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*A Forward Journey*  
**TREASURES OF INDIA**

DELHI • TAJ MAHAL • JODHPUR • JAIPUR • UDAIPUR • DESERT CAMP • AMRITSAR

17 DAYS FROM \$2,990 pp

5 - 21 MARCH 2018

Be greeted with vibrance and colour



India can only be described as the unique and vibrant beating heart of Asia. With its bustling bazaars, rich heritage, natural wonders, awe-inspiring palaces, spectacular temples and ancient ruins, it can offer visitors everything and anything. From the moment you arrive you'll be immersed in a whirlwind of unforgettable sights, sounds and smells, your senses ignited with intrigue. Let India's exotic and chaotic hustle and bustle surround you, mesmerise and charm you – it's the only way to experience this cultural hot pot of excitement!

Join David on this memorable trip visiting some of India's most impressive cities and monuments. From non-stop Delhi to the tranquil Lake Maota, from the far-reaching Thar Desert to authentic local villages in the rural heartland, to majestic Unesco World Heritage sites such as the Taj Mahal, David has created this escorted tour to perfectly blend must-see hotspots with his favourite hidden gems.

- ✓ Led by David Smyth, Forward Travel Director
- ✓ Excellent local guides and private touring throughout
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✓ Relaxing and in depth exploration of Rajasthan
- ✓ Unique and exclusive 2 night stay in Amristar
- ✓ Excellent local guides to pass on first hand knowledge and insights
- ✓ 2 night inclusive stay at a Rajasthan desert camp, with camel ride
- ✓ Tonga ride at Taj Mahal,
- ✓ Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- ✓ Boat ride in Lake Pichola, Udaipur
- ✓ Experience the excitement and chaos of both old and new Delhi
- ✓ Visit the amazing frescos of Churu, an oasis in the shifting dunes of the Thar Desert
- ✓ Sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal
- ✓ 2 nights each in Jodhpur, Udaipur and Jaipur
- ✓ Limited to just 16 travellers

## GOLDEN TEMPLE IN AMRITSAR



## DAY 1, 5 MARCH - WELCOME TO DELHI

Arrive at Delhi airport to a warm welcome and transfer to our city hotel. Balance of the day is yours to explore. Brimming with history, culture and impressive organised chaos this is a place where old and new co-exist, in stark contrast to one another. Perhaps take a walk through Old Delhi to experience true local tradition as you watch men fill sacks with colourful spices, or jump on the metro to take high tea with the locals in the more contemporary New Delhi. Hopefully a good rest awaits this evening before we start our fabulous exploration tomorrow.

## DAY 2, 6 MARCH - DELHI

Today we enjoy breakfast together then set out for a full day sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. Beginning with Old Delhi we visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, before an unmissable photo opportunity as we drive by the imposing Red Fort – a beautiful red sandstone fort on the banks of the River Yamuna dating back to the 1600's. We jump into a bicycle rickshaw for a short ride through the old city centre of Chandni Chowk then complete our Old Delhi tour with a visit to Raj Ghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Moving on to New Delhi the contrast between old and new is immediately evident with its hive of commercial activity, colonial-era buildings and contemporary shops lining its wide, bustling streets. Our first stop is a visit to the 12th century Qutab Minar, a remarkable hand-carved tower that stands 234 feet high and was built in the 1100's in celebration of the defeat of the last Hindu kingdom. We continue to Emperor Humayun's Tomb, a grand structure reflective of typical Mughal architecture. Our tour then takes us past India Gate – the famous war memorial dedicated to Indian soldiers, and finally on to the President's residence – a large and impressive landmark that blends both Victorian and 20th century architecture. After our busy day, we enjoy a relaxing welcome dinner and return to our hotel for the night.

## DAY 3, 7 MARCH - TO CHURU (285KM)

This morning we drive by coach to Churu, the gateway city to the Thar Desert of Rajasthan – also known as the Great Indian Desert – and its expanse of golden sand dunes that stretch for more than 77,000 square miles, touching the border with Pakistan. As soon as we arrive we'll check in to our hotel before spending the afternoon visiting Kanhaiya Lal Bagla ki Hawell and Surana Haweli, just some of the beautiful fresco painted Havelis of Churu. During our visit, we will also see some fine examples of Chhatris, traditional Indian dome-shaped pavilions. We will have time to freshen up, enjoy dinner and return to the hotel for the night.

