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## THE INSIGHT VACATIONS EXPERIENCE

### ■ YOU'VE CHOSEN THE BEST

For over 30 years, Insight has been at the forefront of innovation, transforming its business by listening to its guests. It is the finest, most hassle-free way to explore the depth and breadth of Europe.

### ■ BUSINESS CLASS LEGROOM

Smaller group sizes allow us to uniquely customise our touring coaches with up to 100% more legroom. It's like traveling business class. On every seat, on every coach, on every tour.

### ■ EXCEPTIONAL SIGHTSEEING INCLUDED

You'll feel like a local as we open the door to incredible 'must-see-must-do' sights and special local experiences. Insight's premium highlights and unique personal insights are an integral part of your tour and are included in the price of each itinerary.

### ■ MORE PERSONALISED SERVICE

Fewer guests also guarantees a better service. Your expert Tour Director has more time to assist with your personal needs; so you'll be treated as an individual, not one of a crowd.

### ■ SMALLER GROUPS

Traveling with fewer people vastly improves your comfort and enjoyment. An average of just 32 guests, and a maximum of 40, makes our tours more intimate, friendly and relaxing.

### ■ PREMIUM HOTELS IN DESIRABLE LOCATIONS

There is nothing quite like 'staying at the best address'. Insight selects hotels for their desirable central and scenic locations, their quality and their ambience. Not just here or there, but everywhere.

### ■ AUTHENTIC DINING EXPERIENCES

With Insight you'll enjoy both regional and international cuisine in local restaurants and hotels. We'll treat you to breakfast; Welcome Dinners with our welcome drinks receptions; Celebration Dinners; unique Dine-Around evenings; and special Highlight Dinners.

### ■ UNIQUE & LEISURELY ITINERARIES

You will never feel rushed or harried on our unique itineraries. Over 95% of all Insight overnight stays comprise two or more nights; and all 'Easy Pace' itineraries have a minimum of three nights in every destination.

# GREAT SAVINGS AND DISCOUNTS

We offer many ways to make great savings on your tour price. View our range of discounts below and speak to your travel agent or consult your brochure for details of Insight's discount combinations and restrictions.

## 1 EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT

The earlier you pay the more you save. Pay in full 12 months prior and save 10%, pay in full 10 months prior and save up to 7.5% and pay in full 6 months prior and save up to 5%. Discount only applies to tours that feature the 'Early Payment Discount' in the price panel.

SAVE  
MONEY

## 2 FREQUENT TRAVELER SAVING

Customers who have traveled with us previously become members of Club Bon Voyage, our past traveler club. Members are entitled to a 5% discount off the land portion of their next Insight tour if they travel within the next five years.

SAVE  
5%

## 3 YOUNG TRAVELER SAVINGS

Share your happy vacation memories with your children or grandchildren. Save up to 10% when you accompany passengers between the age of 5 to 18.

SAVE  
UP TO  
10%

## 4 SMALL GROUP DISCOUNTS

Save money if you travel as a small group. For groups of 5-8 passengers we offer a 5% discount and for 9 or more further savings are available.

SAVE  
5%

## 5 TRIPLE ROOM DISCOUNT

When three people travel together and share one room, each of the three enjoys a discount off the tour price. Look for the Triple Room Reductions in the price panel on the itinerary of your choice.

TRIPLE  
SHARE

## 6 MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS

Wedding anniversaries, birthdays and other milestone life events are best commemorated on tour with Insight. Book a party of 5 or more and save 5% off the cost of everybody's tour and Insight will include a cake, card and bottle of sparkling wine.

SAVE  
5%

## 7 SINGLE TRAVELER SAVING

If you are traveling alone on an Insight coach tour we can match you with someone of the same gender so you don't have to pay the single room supplement. If we fail to make a match you we'll provide a single room at no extra cost.

SAVE  
MONEY

## 8 TAKE TWO TOURS AND SAVE

Book two Insight vacations and you will receive a 5% reduction off the lower priced tour. Take three tours and save on two! Check our full brochure to see which tours can be combined for an extended trip.

