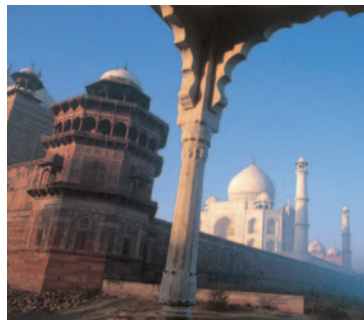


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challenge highlights

Overnight train from Delhi to Jaipur

Explore the pink city of Jaipur

Cycling the rural backroads of India

Volunteering for 3 days at the remote Cholsa villahe school

Wildlife viewing at Sariska Tiger reserve

Sunrise at Taj Mahal



Duration	13 days
Grade	Introductory level
Activities	Cycling
Accommodation	13 day trip, 5 day cycle, 3 day volunteering at Cholsa school

welcome to World Expeditions

Thank you for your interest in our Memorable Challenges Cycle India and Cholsa School work trip. At World Expeditions we are passionate about off the beaten track experiences as it provides our travellers with the thrill of coming face to face with untouched cultures as well as wilderness regions of great natural beauty. We are also committed to making sure that our range of unique itineraries are well researched, affordable and tailored for the enjoyment of our small groups or individuals - philosophies that have been at our core since 1975 when we began operating adventure holidays. The itineraries will give you the very best travel experience, designed by people with incredible local knowledge who share our vision of authentic exchange and real exploration with a responsible tourism approach. Whether you like your adventures to include trekking, touring, cycling, mountaineering, kayaking or cruising World Expeditions can make it happen for you. We hope you will join us for a life changing experience!

why travel with World Expeditions?

When planning travel to a remote and challenging destination, many factors need to be considered. World Expeditions has been pioneering trips to the Indian subcontinent since 1975. Our extra attention to detail and seamless operations on the ground ensure that you will have a memorable experience. Cycling is the best way to experience village India. We have been organising cycle rides in India for 20 years. This itinerary has been carefully researched to ensure we cycle the quieter country roads well away from the main highways. We take every precaution to ensure smooth logistics. In most cases, all internal transport, entrance fees, national park fees and transfers are included in the cost of your trip.

Most importantly, our adventures always aim to benefit the local people we interact with, safeguard the ecosystems we explore and contribute to the sustainability of travel in the regions we experience. We invite you to read more on our Responsible Travel philosophy and projects later in these trip notes.

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challenge dates

2011 24 Sep - 06 Oct

World Expeditions does not require single travellers pay a surcharge for travelling alone. On all of our adventures we will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveller of the same sex and if we can not match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room.

the challenge

Our India cycle challenge provides a great introduction to this diverse region. We combine a cycle ride from Jaipur to Agra with exploring the sights and sounds of the capital Delhi with a wonderful opportunity to volunteer at a remote school in rural India. There is no better way to take in the rural scenery of India than at handlebar level as well as being able to give something back at the same time! From the delights of Jaipur we adjust to the pace of the buffalo cart from handlebar level, savouring a way of life that is still in harmony with the seasons. The roads are flat, the days not unduly strenuous and we provide a backup vehicle for your convenience. We then spend 3 days working behind the scenes and with the children at Cholsa school helping with the daily running and classes for the kids. There will be ample opportunity to witness the spectacular Taj Mahal at sunrise and explore Fatehpur Sikri before returning to Delhi where the trip concludes.

our partners

MEMORABLE CHALLENGES

The team at Memorable Challenges are here to assist you with the fundraising aspect of your chosen Cycle India Challenge. There is no need to fear fundraising. We will help you all the way. Many people want to "make a difference" but don't know how to begin. They are often time poor and are fearful that fundraising will be very time consuming. This is not the case. Let Memorable Challenges show you how. There is no charge for this service.

Simply ring Chris 0423 780 716 or email her on charrison@memorablechallenges.com to have information sent to you.

CHOLSA SCHOOL

The Cholsa school is located near Cholsa village. We will base ourselves here for 3 days and help out with the general day to day running of the school classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to pass on some of your knowledge and first handedly help a school in need.

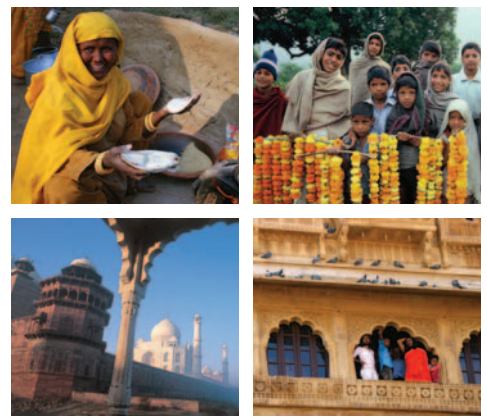
at a glance

DAY 1	ARRIVE DELHI.
DAY 2	TRAIN TO JAIPUR.
DAY 3	IN JAIPUR
DAY 4	DRIVE TO RAMBAGH, CYCLE TO CHOSLA (54KM)
DAY 5-6	COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER WORK AT CHOSLA SCHOOL
DAY 7	COMPLETE COMMUNITY WORK, CYCLE TO SARIKA TIGER CAMP.
DAY 8	CYCLE IN AND AROUND SARISKA TIGER CAMP
DAY 9	CYCLE TO RAJGARH (38KM). DRIVE TO BHARATPUR CAMP (90KM)
DAY 10	BHARATPUR TO FATEHPUR SIKRI AND AGRA - (54KM)
DAY 11	IN AGRA, THEN DRIVE TO DELHI
DAY 12	TRIP CONCLUDES IN DELHI, FLY TO AUSTRALIA
DAY 13	ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA



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fast facts

Countries Visited:
India
Visas:
Yes*
Vaccinations:
Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information
Leader:
Expert local leader

what's included

- 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners
- International airfares ex Australia on Singapore Airlines
- airport transfers
- expert bilingual guide
- group medical kit
- good quality accommodation in Delhi/Jaipur/Agra
- gear pack including sleeping bag and insulated mat
- provision of bike between Jaipur and Agra
- private vehicles
- sightseeing and site entry fees as listed

what's not included

- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges approximately \$450 NOT included
- Items of a personal nature
- Lunch and dinner not listed on itinerary
- Tips
- Travel Insurance
- Visa

No local payments policy: Local cash payments are becoming increasingly popular with many operators. The policy seems to benefit the tour operators, more than the local economies or travellers, as it avoids local taxes and transfers the cost and risk of cash handling to travellers. In accordance with our Responsible Travel practices.

detailed itinerary

DAY 1 Arrive Delhi.

On arrival at the group hotel your leader will brief the group on the trip. The rest of the day is free to adjust to the sights, sounds and smells of India.

Meals: NIL

DAY 2 Train to Jaipur.

We transfer to New Delhi station to board the early morning Express train to Jaipur. The train takes five hours, reaching Jaipur by lunchtime, giving us the afternoon to wander the city. The famed "Pink City" of Jaipur is the capital of the state of Rajasthan, and was founded in the early 18th century by Maharajah Jai Singh, who moved from Amber to this new site on the plains.

Meals: B

DAY 3 In Jaipur

Today is a full day to explore further the city of Jaipur. We visit the City Palace and the Jantar Mantar - the remarkable observatory reflecting Jai Singh's passion for astronomy. There is also the Old City with its bazaars and the Hawa Mahal - the Palace of the Winds, originally built as part of the City Palace complex to allow the ladies of the Royal household to watch the everyday life in the city without themselves being observed.

Meals: B

DAY 4 Drive to Rambagh, cycle to Cholsa (54km)

This morning we drive to Rambagh before we start our cycling adventure to Cholsa. Departing through the outlying settlements of Jaipur and with the Amber Fort as our backdrop, we commence the cycling. Your leader will give a briefing on cycling in India and handling your bike as well as making time for adjustments before we progress along the Rambargh road, one of the quieter veins

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responsible travel

The environments we travel through are fragile. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence.

World Expeditions were the proud recipients of the inaugural Australian National Travel Industry's Environmental Achievement award for our Responsible Travel Guidebook.

This detailed guide to responsible & sustainable travel is provided to all World Expeditions clients before they travel. Please ask your consultant if you have not received your copy of our award winning book.

Alternatively, you may like to download a copy from our website

www.worldexpeditions.com

important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information in the current brochure, including but not limited to the itinerary and price.

leading out of Jaipur. The route twists through small farming settlements, where we provide endless entertainment to the villagers who are intrigued at the notion of westerners riding bikes through India. By noon we arrive at Ramgarh Lake and enjoy a lunch respite under a huge Banyan tree. After lunch we cycle on to Cholsa village and visit the school we will be spending the next 3 days at. Tonight we camp located in a true rural setting, with small rudimentary dwellings and endless fields of crops.

Meals: B, L, D

DAYS 5-6 Community volunteer work at Cholsa school

The next two days we will spend at the rural Cholsa village government school. We will help with the day to day running of the school and participate in lessons with the students. Whilst we are working at the school we will camp in a nearby village.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7 Complete community work, cycle to Sarika Tiger camp.

This morning we complete our volunteer work and celebrate with our new friends at a luncheon before cycling 20kms to the Sariska Tiger camp. Our riding is through timeless India, with lush flowering mustard plantations flanked by overhanging willow trees, before reaching the gates to the Sariska Tiger Reserve. This was once home to a significant population of tigers, until a few seasons ago, when poaching significantly reduced their numbers. However there are many other animals in the park, and the atmosphere and natural surrounds make the visit very much worthwhile. Our camp overnight will be in the grounds of the Sariska Tiger Camp.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8 Cycle in and around Sariska Tiger camp

Today we enjoy the wonderful surrounds as we cycle in and around the Park.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 9 Cycle to Rajgarh (38km). Drive to Bharatpur camp (90km)

Our ride this morning takes us through numerous small villages as we make our way to Rajgarh. Stopping for lunch we continue a further 15km in the afternoon before we board the bus to drive us the last section of the day to Bharatpur via Mahua. Camp tonight is within the premises of the Swaraj Resort.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 10 Bharatpur to Fatehpur Sikri and Agra - (54km)

Today we cycle to the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. Our bikes provide a wonderful mode of transport to move around and explore the park, where swamplands provide habitats for hundreds of bird species. After lunch in the park we travel in our vehicle for about 20km to Fatehpur Sikri, where we can explore Akbar's deserted capital, before continuing on to Agra.

