

# ENRICHMENT JOURNEYS

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## Journey to Mumbai, Sri Lanka and Singapore

16 Nights featuring Mumbai, Goa, Colombo, Phuket, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore

<https://www.enrichmentjourneys.com/mumbai-sri-lanka-singapore>

**Start Date:** November 24, 2025 | **Sail Date:** November 26, 2025



Embark on an extraordinary Journey through the heart of South Asia, where every moment is a feast for the senses. Begin your adventure with two enchanting nights in Mumbai, the Bollywood capital and bustling metropolis that effortlessly blends tradition with modernity. Delve into the city's rich tapestry of culture and history with a tour, marveling at the architectural splendor of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and immersing yourself in the vibrant scenes of Dhobi Ghat. Then, step aboard the Celebrity Millennium for a captivating 13-night cruise through India and Sri Lanka, exploring sun-kissed shores in Goa and Cochin and uncovering cultural gems in Colombo and Hambantota. Continue your Journey to the tropical paradise of Phuket, Thailand and the dynamic cityscape of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Upon disembarkation in the vibrant city-state of Singapore, join your guide for a final day of exploration. Uncover the city's colonial heritage with a captivating tour of iconic sites like Marina Bay and the whimsical Merlion Park - a fitting finale to an unforgettable adventure through India, Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia.



## Inclusions

- ✈ International airfare, transfers and baggage handling
- ✈ 2-night pre-cruise land program in India
  - Mumbai: 2-night hotel stay
    - Welcome Dinner
    - Full-day city and cultural tour
- ✈ 1-night post-cruise land program in Singapore
  - Singapore: 1-night hotel stay
    - Full-day city tour
- ✈ Tour Leader throughout land programs and Local Tour Hosts during included tours
- ✈ Most meals while on tour (see itinerary highlights) and all meals while onboard
- ✈ 13-night sailing aboard the Celebrity Millennium
  - 10% off shore excursions (see “special offers”)
  - Drinks and Wi-Fi are All Included on Celebrity Cruises
  - Ask a Personal Vacation Manager about how to receive special amenities onboard your Celebrity cruise!

## Accommodations

*The following hotel list is preliminary and subject to change. Although we contract for hotels a year or more in advance, unforeseen circumstances do occasionally require a change of hotel. Should it be necessary to change a hotel, one of equal quality or value will be substituted and you will receive confirmed hotel information with your final itinerary.*

- ✈ 2 nights at the 5-star President Hotel in Mumbai (or similar) including breakfast
  - Hotel Website: <https://www.selectionshotels.com/en-in/president-mumbai/>
  - Trip Advisor: [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\\_Review-g304554-d304632-Reviews-President\\_Mumbai\\_IHCL\\_Selection-Mumbai\\_Maharashtra.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g304554-d304632-Reviews-President_Mumbai_IHCL_Selection-Mumbai_Maharashtra.html)
- ✈ 1 night at the 4-star Paradox Merchant Court at Clarke Quay hotel in Singapore(or similar) including breakfast
  - Hotel Website: <https://www.paradoxhotels.com/singapore>
  - Trip Advisor: [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel\\_Review-g294265-d301577-Reviews-Paradox\\_Singapore\\_Merchant\\_Court-Singapore.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotel_Review-g294265-d301577-Reviews-Paradox_Singapore_Merchant_Court-Singapore.html)
- ✈ 13 nights onboard the *Celebrity Millennium*

## Itinerary

**Start Date:** November 24, 2025 (*Sailing November 26, 2025*)

|        |        |  |          |          |
|--------|--------|--|----------|----------|
| Day 1  | Nov 24 | Arrive Mumbai – Transfer to Hotel and Welcome Dinner |          |          |
| Day 2  | Nov 25 | Mumbai – City and Cultural Tour                      |          |          |
| Day 3  | Nov 26 | Mumbai – Transfer to Port for Embarkation            |          | 5:00 PM  |
| Day 4  | Nov 27 | Goa, India   | 9:00 AM  | 5:30 PM  |
| Day 5  | Nov 28 | At Sea   | --       | --       |
| Day 6  | Nov 29 | Cochin, India  | 7:00 AM  | 4:00 PM  |
| Day 7  | Nov 30 | Colombo, Sri Lanka                                   | 3:00 PM  | --       |
| Day 8  | Dec 1  | Colombo, Sri Lanka                                   | --       | 8:00 PM  |
| Day 9  | Dec 2  | Hambantota, Sri Lanka                                | 7:00 AM  | 7:00 PM  |
| Day 10 | Dec 3  | At Sea   | --       | --       |
| Day 11 | Dec 4  | At Sea   | --       | --       |
| Day 12 | Dec 5  | Phuket, Thailand                                     | 9:00 AM  | 7:00 PM  |
| Day 13 | Dec 6  | Penang, Malaysia                                     | 10:00 AM | 6:00 PM  |
| Day 14 | Dec 7  | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia                               | 9:00 AM  | 10:00 PM |
| Day 15 | Dec 8  | At Sea   | --       | --       |
| Day 16 | Dec 9  | Singapore – Disembarkation and City Tour             | 6:00 AM  |          |
| Day 17 | Dec 10 | Singapore – Transfer to Airport for Return Flight    |          |          |

