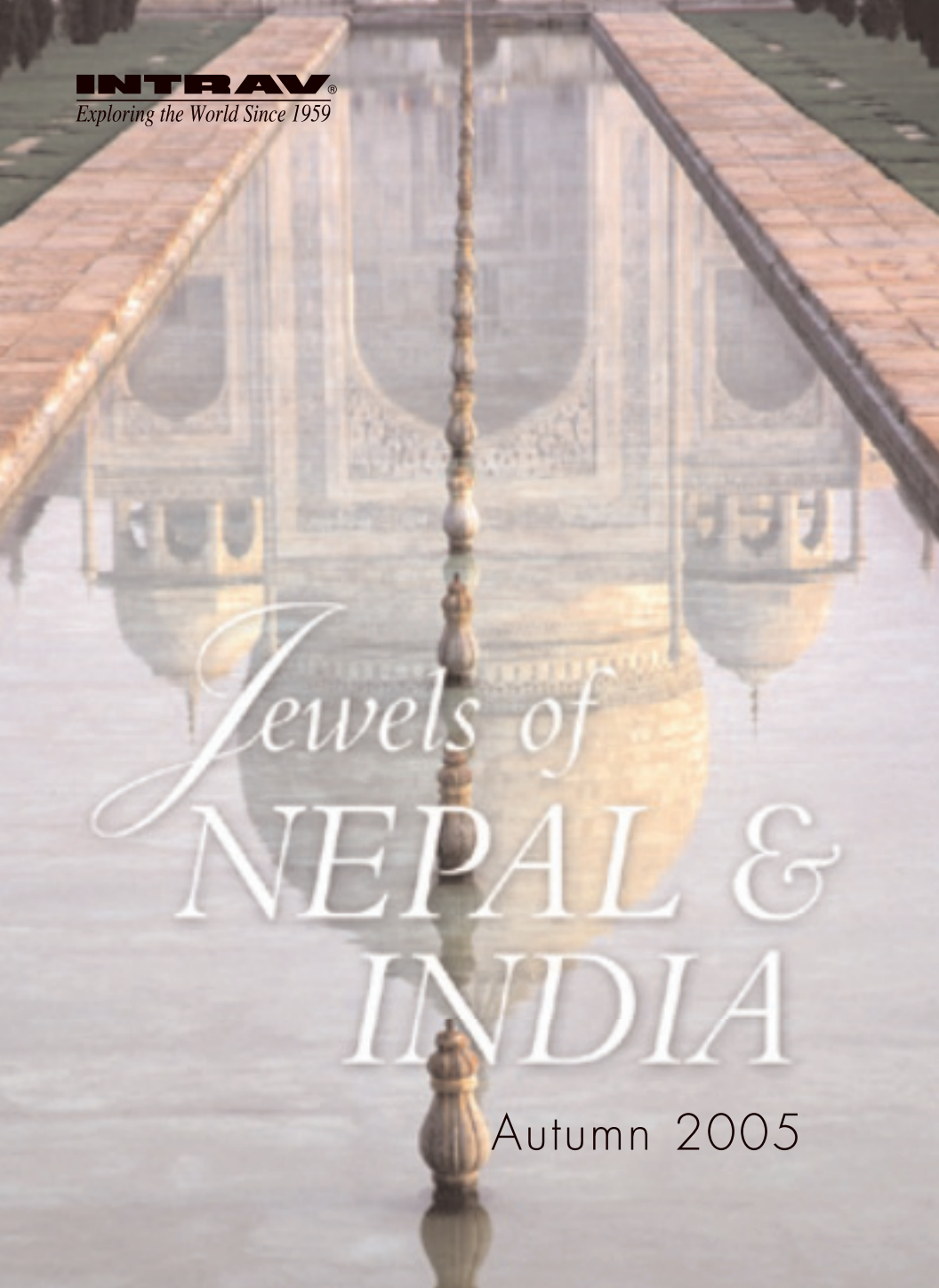


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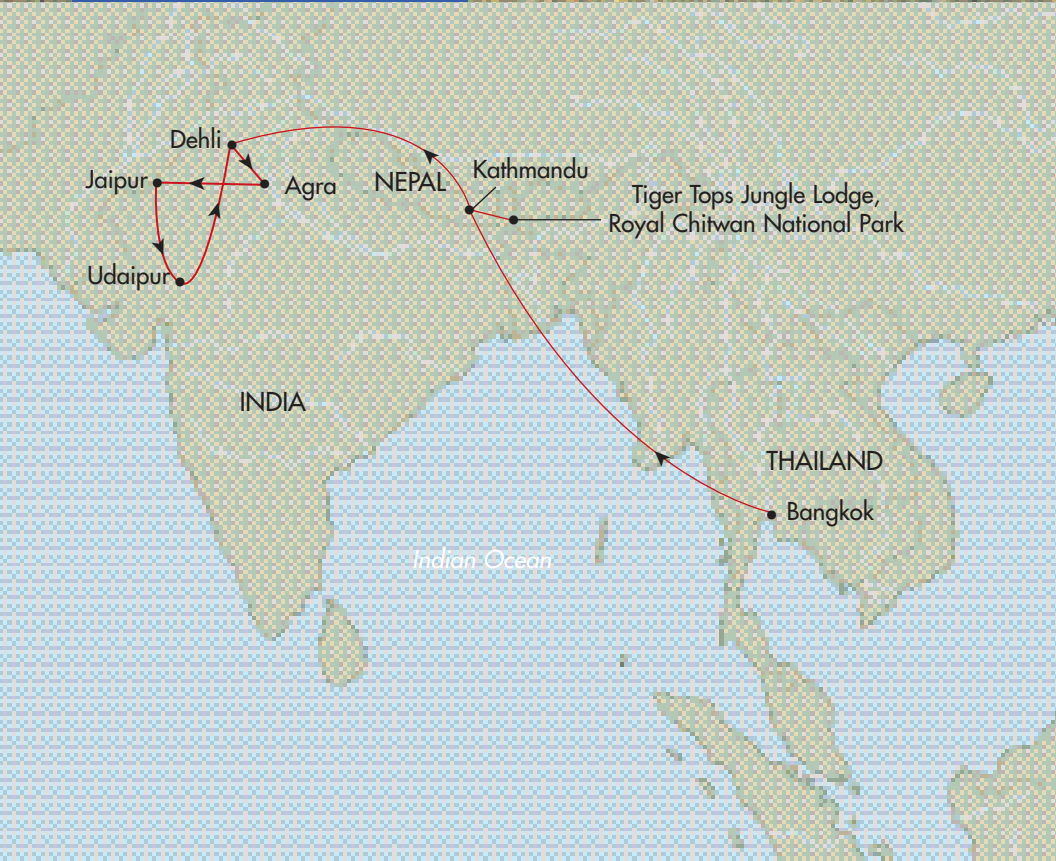
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Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, Royal Chitwan National Park, Nepal





Discover the splendors of this subcontinent, rich in history, culture, and natural beauty, as you experience some of the most revered and venerable places on the planet. In Nepal, explore Kathmandu's Durbar Marg, thrill to the awesome sight of the Himalayas, and visit the medieval city of Bhaktapur. Search for the elusive Bengal tiger on elephant-back safaris in renowned Royal Chitwan National Park. A stay in Delhi includes tours of the massive Red Fort; enormous Jama Masjid Mosque; and Raj Ghat, the site of Gandhi's cremation.

No trip to this region of the world would be complete without a visit to the Taj Mahal, the famous Mughal monument to love. In Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan, explore the landmarks of the city's royalty — the Palace of Winds, Royal Observatory, and City Palace Museum. You'll also discover one of the most romantic cities in the world — Udaipur, with exotic fairy-tale palaces, including the City Palace, representing the very definition of Rajput whimsy.

Throughout this fascinating journey, enjoy stays in some of the region's most incredible properties, including Hotel Yak and Yeti in Kathmandu; Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, set in the heart of one of Asia's most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries; Oberoi Amarvilas, where every room has a private view of the Taj Mahal; Oberoi Rajvilas, an elegant oasis of comfort and luxury set in thirty acres of landscaped gardens; and Oberoi Udaivilas, a palatial refuge that reflects like a precious jewel in the waters of Lake Pichola.



