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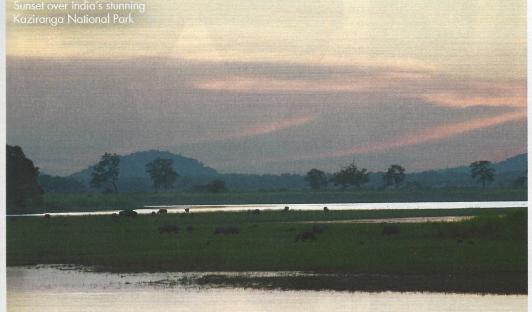
The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have embarked on their most colourful royal tour to date - a seven-day jaunt across India and Bhutan. If you are keen to retrace their route,

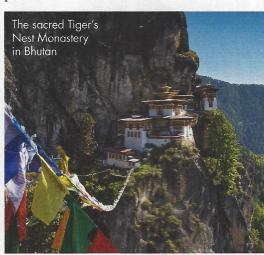


Alive with a remarkable mix of people and traditions, India is unpredictable in the best possible way. Embrace the path chosen by Prince William and Kate by meandering from thronging Mumbai to the sprawling metropolis of New Delhi. Scout for big jungle cats in Kaziranga National Park then head west to beat the crowds and marvel at the Taj Mahal as dawn breaks.

WHERE TO STAY Gilded and glorious, New Delhi's Leela Palace is an ode to opulence and a great one at that. Expect grand columns, hand-woven rugs and Murano chandeliers at every turn, as well as dazzling skyline vistas from the oversized bedrooms. If you manage to exhaust all that the imperial city has to offer, cool off in the rooftop pool or pad down to the Espa spa for a head-to-toe pummelling that's worth crossing oceans for. THE DETAILS Cleveland Collection offers seven

nights at the Leela Palace New Delhi from £1,275 per person based on two sharing a premier room on a B&B basis, including return flights and private transfers; visit clevelandcollection.co.uk.







Bhutar

The remote Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan is steeped in history and wonderfully untouched. You'll find remnants of ancient villages nestled beside labyrinthine mountain passes and pristine peaks home to snow leopards and pangolins. Make the scenic journey to the capital Thimphu, where a visit to the beautiful Thimphu Dzong monastery – the first stop on William and Kate's itinerary – is a must. Next up is the fabled Tiger's Nest Monastery. Clinging to granite cliffs more than 10,000ft above sea level, there are only two ways up: on foot – a gruelling six-hour hike and the option chosen by the intrepid Duke and Duchess – or with a little horseback help before rambling right to the top.

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WHERE TO STAY Perched atop a dense, blue pine forest, Amankora Thimphu Lodge merges Dzong-inspired architecture with smart New Age touches. The courtyard is a calming space punctuated with trees and traditional prayer wheels, while the wood-panelled suites have mesmeric valley views, soaring ceilings and terrazzo-clad baths. It's a quiet retreat with a deep connection to nature yet the hustle and bustle of the capital is just minutes away.

THE DETAILS Greaves Travel offers two nights' B&B in Delhi and seven nights full-board at Amankora Thimphu from £6,999 per person based on two sharing a double room, including return flights, private transfers and a 60-minute massage each. Tel: 020-7487 9111 or visit greavesindia.com.