

# DECCAN ODYSSEY : MUMBAI TO KOLKATA

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## ABOUT OUR COMPANY

Established as one of the leading, independent and family owned luxury train specialists, our focus is on well thought through private and personally selected rail adventures. Our emphasis is very much on the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We regard the rail journeys we offer as a trip of a lifetime and use our experience and knowledge to make it that for you.

The Luxury Train Travel Company is a trading name of Headseast Ltd, a UK based, independent, family owned travel company. We operate several brands in addition to The Luxury Train Travel Company including [“The Latin America Travel Company”](#) [“The Trans-Siberian Travel Company”](#) and [“The China Travel Company”](#). Our clients come from all over the world.



# ITINERARY MAP



# DECCAN ODYSSEY LUXURY TRAIN : MUMBAI TO KOLKATA

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

The Luxury Train Travel Company.

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14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS STARTING IN MUMBAI

- ✓ 7 nights on board the legendary luxury train Deccan Odyssey
- ✓ 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in one trip
- ✓ Mumbai and Kolkata, two breath-taking metropolises
- ✓ On a safari in Ranthambore National Park
- ✓ Fairytale: The Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world
- ✓ Rajasthan's Pearls: Jaipur and Udaipur
- ✓ Varanasi, India's holiest city on the Ganges
- ✓ Experience the Himalayas: With India's most famous toy train to Darjeeling

**MUMBAI** ●  
**VADODARA** ●  
**UDAIPUR** ●  
**RANTHAMBORE** ●  
**JAIPUR** ●  
**AGRA** ●  
**VARANASI** ●  
**SILIGURI** ●  
**DARJEELING** ●  
**BAGDOGRA** ●  
**KOLKATA** ●



# DETAILED ITINERARY

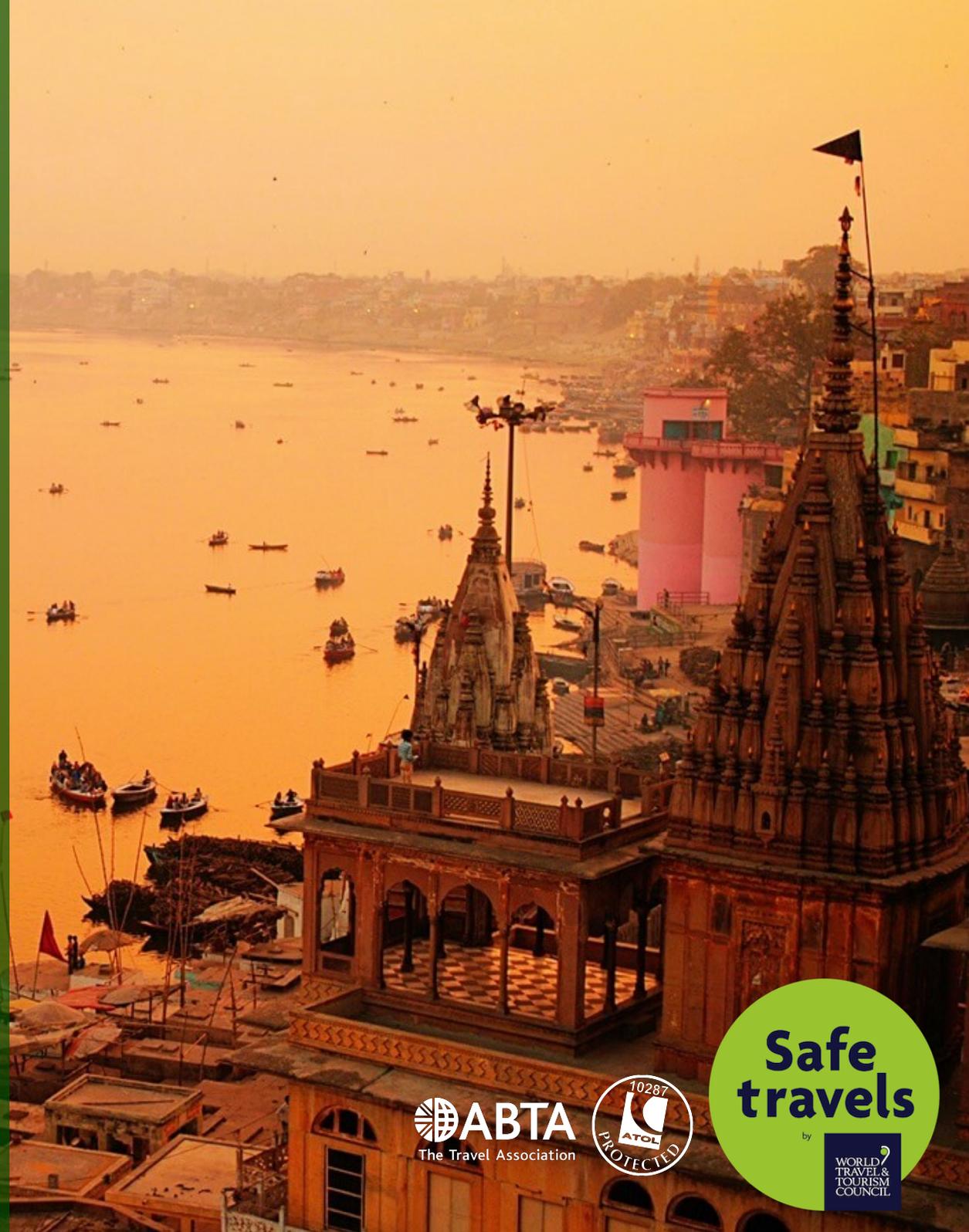
The following pages detail your itinerary day by day. All our trips are tried and tested and, between us, we have visited most destinations and accommodation. We like to offer our clients the greatest flexibility possible with their trip so if there are any pre or post tour experiences you'd like to add please do not hesitate to contact us.

