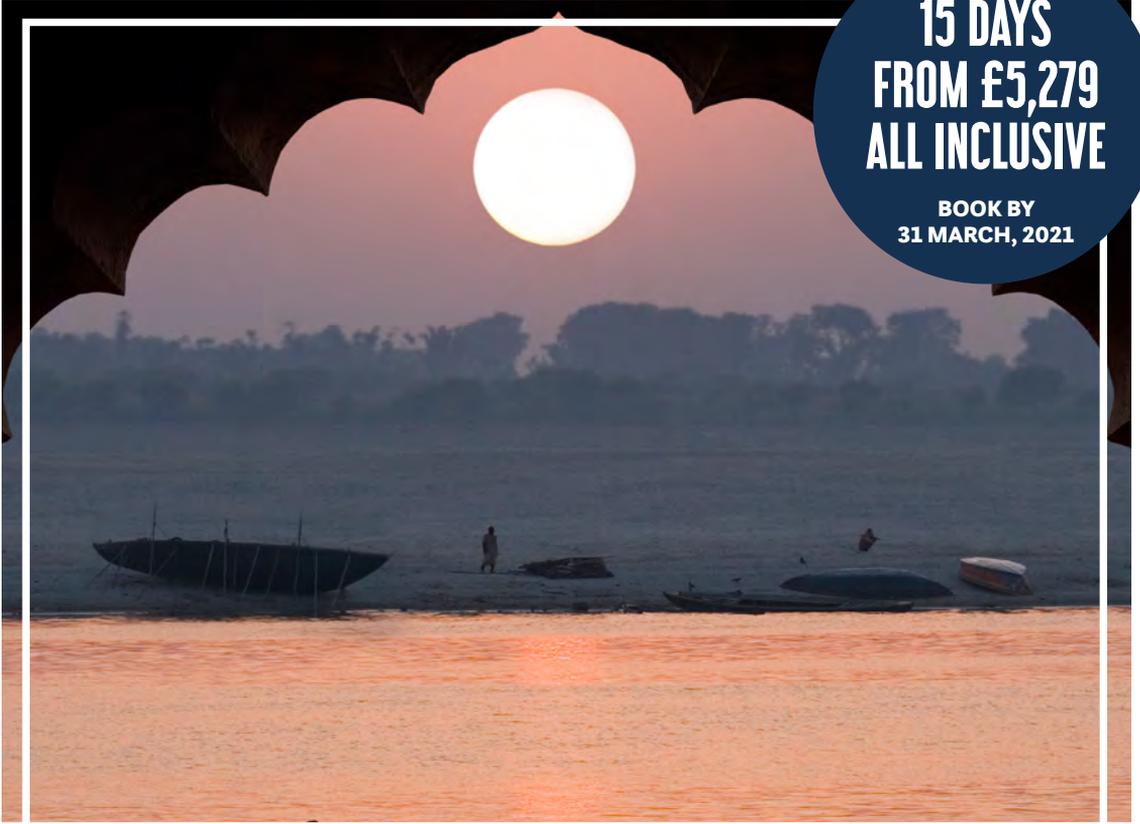


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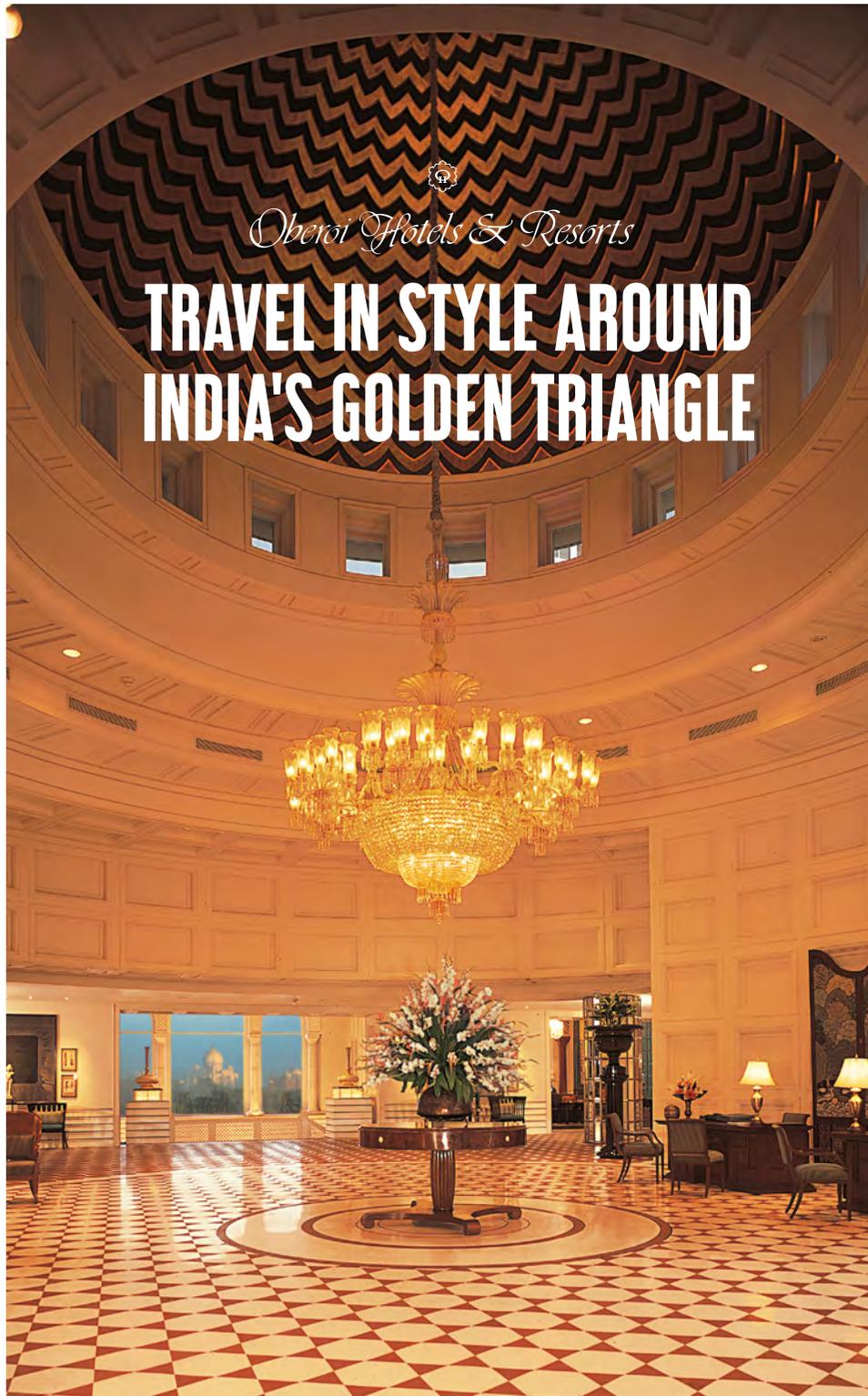
The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra, located just 600 metres from the Taj Mahal, and inspired by Mughal palace designs; with fountains, terraced lawns, reflection pools, pavilions and tastefully appointed accommodation, the Oberoi Amarvilas offers unrestricted views of the Taj Mahal from all rooms and suites, complemented by warm, personalised hospitality.