SAVE  
5%

11 DAYS  
INSIGHT GOLD: SPLENDOURS OF  
THE TAJ AND TIGER (2012/13)



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India

### YOUR DELICIOUS DINING EXPERIENCES

- \* A Welcome Reception and delicious meal with your Tour Director. (WR)
- \* Enjoy 3 highlight lunches at; New Delhi's Olive Bar & Kitchen, Laxmi Vilas Palace hotel in Bharatpur and at an exclusive camp in the middle of the forest during your elephant safari. (HL)
- \* An exclusive invitation from the Royal Palace of Jaipur to attend a fabulous gala Celebration Dinner at the private residence, including a ceremonial parade and traditional entertainment. (CD)
- \* 9 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 lunch (L), 2 Hotel Dinner in local or Western style, including tea, coffee and bottled water. (D)

### YOUR INCLUSIVE GOLD SERVICES

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- \* Travel in comfort and style on our modern, air-conditioned luxury touring coaches and minibuses
- \* Express train from Bharatpur to Ranthambore in air-conditioned chair class
- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* Arrival and departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotels

### YOUR EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION OF INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Delhi: Take a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk Bazaar. See the Red Fort. Visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti. See Qutub Minar. Drive along the Rajpath. See India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Humayun Tomb and a local temple.

# INSIGHT GOLD: SPLENDOURS OF THE TAJ AND TIGER (2012/13)

- \* Agra: Visit the Taj Mahal and red sandstone Agra Fort. Attend the dance drama spectacular 'Mohabbat-the-Taj'.
- \* Fatehpur Sikri: Visit the deserted imperial city of the Mughal dynasty, dramatically abandoned a few years after it was built.
- \* Ranthambhore: Enjoy three game safaris by open Canter Truck with a naturalist in search of the Royal Bengal Tiger.
- \* Jaipur: Ascend by Jeep to visit the Amber Fort. See the Palace of Winds and visit the City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar. Mingle with royalty (if possible) on an exclusive private tour through parts of the Royal Palace normally closed to the public. Visit a private estate for an elephant safari through the wilderness to an exclusive forest camp.

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: DELHI AT LEISURE

Welcome to India! On arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, you are greeted with a traditional floral garland and transferred to your elegant hotel. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception with drinks and light meal. (Welcome Reception)

### Day3: DELHI DISCOVERY

The morning is devoted to Old Delhi as you board your rickshaw for a ride through the lanes of Chandni Chowk bazaar. View the Red Fort, visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti, the house where Mahatma Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life. After an included Mediterranean style lunch in the shadow of the Qutub Minar, drive along the broad Rajpath past the India Gate and Parliament House to visit the Tomb of Humayun. Finish with an insight into the local religion at a colourful temple. (Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day4: DELHI - AGRA

After breakfast, drive to Agra where the afternoon is free to relax at your hotel, located only 600 meters from the Taj Mahal. Inspired by Moorish and Mughal architecture, your resort is a confection of terraced lawns, pools, fountains and pavilions with rich interiors that take you back to the golden age of Emperors and Princes. Tonight dine at your hotel. (Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

### Day5: CAPITAL OF THE MUGHAL EMPERORS

Open the curtains this morning to admire the lustrous Taj Mahal, bathed by the first rays of dawn. Much has been said about this monument to love, but words rarely do it justice. Make up your own mind as you visit this exquisite vision in marble, built by a great emperor in memory of his beloved wife. Continue to the palatial Royal Pavilions at the red sandstone Agra Fort for a glimpse of the royal Mughal lifestyle. Later, attend a spectacular stage musical production, supported by the latest audio-visual effects, which follows the 'Saga of Love' that inspired the Taj Mahal. Back at the hotel perhaps enjoy a drink overlooking the Taj's illuminated dome. (Buffet Breakfast)

### Day6: AGRA - RANTHAMBHORE

Then head west to the ancient Mughul capital of Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted city full of architectural wonder. Imagine court life in the 16th century as you enter the Agra Gate into the huge rectangular courtyard where ambassadors were received. Lunch is served at the majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur. This palace and heritage hotel has been home to the Baroda royal family for over 120 years. Now to the station for the rail journey to Ranthambhore. On arrival transfer to India's leading luxury jungle resort, nestling in the natural beauty of the wilds, on the edge of the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. (Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch / Dinner)

### Day7: RANTHAMBHORE - A PRINCELY PARK

Early morning journey into former private hunting ground of the Maharajahs of Jaipur, in search of the elusive tiger. More commonly seen in the dry, deciduous forest are the wild boar, monkeys, spotted deer and antelope, but if you are ever going to witness tigers in their natural habitat, this is the place. Return to your resort for breakfast, lunch and the day at leisure. At dusk, enjoy another foray in to the national park with an expert naturalist. Besides the wildlife, there are also lake palaces, 'chhatris', old fortifications and a majestic 1,000-year-old fort strewn throughout the park. (Buffet Breakfast / Lunch)