*"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all the pre planning you helped us with.*

*It was a trip of a lifetime experienced by few. Personally I feel privileged to have experienced this part of the world.*

*Thanks again for all you did for us."*

Gail & Cathy Schuneman



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### MUMBAI

#### WELCOME TO INDIA & ARRIVAL & TRANSFER TO YOUR HOTEL

Arrival in the morning and transfer to your hotel.

Mumbai, India's bustling metropolis, offers a vibrant mix of culture, history, and modernity. Explore iconic landmarks like the Gateway of India and the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, stroll along Marine Drive, and experience the city's dynamic street markets, diverse cuisine, and rich arts scene. Mumbai's energy is truly captivating.

The rest of the day is free to relax after the long flight.

 **Meals Included:** Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT

### VIVANTA BY TAJ PRESIDENT



A stylish, upscale hotel offering contemporary rooms, excellent dining, a rooftop pool, and exceptional service in a prime location.



\*Hotel shown for guidance only with exact hotels not finalised until 6 weeks before the trip start date.

# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 2

### MUMBAI

#### EXPLORE THIS FASCINATING CITY ON A GUIDED TOUR

Your adventure starts in India's economic metropolis. Discover the dazzling city of Mumbai and arrive at Mani Bhawan, the home of Mahatma Gandhi.

After visiting the archaeological treasures at the Prince of Wales Museum, head to the Gateway of India, the city's landmark.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## MUMBAI



## BOLLYWOOD



## VADODARA



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 3

### MUMBAI

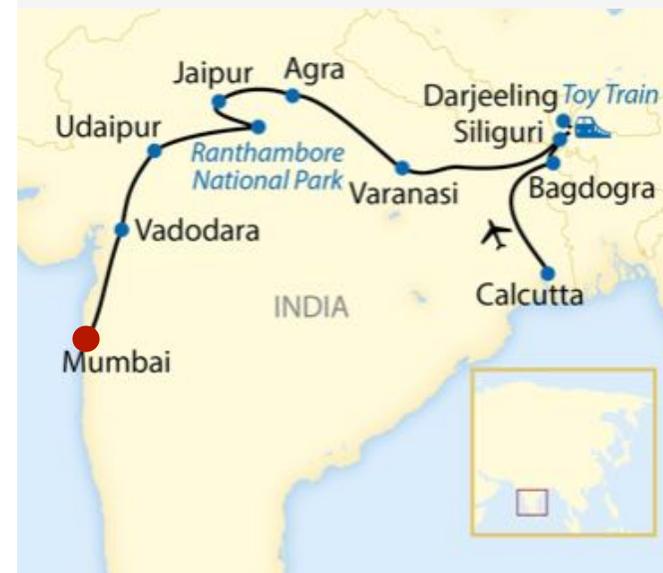
#### STRIKE A POSE AT THE BOLLYWOOD FILM STUDIOS

You will visit the world-famous Bollywood film studios and walk in the footsteps of Shah Rukh Khan, Amitabh Bachchan and Rani Mukherjee.

Victoria Station from 1888 is the largest railway station in the world and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is here that the crew welcomes you aboard the lovely Deccan Odyssey. Settle in your home on wheels for the next seven nights.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 4

### VADODARA

#### EXPLORE THIS HISTORIC CITY IN GUJARAT PROVINCE

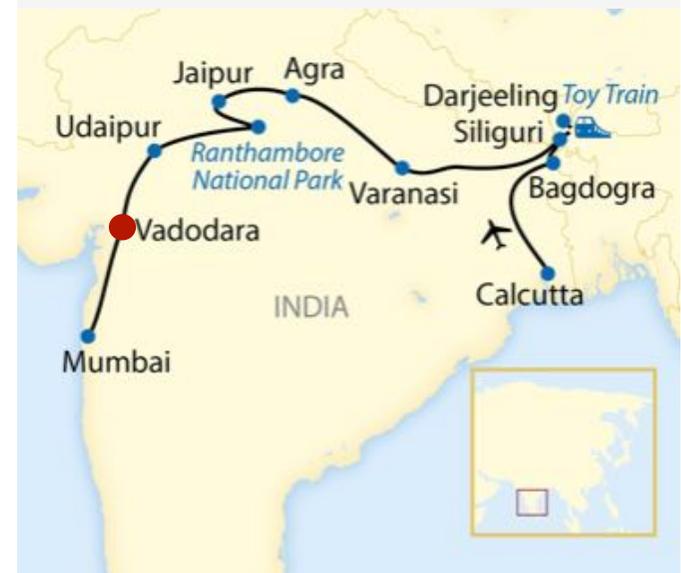
Today you reach the university town of Vadodara. Not far are the largely un-excavated remains of Gujarat's ancient capital, Champaner (UNESCO World Heritage). The city walls enclose pre-Mughal mosques and palaces and combine Islamic and Hindu styles.

A feast for all the senses: In the Laxmi Vilas Palace, where the princely family still resides today, you can enjoy dance and music with delicacies from the princely Indian cuisine. In the afternoon, wonderful paintings and sculptures await you in the Maharadsha Fateh Singh Museum.

