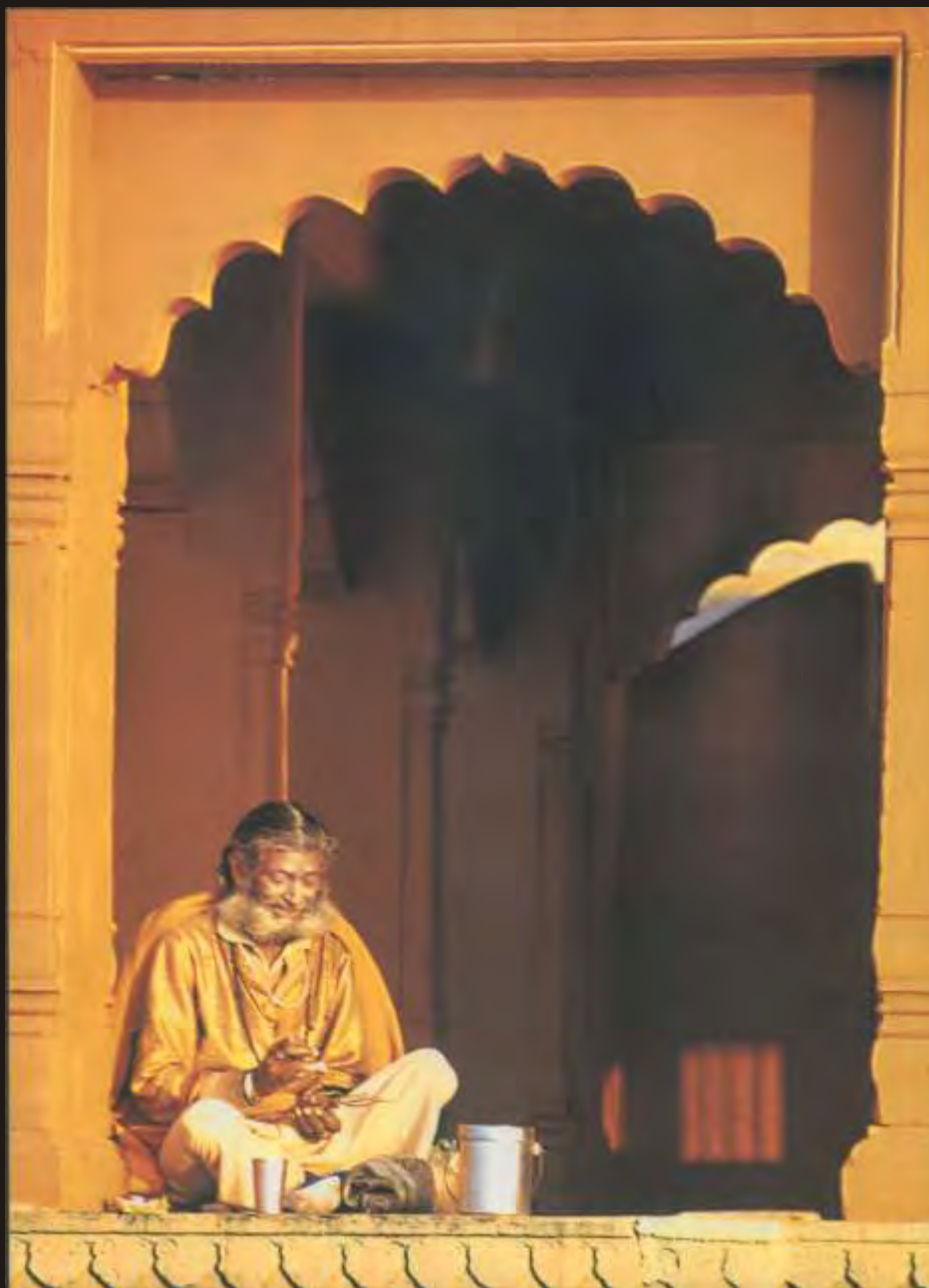


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Planet Holidays



Overview

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At Planet Holidays, our tailor-made, travel-related solutions are best suited to broadly serve three categories of travelers ably assisted by our highly motivated teams that are capable and experienced in handling both foreign Individual travelers (FITs) and very large groups of 400 or more persons. The three categories we specialize in are: The Inbound Traveler, The Corporate Traveler and The Traveling Scholar.

The Inbound Traveler

For visitors to destination in India, Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka, we can offer innovative programs for the following travel needs;

Incentive Trips (We are one of the few companies that offer tailor-made incentive programmers for FITs as well)

Cultural Tours (People, places art and architecture. Some of our innovative programmers could make even a veteran traveler discover facets and nuances never enjoyed before!)

Health Tours (Yoga, Meditation, Relki, Health Management Camps, Fitness programs, Ayurvedic Massage, Spa and Holistic Therapy for the body, mind and soul)

Special Interest (Ornithology, Botany, textiles, Archaeology, vintage car rallies, photography, gourmet food golf or even star gazing)

Camping (Desert, mountains, river-sides: Just about anywhere, as long as you unwind — far from the maddening crowds!)

Wild Life (Discover rare Asiatic as well as migratory birds and animals species in their natural habitats in numerous parks, sanctuaries and game reserves. Travel on foot, open vehicles or on elephant back!)

Adventure (Trekking, mountaineering, fishing,, river rafting, cycle or motorcycle safari, wilderness Expeditions, horse or camel safari, jeep safari, nature excursions!)

India by Rail (Travel on the legendary Palace on Wheels or on the Royal Orient. Ride on toy trains to select travel destinations. We are probably the only company to offer chartered Train departures!)

Photography and Filming Parties (Still, videography and celluloid. In addition to travel and stay, we offer assistance at Locations, liaison with local crews, equipment and local human resources and help in obtaining local permission!)

Event management for NRI and foreign Nationals (Social functions such as engagements, reunions, galas, and wedding ceremonies, mock-wedding exhibitions in traditional Indian style. Suitable particularly for non-resident Indians and just about anyone else who wishes to get married (or even remarried!) in Indian Style. We also offer assistance in getting your parents or children to visit you abroad. In addition to arranging the travel, stay and honeymoon programs, our services include managing the actual event, from concept to organizing).



The corporate traveler

To corporate travelers visiting destinations in India, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka, we offer many services in addition to the various options mentioned before:

Employees / Dealer Incentive Trips (Our specially designed programs will get the hardest of your employees or dealers to strive to his fullest to stand included in a iPlanet Holiday Incentive! tour!)

Conferences, Conventions and Seminars (In addition to hotel and journey reservations, we also offer infrastructure support, communications support, transport and special-interest tours that appeal to delegates.)

Corporate Training Programs (Marketing, stress management, human relationship at work. Select an exotic location and avail the services of our panel of experts of effective training programs)

Event Management (This is a service we offer mainly to Indian corporate houses. In addition to your basic tour and travel needs, based on your target audience profile, our panel of experts can help you identify the right location and local support services! We offer total solutions.)

Special Programs for Corporate Houses in India

Corporate Picnics and Theme Parties (Selection of the right location, transport, catering and organizing fun filled activities for your employees and their families ó with Planet Holidays you get it all!)

