

# EXPLORE!

## Tour Notes



### Rajasthan - Forts and Palaces (DRD 2015)



TOUR DURATION  
**14**  
DAYS



**Tour Style:** Premium  
**Tour Pace:** Busy

**Tour Type:** Small Groups  
**Tour Comfort:** Comfortable

**tour Code:** DRD

#### Tour Highlights - Rajasthan - Forts and Palaces

- ✓ Delhi - Explore the wide streets of New Delhi and the narrow chaotic alleys of Old Delhi
- ✓ Bikaner - Wander through the colourful bazaars of this former defensive town, home to the famous Camel Corps
- ✓ Camel Trek - Travel through the Great Thar Desert the traditional way
- ✓ Ranakpur - Visit ornately carved Jain Temples
- ✓ Udaipur - Relax in the historic city set on the banks of Lake Pichola
- ✓ Kumbalgarh - Explore the imposing 15th century hilltop fortress

#### Tour Essentials

**Accommodation:** 11 nights Comfortable Hotel  
2 nights Comfortable Camping

**Included Meals:** 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

**Start Point:** Join tour: New Delhi

**End Point:** Tour ends: Udaipur

**Transport:** Bus, Train

**Countries:** India

## Rajasthan - Forts and Palaces

Staying in converted forts and palaces of the Maharajahs, we explore the bustling bazaars, desert cities and intricate marble temples of Rajasthan. We visit the famous painted houses of Mandawa and Nawalgarh and ride through the Thar Desert by camel. Along the way we visit Jodhpur Fort, the historic city of Udaipur set beside Lake Pichola and the magnificent mountain fortress of Kumbalgarh.

### Suitability

We've given each of our tours a comfort rating and a tour pace, walking or cycling grade to give you a general idea about the level of activity on each tour and the standard of accommodation you will be staying in at the end of your day's adventure.

Often you'll stay in different styles of accommodation during your tour; so we make an average rating across the entire tour. For more information on where you'll stay each night, please refer to the day by day tour itinerary.

### Tour Comfort: Comfortable

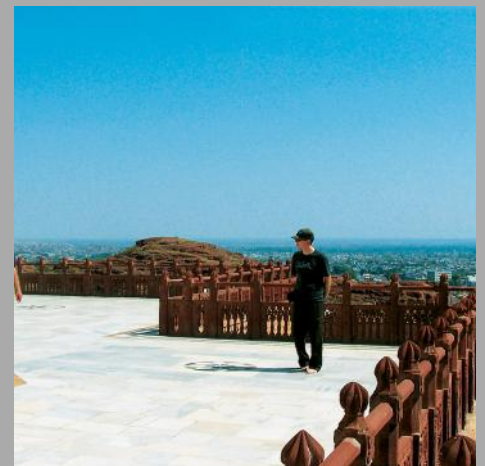
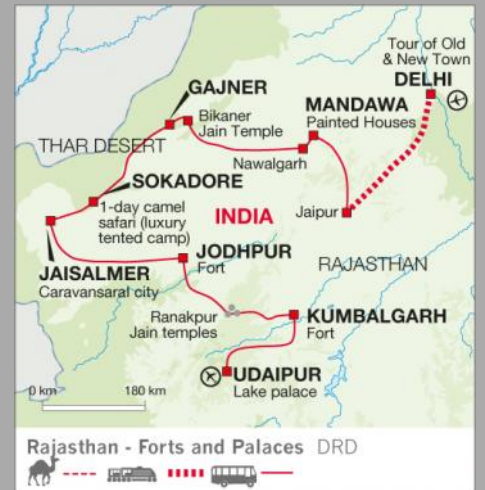
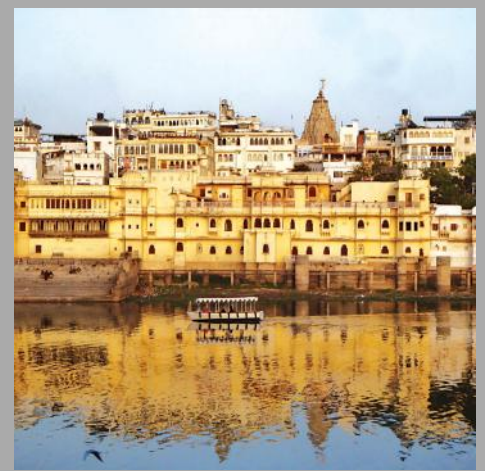
Hand-picked and chosen for their character, location or local importance, these properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service. They provide the perfect wind down after an active day.