Back on board the Deccan Odyssey, the journey continues.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 5

### UDAIPUR

#### VISIT UDAIPUR INCLUDING THE FAMOUS LAKE PALACE

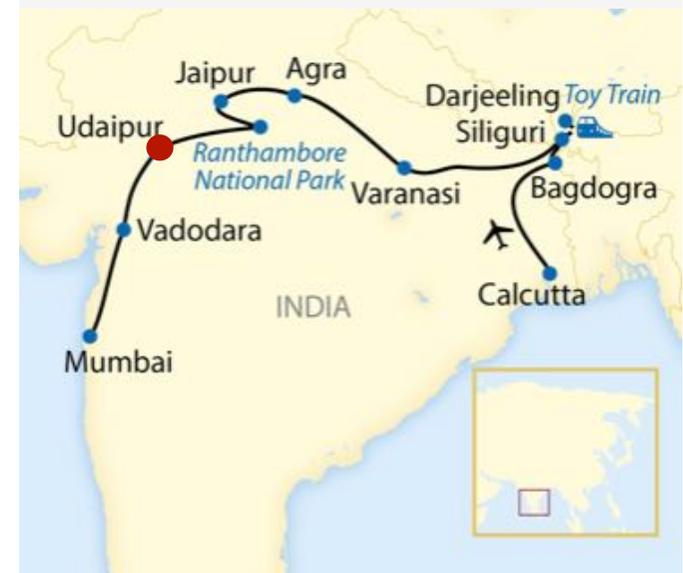
Against the backdrop of the Araveli Mountains, palaces are reflected in small lakes. Udaipur is India's most romantic city. First you visit the huge palace area directly on Lake Pichola. The crystal collection is unique and curious at the same time: Or have you ever seen armchairs, tables and beds made of crystal glass? With boats you can enjoy the dream scenery at Lake Pichola.

A detour takes you to the non-profit project "Dastkar", which was founded more than 20 years ago and pursues two main goals: preserving traditional craftsmanship and at the same time generating income for women in rural areas.

Alternatively, you can take a stroll through the old town.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## JAIPUR



## UDAIPUR



## TIGERS



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 6

### RANTHAMBORE

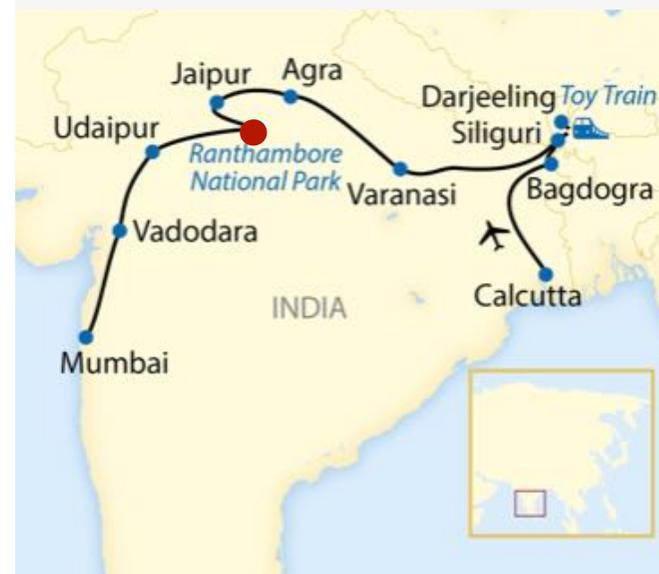
#### A CHANCE TO SEE TIGERS IN RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK

A day in India's wilderness. Arrive at Sawai Madhopur railway station in the morning. First you get to know the villages in the area: men with colourful turbans and women with colourful saris - a glimpse into everyday life in another world. From here it is a short hop to the famous Ranthambore National Park.

Deer, antelope, pheasant, monkeys and sloth bears populate the wooded plain. Speaking of a stone's throw: it's actually about him, India's secret ruler, the tiger, for which the national park is famous. You might be lucky and spot one of the magnificent predators on your safari. In the evening, board your palace on rails again.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 7

### JAIPUR

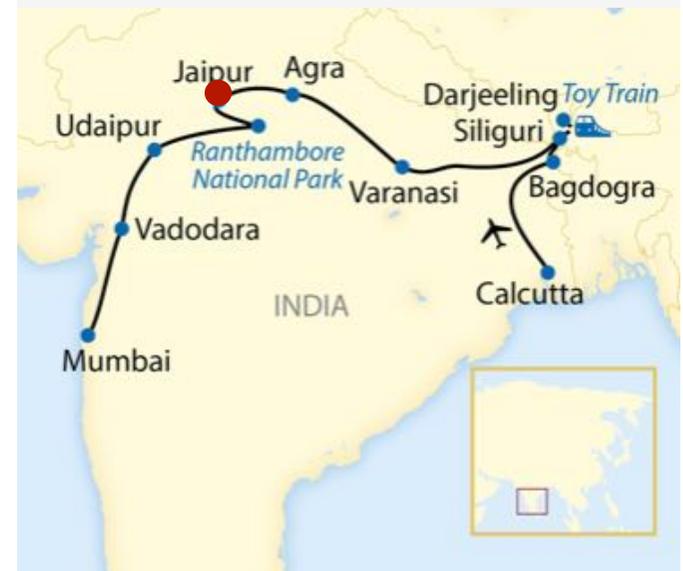
#### TOUR THE “PINK CITY” OF RAJASTHAN

In the morning, your train pulls into the pink city of Jaipur. You will be amazed by the famous pink shimmering front of the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds. From its barred balconies, the noble ladies of the city once looked down on the colourful hustle and bustle of the market.