### Day8: RANTHAMBHORE - JAIPUR

Early this morning embark on yet another exciting game adventure into the territory of the majestic tiger - every wildlife enthusiast and photographer's dream. This afternoon drive through the rural countryside where flat green fields are punctuated with the bright blossom of women at work. Your destination is the stunning Rajasthan capital of Jaipur. Settle in to your resort

# INSIGHT GOLD: SPLENDOURS OF THE TAJ AND TIGER (2012/13)

hotel, an oasis of elegance and luxury located in 32 acres of beautiful gardens, pools and fountains, in the peaceful Rajasthani countryside.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day9: THE PINK CITY

Ascend by jeep to the Amber Fort, its royal halls decorated with intricate ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Now a Jaipur city tour, seeing the intricate 'Hawa Mahal' (The Palace of Winds) and a visit to the City Palace Museum and Royal Observatory. This evening you are invited on an exclusive private tour through parts of the Royal Palace normally closed for public viewing. When possible, a member of the royal family will welcome you to their home. This is followed by an exclusive Celebration Dinner with drinks at The Royal Palace. A royal treat you'll remember for a lifetime.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## Day10: JAIPUR - DELHI

Get away from the hustle and bustle as you visit a private estate in the green foothills behind Amber Fort for an elephant safari and lunch. Help feed the elephants and enjoy a welcome drink before climbing aboard your elephant's cushioned seat. You are led through private jungle by a local tribal guide, past village hamlets, agricultural fields and ancient monuments. On arrival at an exclusive forest camp, enjoy a variety of freshly prepared dishes for lunch. Revert to a more contemporary form of transport now as you reboard your coach for the return drive to Delhi. The luxurious, new, Oberoi Gurgaon is conveniently located for last-minute shopping, as well as the airport.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

## Day11: RETURN TO USA

Your tour draws to a close today with transfers to the airport.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

Departs	Returns	Twin Land Only	Single Land Only
11 Nov 2012	21 Nov 2012	\$5850.00	\$9260.00
25 Nov 2012	05 Dec 2012	\$5850.00	\$9260.00
09 Dec 2012	19 Dec 2012	\$5850.00	\$9260.00
23 Dec 2012	02 Jan 2013	\$7865.00	\$12910.00
06 Jan 2013	16 Jan 2013	\$5850.00	\$9260.00
20 Jan 2013	30 Jan 2013	\$5850.00	\$9260.00
03 Feb 2013	13 Feb 2013	\$5850.00	\$9260.00
17 Feb 2013	27 Feb 2013	\$5850.00	\$9260.00
03 Mar 2013	13 Mar 2013	\$5850.00	\$9260.00
17 Mar 2013	27 Mar 2013	\$5850.00	\$9260.00
31 Mar 2013	10 Apr 2013	\$5850.00	\$9260.00
14 Apr 2013	24 Apr 2013	\$5850.00	\$9260.00

12 DAYS  
**INSIGHT GOLD: IMPERIAL  
TREASURES OF INDIA (2012/13)**



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India

### YOUR DELICIOUS DINING EXPERIENCES

- \* A Welcome Reception and delicious meal with your Tour Director. (WR)
- \* Enjoy a highlight lunch and cooking demonstration at New Delhi's Olive Bar & Kitchen. Highlight lunches are also served at Laxmi Vilas Palace, Bharatpur & Mountbatten Lodge, Ranakpur. (HL)
- \* Attend an exclusive gala dinner including drinks at the Jaipur Royal Palace. (HD)
- \* Enjoy a Celebration Dinner including selected spirits, beer, wine & soft drinks at Mumbai's fine dining Indian restaurant Ziya. (CD)
- \* 10 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 lunch (L), 2 Hotel Dinners in local or Western style, including tea, coffee and bottled water. (D)

### YOUR INCLUSIVE GOLD SERVICES

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- \* Travel in comfort and style on our modern, air-conditioned luxury touring coaches and minibuses
- \* One-way flight from Udaipur to Mumbai
- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* Arrival and departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotels

### YOUR EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION OF INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Delhi: Take a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk Bazaar. See the Red Fort. Visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti. See Qutub Minar. Drive along the Rajpath. See India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Humayun Tomb and a local temple.