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Five-star meals, carefully crafted to appeal to a distinguished international palette and inspired by the places you will visit in India, are beautifully prepared by our expert chefs. From breakfast to lunch to dinner, you'll be treated to exquisite cuisine around the clock, including specially prepared Welcome and Farewell dinners. Also included, are complimentary house wines, local spirits and beer, soft drinks, tea and coffee throughout the cruise. Onshore lunches include complimentary soft drinks, coffee and tea. Onshore dinners include complimentary house wine, local beer, soft drinks, coffee and tea.

Available on every sailing, a complimentary Wellness Program – led by a certified and resident yogi – daily sessions introducing the different types of yoga, group lectures and classes. An accompanying "Nutrition and Wellness Food" menu has also been developed especially for this program. Featuring organic items and guidelines for eating healthy.



Soak up some of the fabulous views from the comfort of our outdoor observation deck and lounge area as you gently cruise along the river. Of an evening, enjoy a relaxing pre and post dinner signature cocktail, mixed by our expert bartenders, whilst immersing yourself in professional, cultural performances and entertainment in the Governor's lounge.

Nothing onboard is cookie-cutter, so your time onshore shouldn't be either. So we have included a number of excursions, designed to showcase the authentic culture, sights, activities and cuisine of the places you'll visit. These included excursions, feature several options throughout the entire day, so you can adventure onwards exactly how you'd like.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

*Everything you could ever wish for.*

## **Unlimited Choice Spirits and Wines**

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## **An Artistic Approach to Fine Dining**

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## **Smallest touches make the biggest difference**

For added ease and convenience we have included all gratuities onboard & onshore and complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the cruise.

## **Flights & Transfers**

Take comfort knowing that your transportation needs are covered throughout your entire journey, including intra-Asia flights, airport transfers and private check-in service at all hotels. Plus, you'll never need to carry or worry about your bags with our handsfree luggage service. Business and first Class options are available subject to availability and additional charges.

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## **Uniworld Exclusive Excursions**

We have included 15 carefully curated and exclusive excursions, designed to showcase the authentic culture, sights, activities and cuisine of the places you'll visit. No visit to India would be complete without a visit to the Taj Mahal, which you will see at Sunset and an exclusive sunrise visit before the crowds.

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## **Ample Exercise & Wellness Opportunities**

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## **Onboard Entertainment & Enrichment**

The places you'll visit make their way onboard with shows such as dance performances, local musicians and lectures by noteworthy historians, including lively Bollywood-style shows complete with music and dance and learn about the ancient art of Henna through demonstrations.



## **World's Best Service**

Service isn't merely a hallmark of distinction on your cruise - it's at the heart of everything we do. The world's most exclusive boutique hotels are synonymous with service beyond compare, and as the only cruise line that operates luxury hotels, that's exactly what you'll experience on a river cruise with us, thanks to the most professionally trained staff on the Ganges.

# INDIA DAY-TO-DAY

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### **DAY 01. MANCHESTER**

After a busy and restless 24hrs (Eager to start the holiday) we arrive in plenty of time for our British Airways flight to India. Check-in was seamless as ever and we are quickly through security, where we enjoy a relaxing drink of champagne and a light meal before we board our plane. Start the holiday as we mean to go on, I say. We are so excited at this point!

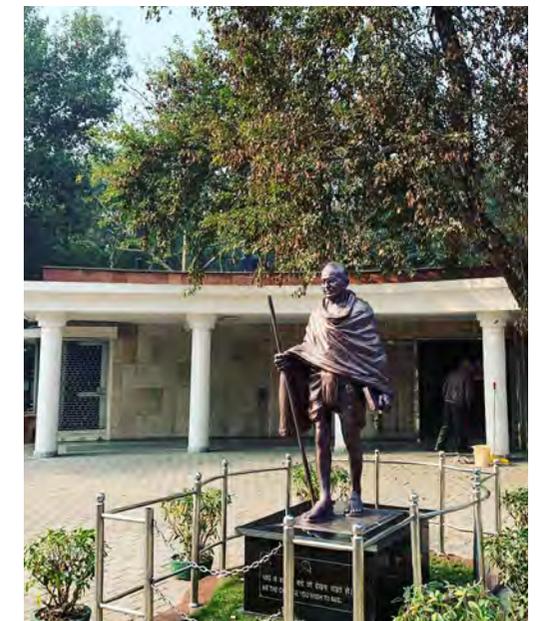


### **DAY 02. NEW DELHI ARRIVAL**

We knew this holiday was going to be unforgettable when we first landed at New Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport and were picked up and transferred in a luxury vehicle, driven by an impeccably dressed Oberoi, New Delhi chauffeur. What a welcome! On arrival at the hotel, we were absolutely blown away; the grandeur of the marble lobby dotted with spectacular Indian antiques; the luxurious heated swimming pools and our enormous suite overlooking the UNESCO World Heritage site of Humayun's Tomb. But it was straight to the outdoor pool for us for an afternoon of relaxation by the pool whilst our butler kindly unpacked our luggage – we were ready to live the five-star lifestyle!

