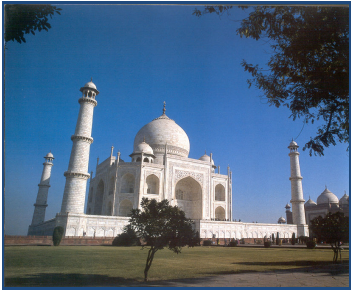


WILD FRONTIERS



Village India: Classical India Twist (New Heritage Hotels Tour) Rajasthan

Always looking to do things differently, we have added another great trip to our Village India portfolio, which takes you through some of the star attractions of India's most colourful state, and to some of her hidden gems as well. Very few visitors get to experience the day-to-day beauty of rural India, and we believe that the time has come to step off the well-worn tourist trails and head into the heart of India. In these lesser-travelled areas there is a richness of life that guarantees truly memorable experiences. On this tour, we will visit the amazing and essential Taj Mahal before heading off-the-beaten track to stay at some wonderful heritage properties at Ramathra and Bundi as well as in hectic Jaipur. This great introductory trip to India enables us to travel through parts of rural Rajasthan, staying in some beautiful and fascinating places, witnessing and taking part in the life of the region.

'Wild Frontiers is a most unusual company. It has developed a great formula - one of informal order. One always knows everything will work out somehow, and there is a lot of fun along the way.' *Olly Gerrish*

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Taj Mahal and the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri
- Sunset boat ride in spectacular Ramathra
- Riding Elephants in the Pink City of Jaipur
- The historical old town of Bundi
- Witnessing daily life in rural Rajasthan

Duration: 10 Days

Group size: 5 - 12

Start: Fri 02 Nov 12

Finish: Sun 11 Nov 12



Why Wild Frontiers?

As a young, innovative company, Wild Frontiers is delighted to have been voted one of the 'Top 10 Tour Operators' by the readers of both Wanderlust and National Geographic Adventure. We are frequently asked what makes us different from other tour operators, and feel that the factors below answer this important question.

The Traveller's Ethos: WF is a company that has been set up by travellers for travellers, and our ethos is to help adventurous souls get to incredible and inaccessible places in safety and as much comfort as local conditions allow. We are firm believers that travelling is all about the experience and it's the details that make the trip - we specialise in drawing on our own extensive local knowledge and array of contacts to give our clients the very best experience possible.

Personal Service: Our London office is manned by experienced expedition leaders and every trip we run stems from their extensive knowledge - in short, we run the kind of trips that as passionate travellers, we like to do ourselves! When you ring our office, you can be guaranteed to chat to someone that knows the trips and the terrain, and is able to offer sound and practical advice.

Authentic Experiences: Our unique, original itineraries allow our clients to take journeys that venture beneath the surface of the region. Unlike the plethora of 'world specialists' out there who purport to know a hundred destinations, we concentrate on the locations we know and love. We don't run the same tour over and over, thus running the risk of creating a 'tourist circuit' and spoiling untouched regions. Instead, we rarely run any tour more than a couple of times a year and they are on routes we have discovered for ourselves, meaning we are able to give a truly authentic, off-the-beaten-track experience.

Be the First: Our style of travel is all about exploration, and nothing excites us more than opening up new routes to genuine travellers. We keep abreast of new destinations and are often the first to return to places that have vanished from the tourist map. We were the first back into Pakistan after 9/11, the first to return to Kashmir after a decade of tourist isolation, and the first to run a commercial travel trip to Afghanistan for almost 30 years. Since then we have helped bring Colombia, Yemen and Georgia back into the tourist fold, specialising in groundbreaking reconnaissance trips and imaginative expeditions.

Small Group Size: We believe it is imperative to keep the group sizes small. Most trips are limited to a maximum of approximately 12 travellers, thus giving you more access to fragile cultures, better opportunities to interact with local people, and the knowledge you are making less of an impact while there.

Cost of Tours: We believe in an honest, upfront pricing system so you know exactly what the tour will cost before you book. We avoid local payments, 'optional extras' or forcing our clients to split every meal bill. Our tours are provided on a predominantly full board basis, with mineral water, government permits, entrance fees and transport all included.

