

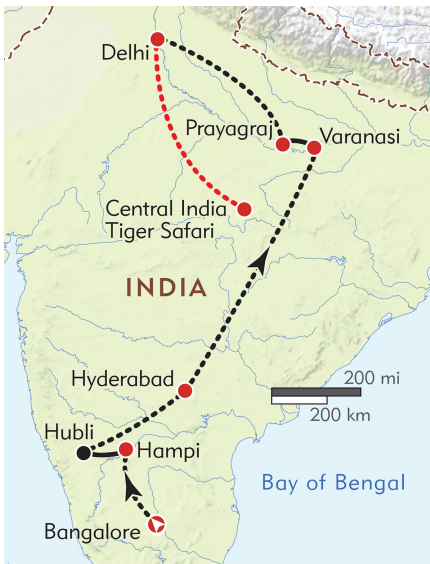
# India's Kumbh Mela Festival

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# Overview



## TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

- Length:** 12 days  
**Arrive:** Bangalore, India  
**Depart:** Delhi, India  
**Lodging:** 8 nights hotels, 3 nights private tented camp  
**Meals:** All meals included except day 1  
**Activity:** Cultural, Limited Edition  
**Trip Level:** 1 ②+ 3 4 5 6

Moderate to intense cultural immersion amid vast festival crowds, 3-5 miles of walking most days, some early morning starts, three nights at tented camp amid 24-hour pilgrim activity on festival grounds

## QUESTIONS?

Our Area Specialists are your single point of contact and would be happy to answer any questions about your trip!

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Boat along the Ganges in Varanasi at sunrise to watch pilgrims at prayer
- Take a fascinating “Death and Rebirth Night Walk” in holy Varanasi
- Meet with spiritual leaders at our private camp at Kumbh Mela
- Get an insider’s perspective on India’s living traditions with our expert guides
- Explore the medieval city of Hampi, a World Heritage Site, visit the bazaars of Hyderabad
- Extend your journey on our Central India: In the Realm of the Tiger safari

# Introduction



## LIMITED EDITION ADVENTURES

This is a Limited Edition adventure-which means a unique trip we've never run before or offer only every few years. Led by our most experienced Trip Leaders, these journeys often take place in remote destinations with only the most basic infrastructure for tourism. If you see a Limited Edition trip scheduled for this year, now is the time to sign up, as spaces fill very early and the trip may not be back for a while! Planned daily activities and actual timings may vary due to local conditions or the discretion of your Trip Leader-it is important to bring your spirit of adventure for these special exploratory journeys!

## TRIP DATES

January 11-22, 2025  
February 1-12, 2025

Experience India in a whole new way at the sacred Kumbh Mela festival, the largest congregation of pilgrims on Earth-and a gathering that only happens every 12 years. WT's private tented camp for three nights is right on the Kumbh Mela festival grounds, where we spend time with sadhus (holy men) and spiritual leaders, with guest lectures by Lakshmi Singh, a disciple of Advaita Vedanta Hinduism. Before the festival, we explore the World Heritage-listed medieval city of Hampi, the former princely state of Hyderabad, with its links to Hinduism and Islam, and fantastically photogenic Varanasi, where we have the honor of witnessing the living traditions of one of the world's oldest religions.

Please note: Our Kumbh Mela camp is right in the festival grounds, which run day and night with intense pilgrim activity, so this may not be a journey for everyone, but if you're seeking a once-in-lifetime cultural experience, this is it!

For a post-trip extension, we offer [Central India: In the Realm of the Tiger](#), a chance to relax and unwind in the peaceful realm of four Project Tiger wildlife reserves after our intense spiritual-cultural experience.



# Itinerary



## DAY 1 BANGALORE

Late afternoon or evening arrival at the international airport, where you are met outside the customs and immigration area for a transfer to the Taj West End Hotel. Meals on your own.

