On a Culinary Trail

with

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GET A TASTE OF INCREDIBLE INDIA!

A gastronomical melting pot bubbling with distinct historical and regional influences, India is the land of big hearts, bigger bellies and a mighty culinary heritage. Go on a flavourful journey with Chef Ranjan Dey, across 8 delectable cities, teeming with cultural wonders and delicious secrets. Being an expert guide and a passionate supporter of Indian cuisines, Ranjan will elaborate on food practices, mythological influences and unique traditions that make India what it is. Learn how to make popular dishes, meet with the locals and connect over your love for food. What’s more, you get to stay at amazing experiential boutique hotels!

Prepare yourselves for an unforgettable treat with this specially curated 15-day package that takes you across the heartland. Indulge in the flavours of the North—bite into scrumptious street food at Chandni Chowk, taste exquisite ‘Petha’, the GI-tagged delicacy of Agra and dine like a royal with a royal in Jaipur! You will also witness a magnificent light & sound show at Red Fort in Delhi, tour the Taj Mahal and visit the Amer Fort. Tread down South and you’ll notice a shift in the flavor profile owing to the Portuguese influence. Savor tantalizing curries in Kochi & Kumarakom, sip on chai at the floating tea shop and witness a Kathakali dance performance. Have fun along the coasts of Goa and Mumbai, sampling the local delicacies. And, when in India, how can you miss the revered Ganga Aarti on the Ghats of Varanasi! Much more awaits you on this exciting expedition!
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Sound & Light Show at Red Fort
- Projection-Mapping Show at Red Fort Centre
- Spice & Street Food Tour at Chandni Chowk
- Curated Rampuri Cuisine Dinner
- Mughlai and Brij Cuisine Lunch in Agra
- Petha Tasting in Agra
- Agra City Tour: Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri
- Royal Dining Experience in Jaipur
- Walking Tour of Kochi
- Kathakali Dance Performance
- Vembanad Lake Boat Tour
- Gastronomical Experience in Mumbai
- Ganga Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat, Varanasi
BUFFET OF WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES

DAY 1
ARRIVAL IN DELH
The capital city- wonderfully chaotic, Delhi is replete with heritage! From the many monuments and lively quarters to the flea markets and impressive street food, the city is sure to win your heart.

• Arrive at IGI Airport, New Delhi and meet our representative.
• Enjoy a comfortable transfer to your hotel, check-in and relax.
• Head out on an orientation tour of New Delhi.
• Witness iconic Connaught Place, India Gate & Qutub Minar.
• Visit the Red Fort in the evening.
• Witness India’s historical feats through a magnificent Light & Sound Show at Red Fort.
• Watch Matrubhumi- a projection mapping show highlighting India’s rich diversity in art, music and food.
• End the day with a delectable dinner at Café Delhi Heights.

Stay at Oberoi Maidens

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
DAY 2  DELHI

- Savor a hearty breakfast at your hotel.
- Explore the streets of Chandni Chowk as a part of the spice & street food tour.
- Taste the local delicacies and understand the nuances of the dishes.
- Feast on a curated dinner of Rampuri Cuisine prepared by a celebrity chef.
- Head back to your hotel and get a good night’s sleep.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Experience to Savor: Rampuri Cuisine Dinner with a Celebrity Chef

DAY 3  AGRA

Home to the seventh wonder of the world, Agra holds magic beyond the Taj Mahal. As an erstwhile Mughal empire, the city teems with vibrant crafts, historic forts, mausoleums and more.

- After breakfast, check-out from your hotel and leave for Agra by luxury coach.
- Visit a local sweet shop in Agra and witness the process of making ‘Petha’.
- Tour the spectacular Taj Mahal in the afternoon.
- End the day with a delightful fusion dinner of Mughlai, Satvik and Brij cuisine prepared by a home chef.

Stay at Taj View
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Experience to Savor: Gastronomical Treat of Fusion Dinner by a Home Chef
DAY 4

JAIPUR

The land of royalty, Jaipur is a burst of colors and culture. From the grand havelis to the buzzing bazaars, the city boasts an opulent legacy of vibrant traditions.

- Treat yourself to a yummy breakfast at your hotel and check-out.
- Visit the Agra Fort and then leave for Jaipur by luxury coach.
- Stop by Fatehpuri Sikri en route.
- Reach your hotel in Jaipur, check-in and relax.

Stay at Castle Kanota
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 5

JAIPUR

- After breakfast, enjoy a tour of the Amer Fort followed by a visit to an elephant farm.
- Go for a food walk along the bustling lanes of Jaipur.
- Explore the pretty Hawa Mahal and City Palace.
- Visit the Kanota Museum, home to 44 volumes of preserved recipes dating back to the 1800s.
- Dig into an exquisite spread prepared by members of the royal family!

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Experience to Savor: A Royal Feast with the Royal Family
DAY 6

KOCHI

A coastal city that is one of India’s largest ports, Kochi is an eclectic mix of Dutch, Portuguese and British influences. From the colorful art scene to the ancient monuments, it has a lot to offer.

- Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, check-out & head to the airport for your flight to Kochi.
- Reach Cochin International Airport & meet our representative who shall assist you with hotel transfers.
- Check-in at your colonial-style boutique hotel at Fort Kochi and relax.