Added Value: We aim to give our clients the very best (not the least expensive) experience through whatever facilities are available to us. We always try to provide accommodation that is interesting, characterful and convenient, and transport - another important part of any tour - that is as varied and comfortable as possible.

Our clients: Your companions can make or break a trip, and it's lucky therefore that our clients are our greatest asset. Travelling to remote regions is not for everyone, and as such we tend to attract open-minded travellers looking for genuine experiences, and a desire to reach those hard to get to places.

Responsible Travel: Awarded 5 star status by AITO (Association of Independent Tour operators), responsible tourism has always been an integral part of our company ethos and our adventures are designed with the local people, culture and eco-system in mind. For further details please refer to the RT section on this dossier.



Day 1: Delhi: The tour starts at our joining hotel in time for lunch, after which there will be a visit to the bustling Old Town. Here we take a wander from the Red Fort down Chandi Chowk - the old town's main thoroughfare - through the narrow alleyways of Shahjehanabad, to emerge at the beautiful Jama Masjid Mosque. From here we will go on to Connaught Place, getting a taste of the New Town before dinner.
The Claridges Hotel (L,D)

Day 2: Delhi - Agra: After breakfast we'll board an air-conditioned coaster bus and drive south-east to Agra (approx 5 hours). After checking into our hotel and freshening up, we will head to the mighty riverside Agra Fort comprising of exquisite palaces and mosques, and then visit the iconic Taj Mahal. As the sun sets the colours change, and the marble takes on gold and pink hues, so this is an extraordinary time of day to visit.
Oberoi Trident Hotel (B,L,D)

Day 3: Agra - Ramathra: This morning we'll depart Agra and visit the magnificent fortified ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri. Built by the great Mughal Akbar, and abandoned in 1585 due to water shortages, the well-preserved remains are fascinating. Afterwards we board a train at Bharatpur towards Gangapur city, where our bus will be waiting for us to drive through this amazing rural part of Rajasthan. On arrival at Ramathra Fort we get welcomed by our hosts.
Ramathra Fort (B,L,D)

Day 4: Ramathra: Today is a real highlight as we have lots of time to fully explore the area around Ramathra Fort. There will be opportunities for village walks to meet the local population and we also take a sunset boat ride. This is a great chance to see a part of Indian daily life rarely seen by foreign visitors and yet ironically this is how the vast majority of Indians live.
Ramathra fort (B,L,D)

Day 5: Ramathra - Jaipur: After breakfast we drive towards Jaipur. Arriving in the 'pink city' in the late afternoon, we will visit the Palace of Winds and the Observatory, along with the local Bazaar. Dinner will be at a local restaurant.
Shahpura House (B,L,D)

Day 6: Jaipur: We will have a morning visit to the great palace at Amber, the Rajput masterpiece perched on a hillside, overlooking the city. Rather than walking up to the fort, we can ride up there on an elephant! After exploring the palace, we return to Jaipur and visit the fascinating and beautifully ornate City Palace Museum, built by the founder and namesake of the modern city Jai Singh II. Then there will be time for a wander round town or just relax at the hotel before supper.
Shahpura House (B,L,D)

Day 7: Jaipur - Bundi: After breakfast we depart for Bundi; a journey that will take approximately 5 hours. On arrival we have lunch in town and then enjoy an orientation walk. Bundi is a captivating place, and is among one of the few towns in India that is still untouched by modernization and is famous for its bangle makers and brass pottery. Dinner will be on the terrace of the hotel and while dining we can see the small city of Bundi glimmering with lights below us.
Bundi Vilas (B,L,D)

Day 8: Bundi: In the morning we will explore the famous palace complex, after which we will visit a Brahmin family for a cooking demonstration. After lunch we pay visits to the Rani Ji Baori (Step Well), Kipling Palace, the Royal Cenotaphs and in the afternoon will be free to explore the local bazaar of Bundi.
Bundi Vilas (B, L, D)

Day 9: Bundi - Delhi: Departing Bundi in the late morning we take the train back to Delhi from Kota station and arrive in Delhi in time for our evening farewell dinner.