### Overnight: Taj West End Hotel

The Taj West End is nestled within 20 acres of sprawling greenery and distinguished by its colonial-style elegance. There are 117 luxurious rooms and suites overlooking verdant gardens, plus a world-class spa and a myriad of fine dining restaurants.



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## **Overnight: Evolve Back Kamalapura Palace**

The newly built Kamalapura Palace is designed to reflect the days of the 14th-century Vijayanagara Empire, with architecture inspired by Deccan, Dravidian, and Islamic styles. There are 37 suites and nine pool villas, a bar lounge, a reading lounge, a large infinity pool, and a spa offering traditional Ayurvedic wellness therapies. On-site dining includes Tuluva, a multi-cuisine restaurant overlooking the infinity pool and The Bahmani, specializing in Persian and indigenous influences.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Flight Details: 1 hour**

**Driving Details: 1 hour**

## **DAY 2 BANGALORE / VIJAYANAGAR / HAMPPI**

We join our Trip Leader for a trip briefing then stretch our legs on a short city tour. We'll visit the Vidhan Sabja, the impressive building that holds the state legislature, and the Tipu Sultan Palace. Tipu, the sultan known as "the Tiger of Mysore," was the ruler of the Kingdom of Mysore (1782-99) who fought valiantly against the British East India Company's ambitions for conquest of Southern India in the late 18th century. He introduced many administrative innovations during his rule, including a land revenue system that began the the growth of Mysore silk industry. This afternoon we catch a flight to Vijayanagar and drive to Hampi, where our hotel is the Kamalapura Palace, built to reflect the architectural splendor of the Vijayanagar Empire that once spanned much of Southern India. We gather for our Welcome Dinner this evening.



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Overnight: Evolve Back Kamalapura  
Palace

Meals: B, L, D

## DAY 3 HAMPI / VIJAYANAGAR

The extraordinary ruined city of Vijayanagar, the “City of Victory,” also known as Hampi, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was the capital of the 14th century Vijayanagar Empire and is closely associated with India’s Ramayana epic and with Lord Shiva, making it an important place of pilgrimage. The setting of Vijayanagar itself is surreal, with piles of colossal golden-brown boulders scattered among leafy banana fields. This morning, a sunrise hike brings us up the Tungabhadra Trail for a fantastic view over the site. We’ll find magnificent ruins along the way, including the Achyutaraya Temple and its Courtesan Bazaar, once famous for its dancing girls. There will also be an option for an easier hike for those who wish. After a picnic breakfast, we’ll walk through the ancient village of Vithalapura to visit the iconic Vijaya Vittala Temple, Hampi’s crowning glory, where a magnificent stone chariot graces the courtyard. This temple is also noted for its giant “musical” pillars (constructed so as to sound the notes of a scale when struck). We return to our hotel about 11:00am, with the afternoon to relax. A complimentary one-hour Ayurveda massage is available at the hotel’s spa. In the late afternoon, we’ll walk up Hemakuta Hill, dotted with pre-Vijayanagar temples and the perfect place for a fantastic view of the ruins and surrounding countryside. Here we’ll visit the Virupaksha Temple. It’s a practicing pilgrim temple, so we should see many pilgrims performing rituals.



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## **Overnight: Taj Falaknuma Palace**

The Taj Falaknuma Palace, built in 1894, is the former residence of the Nizam of Hyderabad, who was rumored to be the richest man in the world at one time. Now a 60-room luxury hotel spread over 32 acres, it blends historic elegance and modern luxury. There are several excellent restaurants, a spa, and an infinity pool. Guests can enjoy a guided palace tour with the palace historian, and in the central courtyard each evening, there is a performance of classical Sufi Qawwali music.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Driving Details:** 4 hours

**Flying Details:** 1 hour

## **DAY 4 HAMPPI / HUBLI / HYDERABAD**

There is good birdlife around our hotel, so we'll head out for an early morning birding walk with our hotel's naturalist, exploring the scrub jungle, agricultural fields, and village roads near our hotel. After breakfast, we'll enjoy one last visit to the world of the Vijayanagar Empire as we walk a trail to the stunning Lotus Temple. Today is partly a travel day as we make a long drive to Hubli for a short flight to Hyderabad. In Hyderabad, an atmospheric city that dates to the late 16th century, we'll settle into our extraordinary hotel, the Taj Falaknuma Palace, perched 2,000 feet above the city and spread over 32 acres.