Essential: visits to the magnificent city palace and the Jantar Mantar observatory from the 18th century, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A fascinating excursion takes you to the mighty palace-fortress of Amber, which towers picturesquely over Lake Maota. 1,000 mirrors reflect the glow of a single lamp and illuminate the huge hall of mirrors.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 8

### AGRA

#### VISIT THE TAJ MAHAL, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS

When the entrance gates open and a snow-white monument of infinite dimensions emerges on the horizon, it is a moment that you will never forget. The majestic Taj Mahal is rightly considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

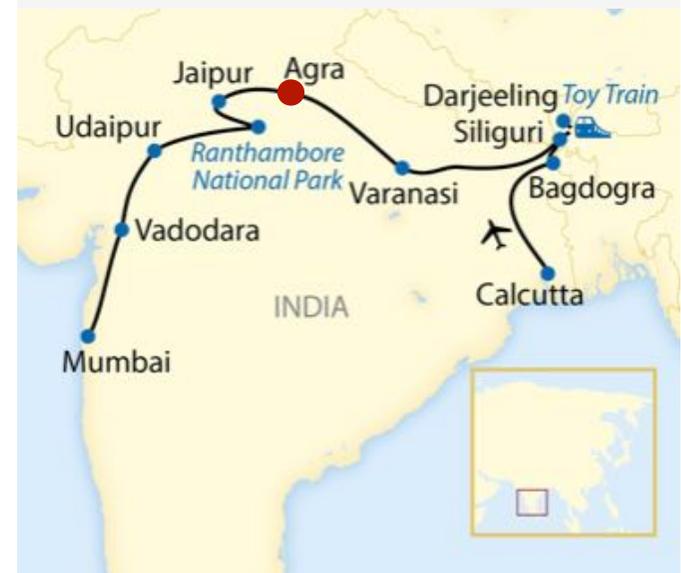
The Mughal ruler Shah Jahan had the structure built entirely of white marble in memory of his late favorite wife Mumtaz Mahal. Precious inlays made of sparkling semi-precious stones are reflected in deep blue basins.

Then you have the chance to admire the Red Fort, also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

VARANASI



AGRA



TAJ MAHAL



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 9

### VARANASI

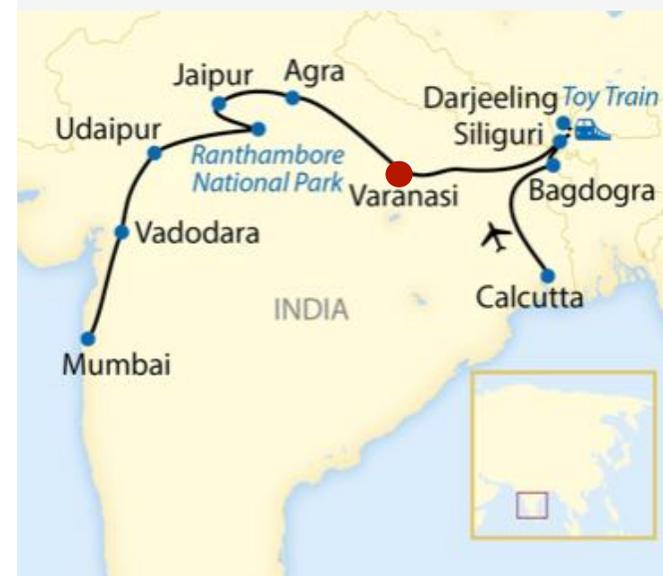
#### SPEND TIME IN THIS FASCINATING HOLY CITY

As the first rays of sun fall on bathing ghats and temples on the banks of the Ganges, take boats on the holy river. You rub your eyes in amazement: Is that a mirage, a film set or is it reality?

Pilgrims cleanse themselves from sins in the murky waters, yogis meditate, mourners scatter ashes. On a stroll through the narrow streets of the old town, you will pass the famous Vishvanath Temple. In the evening you will witness the Aarti ceremony, when pilgrims and priests conjure up the sacred Ganges with flickering oil lamps - simply magical!

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 10

### SILIGURI

#### TAKE THE TOY TRAIN UP TO DARJEELING

You arrive at Siliguri station, where you bid farewell to the legendary Deccan Odyssey and its crew. Overland drive to Kurseong. A unique experience awaits you: the ride on India's famous Toy Train up to Darjeeling in the Himalaya. You drive approx. 30 km on the route built by the British in 1879 - 1881, which overcomes a difference in altitude of over 2,000 m over a total length of 86 km and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Gentle hills covered with red blooming rhododendrons, white magnolias and bright green tea gardens nestle against snow-capped mountain giants. What a spectacle! 554 bridges and a single short tunnel on the entire route.

You will spend the next two nights in a comfortable hotel with an enchanting flair.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT

### MAYFAIR DARJEELING



High in the mountains, this sophisticated hotel and Spa has rooms featuring traditional wood furnishings and fireplaces.



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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 11

### DARJEELING

#### THE VIEW FROM TIGER HILL & VIBRANT GOOM MONASTERY

In the morning, you drive up the Tiger Hill with an unforgettable view of Kanchenjunga, the third highest mountain in the world. When the weather is clear, you can even see Mount Everest from here!

Pure harmony awaits you in the brightly colored Goom Monastery. Back in Darjeeling, stroll past colonial mansions and follow the ups and downs of Mount Everest summiteers at the Mountaineering Institute.

Afterwards, spices, tea and incense sticks lure you to shop in the mall.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## KOLKATA



## TOY TRAIN



## TIGER HILL



# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 12

### BAGDOGRA

#### REACH KOLKATA ON THE BAY OF BENGAL

A short flight takes you from Bagdogra in the northern part of West Bengal to Kolkata.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT

### TAJ BENGAL HOTEL



This upmarket hotel in the downtown area has Mediterranean, Indian and Chinese eateries. There's also a bar, a spa and an outdoor pool.