# INSIGHT GOLD: IMPERIAL TREASURES OF INDIA (2012/13)

- \* Agra: Visit the Taj Mahal and red sandstone Agra Fort. Attend the dance drama spectacular 'Mohabbat-the-Taj' depicting the epic 16th century love story of emperor Shah Jahan.
- \* Fatehpur Sikri: Visit the deserted imperial city of the Mughals.
- \* Jaipur: Ascend by Jeep to visit the Amber Fort. See the Palace of Winds and visit the City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar. Mingle with royalty (if possible) on an exclusive private tour through parts of the Royal Palace normally closed to the public.
- \* Jodhpur: Enjoy a champagne heritage walk of your palace hotel Visit the Mehrangarh Fort and white marble Jaswant Thada.
- \* Ranakpur: Visit the Jain temple complex.
- \* Udaipur: Enjoy an evening boat cruise. Visit the City Palace complex, Jagdish Temple and Garden of the Maids of the Honour.
- \* Mumbai: Visit the Gateway of India, Prince of Wales Museum, Jehangir Art Gallery and see the Hanging Gardens. Cruise to Elephanta Island to visit the ancient cave temples.

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: DELHI AT LEISURE

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### Day3: DELHI DISCOVERY

The morning is devoted to Old Delhi as you board your rickshaw for a ride through the lanes of Chandni Chowk bazaar. View the Red Fort, visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti, the house where Mahatma Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life. After an included Mediterranean style lunch and cooking demonstration in the shadow of the Qutub Minar, drive along the broad Rajpath past the India Gate and Parliament House to visit the Tomb of Humayun. Finish with an insight into the local religion at a colourful temple.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day4: DELHI - AGRA

An early morning start for our fascinating journey to Agra. Upon arrival, visit the Taj Mahal, a flawless architectural creation taking 22 years and many thousands of craftsmen to build. Afterwards tour the palatial Royal Pavilions at Agra Fort for a glimpse of the royal Mughal lifestyle. Later, attend a spectacular stage musical production which follows the 'Saga of Love' that inspired the construction of the Taj Mahal. Back at your luxury hotel perhaps enjoy a drink over looking the Taj's illuminated dome.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day5: AGRA - JAIPUR

Open the curtains this morning to reveal the lustrous Taj Mahal, bathed by the first rays of dawn. Then head to the ancient Mughul capital of Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted city full of architectural wonder. Lunch time finds you at the majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur, home to the Baroda royal family for over 120 years. After a delicious lunch, continue through the rural landscapes of Rajasthan to your hotel, one of the best in the world, and the former residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day6: THE PINK CITY

Ascend by jeep to the Amber Fort, its royal halls decorated with intricate ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Back in Jaipur, see the intricate 'Hawa Mahal' (The Palace of Winds) and visit the City Palace Museum and royal observatory. This evening you are invited on an exclusive private tour through parts of the Royal Palace normally closed for public viewing. When possible, a member of the royal family will welcome you to their home. This is followed by an exclusive gala dinner with drinks at the palace. A royal treat you'll remember for a lifetime.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Dinner)

### Day7: JAIPUR - JODHPUR

Depart for the 'blue city' of Jodhpur, on the edge of the Thar Desert, dominated by its mighty fort. Stop along the way at a typical rural village where lunch is served. In contrast, stay in Jodhpur's grandest lodgings, the last of the great palaces of India and one of the largest private residences in the world. Before dinner this evening enjoy a walking tour, champagne in hand, to learn all about its fascinating history of this majestic palace.(Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

### Day8: JODHPUR - UDAIPUR

Your city tour includes the palaces of the Mehrangarh Fort and the white marble Jaswant Thada. Then move on to Ranakpur to explore the intricate carvings and architecture of the sprawling Jain temples. Lunch is served at the exclusive Mountbatten

# INSIGHT GOLD: IMPERIAL TREASURES OF INDIA (2012/13)

Lodge on the edge of the Kumbalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary. Continue to Udaipur, where your five-star deluxe palace hotel rises from the waters of Lake Pichola like a dream in white marble, set against the backdrop of the Aravalli Mountains.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