# Itinerary



Overnight: Taj Falaknuma Palace

Meals: B, L, D

## DAY 5 HYDERABAD / GOLCONDA FORT AND TOMBS / CHARMINAR BAZAAR

This morning we'll visit the magnificent Golconda Fort, a fortified citadel and walled city on the outskirts of Hyderabad. It was once the capital of the Muslim Qutb Shahi dynasty. Its attractions include the ancient Hindu Jagadamba Mahakali Temple and tripled-arched Taramati Mosque. We'll also visit the tombs of the Qutb Shahi rulers buried here, surrounded by elaborate mausoleums, hammams, and gardens. In the late afternoon, we'll head for Hyderabad's Charminar district, a mosaic of history, culture, modernity, crafts, business, and Old World charm—a perfect slice of Hyderabad's life. We'll walk through Charminar's Laad Bazar to be dazzled by the shiny "lac" bangles that Hyderabad is known for, take the back streets to meet craftsmen, and watch artisans working with shiny threads and glittery sequins to create intricate patterns on silk fabric. We end our day at a popular tea shop watching the hustle and bustle around Charminar while sipping on sweet Irani tea and dunking just-out-of-the-oven Osmania biscuits.



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## **Overnight: BrijRama Palace**

This renovated 200-year-old palace, accessible only by boat, has a perfect location right on the banks of the Ganges. Guests can watch life along the Ganges from the panoramic rooftop terrace, walk down the ghat right to the river below, and explore myriad shops in the lanes just outside the hotel grounds. Complimentary 15-minute foot massages are offered and there is afternoon tea on the terrace.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Flight Details:** 1 hour

## **DAY 6 VARANASI / SUNSET BOAT RIDE / GANGA AARTI CEREMONY**

A mid-morning flight brings us to Varanasi (also known as Benares or Kashi), whose prominence in Hindu mythology is unrivaled. Hindus believe that one who is graced to be cremated in Varanasi would attain *moksha*-salvation and freedom from the cycle of birth and re-birth. The city has been a center of learning and civilization for over 3,000 years. Tonight at sunset, we take a slow upriver float by boat from Assi Ghat as the setting sun cascades across the city skyline and pause to witness a glittering *aarti* (prayer) ceremony at the riverside. The priests in charge of performing the *aarti* wear a *dhoti* (long loincloth) and a *kurta* (long shirt). The ceremony begins with the lighting of brass lamps and a rhythmic chanting of the holy mantras. Some priests blow conch shells to sanctify the atmosphere, while other priests wave incense sticks to worship Mother Ganga. The whole ceremony lasts about 45 minutes each evening and many people gather riverside to watch it. Overnight at the Brijrama Palace, a 200-year-old palace set right on the Ganges and accessible only by boat.



