



# Royal Expeditions

**Travel in Style - India, Nepal & Bhutan**

Supporting Culture & Nature Conservation Initiatives



# India Beckons

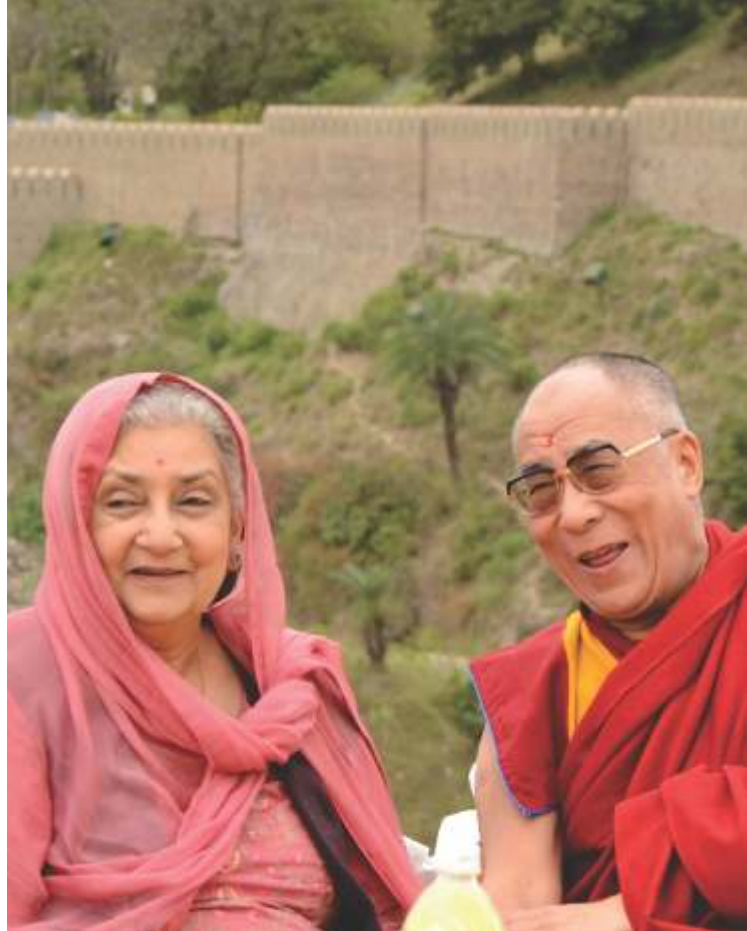
India, motherland of humanity, home to dynasties and empires, forever shaped by invaders and conquerors, has intrigued and inspired poets, artists, builders, musicians and writers for thousands of years.

With her beauty, uniqueness and drama, India has enchanted with her mysterious rhythms, ancient secrets and romantic legends. She has delighted throughout the ages, charming all who dare to explore her brash, chaotic culture and contradictions.

India is a mosaic of Hindu, Buddhist, Mughal, Sikh, Jain and Christian influences... land of temples, shrines, monasteries, and two million deities.

India will overwhelm you with her splendor of architectural wonders, majestic forts and palaces, exotic bazaars, remote villages, modern cities, the Holy Ganges, beaches, snow-peaked mountains, lush jungles, tigers, jewels and textiles. Her peoples will charm you with their curiosity and hospitality.

We invite you to explore and experience India as an insider with Royal Expeditions as your personal travel outfitter. You will find India raw, utterly fascinating, sometimes uncomfortable, deeply spiritual, romantic, historically significant, breathtakingly beautiful and full of surprises.



Chairperson Royal Expeditions Rani Chandresh Kumari with  
H.H. The Dalai Lama at Kangra Fort, Himachal

# About Us



Royal Expeditions was founded in 1993 by Rani Chandresh Kumari, the princess of Jodhpur, who remains Chairperson of the organization. As a member of Parliament and Minister for Culture, her local connections and vast network, paired with the most knowledgeable and hospitable staff in the industry, have made Royal Expeditions the elite choice for an insider's view of travel to India, Nepal and Bhutan.

Royal Expeditions specializes in both group and individual travel, as well as special interest tours for media, photographers, and more.

