



EPIC EXPLORATIONS!

Dear Friends,

As we move into September, we can't wait to start planning your next trip to the subcontinent! Discover magnificent monuments, colourful festivals and events, and delectable cuisine over the next few months. The weather is gorgeous, and the entire region is fresh, green and ready to greet you after the monsoon rain.

Wondering where to go for the holidays this year? Let's explore the majesty of Rajasthan, the beauty of Nepal, and the splendour of Tamil Nadu. Discover an array of culture, colour and character as you journey through the Indian Subcontinent.

We look forward to planning your next vacation!

Sincerely,
Chandra Bhatia

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Few countries capture the eye, the heart and the imagination the way that Nepal does. Every corner reveals a new perspective, each more surprising than the last. What better way to launch yourself into the spirit of the Himalayas than with a visit to Kathmandu?

Kathmandu has a pulse of its own. From the dramatic architecture in Durbar Square, the intricate details that adorn the palaces, to the maze of by-lanes in Thamel, there's a vibrant buzz throughout the city. Discover exquisite cuisine, music, and architecture as you explore the city.

Then make your way across the river to Bakhtapur. Explore the serene beauty of its many shrines, discover artisans making traditional arts and crafts. You'll be swept up in a swirl of colour and culture that leaves you awestruck.

No journey to Nepal is complete without a visit to Swayambhunath Stupa. Perched atop a hill, the "eyes" of Swayambhunath follow you in all four directions as you explore the complex of smaller shrines, monasteries and ancient structures.

Curious? This is only the tip of the iceberg. Ask us today to plan your Nepal holiday!

THE SPIRIT OF THE HIMALAYA





Xmas on your mind?

*Where do we go for the holidays?
by Acme Voyages*



Pondicherry. Galle. Cochin. Jaipur. Agra.



MEWAR TO NEWAR...

Best-kept culinary secrets from the royal kitchens of Rajasthan and Nepal!

KHAD KOKADA

Tender meat, marinated in spices for hours, is wrapped in Khakda leaves and slow-cooked in an earthen pit. A royal specialty from the royal kitchens of Udaipur.

AALU TAMA

This delectable soup is sure to keep you warm in Nepal's mountainous atmosphere. Specially prepared from fermented bamboo-shoots, it has a tangy flavour that piques your palate.

JODHPUR LASSI

If you're feeling hot and hungry after a day spent exploring Jodhpur's fort, step into one of its famous lassi shops. A cool glass of the creamy, sweet milk shake, topped off with a generous handful of dried fruit and nuts will fuel you up!

CHAANG

Sweet, tart and just a wee bit fizzy. Chaang is Nepal's home-grown brew. A beer-like beverage made from fermented millet, rice or barley to slake your thirst.



Mouthwatering Delights from Rajasthan & Nepal





CULTURAL EVENTS

IN RAJASTHAN

1. RIFF – JODHPUR

Music, dance and folk culture come together in a festive extravaganza of live performances at the Rajasthan International Folk Festival at Meherangarh Fort, Jodhpur in October.

2. JAIPUR LITFEST

Literature, art, music and culture create a festival, carnival atmosphere at the Dighi Palace in Jaipur. From world renowned authors to inspiring philosophers, this festival takes place each January.

3. WORLD SACRED SPIRIT FESTIVAL – NAGAUR & JODHPUR

Haunting melodies from Rajasthan's desert tribes and sufi music create a magical atmosphere beneath the stars in Nagaur and Jodhpur. Harmony and cultural diversity are celebrated with beautiful music at Nagaur Fort and Meherangarh Fort.

SIMPLY TIMELESS...

There are some monuments that we could visit over and over again, simply because they speak to our soul...

THE RED FORT, NEW DELHI

Rising up from the ground in majestic splendour, the 17th century Red Fort in Delhi is iconic. It was built by Emperor Shah Jehan as the seat of the Mughal Empire.



MEENAKSHI TEMPLE, MADURAI

With its multi-coloured towers, elaborate interiors and divine spirit, the Meenakshi Temple in Madurai is truly spectacular. Whether you're a spiritual seeker or an architectural aficionado, this monument is a must!



AMER FORT, JAIPUR

The walls of this magnificent fortress snake up a tall hill, until you enter its massive gates. Hidden within its walls are palaces, gardens and stories of romance from a bygone era!



THE TAJ MAHAL, AGRA

Pristine, elegant and simply breathtaking - no matter how many times we visit, the Taj Mahal continues to leave us in awe. The serenity of the grounds, the intricacy of the craftsmanship, and the detail in the design is simply unparalleled. A beautiful testimony to true love.





COLONIAL HISTORY

Colonialism held sway for centuries in India and Sri Lanka. Explore the last remnants of Portuguese rule and the British Raj in Chennai. Discover French influences in Pondicherry. Explore the remnants of the Dutch fortifications in Cochin, Colombo and Galle!



ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

Cocooned within the vestiges of the eight cities of Delhi is a series of architectural styles, motifs and design elements which boggle the mind! From Humayun to Shah Jehan, the Lodis to Lyutens, Delhi's architecture is a window to its rich and textured history.



TEXTILE TRADITIONS

India is a haven for those who appreciate textile heritage and nowhere is this more prevalent than in Tamil Nadu! Head over to Kanchipuram to visit the weaving centres that dot the landscape around this temple town. Rich silks woven with gold create heirlooms that are passed down from mother to daughter.

INDIA AND SRI LANKA: RENT-A-CAR

COMPETITIVE RATES WITH NO SURPRISES



Acme Voyages is present in all regions of India and Sri Lanka. In a few clicks, send us your quote request to rent your air-conditioned vehicle (car, van, mini-bus, coach) with chauffeur. Our experienced drivers know their way around town, are properly licensed, well-informed and vetted by us. Sedan, minivan or SUV, our vehicles are air-conditioned, extremely clean, and you don't have to hassle with filling fuel or finding a parking space. We take care of it all in one price. You only have to send us an inquiry, and we will arrange it all. Our rates systematically include toll charges "except for Sri Lanka depending on your chosen route", parking, fuel and all-risk insurance. You can also count on 24/7 assistance from our Delhi and Colombo office to ensure the smooth running of your trip. Only the tips to be attributed to the driver remain your responsibility.

VEHICLE RENTAL, ACCOMMODATIONS & GUIDES

Let us organize your trip. We can book your accommodation and let you take advantage of very competitive prices negotiated with a wide selection of hotels suitable for all budgets. Our guides, locals or guides, true ambassadors of their country, also offer their services to enlighten your discovery of their culture. Our team has only one goal: your satisfaction!

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