Outbound Services (For corporate houses located within the Indian subcontinent: In addition to local as well as other destinations in South East Asia such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand and Malaysia, we also offer excellent packaged - tour options for destinations in Australia, Europe and North America.)





The Traveling Scholar

We offer tailor-made program options for taking education beyond the confines of the classroom. Our programs are innovative and designed to make students enjoy the learning process.

Special Camps for travelers from Educational Institutions (Fun-filled educational programs for students during summer or winter)

The Inbound Scholar (Students and visiting faculty members from schools and other educational institutions located overseas)

The Domestic Scholar (Students and faculty members from schools and other educational institutions located within the Indian subcontinent)



We invite you



Planet Holidays Invites You

Planet Holidays welcomes you to the joyous, yet less-explored, side of our planet. To discover the thrill of leisure. Places. People. Traditions. The seductive charm of unspoilt nature. And, also perhaps, quaint ethnic lifestyles. Planet Holidays invites you to create and enjoy your very own holiday of a lifetime.

We offer innovative itineraries. And a wide spectrum of services to choose from. At Planet Holidays, we are fully equipped and experienced to operate any tailor-made program that you require. Every client, no matter how big or small, is important to us. The Planet Holidays team assures you value for money, irrespective of your budget or your clients' spending power.

Planet Holidays believes in operating environment-friendly tours and travel. The activities described in this brochure merely outline the scope of the numerous tour programs or combinations that are possible. We, however, welcome you to create a program to suit your individualized travel needs, interests, budget or even the size of the group you may be traveling with.

We look forward to your sharing a memorable holiday with us.



About us



The complete Destination Management Company

Planet Holidays is a professionally-run, travel destination management company that has been awarded the Most Innovative Tour Operator by the Department of Tourism, Government of India for the year 2007-2008.

It may well be possible that you are already familiar with some of our team leaders as well as our professional competence and dedication. The Company is managed by a close-knit team of experts and professionals* drawn from complementary yet diverse fields of specialization. As a team we have been responsible, in the past, for the growth of some of the leading travel companies of today.

Planet holidays started as the brainchild of our Managing Director, Rajesh Mudgill, a post graduate in management studies from the University of Delhi. He has over two decades of rich and varied experience in travel management and tourism behind him. As a professional par excellence, he is credited with saving the corporate giant Abercrombie & Kent in the mid 1990s from scratch. Rajesh Mudgill is widely acknowledged today as one of leading persons responsible for promoting the tourism industry in India.

Planet Holidays offers you, or your clients, total travel and tour-related solutions. We offer special interest tours, camping, soft adventure, HRD training programs, seminars, conferences and Special Corporate Retreat Programs, incentive (even for FITs!) ,cultural, health tours, student excursions, train tours , wildlife and adventure tours, at all destinations in India, as well as at select neighbouring countries. Our ability to deliver innovative and customized products to customers, both in India and overseas, gives us our cutting-edge competitive advantage.

At Planet Holidays, we are proud to be amongst the few travel companies which respect all facets of the ecological sensitivities. Our assets include our in-house infrastructure, knowledge, experience, network and logistic support. Also, our intuitive understanding of the wants, needs and desires of the discerning traveler help us to serve you better. We assure you, with confidence, that in matters of excellence in quality and service , we envy no one!

Based on our collective fields of specialization and experience, we cater mainly to three types of travelers - viz The Inbound Travelers (Visitors to destinations in India, Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan and Sri Lanka),the Corporate Traveler (both visitors to India, Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan and Sri Lanka as well as Corporate Travelers from the Indian subcontinent who desire to travel to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong and other parts of South East Asia, destinations in Australia, Europe and America) and travelers from schools and other educational institutions (both inbound as well as domestic).



Why Planet Holidays

At Planet Holidays, we enjoy rather unfair advantages over our closest competitors. And it is you, as well as your clients, who get to benefit. To a casual visitor, the Indian subcontinent presents itself as delightfully enchanting, yet frustrating destination. We provide the guidance to help you savour and relish to the utmost, its mysteries and compelling secrets.

- o All members of our core management team have a minimum of about fifteen years of experience in their respective fields of specialisation. Over the years, our existence in this industry has equipped us better to handle complete travel and destination management for corporate incentives, dealer conferences and training programs.
- o The Planet Holidays team offers you innovative products and the best possible services.



- o Depending on individual needs or the travel program selected by you, our services include assistance in getting confirmed journey tickets (both during the entire travel period as well as for the return journey) , hotel reservations (We offer stay at some of the best hotels available!) medical aid or insurance, evacuation assistance by experts (particularly for adventure expeditions) , services of interpreters or local experienced certified travel guides among other facilities.

- o As a company, we are ecology-minded. All our camps are specially designed to be environment friendly.

- o You have the advantage of availing of our special expertise in camping at locations no one else can offer. For mobile camping , as well as at our permanent camp sites, we use our own equipment and infrastructure. We can set up safe

and secure camps (including deluxe Swiss cottage tents, complete with WC toilet, wash room, furniture, private veranda and perhaps even a personal valet!).

- o While operating programs for students, safety issues from our prime consideration. We take care to provide safe and secure, separate residential arrangements for boys and girls.

- o Adventure expeditions, special-interest tours, health-care tours and programs for students are designed and conducted under the guidance of professionals or leading experts in the respective specialized field.

- o We offer special helicopter services to physically-challenged or aged people and also to those who desire to undertake particularly short-duration adventure activities.

- o With our own transportation fleet, infrastructure and reliable network of associates, the Planet Holidays team provides you with better time managed schedules, cost advantages and high standards.

We have excellent relationships with all major hotels, hotel chains and service providers in India, Nepal , Tibet , Bhutan, Mauritius, Maldives and the Middle East. Another great advantage we offer is our transport fleet of deluxe air-conditioned luxury coaches. We mostly use our own transport vehicles at places where we conduct outdoor adventure activities like camping, jeep safaris in desert and mountains, during trekking tours, rock climbing tours, rafting trips and nature walks.

