

# BUS TO SINGAPORE

BY ADVENTURES OVERLAND



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INDIA



MYANMAR



THAILAND



MALAYSIA



SINGAPORE





Bangkok



Kuala Lumpur



Gardens by the Bay



Bagan

# INTRODUCTION

It is not often that one gets a chance to be a part of something truly historic and unique. How would you feel about undertaking a cross-border bus journey that takes you from India to Singapore, crossing the land borders of Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia along the way? Covering a distance of 4500 kilometres and traversing five countries in 20 days, Bus to Singapore promises to be a groundbreaking journey that will leave an everlasting impression on your life. As part of the expedition, you will get to cruise upon the silky tarmacs of Asian Highway 1 - the longest highway network in Asia – explore thousands of pagodas in Bagan, witness Burmese culture and sample their exotic cuisine in Yangon (Rangoon). Add to it all the buzzing vibe of Bangkok and relaxing blue waters of the beach town of Krabi, and what you have is one matchless experience indeed. You will also get to admire the scenic beauty of Mount Jerai and Cameron Highlands in Malaysia, spend time in the lap of luxury in Kuala Lumpur and finally cross the border and conclude the journey in the charming city of Singapore. After reaching Singapore, the bus will embark on its maiden journey back home, taking the same route to reach India.



Imphal

## INDIA

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The wheels are greased and all set to roll, as we converge in Imphal, the capital city of Manipur and prepare to embark upon this incomparable quest. You will be introduced to your fellow travellers and crew members with whom you will be experiencing the highs of this once-in-a-lifetime journey over the next 20 days. Spend the day getting to know your co-travellers while attending a detailed briefing and orientation session with the team, which will be followed by an evening of song and dance. The local performers of Manipur are

more than happy to entertain you while wishing you the best of luck for a safe and memorable journey on the Bus to Singapore. In the morning, get on board the luxury bus and start rolling towards Tamu, the border town between India and Myanmar located 130 kilometres from Imphal. Experience the interesting procedures of crossing a land border, as we complete all formalities and finally traverse the iconic Indo-Myanmar Friendship Bridge and enter Myanmar, the second country on Bus to Singapore.





Shwedagon Pagoda

## MYANMAR

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The beautiful country of Myanmar welcomes you into its fold as almost immediately we start crossing the 46 World War II era Iron bridges, located within the first 100 kilometres of our journey in Myanmar. Over the next few days, let the ancient gorgeousness of Bagan which is home to 4,446 pagodas bind you in its spell as we continue on the 16-lane Mandalay-Yangon Expressway towards Naypyidaw, the new capital of Myanmar. Here, you will find everything from 5-star hotels, concert halls to convention centres. The only thing missing will be people as the city remains only 50%

occupied! Continue on the expressway towards the vibrant city of Yangon but hold that breath of wonderment still, as next up on the list of fantastic attractions to behold is the Golden Rock pagoda. A vision in shimmering gold, the pagoda sits pretty upon a boulder which itself seems to be defying gravity as it balances atop a rock near the edge of Mount Kyaikto. The journey continues as you find yourself travelling towards the Myawaddy-Mae Sot border post on the way to Thailand.



Bangkok

## THAILAND

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The Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge is unique in its own special way as half the bridge is in the Burmese territory, with the remaining half is situated in Thailand. After climbing the first half of the bridge in Myanmar, you will notice on your way down that the bus will swap sides and once again start driving on the left side of the road. After crossing the border, we will cruise on the silky tarmacs of Thailand and enjoy the smooth and leisurely journey towards Tak. The following day, we will finally arrive in the Thai capital. A bustling metropolis with a rich culture and heritage,

Bangkok is the gateway to Thai warmth and hospitality. Explore the glittering temples, grand palaces, night bazaars and local markets. From here, we head south towards the beach town of Krabi. Characterised by lofty limestone cliffs, dense mangrove forests and over a hundred offshore islands, Krabi is undoubtedly one of the most popular tourist spots of Thailand. After spending a few days relaxing by the soothing waters of Krabi, you will cross the land border and enter Malaysia, the fourth country on Bus to Singapore.





