The Golden Triangle and wildlife adventure holiday in India with a family twist!

- Stalk wildlife in the Ranthambore tiger reserve
- Capture the view of the enchanting Taj Mahal at sunset
- Watch a Bollywood movie, cook curry & play a game of cricket with the locals
- Explore Rajasthani jewels of Jaipur, Amber Fort and Pushkar
- Take a rickshaw ride through the vibrant streets of Old Delhi and a camel ride through the desert

India, Family, Wildlife, 10 Days

7 nights hotel with swimming pool, 2 nights hotel, 9 breakfasts, 9 dinners, max group size: 15, 9 days sightseeing and activities, swimming: on 7 nights we stay at hotels with pools
Introduction

This is THE adventure holiday for families who want more fun and activities squeezed into their time in India! Full of authentic and memorable experiences, this trip will take us from the bustling, vibrant streets of Delhi and across Rajasthan; the land of tigers, maharajas and ancient ruined palaces. We will explore the sights of Old Delhi and take a rickshaw ride down its charming backstreets before boarding the express train to Agra and the Taj Mahal. Here, we will experience the magic of sunset falling upon this most beautiful of buildings. We then visit the wetlands of the Keoladeo National Park at Bharatpur, losing count of the bewildering array of birdlife in their natural habitat. At the world-renowned Ranthambore National Park, we have a real chance to spot a tiger in the wild with two included game drives. We may even find time for a cricket match with the local children! Our drive to the ‘Pink City’ of Jaipur will be via a local school where we can make new friends and perhaps even take in a lesson. Whilst we visit all the must-see sights in Jaipur, we also visit a cinema to catch a Bollywood movie and, for the budding chefs amongst us, a cookery lesson to create a tasty curry! Nearby, we will explore the magnificent and imposing Amber Fort, where we can imagine life as the maharaja, before visiting the ancient, mystical town of Pushkar. In November, our trip may coincide with the famous Pushkar Camel Fair. This incredible value holiday truly maximises our time in Northern India and offers the perfect blend of history, wildlife and stunning landscapes to delight the entire family!

Is this holiday for you?

Suitable for children from 6yrs old

This is a family adventure holiday to some of the greatest attractions of Northern India. Travelling mostly by train makes our journey easier and more interesting. Any road transfers are short and in air-conditioned private vehicles. We use a good standard of accommodation, with the majority of hotels outside Delhi having swimming pools. Our guides are well versed in keeping the children entertained and will ensure a steady stream of activities such as quizzes and cricket matches arranged with local children.

Holiday Itinerary

Day 1: Meet at the group hotel in Delhi. A single transfer from Delhi Airport is provided. Sightseeing in Old Delhi.

Arriving in Delhi, you are met by a KE representative who will arrange the transfer to the group hotel in the city. After settling in and lunch, we have an afternoon sightseeing tour on foot and by rickshaw. Delhi has seen the rise and fall of many empires and each dynasty has left behind monuments and memories to commemorate the grandeur of bygone days. Very few cities in the world offer such diversity in architectural styles, successfully combining the ancient with modernity. The capital of India has two distinct parts: Old Delhi and New Delhi. On our tour we will visit the majestic Jama Masjid, the principal mosque of Old Delhi. Built in 1656 by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, who went on to build the Taj Mahal, it is the largest and best known mosque in all of India. Afterwards, we will take to the warren of backstreets in a rickshaw to reach Chandni Chowk, the old marketplace of Shahjahanabad. This incredible experience will give us a true appreciation for the true flavour of India, as we explore fascinating new sights, sounds and smells. We will then drive past the Red Fort to marvel at its sheer size and dominance on the way to visit Raj Ghat, the memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi before returning to our hotel.
Day 2: Train to Agra. Explore Agra Fort in the afternoon and see sunset at the Taj Mahal.

This morning, we have an early transfer to New Delhi Railway Station for the Shatabdi Express to Agra. Travelling on this special fast tourist train is a very comfortable experience. Unlike most trains in India, it has air-conditioned carriages fitted with aircraft type seats and, during the 2 hour journey, we will be served breakfast and refreshments. Outside the window, a fascinating landscape rolls by offering glimpses of rural life in India. Arriving in Agra, we are met by our local guide who will escort us to our private tour bus. We transfer to our hotel where we can have some lunch and perhaps a quick swim. The first stop of our afternoon is a guided tour of Agra Fort, which was more a walled city than a fort, boasting several grand buildings and ornamental gardens. Overthrown from power by own son, Shah Jahan kept under house-arrest here until his death. From the decorated open windows of his cell, we can look across the Yamuna River to the Taj Mahal, his final view of his wife's resting place. It took 22 years to build, at great expense, using the skills and labour of 20,000 men and the power of 1,000 elephants. It is said that the Emperor planned to build a twin, black-marble tomb for his self on the other side of the river. Before he was able to do so, his son took the throne by force and imprisoned his father in Agra Fort. We visit at sunset, and marvel at how the changing light of sunset projects its colours across the white marble of this stunning memorial.