*Interested in the land program without the cruise? Call us for a quote.*

## Land Program Details

### Day 1 – Arrive Mumbai

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be transferred to the hotel. After check-in, you'll have time to get settled in before joining your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

*Note: if you wish to spend more time in Mumbai, ask your Personal Vacation Manager about the optional hotel extension – which will add one night to your Mumbai hotel stay.*

### Day 2 – Mumbai

During this full-day tour of Mumbai, you will see all the “must see” sites of Mumbai and more! Departing the hotel, you will set off on a walking tour of some of Mumbai’s best-preserved colonial buildings from the days of British rule. Sites include the Asiatic Library (Old Town Hall); St. Thomas Cathedral, the city’s first Anglican Church and the oldest British-era building standing in Mumbai; Flora Fountain, which was built in 1864 and depicts the Roman goddess Flora; High Court, one of the most distinguished High Courts in the country and housed in a beautiful Gothic building; and Mumbai University. Continue walking towards the David Sassoon Library, then board the coach for a drive to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (formally Victoria Terminus



*Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus,  
Mumbai, India*



Station), an outstanding example of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture blended with themes deriving from Indian traditional architecture. The first train in India departed from this station in 1853. After lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy a scenic drive past the Dhobi Ghat, the world's largest outdoor laundromat and the Mani Bhawan residence, where Mahatma Gandhi lived between 1917 and 1934. The leader formulated his philosophy of satyagraha (nonviolent protest) and launched the 1932 Civil Disobedience campaign from this house. Return to the hotel where you will enjoy some time to relax before dinner. (B, L, D)

### Day 3 – Mumbai Embarkation

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and transfer to the port, where you will board the *Celebrity Millennium* for a 13-night cruise to India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Malaysia. (B)

### Day 4-15 – Cruising onboard the *Celebrity Millennium* (see below for cruise highlights)

### Day 16 – Singapore Disembarkation

Enjoy breakfast onboard before disembarking and starting your tour. Today, you will drive past Padang field at the Cricket Club, one of the world's most picturesque sports grounds. At Parliament House, Supreme Court and City Hall, glimpse at landmarks of Singapore's colonial past and journey to independence; these buildings have borne witness to many pivotal events in the nation's history. The tour continues with a visit to the Thian Hock Keng Temple, one of the oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples on the island, built with donations from the early Chinese immigrant workers before driving past Chinatown. You will continue to the National Orchid Garden, located within the Singapore Botanic Gardens (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). The Botanic Gardens boast a sprawling display of 60,000 orchid plants comprising of 400 species and more than 2,000 hybrids. You will also visit Chinatown with fascinating temples and traditional turn-of-the-century shop houses before continuing on to Little India where you will be enthralled with the scent of spices, jasmine, orchid garlands and exotic fruits.



*Botanic Gardens, Singapore*

Your last stop will be at the Long Bar inside the fully restored historic Raffles Hotel for a taste of Singapore's unofficial national drink that was invented here in 1915, 'the Singapore Sling'. As the saying goes, "If you have not been to Raffles, you have not been to Singapore". Conclude at your hotel for check-in this afternoon. (L)



*Marina Bay Sands Hotel, Singapore*

### Day 17 – Singapore

Check out of the hotel transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

*Note: if you wish to spend more time in Singapore, ask your Personal Vacation Manager about the optional hotel extension, which will add one or two nights to your Singapore hotel stay. This will provide you with the time for Singapore's other attractions, such as Gardens by the Bay to admire the Supertree Grove, a visit to the Asian Civilizations Museum, or to ride the Singapore Flyer.*

*For meals not included in your land programs, all hotels chosen include a restaurant on property where you may relax and enjoy a meal. In addition, your guide is available to make suggestions on nearby dining, shopping or sightseeing.*

## Port Highlights

**Goa (Mormugao), India:** The magical state of Goa used to be an outpost of Portugal, so the palms on its beaches still sway with a certain Portuguese rhythm. The laid-back lifestyle in India's smallest, most prosperous state attracts many world travelers. You can explore world-heritage architecture, fragrant spice plantations and cuisine that blends Portuguese technique with Indian flavors.



