# The Best of India & Brahmaputra River OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

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Dear Alumni and Friends.

Unveiling an unparalleled adventure highlighting the rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes, and vibrant traditions of India complemented by the mesmerizing beauty of the Brahmaputra River. This region offers a tapestry of experiences that promise to enchant and inspire every traveler.

Embarking on this immersive journey, you will discover iconic landmarks like the majestic Taj Mahal and the historic Red Fort, and delve into the rich cultural tapestry of Kolkata, the cultural capital of India. Traverse through bustling markets, ancient temples, and scenic landscapes, immersing yourself in the captivating charm and timeless allure of this incredible destination.

On board the MAHABAAHU, a luxurious river cruise vessel, you will sail through the serene waters of the Brahmaputra River, exploring its pristine landscapes and enchanting surroundings. Experience the essence of local hospitality, savor delicious cuisine, and engage with the vibrant culture and traditions of the regions you traverse.

This expedition promises to be a transformative journey through the cultural and natural wonders of the region, offering unparalleled opportunities for discovery, reflection, and connection with the soul of this captivating destination. For more details or to reserve your spot, please contact GLP Worldwide at 1-866-760-1987 or alumni@alpworldwide.com

Sincerely,

Dawn Warren

University of Saskatchewan Alumni Travel Program





#### THE BEST OF INDIA & BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER

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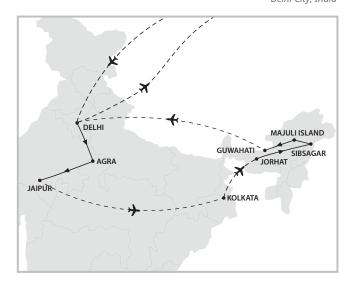
Delhi City, India

#### DAY 1 | OCT 3 | DEPART CANADA

Embark on your overnight flight to Delhi, India's vibrant capital city. Relax and enjoy the in-flight services as you anticipate the exciting journey ahead.

#### DAY 2 | OCT 4 | ARRIVE DELHI

Upon arrival at Delhi's airport, you'll be warmly greeted by our representative. After a comfortable check-in at Hotel, take the evening to unwind and prepare for the adventures ahead.



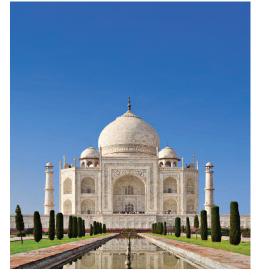
Jama Masjid

#### **DAY 3 | OCT 5 | DELHI** (B,D)

After a refreshing breakfast, embark on an exploration of Old and New Delhi. Old Delhi's labyrinthine lanes come alive with bustling markets showcasing Delhi's traditional craftsmanship. Marvel at the Red Fort and visit the grand Jama Masjid. Navigate the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk on a bicycle rickshaw, taking in its vibrant ambiance. Transitioning to New Delhi, witness the monumental India Gate and the stately Rashtrapati Bhawan. Conclude your day with a visit to the magnificent Qutab Minar. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

#### DAY 4 | OCT 6 | DELHI - AGRA (B, D)

After breakfast, set off on a scenic drive to Agra. As you journey, delve into Agra's storied past, which has roots in the Mahabharata era. It was during the Mughal Empire's golden age that Agra flourished, becoming a center for art, culture, and architecture under Emperor Akbar. Upon arrival, check into the hotel. The rest of the day is yours to relax and soak in the city's ambiance.



Taj Mahal

#### **DAY 5 | OCT 7 | AGRA** (B, D)

Begin your day with a visit to the iconic Taj Mahal, a testament to Emperor Shah Jahan's undying love for his wife, Mumtaz. This architectural marvel, crafted from brilliant white marble, took 22 years and the efforts of 20,000 laborers and craftsmen to complete.

After your morning exploration, retreat to the hotel for a refreshing breakfast. Delve into the historical wonders of Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site, notable as the prison of Emperor Shah Jahan by his son.

#### DAY 6 | OCT 8 | AGRA - JAIPUR (B, D)

After breakfast, check out and embark on a scenic drive to Jaipur, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan. En route, visit Fatehpur Sikri, the "sandstone city," which served as the Mughal Empire's imperial capital during Emperor Akbar's reign. Upon arrival in Jaipur, check into the hotel. Later, immerse yourself in Rajasthani hospitality with a dinner hosted by a local family, providing a glimpse into traditional life transitioning to modernity.