Claridges Hotel (B,L,D)

Day 10: Delhi: The tour finishes after breakfast at the hotel.

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Wild Extensions:

Arrive early to adjust to a new time zone or just to get a feel for the country before your tour starts. Explore the country after your tour on a bespoke Wild Extension or just allow a few days to relax afterwards. Maybe choose all of the above and get cheaper flights mid-week?

Here are a few ideas:

- Visit more regions of Rajasthan
- Take a trip up into the Himalayas, to visit Shimla, Dharamsala or even Kashmir
- Visit one of India's amazing Tiger Parks

Contact the office for extension specifics.

TOUR DETAILS

Tour Code: TTT/A

Tour price: All our tours are priced on a LAND ONLY basis, giving you maximum flexibility when deciding how to get to and from your tour.

Single Supplements: These are NOT compulsory for any Wild Frontiers tour. Where single supplements are available please note that a single room cannot always be guaranteed for every night of the tour as depending on the destination, rooms may be limited. On this tour we are happy to offer an optional single supplement that will cover you for all nights of the tour as detailed in the accommodation section.

Flights: If you would like us to send you a quote for the suggested tour flight (see GETTING THERE) or on any alternative flight that may suit you better, please let us know.

In all cases, for the latest prices, please refer to our website or contact the office.

Please remember that all Wild Frontiers tour prices mean NO hidden extras, NO local payments or kitty and NO compulsory single supplements.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Full services of a Wild Frontiers Tour Leader with local guides and drivers.
- Meal plan as detailed in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner) with mineral water as required.
- All transport as outlined in the itinerary.
- All accommodation
- All entrance fees, as per itinerary.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Visas
- Local airport taxes
- Tips
- Beverages & any costs of a personal nature.
- International Flights
- Airport transfers (unless booking suggested flights through WF office)

GETTING THERE

For this trip our suggested flights (subject to change) are:

01NOV 9W121 LHR-DEL 20:45/09:45+1
11NOV 9W122 DEL-LHR 13:40/17:40

Key:

LHR - London Heathrow
DEL - Delhi
9W - Jet Airways

NB If you wish to arrange your own flights you are completely free to do so and in this case we can arrange any transfers or supplementary accommodation that you may require.

Please note that if you are making your own flight arrangements, we recommend that you only purchase flights that are totally flexible and refundable as due to the nature of adventure travel, itineraries can change at any time. For more information, please refer to our booking conditions.

PRACTICALITIES

Accommodation In Rajasthan you will experience some of the finest accommodation the subcontinent can offer. From wonderful converted palaces, castles and forts to luxury hotels - you will not be disappointed. Indeed the accommodation that one uses in Rajasthan is one of the main joys of visiting the land of Kings.

However this is still India and in certain forts facilities are sometimes not quite up to a Western standard and therefore patience is occasionally required.

All accommodation mentioned in the itinerary is subject to availability and if not available substitutes will be of a similar quality.

Transport will be in jeeps & minibus coasters.

Trip Grading:

Adventure Rating ❖❖❖❖❖

Comfort Grade ❖❖❖❖❖

Fitness Level ❖❖❖❖❖

Cultural Interest ❖❖❖❖❖

Please note that this grading is an indication only and should you have any concerns please contact the office.

New Tours: Never complacent, Wild Frontiers is continually on the look-out for new tour ideas. Each year we aim to put on a selection of new tours in order to continually provide our clients with a fresh and varied choice of some of the best journeys on the planet. Although a lot of fun, these tours will often involve a greater element of unpredictability than our better established tours, so please come prepared.

Fitness...

Anyone in a reasonable state of health will enjoy this trip.

It may sound obvious but...

Wild Frontiers tours are not always for everyone and it is important to us that the tour you choose is the most suitable. Please therefore take time to read the dossier carefully. All our tours are graded to give an overall picture of the

trip but these are only guidelines and you should check the daily itinerary. Should you have any concerns about your ability to partake in any aspect of the tour then please contact the office.

