



Join Limitless Planet, Food is Love and Chef Lasse Sorensen on a journey to India.

Discover the splendors of India. A subcontinent rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. Your unique journey immerses you in India's vibrant colors, sights and sounds while spoiling you in unparalleled luxury. To enhance your 'sense of place', your trip includes the most knowledgeable local historians to provide insight and understanding into regional history, culture, and geography.

One of the oldest civilizations in the world, India is a mosaic of multicultural experiences. With a rich heritage and myriad attractions, the country is among the most popular tourist destinations in the world. It covers an area of 32,87,263 sq. km, extending from the snow-covered Himalayan heights to the tropical rain forests of the south. As the 7th largest country in the world, India stands apart from the rest of Asia, marked off as it is by mountains and the sea, which give the country a distinct geographical entity.

Fringed by the Great Himalayas in the north, it stretches southwards and at the Tropic of Cancer, tapers off into the Indian Ocean between the Bay of Bengal on the east and the Arabian Sea on the west. As you travel the expanse of the country, you are greeted by diverse nuances of cuisines, faiths, arts, crafts, music, nature, lands, tribes, history, and adventure sports. India has a mesmerizing conflation of the old and the new. As the bustling old bazaars rub shoulders with swanky shopping malls, and majestic monuments accompany luxurious heritage hotels, the quintessential traveler can get the best of both worlds. Head to the mountains, the beach or cruise through the golden Thar, India has it all.

Come with us and see—and taste—for yourself!



DAY 01: NOVEMBER 4, 2024: ARRIVE DELHI, INDIA

On your arrival at Delhi, we will be met by our representative and transferred to our hotel.

The rest of the day will be free to relax and enjoy the amenities at the hotel.

The world is the body; Delhi is its soul...is how a 19th century poet described this city that has ever been so many things to so many different people. To the weary travelers on the ancient silk route, it was the first plain after having crossed the Himalayan Mountains with the promise of shelter, food, and business opportunities. To the Afghan, Turk, Greek, Arab and Roman kings it was a vast and inexhaustible source of treasures of all kinds; to the Chinese, it was the land of knowledge and wisdom. Its ageless face saw the advent of Islam. It saw empires being built and destroyed or even merely dismantled to make way for the new. Delhi lived on. Thus, Delhi is a Melting Pot of cultures, politics, and religions of India's colorful past.

Overnight: The Oberoi New Delhi

DAY 02: NOVEMBER 5, 2024: DELHI CITY TOUR

Enjoy breakfast at our hotel before venturing out into the bustling streets of New Delhi.

Our day will start with a visit to Humayun's tomb, a magnificent structure in red sandstone and white marble. It is one of the finest examples of the garden tomb and a precursor to the Taj Mahal.

Later we'll visit the Qutab Minar, Delhi's Eiffel Tower. We'll visit the mosques, mausoleums and ruins that lie around the fort. Then, we'll drive to one of the most colonial parts of New Delhi called Raisina Hill. We'll see the Viceroy's House (now the Rashtrapati Bhawan, the residence of the President of India) and Lutyen's magnum opus, the India Gate, a war memorial arch.

Our day continues past a Sikh place of worship called a Gurdwara or Temple. The shrine is the scene of constant devotional music; you will hear it throughout the complex. This Sikh temple represents a community kitchen or "Langar." Here, food is serviced in the kitchen of the Gurudwara without any distinction of caste, creed, color, or religion (inconceivable in India). All castes- high or low, rich, or poor sit in the same queue. It truly represents the complexity of the many cultures of India.

This afternoon we will go back to your hotel for a bit of free time to relax and have lunch.

Later in the afternoon, we'll see the Red Fort followed by a rickshaw ride through the lanes of "Chandni Chowk" or Silver Street. It is one of Delhi's most populated areas and the largest marketplace. This marketplace will allow you to experience the sights and sounds of Old Delhi. Chandni Chowk means "moonlit crossroads," an area which best represents the "super-Oriental", the grandeur and the grime. With its crowded bazaars, twisting lanes, maze of small streets, strange aromas, and the pungent odor of Oriental spices it's an experience like no other. We'll conclude the tour by visiting Raj Ghat – Father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi's memorial.