## **Day9: VENICE OF THE EAST**

Sightseeing today includes the labyrinthine City Palace complex, which houses the private residence of the Maharana of Mewar (King of Kings). Wander through the markets and bazaars to visit the Jagdish Temple and Garden of the Maids of the Honour. This afternoon is yours to enjoy at your leisure. As evening descends cruise the placid waters for wonderful views of the City Palace stretching along the east bank followed by dinner at one of your hotel's exquisite restaurants.(Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

## **Day10: UDAIPUR - MUMBAI**

After an early breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Mumbai. A chance to relax and freshen up in your luxuriously appointed guest rooms before embarking on an afternoon sightseeing tour. Visit the Gateway of India, commemorating the arrival of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911. Admire the collection of Indian painting and sculpture at the Prince of Wales Museum, visit Jehangir Art Gallery and see the meticulous Hanging Gardens on top of Malabar Hill.(Buffet Breakfast)

## **Day11: MUMBAI'S SACRED CAVES**

Enjoy the view of the city skyline on your cruise to Elephanta Island. Visit the complex of ancient cave temples listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The massive entrance hall, supported by large pillars, houses the Mahesamurti, an enormous three-faced statue of Shiva. Back in Mumbai the afternoon is yours to do as you please. This evening, please join us for drinks and a farewell Celebration Dinner at the hotel's fine dining restaurant.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## **Day12: RETURN TO USA**

Your tour draws to a close today with transfers to the airport.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

Departs	Returns	Twin Land Only	Single Land Only
07 Nov 2012	18 Nov 2012	\$7499.00	\$11809.00
05 Dec 2012	16 Dec 2012	\$7499.00	\$11809.00
19 Dec 2012	30 Dec 2012	\$8150.00	\$12960.00
02 Jan 2013	13 Jan 2013	\$7499.00	\$11809.00
16 Jan 2013	27 Jan 2013	\$7499.00	\$11809.00
30 Jan 2013	10 Feb 2013	\$7499.00	\$11809.00
13 Feb 2013	24 Feb 2013	\$7499.00	\$11809.00
27 Feb 2013	10 Mar 2013	\$7499.00	\$11809.00
13 Mar 2013	24 Mar 2013	\$7499.00	\$11809.00
27 Mar 2013	07 Apr 2013	\$7499.00	\$11809.00
10 Apr 2013	21 Apr 2013	\$7499.00	\$11809.00

# 9 DAYS ESSENCE OF INDIA (2012/13)



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India

### Included Quality Dining

- \* A Welcome Reception with delicious meal. (WR)
- \* Enjoy a Highlight Lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace. (HL)
- \* Enjoy a Celebration Gala Dinner under the stars including drinks at Samode Palace. (CD)
- \* 7 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 Hotel Dinner in Western or the local style, including tea, coffee and bottled water. (D)

### Included First Class Services

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- \* Travel in comfort and style on our modern, air-conditioned luxury touring coaches and minibuses
- \* Ride the Shatabdi Express train from Delhi to Agra in air-conditioned chair class
- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* Arrival and departure transfers between New Delhi airport and your Insight tour hotel

### Included Premium Highlights

- \* Delhi: Enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride through the lanes of the Chandni Chowk Bazaar. Stop for a photo of the Red Fort. Visit the Gandhi memorial at Raj Ghat. Visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Visit the house where the Mahatma Gandhi lived and died, now a National Memorial and Museum. See the Qutub Minar tower. Drive along the Rajpath to see the India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Tomb of the Emperor Humayun. Visit a temple for an insight into the local religion.
- \* Agra: Visit the Taj Mahal. Enjoy a city tour with a visit to the impressive red sandstone Agra Fort. Attend the dance drama spectacular 'Mohabbat-the-Taj' depicting the epic 16th century love story of emperor Shah Jahan.