### **DAY 03. NEW DELHI**

After meeting our fellow Uniworld guests and our fantastic Cruise & Tour Manager Ajay at the first briefing, it was time to immerse ourselves in the colourful, chaotic and completely captivating city of New Delhi. Our panoramic tour took us to some of the most remarkable landmarks in the city; the imposing Red Fort, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi called Raj Ghat, and Humayun's Tomb – a landmark of Mughal architecture, which we could see from the window of our hotel suite! In the afternoon, some of our fellow guests ventured into Old Delhi's busy Chandi Chowk market to ride rickshaws through the bustling streets – we opted to retire to our luxurious suite for relaxation before our first group dinner in the evening.



## DAY 04. NEW DELHI, AGRA

Today we ventured on to Agra for the next stage of our Golden Triangle adventure – to visit the iconic Taj Mahal! We were staying at the Oberoi Amarvilas, one of India’s most celebrated hotels which is famous for its unobstructed views of the country’s most famous attraction. But nothing can quite prepare you for this jaw-dropping hotel – as you walk past fountains, stone bridges and terraced gardens you’re led to the lobby of the hotel and mesmerised by the floor to ceiling arched windows which frame the iconic Taj Mahal. This afternoon our golf cart awaits, which drives us directly to the entrance of the Taj Mahal. My first glimpse of the spectacular monument at sunset is absolutely breathtaking and a moment I will remember forever.



## DAY 05. AGRA, JAIPUR

I wouldn’t have imagined anything could have topped my sunset visit to the Taj Mahal – except our sunrise tour today was even more remarkable than the day before! With Uniworld giving us exclusive early access, we enjoyed our moment with no crowds, and we were able to snap postcard-like photos with uninterrupted views.

Next it was on to the “Pink City” of Jaipur and yet another marvellous Oberoi hotel stay – this time at the Oberoi Rajvilas which is set in a 32-acre oasis filled with landscaped gardens, beautiful trees and wondering peacocks. Our included dinner at the hotel this evening was enjoyed al fresco and featured talented Indian dancers teaching us their Bollywood dance moves.



## DAY 06. JAIPUR

Our Cruise & Tour Manager Ajay, took us on an exclusive Jeep tour exploration of Jaipur, including the spectacular Amber Palace and Jantar Mantar, an ancient observatory still used by local astrologers today to determine the position of the stars. This afternoon we decided to relax by the pool and make the most of our time at the incredible hotel, ahead of our early flight to Kolkata the next morning, where our cruise adventure on the Sacred Ganges begins!



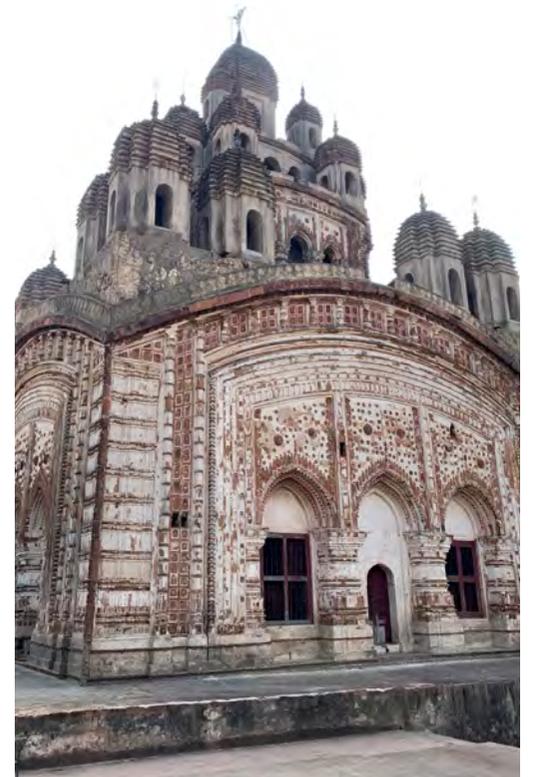
## DAY 08. KALNA

Ajay, our Cruise & Tour Manager, is a real character and the source of all local knowledge. Did you know that India is the birthplace of four of the world’s major religions, including Buddhism and Hinduism? Today, we venture via trishaw (a pedal-powered three-wheeled rickshaw), into the “Temple city of Kalna” once an important trading port on the Ganges but now best known for its 108 terra cotta Shiva temples. It’s a real feast of stunning architecture, especially for the camera! We couldn’t help but admire the contrast of the lively town versus the tranquil and serene surroundings of the temples. One is immediately calmed and drawn ever closer to the beauty of the area.

After a visit to the temples we’re offered an opportunity to walk through the local markets with our onboard chef, however we decide to take the trishaw back to the ship for a relaxing afternoon of massages and sunset yoga classes on the sun deck.

## DAY 07. JAIPUR, EMBARK FOR 7 NIGHT GANGES CRUISE

We were excited this morning as we left the “Pink City” behind us and hopped on our included flight to Kolkata, to begin the much-anticipated cruise portion of our journey. A private luxury coach transferred us to our luxurious floating hotel for the next seven nights – a beautifully appointed suite aboard the colonial-inspired Ganges Voyager II. We were so impressed by the ship on embarkation – the spacious high-ceilinged suites and beautiful hand-painted murals throughout the 28-suite ship were very fitting with the destination we were set to explore over the next week. Our favourite spot by far was the spectacular sun deck where we would soon find ourselves relaxing and enjoying cocktails while gazing across the ever-changing views along the Ganges.





