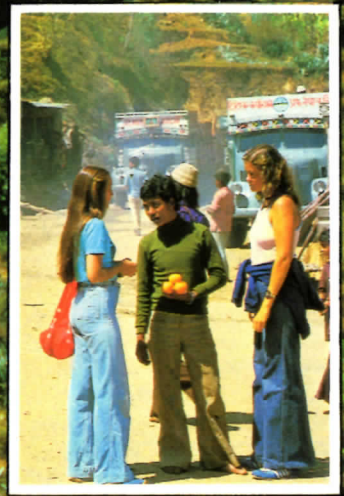


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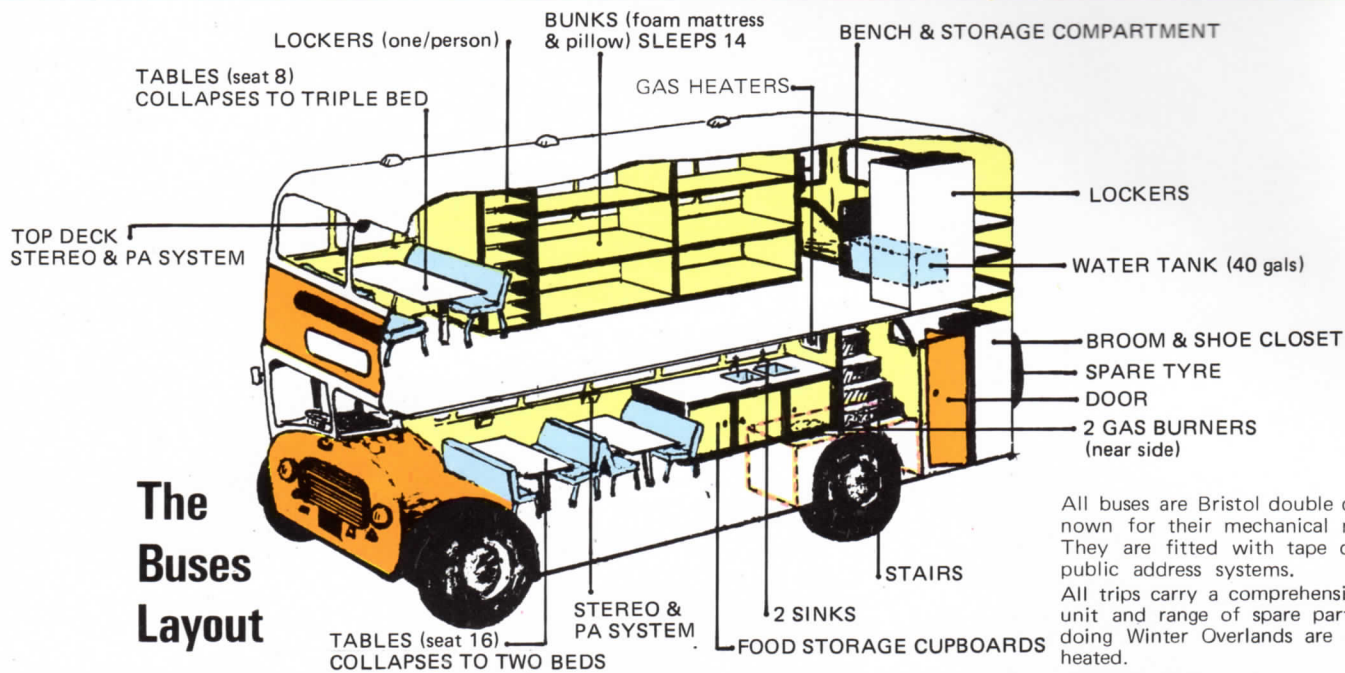


OVERLAND BY DOUBLE DECKER  
TO KATHMANDU AND LONDON



**QANTAS**

# The Style of Top Deck



## The Buses Layout

All buses are Bristol double deckers renowned for their mechanical reliability. They are fitted with tape decks and public address systems. All trips carry a comprehensive repair unit and range of spare parts. Buses doing Winter Overlands are generally heated.

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

For Sydney to London and Kathmandu to London trips.  
**INDONESIA:** A 28 day tourist visa is required. Two photos are required.  
**SINGAPORE:** No visa is required but passengers must show proof of enough money to support themselves.  
**MALAYSIA:** No visa is required. Courier will show proof of onward ticket.  
**THAILAND:** A visa is not compulsory but strongly advisable. 3 photos.  
**BURMA:** A visa is required. 4 photos are required.  
**NEPAL:** A visa is required.  
**IRAQ:** A visa is required. These are obtained from the Iraqi embassy.

The above visas are necessary to be obtained in Australia before leaving, any further visas for between Kathmandu and London can be obtained on route. All visa costs will be borne by the passenger, including those obtained on route. This visa information is subject to change at the embassies discretion. It is advisable for the passenger to check if it is still applicable at the time. N.B. All passengers should carry with them at least 20 photos (machine type is sufficient) for use on route.

\*These visa requirements are applicable to Australian citizens only.

### CAMPsites

In Europe, we use the best campsites with hot showers, discos, bars etc. On the overlands, campsites are not readily available. Your courier will know of plenty of places for hot baths or showers and as we're self-contained in other aspects there's no problem in the most primitive countries.

### CLOTHES

On all overland expeditions there will be a complete range of temperature and weather conditions from very hot to very cold, sometimes with snow or tropical rainstorms. Therefore you must come prepared with a variety of clothes that will suit for all conditions. Suggested clothing list will be sent on booking. You will need a very warm sleeping bag or extra blankets. A sleeping sheet bag is also a very good idea.

### HEALTH

A valid certificate of vaccination for cholera and smallpox is necessary. There will be a comprehensive supply of medications and bandages on each bus. **MALARIA TABLETS** are a necessity for the overland trip. **INSECT REPELLENT**, not insecticide, is also very necessary. A personal supply of **Broad Spectrum Antibiotics** and a mild but effective antidiarrhoeal mixture.

