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ESSENTIAL TOUR INFORMATION

PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP

Passports and Visas

A valid passport is required with a minimum validity of six months from your date of return. It is your responsibility to ensure that you meet necessary visa/permit entry requirements and pay all associated costs, unless it is stated that the costs are included in your tour price. Failure to obtain correct documentation may affect entry into certain countries on tour. APT suggests contacting the relevant consulates for the latest information on visa requirements, costs, and processing time. It is important to carry your passport and other travel documents in your hand luggage while travelling.

For more information, please visit aptouring.com/en-au/before-you-travel/visa-requirements.

India

All Australian, New Zealand, and UK passport holders require a visa for entry into India. We recommend obtaining this prior to departure. You must submit the eVisa application at least four days and no more than 120 days before entering India. Once your eVisa has been granted, you must carry a copy of your electronic travel authorisation (eTA) with you when travelling.

To apply for an eVisa, please refer to indianvisaonline.gov.in

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is not included in your holiday package. We strongly recommend that you take out comprehensive travel insurance that covers, without limitation, the full cost of your holiday, medical costs, medical evacuation, loss of luggage and a

ny additional charges for cancellations due to both land and air disruptions, natural disasters and industrial actions such as strikes.

Please ensure that your insurance covers you for the entire duration of your trip, and check what circumstances and activities are not included in your policy.

Please ensure that all pre-existing medical issues are declared to the insurer so that non-covered conditions are identified in advance. You should have the details recorded and accessible in the case of an emergency.

Food and Beverages

Meals are included as per your tour itinerary. Breakfast is typically served buffet-style with hot and cold options. Lunches and dinners, when provided, may be buffet or set menu with two or three courses. Water, tea, and coffee are included with all meals. Welcome and farewell dinners include one alcoholic drink (house wine or beer). Additional drinks are at your own expense.

Dietary and Allergies

If you have any dietary requirements or allergies that need to be managed while travelling with APT, and you have not made these known already, please advise your booking agent as soon as possible, as well as your Tour Director upon arrival. Most suppliers require advance notice to accommodate these requirements and in some cases you may be required to fill out a form or waiver. Every effort will be made to fulfil requests, but these cannot always be guaranteed.

WHAT TO PACK

Luggage

The luggage limit on your tour is one suitcase weighing 25kg (55 pounds). We advise keeping your luggage to a manageable weight, as you may be required to handle your luggage independently at airports and hotels. An extra charge will be imposed to cover portage handling of any excess luggage. Your Tour Director will provide details of any additional charges. If your tour includes flights within India the luggage limit is 25kg. If this weight is exceeded, an excess luggage fee may be charged at the time of check-in for each flight.

Clothing and Footwear

What you should pack depends on personal preference. Most guests dress casually on tour. However, if the group is going into

town, you may want to wear something a little dressier. You may also want to wear something slightly more formal for welcome dinners and cocktail evenings.

India is a developing country with highly religious traditions and conservative dress standards, so it's important to dress accordingly. As a general guideline, shoulders and knees should be covered when entering religious buildings. At times, you will be required to wear ankle-length pants and a t-shirt with sleeves.

Comfortable footwear is essential, as some excursions involve walking on uneven ground and navigating steps or ramps when boarding and disembarking coaches and smaller boats. When entering temples and other religious sites, shoes and socks must be removed.

AT THE AIRPORT AND IN THE AIR

Reconfirmation of Flights

We recommend you check your booking directly on the airline's website to ensure there have been no last-minute schedule changes. Your airline booking number can be found at the top of your e-ticket.

Internal Flights

Flights within India are included in the tour price where stated on the itinerary. These flights are booked by APT's ground operator, and the flight details will not appear on your final documentation. Your Tour Director or local guide will carry all necessary documents or these flights.

Please note: APT is unable to arrange special meal requests, guarantee seat assignments prior to departure, or conduct group check-ins in advance for internal flights within India.

Delayed or Missed Flights

In the event that you miss your flight or that you are delayed substantially, please advise the airline representative that you are booked on a group tour with a specific start location, date and time. Be sure to advise APT of your new travel arrangements immediately.

Airport Transfers

Airport transfers are included on the first and last day of the tour package. They are also included if you have booked pre-tour or post-tour accommodation with APT at the same hotel. You will be welcomed by an APT representative and then transferred to your hotel. Transfers cannot be re-routed to other pick-up points or destinations. If you miss your pre-booked transfer you must make your own way to the hotel at your own expense. Please check your personalised APT itinerary in your travel documents to make sure transfer details are indicated and correspond to your flight information.