Insurance: Insurance that provides cover for emergency repatriation in case of a medical emergency is compulsory for all tours. You should be aware that many standard insurance policies may not cover you adequately for all aspects of a Wild Frontiers trip and so we strongly recommend that you purchase a suitably designed insurance policy. One such policy is the "Wild Frontiers" policy underwritten by Travel & General Insurance Company plc, which is available to UK and Republic of Ireland residents through our website or via the insurance company direct on 0845 408 0583. Under this policy there are two different levels of cover available and for this trip the minimum requirement would be the Standard policy.

Cover explained:

Standard policy: a comprehensive travel insurance policy that provides cover for all Wild Frontiers activities, including trekking up to 6,000m. This policy does not provide cover for travel to areas where the FCO is advising against all or all but essential travel.

Elite policy: provides the same comprehensive level of cover as the standard policy. In addition the Elite policy also provides cover for travel to areas where the FCO is advising against all or all but essential travel. The policy will not provide cover for any claims arising from or relating to the reasons why the FCO is advising against travel.

If purchasing the Elite policy you also have the option to **extend the cover** provided by the policy to include cover for claims arising from a terrorist act in an area where the FCO is advising against travel. You can add this cover to your policy when purchasing online or over the telephone.

These policies are only available to those travelling on a Wild Frontiers holiday.

For more information and to purchase your policy online please visit the Insurance section of our website.

The cover is underwritten by the International Insurance Company of Hannover Limited (IICH), who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (FSA). Wild Frontiers Limited is an Introducer Appointed Representative of Travel & General Insurance Company plc, details of which can be found at the FSA's website www.fsa.gov.uk.

If you do decide to purchase alternative insurance, then you must ensure that it covers you for every aspect of this trip.

Visas: Visas are necessary for many of the destinations we travel to and while we aim to provide you with the most up-to-date information, requirements frequently change and as such we advise that you check with the relevant embassies or contact our recommended visa agency, Travcour (020 7223 5295) www.travcour.com for the latest advice.

For this tour, UK passport holders currently require a visa for India.

Non-UK passport holders should contact the relevant embassies for individual requirements.

Further details will be sent out to you on booking, however ensuring that correct and valid visas are obtained remains the sole responsibility of the client.

Responsible Travel: Responsible travel and sustainable tourism are fundamental ideas that Wild Frontiers has been committed to since our birth. It is our strong belief that these words should not be simply 'tagged on' to dossiers and websites but should be at the very core of each trip, and our adventures are therefore designed with the local people, culture and eco-system in mind. We believe that a successful trip not only delivers a unique and unsurpassable journey for our clients, but that it also benefits the peoples whose lands we are privileged to visit.

The Wild Frontiers Foundation: In order to facilitate a structured and enduring support structure for the communities we

visit, and to show a commitment to these values, Wild Frontiers has set up a charitable foundation through which we can channel funds to both existing NGOs and our own development projects. In addition to organising ethically sensitive tours, having our own charitable foundation allows us to raise money - through the cost of our tours, charity trips and fund raising events - which can then be used to fund various projects in education, sanitation, reforestations and a number of other important issues facing developing communities. Wherever possible we are happy for our clients to visit these projects to see for themselves where and how this money is being spent. For a comprehensive list of all partner NGOs please visit our website. Should you wish to donate to the foundation please contact the office for details.

The Environment: Trying to do our bit for the environment, in 2005 we were among the first UK-based travel companies to automatically offset every client's international flight (if booked with us) with a payment to Carbon Clear to help promote sustainable energy.

Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO): The FCO Travel advice highlights potential hazards people might experience when travelling abroad. Given the nature of destinations offered by Wild Frontiers it is inevitable that from time to time some itineraries contravene this advice. Whilst WF takes the safety and security of its clients extremely seriously, we will not necessarily cancel a trip because of the FCO advice. It is recommended therefore that clients check this advice before booking and contact us if they have any queries or concerns. Please see our website for further information.

Climate: The temperature should be very pleasant, with a day time average of around 25C dropping in the evening to around 15C.

Further information:

When you make a confirmed booking with Wild Frontiers we will send you our confirmation pack with complete pre-departure information giving you details on visas, health and vaccinations, packing lists, suggested reading on the region, insurance, photography and other useful tips to make your trip more enjoyable.