## DAY 4, 8 MARCH - TO KHIMSAR (260KM)

Following a tasty breakfast, we set off for Khimsar. Our journey today will take us through



'CHARMING' LOCALS

countryside, towns and villages, giving us a glimpse into the lives of locals as they go about their daily routine. A small village between Bikaner and Jodhpur, Khimsar is perched on the edge of the Great Thar Desert in the very heart of rural India. Here, we'll explore its unique fort and learn about its history, taking a spectacular evening walk around the fort before having dinner and staying overnight at our hotel.

## DAY 5, 9 MARCH - TO DESERT CAMP (140KM)

After breakfast, we drive further West across the desert to the Manvar Desert Camp. Set to a backdrop of natural wilderness and fine golden sand dunes that stretch as far as the eye can see we check in to our safari tents which are more like mini-marquees with smart polished traditional camping-style teak furniture, rich jute rugs and lovely custom designed block-printed tent lining. We spend our afternoon enjoying a camel ride across the sand dunes, taking in the breathtaking beauty of our surroundings. Our evening is spent under the stars, admiring the myriad of colours, clear sky, and blanket of stars – watching the sunset and stargazing from isolated sand dunes is nothing short of spectacular. Here we eat, relax, and enjoy this truly unique experience.

## DAY 6, 10 MARCH - MANVAR DESERT CAMP

After a great night sleep among the sand dunes, we eat breakfast and have the full

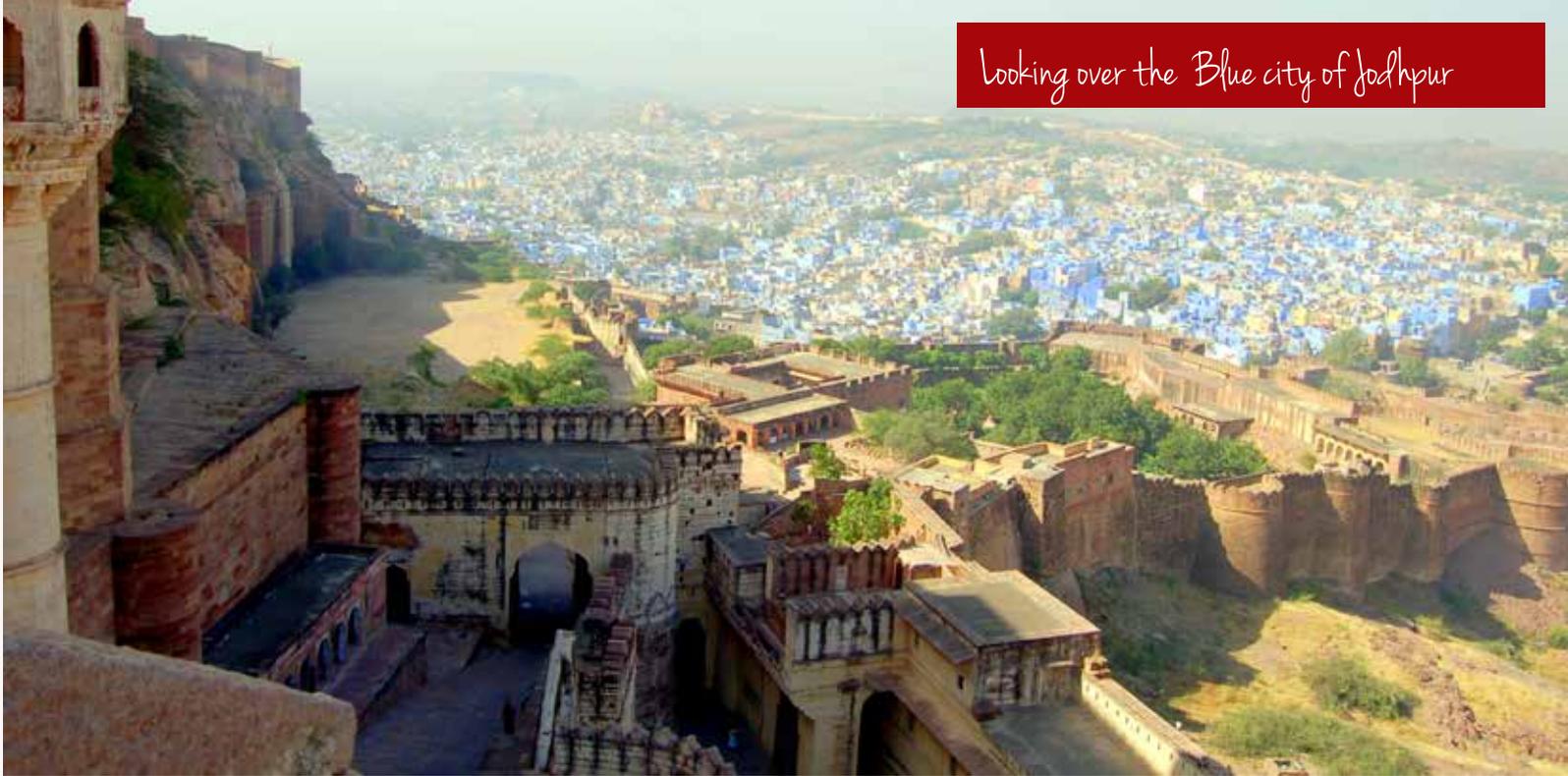
day to ourselves to either relax, take a trip, or further explore the sand dunes and local area. If you fancy a trip, we recommend a visit to Jaisalmer, one of Rajasthan's most fascinating cities. Set in the middle of the Thar Desert this is a city that boasts untold ancient palaces, temples and settlements. Spend your day taking a sightseeing tour of the city to take in the Jaisalmer fort, wander down cobbled stone lanes, and visit Havelis with their beautifully carved facades. Stay until sunset to see the city's sandstone buildings glow under the light of the cooling sun – it's a breathtaking sight and is how the city became known as the 'Golden City' of India. At the end of the day we meet for dinner and relax in the comfort of our desert tents.