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Overnight: BrijRama Palace

Meals: B, L, D

## DAY 7 VARANASI / SUNRISE BOAT RIDE AND WALK / DEATH AND REBIRTH NIGHT WALK

Fantastically photogenic Varanasi is at its brilliant best by the ghats, the long stretch of steps leading down to the Ganges on the western bank. On our sunrise boat ride, we'll view the River Ganga in golden morning light, watch pilgrims and priests perform their aarti to the rising sun, and see children taking their morning baths. We'll also explore on foot and find places such as kushti akharas, the traditional 'gymnasiums' along the ghats where young boys mud-wrestle the ancient Indian way, practicing millennia-old moves. We return to the hotel for breakfast and later walk to the street markets and sacred ponds of Varanasi. The afternoon is for lunch and a rest. Around 7:30 this evening, we'll take a fascinating "Death and Rebirth Night Walk" through Varanasi, a special opportunity to experience the power of holy rituals and ponder the cycles and mysteries of existence. Our walk begins at a fertility temple dedicated to a Hindu goddess and ends with a visit to Manikarnika Ghat, the most sacred Ganges cremation grounds. Witnessing a cremation at Manikarnika Ghat is a powerful experience. The intense heat and smoke of the fire, combined with the prayers and chants of the mourners, creates a remarkable atmosphere. The sight of a body slowly being consumed by the flames is a reminder of the fragility of life and the passing of the soul from this world to the next.



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## DAY 8 PRAYAGRAJ / LUXURY TENTED CAMP AT KUMBH MELA FESTIVAL GROUNDS

A morning drive brings us to Prayagraj, a beautiful city situated at the confluence of the Rivers Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati (“prayag” means confluence). The city draws pilgrims and heritage lovers from all over the world and is one of the destinations that holds the Kumbh Mela. More than ten million people dip into the holy Ganga at this festival to purify body, mind, and soul and wash off their sins. It is a mass pilgrimage for the Hindu community of India, from sages, yogis, ascetics, and mendicants to ordinary men, women, and children. On arrival, we settle into our private camp, with time at leisure before we have an informative briefing on the days ahead by our guide and host Lakshmi Singh, a disciple of two Advait philosophy masters for over 20 years.

### Overnight: Naga Kothi

Our private tented camp, Naga Kothi, is on the festival grounds of the Kumbh Mela, putting us right in the heart of the action. We'll sleep in comfortable safari-style tents with en suite bathrooms with showers and hot and cold running water. All our meals will be at our camp. Festival activities continue throughout the day and into the night and early mornings (mostly chanting and prayers), so you must be prepared for noise after we go to bed.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Driving Details:** 3 hours



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Overnight: Naga Kothi

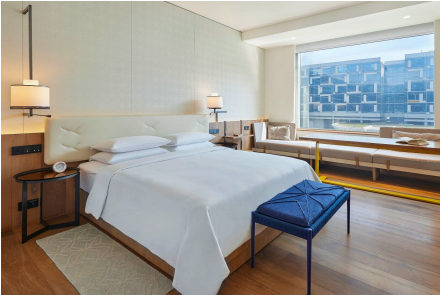
Meals: B, L, D

## DAYS 9-10 PRAYAGRAJ / KUMBH MELA FESTIVAL

We have two full days to experience the Kumbh Mela, its meaning, relevance, and rituals, and learn why millions of people journey here from all walks of life in what is the ultimate spiritual quest. With our Trip Leader and hosts from camp, we'll attend ceremonies and meet pilgrims, hearing their stories and learning what Kumbh Mela means for them. We will experience one-on-one time with sadhus (holy men), witness spiritual leaders with their disciples taking a dip in the Ganges, and meet ascetics. Even though the festival is truly huge, it is organized with security provided by the Indian military, and we will be accompanied by our Trip Leader and specialist guides through all the experiences.



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## DAYS 11-12 DELHI / DEPART

**Day 11:** Fly to Delhi and check into the hotel. We gather for our festive Farewell Dinner this evening.

**Day 12:** After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart, or join our [Central India: In the Realm of the Tiger](#) safari.

### Overnight: Andaz Delhi

Located just a few miles from the international airport, you can watch the planes come and go from this contemporary hotel. Grab a gin and tonic at the Juniper Bar, which offers 35 types of gin and tonic infusions, or if you feel like jumping into an even livelier scene, you can head to the multilevel Hong Kong Club for Cantonese food and a Chinese zodiac-inspired cocktail. The hotel restaurant serves a range of European and Indian food using locally-sourced produce, and there is a small café where you can get a seasonal salad or flavored flatbread. There is a spa, fitness center, and outdoor swimming pool.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**Flight Details (Day 11):** 1.5 hours



