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Highlights for 2025



Our ethos – “if we haven’t done it ourselves, we don’t offer it”.

Our simple mantra makes us a truly exceptional company. All our treks and tours are based upon our own adventures and upon our own travel experiences.

Our company is founded upon the strength of our personal relationships with some of the best local guides in Morocco, North-East India, Nepal, Pakistan & Bhutan who were born in the region, passionately love the region and know it intimately. We know, trust and respect every one of them through our own experiences of trekking and touring with them as our own guides on our own expeditions. We believe that this intimacy, ensures that we stand apart from other companies in being able to provide you with the most personalised of trekking and touring experiences.



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BHUTAN

BEST OF BHUTAN WITH THIMPU FESTIVAL

September

SEE THE **BEST OF BHUTAN** FROM **EAST TO WEST** AND A TRADITIONAL **BUDDHIST FESTIVAL**

Your two-week adventure begins and ends at Paro. It offers an unforgettable journey across the breadth of Bhutan, taking in both the unfrequented east of the country along with the highlights of the classical west. We have created this tour for travellers who have a strong passion for scenic journeys, mountains, local communities and villages, with a domestic flight to both minimise road travel and maximise our time in Bhutan. Opportunities to interact with friendly locals and delve into Bhutan's rich culture and tradition abound. Moreover, this tour includes a day at the Thimphu (or Dromchoe) Drukchen, a sacred, traditional Bhutanese festival staged against the magnificent backdrop of Tashichho Dzong in Thimphu.

Bhutan

East Bhutan & West Bhutan

Culture Tour, Buddhist Pilgrimage
& Mountain Tour

Duration

14 days



Leisurely

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drametse Lhakhang, the birthplace of the famous **Mask Dance of the Drums**
- Lhuentse, the **ancestral home** of the kings of Bhutan
- Rushing rivers, cascading waterfalls, towering cliffs, and **snow-capped peaks**
- A full day at a **Buddhist festival** at Thimphu





ROYAL HIGHLAND FESTIVAL TOUR

October

EXPERIENCE THE **TIME-HONOURED TRADITIONS** OF **BUTANESE HIGHLAND LIFE** PLUS THE BEST OF **CLASSICAL WESTERN AND CENTRAL BHUTAN**

Join us on a mesmerising journey and immerse yourself in the enchanting, unfrequented world of the Bhutanese highlanders. This trip promises both adventure and excitement, providing you with the opportunity to experience the authenticity and simplicity of highland life, neither seen nor known outside this remote region. Step into a realm where time-honoured traditions remain vibrant, and the atmosphere resonates with awe and wonder.

Bhutan

West Bhutan & Central Bhutan

Culture Tour, Buddhist Pilgrimage
& Mountain Tour

Duration

12 days



Moderate

HIGHLIGHTS

- hiking to the incomparable **Tiger's Nest Monastery**
- the monumental Kuenselphodrang, the **world's largest Buddha** Dordenma statue
- the aqua green **glacial rivers** around the remote village of **Laya**
- immersing yourself for two days in the **Royal Highland Festival**





INDIA

HORNBILL FESTIVAL TOUR

November & December

SEEK THE **ENDANGERED** WHITE ONE-HORNED **RHINO**, VISIT **ANCIENT HINDU TEMPLES**, AND MEET THE LAST OF THE **HEAD HUNTERS** IN THEIR TRADITIONAL **NAGA VILLAGES** BEFORE CELEBRATING THEIR **SONGS, DANCES AND SPORTS** AT THE ANNUAL **HORNBILL FESTIVAL**

Follow the mighty Brahmaputra River from historic Guwahati to Kaziranga National Park. Cross the plains of Assam to Majuli Island to visit ancient Hindu monasteries. Head into the forested hills of Nagaland up to the Burmese border and meet the last of the Naga headhunters in their own traditional village homes, before reaching the former British hill station of Kohima. Finally, meet all 16 Naga tribes at the Hornbill Festival for extravagant celebrations of dance, song, cuisine and sport.