Dinner will be on our own this evening.

Overnight: The Oberoi New Delhi



DAY 03: NOVEMBER 6, 2024: DELHI – AGRA- THE TAJ MAHAL, A MONUMENT TO LOVE

Agra is the only city in the world that boasts of three UNESCO World Heritage Sites - the Taj Mahal, the Agra Fort, and the old capital of Fatehpur Sikri; all legacies of the Mughal Empire from the 16th and 17th centuries. It is no wonder that Agra is the most visited destination in India.

After breakfast, we will depart for our journey to Agra. A royal welcome will await at our hotel. The hotel is located 600 meters from the Taj Mahal and all rooms, suites, lobby, bar, and lounge offer breath-taking views of the monument.

A visit to India isn't complete without a visit to the Taj Mahal. This morning we will experience the sunrise over the majestic architecture of the world's greatest monument of love. For centuries, the Taj Mahal has inspired poets, painters, and musicians to try and capture its elusive magic in word, music, and color. Since the 17th century, travelers have crossed continents to marvel at the ultimate memorial to love.

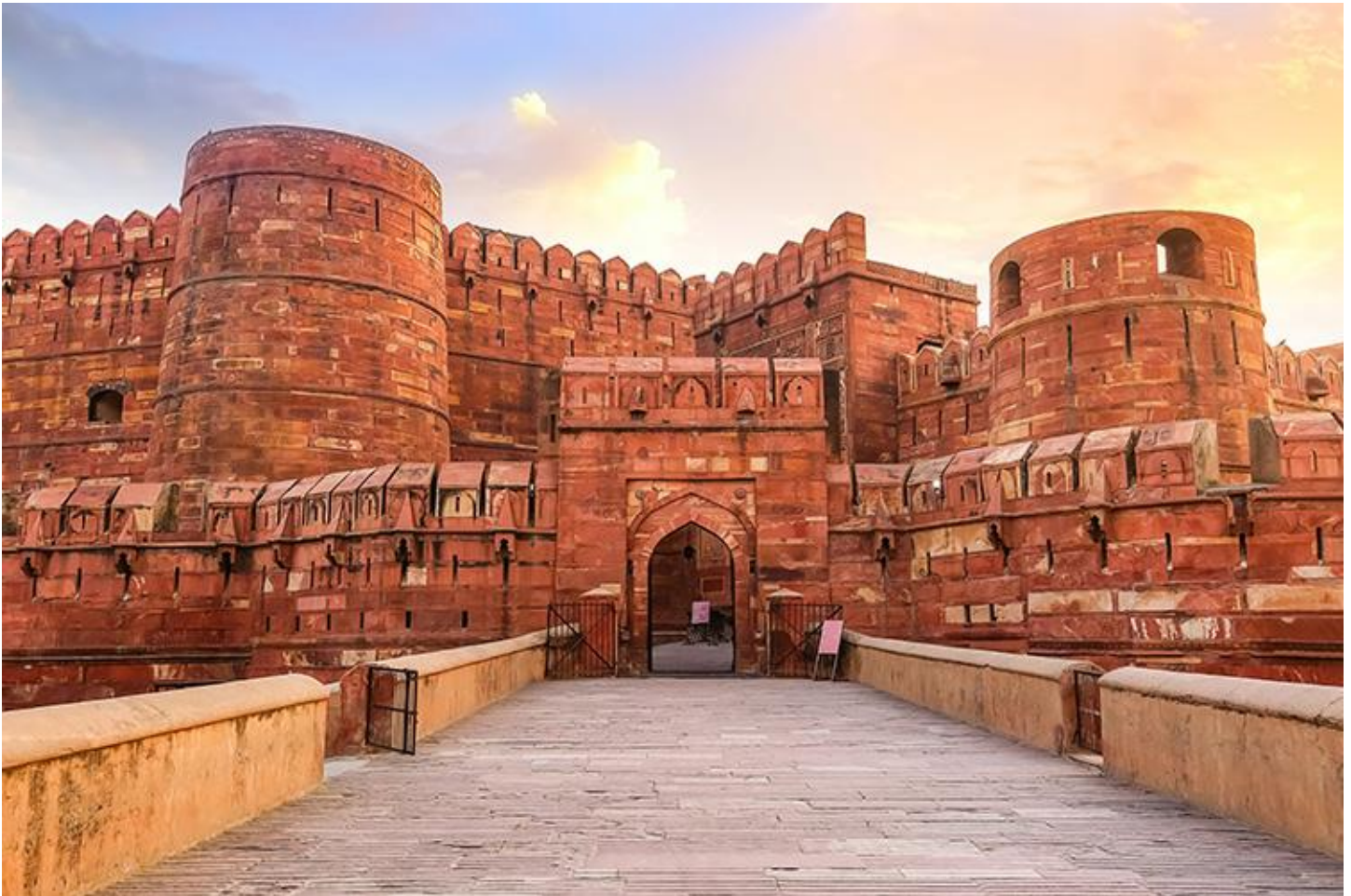
The Taj was built in the memory of the beautiful Arjumand Bano Begum, an empress who won the heart of a Mughal prince. Arjumand Bano was married at 21 to Emperor Jahangir's third son, Prince Khurram. Work on the mausoleum began in 1633 and over 20,000 workers labored for 17 years to build it- a true labor of love. The most skilled architects, inlay craftsmen, calligraphers, stone-carvers, and masons came from across India, Persia, and Turkey to build the Taj. The master mason was from Baghdad, a double-dome engineer from Persia, and an inlay specialist from Delhi. What is most amazing about the Taj Mahal is the fine detailing, the colored inlay is never allowed to overwhelm the design. The ornate pietra dura and relief carvings are of floral, calligraphic, and geometric designs. The skill of the inlay worker is so fine that it is impossible to find the joints, even when as many as 40 tiny pieces of semi-precious stones have been used in the petals of a single flower. Some of the best calligraphy of Koranic verses can be seen around the entrance arches and on the two headstones. The Taj Mahal changes colors with the seasons and the different times of day. At dawn, the marble has a delicate bloom in shell pink, by noon it glitters majestically white, turning to a soft pearly grey at dusk, and in the dark of night it shimmers against the backdrop of star-spangled sky. The many faces of The Taj Mahal display the seductive power of architecture at its best.