# Pricing

## 2025 TRIP COST

\$10,595 (11-14 members)

\$10,995 (8-10 members)

\$11,395 (5-7 members)

Single supplement: \$3,450

Internal airfare: \$765 (subject to change)

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

## PAYMENT TERMS

\$600 due at time of reservation

90 days prior to departure: Balance

## CANCELLATION & TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 121 days prior to departure: No charge!

91-120 days prior to departure: \$600 per person

61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost

60 days or less: 100% of trip cost *\*Please note that this differs from our standard policy.*

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details:

[www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance](http://www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance)

## TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in hotels and small comfortable inns
- All meals except 1 dinner as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure
- All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

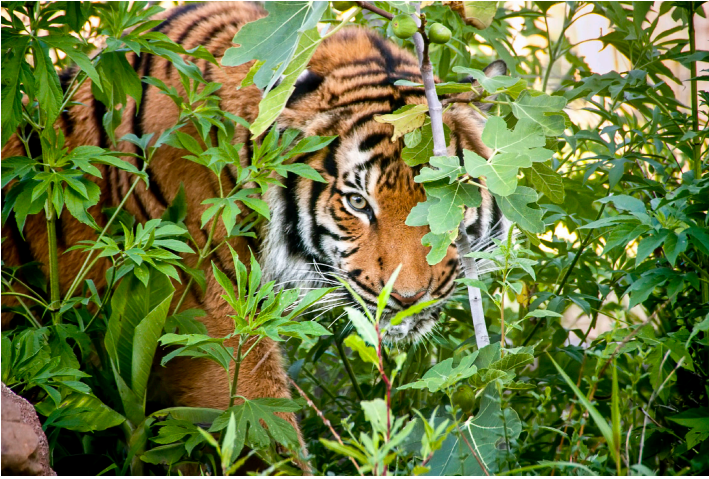
## TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to Trip Leaders
- Optional travel insurance
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)
- Visa fees



# Extensions

To help you make the most of your adventure, please see below for our selection of curated trip extensions. Please view our website for detailed information, including full itineraries, accommodations, and complete pricing.



## CENTRAL INDIA: IN THE REALM OF THE TIGER

This one-of-a-kind safari visits four of India's Project Tiger reserves, where we'll search not only for tiger, but also for leopard, sloth bear, dhole (Indian wild dog), and the endemic barasingha deer. We begin in Bandhavgarh, a small national park with a thriving tiger population, then head to renowned Kanha, which became part of Project Tiger in 1973. Moving to the lush "Kipling country" of Pench National Park, we might, with luck, catch a glimpse of its leopards and jungle cats, and we finish our safari at Reni Pani, a luxury property at Satpura National Park, for game walks, village and school visits, and canoe safaris. As we travel, we'll be welcomed by our local hosts and the communities they are connected to. *15 days. From \$7295.*

# Arrival & Departure

## ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Bangalore, India

**Suggested Airport:** Kempegowda International Airport  
Bengaluru (BLR)

**Suggested Date & Time:** Day 1, anytime

**Meeting Place:** A complimentary transfer is provided from the Bengaluru airport to the group hotel, no matter when you arrive. Check-in begins at 2:00 pm. There are no scheduled activities on Day 1.

## DEPARTURE

Delhi, India

**Suggested Airport:** Indira Gandhi International Airport  
(DEL)

**Suggested Date & Time:** Day 12, anytime

A complimentary transfer is provided from the group hotel to the Delhi Airport, no matter when you depart. Check-out time from the hotel is 12:00 pm on Day 12.

If you are departing on a different day, extra hotel nights can be arranged at additional cost.

## INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from India. There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at [www.exitotravel.com](http://www.exitotravel.com).

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

**Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip.** Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.



# Trip Leaders

Wilderness Travel Trip Leaders have a passion and a joy for creating an unforgettable journey. We are extremely proud of them and the incredible travel experiences they make possible. For more information, including client comments about them and which specific trips they will be leading, please visit [wildernesstravel.com/leaders](http://wildernesstravel.com/leaders).



