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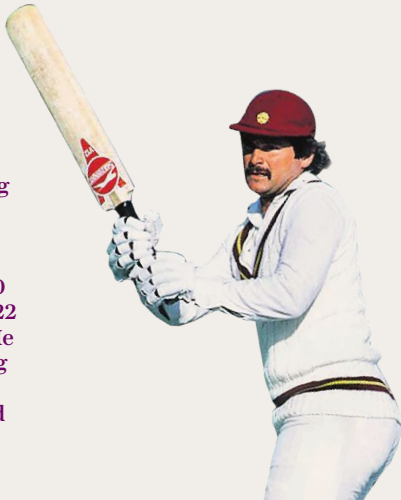
Watch India v England
with the cricketing greats



The atmosphere of a cricket match in Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium makes for one of the world's great sporting occasions

Our Experts

Allan Lamb
Arriving from his native South Africa in the late Seventies, Lamb carved a career as a swashbuckling batsman for both Northamptonshire and England, for whom he amassed more than 4,500 Test runs and played in 122 one-day internationals. He can now be found lending his expertise to cricket coverage on the radio and on television.



Sir Ian Botham
One of England's finest-ever all-rounders, Botham won 102 caps for his country, which he also captained. After taking 383 Test wickets and scoring 5,200 Test runs, he retired from playing in 1993 and has devoted a large part of his life since to raising money for charity. He was knighted as a reward for his efforts and is currently a cricket commentator with Sky Sports.



Sunil Gavaskar
A legend of the game, Gavaskar set world records during his 125 Tests for India, most notably for the most Test centuries (34) and the most Test runs, (he was the first player to score 10,000). Regarded as one of the world's finest ever opening batsmen, the native of Mumbai went on to become chairman of the ICC and is a TV broadcaster and print journalist.



Ravi Shastri
Another native of Mumbai, Shastri has occupied a wide range of jobs within the cricket world. His playing career took in 80 Tests and 150 one-day internationals, with a first-class total of more than 13,000 runs and over 500 wickets. He also captained India, and his retirement from the playing side was followed by a spell coaching the national team.



India
Join this very special itinerary to see the England team take on India in the company of some of the sport's great players

For sports fans, few experiences will compare to watching cricket in India, where enthusiasm for the game reaches an almost religious fervour. This tour is a very special opportunity to see an exciting England team take on the host nation during this year's winter tour to the subcontinent. Hosted throughout by the former England cricketer Allan Lamb, you will take in all the action at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai as well as hearing thoughts and insights from some of the biggest names in cricket in person, from Sir Ian Botham to Sunil Gavaskar. You won't neglect this wonderful region of India either, with escorted tours taking in the Taj Mahal, magnificent Jaipur and the highlights of Delhi. This will combine a superb sporting occasion with some of the country's great sights.



Highlights

HOSTED BY ALLAN LAMB
The tour will be escorted by the former England cricketing legend Allan Lamb. A congenial host, Allan will share his insights of touring India and provide an in-depth and insightful analysis of the cricket to be enjoyed.

TEST MATCH TICKETS
Enjoy the best seats in the house in the company of Allan Lamb for the fourth Test Match between India and England,

The grand Amber Fort in Jaipur, right

which takes place at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium. You will enjoy off-site hospitality including lunch, drinks and afternoon tea.

Q&A WITH CRICKET LEGENDS
This exclusive event on the eve of the Test match will feature ex-England cricketers Sir Ian Botham and Allan Lamb, as well as Indian cricketing legends Ravi Shastri and Sunil Gavaskar.

TAJ MAHAL AND JAIPUR
Included are sightseeing visits to the iconic Taj Mahal, (both at dawn and at dusk), to Jaipur's Amber Fort, to Mahatma Gandhi's former residence, to the Red Fort in Delhi, and to the sandstone ghost town of Fatehpur Sikri. Cocktails and dinner will also be enjoyed at the historic Rambagh Palace.