## DAY 09. MATIARI

This morning we joined our fellow guests on a walking tour through the small riverside village of Matiari, renowned for its skilled local craftsmen who create beautiful brass items using recycled copper – a traditional manufacturing method passed down for generations. The banging and clanging of the master craftsmen at work is heard from every corner of the village, and it really gives you an insight into the importance of this unique craft which supports the livelihood of the local villagers.

This evening before dinner we meet with our resident Yogi, Anuska, for another enlightening sunset yoga class. Whether it's your first time trying yoga or you're a regular yogi, the onboard classes are suitable for all levels, and such a great way to relax the mind and body while on holiday. And what better place is there to try a spot of yoga than the Sacred Ganges?

## DAY 10. MURSHIDABAD & BARANAGAR

Along with our fellow guests we disembark the ship for a visit to the city of Murshidabad and Hazarduari Palace – the palace of 1000 doors – of which 100 are false and now a museum which houses collections from the Nawabs like priceless paintings, furniture, armoury and antiques. An absolute must see!

After lunch, we join our local guide and fellow cruisers for a wonderful afternoon in the village of Baranagar. The friendly locals were so eager to welcome us to their village, and take selfies with us too! We befriended a young boy who took us under his wing and guided us around the village's temples, and showered us with locally picked marigolds. Later in the afternoon we joined the ship's crew and villagers for a game of cricket which was lots of fun.



## Enjoy an unrivalled taste of your destination

When dining onboard, you'll be treated to world-class cuisine made from fresh ingredients, locally sourced from the destinations you visit.

Farm-to-table isn't just a trendy culinary buzzword around here. It's a governing philosophy and commitment to serving you the very best local dishes created by our master chefs. After a day immersed in Indian culture, your taste buds may do some immersing of their own with Gajar Shorba and Tandoori Chicken Tikka for lunch. Live brilliantly. Dine locally. That's our story and we're sticking to it.

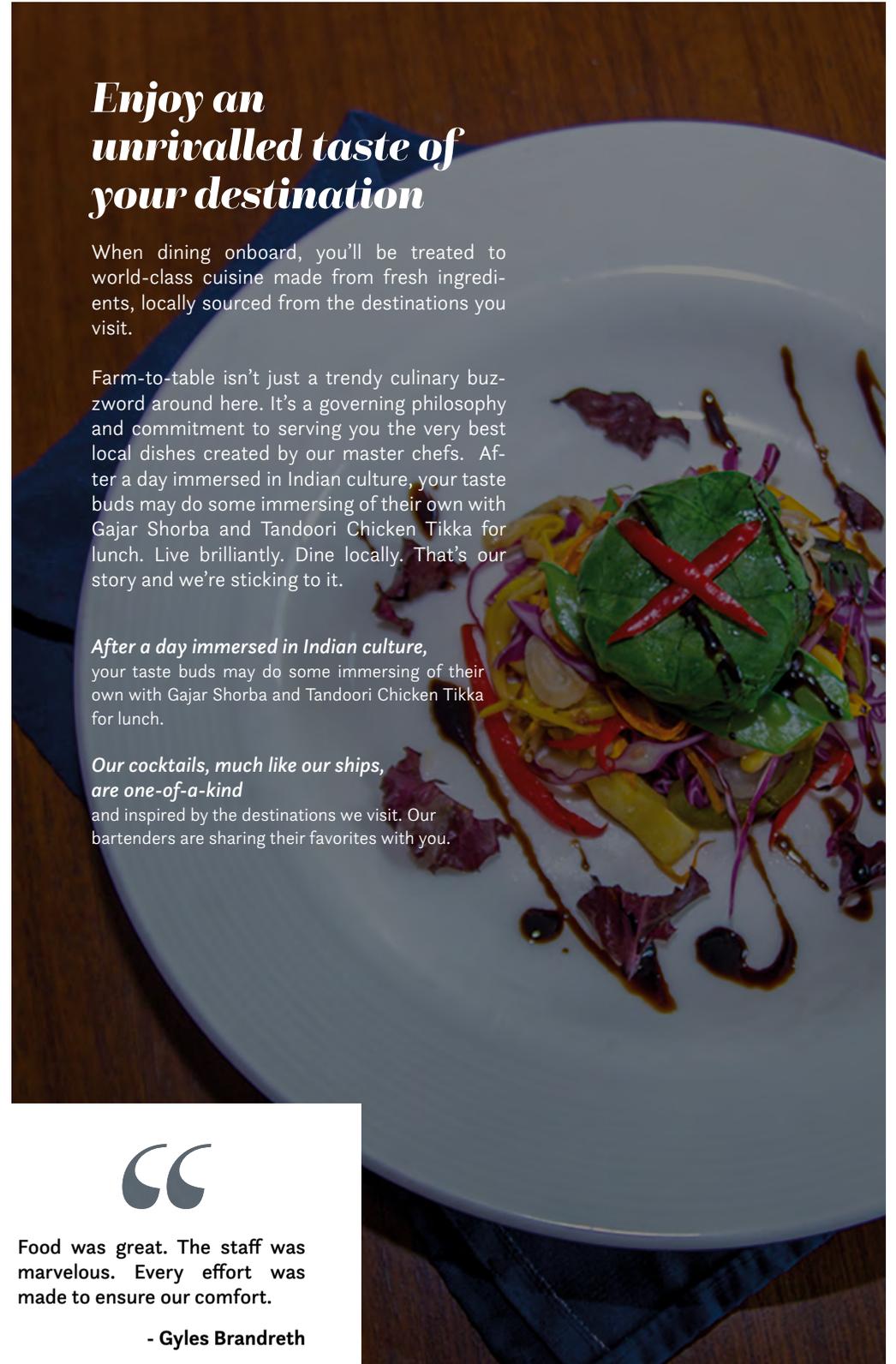
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*Our cocktails, much like our ships, are one-of-a-kind and inspired by the destinations we visit. Our bartenders are sharing their favorites with you.*



Food was great. The staff was marvelous. Every effort was made to ensure our comfort.