# ESSENCE OF INDIA (2012/13)

- \* Fatehpur Sikri: Visit the deserted imperial city of the Mughal dynasty, dramatically abandoned a few years after it was built.
- \* Jaipur: Ascend to the awe-inspiring Amber Fort by Jeep to stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. Enjoy a Jaipur city tour including a visit to the City Palace Museum housing traditional Rajasthani and Mughal Art. Visit the Jantar Mantar the Royal observatory built in 1726. A photo opportunity at the Hawa Mahal. (Palace of Winds)
- \* Samode: Explore Samode Palace, seeing the brilliant Diwan-I-Khas and enjoy the folk dances of Rajasthan

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: DELHI AT LEISURE

Welcome to India! On arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, you are greeted with a traditional floral garland and transferred to your modern five-star hotel. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception with a delicious meal. (Welcome Reception)

### Day3: DELHI SIGHTSEEING

Start the day with a cycle rickshaw ride through Old Delhi including the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk market. Stop for a photo at the impressive Red Fort, then visit the Mahatma Gandhi memorial at Raj Ghat. You also explore India's largest mosque, the magnificent Jama Masjid, built by Shah Jahan in 1650. Continue to the house where Mahatma Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life, now a National Memorial and Museum. Lunch time finds you in the shadow of the soaring Qutub Minar, a World Heritage listed tower dating back to 1193. Afterwards, tour the wide boulevards of New Delhi. Drive along the ceremonial Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Tomb of Emperor Humayun, one of the best-preserved Mughal monuments in Delhi and round off your day with an insight into the local religion at one of the colourful temples. (Buffet Breakfast)

### Day4: DELHI - AGRA

After an early morning snack, transfer to the station for the two hour train journey to Agra. Upon arrival, enjoy breakfast at the Radisson Hotel. Then proceed to the Taj Mahal, a monument of love and flawless architectural creation built by an emperor in memory of his beloved queen. Return to the hotel for check-in and relaxation. This afternoon witness the hustle and bustle of everyday life as you make your way through the city to Agra Fort, a powerful fortress of red sandstone. After your tour through the palatial Royal Pavilions and gardens there is free time to freshen up. Later, attend a spectacular stage musical production, supported by cutting edge audio-visual effects, which follows the 'Saga of Love' that inspired the Taj Mahal. (Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

### Day5: AGRA - JAIPUR

There is the option of witnessing the rising sun's rays glistening on the pure white marble of the Taj Mahal this morning. Then drive west to the ancient Mughul capital of Fatehpur Sikri, now a deserted city full of architectural wonder. Enter from the Agra Gate to the huge rectangular courtyard where ambassadors were received and imagine court life in the 16th century. Lunch is served at the majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur. This palace and heritage hotel has been home to the Baroda royal family for over 120 years. After lunch, continue to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur, stunning capital of the state of Rajasthan. (Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day6: JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

A unique excursion today as you ascend by jeep to the Amber Fort, a superb example of Rajput architecture, its terraces and ramparts reflected in the Maota Lake below. Inside, the royal halls are decorated with intricate ivory, mirrors and glass, complemented by exquisite wall paintings. Back in Jaipur, see the famous 'Hawa Mahal' (The Palace of Winds) and visit the city Palace, now a museum housing a fabulous collection of Rajasthani and Mughal Art. A final stop is made at the famous Jantar Mantar, the observatory, constructed between 1727 and 1734 by Maharajah Jai Singh II. Back at the hotel you are at leisure. (Buffet Breakfast)

### Day7: JAIPUR - SAMODE

Enjoy a leisurely morning where you are free to explore the famous bazaars of the city. This afternoon drive to the sleepy village of Samode, only a short drive from Jaipur, but seemingly a world away. Your hotel is set in 20 acres of lush garden, modeled in the Mughal style. This evening you are honoured guests at Samode Palace, the restored ancestral residence of the royal family which is now an exclusive heritage hotel. A royal welcome awaits on arrival at the beautifully illuminated palace. The highlight is the absolutely brilliant Diwan-I-Khas, covered with original painting and mirror work. Explore the frescoed corridors

# ESSENCE OF INDIA (2012/13)

and intricately carved walls, enjoy the folk dances of Rajasthan along with a special Celebration Dinner at open air rooftop or garden, where dining is a delightful experience.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## Day8: SAMODE - DELHI

After breakfast, the morning is entirely at leisure. Perhaps take a walk through the village to the local school or post office - a great opportunity to interact with the locals. Otherwise relax, take in the rustic views of the surrounding hills, maybe read a book in the peaceful surroundings or enjoy the hotel pool and facilities. Return to Delhi this afternoon.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day9: RETURN TO USA

Your tour draws to a close today with transfers to Delhi International Airport.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