## DAY 7, 11 MARCH - TO JODHPUR (125KM)

Today we head south as we drive to Jodhpur, stopping at the Osian temples en route. Osian, a small village 65km north of Jodhpur, is home to a cluster of about 100 Jain and Brahmanical temple ruins that date from the 8th to the 11th centuries. We explore the Surya, Kali and Sachiya Mata temples and learn about their architecture and history. We then continue through the rural landscape to Jodhpur, a city nestled in the depths of the desert. Known for its marble palaces and vibrancy, this is a city to be enjoyed. We check in to our local hotel



OUR DESERT CAMP



and set out for an afternoon walk through to the city's popular main bazaar. A busy and vibrant bazaar, this is the place to see spice sellers, buy from local stalls selling milk and Indian cheese, local textiles and jewellery, and capture a keepsake photograph. We end our day with a delicious local meal and return to our hotel for the night.

#### **DAY 8, 12 MARCH – JODHPUR**

This morning is relaxed with time to enjoy a social breakfast before we return to heart of Jodhpur to visit important sites including Mehrangarh Fort – one of the largest forts in India, and Jaswant Thada – a brilliant white marble memorial to Maharaja Jaswant Singh II. Situated on a steep hill, the fort's beauty is evident from afar, and as we explore it up close we see the numerous palaces that sit within it, surrounded by Jodhpuri sculptures. At Jaswant Thada, a short walk from the fort, we can admire the beautiful marble jali work on the cenotaph and absorb the far reaching view from the terrace. Our evening is spent enjoying a good meal before returning to the hotel.

#### **DAY 9, 13 MARCH – TO UDAIPUR (260KM)**

We're up early for breakfast before setting off on our coach journey to Udaipur, a city renowned for its romantic setting, awe-inspiring palaces, ancient temples, and charming atmosphere. En route we'll stop at Ranakpur in the mountain ranges of the Pali district to visit the beautiful marble of Jain. Dating from the 14th century these temples are built entirely from marble, taking a staggering 65 years to complete. Jain is now one of five holy pilgrimage centres, offering one of the most notable temple complexes in the country. Arriving in Udaipur in the early evening, we'll check in to our hotel and enjoy a local evening meal.

#### **DAY 10, 14 MARCH - UDAIPUR**

We spend today on a sightseeing tour of Udaipur, visiting the stunning City Palace that sits towering over the city's lake, Jagdish Temple – an Indo-Aryan temple full of impressive sculpted images and widely thought of as the most beautiful temple in Udaipur, and Bharatiya Lok Kala Mandir to enjoy its collection of Indian folk art that includes dresses, ornaments, puppets, masks, dolls, and paintings. Our day ends with an evening boat ride on the serene Lake Pichola. Surrounded by lush hills, bathing ghats and palaces this is a memorable way to view this wonderful city. We then return to our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.