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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 13

### KOLKATA

#### CITY TOUR OF THIS MAJOR INDIAN CITY WITH A BRITISH PAST

Today you will get to know more facets of Kolkata. You will explore Bengal's exciting metropolis, a city with countless facets between colourful chaos and deep spiritual beauty. Kolkata is the centre of Indian intellectuals and the artistic avant-garde. Capital of British India until 1911, the huge white marble Victoria Memorial is the pride of the city.

Other magnificent colonial buildings at the BBD Bag and St. Paul's Cathedral also bear witness to this. The blooming gardens of the colourful Jain temple are an oasis of calm. You will visit the mother house and learn about the religious work of Mother Teresa, whose tomb you will also visit.

Experience the silhouette of the metropolis from a completely different perspective: during a boat trip on the Hugli, an estuary in the western Ganges delta.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner.

## OVERNIGHT

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## DAY 14

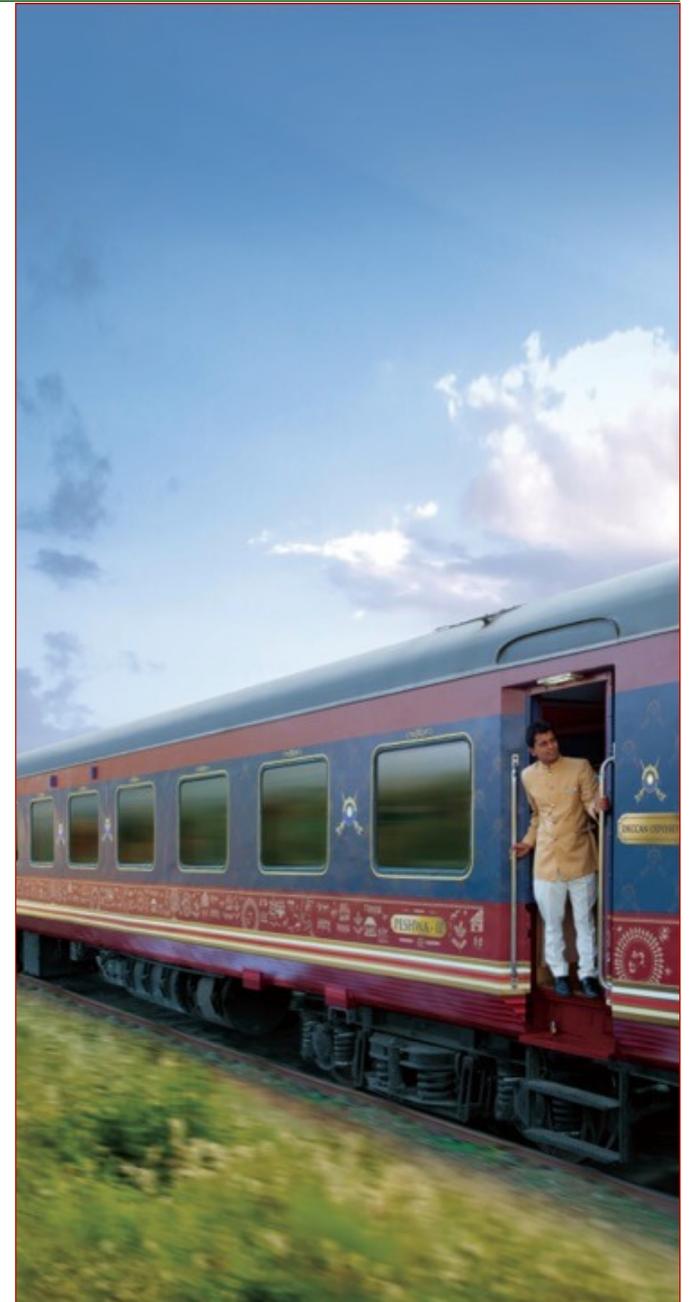
### END OF TOUR

#### GOODBYE TO INDIA & ON TO YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!

You will be transferred to the airport to begin your journey home.

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 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



# 2027

## MUMBAI TO KOLKATA DATES & PRICES PER PERSON IN GBP

**\* All Dates Subject To Availability - Many Trips Sell Out Long In Advance \***

Starts in Mumbai 4th February 2027 & finishes in Kolkata on the 17th February 2027

CABIN	SUPERIOR	DELUXE	SUITE
TWIN	£ 9,690	£ 10,400	£ 15,090
SINGLE	£ 16,130	£ 17,200	£ POA

\* The published prices for this tour are as listed above in GB Pounds . However, we can quote and accept payment in US Dollars, Euros, Singaporean Dollars, Australian Dollars, Canadian Dollars and more. [Contact us](#) for a confirmed quote in your preferred currency.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The tour may be cancelled if the minimum number of participants required for a trip is not met. It is rare this happens and if it does you will be offered a date / trip change or refund of the deposit (any decision is taken outside 60 days before the trip start date). Note there may be no refund for additional services such as flights or other travel arrangements you have made separately.
- We require all clients to take out travel / trip cancellation and to have valid medical insurance for all our trips.
- Due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes are sometimes unavoidable.
- On booking a non-refundable deposit of 15% plus any international flights we are booking for you. Full payment is required 90 days before the trip start date.
- International flights, beverages not included, visa fees and any services not mentioned are not included in the price.
- **Cancellation Terms:**  
Up to 92 days prior to departure: 15% of total price  
Between 91 and 42 days prior to departure: 45% of total price  
Between 41 and 11 days prior to departure: 80% of total price  
10 and less days prior to departure/no-show: 90% of total price  
Any part of the program that is missed because of late arrival is non-refundable.

