



2026 Indian Splendor Tour Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVALS

10 APRIL 2026

Today you arrive at Delhi International Airport. On arrival you'll be greeted with a Traditional Indian Welcome by a Contes Asia representative and provided escorted transfer to The Imperial Hotel. You'll meet the Contes Asia representative just outside Terminal 3 near Gate Number 5. They'll be holding a VACAYA-logo'd placard with your name. If you can't find the representative, simply call:

- Mr. Mudassir (Airport & Hotel): +91 9511312203
- Mr. Haseeb (Office): +91 9887240444

Accommodation: The Imperial Hotel

Hotel Address: Janpath Ln, Janpath, Connaught Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110001, India

Hotel Phone Number: +91 11 4150 1234

Hotel Check-In Time: 2pm

Meals: On Your Own

DAY 2: DELHI CITY TOUR

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After breakfast, meet at the hotel lobby/reception at 8:30am. Today's sightseeing tour will include New & Old Delhi, with visits to the Humanyun Tomb, Lotus Temple, and Qutab Minar. Our queer destination expert will tell the beautiful culture and history of the Indian capital. In the afternoon, we'll take you to one of Delhi's most famous luxury restaurants, and while lunch *isn't* included, you'll have a wonderful selection of Indian delicacies to choose from on the restaurant's a la carte menu. After lunch, we'll drive past important government buildings like India Gate, Parliament House of India, the President's Palace, and the Diplomatic Area.

Accommodation: The Imperial Hotel

Included Breakfast: 7:30-10am

Tour Start Time: 9am

Tour Meeting Place: Hotel Lobby/Reception

Dinner Party at Imperial Garden: 7:30-11pm

DAY 3: DAY OF LEISURE

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Today is a day of leisure before we board Maharajas' Express tomorrow.

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In the evening, we'll take you to Baluchi Restaurant in The Lalit Hotel for a fabulous group dinner.

Note: If anyone is interested in shopping in New Delhi, a bus can be arranged to take you to a safe area where you can enjoy one-stop shopping without worry. Please let our Contes Asia reps know the day before so they can arrange for bus transportation for all interested Vacayans.

Accommodation: The Imperial Hotel
Included Breakfast: 7:30-10am
Dinner Party at Baluchi Restaurant: 7-11pm
Dinner Meeting Time: 6:30pm
Dinner Meeting Location: Hotel Lobby / Reception

Outbound Shopping Bus Meeting Time: 11:45am for a 12pm Departure
Outbound Shopping Bus Meeting Place: Hotel Lobby / Reception
Return Shopping Bus Time: 4pm
Return Shopping Bus Meeting Place: Pick-up location will be pointed out at drop-off.

DAY 4: BOARD MAHARAJAS' EXPRESS! 13 APRIL 2026

Our day starts early today, but we hope you'll have had a great night of sleep in our final night at The Imperial Hotel. This morning, our Contes Asia representatives will escort us to the Delhi train station where we'll board Maharajas' Express for our 6-night mesmerizing journey through Indian culture and traditions.

- 5am Meet in the Hotel Lobby / Reception with your bags. If you'd like assistance with your luggage, please arrange with the porters before retiring.
- 6am Arrive at Delhi Safdurjung Railway Station
- 6:15am Welcome and Check-in at Maharajas' Express
- 7:30am Breakfast on board and Maharajas' Express proceeds to Agra
- 11:30am Tour briefing on board
- 12:30pm Lunch on board
- 2:30pm Train Arrives in Agra
- 3pm Taj Mahal Visit
- 6:30pm Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express. You may relax on board or choose optional activities available to you once on board
- 7:30pm Dinner on board
- Overnight in Agra

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DAY 5: AGRA – RANTHAMBORE

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Visit the Agra Fort. Return to the train for breakfast as it proceeds to Sawai Madhopur. Lunch will be served on board. Enjoy a Safari at the Ranthambore National Park. Dinner will be served on board as the train proceeds to Jaipur.