#### **DAY 11, 15 MARCH – TO BARLI (264KM)**

We're up early today, have our breakfast then set off by coach for our next stop, Barli. Over 300 years old, Fort Barli has a fascinating royal heritage and all the grandeur to accompany its rich history. On arrival we'll check into our hotel before we spend our afternoon enjoying a bullock cart ride through the village. Taking

us at a leisurely pace through the village we can see rural village life first-hand, take in its colourful markets, visit ancient cenotaphs with their delicate fresco paintings, spend time at a local school, and explore a traditional rural home. This evening we enjoy a group meal and stay the night.

#### **DAY 12, 16 MARCH – PUSHKAR, JAIPUR (240KM)**

Today we leave Barli and head east to one of the most important Hindu pilgrimage centres, Pushkar before continuing our journey to Jaipur. Arriving in Pushkar mid-morning it's impossible not to notice the tranquillity of this quaint desert town with its slow pace and peaceful atmosphere. Here, we visit the holy lake and explore the only Brahma temple in the world. After our time in Pushkar we continue our journey to Jaipur, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan, known as the 'Pink city' due to the array of colourful pink buildings that are dotted around the old city. We'll notice the change in landscape, here it is drier and surrounded by barren hills – a contrast to the inner city where local men can be found sitting at restaurants in traditional dress, wearing bright turbans, setting



**RANAKPUR**

the world to rights over an American ice-cream soda. We spend the afternoon visiting Birla, a modern Hindu temple, where we can see the evening Aarti and Puja to the sound of the chanting of religious hymns. Our evening is spent enjoying a meal together before spending the night at a local hotel.

#### **DAY 13, 17 MARCH - JAIPUR**

We begin our day with a morning excursion to Amber Fort, a classically romantic Rajasthani Fort Palace. Standing in wooded hills near Lake Maota, the size of the fort becomes apparent. After exploring the beautiful architecture, we ascend the hills on elephant back and enjoy memorable views back down towards the sprawling fort.

Our afternoon is spent sightseeing, beginning with a tour of the City Palace – a building now split into an interesting museum and accommodation for the royal family of Jaipur. Covering an incredible one seventh of the entire city this is a palace of remarkable size and design. We visit the art gallery, textile and costume museum, Chandra Mahal, Mubarak Mahal, Diwan-i-Khas and Diwan-i-Am to learn more about the palace, its city, and its history. We continue our sightseeing with a drive by Hawa Mahal-Strange, a famous collection of pink sandstone screens – known as the Palace of Winds, originally constructed to allow ladies of the palace to watch the royal processions without being seen. Our day ends with a visit to the largest stone observatory in the world followed by a relaxed evening meal and an overnight stay at our local hotel.

#### **DAY 14, 18 MARCH – TO FATEHPUR SIKRI AND AGRA (245KM)**

Today we're travelling by coach to Agra, visiting Fatehpur Sikri en route. Built by Emperor Akbar between 1570 and 1585, Fatehpur Sikri is a magnificent fortified city that was once the capital of the Mughal Empire that was suddenly abandoned shortly after Akbar's death due to water shortages. We'll have time to tour grand buildings such as the Jama Masjid, the Tomb of the Salim Chishti, and the Panch Mahal before continuing our journey.

On arrival in Agra – home to the Taj Mahal and renowned for its medieval monuments – we'll check in to our hotel then set off on an afternoon sightseeing tour to visit the beautiful Agra Fort. Littered with spectacularly beautiful palaces and gardens, the fort is the focus of the city centre. Our visit will also include a trip to the



**JAIPUR**



**LAKE CRUISE IN UDAIPUR**

Diwan-i-Aam and Diwan-i-Khas as well as other impressive palaces within the complex. We'll end our day with a tasty meal and a relaxing evening at the hotel.

#### **DAY 15, 19 MARCH – TO DELHI (210KM) AND TRAIN TO AMRITSAR**

The best time of day to visit the Taj Mahal is sunrise, so we're up early today to view it in all its glory. Known worldwide as India's most prominent monument, the Unesco World Heritage sits strikingly on the banks of the River Yamuna and is also known as an epitome of love thanks to a poem in marble by the Mughal Emperor Shahjahan. We'll explore this beautiful site, take plenty of photos and then return to the hotel for breakfast. Re-energised, we set off by coach for Delhi where, upon arrival, we transfer to the railway station for our connecting Shatabdi Express train to Amritsar. We'll arrive at night so we check in to our hotel, perhaps have a light snack, and stay the night.

