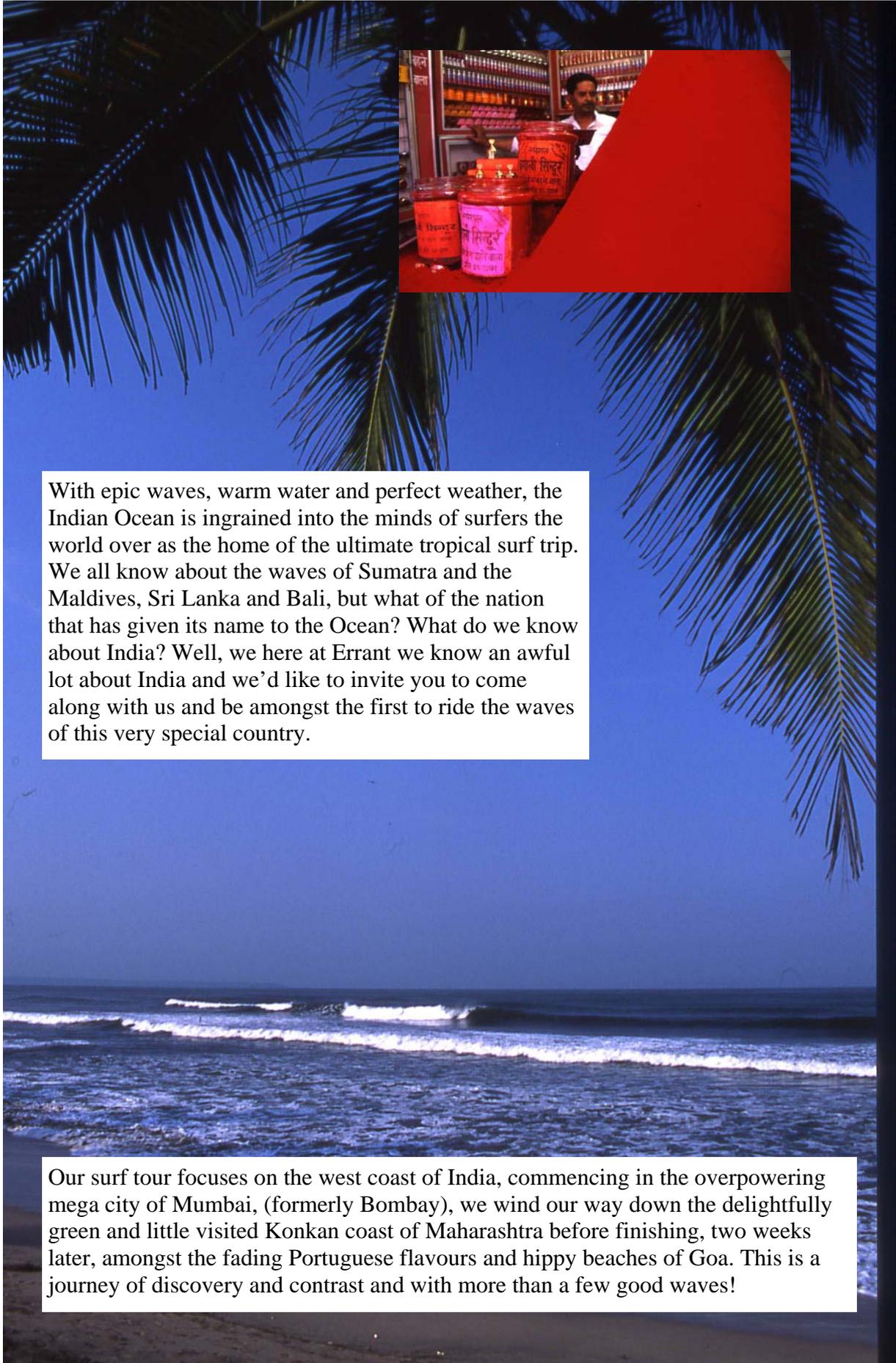


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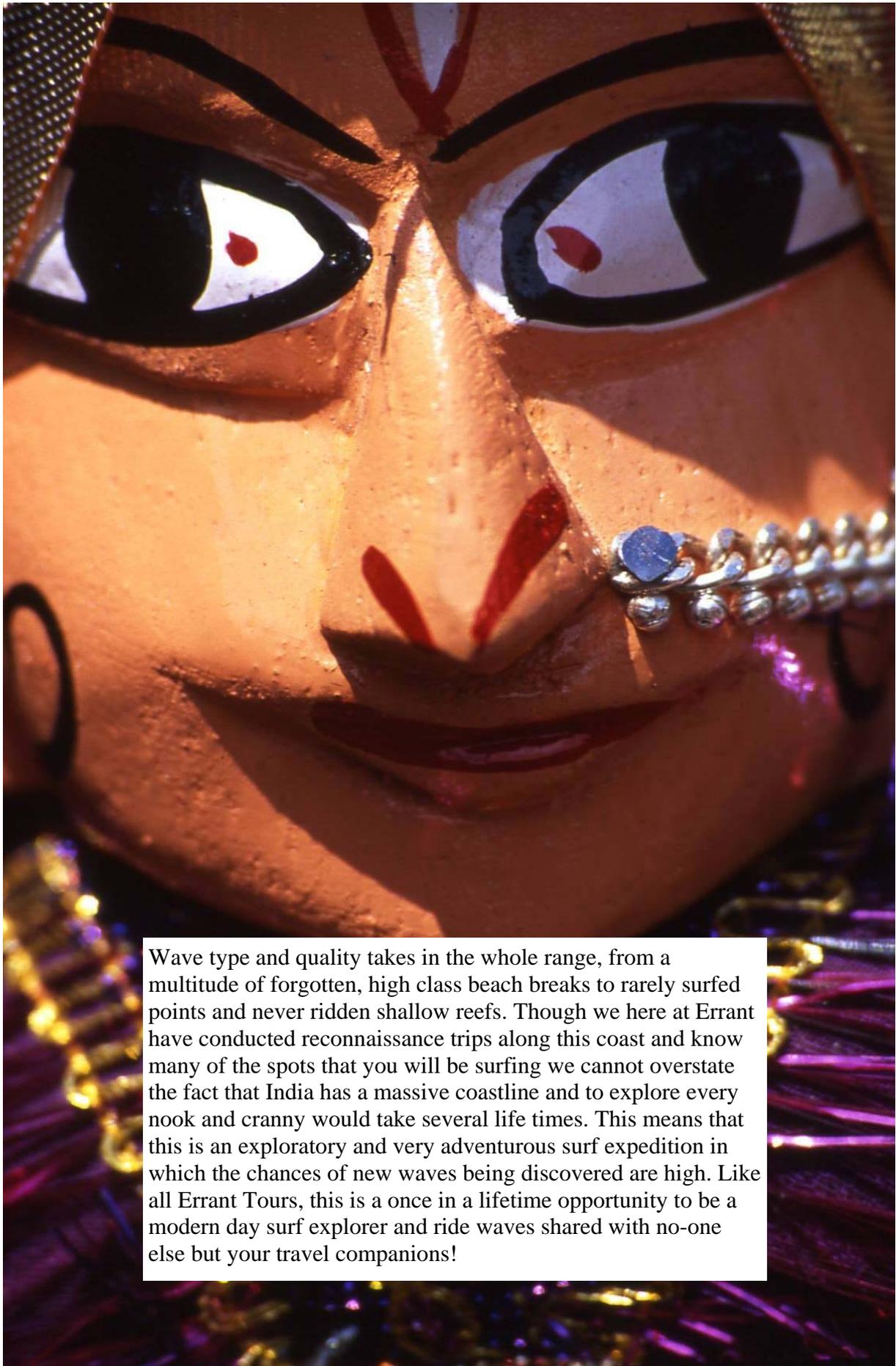
With epic waves, warm water and perfect weather, the Indian Ocean is ingrained into the minds of surfers the world over as the home of the ultimate tropical surf trip. We all know about the waves of Sumatra and the Maldives, Sri Lanka and Bali, but what of the nation that has given its name to the Ocean? What do we know about India? Well, we here at Errant we know an awful lot about India and we'd like to invite you to come along with us and be amongst the first to ride the waves of this very special country.

Our surf tour focuses on the west coast of India, commencing in the overpowering mega city of Mumbai, (formerly Bombay), we wind our way down the delightfully green and little visited Konkan coast of Maharashtra before finishing, two weeks later, amongst the fading Portuguese flavours and hippy beaches of Goa. This is a journey of discovery and contrast and with more than a few good waves!