Kuala Lumpur

## MALAYSIA

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Malaysia, lying just north of the Equator is known for its beaches, rainforests and mix of Malay, Chinese, Indian and European cultural influences. Our first stop in Malaysia is in an idyllic hill station known as Gurung Jerai, located at 1000 metres above sea level on top of an ancient mountain offering breath-taking views of the sea and endless paddy fields. The following day we will continue driving through scenic vistas until we reach Cameron Highlands. Founded by British colonialist Sir William Cameron and modelled on a traditional English village, it is the most popular highland retreat in

Malaysia and is located approx. 2000 metres above sea level. The journey will continue until we arrive in Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia which boasts of impressive colonial architecture, busy shopping districts and gleaming skyscrapers such as the iconic 451 metres tall Petronas Twin Towers (world's tallest twin towers). Explore Kuala Lumpur at your own pace and indulge in the abundance of gastronomical delights at thousands of hawker stalls, café and restaurants serving every culinary delicacy imaginable.



# SINGAPORE

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Day 18 has us crossing into Singapore, one of only three cities in the world that is a country in its own right. Even though it is one of the smallest countries in the world, Singapore enjoys the distinction of being one of the most interesting of the lot. Did you know that their national anthem is printed on the back of every 1000 SGD note and that Singaporeans are the fastest pedestrians in the world? Not only is it the least corrupt country in Asia, but it is also the cleanest which is a given as chewing gums are banned in the country! But don't let

that stop you from visiting the Chinatown Market in Singapore where the food is so good that some street hawkers have been awarded Michelin star ratings! Singapore will welcome you in all its glory as you look back upon your journey with nothing but fondness, and an overwhelming sense of having experienced something way beyond the ordinary. Bus to Singapore will conclude on an unparalleled high, and you will find yourself seeking many more miles, countries, experiences and journeys.





Tak



Chinatown



Krabi



Golden Rock



Myanmar - Thailand Border



Cameron Highlands

# ITINERARY

INDIA - MYANMAR - THAILAND - MALAYSIA - SINGAPORE

DAY	FROM	TO	COUNTRY
1	Imphal	-	India
2	Imphal	Kale	Myanmar
3	Kale	Bagan	Myanmar
4	Bagan	-	Myanmar
5	Bagan	Naypidaw	Myanmar
6	Naypidaw	Yangon	Myanmar
7	Yangon	-	Myanmar
8	Yangon	Kyaikto	Myanmar
9	Kyaikto	Tak	Thailand
10	Tak	Bangkok	Thailand
11	Bangkok	-	Thailand
12	Bangkok	Chumphon	Thailand
13	Chumphon	Krabi	Thailand
14	Krabi	-	Thailand
15	Krabi	Mount Jerai	Malaysia
16	Mount Jerai	Cameron Highlands	Malaysia
17	Cameron Highlands	Kuala Lumpur via Batu Caves	Malaysia
18	Kuala Lumpur	-	Malaysia
19	Kuala Lumpur	Singapore	Singapore
20	Singapore	-	Singapore



“The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams.”  
– Oprah Winfrey



# Cost: INR 7,00,000 Per Person

## Inclusions

- All Hotel stays on twin sharing basis
- Meal (Daily Breakfast, 15 Lunches and 16 Dinners)
- Transportation by special Luxury Bus designed for comfortable long-distance travel
- Experienced team consisting of a bus driver and helper
- A CPR certified AO Coordinator throughout the journey
- Experienced local English-speaking guide in each country
- All visas and standard tourist visa fee
- Border crossing assistance
- Ministry approvals, customs, immigration clearance and all inner line permits for restricted areas
- All required permits, permissions and custom clearances for border crossings by bus
- Fuel, servicing, toll taxes and parking fees
- Third-party insurance for the bus in each country
- Route planning and research
- Airport transfers in Imphal
- Sightseeing and walking tours at various locations
- Entrance fee at different sightseeing points
- Activities to make the experience truly memorable
- Stock of chocolates, snacks, water and soft beverages throughout the journey
- Adventures Overland merchandise for each traveller
- Road book for each traveller

## Exclusions

- Your international or domestic flight ticket
- Meal (Lunch on Day 1, 7, 11, 14 & 18 and Dinner on Day 7, 11, 14 & 18)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Urgent tourist visa fee
- Entrance fee of sightseeing points which are not included
- Travel insurance
- Any costs arising out of unforeseen circumstances like ill-health, vehicle breakdown or repairs damage accruing from land blocks, bad weather etc.
- Additional accommodation charges due to unforeseen delays in the journey
- Any medical expenses incurred during the trip
- Any charges for carrying video or still camera
- Any hotel, subsistence or other costs incurred before the official start date of the journey and after the official end date of the journey
- Tips and gratitude to guides, porters in hotels, driver and helper
- GST
- 5% TCS applicable for Indian Passport Holder