## INDRAJIT LATEY

Indrajit Latey has worked in the fields of wildlife management and nature tourism for the past 19 years. His interest in wildlife was ignited during his childhood years, when he spent summers in Melghat Tiger Reserve in India's northern state of Maharashtra. He later worked as a naturalist for the World Wildlife Fund in Pune, and for six years lived and worked in Kanha National Park. Whether he is guiding wildlife groups, diving in coral reefs, or skiing in the Himalayas, Indrajit is at home in all terrain. He is passionate about photography and realized a childhood dream a few years ago when he visited Africa's Masai Mara and Serengeti as leader of a group of professional photographers. In 2017, he used his conservation and wildlife knowledge on a month-long stint to explore the northeastern rainforests of India.



## SHOBA RUDRA

Shoba Rudra is a storyteller and communications professional who specializes in boutique travel experiences that are community inclusive and planet sensitive. A graduate in zoology and with post-graduate studies in communications, Shoba has traveled extensively in India to follow her interests in wildlife conservation, cuisine, handicrafts, and performing arts. She has also led small groups who have specific interests in understanding the social, religious, and cultural contexts of India as well as its enduring traditions. Shoba believes in wellness as a holistic principle and in self awareness as one of the routes to spiritual awakening.

# What to Expect

## WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated **Level 2+ (Easy to Moderate)** according to our trip grading system. You will need to be comfortable walking or being on your feet for 6 hours per day through large groups of heavy crowds. It is best suited for very well-traveled people who have perhaps been to India before and are looking to deepen their connection with the legendary spirituality of the country, or who are looking for an eye-opening cultural experience.

It is a vehicle-based cultural adventure with hikes to fabulous temples, topped off by an intense three-day experience of India's biggest pilgrim festival. The Kumbh Mela is a feast for the senses and for the soul, so bring an attitude of flexibility and curiosity, a sense of humor, enthusiasm about new peoples and places, and an openness to the unexpected!

## TERRAIN

While this is not a hiking trip, we will spend much of our time on foot, observing devotional activities along the river as the pilgrims complete their religious journey. The festival isn't set up for visitors—it is a religious rite of passage for Hindus, with the festival grounds becoming a vast temporary city for the masses of attendees. To join this trip you must be ready for large and sometimes tight crowds of people (if you have claustrophobia this is not the trip for you!), for strong and intense smells, and to be on your feet for 5-6 hours per day.

## WEATHER

We expect temperatures around Bangalore and Hyderabad in southern India to be warm to hot in February, ranging through the mid-70Fs to high 80Fs. Varanasi, much further north, is cooler during that month. The south of India has two distinct monsoon seasons: one in summer and another from October to mid-November. We don't expect heavy rain to be a problem on our trip, but there can be occasional showers at any time between November and February.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations are in excellent hotels for eight days, some of them historic properties that reflect the traditional architecture of the region. For three nights, we stay at our tented camp right on the festival grounds of the Kumbh Mela, where we'll sleep in comfortable safari-style tents with en suite bathrooms with showers and hot and cold running water. During our days at the festival, we'll have morning yoga with a sadhu, watch priests perform an aarti (evening prayers), boat along the Ganges and Yumana rivers, and take a night walk to experience the evening rituals. Festival activities continue throughout the day and into the night, so you must be prepared for noise after we go to bed. There will be story-tellers, singing and chanting, stalls selling items for people to use in pujas (blessing ceremonies), performances by folk artists, and iconic sights such as naked, ash-covered Naga sadhus, the mystics who have given up all worldly possessions.

## CUISINE

Meals at our hotels and at camp will be a mix of Indian and Western cuisine, customized for the Western palate when requested to be mild or spicy. Special diets (gluten-free, dairy-free) can be accommodated but please advise us in advance.