### SPENDING MONEY

This depends on the individual, the amount of souvenirs bought and the amount of social drinking.

Asian Overland	- A\$4 - \$8/day.
European Tours	- A\$6 - \$10/day.

### FOOD KITTY

Provides use of the TOP DECK kitchen at any time. Organised by the courier and operated on a roster system. Prepares three meals a day with 2-3 courses a meal. Any money left in the food kitty will be refunded at the end of the trip.

### THE PASSENGERS

Generally, the rest of the group will be in the 18-30's and include Australasians, British, Canadians, Swedes etc. travelling alone or in small groups. It is essential that all people on the trip are adaptable and have a spirit of adventure.

### BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

This is strictly limited to basic essentials. Each person is allocated cupboard space and no extra luggage can be permitted. A warm parka can be hung on hooks. Please no large vanity cases or suitcases. Bring your gear in a soft bag which can either be stored or sent home easily.

### DRIVERS & COURIERS

The drivers and couriers will be experienced in every aspect of running a trip. They are easy going but responsible people with a lot of driving ability and mechanical experience. They are responsible for your welfare in every way, but not to the extent of being your nursemaid.

### THE ITINERARIES

These are as set out in the map but should be used as a guide only. Itineraries can be altered or tailored to suit the needs of the group, or because of prevailing weather conditions, road conditions, shipping timetables, flight schedules and the interests of the group in different attractions.

### THE COST

Our quoted prices INCLUDE:-  
 All campsite and hotel camping fees, road tolls, fuel, fares, ferry and shipping costs, flights (if in itinerary), driver and courier service, mechanical repairs and parts cost, visits to spots of interest.  
**DOES NOT INCLUDE:-** Drinks, food, sleeping bag, showers and baths over and above those included in campsite fees, any excursion not undertaken in the bus, museum entrance fees, airport tax and intra-city transport



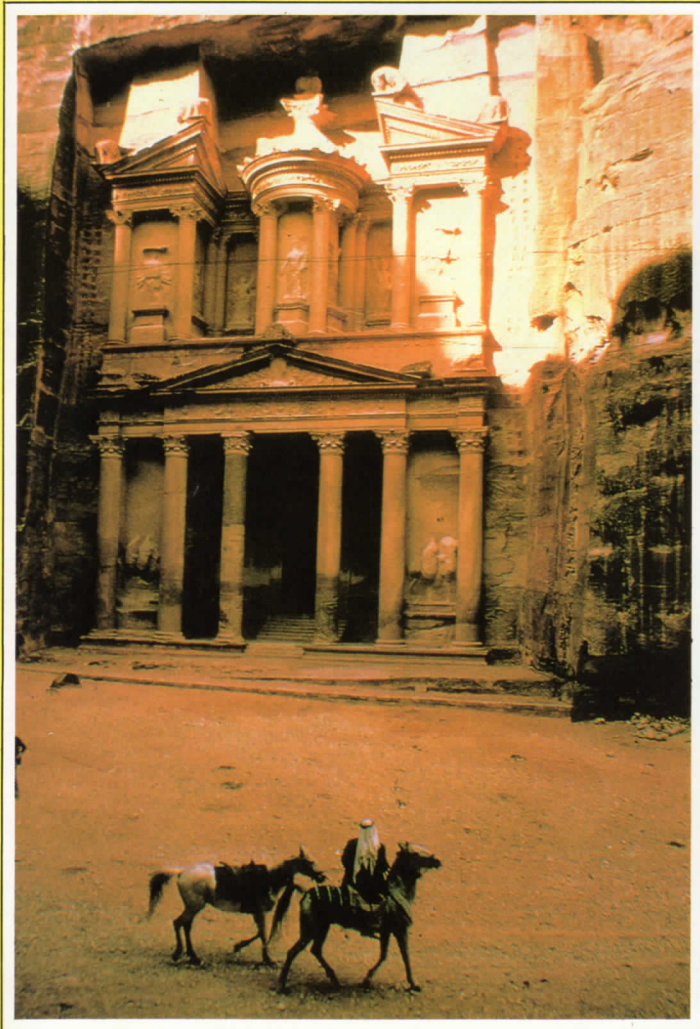
# OVERLANDERS

## Sydney - London, 20 weeks - \$2130

For those who have not previously travelled much in Australia, this will be your chance to travel the continent, east to west.

After a few days in Perth, we fly to Bali to sample Indonesia's fabulous beaches and way of life. We travel by ferry to Java and spend several days in the interesting cities of Djakarta and Jogjakarta before flying to Singapore. Then by coach to Malacca, Kuala Lumpur and Penang. At Lumut we spend several days soaking up the hot tropical sun. We travel by the excellent train to the Thai town of Haadyai and there onto the beautiful capital Bangkok. By coach to Changmai for the three day Mr. Moo Tour, exploring on foot some of the primitive tribal country near the Laotian border. Back to Bangkok to see the markets and Buddhist temples before flying to Rangoon - Capital of Burma.

We travel by train to Mandalay and take a boat to the beautiful temple city of Pagan. A short flight to Mandalay where we pick up the ancient train back to Rangoon. After a week in this incredibly interesting backwater of civilization we fly to Kathmandu to meet one of our converted double deckers. From Kathmandu to London we take the normal 11 week trip as you will see described next.



### MODE of TRANSPORT

Sydney - Perth:- Fully converted Double Decker.  
Perth - Bali - Jakarta - Singapore:- Coach, Ferry & Plane.  
Singapore - Changmai - Bangkok:- Coach & Train.  
Bangkok - Rangoon:- Plane.  
Rangoon - Mandalay:- Train.  
Mandalay - Pagan - Mandalay:- Boat & Plane.  
Mandalay - Rangoon:- Train.  
Rangoon - Kathmandu:- Plane.  
Kathmandu - London:- Fully converted Double Decker Bus.

