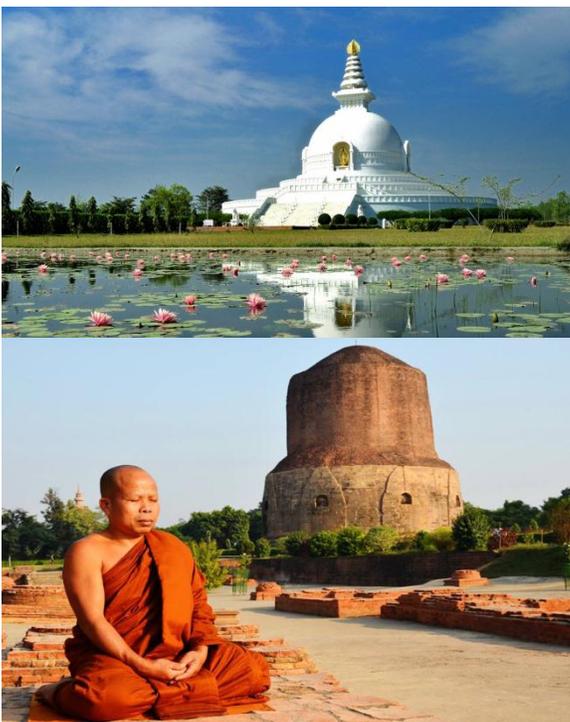


PEIRCE & LESLIE RECOMMENDS

**HORNBILL FESTIVAL, NAGALAND***December 1 - 10, 2019/2020*

The Hornbill Festival in the northeast Indian state of Nagaland provides the perfect opportunity for a truly immersive experience in an enchanting land, often neglected by visitors and whose existence is unknown to many. Named after the Great Indian Hornbill, this annual extravaganza is celebrated by the 16 tribes of the state. Revel in the glorious cultures of indigenous warrior tribes, displayed through folk dances (complete with elaborate costumes, striking jewelry and colourful headgear), musical performances and traditional games. Spend time with the tribes people in *morungs* (youth dormitories) and gain an insight into their unique culture and habits. Listen ardently as an old tribal warrior narrates fascinating legends of his former headhunting days. Take a swig of freshly brewed rice beer and sample the delectable local cuisine. Visit the World War II Museum that houses relics from the 1944 battle of Kohima, which first put Nagaland on the global map. Time is of the essence - the seats to the event are filling fast and are almost sold out so, plan your holiday soon!

SPECIAL JOURNEYS

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE BUDDHA

For practicing Buddhists and for those interested in the history and teachings of Buddhism, we have curated a special journey that gives one an insight into the origin and development of the religion. This sacred journey takes you to places of importance in Buddhism in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Experience sheer divinity and feel spiritually uplifted as you trace the Buddha's life and teachings - the place of his birth (Lumbini), the place where he attained enlightenment (Bodh Gaya), where he preached his first sermon (Sarnath), monuments and places closely associated with his teachings (Nalanda, Kathmandu, Anuradhapura & Kandy) and finally, where he died (Kushinagar). What's more, you will also visit a local workshop or art school in Kathmandu to discover the teachings of Buddhism, through the age-old art-form of *Thangka* painting. Other highlights of the journey include a private *Ganga aarti* on the banks of the Ganga and climbing atop the rock fortress of Sigiriya. Embark on this journey in supreme comfort with privileged access throughout!

http://www.peirceandleslie.com/in_the_footsteps_of_the_buddha.html

SOUTHERN SOJOURN

The tropical South offers a laid-back gentle introduction to India and is just as alluring as the North! This trip uncovers the rich cultural and architectural history of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, replete with numerous exciting local experiences. Begin your tour in Chennai, the vibrant metropolis that serves as a gateway to the culture of South India. Visit a group of sanctuaries carved out of living rock at Mahabalipuram and stop at the the quaint coastal French town of Pondicherry. Gape at the architectural magnificence of the exquisitely carved ancient temples that dot Tiruchipalli, Tanjore and Chettinad. Don't miss the special ceremony at a temple in Madurai, in which Lord Shiva is transported in a palanquin to the quarters of his consort, the temple's namesake, Meenakshi. Spot wildlife in Kerala's Periyar National Park and cruise along the famous backwaters on board a houseboat. End your tour by catching a glimpse of Kochi's regal past and enjoying an enchanting performance of Kathakali, a 17th century classical dance drama. http://www.peirceandleslie.com/southern_sojourn.html



EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

LUXURY CAMPING ADVENTURES



Ratchet up your travel adventure in India and indulge in an exclusive glamping experience out in the wilderness. Glamping - or glamorous camping - is all about camping in style and India fits the bill to perfection! Experience the great outdoors whilst basking in the unparalleled sophistication of luxurious tents in exceptional locations - from deep in the valleys to deserts and jungles, amidst magnificent temple ruins and the unexplored countryside. For an enhanced camping experience, pamper yourself with world-class spa services, age-old Ayurvedic treatments and wellness programs, picturesque yoga sessions, guided village tours, safaris in search of wildlife and partake of a true farm-to-table cooking demonstration. This should be on your bucket list, if it isn't already!

BRAG – WORTHY TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

For those who have a jet-setting lifestyle, the ultimate luxury is time! We believe that in travel, luxury also extends to attention to detail, impeccable service and private access. Keeping this in mind, our journeys are carefully designed to showcase the rich culture of the country in supreme luxury through our bespoke, brag-worthy and unique experiences. From being welcomed by a ceremonial greeting of military bagpipers and caparisoned elephants, to dining at a Maharaja's priceless lalique table where several heads of state have dined before you and from taking a private chartered flight deep into the Himalayas to travelling with a 24/7 personal butler and so much more; choose from our comprehensive list of exceptional experiences and allow us to weave them into your holiday.



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