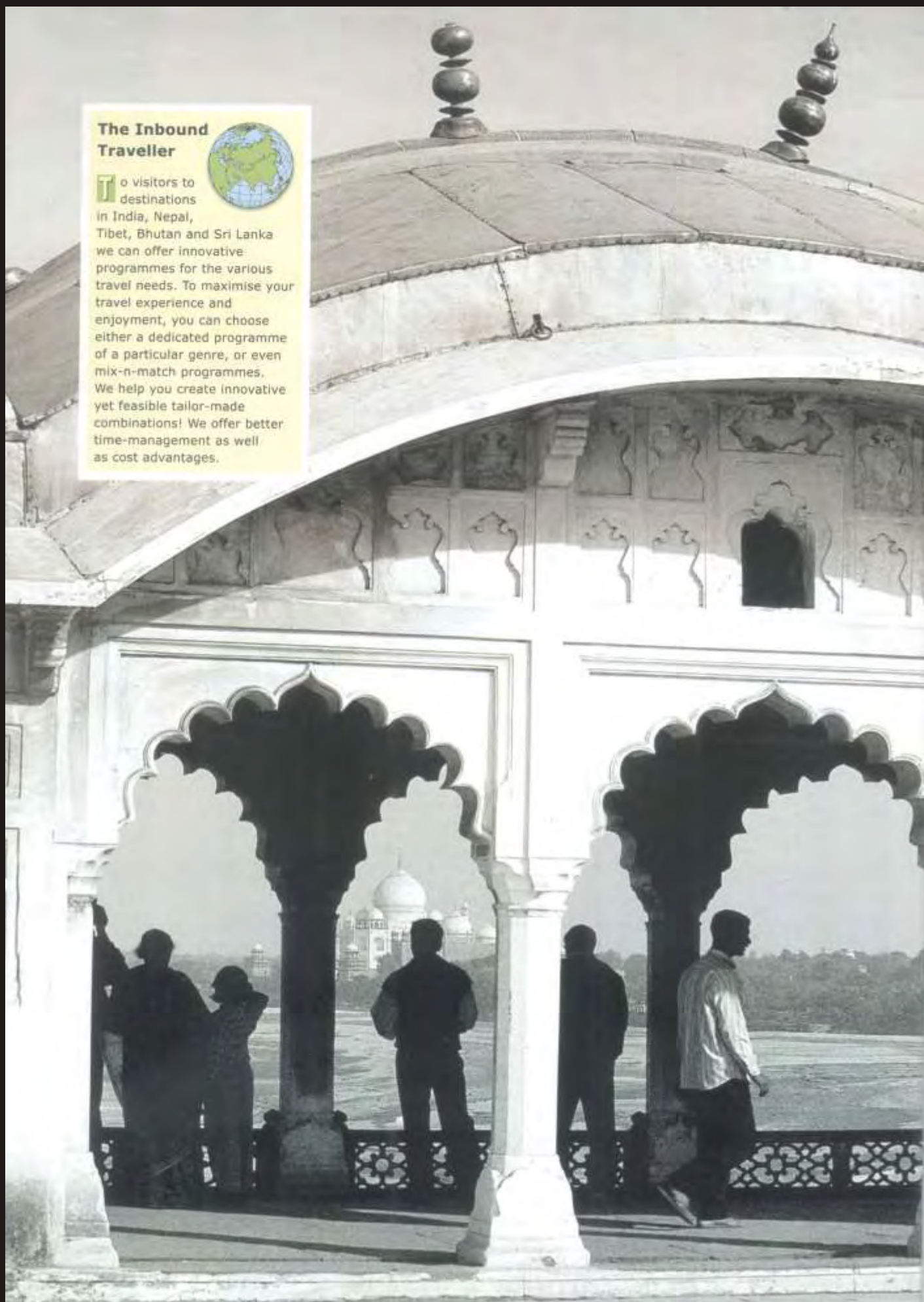
The company owns properties in India. Our camps are located in the Himalayas, at Ranikhet, (The Windsor Lodge, Uttaranchal), at Shivpuri (Great Himalayan expeditions Camp near Rishikesh), at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan (The Dune Safari Camp, permanent deluxe tents locations on the exotic Sam desert) and at Geejgarh, Rajasthan offering a rare indepth interaction with rural India. All locations offer excellent facilities for conferences, seminars and HRD training programs and programs and are well connected by road, rail and air.

Our Great Himalayan Expeditions Camp at Rishikesh is situated by the River Ganges - revered by Hindus as the Holy River. The camp offers easy access to high-grade white-water rafting facilities under the supervision of our expert guides. Its easy approach from Delhi and its serene surroundings, make it a popular weekend destination for even the non-rafting kind!

The Inbound Traveller



To visitors to destinations in India, Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan and Sri Lanka we can offer innovative programmes for the various travel needs. To maximise your travel experience and enjoyment, you can choose either a dedicated programme of a particular genre, or even mix-n-match programmes. We help you create innovative yet feasible tailor-made combinations! We offer better time-management as well as cost advantages.





The Inbound Traveler

Incentive Trips

If you are planning to reward yourself, your clients, employees or dealers for performance or productivity, Planet Holidays brings you're the widest range of themes and options to choose from,. We firmly believe that an incentive tour program should not be just a “ routine holiday”! Therefore, we design and offer unique tailor-made incentive tours that are based on highly innovative and exciting concepts.

Over the years, our team leaders have handled several distinguished travelers. Our team members have hands-on experience with numerous incentive group tours from different countries, including those from several European corporate giants. Probably, we are also the only company to offer incentive programs for



individual travelers (FITs), in India and overseas. Duration of most of these tours could be between 3 and 15 days, or even more.



From boat cruise dinners to vintage car tours. From date with maharajas to camel polo. From visits to fun parks to fitness camp. From mock wedding (in traditional Indian wedding costumes!) to theme parties. From tonga or rickshaw rides to boat excursions. From cultural and gala evenings on the desert to elephant polo. From dining with nawabs and royal family members to honeymoon trip at some of exotic locales. From safari to mock village Olympics (at a specially set-up tent colony!). Our proposals, specially designed for you, could go on almost endlessly!



Based on your budget, your available time requirement as well as the number of people you wish to include (and their special interests) we can offer “value-for -money” programs for those whom you need to reward.





Cultural Tours



To most foreign visitors, the Indian subcontinent appears delightfully enchanting, yet at most times, a bit too tiresome and frustrating. Over the years, our experience in this industry has equipped us to offer you efficient travel and destination management in the Indian subcontinent. We help you explore and savour India's mysteries and joyous facets. At Planet Holidays, we give you a region-wise taste of art and architecture, civilizations, history, people and places. Our innovations can make even a frequent discover nuances never enjoyed before!

You can choose a program dedicated to showcase a particular aspect of the subcontinent or even try out uncommon combinations to make your holiday a more memorable one. Be it the Taj Mahal, the forts and Palaces, monuments, temples, the contemporary or historic cities or the colourfully attired local



inhabitants, the numerous ethnic tribes, communities or members of any particular regional sect. be it the Himalayan mountains, the seaside, the , desert or the tropical rain forests at the

Sunderbans or Indian history spanning over 5000 years, traditions of the past or the contemporary civilization, legends, practices & beliefs. Be it the symbolism of classical Indian dances, local handicrafts, renowned schools of

music or painting styles perfected over generations or the humble roadside craftsman. At Planet Holidays we strive to deliver India with a difference. By appointment.





Health-care Tours



Under the guidance of eminent experts and professionals on our panel, we offer tour programs designed for fitness and preventive health care. We also offer options both for holistic treatment as well as the treatment of specific ailments. Most of our Programs can be availed of as dedicated "Health care Tour" programs or in combination with other general itineraries. Depending your requirement and interest, our programs can include yoga, meditation, reiki, health management camps , fitness programs, ayurvedic massage, spa and holistic therapy for the body, mind and soul!



India is the land of sages and great masters. Also, the Indian subcontinent is the natural and original home of innumerable herbs and roots which contain medicinal properties, Proven by modern science. It is the land where the art of yoga and the science of Ayurveda were discovered, developed and perfected over thousands of years before they found their way to foreign lands. We invite you to avail of the services specialists as well as some the greatest Gurus (Masters) of our times.