Day 3: Transfer to Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, stopping off to explore the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri.

Rickshaw ride in Bharatpur.

After breakfast, we transfer to Bharatpur. The drive is about an hour, but on the way we stop at the abandoned ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri. This splendid fortified settlement was built during the second half of the 16th century by Emperor Akbar. The city used to be the seat of the Mughal Empire but was said to have been abandoned after its water supply dried up. Afterwards, we continue onto Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary. This famous sanctuary is host to thousands of different birds; some 230 different species. Bharatpur is otherwise known as Keoladeo Ghana National Park and is a mosaic of grasslands, woodlands and open wetlands. The wetlands were originally man-made 250 years ago by the maharaja and were used as hunting grounds for the ducks and geese that came in their thousands. Now, the reserve is a sanctuary for the birds and is free of motor vehicles with only cycling and walking allowed. This afternoon, we have a rickshaw ride observing some of the enormous cranes, pelicans, geese, duck and eagles. We then transfer to our hotel to relax in the gardens and cool off in the swimming pool. This evening, our guide will prepare an entertaining quiz about what we have seen at the Taj Mahal and the birds at the sanctuary.


This morning, we visit the temples of Bharatpur including Ganga Mandir, before returning to relax around the hotel pool. After lunch, we transfer to the railway station in Bharatpur where we board the evening express train for Ranthambore National Park. Travelling long distances on Indian railways is a rite of passage and a splendid experience. After being served our evening meal onboard, the train arrives at the local station of Sawai Madhopur in the late evening and from here we make a short (5km) transfer to our resort hotel, situated on the edge of the reserve, nestled between the green Araveli Hills.
Day 5: Two tiger-spotting game drives in Ranthambore National Park.

Once the hunting grounds of the Maharajas of Jaipur, Ranthambore was first established as a wildlife sanctuary in 1955 and became part of Project Tiger in 1973. In the early eighties, the tiger reserve was given National Park status and expanded to its present size of 392 square km. Project Tiger has enjoyed great success and Ranthambore is one of the best places in India to still be able to see these magnificent animals in their natural habitat. It’s easy to forget that the park is also home to leopard, nilgai, dhole, wild boar, sambar, hyena, sloth bear and chital as well as over 300 species of trees, plants, birds and reptiles. Today, we will go out and explore the reserve in 4X4 jeeps or canters with an expert naturalist who has worked closely with the park authorities to save tigers and other wildlife in the area. Their knowledge and skills will give us the best chance of spotting a tiger, though of course nothing can be guaranteed in the wild. The best time for game spotting is early morning or just before sundown when the animals visit the watering holes and we have 2 game drives included, one at each end of the day. Our resort accommodation nearby provides our base during the day and the pool will offer respite from the midday heat. The local children are also always keen for a game of cricket and our guide may be able to organise an impromptu match!

Ranthambore summer amendment

Please note that Ranthambore National Park is divided up into 10 zones and game drives can be in any of these zones. In the summer months, game drives are restricted to zones 6 to 10 in the area of Ranthambore known as Swai Mansingh Sanctuary.

Day 6: Transfer to Jaipur, stopping off to visit a local school. Watch a Bollywood movie at a downtown cinema.

After breakfast, we drive around 3 hours to Jaipur. To break our journey, we will stop off at a local school to visit local children and learn about Indian schools. We continue to Jaipur, the famous regional capital of Rajasthan, also known as the 'Pink City' thanks in part to a visit by Prince Albert in 1876. The maharaja ordered the entire city to be painted its uniform terracotta hue in an effort to impress the travelling royal. The streets here are lined with palaces and grand houses, known as haveli. The haveli design with its inner courtyard provided both shade from the hot summer sun and privacy from the hustle and bustle of the outside world. We stay in a heritage hotel which was built in the style of a traditional haveli, with its rooms surrounding a quiet courtyard open to the sky. There is so much to see in Jaipur including the City Palace, an astronomical observatory and the 'Palace of the Winds'; an elaborate façade containing hundreds of tiny windows, where the princesses of the Rajputs could peer out at the city's inhabitants without being seen. After checking into our hotel (and possibly a quick swim), we go out to the local cinema to watch a Bollywood movie. These films are in the Hindi language and are usually along the theme of a romantic musical with a lot of singing and dancing. Without speaking Hindi, these movies can still be understood with their beautiful costumes, dancing and singing, all set with the backdrop of colourful India.

