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INo10 Ultimate India – in Style 14Days

Your “Taste of Volunteering” Project: Repairs & Renovations, Teaching English



Your Volunteer Project will be one of the following:
- with a charity associated with Tear Fund where you will be working in impoverished areas, helping renovate and beautify the slums, thus vastly improving sanitation and living conditions; or
- with a charity dedicated to improving the lives of India’s poorest children - where you will help teach, or renovate the buildings, and generally help relieve the permanent teachers’ workloads.



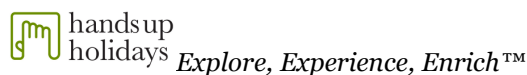
Trip Highlights:

- Volunteering with some of Delhi’s neediest – yet loveliest – people
- Delhi’s Gandhi Memorial, temples, Parliament and oriental bazaar
- The monument to love: the Taj Mahal
- The “pink city” of Jaipur, with its jewellery and textile bazaars, Maharajah Palace and rickshaw ride
- The deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri
- Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
- Ultimate luxury throughout

How this Trip Makes a Difference to Local Communities

This trip uses local guides throughout - including your group leader.

You will eat in locally run and owned restaurants – the food is superb!



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Your adventure includes 4 days volunteering in Delhi, with:

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A minimum of 10% of our profits goes straight into funding our Volunteer Project partners. All costs of materials and administration are included in the trip price.

How this Trip Makes a Difference to the Environment

All our trips are 100% carbon neutral – meaning that even if you don't book your flights through us, we will pay for the equivalent number of trees to be planted to cancel the CO2 emissions from the flights.

Trip Summary:

Your adventure begins with a tour of the vibrant city of Delhi, taking in such sights as Gandhi's memorial, Parliament, Old Delhi and its oriental bazaar. After two days of this, we move straight into your Volunteer Project on Day 3, going through to Day 6. This is likely to be a highlight of your stay, as you get to interact in a meaningful way and make a positive difference in an impoverished community.

Your accommodation is in a luxurious hotel throughout, including during your volunteering. You will thus experience two extremes of India.

On Day 7 we travel to Chambal Lodge - an oasis of calm and tranquillity nestling in the midst of a sprawling 35 acre heritage plantation, surrounded by farmland. The plantation is part of a much larger area that was used by the Zamindars (feudal Chieftains) of Jarar to conduct their annual cattle fair (Mela). After decades of neglect, the Mela Kothi and its grounds have now been lovingly restored.

Accompanied by experienced local guides and naturalists, the Chambal Safari helps you explore the Chambal Valley at your own pace; on boats, camels, jeeps or on foot.

The calm and gentle Chambal of the winter is a raging beast in the monsoon months. The monsoon waters eventually recede to expose dazzling white sands. The Chambal Safari Base Camp is set up every season on one of these beautiful river beaches. The Chambal Safari motorboats are stationed at the base camp, from where the river safaris commence. The base camp is also the starting point for the nature walks, as well as the camel and jeep safaris.

After two absorbing days at Chambal Lodge, our next stop is Agra, the ancient capital of India, and the famed monument to love - the Taj Mahal - described as the most beautiful building ever constructed. We also visit the impressive Agra Fort. Your accommodation is in one of India's finest hotels, with superb views of the Taj Mahal.

On Day 10 we travel to the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri and on to Ranthambore Tiger Reserve. Here we go in search of the spectacular, endangered Bengal tiger, as well as the ever-elusive leopard. Your accommodation is in a fabulous luxury tent, cottage or room, with a strong commitment to sustainable development.

After an afternoon and a morning game drive in Ranthambore, the 'pink city' of Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, is our next stop, where you can stroll through the many jewellery and textile bazaars. We include a visit by elephant-ride to the nearby fort palace of Amber, which was the ancient capital of the Jaipur state. We also explore the Maharajah's City Palace, and museum. We finish the day with a rickshaw ride through Jaipur's colourful markets. Your accommodation in Jaipur is in a luxury fort.

If you choose Extension Trip 1 or 2 to explore Rajasthan more fully, you will commence this from Jaipur, but if not, you will return to Delhi on Day 13, where you can extend your adventure into Goa, Varanasi, Kerala, or Nepal if you wish.

If not, your trip will end on Day 14 with a transfer to the airport in Delhi in time for your onward flight.

Detailed Trip Description:

Day 01 Arrive Delhi

You are met upon arrival at the airport by your local English speaking guide who transfers you to your luxury hotel. You have the rest of the day at your leisure. In



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Chambal wildlife. The River Safari is a most relaxing, enjoyable and special experience.

The villages around the Chambal Safari Lodge provide an interesting insight into rural India. One can still find a potter at his wheel making earthen ware kullars (cups), a cobbler using the simplest implements to fashion and repair a most interesting variety of leather items, and shops selling all manner of goods from jaggery blocks to hand-woven quilts. The Chambal Safari organises short village walks allowing access to all this and more.

The National Chambal Sanctuary is one of the last surviving habitats of the Gangetic River Dolphin. In addition, it provides protection for 1200 gharials and 300 marsh crocodiles, is home to eight species of turtles, smooth coated otters, and the sanctuary boasts of a rapidly increasing and impressive bird list of over 311 species of resident and migratory birds and is gaining a reputation as one of the most reliable places to see the Indian skimmer.

You will have two nights here, in cosy, eco-friendly accommodation. The Chambal Safari lodge offers a total of ten rooms. There are eight independent en-suite cottages with private verandas in the woodland around the restored Mela Kothi. The twin bedded en-suite rooms are comfortable, colourful, airy and spacious. Large windows allow fresh air and natural light into the rooms whilst the sloping roofs with canopies add warmth and charm. (B,L,D)

Day 09 Agra (Taj Mahal)

This morning we depart in a private transfer to Agra, and check in to our luxury hotel. In the afternoon, we have a sightseeing tour of Agra; we visit the world famous Taj Mahal built by Shah Jahan in 1630 for his queen Mumtaz Mahal to enshrine her mortal remains.