A unique feature offered by planet Holidays is that in addition to taking your to established institutions and ashrams (the traditional home of the gurus), we can also arrange for the masters to visit our camp sites. Our Permanent camps are situated at exotic locations next to the River Ganges (the holy river of the Hindus), up in Himalayas and on the rugged that Desert!



Special Interest

Owing to its diversities and inherent uniqueness, India presents itself as the foremost destination for special interest tours. You could be an amateur, a hobbyist or professional, interested in a special aspect of life or a particular subject. Be it ornithology, botany, textiles, archaeology, vintage car rallies, photography, gourmet cooking, golf or even star gazing, Planet Holidays Offers almost any kind of programs based on special interests, in the Indian subcontinent. From textiles (the calico Museum), Sanganeri block printing, or even the Bhutanese Kira!) to gourmet tours (the Kashmiri waazwan, the traditional cuisine of Bengal or the spicy South Indian dishes!). From the Aryan archaeological site at Dhaulaveera (dating back to the pre-Christian era!) to the self-sacrifice temples of southern India (of the medieval times). From fauna (In their natural habitat) to flora (You could even consider a trek to the valley of Flowers!), we can organize tailor made programs for you or your client depending on the preferred activity (Shall we say special interest?).



India - The Home to Eight Great Contradictions!

As a nation, India presents a picture of unity in diversity. In India, there are seven major aspects that change notably every 75-100 km, unlike in any other country! These typical local characteristics are often independent of local mode of employment or the individual level of education.

- o Climate (from hot to freezing to humid and dry at the same time.)
- o Colour (from darkest to fair skin people live in India)
- o Race (Afghan to Mongol, Tibetan to aborigines, Aryan to Dravidians)
- o Religions (Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhist, Jains, Jews, Parsis)
- o Language (eighteen official languages and 1200 dialects)
- o Food habits (rice eaters and wheat eaters, bland to spicy vegetarian to no-vegetarian)
- o Dress Code (Changes every 100 km. Same Sari can be worn in 20 different styles!)
- o Caste system (four main caste and thousands of sub caste. A priest from south India will take a spouse from a priest-family only in same linguistic caste group and not from north India!)

CAMPING WITH PLANET HOLIDAYS

According to prevailing climatic conditions and location feasibility (and, of course, your or your clients' specific requirement and budget!), Planet Holidays offers four main types of camping facilities.



Deluxe camps (mainly for up-market clients and at locations where camps can be set up for longer periods of time): We use mostly 'Swiss cottage tents' ○ 12x12 sq ft i.e. 13.5 m2 living area ○ 12x6 sq ft toilet ○ 12x6 sq ft veranda (optional) ○ Wall-to wall carpeting or flooring made with hand-woven durries ○ Privacy of attached personal WC toilet and wash room ○ Hot and cold water facility ○ Utility furniture such as table, chairs and luggage rack ○ At certain locations, we also offer choice of meals (continental buffet, multi-cuisine and Indian speciality cuisine) ○ Options for theme evenings and cultural entertainment.

Semi-deluxe Camps (used at relatively difficult terrain or for shorter duration requirements): This category of camps is suitable for the Himalayan belt and the desert region. ○ Camps are physically slightly smaller (as compared to our Deluxe Camps) ○ Separate common WC toilets and wash rooms with hot and cold water facility ○ Wall-to-wall carpeting or flooring made with hand-woven durries ○ Options for double or twin bed with mattresses, pillow and cover linen ○ Utility furniture such as table, chairs and luggage rack ○ At certain locations, we also offer choice of meals (continental buffet, multi-cuisine and Indian speciality cuisine) ○ Options for theme evening and cultural entertainment.



Mobile Camps (suitable for programmes like adventure expeditions or excursions such as trekking, jungle safari etc.) : These are rather simple and easy-to-set-up tents ○ Twin sharing facility ○ Wall to wall flooring ○ Optional utility furniture ○ Separate common WC toilets and wash room with hot and cold water facility ○ Indian speciality, multi-cuisine buffet meals or special-diet meals ,depending on the nature of the trip

Mountain Camps (for adventures expeditions or excursions on mountains, higher altitudes or harsh terrains): ○ We mainly use Eureka tents ("A-frame" and "dome-tents") ○ Camping mattresses and sleeping bags ○ Accommodation for 2-4 persons per tent ○ Indian speciality ,dry or semi-cooked, packaged food or special-diet meals, depending on the terrain and the nature of the excursion ○ Common dry-pit toilets with shower facility.





Camping

On the desert .Up on the mountains. Beside a river. Deep in the jungles. In fact, we can set up safe and secure camps for you just about anywhere even at locations no one else can offer! In addition to safety issues, we are also very concerned about the environment. The tents are weather resistant. Our camps are environment friendly as we take special care to dispose of the non-biodegradable garbage.



Unlike most of our competitors, we mostly use our own facilities, equipment and gear at our camps. In addition to mobile camps or the Spartan trekking tents, our speciality includes setting up of Deluxe Swiss Cottage tents, complete with luxuries such as WC toilet, wash room, hot and cold water facility, and furniture. Particularly for institutions like schools, we can set up separate camp sites for boys and girls. For programs such as dealer incentive tours, we can even set up an entire tent colony (seemingly in the middle of nowhere!) offering theme activities, fashion shows, gala dinners and cultural shows.



Planet Holidays also owns some permanent camp sites. Our camps are located in Himalayas, at Ranikhet in Uttaranchal (the Windsor Lodge), at Shivpuri near Rishikesh (Great Himalayan Expeditions Camp) and on the exotic Sam Desert beyond Jaisalmer in Rajasthan (the Dune Safari Camp). Incidentally, the Great Himalayan Expeditions Camp at Rishikesh is situated by the River Ganges. It offers easy access to high-grade white-water rafting facilities, under the supervision of our expert guides. The camp's easy approach from Delhi as well as its serene surroundings, make it a popular weekend destination for even the non-rafting kind. All our permanent camp locations are well connected by road, rail and air. They also offer excellent facilities for conferences, workshops, seminars and HRD training Programs.



Wild Life

The Indian subcontinent offers the opportunity to view rare Asiatic as well as migratory birds and animal species in their natural habitats. Programs offered by us in this category-could be used as a tour dedicated to wildlife of the Indian subcontinent. Alternatively, these can be taken up as part of a special interest tour even in combination with other general itineraries.

India has numerous animal and bird species. At Planet Holidays, We feel that the best possible introduction to Indian wildlife is a region-wise approach. India has several national parks, sanctuaries and game reserves. Game viewing in India is done by traveling on foot, in open vehicles or on elephant back. For most of our programs we offer you the services of professional wildlife experts and naturalists.