### SPECIAL FEATURES:

A relaxed itinerary using converted double decker buses for all of the Kathmandu to London trip and the majority of the overland through to Australia. Elsewhere, reasonable hotel accommodation is used unless other arrangements have been made. All prices include accommodation and fully guided sightseeing in all cities. All buses are driven by fully trained driver-mechanics and organized by experienced couriers. Small group travel - maximum of 20 passengers. The buses have comfortable foam beds with ample storage space. Food Kitty allows 3 meals/day and the full use of the hygienically controlled kitchen.

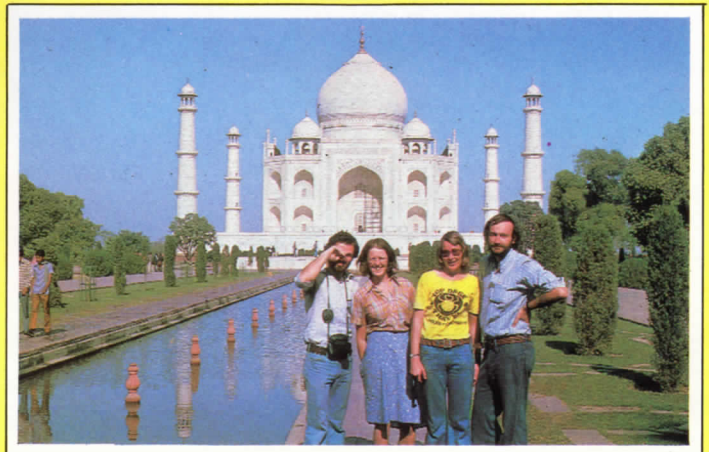


## Kathmandu - London 11 weeks - \$759

This journey is one that many people dream of but not many can fulfil. The contrasts of culture and religion from christian Europe the Islamic Middle East, Hindu India and Buddhist Nepal are great and educational. At the end of this journey you will have many new friends and ideas and will have satisfied your yearning for new and different experiences.

Our converted double deckers offer comfort and flexibility as well as providing you with the security of travelling and living hygienically.

NOTE - Basic Hotel accommodation (3 nights) at Jerusalem is inclusive as is also the houseboat at Srinagar (3 nights). These are all taken care of by TOP DECK. On any occasion public transport needs to be used, TOP DECK pay the basic fare. Food kitty may not be able to supply all meals when time is spent away from the TOP DECK kitchen.



# Sydney • London

via South East Asia 20 weeks - \$2130



## ITINERARY

1. CANBERRA — Australia's capital city.
2. ALBURY — A drive down the Hume highway.
3. MELBOURNE — Two days to visit the shops
4. " and sample the night-life.
5. MURRAY BRIDGE — Over-night.
6. ADELAIDE — Australia's prettiest capital.
7. " There is time to see quite a lot.
8. PT. AUGUSTA — The port.
9. CEDUNA — The start of the Nullabor.
10. EUCLA — On the border of WA.
11. BALLADONIA — Another thirst-quencher.
12. NORSEMAN — The end of the Nullabor.
13. COOLGARDIE — In the centre of the mining.
14. KALGOOLIE — Look for the coloured doors.
15. SOUTHERN CROSS — The greener belt.
16. PERTH — Capital of WA. We visit Rottnest
17. " Island, Yancheep Sun City and the beaches.
18. BALI — Stay at BAMBOO INNE, KUTA
19. " BEACH. A popular spot with
20. " many cheap restaurants and surf.
21. " Explore volcanic Mt. Batier and
22. " nearby lake. Bali is famous for its
23. " dancers and wood-carvers.
24. JOGJAKARTA — A sample of the
25. " Indonesia way life. Visit Borobudeir
26. " Temple. Haggie for batiks, leather
27. " goods and silver.
28. JAKARTA — The Capital of Indonesia.
29. SINGAPORE — Stay at a friendly old
30. " Chinese style HOE PIN HOTEL,
31. " 88 OWEN RD. We visit Change Alley,
32. " Orchard Rd, Bugis St.
33. MALACCA — Dutch and Portuguese influence
34. " evident in this ancient city.
35. KUALA LUMPUR — See the moorish style
36. " railway station, National Mosque.
37. " Batu Caves, night food stalls.
38. PENANG — Samples of Chinese, Indian and
39. " Malay cultures. Penang Hill.
40. HADYAI — Visit popular Songkhla beach.
41. PHUKET — A great chance to mix with the
42. " locals and relax on magnificent beaches
43. " on this idealic tropical island. Enjoy
44. " cheap seafood, visit James Bond island.
45. BANGKOK — Famous for its night life
46. " and Buddhist Temples. Stay at
47. " ATLANTA HOTEL 501 2
48. " SUKUMVIT RD.
49. CHIANG-MAI — Well known for its agree-
50. " able climate and beautiful women.
51. " Centre for the handicrafts of the
52. " Hilltribes, Mr Moo Tribal Tour.\* \$20
53. BANGKOK — Return to this interesting city
54. " with many things to do.
55. RANGOON — has an air of seedy decay.
56. MANDALAY — A city with many interesting
57. " Pagodas.
58. MAYMOE — Cool and relaxing at this
59. " incredible old English Hill station.
60. MANDALAY — Over-night.
61. RANGOON — Over-night.
62. KATHMANDU — Capital of Nepal.
63. A week in Kathmandu before boarding the
64. TOPDECK DOUBLE DECKER.
65. Depart for London (as per Kathmandu-
66. London itinerary, 11 weeks.)