#### **DAY 16, 20 MARCH – AMRITSAR**

We're waking up in the spectacular city of the Golden Temple so today we'll sightsee and explore all its must-sees. We of course begin at Sikhism's holiest shrine, the vast sanctuary that is the Golden Temple. Sitting against a large lake in which its sparkling gold-leafed roof reflects, this is a temple in which we can enjoy pure tranquility. We can see the community



**AMRITSAR**

kitchen that offers 10,000 meals every day to pilgrims and visitors, explore the neighbouring bazaar that burst with sights, sounds, and smells, visit the Jallianwala Bagh to remember the hundreds killed by General Dyers, and explore the Ramtirth Temple. Our afternoon is spent at Wagah, a border point between India and Pakistan, to watch the sunset border closing ceremony, a custom carried out daily by both countries since 1959. After the sun has set we return to our hotel for dinner or, if you prefer, you can visit the Golden Temple in the late evening to watch the closing ceremony of the Sikh holy book, the Holy Granth Sahib.

#### **DAY 17, 21 MARCH – DEPART INDIA**

Enjoy another day exploring Amritsar. Wander the streets to experience a final sensory overload of the sights, sounds and smells that have been such a constant companion during the last 16 days. And then that's it, we've completed our Indian adventure! Check out of the hotel and we'll be transferred to Amritsar airport for our onward flights.



**RAJASTHAN**

## PRICES

PRICES PER PERSON IN AUD	
TWIN OR DOUBLE SHARE	\$2,990
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	\$1,260

## FLIGHTS

Our experience tells us everyone wants something different with flights and often visit other places as well, so we will talk with you individually about the best options.

Airfares from Syd/Mel to fit this journey start at \$889pp with Singapore or Thai Airways.

## DATES

05 - 21 MARCH 2018

## NOT INCLUDED:

- Flights
- Beverages
- Extra meals and activities
- Tips (suggested tipping kitty of USD100pp)
- Personal expenses
- Camera permits, allow USD21 for cameras and USD49 for video cameras

## HOTELS FEATURED:

DELHI	STAR GRAND VILLA
CHURU	MALIJ KA KAMARA*
KHIMSAR	KHIMSAR FORT*
MANVAR	MANVAR DESERT CAMP
JODHPUR	RANBANKA PALACE
UDAIPUR	KAROHI HAVELI
BARLI	FORT BARLI*
JAIPUR	TALAI BAGH
AGRA	SEVEN HILLS TOWER
AMRITSAR	RITZ PLAZA

\* Heritage properties



## TO BOOK:

Please call 1300 738 168, or email [enquiries@forwardtravel.com.au](mailto:enquiries@forwardtravel.com.au) with any questions and to book your place.

A 25% per person deposit is due then along with a completed booking form and a copy of the information page of your passport. Adequate travel insurance is essential. Please ask us for a quote.

## BEST TIME TO VISIT INDIA

The best time to visit India is during winter (November to March), when the monsoon season is over, and temperatures haven't yet reached the hellish heights of summer. Low tourist season is between April and September.

## TRAVEL HEALTH

No vaccinations are required for entry into India. Malaria is common in areas above 6,562 feet (2,000m), particularly in the northeast of the country. Outbreaks of cholera occur frequently.

Delhi Belly is a definite possibility and diarrhea is common among travellers. Travellers should drink bottled water, and avoid salads and unpeeled fruit should.

You need to have comprehensive medical insurance.

## TIPPING

In India, taxi drivers do not expect to be tipped; however, tipping is expected for other services (porters, guides, hotel staff and waiters in small establishments). In tourist restaurants or hotels a 10 percent service charge is often added to bills. 'Baksheesh' is common in India: more a bribe than a tip, it is given before rather than after service.

## HOW DO COSTS IN INDIA COMPARE TO AUSTRALIA?

The Big Mac Index is published by The Economist as an informal way of measuring the purchasing power parity (PPP) between two currencies. It gives an indication of the difference in cost of living in countries in an easily digestible way.