### Tour Style: Premium

These tours are perfect if you want to combine an original, off-beat classic adventure with the added comfort of hand-picked accommodation chosen for its character, location or local importance. Revel in adventurous days followed by relaxing nights.

### Tour Pace: Busy

There may be early starts, long journeys and tiring days along the way, but you'll return home feeling you've really experienced as much as you possibly could.



## Your tour itinerary

### Tour itinerary notes

While our intention is to adhere to the day-by-day itinerary as printed below, a degree of flexibility is built in. Overnight stops may vary from those suggested.

### Your Tour Leader

A Tour Leader is an integral part of any Explore tour and your tour will be led by one of our experienced tour leaders who have been handpicked and expertly trained. We believe that our Tour Leaders are the key to the success of our tours; they are passionate travellers who are bursting with first-hand local knowledge which they love to share. Your tour Leader will also take care of all the planning and organisation throughout your journey. Their passionate approach will make this tour fun and inspiring, bringing the destination to life whether you're travelling alone or with others.

### DAY 1 Join tour Delhi

Arrive Delhi and check into hotel. This afternoon we go on a city tour and see the main sights of New Delhi, which include the President's Palace, Lok Sabha (Parliament), India Gate, the Rajpath. Whilst we cannot go inside these buildings they all hold an important place in Delhi's history and are well worth viewing from the outside. We stop and visit Humayan's Tomb before driving to the hustle and bustle of the bazaars of Old Delhi where we'll also visit the famous Jama Masjid Mosque.

### Hotel The Lalit

The Lalit is a luxury hotel that offers guests a fantastic location, in the hub of the commercial and business district of Connaught Place. It is made up of over 400 spacious and well-appointed rooms and benefits from an outdoor swimming pool, a spa, and a choice of dining options to suit every palette.

### Single Room Available



**Included Meals:** None

DAY

## 2 Train and drive to Mandawa

Leaving the capital by train, we experience Indian railways at their best as we head west into Rajasthan (approximately 4 hours). Disembarking at Jaipur, we drive to the colourful former merchants' town of Mandawa (approximately 7 hours).

### Mandawa Castle

A splendid and beautifully converted 240 year old fortress which towers above the town. The accommodation has maintained its old flavour using period furniture and local décor throughout, including old family portraits and antique armour. There is a real sense of discovery here - battlements that offer wonderful views across the town, antique murals in the Zenana (women's quarters) and 7 foot thick walls forming part of the turret room. The facilities are excellent too. You may wish to enjoy a cool drink on the colonial verandah or relax in the comfort of the Diwan khana, the formal drawing room.

### Single Room Available



**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY

## 3 Drive to Gajner

A short drive takes us to Nawalgarh, where we tour the vividly painted houses impressive havelis (merchant's houses) in the Shekhavati area of the town. The buildings are decorated with bold, highly coloured folk art depicting elephants, horsemen, parrots, peacocks, and festive scenes like weddings. We also visit the main bazaar before driving to Gajner, just west of the desert city of Bikaner (approximately 6 hours) which we will visit tomorrow. Situated directly on the ancient camel caravan routes that came from Africa and West Asia, Bikaner was once a great trading centre. Its colourful bazaars and buildings of reddish-pink sandstone still suggest its ancient wealth.

### Gajner Palace

We plan to stay in the Gajner Palace which stands like a jewel in the Thar Desert on the shores of Gajner Lake approximately 19kms from Bikaner. It was one of the former palaces of the Maharajas of Bikaner and was frequented by them to entertain royalty and dignitaries. Built of intricately carved red stone, this palace is surrounded by six thousand acres of preserved wildlife sanctuary.

