



Here is your package for

Essence Of Kashmir 9 Days

8 Nights/9 Days

Tour Code : STL/BI/1118

Overview

Travel Date:



2026: 05 Apr | 12 Apr | 19 Apr | 26 Apr | 03 May | 10 May | 17 May | 24 May | 31 May | 07 Jun | 14 Jun | 21 Jun | 28 Jun | 05 Jul | 12 Jul | 19 Jul | 26 Jul | 02 Aug | 09 Aug | 16 Aug | 23 Aug | 30 Aug | 06 Sep | 13 Sep | 20 Sep | 27 Sep | 04 Oct | 11 Oct | 18 Oct | 25 Oct | 01 Nov | 08 Nov | 15 Nov | 22 Nov | 29 Nov | 06 Dec | 13 Dec | 20 Dec | 27 Dec |
2027: 03 Jan | 10 Jan | 17 Jan | 24 Jan | 31 Jan | 07 Feb | 14 Feb | 21 Feb | 28 Feb | 07 Mar | 14 Mar | 21 Mar | 28 Mar | 04 Apr | 11 Apr | 18 Apr | 25 Apr |



Destinations

Srinagar , Gulmarg , Pahalgam , Sonmarg



Meals

Breakfast 8

Highlights



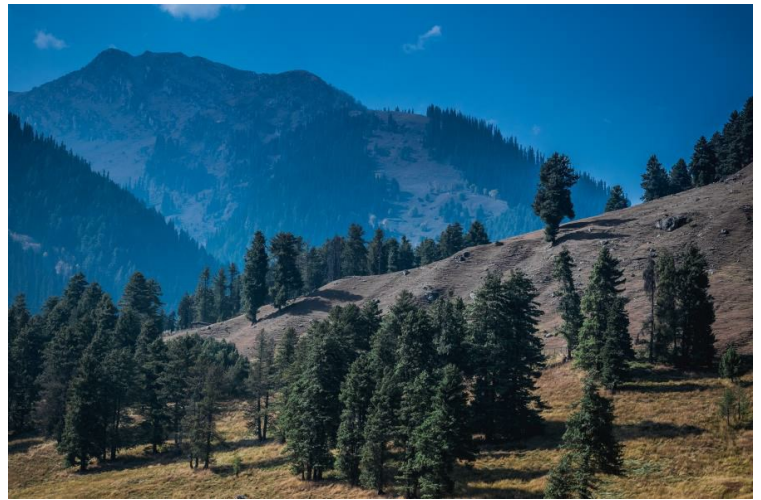
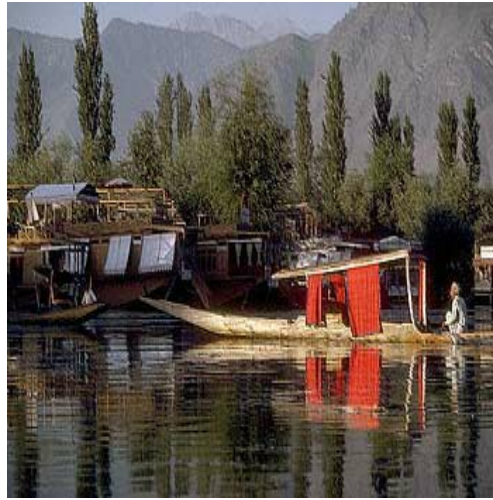
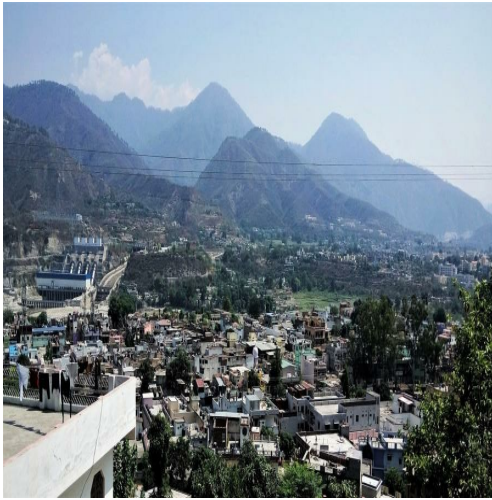
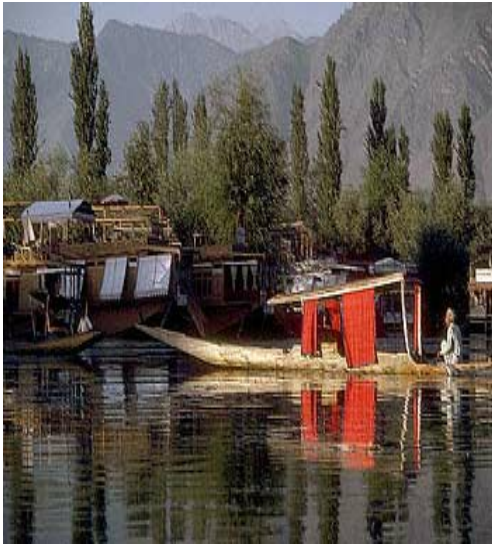
Cradled in the lap of majestic mountains of the Himalayas, Kashmir is the most beautiful place on earth with snow-capped mountains, sunny gardens, romantic houseboats.