## Departure Dates and Prices (Including Accommodation)

Date Departure	Trip Prices	Food Kitty	Departure Kathmandu	Time in Kathmandu
14 Aug 79*	A\$2042	A\$150	Oct 30th	1 week
11 Sept 79	A\$2130	A\$162	Nov 13th	1 week
19 Sept 79*	A\$2042	A\$150	Jan 2nd	5 weeks
1 Oct 79*	A\$2042	A\$150	Jan 2nd	3 weeks
7 Oct 79*	A\$2042	A\$150	Jan 2nd	2½ weeks
16 Oct 79*	A\$2042	A\$150	Jan 2nd	1 week
24 Oct 79*	A\$1860	A\$112	Jan 2nd	3 weeks
2 Nov 79*	A\$1860	A\$112	Jan 2nd	1 week
13 Nov 79	A\$2130	A\$162	Jan 15th	1 week
6 Feb 80*	A\$2460	A\$182	April 24th	1 week
6 Mar 80	A\$2583	A\$198.50	May 8th	1 week
10 April 80*	A\$2460	A\$182	June 26th	1 week
8 May 80	A\$2583	A\$198.50	July 10th	1 week
12 June 80*	A\$2460	A\$182	Aug 28th	1 week
10 July 80	A\$2583	A\$198.50	Sept 11th	1 week
14 Aug 80*	A\$2460	A\$182	Oct 30th	1 week
11 Sept 80	A\$2650	A\$198.50	Nov 13th	1 week
19 Sept 80*	A\$2650	A\$182	Jan 2nd	5 weeks
1 Oct 80*	A\$2650	A\$182	Jan 2nd	3 weeks
7 Oct 80*	A\$2650	A\$182	Jan 2nd	2½ weeks
16 Oct 80*	A\$2650	A\$182	Jan 2nd	1 week
24 Oct 80*	A\$2477	A\$132.50	Jan 2nd	3 weeks
2 Nov 80*	A\$2477	A\$132.50	Jan 2nd	1 week
13 Nov 80	A\$2650	A\$198.50	Jan 15th	1 week
6 Feb 81*	A\$2650	A\$182	April 24th	1 week
6 Mar 81	A\$2980	A\$250	May 8th	1 week

\*Reverse Itineraries — (London — Sydney departures - 19 wks)

## ATTRACTIONS & EXCURSIONS

- |                            |                               |                                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Reclining Buddhist Temple. | Wat Arien.                    | Van Keef Aquarium.                |
| The Snake Temple.          | The Golden Mount.             | Surf beaches — W.A.               |
| Penang Hill.               | The House of Jade, Singapore. | Goldfields exhibition, Coolgardie |
| Kek Lol Si Temple.         | Bugis Street.                 | The Hume Weir.                    |
| Pewter works.              | Tiger Balm Gardens.           | Canberra.                         |
| Weekend markets, Bangkok.  | Change A Alley.               | Sydney Harbour Bridge.            |
| Floating markets, Bangkok. | The Temple of a 1000 Lights.  | The Sydney Opera House.           |
| Grand Palace.              | The Chinese Opera.            | Nullabor Plain.                   |
| Wat Ohra Keo.              |                               | Barossa Valley Wineries.          |



# Kathmandu • London

via The Middle East 11 weeks - \$759

## Departure Dates and Prices (Including Accommodation)

Departure Date	Trip Prices	Food Kitty
14 Aug 79*	A\$705	A\$120.00
11 Sept 79	A\$759	A\$132
19 Sept 79*	A\$705	A\$120
1 Oct 79*	A\$705	A\$120
7 Oct 79*	A\$705	A\$120
16 Oct 79*	A\$705	A\$120
13 Nov 79	A\$759	A\$132
15 Jan 80	A\$759	A\$132
6 Feb 80*	A\$705	A\$120
20 Feb 80	A\$856	A\$181.50
21 Mar 80	A\$856	A\$181.50
10 April 80*	A\$790	A\$165
8 May 80	A\$856	A\$181.50
12 June 80*	A\$790	A\$165
10 July 80	A\$856	A\$181.50
14 Aug 80*	A\$790	A\$165
11 Sept 80	A\$856	A\$181.50
19 Sept 80*	A\$790	A\$181.50
30 Sept 80*	A\$790	A\$181.50
7 Oct 80*	A\$790	A\$165
16 Oct 80*	A\$790	A\$165
13 Nov 80	A\$856	A\$181.50
15 Jan 81	A\$950	A\$181.50
6 Feb 81*	A\$790	A\$165
20 Feb 81	A\$950	A\$181.50
20 Mar 81	A\$950	A\$181.50

\*Reverse Itinerary - London - Kathmandu  
10 wks via the Middle East

## ATTRACTIONS & EXCURSIONS

Visit the Holy cities of the Middle East.

Beaches -

Red Sea, Dead Sea and Caspian Sea.