- Gyles Brandreth

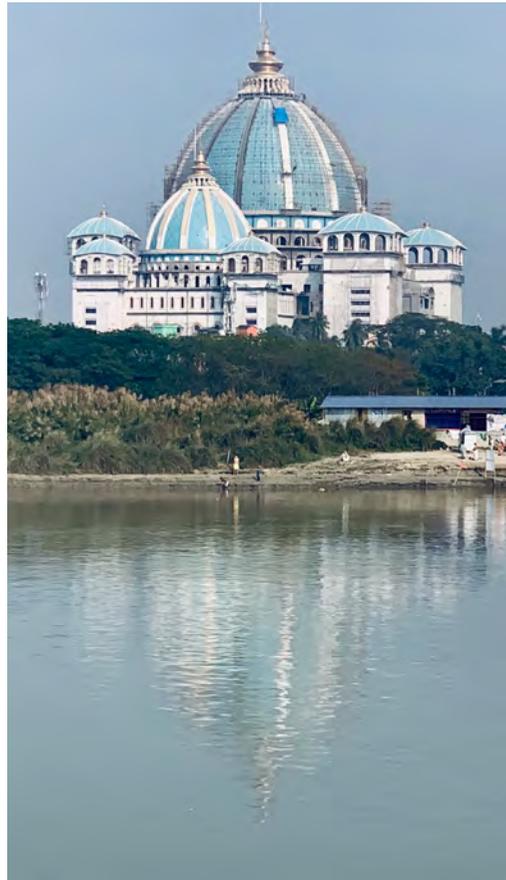


## DAY 11. MAYAPUR

Today is a day spent cruising the Ganges – watching rural life pass us by.

While onboard, guests are invited to the Governor's Lounge to learn all about the traditional art of Henna, or what the locals call Mehendi. Our ship's talented staff not only look after us day-in-day out, and keep our spectacular suites looking spotless, they also possess a myriad of hidden talents. Our wonderful butler, Mahendra, reveals he can paint traditional henna patterns on the hands and feet of cruise guests, so I decide to embrace the culture and he decorates my hands with mehendi designs for men, which are a little simpler compared with the intricate floral patterns for women.

After yet another delightful onboard dinner, the Cruise Manager invites everyone to the sun deck for a special surprise. We discover that the ship crew have laid tea lights in the water which float past the ship and down the river, as part of a spiritual 'offering' to the Sacred Ganges. Then floating lanterns are launched into the sky and fireworks light up the evening – it was such an unexpected but unforgettable moment on our cruise holiday.



## DAY 12. BANDEL, CHANDANNAGAR & KOLKATA

This morning we joined our fellow guests for a fascinating visit to explore the ISKON temple in Mayapur, one of the biggest Hare Krishna temples in the world. Hare Krishna devotees come from all over the world to this pilgrimage site. We witness colorful parades of followers weaving through the streets, adding to the hustle and bustle.

Arriving back at the ship we took part in a demonstration about traditional Indian clothing – we learnt how to tie turbans, dhotis and saris, and wore some of the most colourful traditional outfits. Once again, the talents of our ship staff became apparent, when they taught us a few traditional Bollywood dances!

## Let's talk about health & wellbeing

Available on every sailing, the complimentary Wellness Program – led by a certified and resident yogi – will celebrate the holistic health benefits of yoga with daily sessions introducing the different types of yoga, group lectures and classes as well as individualized meetings, so that guests at every stage of their practice can participate in this culturally immersive program comfortably. An accompanying "Nutrition and Wellness Food" menu has also been developed especially for this program. Something about something Something about something Some

### Relaxing Spa Ritual

This delightful spa therapy starts with a face and full body exfoliation to remove dead skin cells and reveal a more youthful complexion of silky smooth, glowing skin. This is followed by a full body massage to release the body from deeply held tensions.

### Signature Oberoi dhara

Each spa treatment is concluded with their signature Oberoi dhara, which stimulates the third eye and promotes a profound sense of calmness and wellbeing.