Departs	Returns	Twin Land Only	Single Land Only
14 Sep 2012	22 Sep 2012	\$2065.00	\$2710.00
28 Sep 2012	06 Oct 2012	\$2065.00	\$2710.00
26 Oct 2012	03 Nov 2012	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
09 Nov 2012	17 Nov 2012	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
23 Nov 2012	01 Dec 2012	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
07 Dec 2012	15 Dec 2012	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
21 Dec 2012	29 Dec 2012	\$2665.00	\$3665.00
04 Jan 2013	12 Jan 2013	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
18 Jan 2013	26 Jan 2013	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
01 Feb 2013	09 Feb 2013	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
15 Feb 2013	23 Feb 2013	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
01 Mar 2013	09 Mar 2013	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
15 Mar 2013	23 Mar 2013	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
29 Mar 2013	06 Apr 2013	\$2535.00	\$3535.00
12 Apr 2013	20 Apr 2013	\$2535.00	\$3535.00

# 11 DAYS ENCHANTING KERALA (2012/13)



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India

### Included Quality Dining

- \* A Welcome Reception with delicious meal. (WR)
- \* Enjoy 2 Highlight Lunches at a private homes in Alleppey and Kochi, which also includes a cooking demonstration. (HL)
- \* Enjoy a farewell Celebration Dinner with drinks at the Kovalam hotel's sea side restaurant. (CD)
- \* 9 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 Hotel Dinner in Western or the local style, including tea, coffee and bottled water. (D)

### Included First Class Services

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- \* Travel in comfort and style on our modern, air-conditioned luxury touring coaches and minibuses
- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* Arrival and departure transfers between the airports and your Insight tour hotels

### Included Premium Highlights

- \* Kochi: Visit the integrated tourism village of Kumbalangi for a glimpse into the daily lives of the locals. Attend a performance of traditional Kathakali dance. Visit the oldest Jewish synagogue in the commonwealth. Visit Mattancherry Palace, with its famous mythological murals. Visit St Francis Church where Vasco de Gama was buried. Join a Syrian Christian family in their home for a cooking demonstration.
- \* Thekkady : Enjoy a morning visit to a spice plantation. Witness bathing and feeding of the elephants in the Spice Garden. Visit the spice market. Enjoy an evening boat cruise with a naturalist on Lake Periyar in search of wildlife.

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- \* Kumarakom: Enjoy an early morning bird watching tour at Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary. Take in the scenic beauty of the Kerala Backwaters as you cruise by traditional houseboat.
- \* Alleppey: Enjoy a walking tour of the town.
- \* Kovalam: Enjoy an early morning Yoga Session. Experience a traditional Kalaripayattu martial art show.
- \* Trivandrum: Tour the city with visits to the Napier Museum, Sri Padmanabhaswamy temple and Sri Chitra Art Gallery.

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: KOCHI AT LEISURE

Welcome to India! On arrival at Cochin International Airport, you are greeted with a traditional floral garland. Transfer to your hotel on Willingdon Island, where your stylishly designed sea view room overlooks Cochin harbour. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers and Tour Director at a Welcome Reception with a delicious meal.(Welcome Reception)

### Day3: KUMBHALANGI EXCURSION

This morning journey to the small island of Kumbalangi for a glimpse into the lives of the local villagers. Walk through the village, join the fishermen as they raise their Chinese nets or farmers working in the fields. Watch the locals spin golden palm fibers into coir or tap the palms for sap to make a potent drink called 'toddy'. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. This evening you are invited to attend a performance of traditional Kathakali dance, characterised by elaborate makeup and large, colourful costumes.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day4: KOCHI - THEKKADY

Your Kochi city tour includes a visit to the oldest Jewish synagogue in the commonwealth. Next witness the renowned mythological murals of Mattancherry Palace, built in 1557 by the Portuguese. Stop by India's oldest European built Church of St Francis to see the tombstone of Vasco de Gama, interred here before his remains were returned back to Lisbon. Now immerse yourself in the fragrant world of Indian cooking. Visit a traditional Syrian Christian family in their home to learn the intricacies of Kerala cuisine. After your cooking lesson enjoy your lunch before driving to the sun-dappled highlands near the Tamil Nadu and Kerala border. The road winds through mountains, descending through a carpet of tea bushes, vast plantations of pepper, cardamom, coffee with spectacular views of mist-laden valleys. Check in to your resort located on the fringes of the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day5: PERIYAR EXCURSION

