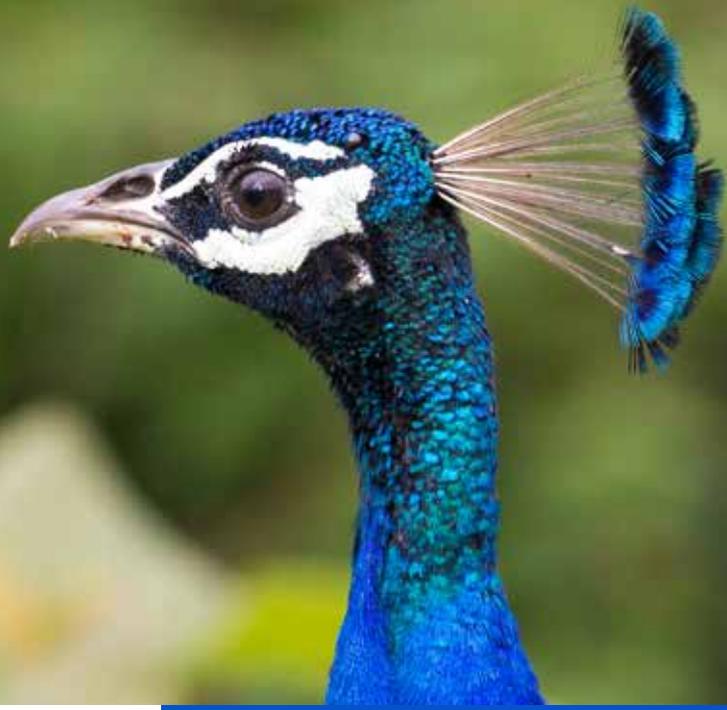


# INSIGHTS OF INDIA



## A GROUP TOUR OF INDIA DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR SOLO WOMEN TRAVELLERS

Insights of India is a 14-day journey that will introduce some of the sights, cities, people and history of this fascinating country. Discover Mumbai, visit the holy city of Varanasi and the sacred Ganges River, see first-hand the Taj Mahal and explore the pink city of Jaipur - plus Delhi, Agra and Ranthambhore. Featuring gentle guided walking tours, tiger safaris, boat ride on the Ganges, visits to bustling markets and bazaars, and contemporary dining at India's top restaurant. This two-week tour has been crafted especially for solo women travellers wanting to experience India first-hand with the comfort and support of a group tour, and the company of like-minded travellers. Hosted by Melbourne-based Glenda McMillan-Andersson from destination specialists India Unbound. Join us for Insights of India.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Rajasthan's famed pink city of Jaipur - visit the City Palace and Amber Fort
- Guided walk and market visit in Jaipur
- Stay at the beautiful Samode Haveli in Jaipur and enjoy a complimentary massage
- Search for tigers in Ranthambhore National Park during dusk and dawn safaris
- See the imperial city of Fatehpur Sikri
- Visit the sublime Taj Mahal in Agra and take a guided tour of Agra Fort
- Fully-escorted by an Australian host and national Indian guide
- Delhi sightseeing including rickshaw ride in Old Delhi, visit Qutab Minar, Jama Masjid and Humayun's Tomb
- Experience modern Indian dining at Indian Accent - voted India's best restaurant
- Witness the powerful evening aarti ceremony in Varanasi and take a dusk boat ride on the Ganges
- Guided city walk in Varanasi and visit Sarnat
- Discover Mumbai - visit Dharavi and explore some of the areas of South Bombay
- Hosted by India Unbound's Glenda McMillan-Andersson, whose experience in the travel sector spans multiple decades

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#### **DAY 1 ARRIVE MUMBAI**

Arrive Mumbai – India’s commercial capital and a vibrant megacity. Transfer to South Mumbai and our hotel in the popular Colaba district of the city.

#### **DAY 2 MUMBAI**

Explore Mumbai today, starting with a visit to Dharavi – an immense community of people that’s also a thriving centre of small-scale industry worth US\$665 million annually. Afterwards, head to the arts precinct of Kala Ghoda with its galleries, modern cafes and boutiques.