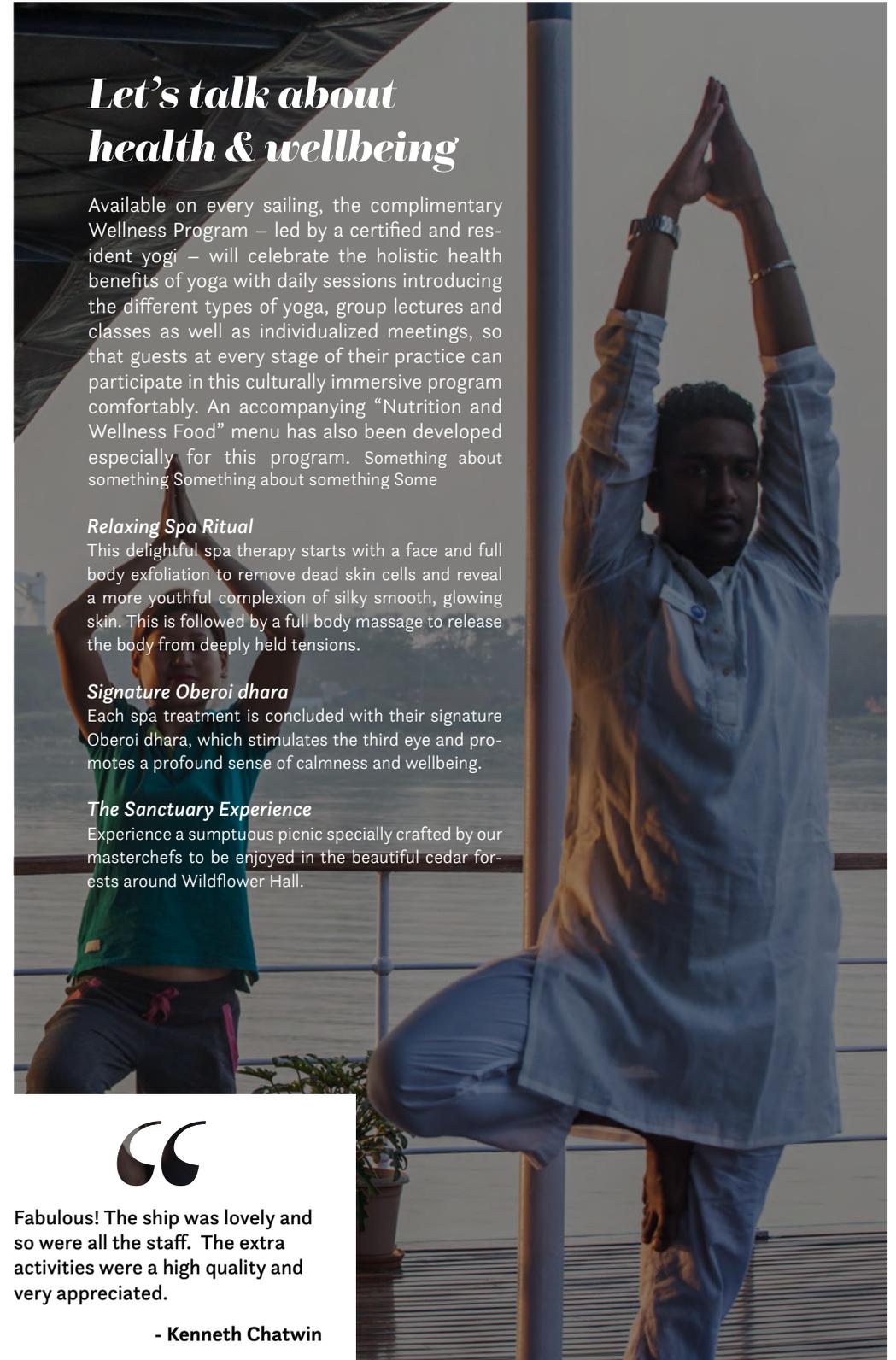
### The Sanctuary Experience

Experience a sumptuous picnic specially crafted by our masterchefs to be enjoyed in the beautiful cedar forests around Wildflower Hall.



Fabulous! The ship was lovely and so were all the staff. The extra activities were a high quality and very appreciated.

- Kenneth Chatwin



## DAY 13. KOLKATA

Today we embark on a city tour of Kolkata, accompanied by a local guide and some of the ships crew who help us navigate the hustle and bustle of the colourful flower market. After lunch on the ship, we journey to the home of Mother Theresa and her resting place for what turns out to be the most humbling and moving day throughout our journey to date. We learn all about the sacrifices Mother Theresa and her sisters made, devoting their life's work to help the needy and poor. We were then taken to an orphanage which was set up by Mother Theresa to see first-hand some of the work her legacy continues to support today.

Before our very last dinner on the ship, we're treated to a live performance on the sun deck by local dancers dressed in colourful traditional outfits and showcase dance styles from all different regions of India. It was the perfect way for us and our fellow guests to conclude our culture-rich journey across India together. After yet another delicious onboard dinner, the Cruise Manager invites everyone to the sun deck for a special surprise. We discover that the ship crew have laid tea lights in the water which float past the ship and down the river, as part of a spiritual 'offering' to the Sacred Ganges. Then floating lanterns are launched into the sky and fireworks light up the evening – it was such an unexpected but unforgettable moment on our cruise holiday.



## DAY 14. KOLKATA (DISEMBARK)

As we are transported in a private luxury car to Kolkata Airport for our overnight flight back home, we can't help but reflect on the incredible Indian adventure we have experienced over the past 13 days. It was truly the trip of a lifetime, and a cruise holiday like no other!

## DAY 15. MANCHESTER

As we exit the airport we can't help but think that we have been left somewhat spoiled, having experienced such luxury for the last 15 days. We search for our name among the many waiting in arrivals hall, but no luck! With nobody to handle our luggage or Chauffeur us in luxury back home we are back to reality and the home we love. Now, where did we park the car!

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- Enjoy Five-star meals carefully crafted to appeal to a distinguished international palette and inspired by the places you will visit in India.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Scheduled flights between London and New Delhi/ Kolkata and London. Regional airports available on request.
- Seven nights aboard Ganges Voyager II
- 2 nights at the five-star Oberoi New Delhi.
- 1 nights stay Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra.
- 2 nights at the five-star Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur.
- 31 meals, including one welcome dinner and one farewell dinner.
- 15 excursions, including three to Unesco World Heritage Sites.
- Internal flight, and all transfers.
- Services of a Uniworld tour manager and local experts.



Gyles Brandreth is a writer, broadcaster, actor, former MP and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, now Chancellor of the University of Chester and one of Britain's most sought-after award ceremony hosts and after-dinner speakers. A veteran of QI and Have I Got News For You, a reporter on The One Show and a regular on Just a Minute.

Gyles Brandreth and his wife were looking for the ideal blend of luxury and adventure and a leisurely cruise on the glorious Ganges, with Uniworld, proved just the ticket.

Like Nelson, I'm a poor sailor. That's why, when it comes to cruising, I don't want a life on the ocean wave. I want a smooth trip along a beautiful river.

Over the years I have been on several – across Europe, through Russia and in the Far East – but I am just back from what I reckon was the best yet. Everything about it was exactly right. India is my kind of destination because its history is so fascinating, its culture is so varied.

Uniworld offered a trip that ticked all my boxes, and threw in a visit to the pink city of Jaipur as well. Since I had enjoyed three previous trips with Uniworld (I'm partial to a bit of deep luxury, all drinks and tips included), I called up and booked our passage aboard the beautiful Ganges Voyager II.