OPTION (included): This afternoon enjoy your time at leisure or visit the UNESCO Heritage Site, Agra Fort. The Agra Fort's construction was started by Emperor Akbar in 1565 when he was just 23 years of age. Within the fort are several fascinating buildings – the Pearl Mosque built of marble, the Hall of Public Audiences, the Hall of Private Audiences where the famous "peacock throne" was kept, the Octagonal Tower, and the Jehangir Palace.

After visiting Agra Fort, we'll return to our hotel. The rest of the day will be at leisure to relax.

Dinner will be on your own this evening. Then, come poolside for a colorful display of traditional music and dancing.

Overnight: Oberoi Amaravilas



DAY 04: November 7, 2024: AGRA – (SAWAI MADHOPUR) RANTHAMBHOR

After an early breakfast, we will depart for Sawai Madhopur also known as Ranthambhor. When we arrive our representative will meet and assist us at the hotel for check-in at your fabulous resort.

Sawai Madhopur was founded by Madho Singh II and was known as Madhopur till the time Mughal Emperor, Aurangzeb, impressed by Jai Singh's wit, bestowed him with a surname of Sawai. From then onwards, Madhopur became Sawai Madhopur. Located in the eastern part of Rajasthan, Sawai Madhopur's claim to fame today is the Ranthambhore Fort and Ranthambhore National Park.

This afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the resort.