- 6am Visit Agra Fort
- 8:10am Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express. Breakfast on board and Maharajas' Express proceeds to Ranthambore
- 1pm Lunch on board
- 2:30pm Proceed for an exciting game drive at Ranthambore National Park
- 5:30pm Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express
- 6pm Maharajas' Express proceeds to Jaipur
- 7:30pm Dinner on board

DAY 6: JAIPUR

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After breakfast on board, disembark to visit the Amber Fort. Return to the train for lunch. Enjoy dinner at an exclusive venue. Return to the train as it proceeds to Bikaner.

- 4am Maharajas' Express arrives in Jaipur
- 7am Breakfast on board
- 8:15am Visit Amber Fort
- 1pm Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express
- 1:30pm Lunch on board
- 6pm Proceed to Dinner at Hotel Rambagh Palace
- 10pm Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express
- 11pm Maharajas' Express proceeds to Bikaner

DAY 7: BIKANER

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After a leisurely breakfast and lunch on board, visit the Junagarh Fort followed by an exclusive barbecue evening on the sand dunes. Train proceeds to Jodhpur.

- 6:45am Arrives into Bikaner
- 8am Breakfast on board
- 9:30am Relax on board

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- 1pm Lunch on board
- 2:30pm Visit Junagarh Fort
- 5:30pm Arrive at the Sand Dunes followed by cocktails and dinner
- 8:30pm Return to the comforts of the Maharajas' Express
- 9:30pm Train leaves for Jodhpur

DAY 8: JODHPUR

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Breakfast and lunch on board. Morning at leisure. Post lunch, visit the Mehrangarh Fort and a Walking Tour of the Old Clock Tower Market, followed by dinner at an exclusive venue. Train proceeds to Udaipur.

- 8am Arrive into Jodhpur
- 8am Breakfast on board
- 9am Relax on board
- 1pm Lunch on board
- 2:30pm Visit the Mehrangarh Fort, followed by a Tuk Tuk ride and walking tour of the Old Clock Tower Market
- 5:30pm Dinner at Khaas Bagh
- 8:30pm Return to the comforts of the Maharajas' Express
- 9:30pm Maharajas' Express proceeds to Udaipur

DAY 9: UDAIPUR

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After breakfast on board proceed for a boat ride on Lake Pichola and visit the City Palace. Lunch at an exclusive venue. Dinner will be served on board as the train proceeds to Mumbai.

- 8am Breakfast on board
- 10am Arrive into Udaipur. Boat ride on Lake Pichola followed by a visit to City Palace and Crystal Gallery.
- 1:30pm Lunch at Satkar Hall of Hotel Fateh Prakash Palace
- 3pm Return to the comforts of Maharajas' Express. Relax on board.
- 7:30pm Enjoy an Indian Evening on board followed by dinner
- 9:20pm Maharajas' Express proceeds to Mumbai

DAY 10: ARRIVE IN MUMBAI

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Breakfast and Lunch on board as train arrives into Mumbai. Disembark.

- 8am Enjoy the Indian countryside while having breakfast on board
- 1:30pm Lunch on board
- 4:20pm Maharajas' Express arrives into Mumbai (CSMT)

On arrival into Mumbai, the Contes Asia team will greet us at the station and escort us to The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel.

Accommodation: The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel

Hotel Address: Apollo Bandar, Colaba, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400001, India

Hotel Phone Number: +91 22 6665 3366

Farewell Dinner Party at Taj Mahal Palace Garden: 7:30-11pm

DAY 12: DEPARTURES

20 APRIL 2026

It's recommended you allow three hours for check-in at Mumbai International Airport and it takes up to one hour to go from The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel to BOM. Therefore, your transfer to Mumbai International Airport will take place four hours before your scheduled flight.

Please meet our Contes Asia representative in the lobby four hours before your scheduled flight for your transfer.