*Goa (Mormugao), India*

**Cochin, India:** The "Queen of the Arabian Sea," Cochin is one of the finest natural harbors in the world. Stroll Fort Kochi beach at sunset, framed by the Chinese fishing nets, visit St. Francis Church, where Vasco de Gama was buried and take in a Kathakali dance performance that will leave you spellbound.



*Cochin, India*

**Colombo, Sri Lanka:** This teardrop-shaped island gem offers engaging encounters both in the capital city and the surrounding countryside. Wind your way through the streets of Colombo's old quarter to find some world-famous tea and explore eclectic cafés and shops. Trek out into the jungle and meet the friendly residents of an elephant orphanage.



*Colombo, Sri Lanka*

**Hambantota, Sri Lanka:** Sri Lanka's southern coast is a treasure trove of biodiversity and Hambantota is the gateway to most of it. Yala National Park holds the world's largest concentration of leopards and elephants, while Uda Walawe National Park rivals the savannahs of Africa. The UNESCO World Heritage-protected Galle Fort is an 18th-century Dutch walled town with chic shops, grand colonial houses and beautiful beaches.



*Leopard at Yala National Park*

**Phuket, Thailand:** Thailand's largest and most visited island, Phuket, offers gorgeous beaches lined with palm trees, plus fabulous coves and bays. Water sports include sailing, diving and snorkeling. Golf enthusiasts will love the championship courses, while nature lovers will be thrilled by the tropical forests and waterfalls. Tour historic mansions and top off the day enjoying the extensive nightlife.



*Phuket, Thailand*

**Penang, Malaysia:** Often called the "Pearl of the Orient," this northern gateway to Malaysia is the country's oldest British settlement. Although this city is best known for its breathtaking beaches, sites such as Khoo Kongsi, a well-preserved ancestral Chinese clan house and the Butterfly Farm, the world's first tropical live butterfly exhibition, must-sees on the list for this amazing destination. Also visit Kek Lok Si Temple, one of the finest Buddhist temples in Southeast Asia, featuring among other things, a tortoise sanctuary.



*Penang, Malaysia*

**Kuala Lumpur (Port Klang), Malaysia:** Less than an hour from the Port is bustling Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's modern capital city. It rose up from the forbidding jungle terrain to become one of the most fascinating architectural landscapes on earth. A blend of native Malaysian, Chinese Imperial and European influences has created a city that is as breathtakingly beautiful as it is alive with culture. Replete with fine dining, a fertile arts community and plenty of nightlife, Kuala Lumpur has earned a reputation as a must-see world destination.



*Port Klang, Malaysia*

## Special Offers

Ask about receiving 10% off all shore excursions from Shore Excursions Group!

Please visit the Enrichment Journeys website for current offers and special amenities onboard your Celebrity cruise!

## Extensions

### 1-night Mumbai Extension (pre)

Want an extra day to adjust to the new time zone? With this optional extension you will arrive in Mumbai a day early and have one extra day to relax at the hotel before the tour starts. *Note: tours are not included.*

Price of \$270 per person (based on double occupancy) includes:

- 🕒 1-night hotel accommodations in Mumbai with daily breakfast
- 🕒 Private transfer from airport to hotel.



### 1-night Singapore Extension (post)

With this optional extension you will stay for one additional night in Singapore, giving you more time to explore the city on your own before flying home. We suggest visiting Gardens by the Bay, the Asian Civilization Museum or ride the Singapore Flyer for an aerial view of the city. *Note: tours are not included.* Price of \$280 per person (based on double occupancy) includes:

- 🌀 1-night hotel accommodations in Singapore with daily breakfast
- 🌀 Private transfer from hotel to airport.

### 2-night Singapore Extension (post)

With this optional extension you will stay for two additional nights in Singapore, giving you more time to explore the city on your own before flying home. We suggest visiting Gardens by the Bay, the Asian Civilization Museum or ride the Singapore Flyer for an aerial view of the city. *Note: tours are not included.* Price of \$430 per person (based on double occupancy) includes:

- 🌀 2-night hotel accommodations in Singapore with daily breakfast
- 🌀 Private transfer from hotel to airport.

## Pricing

Please visit the Enrichment Journeys website for current rates and available airport gateways

<https://www.enrichmentjourneys.com/mumbai-sri-lanka-singapore>

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## What to Expect

### Pacing



5 out of 5 – Land program Includes Full-day Guided Tours on Most Days

The overall pace is active, as most days include a full-day tour. Guests should be prepared to walk a couple miles per day while on full-day tours. Breakfast is always included at the hotel. Some additional meals will be included, while other meals may be at your leisure. All hotels will have a restaurant on property where you may dine. If you wish to go out, your guide is available to make suggestions for nearby dining.