# Special Bus Features\*

- Wi-Fi
- Lavatory on board
- Mic and audio system
- 2x1 configuration seat layout for wider alley
- Partition between seats for privacy
- Bottle and cup holder on every seat
- Mobile phone charging points via plug and USB
- Private locker with each seat to store valuable items
- Individual entertainment system with AUX and USB port
- First-aid kit, fire extinguisher and multiple emergency exit points
- Foldable tray to help you work on the laptop or eat snacks
- Ample storage for each individual for laptop bags/handbags/snacks
- Spacious room to carry two full-size suitcases of each participant
- Mini pantry with a cool box to store water, beverages, chocolates, snacks, etc.
- Business Class style seat with multiple seat adjustment options and ample legroom



\*All pictures shown are for illustration purpose only.  
Actual interior design may vary.

# Useful Information

"If you reject the food, ignore the customs, fear the religion and avoid the people, you might better stay at home." - James A. Michener

After successfully organising and leading Road to Bangkok in 2016 and Road to London consecutively in 2017, 2018 and 2019, and many other cross-border expeditions across the world, here are some points from our experience that are worth mentioning. You should come not just packed but also prepared for this rewarding and life-changing journey.

**Food:** We believe that cooking and eating in a foreign country is the surest and most authentic way to experience a country. That's why we make the best possible arrangements for you to sample the best of local delicacies and regional dishes that will leave your taste buds forever in debt! Also, we carry an emergency stash of ready-to-eat food for the days when you miss and crave our good old Indian food. Please also consider that there will be some days when the food options will be limited, and you may not get the best choices of food items that you are used to at home. Those are the days when your understanding would be highly appreciated.

**Border Crossing:** Bus To Singapore is a cross-border expedition, which means that you will be crossing through multiple borders during the journey. Passing through land borders is a completely different experience compared to airports. Border crossings can be unpredictable and extremely slow. Although we make all the necessary arrangements beforehand to make the border-crossing process smooth and quick, you may still have to wait for many hours at certain borders. Patience will be a massive virtue at the borders.

**Accommodation:** At the end of a long-distance travelling day, we understand the sheer importance of a warm and comfortable stay for you to kick your legs up and relax. Keeping this in mind, we have carefully picked the best hotels and resorts throughout the journey. However, in some remote areas, we may be staying in small boutique properties or using more than one property to accommodate the group due to lack of any big hotels.

**Long Days and Early Starts:** No distance feels long in good company. Bus to Singapore is a tried and tested route, where all things are planned carefully to ensure maximum comfort for you. Every single travelling day has been planned after carefully analysing and researching on road conditions and facilities on the way.

There will be days when you will have to wake up early and travel all day long before reaching the destination. On some days, even though the distance may not look too long but you will have to make an early start as we may have planned some sightseeing activities during the day. Trust us, once you reach your final destination, you won't even remember the time when you had to leave your cosy bed a little early than usual, but you will undoubtedly cherish the days on the road.

**Planned Sightseeing:** It is always the unexpected things that you remember rather than the planned ones! Despite the best of planning and efforts, there's still the possibility of a few hiccups along the way. Breakdowns, bad weather, border issues etc. come unannounced, and the same can cause delays which may force us to skip some planned activities.

**Rest Days:** The motto for rest days is "Your Day, Your Way". We might have planned activities around the rest days, but you can enjoy complete freedom to plan your day as you like. So, go ahead and catch up on sleep or shop to your heart's desire or just tick off all the local sights, the choice is yours. If you need any help to plan your day, feel free to knock on the door of your tour coordinator's room for assistance.

**Route Planning:** It is fascinating to be out on the road and even more exciting to take pit-stops and detours! But the route for Bus to Singapore has been carefully planned by professionals to ensure that you have the best experience, without compromising on your safety and comfort. Our task is to make you conclude this journey safely and on time! We have to obtain special overland permits, and permissions from government bodies in many countries and some countries don't permit us to divert from the designated route.



# FAQs

**Is the above schedule fixed?** We like to stick to the designed plan as much as possible. But, all participants should be prepared for changes in route due to uncertain weather conditions, road blockages and any other probabilities.