LUXURIOUS ACCOMMODATION
You will stay in five-star hotels, including the ITC Mughal Hotel in Agra, the ITC Rajputana Hotel in Jaipur, and the Trident Nariman Point Hotel in Mumbai.

Itinerary

Day 1 Flight to Delhi
Overnight British Airways flight to Delhi from London Heathrow.
Day 2 Delhi
On arrival transfer to hotel. After lunch enjoy a guided tour of New Delhi – India's capital and a major gateway to the country which successfully combines the ancient with the modern. Highlights will include the iconic India Gate; Qutub Minar, the world's tallest brick minaret; Jama Mosque; the spectacular Humayun's Tomb, and the famous Red Fort. Welcome dinner at the hotel. Meals: L, D
Day 3 Agra
After breakfast, travel south to Agra – once a small village on the banks of the Yamuna, Agra was transformed by two great Mughal monarchs into the second capital of the Mughal Empire. Visit the truly magnificent Taj Mahal, built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan

to enshrine the mortal remains of his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal, and the massive Agra Fort, which houses the halls of Private and Public Audience. Meals: B
Day 4 Jaipur
Subject to sunlight visibility, the day begins with a visit to view the Taj Mahal at arguably the finest time of day – the extraordinary dawn. Travel to visit Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted red sandstone city built by the Mughal emperor Akbar in the late 16th century, and continue onward to Jaipur. Visit the historic Rambagh Palace for a cocktail in the Polo Bar and dinner in the Rajput Room. Here, Allan will share anecdotes about life as a professional cricketer on tour in India. Meals: B, L, D
Day 5 Jaipur
Known for its architecture, arts and crafts, jewellery, and hand-painted fabrics, the capital of Rajasthan awaits today. Visit the



Take in the region's great sights, including the Taj Mahal

Unesco World Heritage hilltop fortress at Amber, ascending the imposing fort on a decoratively painted elephant, and enjoy lunch on the top of the fort. View the elegant Hawa Mahal, or "Palace of Winds"; Jantar Mantar, an observatory built by Sawai Jai Singh II in the 18th century; and the monumental City Palace. Meals: B, L
Day 6 Mumbai
Morning flight from Jaipur to Mumbai and transfer to hotel. After lunch enjoy a guided tour of Mumbai – a throbbing, cosmopolitan metropolis which still retains the glory of the past. Visit the Prince of Wales museum, the Jain Temple, Dhobi Ghat, (the outdoor laundry), and Mani Bhavan, where Mahatma Gandhi used to stay. Meals: B, L
Day 7 Mumbai/ Q&A
Free day to perhaps take a stroll along the famous Marine Drive or to grab a bargain in one of the city's many markets. You will then

take dinner followed by a Q&A event, in the company of former England cricketers Sir Ian Botham and Allan Lamb, and legendary Indian cricketers Ravi Shastri and Sunil Gavaskar. Meals: B, D
Days 8-11 Test match cricket
Enjoy all the action of the Test match in the Wankhede Stadium in the company of Allan Lamb. Transfers to and from the ground are provided, with seating in a hospitality area, and lunch, drinks and afternoon tea served off-site. Meals: B, L, afternoon tea
Day 12 Final day's lay
Enjoy all the action of the final day of the Test match. There will be a special farewell dinner hosted by Allan Lamb reflecting on the tour in the evening.
Day 13 Departure
Transfer to the airport for daytime British Airways flight from Mumbai to London Heathrow, arriving early evening. Meals: B

13 days from £3,999

Dates
December 1-13 2016

What's included
◆ Service of a Cleveland Collection tour manager
◆ Economy-class international and domestic flights
◆ Eleven nights' five-star

accommodation
◆ Breakfasts throughout
◆ Welcome dinner
◆ Lunches as detailed
◆ Guided tours of Delhi, Agra, Fatehpur Sikri, Jaipur, Mumbai
◆ Q&A with Sir Ian Botham, Allan Lamb, Ravi Shastri and Sunil Gavaskar

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