The eastern parts of India are famous for the single-horned rhino (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) and the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger (*Panthera tigris*). The western part of India is better known for its Asiatic Lion (*Panthera Leo*), leopards (*Felis Pardus*) and flamingoes (genus *Phoenicopterus*). The Indian lions are probably the only lions found outside the African continent! The northern and central Parts of India are more popular for the legendary tigers of Kumaon, immortalized by Rudyard Kipling, Asiatic as well as rare species of migratory birds, the ibex (*capra ibex*), black panther (*panther pardus*), snow leopard (*panther uncia*) and the blue sheep (*Pseudois nayaur*). Southern India attracts wildlife enthusiasts mainly for its Asiatic elephants (*elephas maximus*).

Our services include visits to all National Parks, Sanctuaries, Game Reserves and other wildlife destinations in India, Nepal and Bhutan. In central and northern India, we recommend visits to Ranthambhore, Rajaji National Park Chilla, Dudhwa, Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Panna and the bird Sanctuary at Bharatpur. A visit to Bardia and the Royal Chitwan National Park Nepal can also be included in the itinerary. In southern India, one must include visits to destinations such as the Periyar, Bandhipur, Madhumallai and

Kabini in the Wildlife tour itinerary. In eastern parts of India we recommend you visit wildlife destinations such as Manas, Khaziranga, Jaldapara and Simlipal, while in western India, a visit to Sasangir is must on every wildlife itinerary.





Adventure



Planet Holidays brings you exciting adventure tour options ranging from EASY through STRENUOUS. During all adventure-based programs undertaken by us, you or your clients' safety and security remain our prime consideration. From the more gentle and easy nature excursions, fishing, jeep safaris through more relatively strenuous activities such as wilderness expeditions, cycle or motorcycle safaris, bungee jumping, river rafting, trekking and mountaineering, we have the expertise and infrastructure to operate all kinds of adventure activities. Moreover, with our flexible approach to itinerary-making we can guide you to create your own adventure tour programs. If desired, you can combine certain adventure programs . If desired, you can combine certain adventure programs offered by us with other general itineraries.



Our Great Himalayan Expeditions Camp at Rishikesh (situated by the River Ganges) offers easy to high grade white-water rafting facilities, under the supervision of our expert guides. Our Dune Safari Camp (permanent deluxe Swiss cottage tents) located on the Sam Desert near Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, offers excellent scope for desert camel safaris. Trekking on the Mansarovar Yatra Trail (trekking combined with 4x4 jeep safari), trekking to the base camp of the unconquered Kangshung Face of Mt. Everest, pilgrimage expedition (4x4 jeep safari and trekking) to the holy Mt. Kailash and to other destination in Tibet, nature walks and hikes to the Valley of Flowers are some of the programmes we recommended to serious adventure enthusiasts.



PLANET HOLIDAYS HELITREK & HELICHARTERS

Be it the majestic snow peaks of the Himalayas, which otherwise on foot takes 5-7 days to see or the seductive charms of the desert dunes of Western India, Planet Holidays offers special Helitrek and Helicharter services at almost all destinations in

India. This service is highly suitable for the aged or the physically challenged tourist. The service can be availed either Point-to-Point or Charter basis. We also offer customized itineraries which include travel and/ or Pick-Up and Drop facility by helicopter to VIP travelers who are pressed for time.

From skies to land. From mountains to rivers and oceans. From deserts to lesser explored Jungles. The scope of adventure exists everywhere. Contrary to popular belief, we feel that all adventure-based tour activities need not necessarily be dangerous and unsafe. In fact, it is seldom the case. Although certain strenuous adventure activities such as trekking at high altitudes, mountain climbing, peak scaling and rafting on rapids do require a degree of fitness and are suitable only for those with basic training and skills in mountaineering or swimming, all adventure activities need not be restricted only for the "brave hearts".

India by Rail

The first train in India ran between Thane and Bori Bunder (near the present day metropolis of Mumbai) on 16th April 1853. Over the past 150 years, Indian Railways has grown to become the largest Railway network in the World. Almost the entire country is linked by the Railways.

One of the most leisureed ways to see India (if one has the luxury of sufficient time on hand!) is by traveling on trains across the country. Although compared to air-travel, traveling by rail is a rather time consuming affair (more so on routes which cover longer distances), it nonetheless offers excellent value options for large groups of students travelers from schools and universities. In addition to normal journeys (as scheduled in some of our regular itineraries)), we welcome you to avail our special "India by Rail" programs. Undertake a journey on toy trains or travel with us on the Royal Orient or the Palace on Wheels.

Incidentally, we are probably the only company to organize and conduct chartered train departures for our special "India by Rail" itineraries!



The Palace on Wheels offers an unimaginable holiday experience. The train was originally the property of the royalty of Rajasthan. It has since been refurbished by the Indian Railways to retain its centuries old historic charm, yet offering rather unimaginable modern-day conveniences. The train is centrally air conditioned, has two speciality restaurants (Maharaja and Maharani) offering continental, Indian and Chinese cuisines, bars, separate lounge and pantry on each coach, comfortable coupes with attached private WC toilet facilities! In fact, the train is a veritable luxury hotel on wheels! It offers a week of splendour where you are treated like royalty. The train starts from Delhi and takes you on the journey of lifetime. The route covers major travel destinations of Rajasthan, the Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, Fatehpur Sikri and Agra, before returning to Delhi. Planet Holidays offers you the option to include a journey on the legendary Palace on wheels on your itinerary. A journey guaranteed to make your holiday a pleasantly unforgettable memory. Day 1 : Delhi; Day 2 : Jaipur; Day 3 : Udaipur and Chittorgarh; Day 4 : Sawal Madhopur; Day 5 : Jaisalmer; Day 6 : Jodhpur; Day 7 : Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, Fatehpur Sikri and Agra ; Day 8 : Delhi



Photography and Filming Parties

The Indian subcontinent is a land of unfathomable beauty. It offers exotic locations for photography on diverse themes such as mountains, forts and palaces, flowers, wildlife and people. Be it still photography, videography or celluloid filming for motion pictures, the Planet Holidays team is experienced and equipped to handle your requirements. In the field of still Photography we also offer dedicated photography expeditions with expert and renowned photographers.

For both commercial as well as non-commercial filming parties, in addition to managing travel and stay, we offer assistance in obtaining local permission (please note that videography or cinematographic filming is prohibited in certain parts of the country), assistance for import (including customs clearance), and re-export of your filming equipment, services of location hunters, assistance at locations, transport vehicles (including open jeeps with tripod-stand mounts), equipment, liaison with your local crew as well as assistance in sourcing local human resource and talent!



Incidentally, “Mahseer Fishing on the Ganges” (for French TV) is one of the better known assignments handled by our team members.





Event Management for NRIs and Foreign Nationals

To non-resident Indians and foreign nationals, we bring the rare opportunity of celebrating a social ceremony or a family function in India. Planet Holidays is probably the only company to offer such specialized services to those who desire to have an actual wedding ceremony in India, in the traditional Indian style! We also arrange mock weddings.

