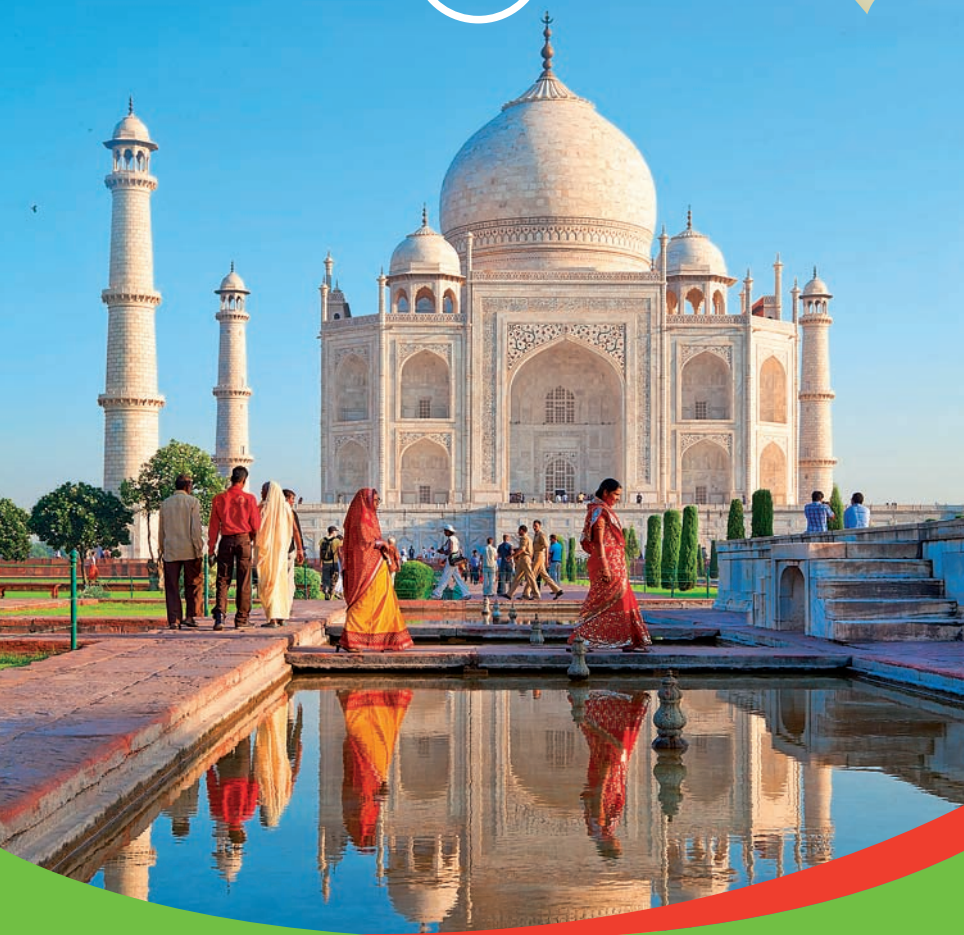


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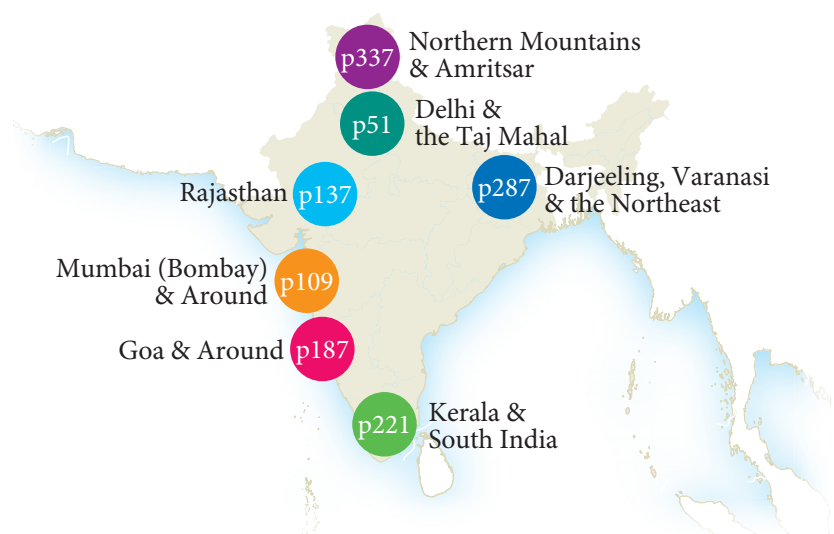
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This is India

India fires the imagination and stirs the soul like no other place on earth, bristling with a mind-stirring mix of landscapes and cultural traditions. Your journey through India, no matter how fleeting, will blaze in your memory long after you've left its shores.

Famously chaotic, India doesn't have to be intimidating. True, the big cities can be bedlam, and the markets border on feverish, but there's a bounty of laid-back charms to explore too, from idyllic palm-fringed beaches and tranquil backwaters to sweeping deserts, snow-brushed mountains and lush green tea plantations.

Natural beauty abounds, but man-made gems also dot the land. India's history is one of the world's most epic tales, and it has carved its incredible, indelible mark throughout the sub-continent. Temples hide in forests, fortresses rise from the desert, and palaces, mausoleums and more line the banks of the holy rivers that feed India's deeply sacred essence.

Spirituality is the common thread that weaves its way through India. Religion is alive, and thriving. It's woven into almost every aspect of daily life and it enriches your experiences at every turn. Follow pilgrims on a temple trail, place an offering on a roadside shrine, smell wafts of incense and feel the well-worn stone of the temple floor beneath your bare feet.

Nourishment of a different nature awaits you at restaurant tables everywhere. You're about to jump on board one of the wildest culinary trips of your travelling life. Frying, simmering, sizzling, kneading, roasting and flipping a deliciously diverse repertoire of dishes, feasting your way through the subcontinent is a tongue-teasing ride to remember.

India is indeed a feast of opportunities. And even on a short trip you can go surprisingly in-depth and experience a remarkable range of wonders. Just try not to fit too much onto your plate. It's more rewarding to experience a small amount more fully; so slow down, relax and above all enjoy the phenomenon that is India.

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