All India tours are private & tailor made to your specifications.

Please enquire for more information.

Book NOW with LOW DEPOSIT SCHEME (T&C applies)

Tour Gallery



Itinerary

Day
1

Arrival Srinagar

Depending on your connection you will fly from Mumbai /Delhi to Srinagar. Upon arrival at Srinagar airport, meet & greet your local representative and head towards your hotel (check in after 3 pm). Rest at leisure. Later enjoy a Shikara ride on Dal lake. Shikaraare like the Venetian gondolas and a cultural symbol of Kashmir. Overnight at hotel.

This tour can be conducted on any day of the week. Please enquire office on your preferred dates.

Day
2

Srinagar

Today we start with a visit to Chashme Shahi (The Royal Spring).It is one of the Mughal gardens built in 1632 AD around a spring by Ali Mardan Khan. Later we visit Nishat Bagh (The Garden of Pleasure), Shalimar Bagh (The Abode of Love) and famous Shankracharya temple. Tonight, you have the opportunity to stay in a houseboat.

Breakfast

Day
3

Srinagar - Gulmarg (56 kms / 2:00 hours approximately)

After breakfast, proceed to Gulmarg "Meadow of Flowers" 2730m above sea level. Gulmarg has one of the best ski slopes in the world and highest golf course of the world with 18 holes. Weather permitting, the view of Nanga Parbhat is breath-taking. The view en route from Tangmarg to Gulmarg is also fascinating. One can have a short trek up to Khilangmarg which can be covered in about 3 to 4 hrs or an optional cable car (gondola) to enjoy the scenic view of Kongdori. Overnight at hotel.

Breakfast

Day
4

Gulmarg - Pahalgam (156 kms / 4:30 hours approximately)

Today morning at leisure to explore the place. After lunch we drive to Pahalgam, a popular tourist destination and hill station. On the way we visit the local crafts market and see the fine carved hand-made articles from paper Mache & wood of a walnut. Overnight at hotel.

Breakfast

Day
5

Pahalgam

After breakfast we explore the outskirts of Pahalgam by visiting Chandanwari (starting point of the annual Amarnath Yatra), Betab Valley (name derived from the Sunny Deol - Amrita Singh hit debut film Betaab) and Aru. Overnight at hotel.

Breakfast

Day
6

Pahalgam - Srinagar (95 kms / 2:00 hours approximately)

Today you have relaxed morning at leisure and enjoy the serene of the valleys around you. After lunch we drive back to Srinagar. Overnight at hotel.

Breakfast

Day
7

Srinagar

After breakfast, visit old and new city of Srinagar - Jama Masjid, Hazratbal Masjid, and Badamwari etc. Overnight at hotel.

Breakfast

Day
8

Excursion to Sonmarg (94 kms / 3:30 hours approximately)

After breakfast, drive to Sonmarg situated at an altitude of 9000 ft. Sonamarg is at a distance of 94 Kms from Srinagar and is also called "the meadow of gold". Sonamarg lies in Sindh Valley streamed with flowers and surrounded by mountains. The place is also the base for some interesting treks to the high altitude of Himalayan Lake. Ponies can be hired for the trip up to Thajiwas glacier, which is a major local attraction during the summer. Evening back to Srinagar. Overnight at hotel.

Breakfast

Day
9

Srinagar

After breakfast, depending on your time of your return flight, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight.