# What to Expect

AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Varanasi	72/49	75/55	92/63	103/73	105/80	93/80	92/80	92/78	92/78	91/71	85/60	75/52
Prayagraj	71/50	80/55	93/74	99/72	105/83	100/80	95/75	90/70	90/70	90/70	79/60	78/55
Varanasi	82/61	93/66	90/73	93/73	89/72	85/70	82/68	82/68	82/68	82/68	80/65	80/62

RAINFALL - INCHES												
Varanasi	.6	1	.6	.2	.6	4.1	10.2	11	9.1	1.2	.3	.2
Prayagraj	.5	.6	.2	.4	.4	3.4	8.3	8.2	5.6	1.2	.2	.3
Varanasi	.1	.2	.4	1.5	3	2.8	2.9	3.8	5.2	4.1	1.8	.5

# Additional Information

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 or email us at [info@wildernesstravel.com](mailto:info@wildernesstravel.com).

## REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this trip.

## ABOUT NEW TRIPS

This is a new adventure and one that we are particularly excited about offering. However, as with all new departures, flexibility and a spirit of adventure are always appreciated! Activities are described in the itinerary but they can vary, sometimes considerably, depending on weather conditions, the group, and other factors.

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

At [www.wildernesstravel.com](http://www.wildernesstravel.com), you can book your trip online or find out about added departures, last-minute deals, and one-time Limited Edition adventures that aren't listed in our catalog. You can also access our complete library of detailed itineraries filled with enticing photos and videos, read bios of our Trip Leaders, find descriptions of trip accommodations, and check real-time availability of any trips that interest you.



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WOMEN'S T-SHIRT



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+ KLEEN KANTEEN 27OZ WATER BOTTLE



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## YOUR FIRST TRIP

As a first-time traveler, you receive a lightweight Wilderness Travel T-shirt and set of durable WT Luggage Tags. On subsequent trips, we're happy to send you a new WT T-shirt and set of Luggage Tags by request.

## YOUR SECOND TRIP

A top quality Wilderness Travel stainless steel water bottle by Klean Kanteen and a cozy Wilderness Travel fleece vest by Patagonia (\$100 value).

## YOUR THIRD TRIP

A versatile Wilderness Travel R-1 pullover by Patagonia (\$130 value).

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Discounts on the cost of your trip begin! You receive a 4% discount on the tour cost.

## FIVE AND MORE TRIPS

You receive a 5% discount on the base trip cost. On your sixth trip, you receive a 6% discount, and so on up to your 10th trip. The maximum discount is 10%, with a ceiling of \$500.

*Note: Due to special pricing considerations, Toucan Club discounts do not apply to our Private Journeys or Special Events. However, your participation on these trips does count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular adventures.*

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

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# Travel Notes



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## WILDERNESS TRAVEL HAS BEEN AWARDED:

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- Best Wildlife, Hiking & Walking Trips: *AFAR Magazine*, 3 years in a row
- Best Adventure Travel Companies: *USA Today*
- Trip of the Year: *Outside Magazine*, 9-time winner
- 50 Tours of a Lifetime: *National Geographic Traveler*, 9 years in a row
- Best Adventure Travel Companies: *National Geographic Adventure*, 3-time winner

Please be advised that California has established a Travel Consumer Restitution Fund under the California Seller of Travel Law that took effect January 1, 1996. This fund is designed to protect consumers from unscrupulous practices by discount airfare ticket sellers or air charter operators. Unfortunately, this law does not cover non-California residents and, even in the case of California residents, it does not cover any foreign travel where the foreign "providers of transportation or travel services" are not in compliance with the Sellers of Travel Law (compliance being defined as registered as a Seller of Travel in California and a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Fund). Thus none of Wilderness Travel's tours qualify and we are required by law to advise each client that they are not covered by the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. California law requires sellers of travel to maintain a trust account or bond. This business has a trust account. California Seller of Travel #100769640

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