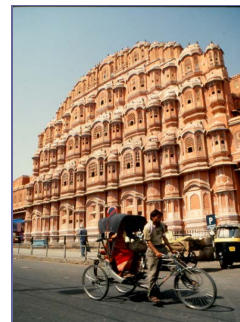


INDIA - THE FACTS



Delhi: Capital of modern India, of the British Raj and the Moghul empire, Delhi - the City of Djinnns - is a fascinating place to explore. From the chaotic, narrow alleyways of the old town to the relative tranquillity of the new, at almost every corner there is something - a fort, a mosque, an imperial palace - to excite and amaze the visitor. To wander unhindered down Rajpath - the Kingsway - from India Gate to Rajpathi Bhawan, stopping for a while in the shade of the sheltering neem trees to feast your eyes on Lutyens' extraordinary work of architecture will have even the most seasoned traveller gasping in awe. But just as impressive, and arguably a lot more fun, is to take a walk through the old town, down the bustling Chandi Chowk and off into the narrow, sunless alleyways that make up Sharjehanabad. Here, among the jewellery, fabric and wedding bazaars you will find a world barely changed from that of the Moghul times. With plenty more sight-seeing trips available to the Qutab Minar, Lodhi Gardens, the Lotus Temple or the awesome Humayan's Tomb - inspiration for the Taj Mahal; shopping expeditions on Janpath, Santoshti or Khan Markets; or a quiet cup of tea at the Imperial... Delhi can have you busy for days.

Jaipur: The Pink City founded by Maharaja Jai Singh II (1693-1743), is the capital of Rajasthan and represents a major attraction for the first-time visitor. Jaipur is surrounded on all sides by rugged hills, crowned with forts & enclosed by embattled walls. Houses with latticed windows line the streets with their rose pink colour, lending enchantment to the scene, which is almost magical at sunset.



The Old City is a great place to wander around. The whole city was painted in Pink colour by Maharaja Man Singh II when Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, visited Jaipur in 1876 AD. Today, every home within the city is obliged by law to maintain its facade. It is a very well planned city laid out in a grid pattern and was designed by a young Bengali engineer and scholar by the name "Vidyadhar Bhattacharya". Jaipur was and remains the only city in the world, symbolising the nine divisions of the universe, through nine rectangular sectors sub-dividing it. Jaipur is a royal city & this is its most noticeable aspect, small buildings & festivals testify it. Jaipur & its surroundings are rather like an endless museum. The city also offers an endless variety of crafts. Jewellers here still fashion the beautiful enamel-on-gold pendants, studded on the reverse with precious stones or pearls & turquoise that one sees in miniature paintings. Jaipur's lacquer bangles are famous all over the world. This is a city to be explored.

Bundi: In 1193 A.D. when Sultan Mohammed Ghauri defeated Prithviraj Chauhan, some Chauhan nobles sought shelter in Mewar and became allies to the Rana while other young warriors moved towards the Chambal Valley and overpowered the Meena and Bhil tribals - thus establishing their own kingdom of Hadoti. Later, two branches of Hadas formed two separate states of Kota and Bundi, on either side of the river Chambal. Bundi is surrounded by the Aravalli hills on three sides and is circumscribed by a massive wall with four gateways. It is a truly medieval city in great condition benefiting from being off the main tourist routes.

We do recommend that you take out adequate travel insurance at the time of booking in the event that you are no longer able to travel as all deposits are non-refundable - full booking conditions can be found on the booking form and online at our website.



How to book:
In order to confirm your booking we need to have a completed signed booking form for each client together with a £400 deposit per person. You can either return your booking form to us by post or by booking online at www.wildfrontiers.co.uk

You can contact the office by email to info@wildfrontiers.co.uk or we are very happy to take your call on **020 7736 3968**.

Wild Frontiers is a fully licensed and bonded tour operator and our ATOL number is 5975. You can book your holiday with Wild Frontiers in complete confidence that all monies you pay to us for your tour are fully protected.

We are also bonded with the Association of Independent Tour Operators (AITO). AITO members comply with the highest standards of consumer protection. Every AITO holiday is backed not only by AITO's Quality Charter but also by full financial protection.