### Single Room Available



**Included Meals:** Breakfast

DAY

## 4 In Bikaner

This morning we take a tour to Junagarh Fort built by Raja Rai Singh (1571-1611) which is distinguished by its high defensive light red sandstone walls. The well preserved palaces within the fort area are noted for their fine stone carvings. Bikaner still remains a defensive town, and was the home of the famous Camel Corps. We will also take the opportunity to visit the Old town and Bhandasar Jain Temple. This afternoon, we may also visit the Deshnok (Rat) Temple before returning to the Gajner Palace.

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## 5 Drive Mirvana Desert Camp-Sodakore

This morning is left free for you to enjoy the grounds of the hotel and relax. Leaving late morning we drive via Pokaran to the desert camp in Mirvana. Tonight we plan to camp in the desert beneath a myriad of brightly glowing stars in a pre erected tented camp.

### Mirvana Nature Resort and Desert Camp

Set in the vast Thar Desert the Mirvana Nature Resort and Desert Camp is located approximately 50 kilometers from the city of Jaisalmer. The campsite offers fixed tents crafted from local materials. All tents have fixed beds and attached bathrooms so whilst camping we still enjoy some home comforts. There is a large swimming pool and a relaxed seating area which in the evening offers the perfect place to enjoy the stars.

### Your own tent available



**Included Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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## DAY 6 Camel safari

This morning we travel through the desert on a camel safari from Mirvana to Hamira. This safari will show you the desert landscape from a completely unique perspective. Our Camel Safari recaptures the traditional means of desert travel allowing us to experience something of the remote life of the tribesmen and their families. Our party consists of a group leader, local guides, a cook and several camel herdsman. Riding camels can be quite relaxing and sitting high up enables us to appreciate the unique beauty of the desert. Many people find that they prefer to combine riding with periods of walking, so ensure that you have appropriate footwear. This evening we return to our tented camp in Mirvana.

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## DAY 7 Drive to Jaisalmer

This morning we will leave the camp and visit some nearby villages before we drive to Jaisalmer. On arrival we will explore Jaisalmer on foot visiting the Gadi Sagar Tank, Jaisalmer Folklore Museum. We will also visit the fort and some of the many elaborately carved Jain Temples and havelis including the Patwon-ki Haveli considered to be the finest in Jaisalmer. The afternoon is free for you to relax and enjoy this amazing city at your own pace.

### Gorbandh Palace

A luxurious heritage hotel, built in the style of Mughal architecture, this desert retreat lies two kilometres outside the walls of the main town en route to the sand dunes. The hotel offers contemporary facilities in peaceful surroundings with many of the traditionally-decorated rooms featuring balconies overlooking the grounds. Facilities include a swimming pool, health club, restaurant and bar.

### Single Room Available



**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 8 In Jaisalmer

Here you have a free day in Jaisalmer.

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## DAY 9 Drive to Jodhpur

This morning, making several stops, we drive to Jodhpur, where the impregnable fortress commands a superb panorama of the surrounding countryside (approximately 8 hours). The city itself has a unique atmosphere, with many fine old buildings and temples. Jodhpurs, those trousers-cum-riding breeches, are named after the horsemen of this city. Arriving mid afternoon, the rest of the day is free to wander the atmospheric streets of the Old City.

### Bal Samand Garden Retreat

This small heritage hotel has charming rooms, each with their own small terrace, set amongst the gardens of the estate. The large garden restaurant offers international cuisine and other facilities include a pool, Ayurvedic health spa, coffee shop and bar.

### Single Room Available



**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 10 In Jodhpur

The majestic Meherangarh Fort in Jodhpur is built across the top of a steep escarpment 125m above the plains below. It has a huge, sheer drop to the south where it overlooks the city. Our visit this morning affords wonderful views, not only across Jodhpur, but also way into the distance across the surrounding desert plains. The Rajput palace buildings within the fort are typically Moghal - very

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ornate and flamboyant, but also very practical and as always, built with defence in mind. This afternoon, there is the chance to make an optional visit to some nearby Bishnoi villages. The Bishnoi are renowned for their protection of wild animals and nonfelling of trees.

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## **11** Drive to Kumbalgarh

Our morning's drive takes us on to the temple town of Ranakpur, one of Rajasthan's gems (approximately 3 hours). Little visited, it is home to some of the most beautifully sculpted Jain Temples in India. Situated in a wooded valley the temples date back to the 15th century with the carvings depicting scenes from the lives of the Jain Saints at that time. We visit the Adinath temple, which contains 1444 exquisitely carved pillar, with no two alike. Continuing we then head east through the Kumbalgarh Wildlife sanctuary to Kumbalgarh (approximately 1.5 hours).