Day 7: Visit Amber Fort. Explore the highlights of Jaipur.
This morning, we visit the impressive Amber Fort, perched strategically on a hill. The fort was built by the Meenas, who were in a constant state of war with the Rajputs of Rajasthan. The fort, built from amber-coloured sandstone, was a formidable military fortress, famous also for the opulence of its inner palaces. The fort is a labyrinth of secret passageways and courtyards and our guided tour will last most of the morning. We return to Jaipur for lunch and in the afternoon we visit Hawa Maha, City Palace and the fascinating working astronomical observatory monument of Jantar Mantar. As the sun starts to go down, the local colourful bazars come alive, and in the early evening, they are well worth a visit. At dinner, we have a cookery demonstration, where we learn all about the different spices and variety of regional curries.

**Day 8: Transfer to Pushkar. Take a camel cart ride into the desert.**

After breakfast, we leave Jaipur and head south-west along Highway 48 for 2 hours to reach Ajmer. From here, we turn off the main highway and follow a twisting road which climbs for 20 minutes or so into the Araveli Hills to reach the spectacular location of Pushkar. This holy town is the site of the only Brahma temple in all of India and is an important place of pilgrimage. On arrival, we check into our comfortable hotel and in the afternoon we can try our hand at camel driving. Pushkar is synonymous with camels and in fact, once every year, stages the biggest camel fare in India. We will all have the opportunity to ride a camel cart out into the desert. Anyone who does not wish to take part may prefer wander around this interesting town, enjoying its special ambience or relax around the tranquil hotel pool. After the short camel cart ride, we will visit explore parts of this mystical and spiritual town.

**Day 9: Morning free for some exploration of Pushkar. Train back to Delhi.**

This morning we visit the Brahma Temple. This hugely important site is the only temple dedicated to the deity Brahma in the whole of India and draws pilgrims from far and wide. We also explore the ghats of Pushkar Lake and learn all about the significance of this body of holy water. After lunch, we transfer the short distance to Ajmer, where we catch the mid-afternoon train to Delhi. The journey back will give us an opportunity to review and reflect on an incredible adventure, packed with experiences and memories that will stay with us for ever. As the sun goes down, dinner is served on the train and we arrive back in Delhi shortly before 11 pm. From the railway station, we transfer (20 minutes) to a hotel near the airport for our final night in India.

**Day 10: Departure day. A single transfer to Delhi Airport is provided.**

We transfer to Delhi Airport after breakfast where KE Land Only package services end.
Extend Your Holiday

Extensions

When booking your holiday, you will be able to 'add an extension option'.

Once we have received your booking we will contact you to discuss additional services required for the extension and to take any additional deposit.

The Dalai Lama And Dharamsala

You will be picked up at your Delhi hotel and taken to the airport for the short flight to Dharamsala in the Indian Himalayan foothills state of Himachal Pradesh. Dharamsala is a former British Raj hill-station in the Dhauladhar mountain range and currently home to the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government in exile. Over the next 3 days you will be able to sample a flavour of life in Tibet and enjoy visits to the Dalai Lama’s temple complex, the Norbulingka Institute, Tibetan children’s village and visit a local Gaddi Tribal village to experience the life of the people who traditionally inhabit the lower reaches of the Dhaula Dhar. Your extension will end with a return flight to Delhi Airport.

| The Dalai Lama and Dharamsala | 4 days | From US$990 per person |

Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional English-speaking local leader
- Single timed Delhi airport transfers on the first and last day of the land only itinerary
- All land transport involved in the itinerary including train journeys
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- 2 games drives in Ranthambore
- Camel cart ride at Pushkar
- 1 rickshaw ride at Bharatpur
- Cookery demonstration at Jaipur
- Bollywood movie tickets
- Guided sightseeing tour of Delhi / Agra / Jaipur and Pushkar
- All park fees and entrance fees to all monuments
What's Not Included

- Travel insurance
- Delhi Airport transfers other than the single timed transfer
- Indian Visa
- Additional optional activities
- Tips for local staff
- Miscellaneous personal expenses

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

A single transfer from Delhi Airport to the group hotel is provided on the morning of Day 1 of the Land Only itinerary. This transfer is timed to meet passengers arriving late-morning on the Virgin Atlantic flight from London Heathrow Airport. On the last day of the Land Only itinerary, there will be a single transfer back to Delhi Airport timed for the check in of the return Virgin Atlantic flight to London, departing early afternoon.