During the cruise you will have a mix of relaxing days at sea and exciting days on land to explore the port cities. You may choose from optional shore excursions, which will allow for cultural immersion, exotic meals and numerous activities.

### Physical Activity

The land portion of the trip should be considered active and includes a considerable amount of walking.

Enrichment Journeys will do everything in our power to ensure comfort through our third-party providers, including air-conditioned buses and comfortable accommodations where applicable. However, some areas cannot be accessed by coach, so our drivers will get you as close to sites as is legally allowed. Sensible, rubber-soled walking shoes are strongly recommended. Historical sites often do not have elevators, escalators, or ramps due to the age of the building/structure. Steps can be steep and uneven. Based on crowds and traffic, order of visits may be changed.



Wheelchair access at many sites is limited to extremely limited. A fold-up wheelchair may be able to be stored on the bus but requires prior arrangements. Guests must be able to transfer from their chair to the transportation. Guides/drivers are not allowed to lift or push wheelchairs, so guests requiring physical assistance must travel with a companion who can assist. Motorized wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated on this group program.

For the cruise portion of the trip, passengers will board and leave the ship up stairways and gangways and you may have to walk a moderate distance to transfer to train, bus and car stations. Time spent on the road and traveling can be long, so you will need to be prepared for stretches of down time in between destinations.

### **Cultural Focus**

India offers a rich culture and eclectic combination of the old and the new. Dress in India and Southeast Asia leans more conservative. Be respectful and dress conservatively in religious places, especially temples and while on tour in India; it will be appreciated.

You will encounter dishes and ingredients typical to the region that you may not have encountered before and you will be introduced to local artistry of the region. Enrichment Journeys encourages an open mind when in unique situations and meeting people abroad. Sometimes the attractions, beaches and cities themselves can be crowded, especially while on the cruise.

### **Unique Factors**

Be mindful of Asian culture and pack modest clothing. We ask that you please be friendly and polite when taking photos of locals. If you have special needs or physical limitations, you will need to check in with your personal vacation manager before booking the trip. The temperature can vary between day and night, so pack accordingly with items that can be layered. Some guests may wish to have a light sweater or windbreaker with them.

### **Transportation**

International Airfare:

Included international airfare is from select airports only. To inquire about a different airport, please contact your Personal Vacation Manager.

Enrichment Journeys is committed to providing remarkable experiences at extraordinary value. As a result, airlines and routes are selected to maximize that value and may involve multiple stops and extended layovers versus non-stop or direct flights. Passengers wishing to utilize specific carriers, direct/non-stop flights, Business Class upgrades, or to extend their time in any of our beginning or ending destination cities may do so by contacting Enrichment Journeys and inquiring about the Custom Airfare Program. There is a \$100 per person charge for this service, however this charge will be applied toward any flights or upgrades you choose to purchase. The \$100 charge must be paid prior to receiving a custom air quote.

## **Regional Information**

### **Travel documentation**

Have your passport and visas ready and available at all checkpoints. Scan and copy these documents to print out. It is recommended that you e-mail a copy to yourself and someone back home in the event these documents are misplaced. Also, it may be worth bringing an international ID or license.

## Passport and Visa

To travel internationally, you must have a passport in good condition and it must be valid for at least 6 months after the last day of your trip. **Visa requirements change frequently and for various reasons.** As a result, our Personal Vacation Managers are not always able to provide visa information and you should not rely on the information provided below to be the most current and accurate. The best way to obtain up-to-date information regarding visa requirements is to visit the official US government website for Americans traveling abroad, [Travel.State.Gov](https://travel.state.gov) (Canadian citizens should visit <https://travel.gc.ca/>, for all other countries please visit your government website or local embassy), which details specific information on the countries you would like to visit, including visa requirements.

You may also use a third-party visa service. These services require an additional service fee but make the process of applying for a visa much simpler.

Note: as of April 2024, most U.S. and Canadian passport holders traveling to Sri Lanka and India are required to obtain a visa. It is no longer possible to obtain a visa on arrival. For India, a full visa with multi-entry may be required, as the electronic visa may not be sufficient. Enrichment Journeys strongly encourages you to check your government website a few months prior to departure (and then again right before departure) to verify this information, as well as for all countries on your itinerary.

## Vaccinations

Vaccinations are recommended to protect one's health from preventable diseases abroad. It is always good to have routine vaccinations up to date when traveling for ailments such as chickenpox, measles and the flu shot. Use your own discretion when deciding on what vaccinations to have based on your preferences and personal medical history. During your Enrichment Journeys tour, the utmost care will be taken with prepared food, atmosphere and other elements, so the likelihood of contracting diseases is scarce.