From designing the wedding costume (for the bride and groom) and clothes (for parents, family and relatives as per your requirement) by leading internationally-renowned fashion designers from India to assistance in procuring genuine traditional or contemporary ornaments and jewelry. From identifying exotic locations for the wedding ceremony (imagine a wedding in



a real palace or castle!) to organizing theme banquets for guests (Indian speciality cuisine from a particular region, continental or multi-cuisine). From chartering flights to assistance in getting the correct information on currency regulations, spending and transfer. From arrangements for the stay of guests to local transport. From enlisting the services of priest(s) of your particular religion or community of origin to offering a truly memorable honeymoon itinerary; our services ensure a hassle-free wedding experience. You simply come over and enjoy the services of an efficient team who takes care of the minutest of details. Similarly, we can also organize for you an engagement ceremony or gala reunion with your family and friends in India.



We also offer to help you get your parents (no matter how old!) or your children (no matter how young!) to visit you abroad from India. From international airline reservations to local travel (including the journey from their hometown to the Delhi or Mumbai airport). From guidance on visa procurement to currency regulations. From assistance in getting vaccinations (as required for traveling to certain countries, particularly in Africa) to transit assistance (if required), we take care of all the major aspects.

The Corporate Traveller

We serve, both visitors to India, Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan and Sri Lanka as well as corporate travellers from the Indian subcontinent who desire to travel to Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong and other parts of South East Asia, destinations in Australia, Europe and America. In addition to the various programme options mentioned for The Inbound Traveller (see Section-A), we offer professional services in various specialised fields.





The Corporate Traveler

Employees/Dealer Incentive Trips

Our specially-designed corporate incentive programs will get even your non-performing employee or dealer to perhaps work harder to be included in a "Planet Holidays Incentive" tour! As a corporate, if you are planning to reward yourself, your clients, employees or dealers for the performance or productivity, Planet Holidays brings you the widest range of themes and exciting options to choose from. Duration for most of these tours could be between 3 to 15 days, or even more.



For more details, on various incentive tour options and services offered by us, please refer to topic Inbound Incentive described in the previous section.



Conferences, Conventions and Seminars

Are you planning to hold a conference, convention or seminar? Planet Holidays invites you to consider and avail its specialized services in the field. Our team leaders have over two decades of experience in handling conferences and seminars for leading corporate houses and associations. Be it of single-day duration or a week long (or more!) activity, we offer you end-to-end solutions. We can assist you right from the conceptual stage to organizing, and, finally, through even post-convention activities.

In addition to providing accommodation at hotels (we offer the best hotels at special discounted rates) and journey reservations (from confirmed arrival to confirmed departure) our services include the following :

- Assistance in finalizing of venue (either at Planet Holidays own properties or at any of the hotels located in the Indian subcontinent) | Welcome airport transfer for delegates | Liaison with various government offices and agencies, if required | Setting up of U shaped or theatre-style seating arrangement at the venue, depending upon your requirement. | Arranging simultaneous interpreters | A/V systems communication equipment | Setting up of a secretariat or a business centre, as per your requirements | Assistance in designing and printing of miscellaneous stationery items (including personalized stationery) and gift items and souvenirs | Arrangement for all meals (Indian speciality buffet, continental or multi-cuisine as per your choice) and evening cocktails | Pre-and post-convention tours (we offer excellent special-interest tour programmers for the accompanying spouse) and cultural programs in the evenings | We can also help you organize your convention, seminar or conference at heritage hotels and palaces | In addition to modern convention centres (with state-of-the-art facilities), we also offer you the unique option of organizing a seminar or conference at a camp site specially erected for the purpose, either at an exotic venue of your choice or at our existing camp locations | We can offer infrastructure for 20-250 (or even more!) delegates.





Corporate Training Programs

We offer excellent and effective training program options to corporates for their employees and senior staff. All programs offered by us are conducted by eminent faculty members or leading experts in the respective subjects. Our panel of experts has names of some renowned specialists on marketing, stress management, human relationships at work, corporate communication techniques etc. To make the programs more effective, groups of 10-30 people are preferred at a given workshop. Although most shorter-duration programs and workshops offered by us can be conducted at the premises of the corporate, Planet Holidays also offers you the choice of several exotic locations as venues. The Company has properties located in the Himalayas, at Ranikhet (The Windsor Lodge, Uttaranchal), at Shivpuri (Great Himalayan Expeditions Camp, near Rishikesh) and at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan (The Dune Safari Camp, permanent deluxe tents located on the exotic Sam Desert). All locations offer excellent facilities for HRD training programs and workshops and are well connected by road, rail and air.

The Corporate Training Programs offered by us include topics such as:

- Strategic Management
- High Performance Leadership
- Team Building
- Time Management
- Conflict Resolution
- Customer Care
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM)
- Marketing Management
- Effective Managerial Decision Making
- Competitive Marketing Strategies
- Effective Communication
- Meditation for Management Effectiveness



Event Management

This is a service we offer mainly to Indian Corporate houses. We can help organize corporate events viz product launches, road shows, sponsored music album releases etc. Based on your target audience and demographics, our panel of experts can help you identify the right location and local support services in addition to your basic hotel reservations, transport as well as other tour and travel needs. We also specialize in developing innovative concepts or themes.

Our core competence in the field of destination management gives us the cutting-edge advantage of most event management companies. Over the years, we have developed a reliable network of service providers, spreading end to end across the entire value chain. Our excellent relationship with all major hotels, hotel chains and service providers in India, Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan, Mauritius, Maldives and the Middle East helps us to offer you the most competitive rates. Moreover, our programs and event concepts are designed by leading professionals who are on our panel. Depending on your requirements, we could also assist you in pre-event publicity and PR activities in the Indian media. Therefore, as a client with us, you get the best value-for-money mileage.



Special Programs for Corporate Houses located in India

Corporate Picnics and Theme Parties

Planet Holidays offers you innovative and tailor-made concepts for corporate picnics and theme parties. These programs are fun-filled. You work hard at office. You deserve to enjoy life! Loosen your necktie and roll back your sleeves. These programs can be availed of as a dedicated event or taken in combination with other itineraries such as execution. From selecting the right venue, arranging transport, catering and organizing fun-filled activities for your employees and their families, with Planet Holidays you get it all! "Chaat parties", "farm house bashes", overnight excursions in deluxe camps, moonlit picnics with bonfire and gala are some of the single day options.