Delhi's Jama Masjid Mosque

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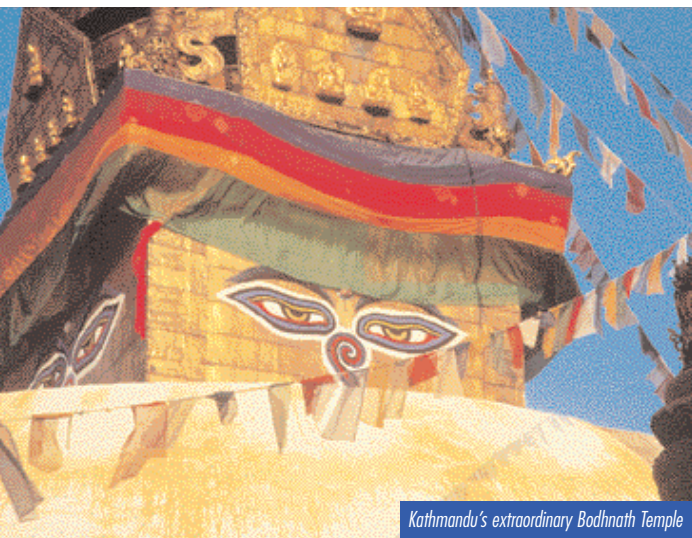
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

1-2	Depart the U.S.A./ Cross the International Date Line
3	Bangkok, Thailand
4	Kathmandu, Nepal
5	Kathmandu/Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, Royal Chitwan National Park, Nepal
6	Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge/ Kathmandu
7	Kathmandu (for Bhaktapur)
8	Kathmandu/Delhi, India
9-10	Agra, India
11	Agra/Jaipur, India
12	Jaipur
13	Udaipur, India
14	Udaipur (for Ranakpur)
15	Udaipur/Delhi (day room)/ Depart for the U.S.A.
16	Arrive in the U.S.A.

Jewels of Nepal & India

DAYS 1–2 Depart the U.S.A./Cross the International Date Line

DAY 3 **Bangkok, Thailand** Arrive in Bangkok today and transfer to your room at the Amari Airport Hotel to rest and relax after your long flight.



Kathmandu's extraordinary Bodhi Tree

DAY 4 **Kathmandu, Nepal** Around midday today, arrive in Kathmandu, which lies nestled among the foothills of the Himalayas, and transfer to the Hotel Yak and Yeti in the heart of the city. Join a walking tour of Durbar Marg — the heart of the city, which is lined with medieval public buildings and palaces, and the temple residence of Kumari. At the temple, you may catch a glimpse of the elusive Young Living Goddess, who lives here under the watchful eyes of her attendants.

DAY 5 **Kathmandu/Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge, Royal Chitwan National Park, Nepal** Weather permitting, thrill to the awesome sight of the Himalayas during an early-morning flightseeing excursion. At midday, fly to Meghauly airstrip for a short transfer to Royal Chitwan National Park and its

renowned Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge. During your stay here, you'll retain your hotel room in Kathmandu, so you will not be unduly burdened by luggage.

After a short briefing by the local staff, join your first elephant-back safari in Royal Chitwan. From your perch on the elephant's back, sway through the jungle grasses in search of the elusive and rare royal Bengal tigers, greater one-horned rhinoceros, leopards, deer, wild boars, and sloth bears.

Tonight, enjoy a national-park slide show followed by a typical Nepalese dinner at the lodge. Built on stilts among the treetops, Tiger Tops is one of the world's most extraordinary lodges.

DAY 6 **Tiger Tops Jungle Lodge/Kathmandu** Enjoy again the rare experience of an elephant safari, or join a guided

walk. Then visit the trainers' camp to witness the special relationship these *mahouts* have with their animals. After lunch at the lodge, return to Kathmandu and your room at the Hotel Yak and Yeti. An afternoon shopping excursion explores Thamel, a Bohemian part of town where a wide variety of handicrafts and jewelry is available for purchase.



Buddhist temples are famous for their prayer wheels.

This evening, enjoy a special dinner and Nepalese entertainment at a local restaurant.

DAY 7 Kathmandu (for Bhaktapur) During your last full day in Kathmandu, enjoy a tour of the medieval city Bhaktapur. Its architecture, dating largely from the 17th century, creates an aura of timelessness heightened by the city's sinuous maze of narrow alleys overhung with balconies. Pass through the famous Golden Gate on a tour of Durbar Square that includes visits to Nyatapola Temple and the famous 55 Window Palace.