Overnight: Nahargarh Ranthambhore, a Heritage Hotel

DAY 05: NOVEMBER 8, 2024: (SAWAI MADHOPUR) RANTHAMBHOR

After breakfast, visit the National Park to catch a glimpse of the majestic tigers roaming around in the open wilderness and visit the imposing fort to turn a page in the history of Rajasthan.

This afternoon, we'll go on our first game drive by jeep with our private naturalist.

Ranthambore Wildlife Sanctuary is 400 sq. kms of dry deciduous forest, perfect natural habitat for tigers, and is set in the Aravalli and Vindhya hills, dotted with pavilions, and dominated by a hilltop fort.

Ranthambore was one of the hunting preserves of the former rulers of Jaipur and because of this the Maharajas ensured the environment was preserved and the forest and their inhabitants well protected. It has a healthy population of tigers and their prey. It has been declared a "Project Tiger" reserve. Wildlife includes black buck, spotted deer or cheetal, wild boar, a large variety of bird species and the rarely seen leopard.

Overnight: Nahargarh Ranthambhore, a Heritage Hotel



DAY 06: NOVEMBER 9, 2024: (SAWAI MADHOPUR) RANTHAMBHOR- JAIPUR

After a leisurely breakfast, drive to Jaipur.

Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan with a population of over 1 ½ million people. Jaipur is also called the "Pink City", for by law all the buildings in the old city must be painted a deep saffron pink. It is especially known for its arts and crafts: jewelry, enamel work, hand-painted fabrics, and stone sculptures. Above everything, Jaipur is an extraordinarily colorful place.

This afternoon we have the opportunity to meet with a tailor and get a few personalized garments made.

The rest of the day will be free to relax at the hotel or walk around the city streets. Stay overnight in Jaipur.

Overnight: Oberoi Rajvilas

DAY 07: NOVEMBER 10, 2024: JAIPUR

After breakfast we start the day with an excursion to Amer Fort.

Amer was the ancient capital of Jaipur. It is situated atop the Aravalli hills overlooking the city. We will ascend the fort on elephant's back, like a king. Amber Fort is in Amber (Jaipur), which used to be the capital of the Kachhwaha clan, till Jaipur was made the official capital in 1727.

The Amber Fort is stunning, all-built-in white marble and red sandstone. To add to its charm, Maota Lake makes its foreground. The crystal mirror image of the Fort, on the still waters of the lake, seems to be a beautiful illusion.



After lunch we will enjoy a city tour of Jaipur starting with a photo stop at Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds).

Hawa Mahal is a major landmark and a famous tourist attraction of Jaipur. The Palace offers a beautiful sight to behold. The splendid Rajputana architecture of Hawa Mahal, still speaks the glory of the royal family. However, one can also find a glimpse of Mughal architecture, which is blended perfectly to make it different from others. The literal meaning of Hawa Mahal is Palace of Winds.

Jaipur is renowned for textiles, precious and semi-precious gemstones, exquisite jewelry, and blue pottery.

Later, we'll have an opportunity to take a journey through the fabric of time and the traditional weaves of India.

Meet artisans & intellects who will describe their world in terms of fabrics and the stories woven within. Later visit gems and jewelry centers renowned for their elaborate traditional, contemporary, and ethnic gold and silver.

Enjoy free time this afternoon in the city's colorful bazaars or at the hotel pool.

Overnight: Oberoi Rajvilas

DAY 08: NOVEMBER 11, 2024: JAIPUR TO VARANASI

Enjoy your morning at leisure before your flight to Varanasi.

Arrive in Varanasi, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

Overnight: BrijRama Palace, Varanasi



DAY 09: NOVEMBER 12, 2024: VARANASI

Varanasi, or Benaras, (also known as Kashi) is one of the oldest living cities in the world. The land of Varanasi (Kashi) has been the ultimate pilgrimage spot for Hindus for ages. Hindus believe that one who is graced to die on the land of Varanasi would attain salvation and freedom from the cycle of birth and re-birth. Abode of Lord Shiva and Parvati, the origins of Varanasi are yet unknown. Ganges in Varanasi is believed to have the power to wash away the sins of mortals.