#### **The Aodhi**

The Aodhi hotel is sited on the side of a hill not far from the 15th century fort and Kumbalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary. Of new construction, it was designed sympathetically to blend in with the environment. Facilities include swimming pool and games room.

#### **Single Room Available**



**Included Meals:** Breakfast

DAY

## **12** Drive to Udaipur

We begin the day with a walk up to and exploration of Kumbalgarh's imposing 15th Century fort - one of the finest examples of defensive architecture in Rajasthan. Lying 1,100m above sea level, the fortified ramparts protected palaces, temples and even farms, ensuring that the complex was self contained and able to withstand a long siege. We then continue to the beautiful lakeside city of Udaipur, with its white palaces and translucent waters (approximately 3 hours). In the late afternoon we will take a boat ride on Lake Pichola and watch the sunset over the water. Please note at certain times of the year the level of the water may drop meaning very low waters or even after a poor monsoon, a dry lake bed.

#### **The Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace**

Built by Maharana Singh in 1911, The Lalit Laxmi Vilas Palace is now a heritage hotel with grand architecture that reflects the culture of its time. The hotel sits on a hill top overlooking Fateh Sagar Lake and the 55 comfortable rooms all have modern conveniences. There is a fitness centre, bar, restaurant and Wi-Fi.

#### **Single Room Available**



**Included Meals:** Breakfast

DAY

## **13** In Udaipur

We have a full day to relax in Udaipur. The city is dominated by Lake Pichola, its island palace (now a hotel) and Jag Mandir island. Here the future Shah Jahan sought sanctuary from his father after he had been found guilty of plotting against him. A city sightseeing tour can be arranged to include the City Palace and Jagdish Mandir. Or you may wish to visit one of the nearby villages by bike or foot.

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**Included Meals:** Breakfast

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## **14** Tour Ends

Our tour ends this morning after breakfast.



**Included Meals:** Breakfast

## Accommodation and Meals

### Food & Drink

Included meals: 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners included in the price of this tour. Please be prepared to pay for non-included meals. Please note that costs for drinks and meals can vary depending on location.

## Budgeting for your Tour

You will need some extra money to cover meals and drinks not included in the tour price, any optional sightseeing, souvenirs and items of a personal nature such as laundry.

### Food

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

#### India

**Lunch £:** 6.00

**Dinner £:** 8.00

### Drink

The prices for drinks can vary greatly depending upon location and the prices detailed below are an average guide. In general you would expect that drinks purchased in a supermarket or local bar to be less expensive, whilst drinks in an upmarket bar or restaurant may be more expensive.

#### India

**Bottle of Beer £:** 1.40

**Water £:** .50

### Other Sightseeing & Activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations.

Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

### Optional Excursions

Udaipur - City Palace guided tour £12.00

Jodhpur - Bishnoi Village Visit £8.00

### Tipping - Tour Leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

### Tipping - Local Crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, the Tour Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Accordingly, you should allow £25. Your tour leader will account to you for any organised tipping.

### Foreign Exchange

#### India

**ATM Availability:** ATMs are available in most large cities in India but they are very limited elsewhere so please do not rely on this.

**Credit Card Acceptance:** Very rarely, only in the larger outlets.

**Travellers Cheques:** Opportunities to exchange are limited.

**Local Currency:** Indian Rupee

**Recommended Currency for Exchange:** GBP/US\$ are the best currency to change into local currency.

**Where to Exchange:** The Indian rupee is a restricted currency and it is best not to obtain in the UK as rates are very poor. You can either change money at the airport on arrival or in major towns during the tour. Your Tour Leader will advise you on the best places in each town.

## Joining your Tour

### Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found on our website at [www.explore.co.uk](http://www.explore.co.uk), in the tour specific dates and prices section.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer. For more information please refer to <https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers>.

### Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer please refer to <https://www.explore.co.uk/transfers>.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

## Important Information

### Travel Insurance

It is a condition of joining any of our tours that you must have valid travel insurance. It must indicate that you have cover for (at least) medical expenses and emergency repatriation in the event of illness or injury. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling in England and Scotland. We also strongly recommend your policy includes curtailment, personal effects and cancellation protection as all deposits paid are non-refundable. You will also need to ensure your travel policy covers you for all activities you intend to do whilst on tour.

We are delighted to include FREE travel insurance **for all qualifying customers** who book an Explore trip from 01 January 2015.

For more information about Travel insurance and to check whether you are eligible to receive free cover, please visit [www.explore.co.uk/insurance](http://www.explore.co.uk/insurance). Explore Worldwide Ltd are an Appointed Representative of Campbell Irvine Limited, who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The registration number can be checked by visiting the FCA's website [www.fca.gov.uk](http://www.fca.gov.uk) or by contacting them on 0800 111 6768.

### Visa Information

India: A single entry visa is required by UK, New Zealand, Australian, US & Canadian citizens and must be obtained prior to departure from your embassy of residence.

For UK customers: It is not possible to obtain an Indian visa directly from the Embassy. Therefore, Indian visas should be applied for; online through VFS global <http://in.vfsglobal.co.uk>, by post or in person (by prior appointment at the VSF Global Office ) or, alternatively, through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK; Visaswift, at <http://www.visaswift.com/explore.aspx>. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

All visa information is subject to change. You should confirm all visa related questions with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

### Vaccinations & Protection

#### India

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against Tetanus, Infectious Hepatitis, Typhoid and Polio. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria (eg. Paludrine, Chloroquine, Mefloquine etc.). The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth> and from your local healthcare provider.

## Preparing for your Tour

### Climate

#### India

There is considerable variation between the different regions of India but, in general, the climate is tropical. Summer temperatures on the plains are very hot, but cooled by the South-West Monsoon, which lasts from June- September. During these months it can be very wet and therefore very humid. At altitude, temperatures can become quite cool at night even in the summer and may drop below freezing between December and February so warm clothing is necessary. In the winter, northern and mid India can be very cool, with cold evenings, so warm clothing, including plenty of layers, are essential. The south of India remains warm and sunny during the winter months.

### Clothing

Bear in mind that between November -March daytime temperatures are warm and comfortable, but evenings and nights in the desert can be extremely cold and hotels rarely have heating arrangements comparable with the UK. Lightweight clothing plus warmer garments are essential. For the Camel Safari you'll find that loose fitting shirts and trousers are most comfortable. Also bring a wide brimmed hat. Local people may be offended by western styles of dress. Brief shorts tight fitting clothing etc. should be avoided by both men and women.

### Equipment

Duvets are provided for the Camel Safari but you should bring a sheet sleeping bag or silk sleeping bag liner in colder conditions (Dec to Feb). Bring a torch, a water bottle and some suncream (factor 15 or higher). Mattresses, eating and drinking utensils are also provided.

### Footwear

Comfortable shoes and sandals.

### Luggage: On Tour

One main piece of baggage (left behind during camel trek) and a daypack. During the 2- day Camel Safari, luggage will be transported for you and there is no need to carry anything other than your daypack.

Luggage allowance on tour: 20kg

## General Information

### Country details

#### India

**Population:** 1,210,193,422

**Size of Country:** 3,287,263 sq km

**Major Language:** Hindi and English.

**Religion:** Catholicism, Hindu, Muslim and Sikhism

**Time Difference to GMT:** +5

### Electric Supply & Plugs

#### India

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## Why Choose Explore

We've been creating award-winning pioneering adventure holidays for over 30 years, earning the trust of thousands of delighted customers, who feel safe in our hands. Our tour leaders have expert local knowledge and our tours are designed to take you off the beaten track to see the most exotic, inspiring and dramatic places in the world.

- With over 30 years' experience, we are passionate about what we do.
- Pioneering small group adventures, self-guided, private journeys & tailor-made holidays.
- Award winning tour leaders who you can trust.
- Responsible travel is and always has been one of the driving principles of Explore.

Our adventure holidays are full of exciting things to see and do, exploring in small groups travelling by bus, boat, plane, rickshaw, camel, elephant, or any number of unusual forms of transport. Often you will stay in family run hotels and village houses and enjoy authentic local cuisine. In this way, it's easy to discover the true heart of the people and the place you travel to - and make some

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new friends along the way. Each tour is uniquely different, so please feel free to browse through our tours to see what may whet your appetite.