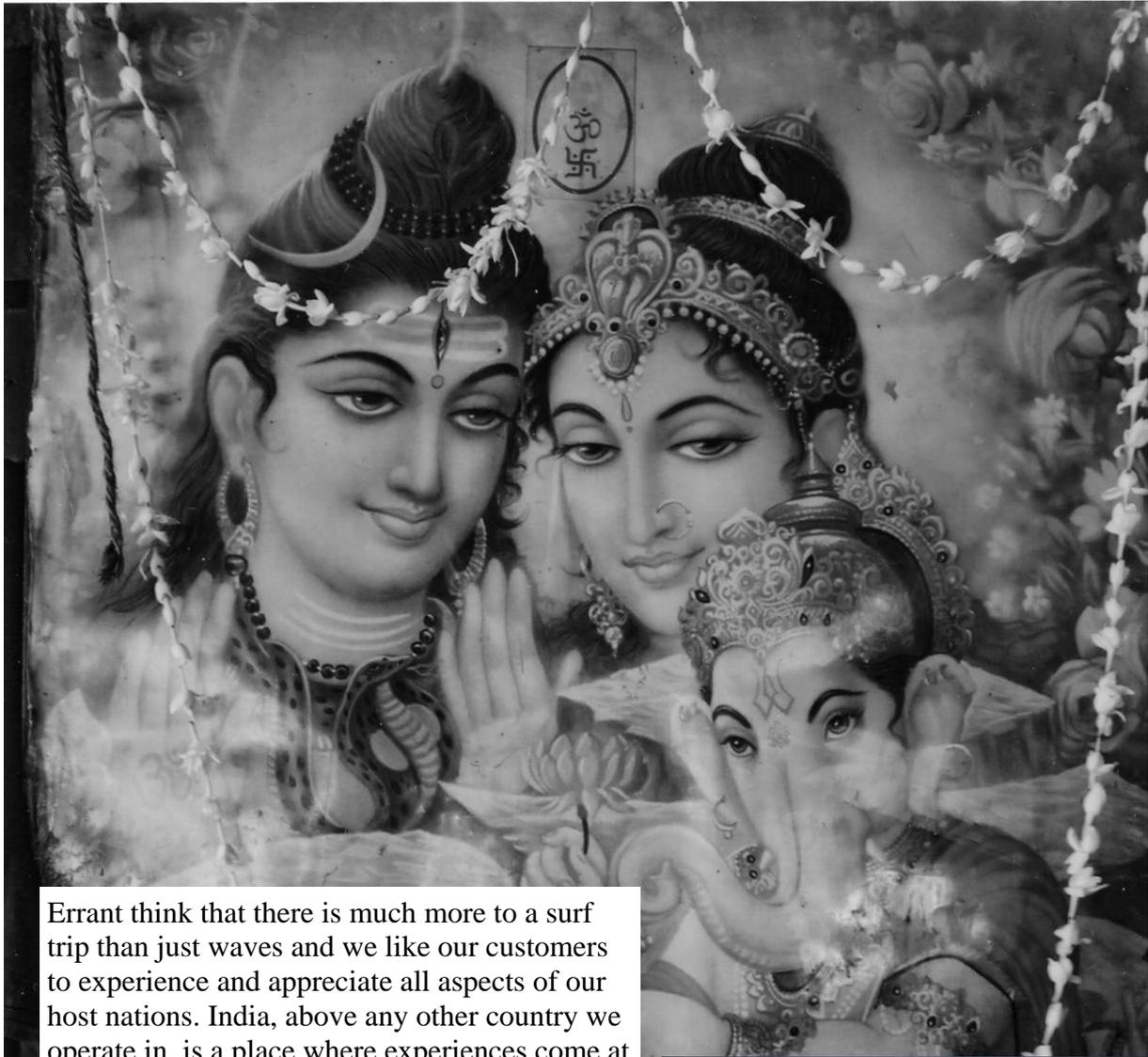


For years India has remained something of an enigma in the surfing universe – that it gets good surf nobody doubts, but it was just that, until now, the truth about the consistency and quality of her waves has gone unnoticed. As it turns out, between the months of May and October, the west coast of India is about as consistent a place as a surfer could wish to be. The reason for this consistency is an intense low pressure system tied into the Indian Monsoon that forms a short way off the coast of Somalia. The Indian monsoon and this associated depression is the most reliable weather system in the world and its arrival and departure in cities across India can be predicted almost to the day year in, year out. During this period severe gale force winds blow all day, every day, generating significant swells out in the Arabian Sea and it's this that causes constant surf for India. Once the swells approach the Indian coast the wind that accompanied them out at sea disappears. This is then further enhanced by giant coastal mountains, the Western Ghats, which run down much of the length of western India and help too further kill this wind. The swells hitting the open beaches of western India generate waves that average a metre (3ft) to two metres (6ft) and are as fast moving and powerful as almost anywhere.