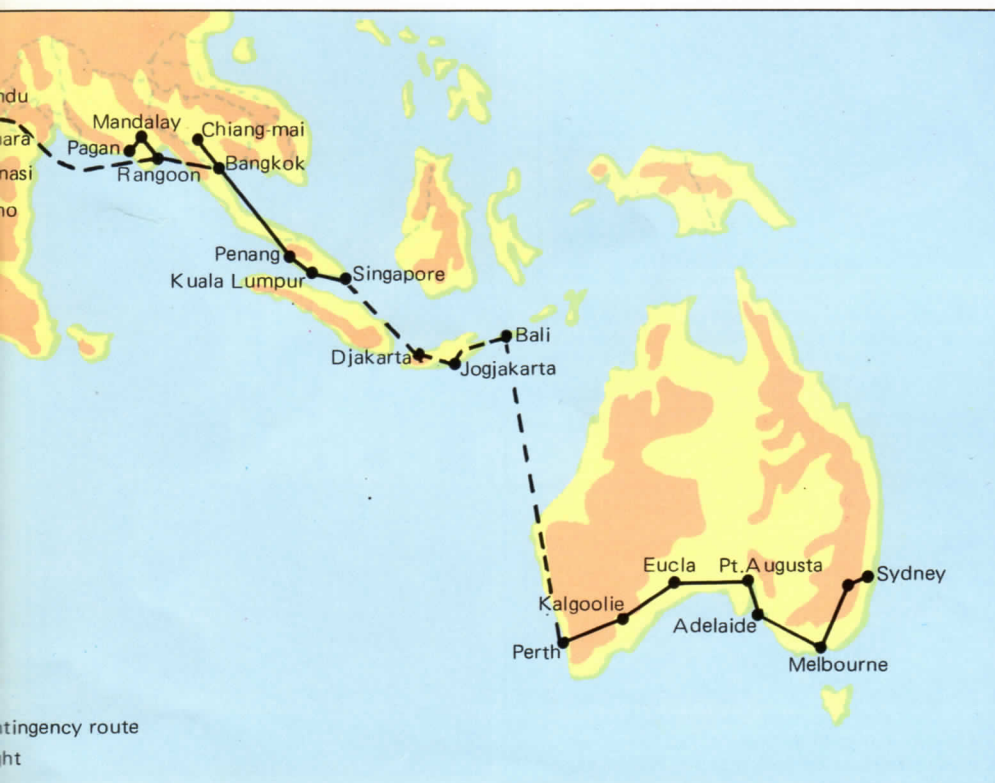
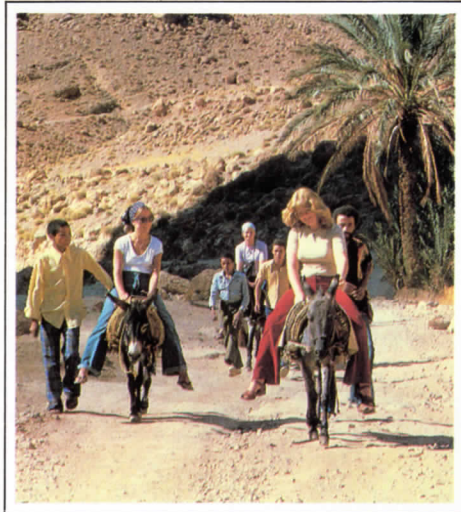
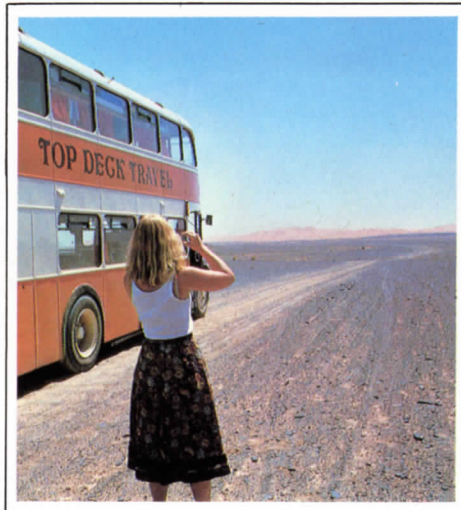
Stay in comfortable houseboats  
at SRINAGAR.

Journey to Damians ancient city of Persepolis.

Explore the unforgettable Dalmation coast.

Visit the erotic temples of Khajuraho.

See the hanging gardens of Babylon.



## ITINERARY

- 1 POKHARA - A beautiful Nepalese village in
- 2 " the Himalayan foothills.
- 3 TANZABAD - We begin the rugged descent to the vast plains of India.
- 4 VARANASI - The holiest Hindu city on the
- 5 " river Ganges. A good Hindu is burnt
- 6 " and buried on the river.
- 7 KHAJURAHOO - A now deserted city known for it's Temples and erotic carvings.
- 8 AGRA - Akbas Tomb and the famous Taj
- 9 " Mahal highlights our stay here.
- 10 DELHI - India's new capital - the Red Fort,
- 11 " the Parliament buildings and beautiful
- 12 " Connaught Square. A city to remember.
- 13 JAMMU - Over-night.
- 14 SRINAGAR - We climb into the Hindu Kush.
- 15 " An idealic existence in the luxury of
- 16 " Kashmirs houseboats.
- 17 JAMMU - Over-night.
- 18 AMRITSAR - The golden temple of the Sikhs
- 19 " and overloaded ta-ta trucks.
- 20 LAHORE - The streets of Pakistan are crowded
- 21 " and lively. The food delicious.
- 22 RAWALPINDI - Over-night.
- 23 KYBER PASS - Bandits still lurk here at night.
- 24 KABUL - Set in a valley amongst the snow-
- 25 " capped Hindu Kush, this is a city of
- 26 " contrasts - the old and the new.
- 27 " \*See notes on optional trip.
- 28 "
- 29 KANDAHAR - Over a snowy pass at 8000 ft
- 30 " Great bargains for shoppers in markets.
- 31 HERAT - Renowned for it's horse-drawn
- 32 " carriages and long leather boots.
- 33 MESHAD - Now in Iran. A holy Islam city
- 34 " with it's beautiful Golden Mosque.
- 35 BABOL - Beaches and caviar on the Caspian.
- 36 TEHERAN - Across the Elburz mountains to
- 37 " this bustling oil rich city.
- 38 ISFAHAN - Beautiful Mosques and bargains
- 39 " of a lifetime await here.
- 40 PERSEPOLIS - Two day stopover. We then
- 41 " move onto Shiraz, a desert town, before
- 42 SHIRAZ - moving on across the desert for
- 43 " another two days towards Babylon.
- 44 BABYLON - Famous for it's hanging gardens.
- 45 BAGHDAD - .... of Arabian Nights fame.
- 46 AMMAN - Jordan's Capital with many
- 47 " Palistinian refugee camps.
- 47 AQABA - Swimming and sunbathing on the
- 48 " Red Sea.
- 49 PETRA - Ancient city hewn out of rock.
- 50 AMMAN -
- 51 JERUSALEM - Down to the saltiest and lowest
- 52 " sea in the world. Across the Allenby
- 53 " bridge into the old city. Near Bethlehem.
- 54 DAMASCUS - Famous holyland city in Syria
- 55 " also known for it's bargain bazaar.
- 56 HAMA - An Arab city with it's water wheels.
- 57 ADANA - The southern Turkish coast with
- 58 ANTALYA - delightful villages and beaches.
- 59 PAMMUKALE - A swim in the hot Spa.
- 60 EPHEBUS - Well preserved ancient Grecian city
- 61 TROY - 4000 year old Greek ruins.
- 62 GALLIPOLI - The ANZAC battlefields.
- 63 ISTANBUL - Great shopping in the Grand
- 64 " Bazaar. The Blue Mosque, Topkapi
- 65 " Palace and St. Sophia.
- 66 KAVALLA - A Greek setting for two days on
- 67 " the beach, relaxing in the sun.
- 68 SKOPJE - Yugoslavia. Once earthquake-ruined.
- 69 DUBROVNIK - The Dalmation coast - beauti-
- 70 " ful scenery and numerous beach stops.
- 71 SPLIT - Over-night.
- 72 VENICE - A full day exploring this gradually
- 73 " sinking city.
- 74 MONACO - A night out at the Casino.
- 75 PARIS - A brief but memorial visit to one of
- 76 " Europe's most beautiful cities.
- 77 LONDON - Our journey's end.