India

Nagaland & Assam

Culture Tour, Tribal Tour,

Wildlife Tour & Mountain Tour

Duration

16 days



Leisurely

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Elephant** and **jeep safaris** in **Kaziranga National Park**
- Crossing the mighty **Bramhaputra River** by local ferry
- Unique historic **Hindu satras** of **Majuli Island**
- The ancient **Ahom royal palace**
- Traditional tribal villages and **tattooed warriors**
- **The former British hill station** of **Kohima**
- Three days at the spectacular **Hornbill Festival**





IDU-MISHMI HUNTERS TRAIL

September

TREK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE IDU-MISHMI TRIBE HUNTERS THROUGH THE PRISTINE JUNGLE OF THE EASTERN HIMALAYA AND DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF SEVEN REMOTE HIGH ALTITUDE LAKES

Drive from Dibrugarh on the banks of the Brahmaputra River in a comfortable, modern, private vehicle to arrive at your homestay in the Idu-Mishmi tribe village of Anini, nestling in the upper reaches of the Dibang Valley. Continue on foot, following traditional hunting paths, rising steeply through lush grasslands and jungles of the eastern Himalaya with porters to carry your bags, sleeping each night at prepared camps. Discover no fewer than seven beautiful, isolated, pristine lakes amongst the clouds, each steeped in traditional Idu-Mishmi folklore.

India

Arunachal Pradesh

Mountain Trek, Wildlife Trek

& Tribal Trek

Duration

12 days



Tough / Extreme

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sleeping in a traditional **homestay** in the **tribal village** of Anini
- 7 days of high-altitude trekking in the **Eastern Himalayas**
- Following traditional hunting paths of **Idu-Mishmi tribesmen**
- Discovering no fewer than seven remote **high-altitude lakes**
- Listening Idu-Mishmi tales around an open campfire





NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

May to September

JOURNEY THROUGH THE **AWE-INSPIRING MOUNTAINS** OF **NORTHERN PAKISTAN** RIGHT TO THE **CHINESE FRONTIER**

From the bazaars of Peshawar, drive through the wild Hindu Kush mountains, exploring ancient Buddhist sites in the green Swat Valley to reach the unique Kalash Valleys. Follow ancient trade routes over majestic Shandur Pass to reach the kingdom of Hunza, set amidst incredible mountain peaks. Explore Karimabad's medieval forts, then head up to Khunjerab Pass on the Chinese border. Pass through the thronging bazaars of Gilgit, once an important crossroads on the Old Silk Road, before flying back over the Karakoram mountains to Islamabad.

Pakistan

North West Frontier Province
& Northern Territory

Mountain Tour, Tribal Tour,
Wildlife Tour & Culture Tour

Duration

14 days



Leisurely

HIGHLIGHTS

- Meeting tribal merchants in the **bazaars** of Peshawar
- The ancient **Buddhist** archaeological complex of Taxila
- Meeting the unique **Kalash Kafir** tribes
- Spellbinding **Hunza Valley** with Rakaposhi peak
- The **Tibetan**-inspired forts of Baltit and Altit
- Glimpses of the **wildlife** in Karakoram National Park
- Standing on lofty **Khunjerab Pass**, the Chinese border





DRIVE **THE LENGTH OF PAKISTAN** FROM THE **IMPERIAL CITIES** OF THE NORTH TO THE **ARABIAN SEA** IN THE SOUTH

Set out, either from modern Islamabad or from Mughal Lahore, and drive across the plains of Punjab, first through Multan, city of revered mystics and Sufi shrines, then along the mighty River Indus through Sindh. Next, head through Cholistan Desert and finally reach the shores of the Arabian Sea in the far south. With visits to both Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro, amongst the earliest settlements in South Asia, this tour propels us on a journey through time, encompassing the greatest historical and natural sites that south Pakistan has to offer.