Breakfast

Trip Cost

Net & non-commissionable rates per person

Departures: 05/04/2026, 05/04/2026, 05/04/2026, 12/04/2026, 12/04/2026, 12/04/2026, 19/04/2026, 19/04/2026, 19/04/2026

From Delhi (Without Flight)

Guest Range	Currency	Single Room	Double Room	Twin Room	Triple Room	1st Child(with Bed) when 2 adults paying
1 - 2 Pax	GBP	2715.00	1905.00	1905.00	1905.00	1335.00
3 - 4 Pax	GBP	2220.00	1475.00	1475.00	1475.00	1035.00
5 - 8 Pax	GBP	2290.00	1545.00	1545.00	1545.00	1085.00

Departures: 26/04/2026, 26/04/2026, 26/04/2026, 03/05/2026, 03/05/2026, 03/05/2026, 10/05/2026, 10/05/2026, 10/05/2026, 17/05/2026, 17/05/2026, 17/05/2026, 24/05/2026, 24/05/2026, 24/05/2026, 31/05/2026, 31/05/2026, 31/05/2026, 07/06/2026, 07/06/2026, 07/06/2026, 14/06/2026, 14/06/2026, 14/06/2026, 21/06/2026, 21/06/2026, 21/06/2026, 28/06/2026, 28/06/2026, 28/06/2026, 05/07/2026, 05/07/2026, 05/07/2026

From Delhi (Without Flight)

Guest Range	Currency	Single Room	Double Room	Twin Room	Triple Room	1st Child(with Bed) when 2 adults paying
1 - 2 Pax	GBP	2205.00	1540.00	1540.00	1540.00	1080.00
3 - 4 Pax	GBP	1850.00	1215.00	1215.00	1215.00	850.00
5 - 8 Pax	GBP	1925.00	1290.00	1290.00	1290.00	900.00

Departures: 12/07/2026, 12/07/2026, 12/07/2026, 19/07/2026, 19/07/2026, 19/07/2026, 26/07/2026, 26/07/2026, 26/07/2026, 02/08/2026, 02/08/2026, 02/08/2026, 09/08/2026, 09/08/2026, 09/08/2026, 16/08/2026, 16/08/2026, 16/08/2026, 23/08/2026, 23/08/2026, 23/08/2026, 30/08/2026, 30/08/2026, 30/08/2026, 06/09/2026, 06/09/2026, 06/09/2026, 13/09/2026, 13/09/2026, 13/09/2026, 20/09/2026, 20/09/2026, 20/09/2026, 27/09/2026, 27/09/2026, 27/09/2026

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Guest Range	Currency	Single Room	Double Room	Twin Room	Triple Room	1st Child(with Bed) when 2 adults paying
1 - 2 Pax	GBP	2010.00	1405.00	1405.00	1405.00	985.00
3 - 4 Pax	GBP	1680.00	1125.00	1125.00	1125.00	785.00
5 - 8 Pax	GBP	1750.00	1290.00	1290.00	1290.00	835.00

Departures: 04/10/2026, 04/10/2026, 04/10/2026, 11/10/2026, 11/10/2026, 11/10/2026, 18/10/2026, 18/10/2026, 18/10/2026, 25/10/2026, 25/10/2026, 25/10/2026, 01/11/2026, 01/11/2026, 01/11/2026, 08/11/2026, 08/11/2026, 08/11/2026, 15/11/2026, 15/11/2026, 15/11/2026, 22/11/2026, 22/11/2026, 22/11/2026, 29/11/2026, 29/11/2026, 29/11/2026, 06/12/2026, 06/12/2026, 06/12/2026, 13/12/2026, 13/12/2026, 13/12/2026

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1 - 2 Pax	GBP	2310.00	1610.00	1610.00	1610.00	1125.00
3 - 4 Pax	GBP	1950.00	1285.00	1285.00	1285.00	900.00
5 - 8 Pax	GBP	2010.00	1345.00	1345.00	1345.00	940.00

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From Delhi (Without Flight)

Guest Range	Currency	Single Room	Double Room	Twin Room	Triple Room	1st Child(with Bed) when 2 adults paying
1 - 2 Pax	GBP	2445.00	1715.00	1715.00	1715.00	1200.00
3 - 4 Pax	GBP	2000.00	1330.00	1330.00	1330.00	930.00
5 - 8 Pax	GBP	2060.00	1390.00	1390.00	1390.00	975.00