In Australia a Big Mac costs USD4.28 (AUD5.80)

In India it costs USD2.49 (AUD3.41)

So, in theory, food in India is about 60% of the cost of food in Australia.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR AUSTRALIANS

Australian citizens must have a passport that is valid for at least six months upon arrival, and a visa, to enter India as tourists. Australian citizens can apply for visas online and purchase them upon arrival provided they have passports valid for six months, a printed copy of the e-Tourist visa confirmation that was applied for online, a passport valid for at least six months from the arrival date and containing at least two unused visa pages, and return or onward tickets. e-Tourist visas are valid for up to 30 days and may only be issued a maximum of two times per calendar year.

## IS THIS TRIP A GUARANTEED DEPARTURE?

Forward Journeys will operate with a minimum of 6 travellers. We will use a local escort for groups of less than 8 people, and David will lead the group once we have 8 people booked.



MEET DAVID

Born in Ireland, I travelled extensively around Europe, before voyaging further and eventually making the journey across to Australia and settling down in this great country. With a passion for life and adventure, along with my vast resume of experiences, I am very well placed to look after you in any corner of the world. I've travelled to India multiple times and love the frenetic pace of the country and the energy it brings. Getting down and dirty and experiencing the journey to its fullest is the mantra I travel by.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

Please read carefully these Terms and Conditions. If you are unsure of any matter, or have any questions please call us.

### OUR CONTRACT:

These terms and conditions are important. You need to carefully read and understand them. These conditions constitute a legally binding contract between Forward Travel and you. By paying your deposit you acknowledge that you have read and understood and accept these terms and conditions. This contract comes into existence once your deposit is received by Forward Travel.

"You"/"your" is referring to the person and/or entity appearing first on the booking form, and all people on whose behalf the booking is made.

"We/Us/Our/Forward Travel refers to Forward Travel Pty Ltd ACN 164 700 832.

Tour/Trip/Land Arrangements/Service(s) refers to travel services provided involving a booking made by Us for you other than a Cruise. Cruise refers to travel arrangements where accommodation is on a ship or boat.

### MAKING A BOOKING

We will work with you to tailor make the perfect trip just for you. Once you are happy with the trip we arrange let us know and we ask you to complete a booking form. We will then request all the Services and once the arrangements are confirmed you will have seven (7) days to pay a deposit.

### PRICING:

We book your arrangements directly with the service provider at your destination. We pay them in the local currency, or USD. This means we can keep our prices lower, and means if there is a big shift in the exchange rates it may affect the price you pay. We strive to maintain the price although if the change is significant your price will either decrease or increase accordingly. We welcome clients to pay early, either in full or partial, to remove the risk of fluctuations. Once you have paid in full for your trip there will be no changes to the price. We must however reserve the right to amend our prices, at any time up to final payment has been received.

### PAYMENT METHODS:

We accept payment by bank transfer, Visa or MasterCard, and personal cheques. Australian issued Visa and MasterCard payments incur an administration fee of 2%. Payments by Amex will incur a fee of 3%.

### OVERSEAS ISSUED CARDS:

A fee of 2.5% will be added to the amount charged as that is what our bank charges us to accept your payment. Payment by personal cheque is a payment deemed to have been made on clearance of the cheque.

### DEPOSITS:

We only ask for your deposit once each tour component has been confirmed.

- Upon confirmation a non-refundable deposit of 20% of the value is due within seven (7) days.
- For cruise bookings a non-refundable deposit of 25% of the cruise value is required.

Further deposits may be required, and some components, especially airfares, may need to be paid in full. We will tell you about these before making the booking.

### FINAL PAYMENTS:

Final payment is due 60 days prior to your trip commencing. For cruise bookings, the final payment is due 120 days before departure. Exceptions to this will be advised when booking. Airfare payments are dependent upon the airline and the due date will be advised upon booking.

If you have made your booking within these time periods full payment will be required immediately.

If there are changes to your trip which affect the price we will give you a minimum of 3 days to make the final payment at the invoiced price before the changes are applied.

### PASSENGER DETAILS

It is your responsibility to provide the correct details for yourself and anyone travelling with you. We are not responsible for incorrect passenger details for flights and other services, including the Land Arrangements, which can be costly to change.

All travellers are required to provide passport copies at the time of booking to ensure names are correct. Changes to passenger details after booking will incur charges and may cause cancellation of Services.