# DECCAN ODYSSEY TRAIN INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

## TOUR DESCRIPTION

India's unique blend of history, culture and scenery have intoxicated western travellers for centuries.

It's no wonder: life on the subcontinent is more vibrant and colourful than almost anywhere else on the planet, something that's as true today as when the East India Company set up its first outposts in the 17th Century. Now booming, modern India is able to enjoy success without abandoning its rich and varied past: the country's history dates back over 5,000 years, blessing it with an amazing array of monuments, ruins, temples and cities.

With sights ranging from the Amber Fort and Varanasi to the incomparable Taj Mahal, this extraordinary country is one of the most rewarding destinations open to a traveller today. The railway arrived in India in 1853, and the country now has one of the world's biggest and busiest railway networks – almost 40,000 miles in all. It is said that trains created modern India more than anything else. What's certain is that today's India couldn't exist without it, and that the railway is by far the best way to see the country as it really is. From the warm-heartedness of the people to the scenery and the wonderful sights, a journey through India is something you'll never forget.

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Domestic flight Bagdogra – Kolkata in economy class
- ✓ 7 nights accommodation on the Deccan Odyssey luxury train
- ✓ 6 nights in comfort and deluxe hotels in Mumbai, Darjeeling and Kolkata
- ✓ Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- ✓ Beverages during meal times on board (soft drinks, water, tea, coffee, local alcoholic drinks but no premium and foreign beverages)
- ✓ Full board on board the Deccan Odyssey train
- ✓ Dance, music and specialty food at Laxmi Vilas Palace in Vadodara
- ✓ Visit the Red Fort in Agra and an Ashram in Udaipur
- ✓ Safari in Ranthambore National Park
- ✓ Train ride on the Toy Train from Kursong to Darjeeling
- ✓ Porter service at the train station
- ✓ Permanent English-speaking tour guide from Mumbai to Kolkata
- ✓ Additional local English-speaking tour guide (maximum group size: 25 guests)
- ✓ Entrance fees for all sightseeing as per itinerary
- ✓ Boat trips in Mumbai, Udaipur, Varanasi and Kolkata

## NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of the trip.
- ✗ Visas - we can advise and partner with [CIBT Visas](#).
- ✗ Travel insurance to cover any medical treatment.
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.

## WHY BOOK THROUGH US ?

### EXPERIENCE ✓

We have been arranging luxury train tours since 2008 and have long relationships with key providers.

### PRICE PROMISE ✓

In most cases we will offer to match any bona fide, like for like quote for your trip from another agent or operator.

### INDEPENDENT ADVICE ✓

We give open and impartial advice and it is important to us that you book the right rail trip for you.

### PEACE OF MIND ✓

We are members of ABTA and most trips are protected by our IPP cover and ATOL bonding.



*"I just wanted to say thank you for organising our wonderful holiday. All went smoothly and we were well taken care of. Thank you for the seamless organisation."*

**Kristopher Forbes**



*"The trip was great. Everything was smooth. This was very important to me as a solo female traveller. I felt safe and secure at all times. It was a well-balanced and organised trip. I really appreciated the effort that went into the trip."*

**Sarah Orozco**



*"You are amazing! Thank you so much for the fast response to my initial email, and the rapid answer to any questions I had, no matter how stupid they were! Your organisation was a great choice for me... I would highly recommend it."*

**Rachael Klein**



*"The booking process was very efficient. We appreciate you answered all our questions and presented a good plan. The trip itself was a wonderful old world Africa experience on the train – loved it."*

**Paige & Hugh Christensen**



*"It was the best trip we've ever taken! It was amazing! I cannot say enough about it. The ease of train travel, and guides were all pleasant surprises."*

**Lawrence & Conner Dudley**



*"We appreciated how easy it was to talk with you on the phone, person-to-person. This was very helpful. It's nice to meet people with similar interests and goals. We thank you and your company for everything you did to create a memorable train experience."*

**Bethany Leblanc**



*"You made booking flights and everything else very simple. You always provided excellent service, and responded to our inquiries promptly. Thanks for your attention to detail towards your customers."*

**Tania & Arthur Lindsey**



*"I can't tell you how much we appreciate all the pre planning you helped us with. Thanks again for all you did for us."*

**Gail & Cathy**

# ABOUT THE DECCAN ODYSSEY TRAIN

To travel aboard the Deccan Odyssey is to experience the finest traditions of rail travel in a train specifically built to cater for the demands of today's most discerning traveller.



# ABOUT THE DECCAN ODYSSEY TRAIN

## ACCOMMODATION

Fully air-conditioned, the Deccan Odyssey offers a choice of Deluxe Class en-suite cabins with either twin or double beds – or Presidential Suites, in which each cabin has a separate sitting room and two bathrooms. All the accommodation is spacious, thanks to the generous proportions of the country's broad gauge railway.

