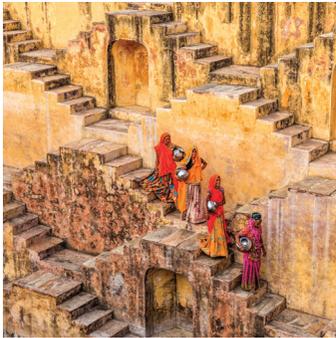


Indian Sub-Continent



Diverse Experience

From the Himalayas to tropical beaches, deserts, jungles, wildlife and vibrant cities.



Rich Culture

Ancient traditions, colourful festivals, and world-famous cuisine.



Spiritual Heritage

Yoga, meditation, and sacred sites including Varanasi and Rishikesh.



Iconic Landmarks

Taj Mahal, Jaipur's palaces, Kerala's backwaters, and Goa's beaches.



Excellent Value

High-end hotels and experiences at competitive prices.



Wildlife Wonders

From Bengal tigers to elephants and leopards, the country is alive with wildlife.

Region	Highlights	Ideal For	Suggested Itinerary
Golden Triangle (Delhi, Agra, Jaipur)	Taj Mahal, forts, palaces and heritage	First-time visitors	Northern India Odyssey, page 14-15
Kerala	Backwaters, Ayurveda, houseboats and beaches	Relaxation seekers	Kerala and the Southern Highlights, page 18-19
Rajasthan	Deserts, royal palaces and heritage	Culture and history lovers	Majestic Rajasthan, page 28-29
Goa	Beaches, nightlife and Portuguese heritage	Young travellers, honeymooners	Goa 4 day extension, page 41
Himalayan Hill Country (Darjeeling, Shimla)	Trekking, monasteries, hill stations, mountain views and tea plantations	Adventure and spirituality	Darkeeling 4 day extension, page 41
Tamil Nadu	Temples, classical dance and coastal towns	Cultural enthusiasts	Best of Tamil Nadu, page 36-37
Mumbai & Bollywood	Film industry, shopping and urban experiences	City explorers	Wildlife of Central India, page 30-31

Why First Class Holidays?

Award Winning Service: Our team of India experts have first-hand knowledge of the destination, and can guide you through every step of the journey. Our partners in India are one of the most respected in the business and we know from our own experience how well your clients will be looked after.

Price Match Promise: We work hard sourcing competitive pricing from airlines and our partners to ensure you get the best value for money. If you find a better price elsewhere, sold with the same service conditions, we will happily lower our price to match. See our full terms & conditions for details.

Brochure: Our 124-page brochure features 35 immersive experiences, including escorted tours, private itineraries, rail journeys, river cruises, tiger reserves and traditional houseboats. It also showcases 58 hotels across India, Nepal and Bhutan, 24 in Sri Lanka, and 12 in the Maldives. Available on Tradegate and to download on our website.

Find out more:





First Timers

- The Golden Triangle – Delhi, Agra and Jaipur – add on Ranthambore for a tiger safari
- Highlights – Taj Mahal, Palaces and Forts
- Easy travelling distances, good hotels and experienced guides.
- Best seller for first time travellers to India
- Add On – Goa or Kerala for a relaxing, cultural beach experience.



Repeat Visitors or Seasoned Travellers

- **Tamil Nadu** – southern Indian temple route
- **Himalayan Hill Country** – Darjeeling and Shimla
- **Rail Journeys** – Deccan Odyssey and Maharaja's Express
- **Nepal and Bhutan**



Wildlife Lovers

- **Ranthambore National Park** – most easily accessible tiger reserve and fits into the Golden Triangle itineraries
- **Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Pench National Parks** – best tiger sightings. See our Wildlife of Central India itinerary.



When to Go

- **Peak Season (Oct-Mar):** Ideal weather across most regions.
- **Summer (Apr-Jun):** Best for hill stations and Himalayan escapes, fewer people.
- **Monsoon (Jul-Sep):** Great for Kerala and hills stations of the Western Ghats. Lower prices but rain can disrupt travel in Goa, the Himalayan regions and Mumbai.



Visa & Travel Essentials

- **UK Passport holders:** E-Visa, simple online process, recommend applying in advance
- **Vaccinations:** Check current health advisories.
- **Connectivity:** Direct flights from the UK into Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai and Kochi. Multiple connections across India.
- **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR); ATMs widely available. It's a closed currency so you can't take it in with you.



Common Concerns

- **Is India safe – yes.** We use an excellent ground agent and can arrange as much or as little hand holding as required. Clients can be met at the airbridge from their flight if requested.
- **It is overwhelming – it can be.** Make sure you tailor the pace and comfort levels, stay longer in each place and add on beach or backwater downtime at the end.
- **What about the food – the food is fabulous.** Hotels offer both western and Indian cuisine, try the street food but follow the lead of your guide. For most visitors the food is a highlight.