Meals: B

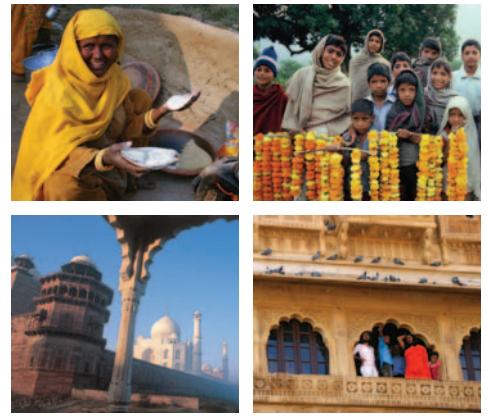
DAY 11 In Agra, then drive to Delhi

In the early morning we have a sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal, Shah Jahan's mausoleum for his wife Mumtaz Mahal. We continue to Agra Fort, a fitting testimony to the Great Moghuls - Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan - during the era when Agra was the capital of the Moghul empire. From the Red Fort we'll have more views of the Taj Mahal before driving back to Delhi this afternoon.

Meals: B

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DAY 12 Trip concludes in Delhi, fly to Australia

Our trip concludes after check-out from our hotel. There will be a transfer provided from the hotel to the airport for your onward flight.

Meals: B

DAY 13 Arrive in Australia

Meals: NIL

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

cycling

This itinerary allows for four days of cycling with average daily distances of approximately 50 kms but there is plenty of scope to cycle more or less, depending on your fitness level. Due to distances between destinations on several days, we will actually travel around 100 - 120 kilometers per day, with the balance of the journey being by bus. This is not designed to be a marathon event so no one needs to feel any pressure to 'perform'. The passenger bus will make several stops en-route (approx every 15kms) to provide bottled water and fresh fruit. This is also a good way of re-grouping and sharing different experiences you may have encountered along the way. The bike-support bus will always travel behind the last cyclist. If you wish to take a break from riding, simply wait at the side of the road in an appropriate place to stop and you will be picked up. Above all else, the emphasis is on seeing India, not training for the Tour de France. Travelling by bike is just a great way to meet the people and absorb something of the village life that few appreciate during their time in India. All your gear, our camping equipment, food and supplies are carried on the bus. Our group leader and assistant leader will cycle with you, while our cook and assistants will prepare a host of snacks and refreshments that are served throughout the day. At night camp will be established and tea will be prepared, with plenty of time for a wash and a visit to the local village before the evening meal is served.

country information

India has fascinated travellers for thousands of years. It's exotic, romantic and geographically diverse – from the Himalayan mountains and wide deserts in the north to lush rainforests and sandy beaches in the south. Its people (now numbering over a billion) are predominantly Hindu, still living according to an ancient and complicated caste system which is believed to preserve a sense of order and calm among the chaos of modern Indian life; ancient influences and the modern world are constantly blending and evolving in a way that can only be described as natural. Muslims are also an integral part of the Indian community; they came to India in the 12th century and there are almost as many mosques as temples in India today. Some of the most magnificent temples have been built by the smaller Jain and Buddhist communities. Although more than a thousand languages are spoken, English is the second language and is widely taught in Indian schools.

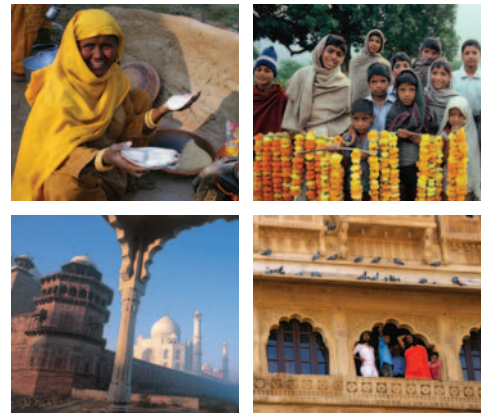
climate

Expect daytime temperatures ranging from 15 to 35 degrees on average. Whilst rainfall is at a minimum it is worth bringing a rainjacket for the odd shower you may encounter.



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what you carry

In your daypack you will need to carry extra warm clothing (depending on the altitude, location and weather), a rainjacket, water bottle, film and camera gear, valuables and personal items such as sunscreen, lip-eze etc. Porters and mules carry all group gear and your trek pack.

equipment required

Specialist gear required include walking boots and day pack (a comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking).

educational experience

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