improving the quality of life of the rural poor. Watch the sun rise and set over the majestic **Taj Mahal**. Explore modern bazaars and bargain in the local markets, enjoy the ancient tradition of henna application, learn the art of Indian cuisine in your very own hands-on cooking class. While on tour, Shivani will help you find your passions and gain clarity on your personal goals through a series of mentoring sessions and personal development activities.

This is one life changing journey you won't want to miss... See inside for the full itinerary.





About Your Host

Shivani is one of the most intriguing people you will meet.

She has authored 7 books which have been published in Australia, NZ, US, China and India.

She was the host of a business show filmed over 12 months to coach 4 start up businesses, which went on to attract over a million viewers.

You may have even read her Fairfax columns or heard her on the radio.

Shivani's zest for a life filled with rich experiences, learning and personal growth, combined with a profound knowledge of India and love of culture, will inspire you at every step of this amazing 'life changing journey'.



DAY 1 | 12th November 2015

Arrive Dehli

Meet your host Shivani in Newcastle before being transferred to Sydney International Airport for your flight direct to New Delhi India.

Upon arrival in New Delhi, once you clear the immigration and exit from Customs, you will be met by a Luxe India representative who will assist you to your car for transfer from the airport to your hotel and assist you with checking in to your hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Le Meridien

DAY 2 | 13th November 2015

In Dehli



Start your exploration of the city with a sightseeing tour of the Walled City, Old Delhi. We arrive into Old Delhi, which is a sharp contrast to the Imperial city with its mix of Indo-Islamic architecture. Visit to Jama Masjid, take a rickshaw ride through the by-lanes of the old walled city, the ride through Chandni Chowk is an absolute feast for the senses! Think of the street as a supermarket with different departments - hair ornaments, pots and pans, blankets and the like. See beautifully embroidered Indian wear hanging dreamily from tiny shops and treat yourself to some classic street food while you are there. Drive past the imposing red sandstone structure of Red Fort, on the western bank of the river Yamuna.

Later proceed for a visit of New Delhi beginning with a drive around India Gate and Lutyen's buildings, then to Humayun's Tomb, the first garden-tomb in the Indian subcontinent and the inspiration for several monuments including Taj Mahal. We continue our exploration of Delhi with a visit to Qutub Minar, one of the finest Islamic structures ever raised in India.

This evening unwind over great food and get to know your group members as you dine in one of Delhi's hippest restaurants right in the heart of the city, Q'ba.

Accommodation: Hotel Le Meridien

Meals: B, D

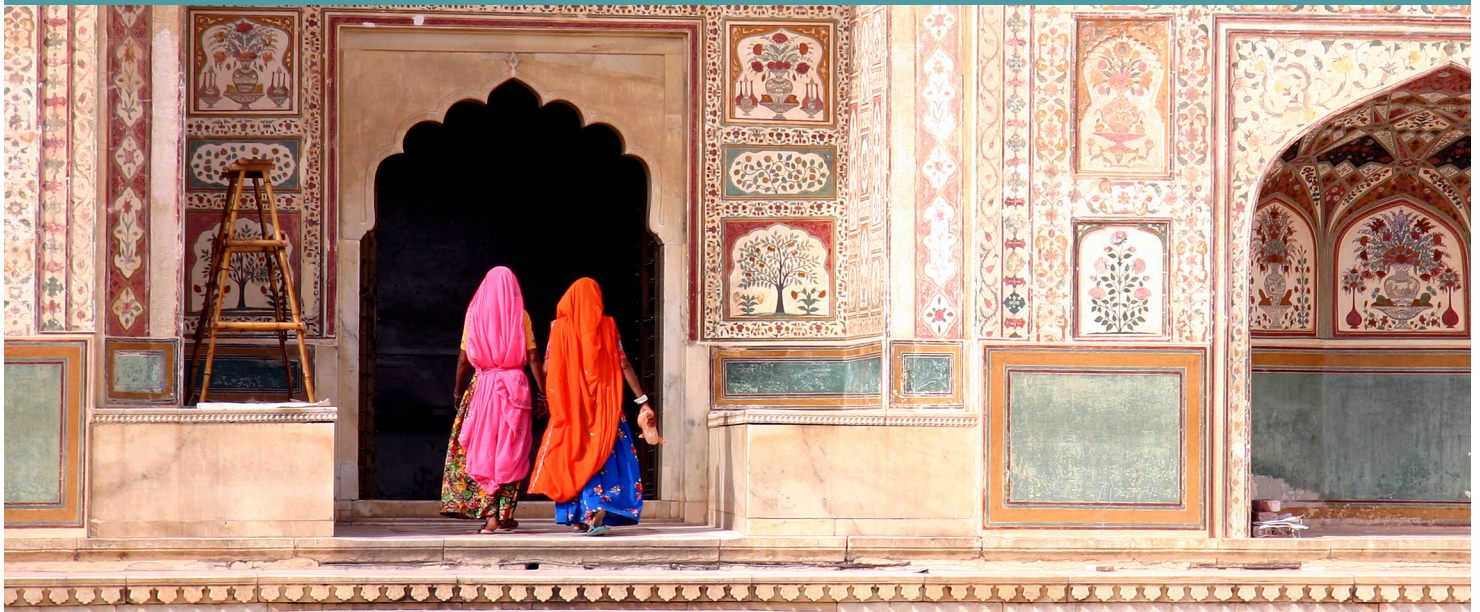
DAY 3 | 14th November 2015**Dehli to Jaipur**