For a list of recommended vaccinations based on destination, visit <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel> or feel free to contact the Center for Disease Control and Prevention directly at 1-800-232-4636.

## Electric Current

You will need an adaptor for some parts of your trip. To see what the plugs will look like at your destination, visit <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/> and click on each country from the right menu.

You may also need to use a converter. Most countries outside of North and Central America use 220-240 V, whereas the U.S. and Canada use 110 V. However, most chargers these days have a box which will act as a converter so that it can be used in all countries around the world. If your charger box says "Input: 100-240V, 50/60 Hz" then you do **NOT** need to use a converter (but you may still need an adaptor so that the plugs fit in the socket).



Some hotels may have two and three pronged outlets to use for various appliances. Ship cabins also have outlets for you to use with their converter. However, we recommend having at least one or two adaptors with you, as we cannot guarantee that all hotels will be able to accommodate this.

## Local Currency

India uses the Indian Rupee (₹), currency code INR

Sri Lanka uses the Sri Lankan Rupee (Rs or රු or රු), currency code LKR

Thailand uses the Thai Baht (฿), currency code THB

Malaysia uses the Malaysian Ringgit (RM), currency code MYR

Singapore uses the Singapore Dollar (\$ or S\$), currency code SGD

Please visit <https://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/> for the current exchange rate.

How you handle your currency and financials while on the trip is up to you. Some people prefer to exchange all their money in advance, while others will rely solely on credit cards. We suggest having at least some local currency with you during the trip, at least enough to take a taxi if needed. Consider calling your bank ahead of time to make them aware of your international travel, especially when using cards or withdrawing money.

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is customary in India and Southeast Asia. It is less common in Singapore, however always appreciated. For all locations, expect several instances throughout the hospitality industry that allow for tipping. Have small bills ready for hotel staff, boat crew, restaurant servers, drivers, guides and baggage handlers. If you have a meal outside the itinerary or hire a resident driver, a few dollars in the local currency is customary.

Gratuities are included for group meals, at hotels and at airports. The host, guide, or tour manager can be tipped roughly \$10-\$12 USD per person, per day. Drivers can be tipped \$5 USD per person, per day. To view the gratuities policy for Celebrity Cruises, please visit <https://www.celebritycruises.com/faqs/gratuities-program>.

For more information about when and how much to tip in each country, feel free to speak with your tour guide at the start of your Journey. A good reference for international tipping is <https://www.cntraveler.com/stories/2008-11-11/etiquette-101-tipping-guide>.

### Time Differences

Please be aware that you may be crossing through several time zones throughout your Journey. To view a time zone map, visit <https://m.worldtimezone.com/m-index12.php>.

### Climate

With the tour covering various regions, you will mostly experience the tropical climate of India and Southeast Asia where you can expect warm to hot weather, occasional rain, wind and/or damp environments. Check the weather online before departing for an up-to-date look at the conditions in major destinations. Many countries outside of North America use Celsius. Here is a °C to °F quick reference guide:

|               |               |               |               |                |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| -5° C = 23° F | 5° C = 41° F  | 15° C = 59° F | 25° C = 77° F | 35° C = 95° F  |
| 0° C = 32° F  | 10° C = 50° F | 20° C = 68° F | 30° C = 86° F | 40° C = 104° F |

High/Low Temperatures in Fahrenheit:

|              | <u>JAN</u> | <u>FEB</u> | <u>MAR</u> | <u>APR</u> | <u>MAY</u> | <u>JUN</u> | <u>JUL</u> | <u>AUG</u> | <u>SEP</u> | <u>OCT</u> | <u>NOV</u>   | <u>DEC</u>   |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mumbai       | 86/64      | 88/64      | 90/70      | 91/75      | 91/81      | 90/79      | 86/77      | 86/77      | 88/77      | 91/75      | <b>91/72</b> | 90/66        |
| Goa          | 85/65      | 85/66      | 87/71      | 89/79      | 90/86      | 87/89      | 84/88      | 83/84      | 83/83      | 85/79      | <b>86/71</b> | 85/67        |
| Cochin       | 89/74      | 89/75      | 90/78      | 91/78      | 90/78      | 86/76      | 85/75      | 85/75      | 86/76      | 87/75      | <b>88/75</b> | 89/74        |
| Colombo      | 89/72      | 91/73      | 91/75      | 90/77      | 89/79      | 87/79      | 86/78      | 87/78      | 87/77      | 87/76      | <b>87/74</b> | <b>88/73</b> |
| Phuket       | 90/72      | 91/73      | 93/73      | 91/75      | 90/77      | 90/77      | 88/77      | 88/77      | 86/75      | 88/75      | 88/73        | <b>88/73</b> |
| Kuala Lumpur | 89/74      | 90/75      | 90/76      | 89/77      | 89/77      | 89/77      | 89/76      | 88/76      | 87/76      | 87/76      | 88/76        | <b>88/75</b> |
| Singapore    | 87/75      | 89/76      | 90/76      | 90/76      | 90/78      | 89/77      | 89/77      | 89/76      | 89/76      | 89/76      | 88/76        | <b>87/75</b> |

