



YERUSHA

JOURNEYS THAT CONNECT GENERATIONS

Discovering the Jewish Heritage of India

13-DAY SAMPLE ITINERARY

A journey through community, culture, memory and connection

A Journey Through Jewish India

From Mumbai's Bene Israel and Baghdadi Jewish stories to the centuries-old Jewish heritage of Kerala, this sample journey is designed to reveal a side of India few travelers ever encounter. Along the way, iconic landmarks, local cuisine, living communities, meaningful encounters and moments of reflection come together in a journey that connects past and present.

SAMPLE JOURNEY

Mumbai • Kochi • New Delhi • Agra

DAY 1 | THURSDAY

Welcome to India

Arrive in Mumbai, India's bustling financial and cultural capital.

After a warm Yerusha welcome and VIP assistance at the airport, transfer to your hotel to relax after your international flight.

OVERNIGHT | Mumbai

DAY 2 | FRIDAY

Bene Israel Jews

Today begins your exploration of India's Jewish communities with the story of the Bene Israel, one of the world's oldest Jewish communities outside the Land of Israel.

Begin with a trip introduction at the hotel exploring India's diverse Jewish heritage, the different communities that flourished here, and the journey ahead.

Visit historic Bene Israel synagogues and learn how this remarkable community preserved Jewish traditions for centuries while becoming deeply connected to Marathi culture and life in Maharashtra. Meet with locals from the community, pending confirmation.

In the evening, celebrate Shabbat with the local Jewish community at Chabad Mumbai.

OVERNIGHT | Mumbai

DAY 3 | SATURDAY

Baghdadi Jews

Enjoy a relaxed morning at the hotel. Optional morning walk along Mumbai Harbour and the Gateway of India.

After lunch, discover the legacy of Mumbai's Baghdadi Jewish community, whose merchants helped shape the city's cultural and economic landscape.

Explore landmarks connected to the Sassoon family, including the David Sassoon Library, and visit Magen David Synagogue, one of Mumbai's most significant Jewish landmarks.

Visit the Jewish youth movement in Mumbai and meet local young people. Hear firsthand about Jewish life in India today, the community's history, and the importance of preserving its heritage for future generations.

OVERNIGHT | Mumbai

DAY 4 | SUNDAY

Community, Connection & Giving Back

Spend the day connecting with Mumbai's Jewish community beyond its history.

Visit the local Jewish old age home, where residents share stories that span generations of Jewish life in India.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant featuring Maharashtrian cuisine.

Visit the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai's premier museum, housing an impressive collection of Indian art, archaeology, and history. Continue with a guided walk through the surrounding Kala Ghoda and Fort neighborhoods.

Conclude the day with a Bollywood experience, exploring the world of India's legendary film industry and the stories of Jewish-Indian actors, producers, and artists who helped shape its history.

OVERNIGHT | Mumbai

DAY 5 | MONDAY

From Mumbai to Kerala's Spice Coast

Fly from Mumbai to Kerala, India's lush southern state known for its waterways, spices, and centuries of cultural exchange.

Spend the afternoon exploring Fort Kochi's charming colonial streets, where Portuguese, Dutch, Indian, Jewish, and Arab influences meet.

Walk along the waterfront and experience the iconic Chinese Fishing Nets at sunset.

Participate in a traditional Kerala cooking experience in a local home.

OVERNIGHT | Kochi

DAY 6 | TUESDAY

The Story of Cochin Jewry

Today discover the remarkable story of the Cochin Jews, a community whose history is woven into Kerala's multicultural past.

Explore Jew Town and the historic Paradesi Synagogue with a knowledgeable local guide who will share stories of Jewish life, trade, migration, and memory.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Walk through the former Jewish quarter, exploring spice markets, heritage buildings, and family businesses that preserve the neighborhood's unique history.

Meet a local historian or community member and hear personal stories about Jewish identity and heritage in modern Kerala [pending confirmation].

Experience a captivating Kathakali dance performance, Kerala's iconic classical dance-drama.

OVERNIGHT | Kochi

DAY 7 | WEDNESDAY

Kerala's Culture of Coexistence

Experience Kerala beyond its landscapes and discover its long tradition of religious and cultural diversity.

Enjoy a peaceful morning cruise through the Kerala backwaters, observing village life along the waterways. Lunch included.

Continue to the historic Muziris Heritage Region and Chendamangalam, where Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, and Christian communities have lived side by side for generations.

Visit the area's historic sites and reflect on how trade, migration, and cultural exchange shaped Kerala into one of India's most diverse regions.

OVERNIGHT | Kochi

DAY 8 | THURSDAY

From Kerala to the Heart of India

Morning flight to New Delhi.

Discover the grand avenues of Lutyens' Delhi, including India Gate, Rashtrapati Bhavan (President's House), and the historic government district.

Enjoy a welcome dinner celebrating the rich flavors of North India.

OVERNIGHT | New Delhi

DAY 9 | FRIDAY

Jewish Delhi & Shabbat

Discover the Jewish story of India's capital and the community that has called Delhi home.

Visit Judah Hyam Synagogue and learn about the Jewish community that once flourished in Delhi, as well as the small but active community that continues to preserve Jewish life today.

Afternoon art workshop or artisan demonstration at the National Crafts Museum.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to prepare for Shabbat.

Gather for a special Shabbat dinner at the hotel, celebrating together and reflecting on the journey so far.

OVERNIGHT | New Delhi

DAY 10 | SATURDAY

Reflection & Modern India

Enjoy a relaxed morning at the hotel.

Meet with a local leader working to strengthen India-Israel relations and explore the evolving partnership between the two countries.

Lunch at the hotel.

Choose from a street mural tour in the Lodhi Art District, a visit to Gandhi Smriti to learn about Gandhi's legacy, or a meeting with an Indian entrepreneur.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

OVERNIGHT | New Delhi

DAY 11 | SUNDAY

Agra & the Timeless Beauty of the Taj Mahal

Travel to Agra, home to one of the world's most celebrated architectural masterpieces.

Visit Agra Fort and discover the fascinating history of the Mughal Empire and the architectural legacy that shaped northern India.

As the day draws to a close, experience the breathtaking beauty of the Taj Mahal at sunset.

Welcome the evening with a peaceful yoga and meditation session overlooking the Taj Mahal, offering a moment for reflection at one of the world's most inspiring landmarks.

Dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT | Agra

DAY 12 | MONDAY

Sunrise at the Taj Mahal & Return to Delhi

Begin the day with an optional sunrise visit to the Taj Mahal, experiencing its beauty in the soft morning light.

Return to the hotel for breakfast before checking out.

On the journey back to Delhi, visit local artisans and enjoy lunch featuring regional cuisine.

Arrive in Delhi and check into your hotel.

Enjoy a relaxed evening at leisure.

OVERNIGHT | New Delhi

DAY 13 | TUESDAY

Reflection & Departure

Enjoy a leisurely morning with time to relax, pack, or explore Delhi one last time.

Optional free time at Dilli Haat. Other possibilities include a private Indian tea experience.

Spend the afternoon exploring Lodhi Gardens, one of Delhi's most beautiful green spaces, where centuries-old monuments blend seamlessly with everyday life in modern India. Continue to Humayun's Tomb, the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Site that inspired the design of the Taj Mahal and stands as one of the finest examples of Mughal architecture.

Gather for a closing reflection over dinner, sharing the experiences, connections, and discoveries that made this journey so meaningful.

Transfer to Delhi International Airport for your overnight flight home.

Carry the stories forward.

Leave with more than photographs - carry stories of resilience, coexistence, heritage and connection that span continents and generations.