Included Breakfast: 7:30-10am

Hotel Check-Out Time: 11am

Meeting Place for Airport Transfer: Hotel Lobby / Reception

Please note that our schedule is subject to change at any time, but we'll communicate any updates with you as quickly as possible. To make sure you never miss important information, we'll also be using a dedicated group WhatsApp channel for real-time communication throughout the experience. We strongly encourage you to join that group and check in regularly so you remain fully "in the know" about any schedule adjustments, meeting points, or other timely updates.

WhatsApp Invite Link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FiUXpAt3f1eAB24sgGUBKI?mode=hqcthdi>

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SRI LANKA ITINERARY

(for those who purchased our Post-Event Add-On)

Day 1: Arrival in Sri Lanka – Transfer to Waikkala (approximately 45 minutes)

20 April 2026

A warm Sri Lankan welcome awaits you upon arrival at Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) in Katunayake. Our personal guide will meet us at the arrival lounge and provide a brief orientation about the journey ahead.

From there, we'll take a short drive to Waikkala, a charming coastal town located next to Negombo, ideal for a relaxing start to your Sri Lankan experience. Upon arrival, check in at Wattura Resort & Spa and spend the rest of the day at leisure, relaxing and enjoying the tranquil surroundings after your flight.

Accommodation: Wattura Resort & Spa in Waikkala

Hotel Address: 1271 Kammala South Road, Waikkala

Hotel Phone Number: +94 317 857 857

Hotel Check-In Time: 2pm

Included Breakfast at The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel Mumbai: 7:30-10am

Lunch & Dinner: On Your Own

Day 2: Negombo to Sigiriya (approximately 3.5 hours)

21 April 2026

After breakfast, meet our guide at 8am at the Hotel Lobby and set off on a scenic journey to Sigiriya, located in the heart of the Sri Lanka Cultural Triangle. En route, we'll take you to a restaurant in Dambulla for lunch, and while lunch *isn't* included, you'll enjoy a host of Sri Lankan delicacies from the restaurant's a la carte menu. After lunch, we'll continue our journey to Sigiriya. Upon arrival, check in to the resort and unwind amidst serene natural surroundings.

Afternoon – Exclusive Minneriya Jeep Safari

At approximately 2:45pm, embark on an exclusive private jeep safari through Minneriya National Park, one of Sri Lanka's premier wildlife destinations. The park is most famous for its spectacular elephant gathering. This incredible sight is regarded as one of the largest gatherings of Asian elephants in the world. After the safari, return to the hotel to relax and reflect on an unforgettable afternoon amid Sri Lanka's untamed wilderness.

Accommodation: Water Garden Resort

Hotel Address: Indigaswewa, Sigiriya 21120, Sri Lanka

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Hotel Phone Number: +94 664 933 000

Included Breakfast at Wattura Resort (before departure to Water Garden Resort): 6-10am

Included Dinner at Water Garden Resort: 6:30-10pm

Day 3: Explore Rock Fortress, Village Life & Ancient Capital Exploration

22 April 2026

Get a great night's sleep because Day 3 starts early with a 5:30am ascent of Sigiriya Rock, often hailed as the "Eighth Wonder of the World." This 5th-century UNESCO World Heritage Site, also known as Lion Rock, rises majestically from the plains and was once the fortress-palace of King Kasyapa. Marvel at the ingenious engineering moats, ramparts, the grand lion-paw entrance, and explore the frescoes believed to reflect the ancient Gupta style. Don't miss the Mirror Wall, still etched with poetic graffiti written by visitors over a thousand years ago. At the summit, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views and a powerful sense of Sri Lanka's royal legacy. After our hike, return to the hotel for a relaxing breakfast and refresh.

Late Morning – Hiriwadunna Village Trek & Traditional Sri Lankan Experience

Discover the rhythms of authentic village life with the Hiriwadunna Village Trek, a hands-on, culturally rich experience that supports the local community. Start with a bullock cart ride through picturesque paddy fields. Then, glide across Hiriwadunna Lake on a peaceful catamaran safari, soaking in views of traditional farmlands and village homes. Our morning ends with a home-cooked Sri Lankan lunch, served in rustic village style with an unforgettable taste of local hospitality.