## Practice the Local Language

Knowing a few phrases in the local vernacular can be a wonderful way to connect with people and feel immersed in the culture. Here are some keywords and phrases:

India: Hindi, although many people in India are conversational in English

- 🔊 Namaste: Hi
- 🔊 Alvida: Goodbye
- 🔊 Hum khogayehain: I'm Lost
- 🔊 Yeh kaiseydiyaa? How much is this?
- 🔊 Kshama keejeeae: Excuse me
- 🔊 Shukriyaa (Bahut dhanyavaad): Thank you (very much)
- 🔊 Hum khogayehain: I'm lost
- 🔊 Kya aap meri madadkarsaktheyhain?: Can you help me?

Visit <https://www.17-minute-world-languages.com/en/hindi/> for more phrases with sound.

Sri Lanka: Sinhala and Tamil are the official languages. Sinhala is spoken in the southern and western parts of the island, while Tamil is spoken in the northern and eastern parts of the island. However, many people in Sri Lanka are conversational in English.

- 🔊 Ayubowan (ayu-bo-wan): Hello
- 🔊 Bohoma Sthuthi (bo-hoh-mahlss-thoo-thee): Thank you very much
- 🔊 Hari Hondai: Okay / Very good

Thailand: Thai

- 🔊 Sa-wat-dii: Hello.
- 🔊 Sabaai-dii mái?: How are you?
- 🔊 Yin-dii thiidairuu-jak: Nice to meet you
- 🔊 Karunaa: Please
- 🔊 Khopkhun: Thank you
- 🔊 Chai: Yes.
- 🔊 Mai chai: No
- 🔊 Kho thot: Excuse me
- 🔊 Tháo'rai' or kii: How much, how many?
- 🔊 A-ròi: Delicious

Visit <https://www.17-minute-world-languages.com/en/thai/> for more phrases with sound.

Malaysia: Malay

- 🔊 Halo (Ha lo): Hello
- 🔊 Terimakasih (terima ka say): Thank you
- 🔊 ya (ya): Yes
- 🔊 tidak (ti dak): No

Visit <https://www.17-minute-world-languages.com/en/malay/> for more phrases with sound.

Singapore: While English is one of the official languages of Singapore and many of its residents are bilingual, Chinese Mandarin and Malay are also very common.

Chinese Mandarin

- 🔊 nǐ hǎo (Knee how): Hello
- 🔊 Zài jiàn (Zi gee'en): Good Bye
- 🔊 Shì (Shr): Yes
- 🔊 Bú shì (Boo shr): No
- 🔊 Qǐng (Ching): Please
- 🔊 Xiè xiè (Sheh sheh): Thank you



- ☑ Bú yòng kèqì (Boo yongsheh): You're welcome
- ☑ Dui bu qǐ (Dway boo chee): Excuse me
- ☑ duō shǎoqián (Dor sheowchen): How much?
- ☑ Wǒ tīng bù dǒng (Wore ting boo dong): I don't understand
- ☑ kuài zǐ (Kwhy za): Chopstick

Visit <https://www.17-minute-world-languages.com/en/chinese/> for more phrases with sound.

## Fun Facts

Check out these interesting facts about the destinations you will visit on your Journey.

### India

- ☑ The national fruit of India is the mango and the national bird is the peacock, which was originally bred as a food source.
- ☑ 70% of the world's spices come from India and India is the world's largest tea producer with chai as its most popular beverage.
- ☑ India is the birthplace of chess, or *chaturanga* in Sanskrit, which translates to "four members of an army".
- ☑ There are six seasons in India's Hindu calendar: (1) spring, (2) summer, (3) monsoon, (4) autumn, (5) winter and (6) prevernal.
- ☑ India has the second largest population in the world and is the world's largest democracy.

### Sri Lanka

- ☑ Due to its shape, Sri Lanka is known as the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean" and the "Teardrop of India".
- ☑ Sri Lanka's primary power source is hydro-energy, utilizing its abundance of waterfalls.
- ☑ Until 1972, Sri Lanka was named Ceylon.
- ☑ Sri Lanka is home to the largest and darkest subspecies of the Asian elephant.