Stay at Eighth Bastion

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 7

KOCHI

- Explore the best of Kochi on a guided walking tour.
- Spot quirky cafes, European-style bungalows and churches on your route.
- Learn about the role of the Kochi Royal Family in the development and progress of the city.
- Explore the Hill Palace and residential quarters.
- Witness a mesmerising Kathakali Dance performance in the evening.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Experience to Savor: High Tea with the Royal Family
DAY 8

KUMARAKOM
The southern city that's all about unwinding, Kumarakom is a quaint spot on the map of India. Surrounded by the sparkling Vembanad Lake, it is a popular backwater destination where worries simply float away!

- After breakfast, leave for Kumarakom by luxury coach.
- Check-in at CGH Earth Hotel, a unique property with traditional Tharavad-style cottages.
- Soak up the serene vibe of the place, relax by the lake or meet rare Vechoor cows within the resort.
- Savor a cup of tea at the floating tea shop and enjoy a chat with the lady who runs the place.
- Hop onto a traditional wooden boat for a tour of Vembanad Lake.
- Witness a magical sunset on the backwaters as a flute artist plays soothing tunes on board.
- Return to your hotel and rest.
- Wrap up the day with a delicious dinner at Coconut Lagoon.

Stay at Coconut Lagoon
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 9

GOA
The party capital of the country, Goa is the place to have fun at the beach! The mouthwatering food, exciting nightlife and distinct architectural landmarks give the city its unique flavor
• Wake up to a peaceful morning at your resort in Kumarakom.
• Have breakfast and then set out on a country boat to witness village life up-close.
• Spot villagers engaged in pottery, coir-making, toddy-tapping and fishing.
• You can try your hand at any one of the above-mentioned activities.
• Head to Cochin International Airport for your flight to Goa.
• Arrive at Mopa Airport and enjoy comfortable transfers to your beach resort.
• Check-in and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Stay at Fort Tiraco
Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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DAY 10 GOA

• Spend the morning at your leisure.
• Head out in the afternoon to visit Fort Aguada.
• Explore Panjim City on a walking tour.
• Enjoy an evening yacht ride across the Mandovi & Zuari Rivers.
• End the day on a delicious note with a curated fusion dinner led by a renowned chef.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Experience to Savor: Dinner with a Leading Celebrity Chef
DAY 11

MUMBAI

A mighty metropolis that sits on the Arabian Sea, Mumbai is the economic powerhouse of India. Being the home of Bollywood, top industrialists and a sea of dreamers wanting to make it big, the rush experienced here is something else!

- Enjoy the morning at leisure.
- Check-out from your hotel at noon and leave for Dabolim airport.
- Board your flight to Mumbai.
- Arrive in Mumbai and enjoy comfortable transfers to your hotel.
- Check-in and relax for the rest of the day.

Stay at Fariyas Hotel

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 12

MUMBAI

- Grab a yummy breakfast and get set for a full-day city tour!
- Explore the Gateway of India, Crawford Market, Elephanta Caves, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus & Bandra-Worli Sea Link.
- Treat yourself to a fine gastronomical experience with a celebrity chef of progressive Indian cuisine.
- Get an insight into the Ayurvedic principles that are applied to balance the dishes.
- Return to your hotel and rest.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Experience to Savor: Curated Dinner of Progressive Indian Cuisine with a Celebrity Chef
DAY 13

VARANASI

One of the world’s oldest inhabited cities, Varanasi is the spiritual centre of India. Here devotees flock to liberate themselves of their sins, celebrate new beginnings or bid goodbye to their loved ones as they cross the final journey of life.

- After breakfast, check-out from your hotel in Mumbai and leave for the airport.
- Board your flight to Varanasi.
- Arrive in Varanasi after which you will be transferred to your hotel.
- Check-in and relax.
- Head out in the afternoon to Dashashwamedh Ghat, one of the holiest Ghats in the city.
- Enjoy a boat ride on the Ganges at sunset.
- Attend the sacred Ganga Aarti and call it a day.

Stay at Palace On Ganges

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 14

VARANASI

- Indulge in a delicious breakfast at your hotel.
- Visit Sarnath, the place where Buddha gave his first sermon after attaining enlightenment.
- Enjoy high tea overlooking the Ganges, in the company of a celebrity author who will enlighten you with interesting facts.
- Chat with the author about food and culture as you relish local snacks.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Experience to Savor: High Tea with a Celebrity Food Author
DAY 15 DEPARTURE FROM DELHI

- Pack your bags, enjoy breakfast at your hotel and check-out.
- Head to the Varanasi Airport for your flight back to New Delhi.
- Reach IGI Airport where your luggage shall be transferred.
- Leave for ITC Maurya and enjoy a grand lunch at the iconic Bukhara Restaurant.
- Relax at a hotel near the airport until flight departure.
- Head to IGI Airport and bid goodbye to India with a happy heart and a satiated tummy!

- Half-Day Stay at a Hotel near the Airport
- Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

15-day Culinary Cultural Travel Adventure
With Chef Ranjan Dey

"One word "INCREDIBLE!" I wish there was a Curry Trail trip with Ranjan in every part of the world. Your eyes will take in more in 30 seconds than your brain will in a year. This was a once-in-a-lifetime trip that forever changed my mind and soul. I lived a lifetime in a fifteen day trip! Namaste!"
We can’t wait to take you on a flavourful Journey across India, GARNISHED WITH HISTORY & HERITAGE!