## FOOD & DRINK

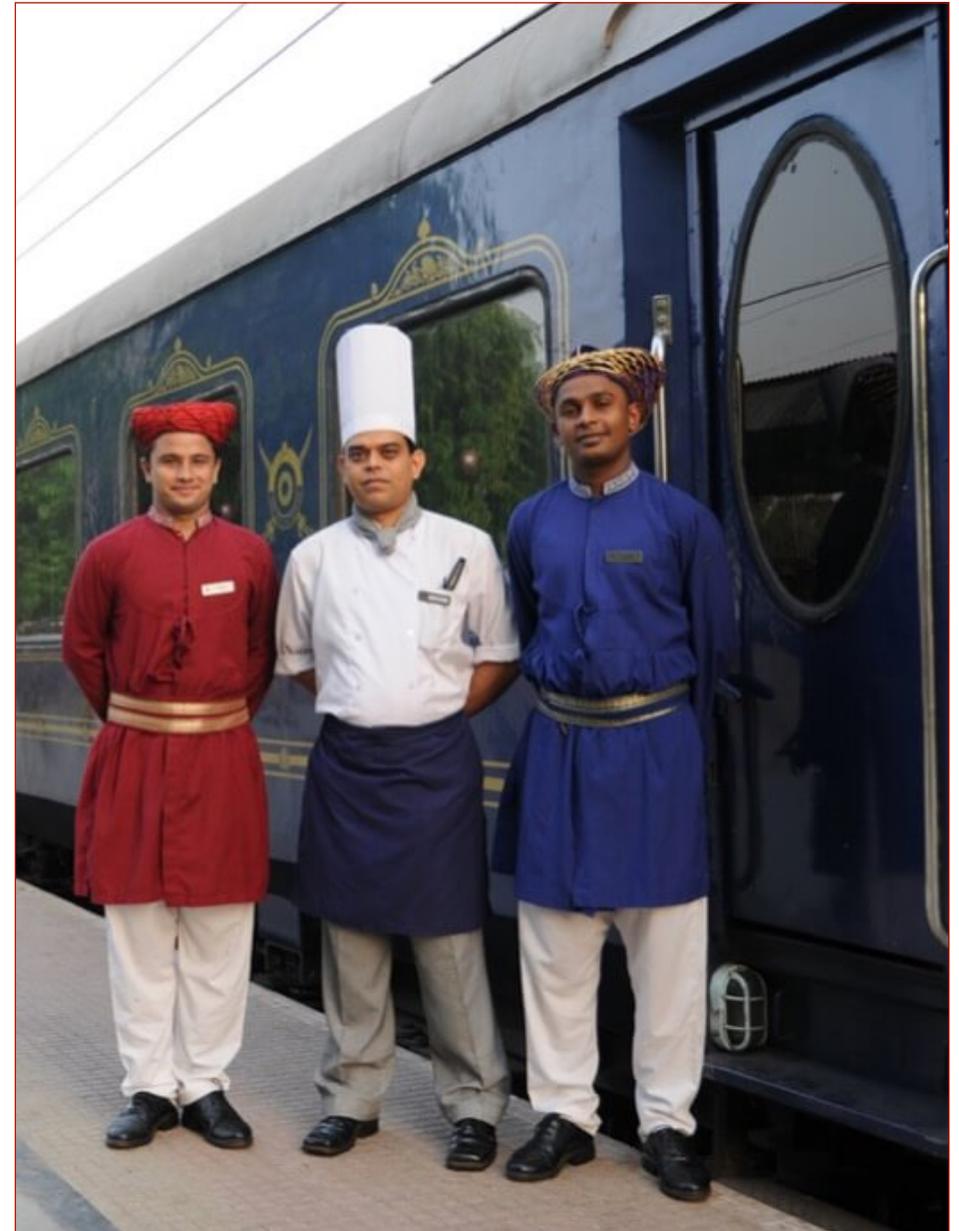
Our train includes two splendid Restaurant Cars, offering a wonderful variety of international cuisine. Prepared and served with the highest attention to detail, the Indian and international food offered here is to the highest culinary standards. Traditionally decorated, these beautifully designed cars offer a superb and relaxed setting in which to enjoy your meals and watch India's remarkable scenery unfold.

Another highlight is the splendidly appointed Lounge Car, which includes a well-stocked bar offering the perfect surroundings for a quiet drink with your fellow passengers.

## RELAX ON BOARD

There is a dedicated Spa Car where passengers can enjoy a traditional Ayurvedic massage, enjoy the heat of the sauna, visit the on board hairdressing salon, or for those with a more energetic disposition work out in the gym while the train is underway.

Alternatively, you can relax in the Reception Car which has a library and reading area, a fully-equipped business centre and a large plasma screen.



# PRESIDENTIAL SUITES



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# PRESIDENTIAL SUITES

Presidential Suite guests will also benefit from a private guide and chauffeured car service in many of the destinations we visit, plus the inclusion of drinks from the Bar Lounge Car, a laundry service and room upgrades at hotels featured in the itinerary.

- **Cabin Area:** 205 sqft / 19 sq m
  - **Cabin Length:** 16ft 6in
  - **Cabin Width:** 7ft 7in
  - **Bed Length (Double):** 6ft 8in
  - **Bed Width (Double):** 5ft
  - **Bed Length (Sofa):** 6ft 8in
  - **Bed Width (Sofa):** 2ft 6in
  - **Cabins per car:** 2
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- Sleeps 2-3
  - Double bedroom
  - Separate lounge / seating area with writing desk
  - Additional sofa bed available in lounge
  - 2 en-suite bathrooms with separate shower
  - Air-conditioned throughout
  - DVD player and television screen
  - Hairdryer
  - Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin



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# DELUXE CLASS

- **Cabin Area:** 95sqft / 9 sq m
- **Cabin Length:** 9ft 4in
- **Cabin Width:** 7ft 7in
- **Each Bed Length:** 205cm
- **Each Bed Width:** 85cm
- **Cabins per car:** 4
  
- Sleeps 2
- Twin bed (2 singles)
- En-suite bathroom with separate shower
- Air-conditioned throughout
- Hairdryer
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin



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# SUPERIOR CLASS

- **Cabin Area:** 95sqft / 9 sq m
- **Cabin Length:** 9ft 4in
- **Cabin Width:** 7ft 7in
- **Bed Length:** 6ft 8in (205 cm)
- **Bed Width:** 5ft (150 cm)
- **Cabins per car:** 4
  
- Sleeps 2
- Double bedroom
- En-suite bathroom with separate shower
- Air-conditioned throughout
- Hairdryer
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin



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# USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TOUR

## HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK ?

This train tour is an exclusive trip with very limited departures through the year. Consequently we strongly advise our clients to book as far in advance as possible to avoid disappointment.