STAYING HEALTHY ON HOLIDAY

See Your GP

It's important to be in good health before you travel and maintain it by practicing good hygiene throughout your tour. Good hygiene helps prevent the spread of common viral infections, such as respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses, which can quickly affect a tour group. APT is committed to reducing the spread of illness and asks that you follow our recommendations for a safe and enjoyable holiday. We also recommend bringing a personal medical kit.

APT's Health And Safety Protocol

APT has a Health and Safety Protocol that all our Tour Directors are required to follow. Please read our Health and Wellbeing information on our website for more information www.aptouring.com/en-au/before-you-travel

Water And Food Safety

Tap water in India is not recommended to drink. Be mindful of the different meals you will consume each day while on holiday. It's a good idea to pack some medicine to alleviate symptoms should you experience an upset stomach from eating foods that are not usually a part of your regular diet.

It is best to drink bottled or filtered water when travelling. Always ensure the seal is intact prior to consuming.

Bottled or filtered water should always be used for cleaning your teeth, unless you are specifically advised the tap water is safe for this purpose. If you are unsure, please ask your Tour Director.

Street Food

When visiting countries where you are unsure about general hygiene practice, please take care if buying food from street vendors or in small restaurants away from your hotel, river ship or recommended venues. At these places, avoid raw fruits and vegetables, dairy products (including ice-cream) as well as meat and fish not properly cooked. It is generally safe to eat cooked meats and vegetables prepared in hotels and restaurants in tourist areas. Fruit that you peel yourself is considered safe. You can feel safe eating anything served to you at the tour hotels and while on board your cruise. We recommend avoiding purchasing alcohol from street vendors.

Sun Exposure and Dehydration

Weather conditions will vary on tour. Drinking plenty of water is important to prevent dehydration. A hat and high-quality sunscreen are important for preventing sunburn, even on overcast days. Please ensure you bring a refillable water bottle to ensure you keep hydrated.

Getting on and off the ship

During the Lower Ganges cruise, you will be required to climb into smaller boats to be transferred to shore for your touring. In ports where we dock directly against the shore, the landing areas are not established ports, so you may need to walk up and down embankments.

Air Pollution

Air pollution can reach dangerous levels, especially in winter. It can disrupt transport and cause breathing problems. Discuss your travel plans with a doctor if you have an existing health condition.

THE GANGES VOYAGER

Ship Schedule

Under normal operating conditions, itineraries will follow the brochure as outlined. However, alterations may be necessary due to factors such as road, rail, river or weather conditions, strikes, or other circumstances beyond APT's control. If conditions make any routes unsafe for navigation, APT reserves the right to provide alternative services, including, but not limited to, accommodation on the docked ship or substitute land arrangements.

Onboard Information

Dining

All meals on board are included and are prepared by our onboard chefs. The menu features both Indian and Western-style cuisine, served in the restaurant in a single sitting. Meals are served buffet-style, with lunch and dinner consisting of entrée, main and dessert options.

Beverages

On your cruise, soft drinks are included at no additional cost. Local beers and regional wines are also included with every lunch and dinner on board your river ship.

Internet

Free Wi-Fi is available while on board the cruise in public areas. Please note the wireless reception can have connection difficulties and is not guaranteed throughout the cruise.

Laundry and Ironing Service

Laundry and pressing services are available on board, with price lists available in your suite. Please note that due to the cruise's remoteness, prices may be higher than standard. For safety reasons, the use of an iron is not permitted in your suite.

Medical Assistance

Medical services are not available and there are no medical personnel on board the ship in India. Medical services can be accessed from shore as your ship is usually close to a town. Guests are responsible for all charges resulting from visits to a medical facility or if a medical practitioner visits the ship. APT is not responsible for the type or quality of the medical services you may receive. Therefore, we recommend travel insurance.

USEFUL TRAVEL WEBSITES

Customs

Australia: homeaffairs.gov.au

New Zealand: customs.govt.nz

UK: gov.uk

India: cbic.gov.in/entities/customs

Travel Advisory and Visa Information

Australia: smartraveller.gov.au

New Zealand: safetravel.govt.nz

UK: gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

USA: travel.state.gov/en/international-travel/travel-advisories.html

Canada: travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories



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