## Why Travel with Royal Expeditions

- **Credentials** - We are experts in the field, and with the Princess of Jodhpur's connections, we have arranged itineraries for some of the world's most demanding individuals, groups, institutions and documentary film-makers. We are also a founding and current member of TOFT, India.
- **Expertise** - You could spend months scouring websites for the right arrangements, but why forgo a uniquely tailored trip? With us, you'll always enjoy intimate interpretation and local flair with our trusted guides.
- **Customization** - Steer clear of big tour buses or guides that take you to stores for monetary kickbacks! We handpick our guides, hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions to ensure the best possible arrangements within your financial plan.
- **Seamless Planning** - From securing landing permissions for foreign private jets to arranging grand parties in private palaces, we are the best in the industry at securing watertight logistics.
- **Security** - We are in constant contact with our local offices and your drivers and guides throughout your travels. If something goes wrong with your health, general well-being or arrangements, we are here to help. Our key staff in Delhi and regional offices can be contacted over mobile phone, and during long drives all of our drivers carry mobile devices.
- **Hassle Free Photography** - Local connections to resources, people, places, permissions, transportation, and security gives you the worry-free flexibility in capturing all that India, Nepal, and Bhutan have to offer.



# Royal Events & Festivals

India is known for its many colorful and fascinating festivals, which we can build trips around or incorporate into customized itineraries:

Pushkar Fair – one of the world's most famous gatherings of men and beast featuring camel auctions and races along with crafts and other festivities.

Diwali in Rajasthan – 5 day Festival of Lights celebrating the victory of good over evil.

In addition there are also: Naguar Cattle Fair, Desert Festival in Jaisalmer, Konark Sun Temple Festival, many Hindu Festivals, and Holi, spring celebration where participants throw colored powder and the International Flower Festival featuring over 500 varieties of orchids.

Let us throw a royal birthday celebration for you or recreate a luxury camp atop Mehrangarh fort like the Maharaja built for visiting royalty.

With our royal heritage and connections, we can arrange accommodation in aristocratic mansions and palaces, including Umaid Bhawan, where the Princess of Jodhpur, grew up.





# Architectural Wonders of India

Some of the world's most impressive architecture was built hundreds of years ago in India and continues to astonish and amaze to this day. 24 of India's 30 UNESCO World Heritage Sites are magnificently built structures while the rest are natural habitats.

The most famous and iconic palace in India, the Taj Mahal, is a symbol of metaphysical love and example of Mughal architectural inspiration.

In addition to the breath-taking Taj Mahal, which we recommend seeing at sunrise, other World Heritage Sites are: Convents of Goa, Fatehpur Sikri, Great Living Chola Temples, Humayun's Tomb, Darjeeling Mountain Railways, Konarak Sun Temple, Jaipur's Jantar Mantar, Valley of Flowers, plus many more.

To give a deep, fascinating psychedelic kaleidoscopic experience called INDIA, Royal Expeditions offers Academic tours led by specialists who are Indologist, performing artist, art historian, cultural anthropologist, historian and heritage educationist.



# Active Adventure

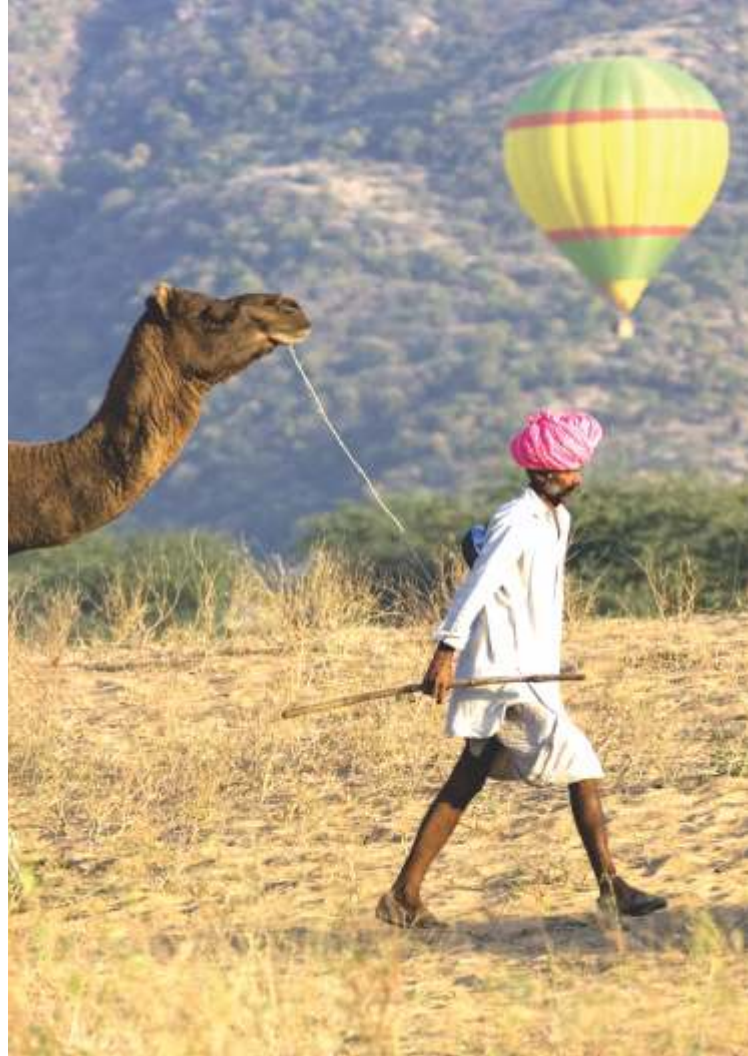
Travelers often don't realize the extent of India's adventure offerings and the joys of combining India's rich cultural landmarks with outdoor activities in some of the most stunning outdoor vistas.