\*This trip is optional during your stay in Kabul. It shows you some of the highlights of primitive and beautiful Afghanistan. The transport is by local bus and trucks and by plane, guided by your courier.  
4 DAYS - \$40.00 (paid to courier)

Day 1 - Flight to Bamiyan arriving about 8am. All day touring to see the giant Buddhas.

Day 2 - We take a truck to Bandymeer. The beautiful Afgan lakes distric. Night in Hotel.

Day 3 - Return to Bamiyan, Night in Hotel.

Day 4 - Return to Kabul. Travel through one of the highest tunnels in the world.

# London Kathmandu

7 weeks - \$562 (including accommodation)

## ITINERARY

1. KOLN — City on the Rhine with its impressive cathedral.
2. MUNICH — The beer halls are world famous.
3. " Also we visit the Olympic complex and Dachau concentration camp.
4. SALZBURG — The old royal capital of Austria, with some stunning scenery.
5. LUBLJANA — A first look at communism in practice.
6. BELGRADE — The modern capital of Yugoslavia.
7. KAVALLA — A beautiful relaxing Greek village resort.
8. ISTANBUL — History abounds. The Blue Mosque and Topkapi Palace are great sights and the Grand Bazaar offers untold bargains.
9. " "
10. " "
11. ANKARA — Turkey's capital — modern buildings and tree-lined streets.
12. GOREME — Underground cities and rock churches of the early Christian church.
13. ERZERUM — The real Turkey — wild country and hardy people.
14. TABRIZ — After passing Mount Ararat, we enter this modern city in oil-rich Iran.
15. TEHRAN\* — Bustling centre of the Middle East, with the Shah's palace and crown jewels.
16. ISFAHAN\* — Iran's traditional royal city, with beautiful mosques and impressive architecture.
17. " "
18. TEHRAN\* — On our way towards the Caspian Sea.
19. BABOL — A caviar factory and excellent beach make an interesting stop.
20. MASHAD — A holy city and centre of the Persian carpet industry.
21. " "
22. HERAT — Primitive Afghanistan. Horse drawn carriages and leather bargains are features of this town.
23. " "
24. KANDAHAR — An ethnic town — exciting markets and friendly people.
25. " "
26. KABUL — Set in the shadow of the snow capped mountains of the Hindu Kush, this city offers fantastic contrasts of old and new.
27. " "
28. " "
29. KABUL GORGE — Bandits still lurk in the KHYBER hills, and we are only allowed in this region in daylight.
30. " "
31. LAHORE — The Red Fort and Museum offer an introduction to Pakistan and India's ancient history.
32. " "
33. AMRITSAR — Our first stop in India where we visit the Golden Temple of the Sikhs.
34. JAMMU — In the state of Kashmir.
35. SRINAGAR — An idyllic existence in luxurious houseboats with great bargains in local handicrafts.
36. " "
37. " "
38. JAMMU

Departures	Prices	Food
24 Oct 79	A\$562	A\$ 98
2 Nov 79	A\$562	A\$ 98
26 Dec 79	A\$562	A\$ 98
23 Oct 80	A\$627	A\$119
1 Nov 80	A\$627	A\$119
26 Dec 80	A\$627	A\$119

## SPECIAL FEATURES

3 meals a day in a hygienic kitchen.

Special heating for the bus.

A comprehensive itinerary.