Amber Fort

#### **DAY 7 | OCT 9 | JAIPUR** (B)

Kickstart your day with a visit to the majestic Amber Fort, followed by a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of the Winds. Dive deeper into Jaipur's history with a visit to the Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built in the 18th century. Explore the grand City Palace, the former residence of Jaipur's Maharajas, which now houses a museum showcasing Rajasthani attire, weaponry, art, and rare manuscripts. Conclude your day by immersing yourself in Jaipur's bustling markets known for exquisite handicrafts.



City Palace, Jaipur

#### DAY 8 | OCT 10 | JAIPUR - KOLKATA (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Jaipur airport for your flight to Kolkata, the cultural capital of India. Kolkata's rich history as the former capital of British India is evident in its stunning colonial architecture. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore this vibrant city at your own pace.



Victoria Memorial, Kolkata

#### **DAY 9 | OCT 11 | KOLKATA** (B)

Today, immerse yourself in the diverse cultural tapestry of Kolkata. Begin with a visit to the historic Flower Market, followed by a stroll through College Street, renowned as the world's largest second-hand book market. Explore the iconic Victoria Memorial, a marble-white monument that stands as a symbol of Kolkata. Later, visit St. Paul's Cathedral, an impressive example of Indo-Gothic architecture. Conclude your day with a visit to Mother Teresa's House, where her remarkable legacy of compassion comes to life.

# DAY 10 | OCT 12 | KOLKATA - JORHAT - EMBARKATION (B, D)

After breakfast, depart for Kolkata airport to board your flight to Jorhat. Upon landing in Jorhat, you'll be greeted by our team and transferred to Neamati Ghat to board the MV Mahabaahu. Settle into your cabin and take some time to familiarize yourself with the ship. In the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely sail along the Brahmaputra River, witnessing the mesmerizing sunset hues. Later, join fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at the ship's restaurant, where you'll receive a briefing on the upcoming itinerary.

#### **DAY 11 | OCT 13 | SIBSAGAR** (B, L, D)

After a morning drive through Assam's scenic countryside, arrive at Shivasaagar to explore its 13th-century landmarks: the towering Shiva Dol Temple, Talatal Ghar Palace, and Rang Ghar amphitheater. Visit a Planter's family home on a renowned Tea Estate to delve into Assam's prized tea heritage. Enjoy an Assamese buffet, tea-tasting, and insights from tea experts. Return to the ship at sunset for dinner and relaxation.



Shiva Dol Temple, Sibsagar

#### **DAY 12 | OCT 14 | MAJULI ISLAND** (B, L, D)

After breakfast, set sail towards Majuli, the world's largest river island. Majuli is not just an island; it's a vibrant center for Assamese culture and neo-Vaishnavite philosophy. Explore the unique traditions and artistic expressions of this island through a series of cultural performances. After lunch onboard, cruise towards a secluded island where you'll enjoy a memorable evening around a bonfire. Savor barbequed snacks and beverages as you relax under the starlit sky, surrounded by the tranquil Brahmaputra.



Brahmaputra River

## DAY 13 | OCT 15 | MISHING VILLAGE - BOAT SAFARI (B, L, D)

Start your day with Yoga or a beach walk, followed by an orientation on the 'Mishing Village Visit' and an evening boat safari at Agoratoli. Explore bamboo architecture and vibrant Mishing weaving, with chances to buy Assamese textiles. After lunch on the ship, take a boat safari along Kaziranga's Eastern Range to observe wildlife and the Brahmaputra shoreline. The day ends with a chef's demo, a talk on Assam's geography and industries, and a relaxed dinner aboard.

# DAY 14 | OCT 16 | BISHWANATH GHAT - SILGHAT (B, L, D)

Wake up to the soothing sounds of the river and enjoy breakfast onboard. Today, visit Bishwanath Ghat, a quaint village renowned for its skilled weavers and vibrant textiles. Witness the art of weaving firsthand and interact with the local artisans. Later, sail to Silghat and visit a tea estate or a jute mill to understand the intricate processes involved in these industries. Conclude your day with a cultural performance onboard followed by dinner.

# DAY 15 | OCT 17 | KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK (B, L, D)

Awaken to the allure of Assam tea and set off from Silghat to the Agoratoli Eastern Range of Kaziranga for an exhilarating Jeep Safari, encountering vibrant wildlife like Rhinos, Asiatic water buffaloes, and deer. After the safari, journey to the Central Range for a lavish lunch at a resort. Here, you'll have the opportunity to see majestic elephants amidst the verdant landscape. Continue your adventure to the Bagori Western Range for another thrilling Jeep Safari, where you'll spot the iconic one-horned rhinoceros and other exotic species. Conclude your day's exploration and return to Silghat to board the MV Mahabaahu Cruise.