Payment Schedule & Policy

Payment Schedule

- 50% of Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours at the time of Booking 84 days / 12 weeks prior to departure
- 56 days / 8 weeks prior to departure 100% of the Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours

Cancellation Policy

- More than 56 days prior to departure date 50% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- 55 - 42 days prior to departure date 75% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- 41 - 0 days prior to departure date 100% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours

Inclusions / Exclusions

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- Accommodation in a 4* / 5* star hotels with breakfast [For City Of Origin **From Delhi (Without Flight)**]
- Meal plans as indicated in the itinerary [For City Of Origin **From Delhi (Without Flight)**]
- Entrances to sightseeing's and excursions as per the itinerary [For City Of Origin **From Delhi (Without Flight)**]
- All transportation in executive coaches, cruise liners, trains and some places in A/C Cars [For City Of Origin **From Delhi (Without Flight)**]
- Services of local tour guides [For City Of Origin **From Delhi (Without Flight)**]

Exclusions

- Travel insurance [For City Of Origin **From Delhi (Without Flight)**]
- Transfers – hotel to excursion pick up point [For City Of Origin **From Delhi (Without Flight)**]
- Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks (beverages), laundry, other meals, porter service, other personal expenses, etc.. [For City Of Origin **From Delhi (Without Flight)**]
- Other services not listed in inclusive item & the itinerary [For City Of Origin **From Delhi (Without Flight)**]

FAQ

Can I join the Essence of Kashmir Tour from any part of the world?

A: Yes, you can fly to New Delhi/Mumbai (India), our first point in the tour preferably a day earlier. Please do inquire in the office to arrange your logistics for both arrival and departure.

Altitude

A:

Q. What is the highest altitude on this tour?

A: The highest altitude on this tour is 2,750 m above the sea levels and its found at Pahalgam.

Q. Do I require Oxygen?

A: Normally you do not need it, as acclimatization will take place as you proceed with the tour. However, oxygen is available at hotels as well as while touring should the need arise. Please contact your Local Guide/Tour Manager in such a situation.

Weather & Essential to carry

A:

Q. How can I check the local weather?

A: You can check the local weather to your destinations here: www.accuweather.com

Q. What is the best time to travel?

A: Every effort has been made to select date where the weather is moderate to ensure your best experience of Kashmir, India. (Kindly note due to changing weather conditions globally, Sonatours is not liable for weather variations).

Q. What clothes shall I wear or pack?

A: During the lovely summer months, it is advisable to wear light garments during the day but keep a light jacket or sweater in your hand luggage as evenings can get chilly.

A: We suggest waterproof jacket and a pair of sunglasses.

A: During the holiday most of the dressing is casual attire. Should you independently wish to visit Casino or Nightclub, evening wear is required.

Q. What kind of footwear will I need on the trip?

A: We suggest trainers, walking shoes, sandals, chappals or similar.

Passport; Immigration & Visa

A:

Q. Do I need to carry a passport?

A: Yes, all passengers must travel with their passport if traveling outside the country you live in. We request you to see the following websites for the latest updates on travel to your destinations.

For UK Residents: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

For USA Resident: travel.state.gov/content/travel.html

Q. How long should the passport be valid?

A: Please ensure you have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of starting your tour.

Q. What are the Visa Requirements?

A: You are responsible to ensure that you have correct documentation.

British passport holders: Require an ETA (Electronic Travel Authority) prior to arrival in India (ETA updates to follow) or contact the office.

Please see the link for further information: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

Non British passport holders: Please do check with the India Embassy or High Commission in country of your residence. Sonatours is not responsible or liable in any way should you be denied travel due to incorrect documentation.

Q. What happens to me if I am stopped at custom and immigration?

A: Sonatours cannot be held responsible if passengers are stopped or held by any government departments, e.g. Police, Customs, Immigration or any other authorities. We are sorry to say that the tour will continue and no financial or any other kind of responsibility will be accepted by Sonatours.

Money Matters

A:

Q. What is the currency used?

A: The currency in India is Indian Rupee (INR).