If your flight schedules do not fit with these single timed airport transfers we can provide private transfers at an additional cost. Taxis are also readily available.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

All breakfasts and dinners are included in the holiday price. You can choose your own lunch and the guide will suggest a suitable establishment, or they will be taken at the hotel. The food in India is delicious and there will always be plenty of choice.

Food & Water

Part of the experience of a family holiday to India is the truly amazing food on offer. Most of us are familiar with Indian cuisine but the real thing can be quite different to the dishes we know from Indian restaurants. In all the places that we stay it will also be possible to order western-style dishes.

It is not recommended to drink untreated water from the taps. You should take purification tablets or a filter bottle (such as a Water-To-Go bottle) to treat your water. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot provide special diets. Due to the nature of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your diet with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.
Accommodation

In Delhi we have 2 nights in a centrally located hotel. In Agra, Bharatpur, Ranthambore, Jaipur and Pushkar we stay in hotels with swimming pools. All hotels are simple and chosen to be family friendly, well located and with reasonably facilities where possible.

Children of 11yrs and under will share with parents in a double with extra bed for a family of 3, or for a family of 4 have a double with 2 extra beds or 2 rooms. Children over 12 yrs will share with parents in a triple for a family of 3, or have 2 rooms for a family of 4. The extra beds in the rooms are usually mattresses on the floor with proper bedding - this is standard in India. We will do everything to ensure that you are happy with your rooming allocation.

Additional hotel nights are available pre and post the holiday. All hotels are subject to availability and prices may vary.

Group Leader & Support Staff

The group will be accompanied throughout the tour by a professional, English-speaking local tour leader. During the holiday the group will also have the services of English speaking local guides for the city tours and of expert naturalist guides for the safari tours.

Spending Money

We recommend the average family (mum, dad and 2 kids) will need approximately £400 for lunches, miscellaneous expenses, including tips to local staff, beer, soft drinks, etc. It is not necessary to purchase local currency (Indian Rupees) before you travel. We recommend taking your spending money in the form of cash. Sterling and US dollars are readily exchanged in Delhi or it is possible to withdraw your money from ATM's in all major towns and cities. Credit cards can be used to purchase some goods and are particularly useful for more expensive souvenirs.

Guidance On Tipping

For your tour guide we recommend that you give a tip if you feel that their services have met your satisfaction. As a rough guide we suggest a tip to your tour leader the equivalent of £10 - 15 per family member (with perhaps a little more for small groups of five or less). You may also wish to tip your driver(s) but we would suggest this should not be greater than half the amount you give to your tour guide. In hotels you should give a tip of around 20 - 50 rupees to hotel porters.

Additional Information

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are responsible for the conservation of many monuments in India (including the Taj Mahal). This organisation will occasionally undertake work to restore the various monuments, but often without notice, so it is difficult to forewarn our customers of this work. It is possible that, at any time, monuments on this holiday could be having work done on them.

Beat The Jet Lag

Our holidays are normally designed with minimal ‘down time’ at the start of the trip, but having a day or two at the beginning will have the additional benefit of allowing you time to get over the stress of a long journey or travelling across time zones, leaving you refreshed and ready for your holiday. We can easily arrange for you to have additional nights and airport transfers.
Free KE Gift

We would like to give you a free gift as a way to say thank you when you book your holiday. Choose from exclusive KE branded t-shirts, caps, neckwarmers, trek bags* and more. Alternatively you can choose to make a £10 donation to the Juniper Trust Charity. You can make your selection in your MyKE account after booking. You will need to select your free gift at least 6 weeks before you depart and all items will be posted out at 5 weeks prior to departure. For all late bookings, we will endeavour to send your FREE gift to you before you travel, however this cannot always be guaranteed. Please visit our Free KE Gifts page for more details of all our KE Branded goodies on offer.

* A trek bag is one of the free gift options available for this holiday. Delivery outside of the UK will be charged.

Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Luggage with wheels is useful for this holiday. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline.

Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status and so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

Recommended Outdoor Retailers

Many of the Equipment items listed above are available from Cotswold Outdoor - our 'Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive 15% discount voucher from Cotswold Outdoor and other retailers.

>> Find out more

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

General Information

Passport & Visas

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required for visits to countries outside the EU. The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. Please check the relevant embassy or consulate for other nationalities. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and
Visas for your holiday. Visa requirements and charges are subject to change without notice. If you are travelling outside the EU you should have at least 2 blank pages in your passport for each country that you visit.

Visa India

All nationalities require a visa. The visa fee for UK and US citizens is $100 and you need to apply for this online prior to departure at [https://indianvisainline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html](https://indianvisainline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html). Please download the detailed information document: [Visa PDF India](#).

Passport Copy

For this holiday we require a scanned copy of the main pages of your passport. Please email this to the office when your holiday is guaranteed to run.

Health & Vaccinations

Severe Allergies

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips. You will need to carry your own treatment for the allergy with you, as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' are not carried as standard by KE leaders and staff. You should inform your leader on arrival of your allergy, and let them know where you keep your adrenaline pen.

**VACCINATIONS**

You should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you require any specific vaccinations or other preventive measures. You should be up to date with routine courses and boosters as recommended in the UK e.g. diphtheria-tetanus-polio and measles-mumps-rubella, along with hepatitis A and typhoid. A good online resource is [Travel Health Pro](#).

Dengue Fever

Dengue fever is a known risk in places visited. It is a tropical viral disease spread by daytime biting mosquitoes. There is currently no vaccine or prophylaxis available and therefore the best form of prevention is to avoid being bitten. We recommend you [take precautions to avoid mosquito bites](#).

Zika Virus

Zika virus has been confirmed as active in this country. It is a tropical viral disease spread by daytime biting mosquitoes. There is currently no vaccine or prophylaxis available and therefore the best form of prevention is to avoid being bitten. We recommend you take the usual precautions to avoid mosquito bites. The mosquitoes that transmit Zika are unlikely to be found above 2,000m altitude. For more information, visit the website of the National Travel Network and Centre (NaTHNaC) at [https://travelhealthpro.org.uk](https://travelhealthpro.org.uk).

Currency

The currency of India is the Indian Rupee.

Electricity Supply & Plug

We recommend you check if you require an adaptor for your electrical items at:
Climate

The temperatures vary from an average of 10-20 degrees centigrade from November-March to 20-35 degrees centigrade in the summer months. Rainfall is highest in July, August and September when the monsoon rains comes. These rains usually last for a couple of hours and then the rest of the day the weather is drier.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign & Commonwealth Offices’ ‘Travel Aware’ campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The ‘Travel Aware’ website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that prior to travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: www.travel.state.gov for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates direct from the FCO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use. We have pledged to AITO's Project Protect that 70% of our agents stop using single use plastic bottles.

Flight Information

Flight Inclusive Or Land Only?

On our website we display a UK Flight inclusive package price and Land only package price for the majority of our holidays.

Flight Inclusive Notes

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London (Heathrow) to Delhi with Virgin. Outbound flights will depart the UK in the evening, arriving in the morning of the following day (day 1 of the itinerary). Return flights will depart Delhi airport in the early afternoon of the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK later the same day. Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

Please be aware that there are often only a limited number of seats available at the advertised price. To avoid paying flight supplements, we recommend that you book as early as possible, especially during peak times. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures, we will contact you with an alternative quote. Please note that you may be asked to pay for your flights in advance of your final holiday balance. Note that if you book a package including flights with KE you will benefit from full financial protection.
Land Only Notes

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for the itinerary joining in Delhi. For clients making their own flight arrangements, Delhi airport is the most convenient for transfers to the group hotel. Please refer to the 'Joining arrangements & transfers' for further details.

Flights SHOULD NOT be booked until you have received your booking confirmation and the departure is showing 'Guaranteed to Run' or 'Limited'.

Why Choose KE Adventure Travel?

Operating since 1984, KE Adventure Travel has some of the most experienced staff in the business, with the proven ability to set up and operate a worldwide programme of adventures. Everyone has adventure travel at heart and joins at least one trip a year. It is this depth of experience that makes KE stand out from other adventure travel operators. When you contact KE, by phone or e-mail, or visit our office, you will find the help and advice you need, from someone who has actually done the trip and can give you the benefit of their first-hand experience.

