

# Festivals & Fairs



With so many religions and pantheistic beliefs, India is in festive mode all year round. From pilgrimages and religious festivals, to village and cattle fairs, from cultural events around music, dance and drama, to local tribal celebrations or sports contests. Experience the religions and rituals, the faith and fervour, the colour and clamour of India's festival celebrations.



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INDIA

# DESTINATION HOTELS

Beyond India's big hotel chains that pioneered luxury and hospitality, more charming stays have emerged at offbeat destinations across India offering immersive experiences. Situated off the well-beaten tourist circuits, these destination stays provide intimate perspectives into the lives and rhythms of India's diverse people. Travel Scope's destination stays range from restored heritage homes to luxurious palaces, from countryside glamping sites to remote experiential camps - each with their own stories to tell.



# POPULAR CULTURE

Beyond the monuments and traditions, popular culture is a vital part of India's lifestyle. We seek entertainment in different forms: Bollywood movies, art galleries and exhibitions, stand-up comedy shows, poetry events, theatre performances, discotheques, night clubs and so much more. Feel the pulse of India with popular culture experiences.

# MUSIC & DANCE

With 8 classical dance forms and innumerable music styles, the cultural experiences in India can add colour to any itinerary. Watch special music and dance performances, discover the sound of traditional instruments, learn the meaning behind dance gestures, postures and facial expressions, go backstage to witness artists make-up sessions for a truly immersive cultural experience.



# ART AND ARCHITECTURE

India has a rich legacy writ in stone; from its rock-cut temples to its intricate carved structures, from its hilltop forts to its marble temples or sandstone monuments. Beyond the craftsmanship, monuments depict folklore, narrate history and bear a deep esoteric significance. Set off on guided walks or art historian trails to better understand the religious and architectural significance of these ancient stone monuments.



# ARTS CRAFTS and TEXTILES

With so many long-preserved traditions of arts, crafts and textiles, India offers a treasure for the creative traveller. Enrol for art workshops from painting to inland marlwork, learn of indigenous textile weaving techniques, or learn crafts like block-printing, veena-making, puppetry and more. Best of all, take home a handcrafted souvenir!



# ACTIVE TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE

With India's diverse terrain of mountains and river valleys, beachside forests, there's a range of active travel & adventure activities on offer. Add a little dash of daring to your India itineraries with village or forest walks, bicycling trails, hikes, treks or adventure sports!

# WELLNESS & WELLBEING

Wellness as a path to well-being has been encoded in our traditions, our practices; from music to dance, from prayer to action, from yoga to meditation, and finally, to self-realization. Embark upon your own body, mind and soul journeys across India; meditate upon long walks, practice yoga, indulge in traditional massages and spas, retreat from the bustle of everyday life and connect with your inner self!



# CUISINE

Indian cuisine is so much more than Chicken Tikka Masala, it is a narrative of spices that are subtly blended with techniques and ingredients that change every few kilometers. Discover the delectable legacy of Indian cuisine; on food trails or at cooking sessions, learn traditional, long-preserved recipes or internationally-acclaimed fusion preparations, in homey kitchens or gourmet galleries.

# BELIEFS & RITUALS



Travelers often remark upon how beliefs and faith are still so prevalent in India, evident in our numerous monuments and temples. In religious ceremonies and during festivals. There is a deep mysticism that pervades the country, rich iconography and ancient rituals are deftly intertwined into the fabric of our lives. Our experiences highlight the significance of age-old practices and traditions to offer an insight into how culture and religion have each shaped one another.



# WILDLIFE AND WILDERNESS

While Central India's thickets have been immortalized by Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Books - there is more to offer for the intrepid wildlifer. From Rajasthan's desert wildlife, to north-east India's grasslands, from the Sundarbans mangrove swamps to tropical underwater havens, from brackish, montane lakes to coastal lagoons, there's rich biodiversity thriving across habitats. Capture India's incredible wildlife on forest walks, game drives, jeep safaris, elephant-back rides, canoe or kayak, or night trails.