

Yoga journeys include a spiritual trek to India



Take in the Taj Mahal while on a Nomadic Yoga Journey with Perillo Tours. (Pius Lee, Shutterstock)

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For fans of yoga, following that practice while being immersed in a foreign culture can be a double travel bonus. Perillo Tours offers Learning Journeys, which include Nomadic Yoga Journeys in locations such as Costa Rica, Vietnam, India and Greece. With its ties to ancient spiritual practices, India is a natural for a trip like this. Much of the tour is devoted to exploring Rishikesh, often called the Yoga Capital of the World and the home to an ashram visited by the Beatles in the late '60s. Here visitors will work with a yoga guru and also on their own. There also is more interaction with locals, including a trip to Parmarth Niketan Ashram to watch a ceremony featuring the prayer of river Ganges, called "Ganga Aarti." The 12-day/11-night tour is priced from \$2,325 per person double occupancy, with international airfare extra. Information on this tour and other Nomadic Yoga Journeys is at tinyurl.com/pvoyfd9.

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Exploring the island of Evia for six nights the little Isidoros II has just two double cabins on the main deck and six twin cabins on the lower deck.

Swimming or snorkeling from the boat is an option or just lazing on the sun deck. Pricing for most dates is from just \$820 per person double occupancy.

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