KE can guarantee the very best in trip support, excellent food, a good standard of hotel and other accommodation, plus the back up of one of the most respected companies in the business. Client satisfaction is at the top of our agenda and almost 50% of our bookings each year come from repeat business. If you are looking for adventure then look no further than KE.

Group Tour Leaders

All of our holidays are accompanied by an experienced leader, some of whom have worked with KE groups for many years. Many are professional guides and instructors with an unrivalled knowledge of the areas in which they work. In many parts of the world, we recruit local guides with appropriate training and experience. In addition to having the technical skills to ensure your safety, KE expects its leaders to be active members of the group. A leader should be fun to travel with and ready to share with you their enthusiasm for adventure travel and their knowledge of the area. Alongside the group leader, there will be a local support crew, which could be just a driver, or a complete team of guides, drivers, porters, mule-herders and cooks. The hard work of our support crews, along with the fascinating insight they can offer into their local culture, is integral to providing you with the very best adventure travel experience.

Sustainable Tourism

Since we ran our first trip in 1984, we have been committed keeping the world's most beautiful places pristine by minimising our environmental impact. Recognising the fragility of the world's wilderness environments, we keep our groups small and operate according to a 'Mountain Code', which is provided to all groups, trek leaders, agents and staff. We make sure that our local staff are well treated and well paid, we respect indigenous cultures, take care to protect the environment of the places we visit and take every opportunity to make a positive contribution wherever we travel. Our philosophy of 'leaving nothing but footprints' has been integral to KE's approach right from the start over 30 years ago. In recognition of our efforts we are proud to have achieved the highest award of 5 Stars for Sustainable Tourism by AITO.

We continue to travel responsibly, and more information on our policy, practice, and specific projects can be found at www.keadventure.com, and on the website of our partner charity the Juniper Trust: www.junipertrust.co.uk KE's Mountain Code is issued to our staff, trek leaders and overseas agents, and we recommend it to our clients, too!
Booking Your Holiday

The easiest way to make your booking is online. You will need to pay a deposit at the time of booking. This is normally £200 but for some holidays with special permit fees or internal flights, this may be more. The amount of deposit required for an individual holiday is given on the dates and prices page of the holiday. Late bookings will require full payment. We cannot confirm any booking until we receive your fully completed booking form.

Adventure Travel Insurance

It is a condition of joining any of our trips that you are insured against medical and personal accident risks (to include repatriation costs, air ambulance and helicopter rescue services). We also strongly recommend that you take out holiday cancellation insurance, as all deposits paid are non-refundable. Please ensure that your insurer is aware of your KE Adventure itinerary and can agree to cover the activities being undertaken. You will then need to advise us of your policy details and complete an Insurance Declaration Form.

CAMPBELL IRVINE DIRECT travel insurance is available to EU residents and will cover the majority of KE Adventure holidays. It has been designed to provide cover for activities normally excluded by other insurers such as trekking, mountain biking and climbing. Please note that certain activities may attract a higher premium. In addition ‘Campbell Irvine Direct’ cannot provide cover for KE climbing trips above 6000m. Cover for these can be obtained through either the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) or Snowcard.

TRAVELEX is a USA based insurer offering travel insurance, which can be used by US citizens and US residents only. KE recommends the "Travelex Select" package for our holidays. If your holiday involves using mountaineering equipment (ropes, harness or crampons), for climbing or glacial travel, you should consider the "Adventure Plus Pak" optional upgrade on the Travelex Select Plan. Please refer to the 'Description of Coverage' for a summary of the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of the applicable Protection Plan. This policy will also cover KE climbing trips above 6000m.

We hope that this trip notes has answered most of your questions. Please feel free to contact us and speak to one of our experts.
Equipment List

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the ‘baggage allowance’ section for further details.

You Should Bring The Following Items:

• Strong shoes or walking boots
• Socks
• Underwear
• Lightweight trousers
• Shirts (at least one long-sleeved with collar) and T-shirts
• Jacket
• Sunhat
• Sunglasses
• Daypack 20 - 25 litres
• Headtorch and spare batteries
• Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
• Water bottles 1 litre (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
• Water purification tablets
• Washbag and toiletries
• Antibacterial handwash
• Basic First Aid Kit including pin-killers, plasters, blister treatment, insect repellent and re-hydration salts.

The Following Items Are Optional:

• Pen-knife (remember to pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
• Repair kit – (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
• Camera
• Travel clothes
• Swimming costume

Please note: This document was downloaded on 26 Jun 2019, and the trip is subject to change.