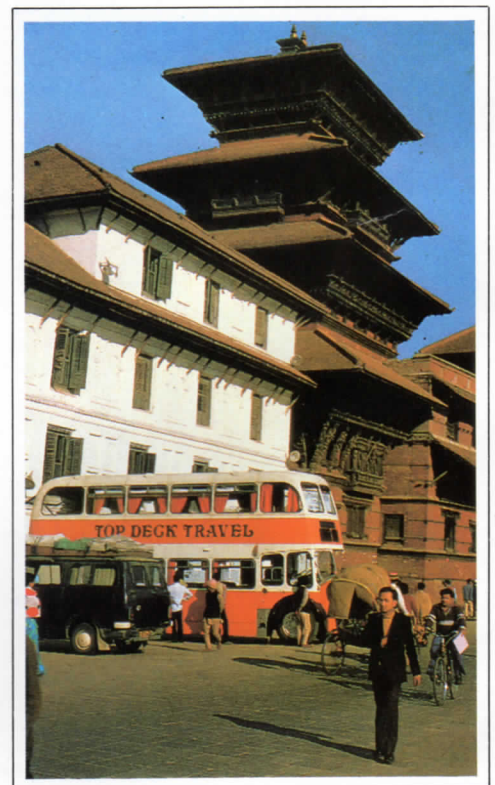
Visits to Goreme, Isfahan and Srinagar

**NOTE:** Srinagar accommodation — Top Deck will pay for a basic houseboat only.



## STOP PRESS

We have a special 7-week departure leaving London 6th of March 1980. The price is \$562 with a food kitty of \$98. At september '79 the situation in Iran and Afghanistan was reasonably stable, if there are problems contingency routes, by-passing these countries will be used, No departure will be cancelled.



39. DELHI — The old and the new. The Red Fort,
40. " Parliament Buildings and British
41. " Empire Architecture make this a city to remember.
42. " "
42. AGRA — Akbar's Tomb and the famous Taj
43. " Mahal highlight our stay here.
44. VARANASI — India's holy city on the Ganges.
45. " A river trip at sunrise is unforgettable.
46. BUTWAL — We enter the foothills of the Himalayas.
47. " "
47. POKHARA — A beautiful Nepalese village in the mountains. Friendly people and good food.
48. " "

49. KATHMANDU — City of temples. A fitting end to our memorable journey.

\*N.B. From March 79 to Sep. 79 Top Deck has had many buses pass through Iran and Afghanistan without any problems.

# The Indian Adventure

28 days to Delhi - \$312 (FOOD KITTY - \$48)

Roads in India are not always the best - nor are the hotels. In this interesting tour Top Deck has fitted in the best sights and areas India has to offer. We travel far away from the normal tourist areas and some long stretches of India have primitive facilities for the foreigner. However, we can assure you that this journey will be one of the most rewarding of your life.

## Departure Dates and Prices

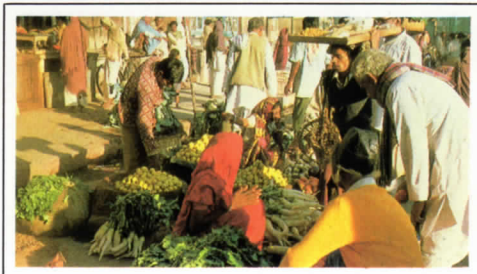
Departures	Prices	Food
21 Dec 79	\$312	\$48
2 Jan 80	\$312	\$48
16 Jan 80	\$312	\$48
21 Dec 80	\$355	\$58
2 Jan 81	\$355	\$58
16 Jan 81	\$355	\$58

## ITINERARY and suggested night stops

1. Leaving Kathmandu we drive through the Himalayas to Pokhara. HOTEL.
2. POKHARA - A small market town set on the side of the Green Lake with the peaks of Anapurna rising in the distance. HOTEL.
3. BUTWAL - We leave early to drive down mountain valleys towards India. ROAD.
4. We start early to cross over into India and drive across the Ganges plain to Varanasi. DAK.
5. VARANASI - One of the oldest cities in the world and the centre of the Hindu religion. A Ganges cruise, shopping, temples, snake charmers and sitar players make this a memorable stay. DAK.
6. KHAJURAHOO - We leave the Ganges and drive across fertile, teeming plains to Khajuraho. DAK.
7. KHAJURAHOO - A morning looking around a series of unique temples, with some "interesting" carvings. A drive across to Jabalpur takes us away from the tourist routes. HOTEL.
8. JABALPUR - A day in a busy Indian town with some beautiful scenery nearby. HOTEL.
9. We drive towards Hyderabad through 1001 small villages in the centre of India. ROADSIDE.
10. HYDERABAD - Arrive in Hyderabad and spend a couple of days looking around forts, museums and shops in surroundings from the British Raj. HOTEL.
11. Heading towards the coast. ROADSIDE.
12. GOA - A tropical state with time to relax on quiet beaches, explore the markets and see white churches in this former Portuguese colony. HOTEL.

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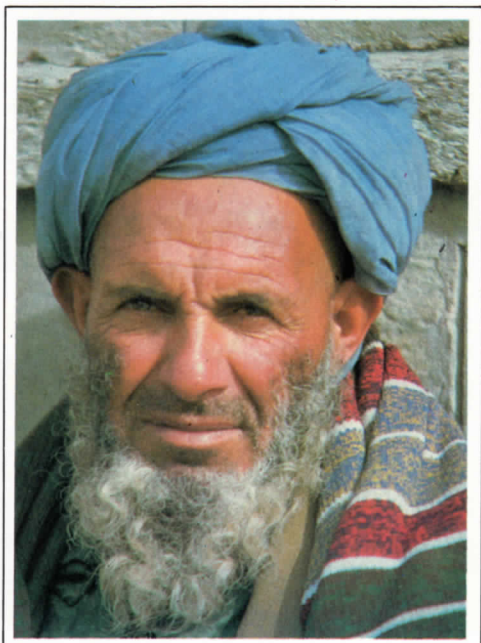
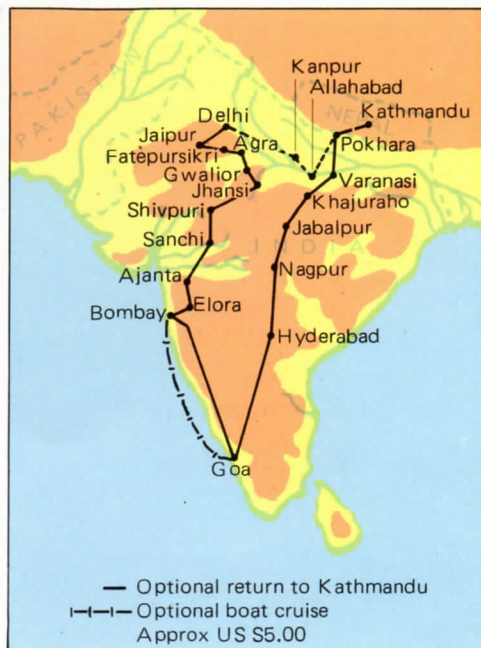
**KATH - DELHI - KATH**  
35 days - \$387