**What kind of vehicle will I be travelling in?** The vehicle will be a modified luxury bus offering exceptional comfort and facilities.

**What is the average group size?** The group size will be limited to a maximum of 20 people in one bus.

**Will vegetarian meals be an issue?** Most regions offer vegetarian food, though choices may be limited. We will also be carrying ready-to-eat Indian food packets and a portable stove.

**What about medical assistance in case of any emergency?** Our team will be equipped with a first-aid kit and necessary medical supplies. You must carry any prescribed medications that you take with you in abundance, as those may not be readily available in these countries.

**Will you help us procure all visas?** A detailed list will be mailed to you well in advance. We will assist you with each step to obtain the same. Most of the visas will be applied from our end.

**Passport requirement?** We will be processing 4 visas for Indian passport holders to cover the entire journey. Your passport must be valid until June 2022 and have 6 empty pages.

**What about currency exchange?** Our team will assist you in converting currency in every country. We will also advise on how much money you should bring with you. Please carry USD/Euros along and same can be exchanged in local currency.

**What about network connectivity?** We advise you to activate international roaming pack on your phone for the countries you will be visiting. We can also help you with the purchase of local sim cards in every country. Most of the hotels will have in-room wi-fi facility.



Bagan



# ABOUT ADVENTURES OVERLAND

Founded in 2012 by Guinness World Record Holders Sanjay Madan and Tushar Agarwal, Adventures Overland is India's leading and multiple award-winning expedition company which offers life-transforming road trips and cross border drives across six continents. We have already taken passionate road trippers to more than 70 countries around the world driving in all corners of the earth - high altitude mountains, rainforests, isolated deserts, futuristic highways and iconic scenic routes. Our road trips are not just about meeting new people, discovering unexplored regions, experiencing unique cultures or sampling bizarre cuisines. On these journeys, you will meet yourself.



# Achievements

- Winner in India's Leading Tour Operator Category at World Travel Awards 2020
- Satte Award 2020 - Recognized as the 'Best Niche Tour Operator' in India at South Asia's leading B2B travel and tourism trade exhibition
- Former Guinness World Record Holders for the longest journey in a foreign country: Sanjay and Tushar travelled 17,107 km in Australia alone in 28 days from November 25 - December 22, 2013
- Represented India at the 2nd ASEAN-India Car Rally 2012, organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- Featured in a 10 episode riveting series on a record breaking road trip - The Great Indian World Trip aired on TLC and Discovery Science & Turbo. The series is streaming now on Discovery Plus
- Honoured by the Government of UAE at the Dubai Travellers Festival for special contribution towards adventure travel around the world



## LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS

- The longest drive across most countries: Covered 90,151 km across 50 countries in six continents in 453 days
- The longest journey in South America: Covered 16,159 km across six countries in 75 days
- The longest journey in North America: Passed through nine Central and North American countries, covering 25,621 km
- The South-North drive across the America continents: Drove 27,382 km from the world's southernmost city, Ushuaia in Argentina to the northernmost city, Deadhorse in Alaska, USA
- The most European countries covered: Covered 11,197 km across 22 European countries in 21 days
- The longest journey in a single country: Covered 17,107 km in 28 days, driving in Australia
- First Indian driving expedition to Icelandic glacier by a 25 member team which covered 1,302 km in seven days
- The longest Asian countries tour: Covered 8,209 km across five Asian countries in 26 days
- The West-East-West India round trip: First team to drive 7,566 km non-stop for seven days through seven states of India in a record time of 155 hours 50 minutes
- The fastest West-East India expedition: Drove 3,703 km from Koteswar, Gujarat to Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh in a record time of 73 hours and 55 minutes
- Drive to the highest motorable road: First civilians to drive to the Mana Pass at 18,399 feet
- The fastest trans Himalayan challenge: Driven 5,500 km non-stop for 9 days 6 hours 15 minutes covering the entire Himalayan range in India, Bhutan & Nepal
- The Tata Nano Himalayan expedition: Successfully made it to the world's highest motorable road at Khardung La (5,602 m) in a 626 cc Tata Nano
- Delhi-Kailash Mansarovar expedition: Driving from Delhi to Mansarovar and Mt. Kailash through Nepal, Tibet/China in eight days



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# Press & Social Media



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