Q. Can I use my Credit/Debit cards there?

A: We recommend that you take a credit or debit card on holiday with you, as it provides extra financial flexibility. Major international credit cards, such as Visa or MasterCard are accepted by many restaurants, shops and hotels. Most countries are using chip and pin. In cases where chip and pin not used, please be cautious when handing your debit/credit card.

Q. Are ATM machines available?

A: Major cities will have cash/ATM machines where cash can be withdrawn with your credit or debit card, though this might incur a fee charged by your card provider. Advise your bank which countries you are visiting prior to travel so that you don't run the risk of your card being refused and subsequent expensive phone calls to unlock it.

Q. Where can I exchange my money?

A: Money can be exchanged at Airports, Banks, Exchange Bureaus and at the hotels. You may also need your passport for identification, please be aware that locally exchange rate may vary.

Health (Medication); Welfare & Travel Insurance

A:

Q. Do I need any vaccinations?

A: For further information on vaccinations please check with your medical doctor for recent updates or go on the following website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/

or contact your medical doctor for recent updates.

Q. Should I bring all my medication with me?

A: Please travel with all your necessary medication for the duration of your trip including your prescription/doctors report confirming the medication.

Q. Do I need to declare any special medical condition and requirements prior to booking the tour?

A: Should you have pre - existing medical conditions or requirements (e.g. oxygen during flight or sleeping, colostomy bags, etc). Kindly advise the office at the time of booking.

Q. What happens if I am unwell during the tour?

A: Should you feel unwell during the trip, kindly contact the Hotel Reception, Tour Manager/Local Guide. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing. Strongly recommend to have personal travel insurance to cover these mishaps.

Q. What happens if an accident occurs while on the tour?

A: Should you be involved in an accident (minor or major), please contact your Tour Manager/Local Guide. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing.

Q. What should I do if there is an incident?

A: Sonatours makes every effort to keep your health and safety in mind. However, should an unforeseen incident occur please contact your Manager/Local Guide/Hotel reception for immediate assistance.

Q. Do you facilitate clients with disability?

A: Sonatours does not provide special tours for the disabled. Our coaches do not have wheelchair excess. It is possible to bring along a folding type wheelchair which may be kept in the baggage hold of the coach. The driver will load and unload the wheelchair from the coach for the passenger however they will need to be physically fit enough to be able to embark and disembark the coach on their own. On the tour it is also essential that a capable person is accompanying such a passenger on the tour to push their wheelchair.

Q. What happens if I have lost or left something in the hotel?

A: Kindly note that you are responsible for looking after your valuables and property when on vacation. If an item has been left in a hotel you will need to call the hotel and arrange with them directly for the return of your item, there might be charges involved.

A: You are advised not to carry unnecessary valuables and to be vigilant, as tourist spots are well known targets for pickpockets. In case of theft, you will need to advise your Tour Director/Local Guide immediately and report the theft to the police. This should provide you with a police report or crime reference number.

Q. Do I need travel insurance?

A: We strongly recommend you travel with Travel/Medical Insurance from your country of residence. Kindly ensure you get the correct insurance for the tour.

Q. Can Sonatours provide travel insurance?

A: There are various travel insurance providers in the market, however Sonatours does not provide Travel Insurance.

Accommodation & Transport

A:

Q. How are rooms allocated?

A: Each hotel checks their bookings and room inventory in the morning and pre-assigned the rooms. Sonatours have no control over room allocations.

Q. Can you guarantee rooms together?

A: Room allocation is done by the hotels. Rooms together only be requested but not guaranteed.

Q. What facilities are there in the room?

A: Facilities vary from Hotel to Hotel and include en-suite bathrooms, generally TV, safe box, telephone, mini bar, room service (use of some of the services are chargeable and to be settled by yourself at the time of checkout). Hotels may require your credit card to cover your extras or cash deposits.

Q. Will the room have walk in shower?

A: Not all hotel rooms have walking showers.

Q. Does my room have Tea & Coffee making facilities?

A: Please note that not all hotels provide tea/coffee in the room. If hot water is required, kindly request the hotel reception for assistance.

Q. Is smoking allowed in the hotels/rooms?

A: Hotels do not allow smoking in the rooms. However, designated smoking areas are provided. Please check with the hotel reception.

Q. Is WIFI freely available?

A: Most hotels will have WIFI available in the public areas. Please check with hotel reception for WIFI information in the rooms.

