



**EPIC
EXPLORATIONS!**

2024

Dear Friends,

Winter has set into the subcontinent with clear blue skies, bright sunshine, and lush tropical landscape. This is the ideal time to head into the wilderness and explore some of our incredible national parks. From tigers to elephants, leopards to rhinos there is an array of incredible species that can only be found in our part of the world. Ranthambore, Periyar, Chitwan and Yala are just some of the incredible parks that you can explore.

Shrug off those winter jackets and put on some hiking boots as you explore the incredible beauty of the tea-country trails. Discover Sri Lanka's newly opened Pekoe Trail, which covers over 300 kilometers across the Central Highlands. Or head over to the beautiful town of Munnar in Kerala, which is famous for its tea and cardamom estates. These areas are ideal for those who enjoy biking, hiking and birdwatching. Combine your exploration in nature with a touch of culture. Visit ancient kingdoms and temples in places like Kandy and Madurai, that are just a short distance away. Explore ancient trade crossroads like Cochin and Galle, as you learn about the history of the Spice Route. Cochin is also home to an incredible art festival, the Kochi-Muziris Biennale, while Galle is the hub for art and literature during the Galle Lit-Fest. Two fantastic events that you can add into your calendar. Contact us now to discover more.

Warm Regards,
Chandra Bhatia

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There's nothing more exciting than spotting a tiger in the wild in India and Nepal. Ranthambore in Rajasthan, and Chitwan, in southern Nepal are two of our favourite parks to spot this incredible feline.



Ranthambore is a rugged habitat with the river running through, and the ruins of ancient temples and palaces scattered across the park lending themselves to the atmosphere. Tiger sightings are excellent, and there is plenty of animal activity in the park. Excellent lodges and top-notch naturalists make your safari experience complete.



Chitwan is a magical park, situated in the heart of the Terai Arc landscape. Its large tracts of grassland make it ideal territory for both tigers and rhinos, and it is world famous for its recent conservation efforts. Luxurious wildlife lodges, well-versed guides, make the experience extremely special.



Are you interested in discovering wildlife in India and Nepal? There are several incredible parks, full of unusual species. Contact us today to learn more.



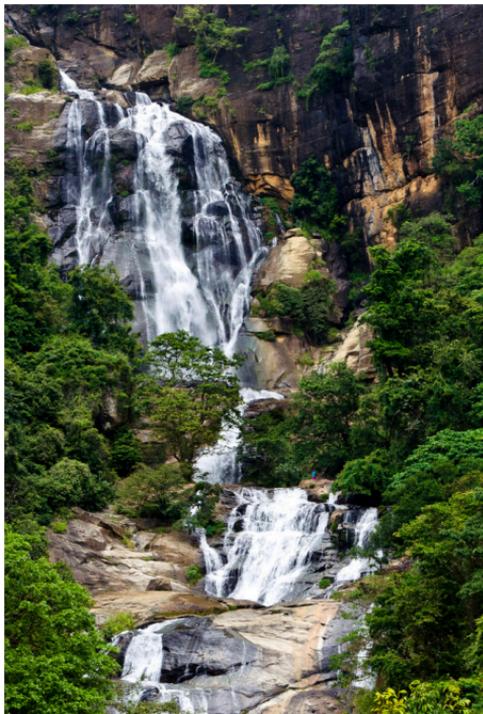
THE PEKOE TRAIL

While Sri Lanka is known for its beaches, its mountains are full of hidden surprises. Head up to these magnificent highlands in Central Sri Lanka and hike across the hilly landscape.

The Pekoe Trail is a sustainable tourism initiative that charts out over 300 kilometers of hiking trails through the tea country and into the Central Highlands.

Discover incredible flora and fauna as you climb into the Knuckles Mountain Range and head into the cloud forests of Horton Plains national park. Explore rural Sri Lankan life as you come across small hamlets tucked away into the folds of the mountain, and stand at the edge of the cliff at World's End, marveling at the stunning scenery below you. The fresh air and quiet serenity is ideal for those who enjoy walking, hiking, yoga and meditation in nature. Spend the night at a beautiful tea bungalow or home stay, and soak up the serenity of this untouched region.





ANCIENT KINGDOMS

SRI LANKA

1. ANURADHAPURA

Tucked away amid the jungles of Central Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura rises up like a phoenix from the ashes. The ruins of Ceylon's first capital mark a kingdom that flourished for 1300 years! Explore the history of this ancient empire, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

2. POLONNARUWA

This was the second ancient kingdom of Sri Lanka, that was originally conceived by the Chola Empire, and built upon by later kings. Beautifully laid out gardens, and ancient monuments come together at this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

3. SIGIRIYA

Perched on top of a cliff, Sigiriya is a magnificent old fortress, that belonged to King Kashyapa. As you climb the hill to reach the fortress from below, you come across a huge gateway carved like a lion, while there is a palace at the top. Today, Sigiriya is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



KERALA CHARM

A tropical paradise, Kerala is full of colour and culture. High amid the Western Ghats, Munnar is famous for its beautiful landscape and plantations. Take lovely walks in the gentle sunshine as you meander through tea gardens, cardamom estates, and forested hill slopes. The Winderemere Estate is the ideal place to base yourself and explore!



Then head down towards the Periyar River. On the outskirts of Cochin, pause for a night or two to soak up the charms of the countryside at Winderemere River House. Handcrafted interiors, home-cooked meals, and a beautiful setting make this the perfect relaxing retreat.

LUSH & TROPICAL

CGH EARTH SPICE VILLAGE THEKKADY



Kerala is known for its spice plantations. Stay at Spice Village, a beautifully designed eco-friendly resort by CGH Earth, in the village of Thekkady, bordering Periyar National Park.

The Periyar River runs near by, making the surroundings lush and lovely. The resort is designed to reflect the architecture of the Manan tribe, with distinctive thatched roofs and whitewashed walls. The ethnic cuisine here is a highlight, as everything is sourced locally and the flavours are enriched by Kerala's cardamom and pepper.

Explore the spice gardens or venture into Periyar National Park, which is a haven for elephants and rare birds.



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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