The city has been a center of learning and civilization for over 3000 years. Sarnath, the place where Buddha preached his first sermon after enlightenment, just 10 km away, Varanasi has been a symbol of Hindu renaissance. Knowledge, philosophy, culture, devotion to Gods, Indian arts and crafts have all flourished here for centuries.

Early this morning, at sunrise, visit the ghats, and devout Hindus begin their day by offering prayers to the holy river and the sun.

Sunrise on River Ganges is indeed magical and has a mystical quality about it. The vivid images of sun rising over the horizon and rising of the sleeping city of Varanasi with the first ray of the sun transfix international and domestic tourists alike. Rituals and ceremonies of Life and Death, considered to be two phases of the journey of soul in Hinduism, take place alongside each other. There are pilgrims and devotees who enter the chilly waters of the river to bathe and wash away their sins with a holy dip in the river; and there are near and dear ones of the departed, who come to flow away the ashes after the cremation ceremony in the hope to seek salvation for the souls of their dead.

We will return to our hotel for breakfast, and later proceed for a city tour of Varanasi visiting the Kashi-Vishwanath Temple, the most sacred of the shrines dedicated to Lord Shiva, patron deity of Varanasi, originally constructed by Rani Ahillya Bai Holkar in 1776.

The temple was rebuilt in the 18th century; its gold plating on the "shikharas" was a gift from a Sikh king, Maharaja Ranjit Singh. Proceed to the Durga Temple, another important temple dedicated to the Goddess Durga. It was built in the 18th century, in the Nagara style of architecture. It has five Shikharas (spires), which commence from the bottom

and converges to the top. Locally, the temple is known as the "Monkey Temple" due to the large number of monkeys inhabiting the vicinity. Continuing to Tulsi Manas Mandir, built in 1964, devoted to Lord Rama and is believed to have been built on the site where the saint-poet Tulsi Das resided and wrote the epic Ram Charit Manas. The text is engraved on the walls of the temple. Next, visit the Bharat Mata Mandir, a unique temple dedicated to Mother India. It houses a relief map of India, carved out of marble.

We will end our day with a visit to Sarnath, where Lord Buddha preached his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. Visit the museum, many stupas, ruins and Mulagandhakuti Vihara (housing relics found during the early excavations).

The rest of the day will be at leisure before our farewell dinner at a local restaurant tonight.

Overnight: BrijRama Palace, Varanasi

DAY 10: NOVEMBER 13, 2024: VARANASI – DELHI

Enjoy your morning at leisure before your flight back to Delhi. Arrive at Delhi airport and transfer you to your airport hotel.

Relax at the pool, have a drink at the bar or go to the spa. This afternoon is at your leisure.

Later, transfer to the airport for your flight out this evening for your flight back to the USA.

Overnight: Pullman New Delhi Aerocity

Thank you for traveling with Limitless Planet!



IMPORTANT: This trip is designed for adventurous travelers seeking an off-the-beaten path experience. Itineraries are planned to give you an authentic experience, and as such, organic changes may come about to enhance the journey.

You will have the unique opportunity to experience India with the 6-time Emmy nominated PBS show, Food is Love, and chef Lasse Sorensen. As such, by participating on this tour, you are agreeing to be in the taping of the India Food is Love Episode.

Optional Post Extensions:

If you would like to extend your trip with a once in a lifetime trip to Bhutan or elsewhere in India or Asia, we can easily arrange that for you! We highly recommend adding our Food is Love Nepal journey to the front end of this trip.

PRICING

Total Trip Cost- \$8,580 per person, double occupancy*
\$10,250 per person, single occupancy*

If you are interested in more than one Food is Love trip, let us know! Receive a \$500 discount if you book two trips in the 2024 series!