### Thailand

- ☑ Of the 67 million people in Thailand, roughly 6.9 million live in the capital city of Bangkok.
- ☑ Thailand's name in the Thai language is Prathet Thai, which means "Land of the Free".
- ☑ The world's smallest mammal, the *Craseonycteris thonglongyai* (the bumble bat), is found in Thailand.
- ☑ Thailand shares a border with four countries: Myanmar (formerly Burma) to the north and west, Laos to the north and east, Cambodia to the southeast and Malaysia to the south.
- ☑ In the past, all Thai young men including the kings became Buddhist monks for at least a short period of time before their 20th birthday. Today, fewer young men observe the practice.

### Malaysia

- ☑ Malaysia is made up of two noncontiguous regions: West Malaysia on the Malay Peninsula, which consists of 11 states and East Malaysia, on the island of Borneo, which consists of two states.
- ☑ Malaysia's national dish is Nasi lemak, a fragrant rice dish cooked in coconut milk, often served wrapped in a banana leaf and usually eaten for breakfast.
- ☑ Some buildings in Malaysia do not have a fourth floor. They are replaced by "3A" as the sound of four (sì) is similar to the sound of death in Chinese (sǐ).
- ☑ Malaysia is the world's third largest natural rubber producer. It is also famous for being the world's largest supplier of rubber gloves.
- ☑ Malay brides wear their engagement rings on the fourth finger of their right hand. The ring is placed there by a senior female relative of the groom, instead of the groom himself.

## Singapore

- ☑ Singapore consists only of one main island and 63 other tiny islands with a population of 4.6 million people. Most of these islands are uninhabited.
- ☑ Although English is the official working language and the most widely used language in Singapore, the national anthem “Majulah Singapura” is actually sung in Malay.
- ☑ The Singapore Sling was first served in 1915 at the Long Bar of the Raffles Hotel. The ingredients are gin, Cointreau, cherry brandy, Dom Benedictine, pineapple juice, Grenadine, Angoustura bitters and limes.

## Recommended Reading List

Vacation should be easy, peaceful and, most of all, completely stress-free. Let us handle the details, so you can sit back, relax and curl up with a good book as you count down the days to your next Journey! We’ve compiled the following list of books and movies to introduce you to the destinations you are about to visit.

### Books

- ☑ India: *Kim* by Rudyard Kipling
- ☑ India: *Teatime for the Firefly* by Shona Patel
- ☑ India *After Gandhi: The History of the World’s Largest Democracy* by Ramachandra Guha
- ☑ Sri Lanka: *Island of a Thousand Mirrors* by Nayomi Munaweera
- ☑ Thailand: *Dream of a Thousand Lives: A Sojourn in Thailand* by Karen Connelly
- ☑ Malaysia: *A History of Malaysia* by Barbara Watson
- ☑ Malaysia: *Into the Heart of Borneo* by Redmond O’Hanlon
- ☑ Singapore: *Ghost Train to the Eastern Star* by Paul Theoux
- ☑ Singapore: *The Singapore Story: Memoirs of Lee Kuan Yew* by Lee Kuan Yew
- ☑ Singapore and/or Malaysia: *Crossroads: A Popular History of Malaysia & Singapore* by Jim Baker

### Travel Guides

- ☑ All countries: Lonely Planet Travel Guides <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/places>
- ☑ All countries: Nomadic Matt Travel Guides <https://www.nomadicmatt.com/travel-guides/>

### Films

- ☑ India: *The Bucket List* (2007)
- ☑ India: *Eat Pray Love* (2010)
- ☑ India: *Life of Pi* (2012)
- ☑ India: *Million Dollar Arm* (2014)
- ☑ India: *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* (2011)
- ☑ India Series: <http://www.discovery.com/tv-shows/other-shows/videos/discovery-atlas-india-geography/>
- ☑ Malaysia: *Anna and the King* (1999) was filmed in Malaysia
- ☑ Malaysia: *Entrapment* (1999)
- ☑ Malaysia: *Sandokan* (1976)
- ☑ Thailand: *The Beach* (2000)
- ☑ Singapore: *Saint Jack* (1979)

## Before You Go

### Money Matters

How you handle your currency and financials while on the trip is up to you. Some people prefer to exchange all their money in advance, while others will rely solely on credit cards. Consider calling your bank ahead of time to make them aware of your international travel, especially when using cards or withdrawing money.

## **ATM Machines**

These are often readily available, especially in major cities. Some will charge fees on top of what your hometown bank may charge for using ATMs abroad. Look for well-marked machines that have the Visa or MasterCard symbols.

## **Foreign Banks**

Currency can be exchanged at most banks, if needed. Ask a local host or tour manager if there is a nearby bank that is open.

## **Credit Cards**

During your trip, you'll find that most major credit cards are accepted. Call your specific card issuer ahead of time to find out its limitations and benefits overseas.