Pakistan
Punjab & Sindh

Culture Tour, Desert Tour,
Wildlife & Nature Tour

Duration
15 or 17 days



Leisurely

HIGHLIGHTS

- The ancient **Buddhist** archaeological complex of Taxila
- The bustling bazaars of **Mughal Lahore's** walled city
- The daily flag-lowering ceremony on the **Pakistan-India border**
- The **Indus Valley Civilisation** sites of Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro
- **Multan**, city of mystics and saints,
- Ride **camelback** to the gates of **Derawar Fort**
- Dip your toes in the **Arabian Sea** at our journey's end





MOROCCO

JEBEL TOUBKAL ASCENT & CIRCUIT

May to October

TREK TO THE SUMMIT OF NORTH AFRICA'S HIGHEST MOUNTAIN, TREK THROUGH TRADITIONAL BERBER VILLAGES AND SWIM IN THE MOUNTAIN WATERS OF LAKE IFNI

A wonderful week-long trek to climb Jebel Toubkal, at 4,167m, the highest mountain in North Africa. The hike to the summit is challenging, but requires no mountaineering experience and the panoramic views from the summit make all the work worthwhile. With the start of the trek just a couple of hours' drive from Marrakech, you can reach the summit and complete a circuit around its southern flanks, taking a swim in the waters of the stunning Lake Ifni, within a week and still have time to return and explore Morocco's most captivating city.

Morocco

Toubkal



Mountain Trek

Duration

6 days



Tough

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Climb** to the summit of **Jebel Toubkal**, North Africa's highest mountain
- **Swim** in the mountain waters of Lake Ifni
- Trek through traditional **Berber villages**
- Enjoy **fantastic panoramas** from a succession of mountain passes
- Witness devout **pilgrims** visiting the sacred shrine of Sidi Chamharouch
- 5 nights in the **High Atlas Mountains**





MOROCCO

AIT 'ATTA TRIBE TRANSHUMANCE TREK

May & September

A **TREK IN MOROCCO WITH A DIFFERENCE**: LIVE LIKE A **NOMAD**. JOIN A SEMI-NOMADIC, TRANSHUMANCE **BERBER** FAMILY OF THE **AIT ATTA** WARRIOR TRIBE, ON THEIR GREAT ANNUAL **MIGRATION** TREK FROM THE **HIGH ATLAS** MOUNTAINS TO THEIR HOMETLAND IN **JEBEL SAHRO**

Join a Berber family of the Ait Atta warrior tribe, along with their camels, sheep and goats, hens, donkeys and dogs, on their great annual migration trek from their summer pastures in the High Atlas Mountains in September back south to their homeland in Jebel Sahro . Alternatively, reverse this trek and head northwards with the family in May to their summer pastures . With hardly a permanent settlement along the entirety of this route, follow an exceptional, remote and high-level trail, only ever used by the Ait Atta themselves on their migration trek.

Morocco

Mgoun & Sahro

Mountain Trek

& Tribal Trek

Duration

12 days



Challenging/Tough

HIGHLIGHTS

- The idyllic **summer pastures** of the **High Atlas Mountains**
- Meet a **Berber family** and learn of their way of life
- Join them for **meals** around a **camp fire**
- Join them and their animals on a remote **migration trek**
- The **wild expanse** of the mountains of **Jebel Sahro**





EVEREST BASE CAMP TREK

May to September

TREK ON TOP OF THE **ROOF OF THE WORLD** TO THE BASE CAMP OF THE VERY **HIGHEST MOUNTAIN ON EARTH**

Take on the challenge of trekking along the renowned Khumbu glacier and through the natural wonders of Sagaramatha National Park to reach the base camp of the highest mountain on Earth. Enjoy wonderful views of Mount Everest itself, while getting close to other Himalayan giants, too, including Mount Lhotse, Mount Cho Oyu and Ama Dablam, culminating in an ascent of Kala Patthar (5554m). All this while undertaking a spiritual journey through this Buddhist heartland of temples, monasteries, chortens and prayer flags.

Nepal

Kathmandu & Everest

Mountain Trek, Culture Tour,

Nature Tour & Buddhist Pilgrimage

Duration

15 days



Extreme

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightseeing in the timeless city of **Kathmandu**
- An electrifying flight from Kathmandu to **Lukla**
- Breathtaking views of the Himalayan giants, including, Mount **Everest** (8848m) & Mount **Lhotse** (8586m)
- Reaching **Everest Base Camp**
- The ascent of **Kalapattthar** (5644m)



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