Q. Do all rooms have air-condition?

A: Most hotels rooms in Kashmir offer air-conditioners or fans.

Q. Will all hotels have lifts?

A: Most of the hotels worldwide will have lifts. However, at some places Heritage Hotels or Resorts are used In such cases lifts cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What time do I need to be at the airport?

A: All flight tours originating in the UK require that you be at the airport for your flight at least 3 hours prior to your flight time. Your final itinerary confirmation will confirm the time you need to be at the airport. Should you miss your flight Sonatours will not be liable for any costs incurred for you to join the tour. The office will make every effort to assist you in such circumstances.

If you have booked the tour without flights, please meet the group at the hotel. Details will be sent to you at a later date. Please do check with the office as you might need to book a hotel before the tour starts and after it finishes.

Please be on time as we cannot be held responsible or liable for any loss or expense suffered if you miss the flight or coach.

Q. Are flights upgrades available?

A: On long haul flight tours upgrade to your flights is possible. Please advise the office at the time of booking to get the best possible price.

Q. Can I select my seats on the airplane?

A: International and Internal flight booking are booked as a group and the airlines will allocate the seats. Should you have a specific request it will be forwarded to the airline but cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What are the luggage requirements on the airplane?

A: International Flights: Different airlines will have different requirements on the weight allowance. It can range 20-30kgs for your main luggage and 5kg for hand luggage.

A: Internal Flights: Local airlines will have different requirements on the weight allowance. It can range 15-20kgs for your main luggage and 7kg for hand luggage.

We do advise you to travel light. This information will be on your e-ticket once the tickets have been issued.

Q. What type of car will I be travelling in?

A: We use the finest fleet cars. AC Sedan car for 2 passengers , Innova Crysta for 4 passengers & Tempo Traveller for 6 -8 passengers. On a touring holiday there are some long journeys which are unavoidable especially what travelling from city to city.

Q. What is the smoking and alcohol policy while travelling by car?

A: There is a strict policy of "no smoking, no alcohol and no smelly food" on all our Car/Coaches. We do, however, make plenty of comfort stops.

Food Matters

A:

Q. Can I request my flight meal and is it guaranteed?

A: Meal request should be advised at the time of your booking; Sonatours will request on your behalf, but we cannot guarantee the request. Sonatours are not liable in case the requested flight meal cannot be fulfilled. Please be advised that complimentary meals are not available on the internal flights.

Q. What meal options are available to me while on tour?

A: Sonatours can cater for a range of Asian Vegetarian (e.g. Jain, Swaminarayan) as well as Asian Non-Vegetarian (Halal). Kindly advise your meal preference/allergies at the time of your booking. In areas where Indian is not available local cuisine will be provided.

Q. Where will I have my daily meals?

A: On all tours breakfast is at the hotel and dinners is at various restaurants or hotels.

Q. Should I carry dry snacks?

A: Dry snacks can be carried, provided they are pre-packed, and all the ingredients are clearly listed on the packaging.

Q. What is the cost of a local meal?

A: On an average local meal costs about £15-£20 per person per meal. This estimated price varies from city to city and country to country.

Miscellaneous

A:

Q. Are tips included?

A: On this tour tips Driver/Guide and other services (e.g. porter, waiters etc) are not included and have to be paid individually.

Q. When does my day start?

A: The day usually starts between 8 & 9am. Further instructions you will be given the night before. However, this may differ depending on the activity of the day or when having an early flight.

Q. How much walking is involved per day for the duration of the tour?

A: This tour involves a substantial amount of walking (normally 6 to 7 hours a day, not all at one stretch).

Q. Will I have free time?

A: Each itinerary offers the perfect balance of downtime and discoveries. We also give you the opportunity to tailor your trip with optional experiences. If you decide to venture on your own during your free time, preferably you go in a group, keep the guide contact and the hotel address handy. Please do inform the tour director. We recommend you download an offline map too.

Q. Do I need to get a local SIM card?

A: Usually it is not necessary, should you require one kindly speak to your Tour Manager/Local Guide for assistance.

Q. Should I bring any electric outlet adapter and charger for my electronics?

A: Electrical currents vary Globally. We recommend that you carry a universal adapter and your electronic charges for your convenience and comfort.

India: Electricity supply is 220 and 240 Volts; uses the type G- 3 rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. Like in the UK.



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