Outbound Services

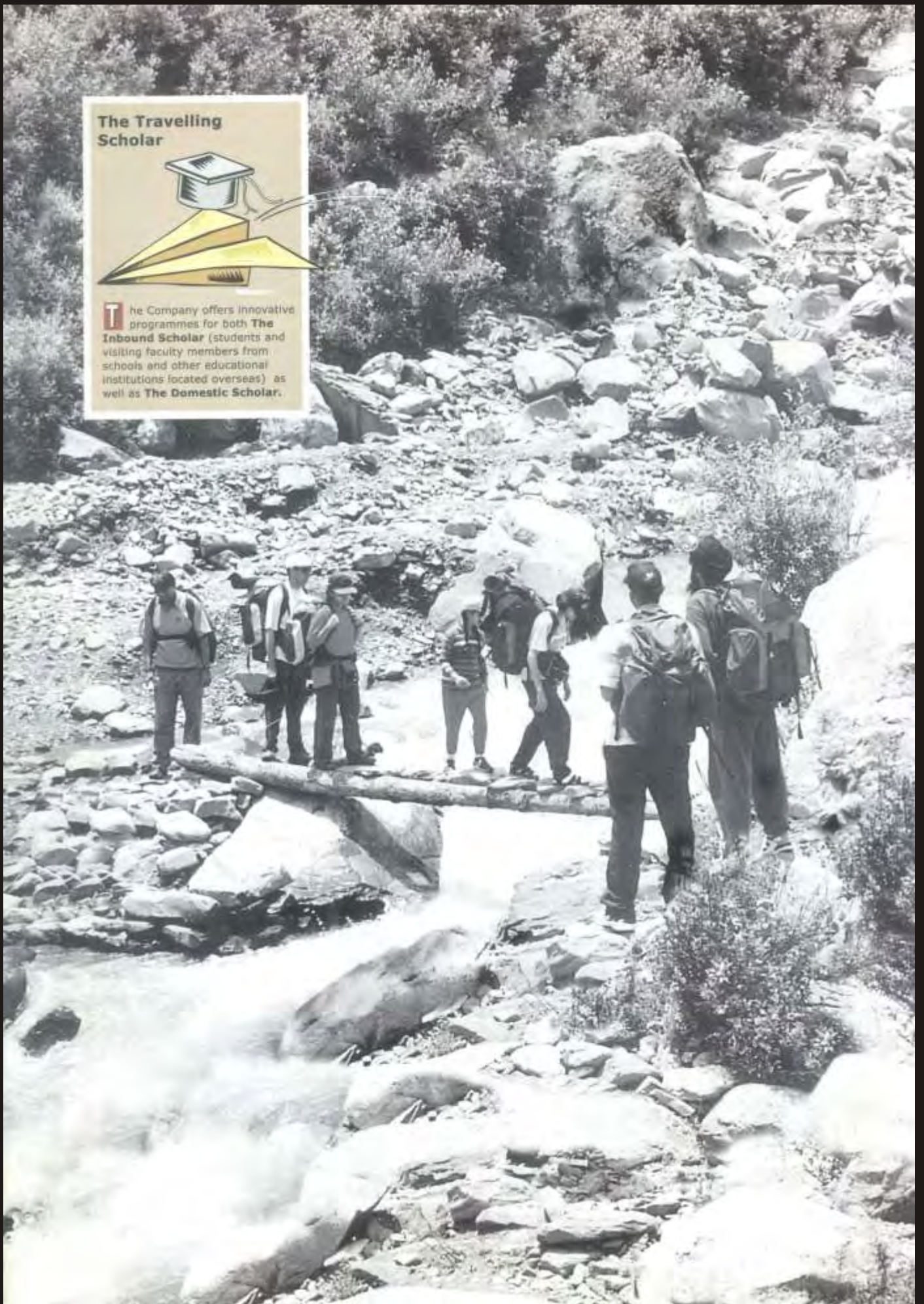
To corporate houses located within the Indian subcontinent, in addition to local as well as other destinations in South East Asia such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand and Malaysia, we also have excellent packaged tour options for destinations in Australia, Europe and North America. These programs range mostly between 3 and 15 days.



The Travelling Scholar



The Company offers innovative programmes for both **The Inbound Scholar** (students and visiting faculty members from schools and other educational institutions located overseas) as well as **The Domestic Scholar**.





The Traveling Scholar

Travelers from Educational Institutions

At Planet Holidays, we are aware of the changing socio-psychological scenario of our times. Our team leaders have designed a number of programs specially for students and children. Our programs are not didactic. Rather, they try to encourage the child to discover the real world while enjoying the learning process. We combine learning with clean and healthy fun, taking education beyond the confines of the classroom and home. We join every parent and teacher the world over in the commitment to creating responsible global citizens for tomorrow.

The Company offers innovative programmes for both the Inbound Scholar (students and visiting faculty members from schools and other educational institutions located overseas) as well as the Domestic Scholar (students and faculty members from schools and other educational institutions located within the Indian subcontinent).



Consider this !

"Would you leave your child alone with a stranger for long? Then why with the TV?" asks a leading Delhi based psychiatrist. The world over, parents find themselves ever more occupied with their busy work schedules and social engagements. On weekdays, the child spends daily between 3 and 6 hours (at the most!), at school. Most parents owing to various reasons, find themselves unable to spend the much needed "quality-time" with their children at home. For long hours, the child is thus left alone or with friends. Instead of developing good reading habits or participating in sports, games and other outdoor physical activities (alas, the good ol' days?), more and more children today prefer watching television or surfing the Internet. And it is really an unknown world out there. Strange people and motives. Stranger forms of obscenities, hatred and manifest violence. However, strangest of all is the ease with which the lonely child can enter and spend time in those strange unreal worlds. The tender mind tries hard to absorb the perceived messages. Believing perhaps, the world out there is the

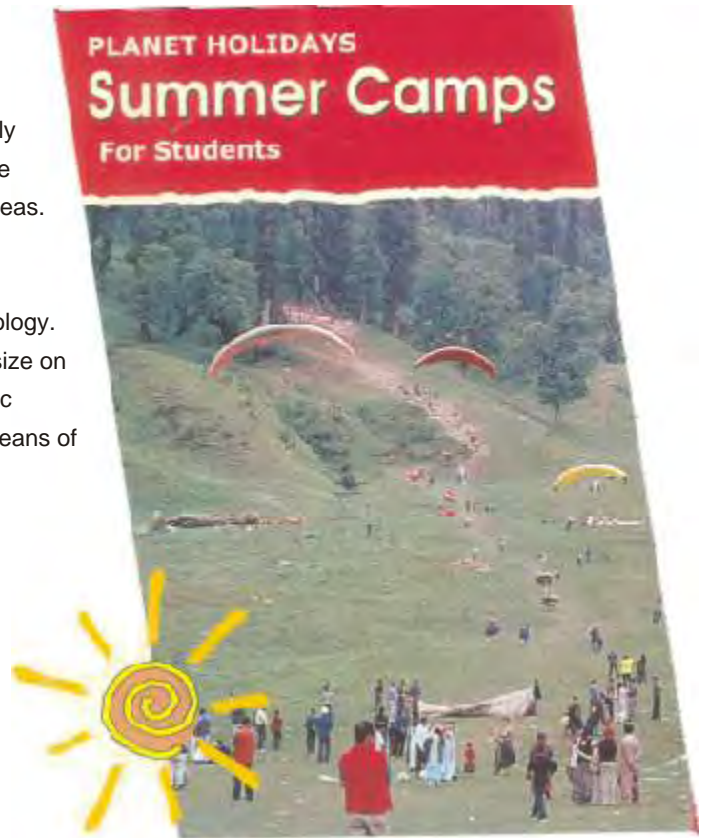


Student Camps

For student aged between 9 and 16 years, we offer specially designed camps at select locations in the Himalayas. These camps are suitable for both Indian and students from overseas.

We offer various activities that serve as an introduction to elementary adventure (not dangerous!), team work and ecology. Besides providing a great camping experience, we emphasize on teaching basic experience, we emphasize on teaching basic techniques of rock-climbing, rappelling, river-crossing by means of artificial bridging, and camp organization.

