

### Detailed itineraries and booking

Full itineraries, including pricing and booking forms, plus further information for travellers, are on our website at [www.darjeelingtours.co.uk](http://www.darjeelingtours.co.uk) or alternatively, you can email us at [tours@darjeelingtours.co.uk](mailto:tours@darjeelingtours.co.uk) or call us on +44 (0) 1777 817798. If you'd prefer to write, our address is on the reverse of this brochure – we'll be happy to mail information to you.

### An added extra! India Tour briefings

As an optional extra, and at no extra cost to you (apart from your journey costs to the briefing venue), we offer a briefing session (usually on a Saturday afternoon) before our tours to India. These informal sessions give you a chance to meet the tour managers and your fellow travellers. We give you an overview of the tour plus some useful information about the country you'll be visiting, including what to wear, the food, local customs etc.

### More information

For your financial protection, we act as agents for Ffestiniog Travel, Harbour Station, Porthmadog, Gwynedd LL49 9NF, an AITO agent and holder of ATOL Licence 3047 issued by the Civil Aviation Agency.

All of our tours to the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR) are made in conjunction with the DHR Society, which is an international group based in the UK, dedicated to promoting awareness of, interest in, and support for the DHR in India. The DHRS has a membership of over 800 in 24 countries. For more information, please visit [www.dhrs.org](http://www.dhrs.org)



## 2009/2010 TOUR PROGRAMME

### Experience Incredible India with us!

This year's programme includes a variety of destinations – whether you're a first time visitor to India, or returning for more adventures, we've got a tour to suit. Of course, there's still our firm favourite - the wonderful Darjeeling Himalayan Railway - which we travel to in conjunction with the UK-based DHR Society. Join us as we explore the mountain towns of northern India, travel on world-famous narrow gauge railways, visit magnificent temples and vibrant cities. Whilst all our tours have a theme – be it railways, textiles, or photography for example, we always include plenty of opportunities to explore the places we visit so you can experience the local culture, history and lifestyle. This year we've got a new tour for Narrow Gauge enthusiasts as well as an exciting History Tour of India. We're also developing some more special interest tours to India such as Cookery, Ayurveda and "Spirit of India" – a look at the country's fascinating culture and religions. Watch this space!

### Travelling with Darjeeling Tours

Darjeeling Tours has been operating tours for over ten years and we have a reputation for delivering on what we promise. Our tours are led by knowledgeable tour managers (all of whom are experienced travellers), who will do everything they can to help make your trip interesting, enjoyable and memorable. A tour with us won't be a "standard" package tour – whilst we do use coaches and flights to travel long distances, there will be some times when you'll be able to negotiate your own transport such as autorickshaw or taxi fares and of course on the railway journeys you'll be able to meet and talk to the locals, which is all part of the experience. Of course, there will always be one of our tour managers on hand to help. Note: Prices include flights (unless shown as "Ground Only") and are based on two people sharing.

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# Darjeeling Tours

## 2009 – 10 TOUR PROGRAMME

**Photography Tour with the RPS**

**Textile Tour of India (2009 & 2010)**

**Indian Magic (2009 & 2010)**

**Indian Steam Safari with Railnews**

**NEW! Pith Helmets & Parasols**

A British Raj History Tour

**Darjeeling at Leisure**

**NEW! Narrow Gauge Adventurer**

**Darjeeling Dash**

**Best of Colorado**

## Photography Tour with the Royal Photographic Society



A wonderful tour with photographers in mind, accompanied by Graham Whistler, FBIPP FRPS. We can promise you the journey of a lifetime. From glittering

palaces and temples to steam engines, the breathtaking Taj Mahal, Amber Palace in Jaipur, bustling bazaars, wildlife, dazzling landscapes and fragrant tea gardens, there's something for everyone on this tour! Plus free expert photographic advice from Graham.

**8 - 25 January 2009**

**Prices from £2,595 (Single supplement £495)**

## Textile Tour of India

India is famous for its dazzling array of fabrics, textiles, arts and crafts. We're delighted to be partnering with [sewingworld](#) Magazine in offering this tour which includes a visit to the Delhi Mela – one of Asia's largest craft fairs, trips to villages to see block printing and screen printing processes (maybe even have a go yourself!), a trip to the charming Rajera hill station of Darjeeling with a chance to see the fascinating rug making at the Tibetan Refugee Centre, Jaipur and of course the famous Taj Mahal in Agra.