We are only responsible for the Service you have booked with us. You must advise Us of details of Services booked with other tour companies, and any subsequent changes. We are not responsible for any issues that may arise when you have booked other Services with another company.

### DOCUMENTATION:

You will receive all necessary documentation for your trip fourteen (14) days before commencement of our Services. All vouchers, coupons for Services booked by our local operators will be provided to you upon arrival in each country.

### CHANGES TO YOUR TRIP

#### Changes by You: Amendments:

If you wish to change your arrangements after they have been confirmed a \$150 administration fee will be charged, in

addition to any extra costs. If you wish to defer travel, 50% of your deposit will be held in trust to be applied to another trip booked with Us which departs within 12 months of your original departure date. If you do not travel within this time, this remaining deposit will be forfeited. This only applies to deposits held by Forward Travel, not those passed to tour operators, which have other conditions. You will be advised of these when booking.

### UNUSED SERVICES:

We will not be liable to refund any monies paid by you for any component of your Trip which you do not use, be it voluntary or involuntary.

### CANCELLATIONS:

If you wish to cancel your booking you must notify us in writing before we can accept it. Upon receipt by us of your written advice, cancellation will take effect. Cancellation fees are:

#### Cruises:

- 90 days or more before departure – loss of deposit. (One Ocean Expeditions, 120 days or more – Loss of deposit )
- Less than 90 days or before departure – 100 % of cruise price. (One Ocean Expeditions, less than 120 days before departure – 100% of cruise price )

#### Land based touring:

- 60 days or more before departure – loss of deposit
- 30 days or more before departure – 50 % of tour price
- Within 30 days of departure – 100% tour cost.

#### Airfares:

Airfare cancellations vary. The minimum cancellation fee is the deposit you have paid. After final payment some will be 100% non-refundable, and some will have airline cancellation charges. The rules for your airfares will be advised at time of booking.

### CHANGES BY US:

#### Amendments and Cancellations:

We plan everything to run smoothly but sometimes changes have to be made, and sometimes they have to be made quickly, perhaps without notice. You need to understand that your itinerary could change due to weather, political situations, airline or cruise schedule changes, transport delays, force majeure events or any other circumstance. Forward Travel cannot accept liability for loss of enjoyment, distress, disappointment or delays or any costs you may incur as a result of such changes.

On rare occasions, where a component of your booking is subject to a minimum number of passengers, and that number is not reached, or for other reasons, our operators may decide to cancel a tour or service that you have booked. We will always endeavour to provide alternative arrangements for you which may affect your final tour price.

If we cannot book a suitable alternative for you we will refund you any payments you have paid for the component. In the event of such a situation you will not be entitled to make any further claim for compensation or damages for any loss, consequential damage, expenses, and loss of time, distress, disappointment or inconvenience which may result from such cancellation.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE:

You must have comprehensive travel insurance appropriate for your destination and health to travel on our trips. This is to protect you. The policy needs to include cover for emergency evacuation and repatriation and you must carry a copy of your insurance with you when you travel.

We strongly suggest you take out the policy when you pay your deposit. Your deposit is non-refundable so you should really have cover in place when you pay it.

We recommend you visit your doctor and dentist when you book and you must disclose any pre-existing medical condition. If you fail your medical, a full refund of the deposit paid will be given providing you send us a medical certificate within two weeks of the date of your booking.

We guarantee any travel insurance policy purchased through Forward Travel for travel booked through Forward Travel will have appropriate cover. Any travel policy will be subject to the terms and conditions on the policy. We cannot accept responsibility for any policies obtained elsewhere.

### ACCEPTANCE OF RISK:

You accept that all travel involves risk, and that our trips take you to some areas where accommodation, transport, safety, conditions, medical facilities and comfort may be considered adventurous and involve a significant amount of personal risk. By booking with us you understand and accept there may be inherent risks which include, without limitation, the possibility of injury or death, psychological trauma, disease, loss or damage to property, inconvenience and discomfort. You assume all such risk for all itineraries, bookings and tours, and release Us from all losses, costs, damages, expenses, payments, claims or actions arising from illness, injury, disease, misadventure, loss or damage to property, discomfort and inconvenience or death resulting from these inherent risks. You agree that Forward Travel will not be liable to you for any losses, costs, damages, expenses, payments, claims or actions suffered or incurred by you in relation to all

itineraries, bookings and tours that you take.