Travel into the countryside for a barbecue lunch at beautiful Dhulikhel Mountain Resort, located 5,500 feet above sea level and affording spectacular views of the Himalayan mountain range (weather permitting). Return to Kathmandu for a relaxed evening at leisure.

DAY 8 Kathmandu/Delhi, India This morning, join an excursion to one of Kathmandu's more important Buddhist shrines, Bodhnath Stupa. The roof of Bodhnath features the symbol of Nepal — the eyes of the all-seeing Buddha, which keep watch over the colorful valley.

Later this afternoon, fly to India's Delhi. A tour of Old and New Delhi includes views of the Red Fort, an irregular octagonal monument about 1.5 miles in circumference; Humayun's Tomb; the Qutab Minar; Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques; and Raj Ghat, the site of Gandhi's cremation. After the tour, check in at Oberoi New Delhi hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure.

DAY 9 Agra, India Early this morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Agra, where you'll stay at the magnificent Oberoi Amarvilas in rooms with unobstructed views of the Taj Mahal. Enjoy a walking tour of Agra Fort, a massive red-sandstone stronghold on the banks of the Yamuna River. Visit this city within a city and its various halls, monuments, and

palaces. Set just north of the fort is the exquisite tomb of I'timad-ud-daulah, an enchanting monument with fine marble latticework rivaling that of the Taj Mahal. Following the tour, lunch awaits you at the hotel. The afternoon and evening are at leisure.

DAY 10 Agra If a building can represent a country, then the Taj Mahal is the architectural embodiment of India. It took 20 years and 20,000 workers to complete this wonder of the world. This morning, take part in a guided tour of the Taj complex.

Your afternoon will be at leisure. After an optional sunset visit to the Taj Mahal, enjoy dinner at Amarvilas.



Raj Ghat Park contains the memorials to Mahatma and Indira Gandhi. Both were cremated at the site of the memorial.

DAY 11 Agra/Jaipur, India On your terrace this morning, watch the rising sun's rays dance upon the Taj Mahal before continuing to Fatehpur Sikri for a tour of this magnificent "ghost city." The capital of the Mughal Empire during the reign of Emperor Akbar, Fatehpur Sikri was deserted in 1585 for reasons that remain unclear. One of the most remarkable sites in India, the city is a place where Islamic architecture fuses with Hindu and Jain decorative art.

After lunch at Laxmivilas Palace, continue to Jaipur and your room at the elegant Oberoi Rajvilas for an evening at leisure.



Jaipur's stunning Amber Palace took nearly two centuries to complete.

DAY 12 Jaipur Seven miles from Jaipur, past fortified hill peaks and cliffs spilling wild bougainvillea, is the magnificent palace-fortress of Amber. Former capital of the extensive Jaipur state, its stern exterior of ramparts and terraces belies the richness and opulence of its jeweled interior. You will explore its lavish apartments and elaborately carved arabesques inlaid with precious jewels on a morning tour. This afternoon, another included excursion visits Jaipur's City Palace and Observatory.

The evening is yours to explore Jaipur at your own pace.

DAY 13 Udaipur, India Early this morning, transfer to the airport for the flight to Udaipur, where you'll be staying at the luxurious Oberoi Udaivilas. After a morning and lunch at leisure, board local watercraft for a cruise on scenic Lake Pichola and afternoon tea in the Crystal Gallery of Shiv Niwas Palace — housing the Maharani's personal collection of crystal in the former guesthouse for the Mewar royalty. The evening is at leisure.

DAY 14 Udaipur (for Ranakpur) Today you travel northeast of Udaipur into a shaded valley of the Aravalli range that is home to the Jain temples of Ranakpur. Constructed in the mid-15th century, Ranakpur is one of India's largest and most important Jain temple complexes. Among its many incredible structures, Ranakpur's main temple, Chaumukha, is a well-preserved marble building with 29 halls supported by 1,444 columns, each unique to one another.

Return to Udaipur; lunch and the afternoon are free for independent exploration. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at the hotel.

DAY 15 Udaipur/Delhi/Depart for the U.S.A After a brief morning tour of Udaipur, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Delhi, where day rooms have been reserved at the Trident Hilton Gurgaon Hotel. Return flights to the United States depart later this evening.

DAY 16 Arrive in the U.S.A.

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Oberoi Amarvilas in Agra



Oberoi Udaivilas in Udaipur

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