Kaziranga National Park



Mishing Village

# DAY 16 | OCT 18 | BANGLA VILLAGE - PEACOCK ISLAND (B, L, D)

Begin your day with an optional Yoga session on the deck, followed by breakfast and a talk on the Kamakhya temple and Bangla Village. Explore the unique lifestyle of villagers living off the Brahmaputra river's sandbars. Sail towards Peacock Island, admiring the Guwahati hills and sunset at Sarai Ghat. Conclude the cruise at Pandu Port and enjoy a relaxed evening with a 'Alvida Bhoj'—Farewell Dinner.



Yoga Experience

#### DAY 17 / OCT 19 | GUWAHATI - DISEMBARKA-TION - DELHI - TORONTO (B, L, D)

Disembark from your cruise at Pandu, Guwahati after breakfast. Visit the famous Shakti Peeth Kamakhya Devi temple on Nilachal hill for a spiritual experience. Proceed to Guwahati Airport with packed lunch, then fly to Delhi. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before transferring to the airport for your international flight home.

For navigational safety reasons, the cruise company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.

#### **SHIP INFORMATION**

#### **MV MAHABAAHU**

The MV Mahabaahu features 23 cabins, air-conditioned with attached bathrooms and modern amenities. It offers panoramic views of the Brahmaputra River and spacious public areas across various decks, including a sun deck and swimming pool deck.







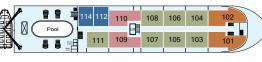
Restaurant

Sundeck

#### **DECKPLAN**

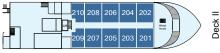


Sun Deck



Main Deck

\_ower Deck



- Superior without balcony
- Luxury with private balcony
- Deluxe with private balcony
  - Suites with private balcony





Superior Cabin

- 150 sqft Cabin with Large Glass Windows



Luxury Cabin

- 230 sqft
- Cabin With Private Balcony



#### Deluxe Cabin

- 206 sqft
- Cabin With Private Balcony



#### Suite Cabin

- 283 sqft
- Cabin With Private Balcony and Dining area

#### PRICING & TERMS

#### PACKAGE RATE (CAD\$, per person):

CABIN CATEGORY	TWIN/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
Superior without Balcony	CAD\$11,050 per person	CAD\$14,470 per person
Deluxe Cabin with Balcony	CAD\$11,820 per person	CAD\$15,820 per person
Luxury Cabin with Balcony	CAD\$12,080 per person	CAD\$16,270 per person
Suite Cabin	CAD\$12,720 per person	CAD\$18,580 per person

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- International roundtrip airfare in economy class from Toronto to Delhi and return from Delhi to Toronto (additional cost to be applied for other departure cities) including applicable air taxes and fees.
- Domestic flight from Jaipur to Kolkata including applicable air taxes and fees.
- Domestic flight from Kolkata to Jorhat including applicable air taxes and fees.
- Domestic flight from Guwahati to Kolkata including applicable air taxes and fees.
- Domestic flight from Kolkata to Delhi including applicable air taxes and fees.
- 8 nights hotel accommodation.
- 7 nights accommodation onboard M.V. Mahabaahu on twin sharing basis on a full board plan
- All entrance fees at the Monuments and national Parks as per the itinerary.
- · Meals mentioned in the itinerary
- · Tours and transfers as per itinerary.
- · Gratuities for cruise, local guides and drivers.

#### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- Meals not mentioned in itinerary.
- Optional travel, health, accident or other insurances.
- India E-visa at cost of CAD 150 (Subject to change)

#### **DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:**

FIRST DEPOSIT: CAD 2,500 per each confirmed passenger at the time of booking CAD 2,500 per each confirmed passenger due on April 10, 2025

FINAL PAYMENT: Due on June 10, 2025

#### **CANCELLATION CHARGES:**

From time of booking to April 09, 2025:

From April 10, 2025 – June 09, 2025:

From June 10, 2025 – Aug 09, 2025:

From Aug 10, 2025 – date of departure:

CAD 2,500 per person

CAD 5,000 per person

50% of tour cost

100% of tour cost

#### AIR CREDIT:

If you wish to arrange your own air from Toronto to Delhi, and return Delhi to Toronto, an air credit of CAD 2,000 per person will be deducted from the tour cost.