India is a vast country, home to 1.25 billion people, and it grows by the equivalent of Australia's population every year. It's developing fast, too. There is deprivation still in parts of the cities, and subsistence living for many in the rural areas, but the poverty is nothing like as evident, or as distressing, as on my previous visit, some 20 years before.

*"Of course, you want a ship that is spacious, gracious, safe and sound (with showers and loos that work), but it's the people who make the difference, and these guys were amazing"...their thoughtfulness, attention to detail and smiling faces had everyone on board saying, "This is the best crew we've ever known".*

- Gyles Brandreth

Our trip was 15 days long (perfect for us – we start missing the cat after that), and at fifty-fifty the balance between land and water was just right. We got off to the best possible start, too, spending our first night at the five-star Oberoi Gurgaon Hotel, just outside New Delhi, and sleeping like logs after our long flight and the tastiest supper in the hotel's grand restaurant

On the morning after our arrival, the holiday proper began. It turned out there were just 28 of us on the trip, a mix of Brits, Americans and Australians, and a good range of ages, too. Our leader was called Vishal ("As in 'Vishal overcome,'" he told us) and he was the right man for the job: intelligent, informed, interested, energetic. Accompanying us from start to finish he managed to get everyone to the right places on the right days at the right times without making us feel either bullied or patronised.

Our itinerary was superbly planned: there was something stimulating and extraordinary on every day, but not so much that you couldn't absorb it. What were the highlights? In Delhi, for me it was house where Gandhi was living at the time of his murder. In Jaipur, it was the Maharajah's Palace in the centre of the Pink City,



so called because the Maharajah of the day ordered everything to be painted in the colour of hospitality for the visit of the Prince of Wales in 1876. In Agra, of course, it was the Taj Mahal, looking even more beautiful and ethereal than when I last saw it because the amazing ivory-white marble has recently been cleaned.

We spent an afternoon there with an optional return at 5.30 the following morning to see the sun rise and enjoy the world's most famous monument to love before the crowds arrived. It was worth it. Being first through the gates we managed to take pictures of ourselves alone there. When an image is as familiar and iconic at the Taj, you expect the reality to be a let-down. It isn't (and to our delight, the Oberoi Hotel delivered on its promise to offer that famous view from every bedroom).

After six nights on land, we flew from Jaipur to Kolkata to board our boat. In my experience, successful cruising is all about the crew. Of course, you want a ship that is spacious, gracious, safe and sound (with showers and loos that work), but it's the people who make the difference, and these guys were amazing. For a start, there were more of them than there were of us, and their thoughtfulness, attention to detail and smiling faces had everyone on board saying, "This is the best crew we've ever known".

The Ganga, as the river is known locally, is the third largest river in the world by discharge. It flows for 1,600 miles from the eastern Himalayas, south and east through northern India to West Bengal. We travelled along it for a mere fraction of its length, but every mile told a story. We were transfixed by the ghats – broad, shallow stone steps that lead down from the embankment to the water, where children swim, women wash clothes, and old men perform their ablutions. For those who didn't mind a 5am start, our cruiser had

its own sampan to glide over the still water and watch the birdlife at sunrise. But the great joy of river cruising is that you can disembark to explore places you would never see if you travelled across country by the major roads. We stopped at Matiari, a remote village where everyone is involved in the local craft of metal-working; at Mayapur, where they are building a Hare Krishna temple that will be the largest place of worship in the world; at Chandannagar, the last outpost of French colonial India... and so it went on. Looking back at my travel diary, there is a highlight on every page.

I must mention the food, too, which was superb (international as well as Indian). And the onboard entertainment, which was varied but optional (not everyone was as keen as my wife and I to learn how to wear a sari and a turban, and to give themselves over to Bollywood-style dancing).

Not one of the trips ashore was a dud. Our visit to Mother Teresa's house and the orphanage for children with learning disabilities was very moving. Our excursion to the Queen Victoria Memorial Hall museum in Kolkata was quite encouraging, because it turns out that the legacy of the British Empire isn't all bad. Our wonderful West Bengali guide was a particular admirer of the late Lord Curzon, British Viceroy from 1899 to 1906.

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**Trusted Customer**

*Everything was perfect. The hotels were beyond anything we've experienced; the ship was beautiful and modern, the food was incredibly delicious at every meal; the service was impeccable; the itinerary immersed us not only in the well-known attractions but even the deeper experiences of visiting the small villages.*

**Patricia Schneider**

*I have dreamed of going to India since I was a child but did not feel comfortable traveling there until I saw Uniworld's "Golden Triangle & the Sacred Ganges" trip. This journey was everything I had hoped for and so much more. The Oberoi hotels were exceptional. The tours offered a combination of iconic sights such as the Taj Mahal and fascinating daily insights in the smallest of villages.*

**Elaine Chatwin**

*Guides were exceptional and the sites stunning. We will keep this trip in our hearts forever.*

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*Everything was anticipated and handled expertly, from offering drinks on board to opening doors, to fabulous customer service.*

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Jaipur, India

## DAY 1: DEPART UK

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## DAY 2: NEW DELHI

Arrive at New Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport. You will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to The Oberoi New Delhi.

**The Best Accommodation:** Spend a luxurious night at the newly renovated Oberoi New Delhi, with unmatched views of New Delhi.

**DAY 3: NEW DELHI** India's sprawling capital city is colourful, confounding and captivating. Your expertly led city tour provides an ideal first foray into this fascinating land.

**Featured Excursion:** India's Capital City with rickshaw ride into Old Delhi.

**After Hours:** To cap your day, taking in the sights of scenic New Delhi, relax this evening over a delicious dinner at the Oberoi.

## DAY 4: NEW DELHI ► AGRA

This morning you will check out of your New Delhi hotel and head south via motorcoach to Agra, the site of Shah Jahan's best-known building project, the exquisite Taj Mahal.

**Featured Excursion:** Majesty and grace—the Taj Mahal at sunset.

**Not to Miss Moment:** You'll visit the Taj Mahal this afternoon and stay for sunset, as the monument's changing colours draw comparisons to the shifting mood of the late Emperor's wife.