Early morning departure for your road transfer to Jaipur. On arrival in Jaipur a Luxe India representative will meet you and assist you with checking in to your hotel.

Later visit the City Palace where several courtyards and gardens provide a wonderful contrast to its many palatial structures including Mubarak Mahal, Chandra Mahal, Badal Mahal and the Sri Govind Dev temple. The huge silver water vessels displayed at the Diwan-e-Khas are recorded in the Guinness Book as the largest in the world and a must see. Drive past the Hawa Mahal, this five-storied building along the main street of the old city is in pink splendour with semi octagonal and delicately honey combed sandstone windows. The monument was originally conceived with the aim of enabling ladies of the royal household to watch the everyday life, and royal processions of the city. Visit the Jantar Mantar - the Observatory that incorporates multiple buildings of unique geometrical forms, each with a specialized function for astronomical measurement.

Accommodation: Hotel ITC Rajputana

Meals: B, D

DAY 4 | 15th November 2015**Jaipur to Tilonia**

After breakfast at the hotel, begin your exploration of the city with a visit to Amber Fort. This is one of the most fascinating of the Indian forts comprising the Palace of Mirrors, Hall of Public Audience and the beautiful gardens, all of which give a glimpse into the majesty of days gone by. The approach is through a narrow pass, and the fort, an imposing edifice that grew over a period of 2 centuries, is naturally fortified by the Aravalli Hills, making it an ideal stronghold. The fort can be reached by Jeep, either on foot or on elephant back.

Afternoon departure for your road transfer to Barefoot College in Tilonia, on arrival at Barefoot College you will be met by your host.

Accommodation: Barefoot College

Meals: B, D

DAY 5 | 16th November 2015**Tilonia to Agra**

After morning activities at Barefoot College you start your journey to Agra, the city of Taj Mahal, a monument beautifully described as “an immortal teardrop on the face of time” by the famous India poet Rabindranath Tagore. On arrival in Agra, you will be met by a Luxe India representative who will assist you in checking in to your hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel ITC Mughal

Meals: D

DAY 6 | 17th November 2015

In Agra



Early morning, visit the highlight of the city, Taj Mahal at sunrise. Witness the beauty of this epitome of love as the first rays of light dawn upon its majestic beauty. Built by Shah Jahan as an eternal symbol of his love for his favourite wife, whom he fondly called Mumtaz Mahal, it has immortalized him forever as one of the great architectural patrons of the world. Later visit Agra Fort; few forts in the world have a more fascinating story to tell than the Great Fort of Agra. Originally planned as an impregnable military structure by Akbar, the Agra Fort, over a period of time, acquired all the elegance, lavishness and majesty of an imperial palace.

Accommodation: Hotel ITC Mughal **Meals:** B, D

DAY 7 | 18th November 2015

Agra to Dehli / Zorba the Buddha

After breakfast drive towards Delhi to Zorba the Buddha, a peaceful and tranquil oasis, where you will practice yoga and meditation for the next three days.

After freshening up, explore the beautiful grounds and celebrate life through heart in the three acre village property, where you can amble along tranquil gardens and reflective ponds, exploring and experiencing exotic birds and vegetation.

Accommodation: Zorba the Buddha

Meals: B, D

DAY 8 & 9 | 19th & 20th November 2015

In Zorba the Buddha

Spend time here in peaceful surroundings as you take charge of your mind, regaining your zest for life and becoming restful in the present moment with mediation and yoga classes. Shivani will guide you through a passion test to work out your strategies for the next 3-5 years.

Let travel unleash your creativity in a think tank for ideas that could involve a new career, new business venture or a dream that's been simmering away in your sub-consciousness for years. Enjoy a one on one session with Shivani, on any topic of your choice. Be nurtured with food. Every meal in the Ashram is a celebration. They believe what we eat is what we become and great care is taken in serving delicious and nutritious meals.

Accommodation: Zorba the Buddha

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10 | 21st November 2015

Dehli to Sydney

After breakfast, transfer to Delhi International airport as for your return overnight flight to Sydney. **Meals:** B

DAY 11 | 22nd November 2015

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