Please contact us for air deviation, premium economy or business class upgrade surcharges.

#### Note:

- 1. Passenger names must match passport.
- 2. Please ensure that passports are valid up till after six (6) months at last destination.
- 3. Our office requires submission of copy of passport information along with payment to confirm the booking

Air cancellation penalities are subject to airline regulations.

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation or comprehensive travel insurance at the time of booking. Please contact us for a quotation.

Prices above are in Canadian Dollars. The program and all related travel services described herein are subject to the detailed terms & conditions of GLP Worldwide which are available at any time upon request and which will be provided with your booking confirmation.

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#### **BHUTAN EXTENSION TOUR**

### DAY 1 | OCT 19 | GUWAHATI - PARO - THIMPHU (B. D)

After breakfast, transfer to Guwahati Airport for your onward flight to Paro. Upon your arrival in Paro, be greeted by your Bhutanese tour director and embark on a scenic drive to Thimphu. Dive into the heart of Bhutan's capital city with visits to the King's Memorial Chorten and the vibrant Craft Bazar.



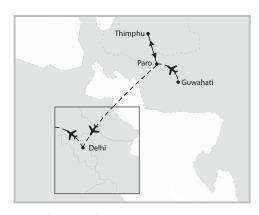
Buddha Point

#### **DAY 2 | OCT 20 | THIMPHU** (B, L, D)

Kickstart your day with a delightful breakfast, followed by a visit to Buddha Point (Kuensel Phodrang) where you can soak in panoramic views of the picturesque Thimphu valley. Delve deeper into Bhutanese culture with a trip to the 12th-century Changangkha Lhakhang, a fortress-like temple offering captivating vistas. Immerse yourself in Bhutanese heritage at the National Textile Museum and Simply Bhutan, a unique living museum experience. Conclude your day by exploring the majestic Trashichhoe Dzong, an imposing fortress that houses key government offices and serves as the summer residence of the Chief Abbot.

#### DAY 3 | OCT 21 | THIMPHU - PARO (B, L, D)

Begin your day with a visit to the National Library, which houses an extensive collection of Buddhist literature. Later, embark on a scenic journey to Paro, a valley steeped in cultural richness, myths, and awe-inspiring beauty. Upon arrival, dive into history at Ta Dzong, now transformed into the National Museum, and marvel at the architectural grandeur of Rinpung Dzong, a historic fortress that stands as a testament to Bhutan's rich heritage.



#### **DAY 4 | OCT 22 | PARO** (B, L, D)

Rise early for an exhilarating hike to the iconic Taktsang Monastery, often referred to as the "Tiger's Nest." This spiritual site, clinging to a cliffside, offers breathtaking views and a profound sense of serenity. Post-hike, visit Kyichu Lakhang, one of Bhutan's oldest and most sacred temples, steeped in legends and history. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Paro at your own pace, indulge in local crafts, or simply relax amidst the serene landscapes.



Rinpung Dzong

#### DAY 5 | OCT 23 | PARO - DELHI - TORONTO (B)

After a leisurely breakfast, transfer to Paro airport for your flight back to Delhi. Upon landing in Delhi, check in to a conveniently located hotel for day use. Later in the day, you'll be transferred to the international airport for your flight back home, concluding this unforgettable Bhutanese adventure.



Paro Taktsang

#### PRICING & TERMS

#### PACKAGE RATE (CAD\$, per person):

TWIN/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
CAD\$6,440 per person	CAD\$2,410 per person

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- · Domestic flight from Guwahati to Paro and Paro to Delhi.
- · 4 nights hotel accommodation and a day use room.
- Meals mentioned in the itinerary.
- · Transportation in Bhutan.
- Entrance fees at monuments as per the itinerary.
- Services of accompanying English speaking guide in Bhutan as per the itinerary.
- · Government Royalty, Taxes & Bhutan Visa Fee.
- · All currently applicable taxes as of this date.

#### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- · Meals not mentioned in itinerary.
- Expenses of personal nature.
- Optional travel, health, accident or other insurances.

#### **DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:**

FIRST DEPOSIT: CAD 1,000 per each confirmed passenger at the time of booking

FINAL PAYMENT: Due on June 10, 2025

#### **CANCELLATION CHARGES:**

From time of booking to Jun 09, 2025CAD 1,000 per personFrom June 10, 2025 - Aug 09, 202550% of tour costFrom Aug 10, 2025 - date of departure:100% of tour cost

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