

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: INDIA



Clockwise from top: learning traditional dance; Mahabodhi Temple; morning on the Ganges in Varanasi; ambling cow in Jodhpur.



Extraordinary India

Bollywood, Brahmin Temples

Spiritual Journey through India:

Venture through the heartland of India and explore the sacred traditions of Muslims, Buddhists, and Hindus. Visit Delhi's Mughal monuments, the pilgrimage site of Bodhgaya, and the spiritual city of Varanasi. In Bodhgaya — the holiest place on earth for Buddhists — you pay homage at the magnificent Mahabodhi Temple and the Bodhi Tree, under which the Buddha attained enlightenment. In Varanasi, attend a mystical aarti ceremony and embark on a boat ride along the sacred Ganges at dawn. During your 12-day journey between Delhi and Kathmandu, you also see the site of the Buddha's first sermon, in Sarnath; Emperor Ashoka erected a magnificent stupa here to commemorate the occasion.

Bollywood Dreamin': Go inside the magical world of Indian film and television in

Mumbai with an industry expert. For India, Bollywood isn't just entertainment; it's a way of life, and nearly everyone here has dreamed of being part of the glamour and glory. Your friendly guide fills you in on all the Bollywood news as you visit a studio to see a working film set, watch a live shoot, and view the editing process. You can even attend a dance or audition workshop!

Biking the Caravan Routes of Rajasthan: Soak in all of the colors, sounds, history, and rich culture

during an epic bicycle journey through regal Rajasthan. For nine days between Jodhpur and Udaipur, you and your private group cycle through tranquil countryside past small villages, Brahmin temples, and stately palaces; you'll share the roads on your route with more cows and schoolchildren than cars.