The programs take care of various safety issues and are conducted under the supervision of expert instructors and professional. These camps provide student with a first-hand experience of leadership skills. Education is also imparted on environment protection and ecology. Basics of fauna and flora are also introduced.



Activities like winter rafting camps, skiing, star gazing, camping in sanctuaries and reserves are some of the special attractions at Planet Holiday Winter Camps.

- | Programs are tailor-made to suit the exact requirement of your institution or your curriculum.
- | Duration between 2 and 15 or more days.



The Inbound Scholar

(Students and visiting faculty members from schools and other educational institutions located overseas.)

Planet Holidays offers programs which are suitable for shorter mid-semester breaks or can be availed during the longer end term vacations. In addition to interesting history or geography excursions, nature camps, adventure excursions in India, Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan and Sri Lanka, we also arrange overseas "Student Exchange" Programs. From concept to organizing, at every stage, our team is in touch with representatives from your institution. Our aim is to make the program successful and memorable. Our programs target various age groups between 9 and 20 years. Duration of these programs varies between 5 and 21 (or more) days.

The following activities merely outline the broad scope of the numerous tour programs which are possible. We will create tailor-made programs to suit your institution's requirement, interests, budget, number of students, and accompanying teachers as well as guardians (if any) to be included. *We provide safe and secure, separate residential arrangements for boys and girls :* | Student Exchange (within India and overseas) | Chartered train departures (learn while you travel) | Study trips (science, arts, humanities or nature and environment based projects) | History/Geography Excursions (could be used to supplement the student's curriculum) | Cultural Exchange (visits to Indian Schools, interaction with Indian students of similar age-groups and their families, introduction to Indian Classical music, etc.) | Adventure Excursions (camping, desert survival technics, trekking, etc.) | Yoga for young achievers (camps at exotic locations conducted by Indian experts).



The Domestic Scholar

(Students and faculty members from schools and other educational institutions located within the Indian subcontinent).

To students from the Indian subcontinental, Planet Holidays offers a wide range of program options. These could be conducted over weekends or during winter or the summer vacations. From concept to organizing, at every stage, we work closely with representatives of your institution. Our aim is to make the program successful and memorable. Our programs are better suited to various age-groups between 7 and 20 years. We offer safe and secure, separate residential arrangements for boys and girls. | Introduction to adventure | Nature walks | Wilderness survival techniques | Map reading | Map making | Rock climbing | Rappelling | River crossing | Basic flora and fauna | First aid | Ecology | Star gazing | Personality development | Etiquette and personal grooming | Leadership quality development | Games and sports workshops | Painting and music workshops | Introduction to 2D graphics | Theatre workshops | Nature and wildlife photography.



In addition to the various activities we offer to foreign students (please see *The Inbound Scholar*), we have some exciting shorter duration programs designed primarily for students residing in India. All programs are conducted by leading professionals and experts from the particular field. (Please note that we have some interesting weekend programs designed mainly for students from India. Kindly refer the activities listed under *The Domestic Scholar*. Depending on your requirement, we could also combine some of those activities in your itinerary.



Leading the Planet Holidays team



Rajesh Mudgill, Managing Director: Before taking over his current responsibility at Planet Holidays, Rajesh has worked with some of the leading companies related to tour and travel. He has numerous special interest tours and international conferences to his credit. Over the years, he has also contributed immensely to promoting and organizing incentive group tours to India from different countries. He has served groups from European corporate giants such as Opel, Clarion, Agfa, etc. as well as several distinguished travelers, including visiting royal families. Organizing Incentive Programs for FITs, in India and overseas, is also his concept. Rajesh's invaluable initiative in starting and popularizing "White Water Rafting", adventure and wildlife tourism in India will not be forgotten in decades to come. The idea of using deluxe camps as alternative accommodation, for tourists at exotic yet less explored destinations of India is originally his brainchild. A post-graduate in management studies, with an impressive track record spanning more than two decades of service and experience, Rajesh is acknowledged as an icon of the present day tourism industry in India.



Davinder Singh: An active sports person since his school days, an avid freelance photo-journalist with a passion for adventure and the undiscovered, as a trip leader, Davinder has led innumerable expeditions in India, Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet to his credit. A science graduate, he studied business management at the University of Delhi. With over 20 years of diverse yet unique experience in travel destination management, Davinder is an asset to the Planet Holidays team. He has served in senior positions of management with some of the renowned travel agencies. During the last decade, he has also led trips directly for Geographic Expeditions, USA, Wilderness Travel, USA and Overseas Adventure Travel, USA. Davinder is an eminent expert in the handling and operating of adventure holidays, of any kind, across the Himalayan belt. Some of the more prestigious excursions led by him are : Astronomical Society trip to study total solar eclipse at Nawalgarh, Rajasthan; World Wild Life Fund USA, expedition in Bhutan; Smithsonian Institute expedition in Bhutan (twice); Outward Bound in Nepal and Bhutan; World president organization Bhutan, India; American Museum of Natural History (twice); De Beer Family, Rajasthan and south India; Dr.Krameer family (twice) Rajasthan and south India. *(the list goes on!...)*



Sandeep Mathur: With over 15 years of hands on experience in handling the inbound operations at some of the leading travel agencies, Sandeep is no stranger to travel destination management in India. Over the years, he has developed a reliable network of service providers, spreading end to end across the entire value chain. A dedicated professional and a staunch believer in the maxim "perfection begets quality", he has successfully handled some of the most prestigious inbound group tour movements in India. His thorough practical knowledge of the travel destinations of the country ensures a comfortable and hassle free tour and travel experience for clients. He has traveled extensively in India and overseas.



Sunil Chadha: A post graduate in tourism from the College of Vocational Studies, Sunil has been extensively involved in the promotion and organizing of adventure tourism in India. He has many firsts to his name, including the distinction of being India's first qualified Master in Bungee Jump, from Hamburg, Germany. He is also a leading expert in hot air ballooning. He has conducted many adventure camps in remote parts of the country including Pithoragarh, Dharchula, Purulia and Pushkar. He popularized rafting camps on the Ganges and in the Ladakh region. Sunil is also well experienced in handling corporate incentives, conferences and team-building exercises.



Ranjana Mudgil, Founder Director : With over two decades of experience in the handling of inbound travelers to India, Ranjana has a rare practical insight into the varied needs of travelers. However, it's her skills and proven expertise in deluxe camping in particular, that make her contribution invaluable to guests traveling with Planet Holidays. From infrastructure to inherent safety issues. From logistics to location feasibility. From government rules and regulations to camp management and maintenance — very few people in the Indian subcontinent match Ranjana's acumen in the field of camping. A passionate traveler herself, she is extremely well informed about the Indian subcontinent, its civilizations, peoples and cultures. Her expertise in creating practical tour itineraries keeping in view schedule, budgets, seasonal feasibility, tourist interests as well as individualized travel needs, provides our clients with a memorable holiday experience.

(Note : List of Professionals, experts and masters drawn from various fields of specialization included on our panel, can be made available on request).



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