May we suggest horseback riding? Gallop and canter through the desert past forts and palaces then spend your evenings in castles or luxury camps.

Or do you prefer a camel safari experiencing 16th century caravan life...with modern luxuries, of course.

We can create a most memorable experience for you trekking in the Himalayas, white water rafting the Ganges or Indus Rivers, Mahseer fishing, road trips via four wheel drive, motorcycle, or cycle.

Tell us your outdoor passion and we will construct a lively, active experience sure to have your pulse pounding and sensory overload with the exotic beauty of India.







# Wildlife Safaris

Yet another layer of surprise awaits you with the jungles and tigers of India, which have enchanted throughout the centuries.

In 80 national parks, including 23 tiger reserves, you will find 350 different mammal, 1,220 bird and 1,600 reptile species. Unique to the subcontinent are the Royal Bengal Tiger, Asiatic Lion, Indian Bison, Lion-Tailed Macaque, Great Indian Bustard and more. 60% of the world's tiger population, 50% of Asian Elephants, 80% of the Asia one horn Rhino roam here.

India is truly a paradise for the wildlife enthusiast! Royal Expeditions is a leader in conservation efforts and funding research for endangered species.

Whether your passion is birding, tracking the elusive Snow Leopard or Tibetan Wolf in the high Himalayas, Tiger, Sloth Bear, or Asian Rhino, we know where to go and the best lodging options. We can also arrange naturalists and wildlife scientists to enhance your safari experience.



# Wellness / Yoga / Ayurveda

Whether you want a few days at the end of your journey to relax and rejuvenate or devote your entire trip to experience India's ancient holistic practices of yoga and the ancient healing arts of Ayurveda, we know exactly the best places for you.

If you desire to take a daily yoga class and get massages, we can book the right lodging with superb services even on safari.

Should you have the need to detox, balance your chakras and re-set your body's natural state of health, we can recommend highly accredited holistic spas.

Does a yoga or meditation retreat appeal to you? Do you want to study yoga with a Master? Let us know how you wish to de-stress, unwind or study - we will gladly incorporate that into your travels.







# Sun / Sand / Beaches

With over 4,000 miles of coastline, India offers a surprisingly broad array of serene, beautiful beaches. Whether the objective is surfing, fishing, yoga, diving, sun worshipping, snorkeling, boating or swimming, you are sure to find exactly what you are looking for with unexpected delights of small villages, temples, cities, festivals, laid-back people and fresh food.

In addition to beaches on the East and West coasts, you can explore India via luxury houseboats on the backwaters of Kerala, and don't forget the coral wonders of the Lakshadweep Islands.

Whether your holiday dream is a beach destination or you want to end your India journey with a few days on the beach, we know how to tailor the perfect combination for a most exotic experience.



# Special Interests + Immersion

We can arrange for you to stay in Indian homes and study with master craftsmen in the field of your interest – music, dance, culinary arts, alternative medicine, embroidery, traditional fabric treatments like Batik, Tie-Dye, Block Printing, jewelry design, gem and stone cutting, painting, traditional home building or tribal studies.

