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Indian Spices

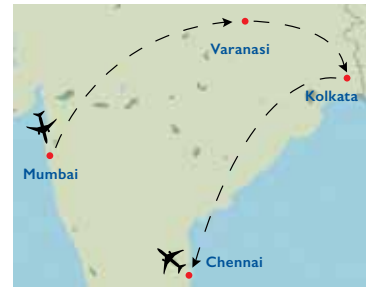
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A CULINARY JOURNEY THROUGH INDIA

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY

9 DAYS & 8 NIGHTS MUMBAI, VARANASI, KOLKATA & CHENNAI

Savor the scents of cumin, coriander and cardamom; mustard, mango powder, and ginger; turmeric, tamarind, saffron coconut milk, cashews and pistachios, as you discover the cuisine of India. On this journey, you will be introduced to a range of flavors. Regional variations arise from differences in climate and elevation as well as history and religion. Sample exotic culinary creations as you explore the varied regions from coast to coast.



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore Mumbai and experience the beautiful temples of Elephanta Island

Visit Bhuleshwar, home to over 100 temples including Mumba Devi Temple, the patron goddess of Mumbai city.

Proceed on a culinary walk and tasting session through Mumbai's notable eateries

Experience the local flavors and cooking techniques while walking through Varanasi's *kachauri gali* (a lane named after a savory snack)

Travel by rickshaw to the ghats on the banks of the Ganges in the sacred city of Varanasi and savor a vegetarian "*satvik*" meal

Cruise Kolkata's Hooghly River and relish delectable Bengali cuisine in one of the city's most acclaimed restaurants

COX & KINGS RECOMMENDS

A master chef will take you through the aroma of cloves, cardamom and cinnamon... to learn the distinctive smell of each spice. Experience the art of Indian cooking with this renowned specialist along with an authentic meal to remember.

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

Sri Lanka • Maldives • Rajasthan • Kerala

Departure Date:

Price From:
*Two People

Price From:
**Four People

Through March 2018

\$4,330

\$3,990

Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy
*Internal Airfare is from \$320 per person

Day 1: Arrive Mumbai

Upon arrival this evening in Mumbai, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings representative and escorted to your hotel. **The Oberoi Mumbai – 3 nights**

Day 2: Mumbai

After breakfast this morning, embark on a walk through Mumbai's exciting art district, visiting the Prince of Wales Museum, the Bhau Daji Lad Museum and the old bazaars in Bhuleshwar. Accompany your expert guide to the ancient Banganga Temple Complex and the charming village of Khotachiwadi, where you have the opportunity to interact with families whose ancestors were among the first inhabitants of the city. This evening enjoy dinner at the acclaimed *Khyber* restaurant, which features tender kebabs, rich curries and lots of tandoori favorites roasted in the *Khyber's* famous red masala sauce. **(B, D)**

Day 3: Mumbai

This morning, set sail to visit the spectacular sixth-century city of caves on Elephanta Island, which display an incredible collection

of rock art dedicated to Shiva. In the afternoon, set off on a culinary walk to discover Mumbai's most notable eateries. **(B)**

Day 4: To Varanasi

After breakfast, fly to Varanasi. Hop on a traditional rickshaw and travel through the ancient streets to the *ghats* for a taste of life on the holy river. Visit *Kachauri gali*, a lane filled with a tempting bouquet of spices, where cooks sit beside huge pans of smoking oil balanced on earthen ovens. This evening enjoy "*satvik*" food of the gods (vegetarian) at The Gateway Ganges hotel. **Nadesar Palace – 1 night (B, D)**

Day 5: To Kolkata

Rise early and embark on a cruise on the Ganges to witness pilgrims at their daily ablutions as the rising sun gilds the skies. After breakfast, visit Sarnath, the spot where Buddha gave his first sermon. Later, continue to the airport for your flight to Kolkata. After checking in to your hotel, freshen up and savor an authentic Bengali meal (try the *thali*) at the excellent *Aaheli* restaurant. **The Oberoi Grand – 2 nights (B, D)**



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Curry chicken with basmati rice

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Day 6: Kolkata

This morning, visit Kolkata's bustling flower markets, and then cruise down the Hooghly River to see the temples, ghats and markets that line the riverbank. This afternoon, visit the Marble Palace, a magnificent mansion that houses an eclectic collection of paintings, statuary and other art objects. End your exploration of the city at the South Park Cemetery, where many early British colonists are buried. This evening, dine on regional specialties at a local restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 7: To Chennai

This morning take to the skies and fly to Chennai. In the afternoon, visit a local market for some fresh produce, and then learn about creating Indian delicacies from a local chef and have an insider's view of the restaurant's kitchen on an exclusive visit.

Park Hyatt Chennai – 2 nights (B, L)

Day 8: Chennai

Today proceed on a visit of Mahabalipuram, one of the seven ancient sacred cities of India. This spectacular temple city reflects the glorious traditions of South India. Enjoy a lunch of local delicacies. **(B, L)**

Day 9: Depart Chennai

Today you will be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation
- Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



Balti and Rice

¹ Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. *Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. **Price per person in US dollars based on four people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. ³Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit coxandkingsusa.com. CST - 2105853-50