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## Our commitment to the environment

We are passionate about sustainable travel and work hard to create tours where your holiday delivers real benefits to the local communities. We minimise our impact by travelling in small groups, respecting local cultures and traditions, reducing waste and offsetting 100% of the CO2 from our flights.

When you travel with Explore, you are directly contributing to local economies and helping empower the people you meet. We currently support a range of charities and good causes, including: Toilet Twinning (helping to flush away poverty), Lone Buffalo Foundation (a community project based in Laos providing creative skills for young people), Dekamer (a turtle rescue centre in Turkey) and Kids Saving the Rainforest (a wildlife rescue centre in Costa Rica supported through the LATA foundation). We also care passionately about the world's wildlife. We are patrons of the Born Free Organisation and Friends of Conservation.

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## Cool Earth

Explore are proud to support Cool Earth in their effort to reduce global carbon dioxide levels through the prevention of deforestation in the South America rainforest. Cool Earth focus on areas in immediate danger of deforestation, supporting local communities to be forest guardians. To date 350,000 acres of rainforest has been protected. Saving rainforest also protects rare animals and plants, allows local forest communities to maintain their way of life, and protects a major source of oxygen and fresh water. When you travel on an Explore holiday we make a donation to Cool Earth that exceeds the impact of our customers flights each year.

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## Earth Matters

- [The Travel Foundation](#)

Explore are active members and supporters of the Travel Foundation which has established a variety of sustainable tourism projects in destinations and works with industry to improve practice. Visit their website [www.thetravelfoundation.org.uk](http://www.thetravelfoundation.org.uk)

- [Tourism Concern](#)

Explore support the work of Tourism Concern who campaign for fairly and ethically traded tourism, and are part of its Ethical Tour Operator Group [www.tourismconcern.org.uk](http://www.tourismconcern.org.uk)

- For further information on responsible travel go to <http://www.explore.co.uk/ResponsibleTourism/>

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## Know before you go

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice follow the link at <http://www.explore.co.uk/essential-travel-information/travel-resources/travel-safety>

## Booking Your Holiday

### Peace of mind - book with confidence

You can book your Explore holiday with confidence, as all monies paid to us for your trip are fully protected. Explore is a fully bonded tour operator licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and by ABTOT.

The air holiday packages (Tours including flights) that we advertise are ATOL protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 2595. In addition, As a member of the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), Explore has provided a bond to meet the requirements of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. Please note that packages booked outside the UK are only protected when purchased directly with Explore.

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### Reserving your place

To reserve your place on this tour you will need to check availability on the Explore website or through our dedicated call centre based in the UK where you can. Our tours can fill up quickly so you are advised to book as early as possible. If your chosen date is 'Available' or 'Guaranteed' we will be able to provisionally hold you a space for up to 48 hours.

For Self-Guided holidays and Private Journeys simply choose your date of travel and let us know so we can confirm all ground services.

The easiest way to confirm your booking is through our website. When you are ready to book, we normally require a 10% non-refundable deposit, but for some holidays this may be more to cover such items as permit fees, internal flights or other non-refundable services. If your travel starts within 60 days of booking, full payment will be required at the time of booking

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### 100% No Surcharge Guarantee

The price paid for our holidays is no longer subject to change. Once booked and confirmed we will guarantee the price you pay will not increase, whatever the circumstances. You will not be approached to pay fuel surcharges unlike the vast majority of other adventure tour operators. The price guarantee applies to all new bookings departing between 1st January 2014 and 31st December 2015.

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### Tour Itinerary Versions

Itinerary details may vary depending on departure date and alternative itineraries for this tour may exist. Please refer to the dates and prices page on our website to check which itinerary operates on each departure date.

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Please ensure that you have an up-to-date copy of these tour notes immediately before you travel, as from time to time our itineraries may be amended, either for operational reasons or in response to feedback from customers. You will be informed of any major changes to your tour but small changes may just be added to these tour notes.

Please note: 2015 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing in 2015. 2016/17 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing from 1st January to 31st December 2016.

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