Afternoon – Ancient City of Polonnaruwa Tour

Continue your cultural journey with a guided tour of Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka's medieval capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1982.

From 1017 to 1235 AD, this city flourished with royal palaces, Buddhist temples, and impressive irrigation feats. Walk among the ruins of ancient structures, marvel at the stone carvings, and learn about the kingdom that followed the fall of Anuradhapura. The Gal Vihara statues, carved from solid granite, are a must-see highlight of this archaeological treasure trove. Return to the resort in the evening and relax after a day filled with history, heritage, and cultural immersion.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED OPTIONAL TOUR: A guided bicycle tour, which includes bike and helmet, is available for \$5 USD cash and is an excellent way to explore the vast ruins at a relaxed pace.

Accommodation: Water Garden Resort

Included Breakfast: 6:30-10:30am

Included Farmhouse Lunch: 12-1pm

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Included Dinner at Resort: 6:30-10pm

Day 4: Sigiriya to Kandy – Caves, Culture, & Sacred Relics (approximately 3 hours)

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After breakfast, meet in the Hotel Lobby at 8am to set off on a scenic drive to Kandy, the cultural heart of Sri Lanka. En route, explore iconic heritage sites and local experiences that reflect the island's rich history and traditions:

Cave Temple – A Sacred Wonder

We'll start this day with a visit to the awe-inspiring Dambulla Cave Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dating back to the 1st century BC. This is the largest cave temple complex in Sri Lanka, with 2,000 m² of walls and ceilings adorned in intricate Buddhist murals. Inside, discover over 150 statues of the Buddha, including a magnificent 14-meter-long reclining Buddha carved directly into the rock. A truly spiritual and artistic marvel.

Spice Garden – Matale

Next, stop at a spice garden in Matale, where you'll gain insight into Sri Lanka's centuries-old spice trade. Learn how spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, pepper, and cardamom are grown, harvested, and processed, and discover their culinary and Ayurvedic applications. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant in Matale and enjoy some authentic Sri Lankan cuisine. Continue onward to Kandy, surrounded by misty hills and vibrant markets. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel and take some time to unwind.

Afternoon – Gem Museum, Temple & Scenic Views

In the afternoon, visit a Gem Museum, where you'll learn about Sri Lanka's world-famous gemstones, including sapphires, rubies, and moonstones. Gain insight into traditional mining, cutting, and certification processes. Then, pay a visit to the sacred Temple of the Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa), a UNESCO World Heritage Site that enshrines a revered relic of the Buddha. This temple is not only a spiritual center, but also a symbol of national pride.

Evening – Kandy City Walk & Cultural Dance Show

At 5pm, enjoy a leisurely walk around Kandy's lively city center, exploring colonial buildings, lakeside paths, and local shops. Then, experience the magic of a traditional cultural dance performance, featuring Kandyan drumming, fire dancing, and folk rituals that reflect Sri Lanka's vibrant artistic heritage. Return to the hotel and relax after a day filled with exploration and culture.

Accommodation: Earl's Regency Hotel
Hotel Address: Kundasale 20168, Sri Lanka



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Hotel Phone Number: +94 812 422 122

Included Breakfast at Water Garden Resort (before departure to Earl's Regency): 6:30-10:30am

Lunch is On Your Own in Matale

Included Dinner at Earl's Regency: 7:30-10pm

Day 5: Kandy to Colombo (approximately 4.5 hours) – Departures

24 April 2026

After breakfast at approximately 8am, bid farewell to the hill country as we depart for Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) for your departure flight.

En route to BIA, we'll stop for lunch at a local restaurant where you can enjoy Sri Lankan cuisine for the last time (on your own with an a la carte menu).

Included Breakfast at Earl's Regency Hotel: 6:30-10am