## **Incidentals**

Do be aware that some additional charges for mini-bars, laundry and room service will not be included in the tour package. Plan accordingly for these extra charges.

## **Packing Guidelines**

Pack as simply as possible for easy transfers and customs screenings. Check with your domestic and international carriers regarding baggage guidelines, allowances and check for additional fees. All bags will be screened before boarding flights and the cruise ship.

## **What to pack**

Basics and layers are key to a comfortable Journey. Be sure to check the weather in the destinations you will visit and pack accordingly. There are always unpredictable variables as well, so make sure you have one sturdy jacket and an outfit for a formal occasion too, just in case.

Here are a few key items to take on your trip:

- ☑ Raincoat/poncho
- ☑ Hooded jacket/fleece pullover
- ☑ Pants with pockets
- ☑ Skirt with pockets
- ☑ Hat with visor & sunscreen/bug spray
- ☑ Warm socks
- ☑ Sturdy sandals
- ☑ Practical shoes for walking/easy hiking
- ☑ Extra pair of prescription sunglasses and/or glasses (if needed)
- ☑ Cameras

Have back-ups for everything to avoid disappointment. Charge batteries in advance and bring extra film or digital memory cards. If bringing a high-end camera, consider investing in insurance to protect your asset.

## **Luggage Screening Process**

To pass through screening, have liquids either in small containers and bagged, or in checked luggage. All valuables necessary for the trip should be on your person at all times, if possible. This includes medications and documentation. We recommend one main bag and a carry-on, per airline guidelines for weight and size.

## **Labeling**

Have all your bags labeled with your name and address clearly marked. Add something to your luggage that is recognizable in the event your bags are misplaced. You may also consider marking your bags with "Enrichment Journeys" for efficiency.

## **Carry-on items**

In many countries, including the US, large liquid containers are not allowed in carry-ons. On the way back into the states, food or agriculture items are prohibited. If you have questions about a certain item, visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) for a list of items that cannot be packed.

## **Airport transfers**

Airport transfers are included as part of your Enrichment Journey. Local representatives will advise you of the departure time from your hotel the night before departure. Generally speaking, arrangements have been made to have you at the airport approximately three hours in advance of departure, though this may vary depending on local circumstances. At the end of the cruise, an airport transfer will also be provided. Please advise your Personal Vacation Manager if you do not require transfer arrangements at the time of booking your Journey.

## **Cell phones**

Some cell phones will work overseas, but incur additional charges for the use. Choose whether you would like to add an international plan by calling your carrier, or consider purchasing a pay-as-you-go phone overseas. However, in some destinations, many smartphones and tablets can pick up wireless internet for free.

## **Protecting the Value of Your Travel Investment**

Enrichment Journeys offers a comprehensive travel insurance package you can purchase alongside your trip. It eases the mind and lets you cancel your trip for a covered reason up until the departure date with a full refund of the Journey.

The insurance covers a wide variety of incidents, including travel delay, emergency medical services and even baggage delay. You will also receive a pre-existing medical conditions waiver if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of your initial deposit. For a full list of coverage provided, visit the FAQ section of the website.

## **Medical Issues and Handicaps**

As with any extensive trip abroad, our excursions with Enrichment Journeys will require some physical capabilities, including transfers from cruise ships, walking on cobblestone streets and navigating through some busy cities with guides. Although we encourage all types of travelers to join us, we do ask you are aware of your own physical limitations. Unfortunately, we cannot provide individual care to those who may have walkers, wheelchairs or other aids. Enrichment Journeys also cannot accommodate pregnant women past their six month gestation period. Please speak with one of our Personal Vacation Managers to see if certain itineraries are suitable for you and your needs. We are happy to suggest other viable options for you that are more accessible.

Per the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, travelers have the right to be reasonably accommodated in terms of tours in public situations. However, the laws do not apply for trips and outside the United States. So you must let Enrichment Journeys know ahead of time of any physical limitations, including information added to our questionnaire that needs to be filled out by all passengers. Failure to inform Enrichment Journeys of these limitations could result in refusal to participate, whether it be at the airport through the airline, on board the ship or at the accommodations booked.

If you have any sort of prescription medication, this should be a number one priority in packing. Bring extra, just in case. A small medical kit is also advisable for quick access to remedy minor aches and pains.



**Briefing sessions**

A local host or tour manager will be happy to guide you through the trip and answer all of your questions. Upon arrival to your destination, an Enrichment Journeys representative will meet with the group and go over items such as the daily schedule, weather and local customs.

**Hotels**

All hotels booked by Enrichment Journeys are held to a high standard of comfort and quality, in accordance to international accommodation standards and rating systems. However, each accommodation varies so you may experience various types of properties throughout your excursions.