## DAY 5: AGRA ► JAIPUR

Is the Taj Mahal best seen at sunset or sunrise? It's an impossible question to answer, so Uniworld guests have the rare pleasure of experiencing both. Wake up early this morning to see the white marble monument aglow with the rosy tinge of dawn.

**Featured Excursion:** Early morning at the Taj Mahal.

**The Best Accommodation:** You'll spend your next two nights at the beautiful Oberoi Rajvilas. The luxury hotel sits on 32 acres of landscaped gardens and is built around an ancient Shiva temple.

**DAY 6: JAIPUR** Pink is the colour of hospitality in Rajasthan, which gives you an idea of what to expect in the "Pink City" of Jaipur. You'll see some marvellous things here, including the Amber Fort and the City Palace complex.

**Featured Excursion:** Jaipur: Rajasthan's princely city and Amber Fort

**Your Call:** Take the afternoon to explore on your own—shuttles will be available to carry you to and from the hotel to the city's shopping district.

## DAY 7: JAIPUR ► KOLKATA (EMBARK)

Settle into your beautifully appointed suite aboard the Ganges Voyager II in Kolkata.

## DAY 8: KALNA

Kalna, once an important trade port on the river, is best known today for the magnificent Hindu temples built by the maharajas of Bardhaman—which you'll experience today.

**Featured Excursion:** India's "Temple City."

**Your Call:** After marvelling at the astonishing Rajbari temple complex, you may opt to walk with your guide through the colourful local market.

## DAY 9: MATIARI

Your ship serves as a time machine today, transporting you hundreds of years into the past, as we travel to the authentic artisan village of Matiari.

**Featured Excursion:** Matiari master craftsmen with an introduction to brass.

## DAY 10: MURSHIDABAD ► BARANAGAR

Today's adventures take you to a duo of Bengali towns—Murshidabad and Baranagar—each one boasting surprising and beautiful architectural monuments closely linked to the ruling families of the area.

**Featured Excursions:** Visit to Murshidabad City, ride by buggy to Katra Mosque and visit to Baranagar village.

## DAY 11: THE GANGES

One of the world's most sacred bodies of water, the Ganges River flows through a myriad of small villages and highly populated cities throughout India and Bangladesh. Take in the remarkable scenery as you sail and be on the lookout for a rare sighting of the endangered Ganges river dolphin.

**Wellness:** You may choose to relax and unwind with a body massage or treatment on-board at the soothing Voyager Spa.

## DAY 12: MAYAPUR ► CHANDANNAGAR ► KOLKATA

Few places of worship exist on such a head-spinning scale as what you will witness today in Mayapur, the centre of the international Hare Krishna movement and home to the new Temple of the Vedic Planetarium, still under construction. Most students of history know a thing or two about the British colonial powers in India, but few are aware that the French had colonies here as well. You'll visit this former French outpost today.

**Featured Excursions:** Hare Krishna complex and Temple of the Vedic Planetarium and India's French colonial heritage.

**DAY 13: KOLKATA** The city of Kolkata is synonymous with the enduring legacies of Mother Teresa and the colonial-era British Raj, both of which you will get better acquainted with today.

**Featured Excursions:** Kolkata city tour—visit the Flower Market, colonial sites and

Kumartulli. Plus, your choice of NGOs Kolkata Rescue visit or Mother Teresa's home and tomb.

## DAY 14: KOLKATA (DISEMBARK)

Your incredible Indian adventure ends early this morning, as you disembark and transfer to the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport for your flight home or extend your journey with an optional extension to Varanasi.

## DAY 15: ARRIVE BACK IN THE UK

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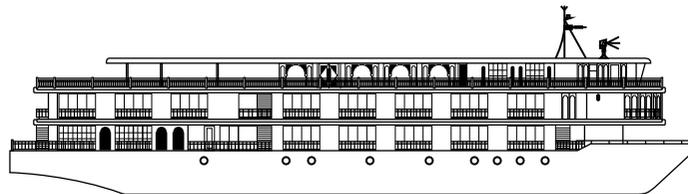
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Drawing design and décor inspiration from India's colorful palette, she features beautiful hand-painted murals from room to room, allowing you to be immersed in the culture of this captivating country before ever stepping foot onshore. *It's the most luxurious way to see India.*

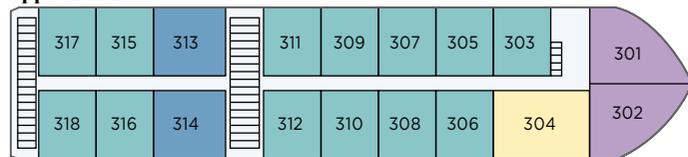


## Sun Deck



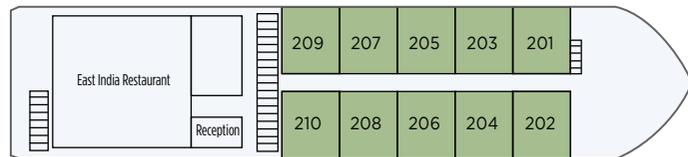
## Upper Deck

All suites on this deck have French balconies



## Main Deck

All suites on this deck have French balconies



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**56** GUESTS | **36** STAFF  
TRAVELS ON **GANGES RIVER**

**MAHARAJA SUITE:** 1 (400 ft<sup>2</sup>)  
**VICEROY SUITES:** 2 (360 ft<sup>2</sup>)  
**HERITAGE SUITES:** 2 (280 ft<sup>2</sup>)  
**COLONIAL SUITES:** 13 (261 ft<sup>2</sup>)  
**SIGNATURE SUITES:** 10 (261 ft<sup>2</sup>)

**LENGTH:** 185 ft  
**WIDTH:** 41 ft  
**VOLTAGE:** 220 volts

Maharaja Suite
  Viceroxy Suite  
 Heritage Suite
  Colonial Suite  
 Signature Suite



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