Is your passion photography? India, with its stunning mountains, beaches, rivers, deserts, jungles, flowers, wildlife, temples, monuments, and beautiful people is a photographer's paradise. Royal Expeditions is your connection to permissions, places and people to make your photography or film making a reality.

If your interest is village tours, we know the back roads to remote villages where you can interact with some of the world's oldest tribal communities. Should you have an interest in charitable work, we are affiliated with a few of the best foundations and can arrange participation at varying levels.





# Food + Joy

Renown for its food and spices, India will delight you with its gourmet culinary traditions. From ancient recipes and cooking methods to cosmopolitan influences, you are sure to be surprised at the variety and deliciousness of her regional cuisines.

Whether you want to simply eat your way through India or immerse yourself in the art of cooking, let Royal Expeditions be your food expert. Shop like the locals in India's colorful, fragrant, farm-fresh food and spice markets, select your seafood right from the docks, cook with your hosts in their home kitchens or join cooking demonstrations with top chefs in specialty restaurants. You are sure to take home new ideas and flavors for your own cooking.

Not many people are aware of India's vineyards and wineries, which can also be incorporated into your gastronomic extravaganza.





# India - at a glance

INDIA HAS ALWAYS INTRIGUED TRAVELLERS.

Back in the fourth century B.C., Alexander the Great's men were amazed by elephants. More recently, in 1897, the well-travelled writer Mark Twain called India "... the one land that all men desire to see, and having seen once, by even a glimpse, would not give that glimpse for the shows of all the rest of the globe combined."

"The efficiency and friendliness  
with which you looked after us,  
often in quite difficult circumstances,  
is greatly appreciated..."

Michael Palin BBC Himalayas





### **Delhi**

The Eternal City reinvented nine times,  
is first city of India.



### **Jaipur & Rajasthan**

Fairytale palaces, forbidding fortresses, exciting  
desert safaris, antique temples and enticing handicrafts.



### **Central India – Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh**

Sculpted erotic splendors, tribal culture and tiger haven.



### **Ahmedabad & Gujarat**

Textile tradition, tribal culture and  
endangered Asiatic Lion.



### **Mumbai (Bombay) & Maharashtra**

Glitzy commercial hub, Bollywood movies  
and painted caves.



### **West Coast Goa & Kerala**

Popular beach holiday destination,  
yoga retreats & ayurveda spas.



### **The Himalayas**

Has 30 of the world highest peaks,  
trekkers, monks and pilgrims.



### **Northern plains Uttar Pradesh & Bihar**

Holy river Ganga, Taj Mahal,  
Buddhist monasteries.



### **Kolkata (Calcutta) & East India**

British Raj, tea plantations and  
one horn rhino.



### **The Deccan Plateau – Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh**

Home of great empires, spectacular natural  
settings and verdant rural landscape.



### **Chennai (Madras) & Tamil Nadu**

Intriguing temples and cultural rituals,  
textile and craft traditions.



# How Do You Want To Experience India ?

As a luxury ground operator with insider connections and vast knowledge of the intricacies of making things happen, Royal Expeditions can craft your journey through India in a variety of transportation modes:

By camel, elephant or horseback, rickshaw through world-famous markets, bicycle or on foot. On Royal Enfield motorcycle, 4WD, or just like the Maharajas were driven around in a 1956 Dodge Custom Royal or luxury train Palace on Wheels or Maharaja Express. By helicopter, private jet or turbo prop for convenience, security and traveling on your own time. Tell us your preference for transportation and we will make that happen.

Do you desire to experience Royal Palaces, luxury palace hotels, heritage hotels, jungle lodges, spa resorts, luxury camps, houseboats, or local homes ?

Again, tell us what you want and we will make your journey unique, magical and life changing.







# Nepal / Bhutan / Sri Lanka / Maldives

After experiencing the splendors of India, should you wish to travel to the Himalayan kingdoms of Nepal, Bhutan or Tibet, please allow us to create the same exciting and quality arrangements. Although neighboring countries, each is distinctly different from India and will enrich your exploration of Asia.

If after your thoroughly enchanting time in India, you desire more of an exotic beach experience, may we recommend Sri Lanka or the Maldives Islands. We are experts on these exotic locations and will be delighted to craft a Buddha and Beaches experience for you.





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