#### **DAY 3 MUMBAI – VARANASI**

Fly to Varanasi – also known as the City of Light – and the spiritual capital of India. Take a guided boat tour on the sacred Ganges River with a classical music performance at dusk and witness the Ganga Aarti– a powerful devotional ritual that uses fire as an offering.

#### **DAY 4 VARANASI**

Delve deeper into Varanasi with a guided walking tour of its bazaars and hidden alleys. In the afternoon, travel to Sarnath – a short distance from Varanasi – where Buddha gave his first sermon after gaining enlightenment, some 2,500 years ago.

#### **DAY 5 VARANASI – DELHI**

Take a morning flight to Delhi and transfer to our hotel. Tonight savour on six-course degustation menu paired with wine at Indian Accent – India’s best restaurant and one of the Top 50 in Asia.

#### **DAY 6 DELHI**

Explore old and new Delhi today. Visit Jama Masjid and take a cycle rickshaw ride through the bazaars of Old Delhi, including the spice market of Khari Baoli. Later discover New Delhi, with guided visits to Humayun’s Tomb, Qutab Minar and drive through Lutyens’ Delhi.

#### **DAY 7 DELHI – AGRA**

Board a train bound for Agra. India’s rail network is one of the largest in the world and a crucial part of the country’s infrastructure – an experience not to be missed. Visit Agra Fort and the iconic Taj Mahal – the world’s greatest monument to love.

#### **DAY 8 AGRA – RANTHAMBHORE**

Drive to Ranthambhore today, stopping en route to visit the 16th century imperial city of Fatehpur Sikri. For the next 3 nights stay at Fateh’s Retreat – a newly built bed and breakfast run by a local family renowned for conservation and community work.

#### **DAY 9 RANTHAMBHORE**

Rise early for a tiger safari in Ranthambhore National Park. At this time of year there’s an improved chance of tiger sightings as the hot, dry weather has stripped the leaves from the trees and the animals are lured out in search of waterholes to drink from. At dusk, join an expert local naturalist for a gentle bird walk.

#### **DAY 10 RANTHAMBHORE**

Morning at leisure, or visit the local village school and hospital run by our hosts the Rathore Family. You’ll be amazed by the facilities at both the school and hospital. In the afternoon return to the park for a second tiger safari.

#### **DAY 11 RANTHAMBHORE – JAIPUR**

Drive to Jaipur – the pink city of Rajasthan. For the next three nights stay at the stunning heritage hotel Samode Haveli and luxuriate at this urban oasis in the historic city of Jaipur. In the afternoon, a guided walking tour will reveal some of the ancient crafts and merchants of Jaipur’s city bazaar and introduce you to some of the city’s best local snacks.

#### **DAY 12 JAIPUR**

Visit Amber Fort – ascending the steep fort road by jeep and marvel at the fort’s Palace of Mirrors and Elephant Gate. In the afternoon, relax and enjoy the beautiful hotel facilities, with a massage at the hotel spa included.

#### **DAY 13 JAIPUR**

Explore Jaipur’s magnificent City Palace – home to the city’s rulers since 1727. In the afternoon, explore the city’s modern boutiques and stores, with the vehicle at our disposal for those interested in shopping.

#### **DAY 14 JAIPUR – DELHI – DEPART**

Depart Jaipur and drive to Delhi Airport for connecting international flights.



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# INSIGHTS OF INDIA HOST



## **Glenda McMillan-Andersson, India Unbound** *Insights of India Host*

**A** passionate traveller with a love of discovering new places, Glenda McMillan-Andersson is a seasoned travel professional – having dedicated her life to working in travel and visiting new destinations.

Her personal travels have taken her from central and Latin America to Medeterrian Europe, Cuba, Tibet, Sri Lanka and India, and many places in between. Glenda loves the spontaneity of travel – destinations with passionate local people and places bursting with energy, where as visitors you can be enveloped by the local enthusiasm for life and the destination. "It gives you a deeper travel experience and a more exciting holiday," she says.

As host of Insights of India, Glenda's personal and professional travel experience will mean you are in steady hands. Together with an English-speaking national guide, Glenda will show you some of India's best sights and destinations, and share with you some of her favourite parts of India, discovering the key attractions and the everyday life of this incredible destination. Join Glenda for Insights of India in April 2019 and enjoy the company of like-minded female travellers as you experience India together.