## CAN YOU OBTAIN & ADVISE ON THE VISAS FOR US ?

Visas (if required) can be quite complex so we recommend using a specialist visa agent and have an arrangement with [CIBT Visas](#) who offer a reliable service for all the visas you will need for your trip. Of course, we provide all the necessary documentation which must accompany your application.

## ARE YOUR TOURS FINANCIALLY PROTECTED ?

Yes! All our trips come with financial protection either through our ATOL if the trip includes a flight or insurances which comply with the UK package travel regulations for any trip that does not include a flight. In addition our ABTA membership means we must adhere to their strict code of conduct.

## CAN YOU BOOK FURTHER TRAVEL FOR US ?

Yes! We can offer extensions to further explore India and South Asia at either end of the trip. Just ask us for details.

## EXPERIENCED TOUR MANAGERS

Our experienced tour managers and their assistants are selected for their travel knowledge and their linguistic and organisational abilities allowing you to relax and enjoy your rail cruise.

## HOTEL & TRAIN ACCOMMODATION

Although you will spend much of your time sightseeing or relaxing in the train's public areas, you will find your hotel room or cabin a welcome retreat at the end of a rewarding day.

## BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

All departures feature one or two uniquely designed restaurant cars where you can enjoy the excellent waiter-served food. Several times during the tour we will also sample authentic local cuisine off-the train.

## ONBOARD SERVICE

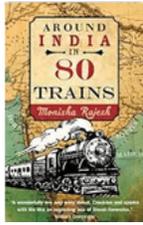
You can expect service which is attentive, friendly and unintrusive. Your car attendants provide 24-hour housekeeping and bedding turndown services, with one attendant always on duty to assist you and to ensure you are comfortable in your cabin. Complimentary tea, coffee and bottle drinking water are available in your cabin 24 hours a day.

## GUIDE DURING EXCURSIONS

The history and culture of the places we visit on our rail cruises will come alive through our expert local guides. All our tours include a wide-ranging sightseeing schedule to make the most of the time you have off the train and bring you closer to the culture, people and history of your destinations.

## PORTERAGE

Your luggage and belongings will stay with you on the train throughout the journey but, wherever necessary, portage is included between the hotel and stations.



## AROUND INDIA IN 80 TRAINS

MONISHA RAJESH

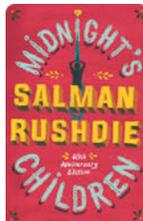
Monisha is a British journalist with Indian heritage who doesn't gloss over some of the more gnarly aspects of her journey across India on 80 trains. The people she meets along the way are the stars of this story.



## SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

VIKAS SWARUP

The book that inspired Danny Boyle's blockbuster movie is imaginatively written with cracking pace and superb structure. Fans of 'Slumdog' will be pleasantly surprised by some differences in the book but may be sadly disappointed by others. Read it and see for yourself!



## MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN

SALMON RUSHDIE

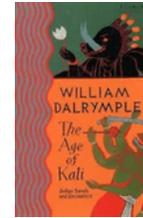
Midnight's Children chronicles the birth of modern India through the life of Saleem Sinai, born on the day of her independence. Unusual gifts connect all of 'Midnight's children' to telepathic Saleem, and the ups and downs of these special children's lives are reflected in the political turmoil of India.



## THE WHITE TIGER

ARAVIND ADIGA

This is about Balram Halwai – a servant, philosopher, entrepreneur and murderer. Balram takes career progression to a whole new level. It's sharp and witty look at Indian culture that is laugh out loud funny in places and disturbingly scary in others.



## THE AGE OF KALI

WILLIAM DALRYMPLE

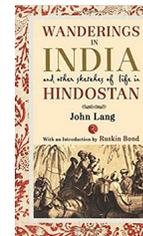
The title of this book alludes to one of the stages the world goes through as part of a cycle in Hinduism. The author also met writer Shobhaa De in Mumbai and spoke to her about her depiction of socialites in the maximum city.



## BUTTER CHICKEN IN LUDHIANA

PANKAJ MISHRA

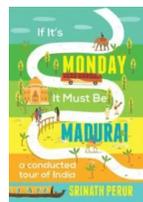
Just like the name of the book, its entire narrative is full of quirky characters which the author encounters during his extensive travel through small towns in India. Mishra had several experiences of awe and intrigue while exploring places such as Mandi, Pushkar, Kottayam, and Murshidabad.



## WANDERINGS IN INDIA

JOHN LANG

Lang's travelogue gives a fantastic account of India during the colonial times and the many lifestyle habits of the British. If you are to explore the colonial architecture of India in its various hill stations and cities now, it is best to carry this book which might transport you back to a bygone era with all its eccentricities.



## IF IT'S MONDAY IT MUST BE MADURAI

SRINATH PERUR

Author Srinath Perur packages the popular Indian travel experiences by undertaking it with strangers through ten conducted tours. A quirky account of his journeys, the book is vivid and engaging.