18. GOA - A choice here of driving up the coast or taking an optional cruise on a local steamer from Goa to Bombay. ROAD/BOAT.
19. BOMBAY - A huge harbour and important commercial centre in modern India. The things to see span 2000 years from early Hindu cave temples to the British Raj and today's city. HOTEL.
20. AJANTA - Heading north now towards Ajanta and Elora. DAK.
21. Elora and Ajanta caves with Hindu, Buddhist and Jain carvings and wall paintings in temples 1000 years old carved into the hills. ROAD.
22. GWALIOR - Drive up to Gwalior through wild country in one of India's national parks.
23. GWALIOR - Ahuge historic fort which saw some of the bloodiest scenes in India's turbulent history. An afternoon's drive up to Agra with sunset at the Taj. CAMPSITE.
24. AGRA - The world famous Taj Mahal. A red fort and Akbars tomb in a town you'll never forget. CAMPSITE.
25. FATEPUR SIKRI - A morning in an unbelievable town now deserted. Guides will tell you its history. An evening's drive to Jaipur. DAK.
26. JAIPUR - Elephant rides and beautiful buildings and an old astronomical observatory in a unique city. DAK.
27. DELHI - A last look at modern India in a beautiful city built only 50 years ago on a site that has seen 7 other cities.
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## NOTES:

- (a) At Dak's and Hotels we stay in the grounds and use their facilities.
- (b) The Indian campsites although rare have good facilities.
- (c) Some Indian roads are poor and travelling times long. Over the last 3 years we have worked out the best roads and sights to fit into a 4 week tour.



## BOOKING FORM (For Conditions see Top Deck's Main Brochure)

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# Himalayan Trekking

## Helambu Trek

8 days \$195

Oct. 24	Returns	Oct. 31
Nov. 2	Returns	Nov. 9
Nov. 20	Returns	Nov. 27
Dec. 2	Returns	Dec. 9
Mar. 12	Returns	Mar. 19
Apr. 28	Returns	May 5

### INCLUDED IN THE COST OF YOUR TREK

Two nights bed and breakfast at the Asia Hotel.  
Trekking permits.  
Transfer by road or air (Everest only) to the start point of your trek.  
All food and accommodation whilst on trek.  
Use of camping and cooking equipment.  
Services of sherpa guides, cooks and porters.  
Services of a Western Trek Leader on all but Helambu treks.

*Helambu or Helmu is the region at the northern end of the Malemchi Khola Valley. There are several villages of a tribe related to the Sherpas of Solo Khumbu in this area, and this trek, as well as affording good views of the Himalayas, provides a good introduction to trekking life, and the opportunity to observe the Tibetan Buddhist culture as practised in Helambu.*

### HELAMBU TREK ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

To Sundarilaj by coach — 1 hour. Commence Trek from near hydro electric station and after crossing the dam climb up to the Tamang villages of Mulkharka and Chaubas to reach a pass at (8000' — 2440m). Descend through forests to Chisapani (7200') and then farmlands to Pati Bhanjyang (5800' — 1768m).

#### DAY 2 PATI BHAYANG — KUTUMSANG.

Heading north from Pati Bhayang we fork left and, after a short climb, contour for half an hour to reach a saddle. After a further hours climb we reach the scattered village of Chipling (7100 — 2165m). We continue to climb to 8050' and then begin a descent through forest to reach Gul Bhayang after two hours and Kutumsang after a further two hours trekking.

#### DAY 3 KUTUMSANG — THARE PATI

There are no villages between Kutumsang and the Sherpa village of Melemchigaon. We continue along the ridge to a pass at (11800' — 3597m). Visible 3000' below, and to the east, is the village of Tarke Chyang. It is six hours walk from Kutumsang to the pass which affords fine views of the mountains to the north. We camp in goths (huts) just below the pass to enjoy the morning views of the Himalayas.

#### DAY 4 THARE PATI — MELEMCHIGAON

We descend east along a poorly defined trail to a rocky river bed (9600') after one and a half hours we reach another group of goths and soon after Melemchigaon (8400' — 2560m). Here the people call themselves Sherpas but speak a different dialect from that of the Sherpas of Solo Khumbu. There is a Gompa (monastery), and a hermits rock shelter just west of the village.

#### DAY 5 MALEMCHIGAON TO TARKHE GHYANG

One hour below Melemchigaon is a large bridge. We cross the river and climb east reaching the second Sherpa village of Tarkhe Ghyang in time for lunch.

#### DAY 6 KAKANI, THIMBU, TARANG MARANG

From Tarkhe Ghyang we head south through Kakani, a small Sherpa settlement, and after a further one and a half hours Thimbu. The trail then descends along the Malemchi Khola to Tarang Marang (3150' — 960m) a sizeable town with shops and tea houses.

#### DAY 7 TARANG MARANG, ROWAPATI

We follow a wide trail south to cross the river at a large suspension bridge after 2 hours, and arrive at Melemchi Pul Bazaar, and 1 hour later reach Bahunepati (2660' — 811m) the largest Bazaar on the route.

#### DAY 8 ROWAPATI PANCHKAL KATHMANDU

A short trek of one and a half hours brings us back to civilisation once more at Panchkal on the road to Lhasa, from where we return by coach to Kathmandu (32 miles).



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