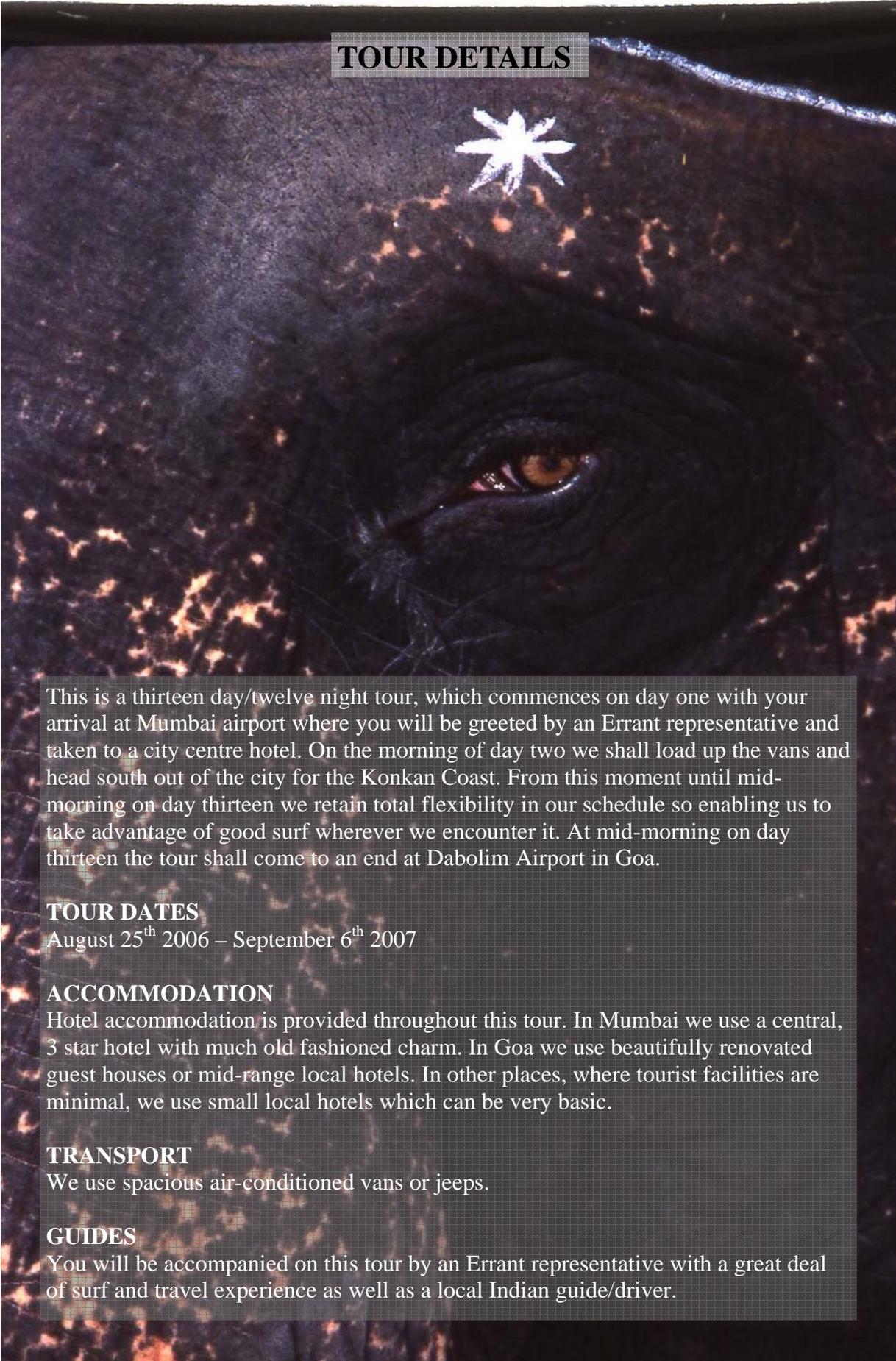
Wave type and quality takes in the whole range, from a multitude of forgotten, high class beach breaks to rarely surfed points and never ridden shallow reefs. Though we here at Errant have conducted reconnaissance trips along this coast and know many of the spots that you will be surfing we cannot overstate the fact that India has a massive coastline and to explore every nook and cranny would take several life times. This means that this is an exploratory and very adventurous surf expedition in which the chances of new waves being discovered are high. Like all Errant Tours, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a modern day surf explorer and ride waves shared with no-one else but your travel companions!