*This trip requires 10 participants to take part in the program. If this minimum is not met, you will be fully refunded.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Luxury accommodation at mentioned hotels (*or similar category according to availability*)
- Breakfast included every day.
- Knowledgeable, 5-star, English speaking historian throughout the trip
- Entrance and monument fees to the sites mentioned in the program.
- Transportation throughout your trip (private)
- Bottled water throughout your trip.
- Tiger safari in the National Park
- Exclusive boat ride on Lake Pichola Ganges in Udaipur
- Domestic flights as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Living like a Local: Travel with us and find out.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airport taxes
- International flights
- Visa expenses
- Personal expenses such as laundry, beverages, phone calls, and internet access.
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not specified in the itinerary/meals at leisure/room service.
- Tips to guides and drivers.

NOTES:

- Subject to availability.
- Rates subject to change until confirmed.
- Rates are non-endorsable/non-refundable.

CANCELLATIONS

- 75% fee for cancellations up to 90 days prior to arrival / full charge for no shows and cancellations 0-90 days prior arrival.

**Prices do not include credit card fees. All credit card fees come from the company and not Limitless Planet. We cannot waive or remove credit card fees. You do have the option of paying with a check or Venmo to bypass any credit card fees.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Passport

Each traveler will be required to have a passport valid for at least six months after your travel departure date. Limitless Planet is happy to assist you with your passport application or renewing an expired passport. Additional fees may apply. Please send a copy of your valid passport with your deposit payment.

Visa

A visa is required for US citizens to enter India. Please ask your account manager for the visa application.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is not included in the quote of this itinerary. For your convenience Limitless Planet offers travel protection plans through Travelex Insurance Services. We are happy to send you a link for a quote.

Tours

All activities on this trip are optional. Tours will meet in the hotel lobby prior to departure to travel as a group. Any passenger that is not in the lobby upon designated time will be responsible for their transportation to that day's activity location. If you would like to sleep in and skip a tour, no problem! It is your trip; we want you to enjoy it as you wish. Have something you want to do while in Peru that is not listed on the itinerary, let us know. We are happy to make special arrangements.

Concierge Service

Limitless Planet is happy to provide on-site VIP Concierge Service for the duration of your trip. Our on-site guides will ensure your restaurant reservations are made and your flights are on time. Our guides are experienced in managing the most intricate on-site details of today's complicated programs. Be rest assured, you will have on-site assistance for any issue that occurs during your travels.

Health & Wellness

Your health and wellness are very important to us. We are happy to accommodate any dietary restriction and special requests. All participants of Limitless Planet's tours must be physically fit enough to participate in the tour. Limitless Planet reserves the right to deny participation on any of our tours, according to the tour itinerary.

IMPORTANT:

For every booking entrusted to us, we require the following information:

- Full passengers name, date of birth, nationality & passport number
- International arrival/departure flight (if not arranging through Limitless Planet)
- Active medical problems
- Bed preference (subject to availability)

LIMITS ON LIMITLESS PLANET'S RESPONSIBILITY:

Limitless Planet acts as Tour Operator. It purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurants and other services from various independent suppliers that are not subject to its control. Limitless Planet cannot, therefore, be liable for death, personal injury or any other loss that may occur due to any act or omission of any such a supplier or by reason of any other event over which it has no control. Domestic flights are, occasionally, subject to overbooking, cancellation, and schedule changes. If this occurs, Limitless Planet will do all in their power to assist clients in boarding flights or finding alternate arrangements. It must be stressed that this is done as a courtesy to clients and Limitless Planet cannot be held responsible for denied boarding, nor for the additional costs thus incurred; nor for payments not recovered for missed land arrangements due to airline delays.

Optional Activities that may be Dangerous

Depending on the itinerary you have selected, optional activities will be available at some of the places they will visit. Some of these activities carry with them the inherent risk of serious personal injury. These activities include, but are not limited to horseback tours, canoe trips, hiking, river rafting, etc. You should be aware that your personal safety cannot be guaranteed, and Limitless Planet assumes no responsibility for your safety.

Acts of God and the Like

Limitless Planet is not responsible for acts of God, fire, acts of local government or other authorities, wars, civil disturbances, riots, terrorist acts, strikes, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, earthquakes, adverse weather conditions, dangers incident to sea, land, and air travel and other similar acts or incidents beyond its ability to control or its suppliers.



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