Forward Travel acts as a coordinator of tours and an agent for the owners, contractors and suppliers of transportation, accommodation and/or other related travel services provided and assumes no responsibility for the loss or damage to baggage, property or for injury, illness, death or for any damages or claims howsoever caused arising directly or indirectly from accidents, loss or damage to person or property, delays, transport failures, strikes, wars and uprisings or acts of God etc. over which we have no control.

By booking with Forward Travel you accept the risks of travel.

### PASSPORT AND VISAS

You are responsible for your own choices in regard to destinations, including reviewing all travel advisories. It is your Responsibility to obtain all of the appropriate visas, permits, vaccinations and certificates for the country/ies in which you will visit during your trip.

We are not responsible if you are refused entry to a country because you lack the correct passport, visa or other travel documentation or conditions. Your passport must be valid for 6 months after your planned return to Australia.

We recommend you visit [www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au) for more information and register your trip.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

All dietary needs, medical conditions, allergies need to be advised at the time of booking to ensure arrangements are suitable. We reserve the right to cancel your participation at any time if your health is deemed to adversely affect the normal conduct of the trip and the enjoyment of other tour members.

### LIMITATION OF OUR LIABILITY

We will plan a fabulous trip for you, and most of the time it will go smoothly. However, if things do not go as planned we need to tell you what we are not liable for:

- Anything that happens before you commence travel booked with us.
- The amount of sunshine, wind or rain on your travels.
- Any poor photography because you didn't read the manual
- The amount of wildlife you see.
- Any recommendations for goods or services you purchase or accept while away.
- Illnesses, accidents or medical emergencies.
- Unexpected delays to transport, even if resulting in missing a connection or a tour. (We do recommend buffer days before important event(s).
- Inconvenience or disappointment at laws, culture and standards of service and behaviour in any country/ies you may visit;
- Changes our operators reasonably make to your itinerary as needed due to better manage your trip.
- Weight gains from indulging in the local food and wine
- Any kind of injury, loss, damage, misadventure and/or damage or loss of any property.

### PEACE OF MIND AND PRIVACY

Forward Travel is a fully licensed, Australian-owned travel company. We are accredited with IATA, a Member of AFTA and fully covered by the Travel Compensation Fund.

We value your privacy and will not disclose any of your details other than is necessary to provide the services and arrangements you have paid us to do or otherwise in accordance with any legal obligation. You agree that Forward Travel, its agents and related entities may collect, retain, use and disclose your personal information for the provision of services you have booked.

Furthermore, you agree that Forward Travel will maintain your information on our newsletter and mailing list. Your subscription can be cancelled upon your request.

If there is anything particularly sensitive you want us to know about please advise us immediately. This is especially in the case of surprises you are arranging for someone.

### FEEDBACK

We love the 'welcome home' phone call and emails as they are usually very positive. We accept though that sometimes things do not go according to plan and you may wish to complain about an aspect of your trip. If you encounter any such situation you need to let the local operator, or Us, know at the time so we can try to resolve it on the spot. We cannot be liable for any complaint that you make when you return home, that was not mentioned when it occurred.

If you were not happy with how something was resolved and wish to make a complaint you must advise us in writing within 30 days of your return to Australia.

### VALIDITY

To the extent that any part of this agreement is found to be void or invalid, the balance of the agreement is taken to operate with full effect.

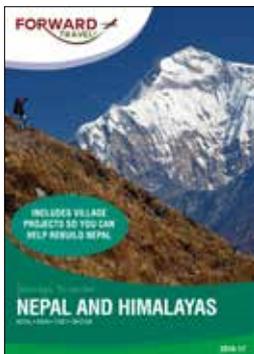
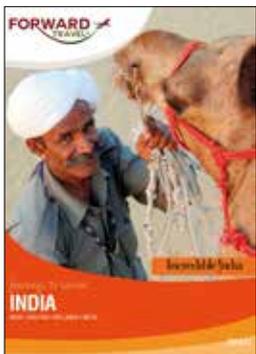
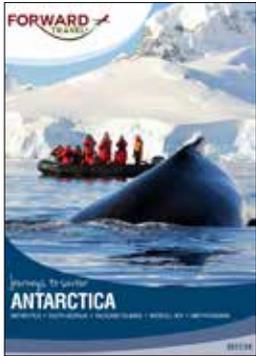
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