This architectural marvel is a perfectly proportioned masterpiece fashioned from white marble that stands testimony to the skill of 20,000 craftsmen brought together from Persia, Turkey, France and Italy who took 17 years to complete this 'Love Poem in Marble'.

Afterwards we enjoy a 'tonga' (horse-drawn cart) ride to the Taj entrance gate.

Accommodation is in the finest hotel in Agra, if not in India, with views of the Taj Mahal. In the evening you get to have dinner with an Indian family, and gain additional insights into the Indian way of life. (B,D)



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Day 10 Agra-Ranthambore (200 Kms)

In the morning we depart by private vehicle for Ranthambore and *en route* we visit Fatehpur Sikri. Located 40 Km from Agra, the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri was built by Emperor Akbar in 1569, in honour of the great Saint Sheikh Salim Chisti who blessed Akbar and prophesised the birth of three sons to the heirless Emperor.

Akbar used Fatehpur Sikri as his capital and the city was fully occupied for 14 years but slowly became deserted and ruined after Akbar left the city. Scarcity of water was the prime factor for the abandonment of this beautiful city. We visit the remarkably well-preserved, graceful buildings within the 'Ghost City' including the Jama Masjid, tomb of Salim Chisti, Panch Mahal Palace and other palaces that speak of the grandeur and splendour of the Mughal empire at the height of its power.

On arrival in Ranthambore we check-in at the hotel, and have an afternoon game drive in Ranthambore National Park. Accommodation is in a luxury tent, cottage or room. (B)

Day 11 Ranthambore-Jaipur (111 Kms)

You are awoken early for a morning jeep ride in Ranthambore National Park. Rajasthan's premier tiger reserve holds dry deciduous forest, an ideal terrain for the tiger. Ranthambore's forests are inhabited by a variety of other wildlife which include the leopard, porcupine, rhesus monkeys and langur. After checking out of the hotel, we depart for Jaipur.

Your accommodation is in a 5* palace fort on the outskirts of Jaipur. (B)

Day 12 In Jaipur

After breakfast we have a morning excursion to Amber fort - a classic, romantic Rajasthani Fort Palace. The rugged, time-ravaged walls of the Fort may not look beautiful from the outside, but the interior is a virtual paradise. Miniatures painted on the walls depict hunting and war scenes, and precious stones and mirrors are embedded into the plaster.

A major attraction at Amber is the elephant ride all the way up to the fort entrance. This journey is bound to give you better insights into the royal lifestyle



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of the Maharajas and leave you with a truly unforgettable experience. Inside the fort a highlight is the 'Jag Mandir' or the Hall of Victory.

Inside the Jag Mandir is the famed Sheesh Mahal - a room with all the four walls and ceiling completely embedded with glittering mirror pieces, which were specially imported from Belgium during that period. *En route* to Amber Fort, you have a brief photography stop at Hawa Mahal - the Palace of Winds.

In the afternoon, we have a sightseeing tour of Jaipur, the 'Pink City'. The city tour begins with a visit to the Maharaja's City Palace, the former Royal residence, part of it now converted into a museum. A small portion is still used by the Royal family of Jaipur.

Built in the style of a fortified campus, the palace covers almost one-seventh of the city's area. One of the major attractions in the museum is the portion known as Armoury Museum housing an impressive array of weaponry-pistols, blunderbusses, flintlocks, swords, rifles and daggers. The Royal families of Jaipur once used most of these weapons.

We then visit the Jantar Mantar, which is the largest stone and marble crafted observatory in the world. Situated near the gate of the city palace, the observatory has 17 large instruments, many of them still in working condition. We finish with a rickshaw ride through the colourful market of Jaipur.

Overnight at your luxury fort. (B)

Day 13 **Jaipur-Delhi**

After breakfast we transfer back to Delhi. On arrival, we check-in at our hotel.

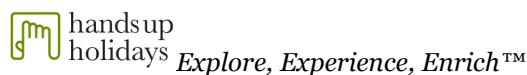
Accommodation is in the same 5* hotel as earlier. We finish with a 'farewell dinner' at a restaurant. (B,D)

Day 14 **Leave Delhi**

We transfer you to the airport to connect with your flight. Trip ends. (B)

Day by Day Itinerary:

Day 1:	Arrive in Delhi	(D)
Day 2:	Delhi City Tour	(B)
Day 3-6:	Delhi – Volunteer Project	(B)
Day 7:	Transfer to Chambal Lodge	(B,L,D)



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Day 8:	Chambal Lodge	(B,L,D)
Day 9:	Transfer to Agra and Taj Mahal	(B,D)
Day 10:	Transfer to Ranthambore Tiger Reserve	(B)
Day 11:	Morning game drive; Transfer to Jaipur	(B)
Day 12:	Jaipur tour	(B)
Day 13:	Jaipur; Transfer to Delhi (or Rajasthan Extensions begin)	(B,D)
Day 14:	Delhi; Trip ends	(B)

Comfort Level: 5+/5

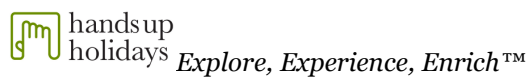
Accommodation is in a luxury 5* heritage hotel in Delhi (7 nights), boutique eco-lodge in Chambal (2 nights), a luxury tent/cottage/room in Ranthambore (1 night), 5* hotel in Agra (1 night) and Jaipur (2 nights).

Activity Level: 2/5

Min. Travellers per Group: 2

Max. Travellers per Group: 6

Police Check Required? Yes



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