

India's Top 12

1. Varanasi

Sunset on the River Ganges as candles float by

2. Taj Mahal - Agra

Sunrise at the Taj Mahal - beat the crowds and the light is beautiful

3. Chhatra Sagar

Tented accommodation on a dam overlooking a lake in rural Rajasthan

4. Kerala backwaters

...on your private houseboat

5. Tranquil

Small home-stay/hotel on a beautiful coffee plantation in northern Kerala

6. Golden Temple - Amritsar

Soaking up the atmosphere at sunset with the worshippers

Tigers - Kanha and Bandhavgarh

Excellent national parks, beautiful vegetation and the best chance to spot a tiger in India

8. Hampi

Historic deserted town in rural Karnataka - famous for being the centre of the Vijayanagara Empire, its architecture and UNESCO World Heritage Site status

9. Ahilya Fort

Beautiful 18th century fort/hotel in the small holy town of Maheshwar in central India

10. Udaipur

City palaces and sunset boating on the lake

11. Jaisalmer

The archetypal Rajasthani fort city - known for its beautifully carved havelis (private residences)

12. Indian Himalayas

Spring

- Kaimati Sangam - an excellent base for village walks
- Darjeeling and Sikkim - north east India - when the spring flowers and rhododendrons are blooming

Summer

- Ladakh and the high Himalayas - spectacular mountain scenery and distinct Buddhist culture