

27 NIGHTS ESCORTED TOUR

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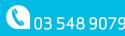
Tour the most beautiful places in India & Nepal including Amritsar; home of the Golden Temple, Jaipur the Pink City, Agra; home of the Taj Mahal, Lucknow - the Holy city of Varanasi, bustling Calcutta and Kathmandu.

Tour escorted from Nelson by Tracey Lynch from helloworld Nelson









Day	Itinerary
Day 1:	Depart NZ on Singapore Airlines
Day 2:	Arrive Amritsar, the home of the Golden Temple, and spend the day a leisure until our welcome dinner at Al Fresco
Day 3:	Visit the Golden Temple, its kitchen that feeds 'Langar' to over 10,000 people every day for free and partake in Langar. Visit Jallianwala Bagh, the site of the notorious massacre of Indians under British rule in 1919. Travel to the Wagah Border to witness the closing of the border gates ceremony between Pakistan and India.
Day 4:	Visit Ram Bagh Gardens, explore the old city bazaar and end the day with an authentic tandoori meal at The Glass Punjabi restaurant.
Day 5:	Fly to Delhi. Head for the city centre and explore the markets around Connaught Place and the old city centre towards Janpath Bazaars. Our evening meal will be dosa and idly at Delhi's most celebrated South Indian restaurant Sarvana Bhawan.
Day 6:	Visit Old Delhi, driving past the Red Fort and stopping at the great Jama Masjid which is the largest Mosque in India. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through Chandni Chowk and end our day at Qutab Minar a UNESCO World heritage site built in 1192.
Day 7:	After breakfast embark on a 5 hour drive to Jaipur in our air conditioned coach. Afternoon at leisure to visit Jaipur Bazaar at your own pace if you wish.
Day 8:	Today we take a city tour, which starts with a guided walk through the flower and vegetable market then visit Amber Fort. Stop outside the Hawa Mahal and visit the City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar.
Day 9 & 10:	Two days at leisure to really explore the city at your own pace, hire a tuk tuk or walk around. We have 3 optional tours to consider whilst here. High-tea at Taj Rambagh, a Tuk-Tuk experience with dinner and a trip out to Sanganer village to see the blue pottery, block printers and paper makers.
Day 11:	5 hour coach drive to Agra to see the Taj Mahal. We visit the Agra Fort this afternoon and then conclude out day at with a visit to the baby Taj.
Day 12:	Early-rise to catch the sun rise over the Taj Mahal, a truly moving sight. Then we will head back to our Hotel for breakfast, pack up and head off to Lucknow 'The City of Nawabs'. Afternoon at leisure
Day 13:	Our city highlights tour takes us to Baba Imambara which is a complex that includes the Asfi Mosque, the Bhul Bhulayah labyrinth and a summer palace. Workshop visit to witness Chikan embroidery a skill that originated in Lucknow and is more than 200 years old
Day 14:	Train to Varanasi the Holy City, the abode of Lord Shiva and Parvati. Afternoon visit to the local market.
Day 15:	City tour of Varanasi with a visit to Banaras Hindu University. Then on to Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Bharat Mata Temple and Sarnath where Gautama Buddhist is said to have given his first sermon. Our evening ends with a sunset boat ride on the ghats of the River Ganges.
Day 16:	Up early for a sunrise boat ride on the Ganges where we can observe the Hindus way of life and see the many Ghats where cremations take place on a daily basis. Rest of the day at leisure.
Day 17:	Fly from Varanasi to Kolkata.
Day 18:	Kolkata City tour, taking in the flower market and the Howrah bridge built in 1874 . Visit Prashant Jain Temple, Kumartulli Potters Lane and the Marble Palace.
Day 19:	A leisurely day to visit Victoria Memorial, St Paul's Cathedral, Kali Temple Mother House and finish with dinner at the famous Aaheli Bengali cuisine restaurant.
Day 20:	Fly to Kathmandu, Nepal. Afternoon at leisure. Our welcome dinner is at the old Palace turned into an authentic Nepalese restaurant – Bhojan Griha
Day 21:	A full day of sightseeing takes in the Kapa Monastery, home of 360 monks, Lama's teachers and workers from all over Nepal and Tibet. Visit Boudhanath, possibly the world's largest Buddhist Stupa then stop briefly at the Garden of Dreams. Evening visit to the Pushupatinath Temple, the most important Hindu Temple of Nepal.
Day 22:	Day excursion to Nagarkot, which is at an elevation of 4,195m, renowned for its sunrise views of the Himalayan Ranges. On our way back to Kathmandu stop at Bhaktapur City which is only 7 sq. miles and is a UNESCO world heritage site and filled with palaces, temples, and statues.
Day 23:	Visit Patan City and Bungamati and as an optional extra we can visit Khumjung School also known as Hillary School, situated at a height of 3790m from where you can view Mt Everest.
Day 24:	Depart for Singapore
Day 25 & 26	Singapore