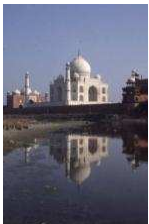


**29 January – 14 February 2009; 28 January – 13 February 2010**

**Prices from £3,295 (Single supplement £525)**

## Indian Magic

A great tour for anyone visiting India for the first time. Enjoy a chartered tram ride and river boat cruise in Calcutta - two day steam hauled charter train on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway - steam-hauled dining train - visit the iconic Taj Mahal in Agra - see the fabulous Amber Palace in the "pink city" of Jaipur –



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enjoy a city tour of Delhi and the National Railway Museum. Plenty for partners to enjoy on this tour. PLUS! Why not take our optional add-on – visit the lovely Raj hill station of Shimla.

**12 – 27 March 2009; 11 – 26 March 2010**

**Prices from £2,945 (Single supplement £535)**

## Indian Steam Safari with Railnews

**RAILNEWS**

Included in this tour are two steam charters on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, plus a dining charter, a ride on the narrow gauge line to Shimla by railcar and plenty of broad gauge rail travel. We'll also visit the National Railway Museum in Delhi as well as having a chartered tram ride in Calcutta. No trip to India is complete without a visit to the Taj Mahal and Red Fort in Agra. And you can enjoy the "champagne of teas" in our tour of the famous Mahanadi tea gardens near Darjeeling.

**24 March – 9 April 2009**

**Prices from £2,495 (Single supplement £495)**



## Pith Helmets and Parasols – a British-Raj History Tour of India

This exciting history-themed guided tour will appeal to those with an interest in the days when

much of the world atlas was coloured pink and Queen Victoria was Empress of India. The itinerary includes not only many key historical sites but also aspects of modern Anglo-Indian life which make India a land of endless contrasts and contradictions. The tour will also take in some of India's major attractions, including the iconic Taj Mahal in Agra and stunning views of the Himalayas (weather permitting) from Darjeeling.

**9 – 26 November 2009**

**Prices from £2,975 (Single supplement £460)**

## Darjeeling at Leisure

Join David Barrie, Chairman of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Society for a two day steam hauled charter plus dining train on the Darjeeling



Himalayan Railway, a visit to Kalimpong, the gateway to Sikkim, chartered tram ride in Calcutta plus time to soak up the atmosphere in the Darjeeling area – see the many animals at the Jaldapara Wildlife Reserve, visit Sikkim: you can choose from many options!

**9 – 25 February 2010**

**Prices from £2,395 (Single supplement £495)**

## Narrow Gauge Adventurer

This new tour planned for January 2010 will visit some of the hidden narrow gauge lines of India, concentrating on West Bengal and Gujarat. The "headline" visits will be the Darjeeling (of course!) and the Matheran, but we will also get well off the beaten track to visit the West Bengal lines at Shantipur and Katwa, and some of the once extensive narrow gauge lines between Bombay and Baroda, including the legendary Dabhoi. Dates, prices and further information will be available soon – let us know if you're interested in this tour and we'll send out the itinerary once it's been finalised.



## The Darjeeling Dash - Departures every Tuesday

Short of time, but still want to see Darjeeling? This nine-day short break is ideal for those who have very limited time but want to enjoy all that Darjeeling has to offer. This is an unaccompanied tour which uses our experienced local guides in the area.

**Prices from £1,995 (Single supplement £375)**

## Best of Colorado with Railnews

**RAILNEWS**



Come with us and enjoy this part of America at its best in all its springtime glory. See the best of the BIG trains - Union Pacific on Sherman Hill and Moffat and BNSF on the Joint Line. Travel by rail to 14,000 feet to Pikes Peak! Ride the Durango-Silverton and the Cumbres and Toltec as well as the new La Veta Pass steam railroad. Plenty to see and do for partners too!

**29 May to 13 June 2010**

**Price: £2,895 (Single supplement £445)**