Errant think that there is much more to a surf trip than just waves and we like our customers to experience and appreciate all aspects of our host nations. India, above any other country we operate in, is a place where experiences come at you thick and fast. The country is a powerful theatre of life, death and colour. It's the most spiritual of places and the most commercial. It's noisy, dirty and depressing, tranquil, beautiful and inspiring. It's everything you ever thought it would be, a thousand times over, and, as is often said, it's a place that you can hate forever, but be drawn back too over and over again.



Whether you are standing in the centre of Mumbai, unable to move under the crush of humanity, sipping tea in a far away rural village surrounded by luminous paddy fields and Holy cows, talking to priests in a temple dedicated to the elephant God, Ganesh or tucking into a spicy prawn curry in the flaking backstreets of Panaji, an Indian surf trip is guaranteed to amaze. Whatever way you look at it, India is a place that you must experience, so join Errant on a surf trip you will never forget and don't forget, we can also arrange a number of tailor made Indian cultural tours, which can easily be combined with your surf tour.



TOUR DETAILS

This is a thirteen day/twelve night tour, which commences on day one with your arrival at Mumbai airport where you will be greeted by an Errant representative and taken to a city centre hotel. On the morning of day two we shall load up the vans and head south out of the city for the Konkan Coast. From this moment until mid-morning on day thirteen we retain total flexibility in our schedule so enabling us to take advantage of good surf wherever we encounter it. At mid-morning on day thirteen the tour shall come to an end at Dabolim Airport in Goa.

TOUR DATES

August 25th 2006 – September 6th 2007

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation is provided throughout this tour. In Mumbai we use a central, 3 star hotel with much old fashioned charm. In Goa we use beautifully renovated guest houses or mid-range local hotels. In other places, where tourist facilities are minimal, we use small local hotels which can be very basic.

TRANSPORT

We use spacious air-conditioned vans or jeeps.

GUIDES

You will be accompanied on this tour by an Errant representative with a great deal of surf and travel experience as well as a local Indian guide/driver.

GROUP SIZE

A minimum of four people are required for this tour and a maximum of seven. This is the ideal number to ensure that you always have somebody to share the waves with but not so many that you become a portable crowd! If there are less than four clients for the tour we can still run it but the price shall change.

PRICE

The price for this tour, based on a minimum group size of four people in shared accommodation is **£939 per person**. Single rooms are available in Mumbai and, normally, in Goa, but due to the nature of this tour and the type of accommodation used in remoter areas we cannot offer any kind of guaranteed single person supplement outside of Mumbai (please ask for Mumbai single supplement prices).

This price includes:-

- All accommodation
- All surface transport
- All guiding services
- On road drinks (non-alcoholic)
- All meals

This price does not include:-

- International flights to/from Mumbai
- Internal Goa and Mumbai flights
- Travel insurance
- Hotel extras / personal spending money
- Visa fees
- Airport taxes / excess baggage charges

FLIGHTS

Errant cannot book international or internal flights on your behalf. However, on making your reservation, we will provide you with full details of the cheapest and/or most suitable flights for your international route and the most suitable internal flights.

In order to help you budget for your trip we have provided the following flight price guides. These are based on the average lowest possible economy fares and are only a guide. By providing these figures Errant are in no way liable if such flights are not available at these prices. Goa-Mumbai o/w - £30-40, Europe-Mumbai rtn- £400

VACCINATIONS

Malaria is widespread and common and anti-malaria pills should be taken. Tetanus and typhoid vaccinations should be up to date.

PAYMENT TERMS

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