Visit the Spice Gardens of Periyar today for a better understanding of the aromatic spices, herbs, flowers, various fruit and plants. Afterwards, you are invited to get up close and personal with the local elephants, which still play an important role in Indian society. Perhaps help feed these amazing animals, give them a bath, or just watch them work with their Mahouts. Back at your eco friendly hotel there is time to relax. This evening, join an expert naturalist for a cruise through the waterways of the Periyar sanctuary in search of wildlife, including elephant, monkeys, deer or even a tiger.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day6: THEKKADY - KUMARAKOM

Drive down to Kerala's picturesque backwaters - a world of serenity and wonder, bursting natural beauty. Your hotel is situated on the shores of Lake Vembanad. Check-in, relax and enjoy. Perhaps enjoy an Ayurveda treatment, the ancient science of holistic healing for which Kerala is renowned.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day7: KUMARAKOM AT LEISURE

For those who want to rise early this morning there is an included bird watching tour at Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary. Set within lush acres of woodland, you will become acquainted with the variety of migratory birds that flock in their thousands from the Himalayas or as far afield as Siberia. Return to the hotel for breakfast and the rest of the day is free to enjoy the Backwater environment or indulge in Ayurveda treatments.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day8: KUMARAKOM - KOVALAM

Transfer to the local jetty to board your houseboat for a half day cruise on the backwaters. Before the advent of modern day roads these houseboats were the main form of transport. Disembark in Alleppey for a walking tour of the town and a typical local lunch in a private home, a wonderful experience. This afternoon drive to Kovalam, famous for its beautiful golden beaches and swaying coconut palms.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch / Dinner)

### Day9: KOVALAM

For those who wish, you are invited to an early morning Yoga session. For both the nimble and novices alike, it's a great way to start the day. After breakfast at hotel, drive to Trivandrum for a city tour including the temple of Sri Padmanabhaswamy, the

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Sri Chitra Art Gallery and the Napier Museum which provides a glimpse into Kerala's rich cultural heritage. Return to Kovalam where the afternoon is at leisure to take advantage of the palm fringed beaches.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day10: KOVALAM AT LEISURE

Today is completely free to relax on the beach or indulge in Ayurveda treatments at hotel. This evening enjoy a traditional Kalaripayattu martial art show followed by farewell Celebration Dinner with drinks to round off this fantastic tour.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## Day11: RETURN TO USA

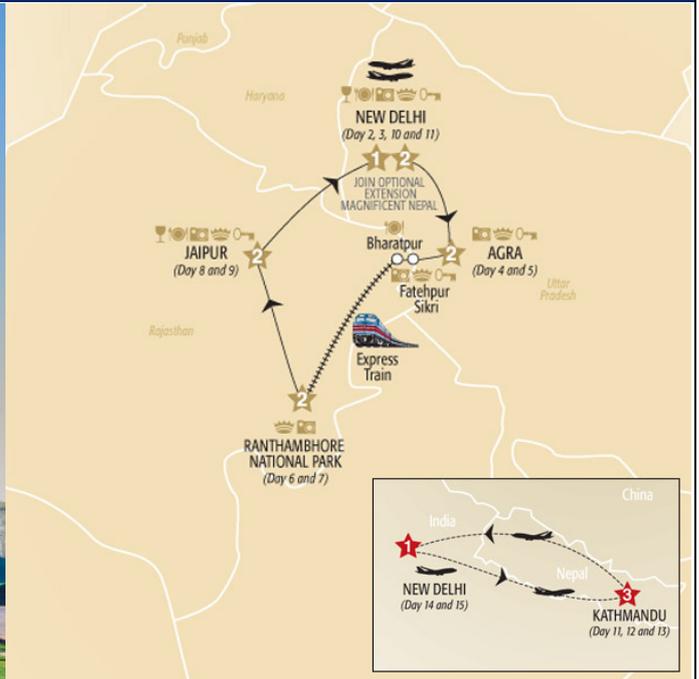
Your tour comes to an end after breakfast with transfers to Trivandrum Airport.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

Departs	Returns	Twin Land Only	Single Land Only
02 Nov 2012	12 Nov 2012	\$3299.00	\$5194.00
16 Nov 2012	26 Nov 2012	\$3299.00	\$5194.00
30 Nov 2012	10 Dec 2012	\$3299.00	\$5194.00
14 Dec 2012	24 Dec 2012	\$4299.00	\$6944.00
28 Dec 2012	07 Jan 2013	\$4475.00	\$7120.00
11 Jan 2013	21 Jan 2013	\$3299.00	\$5194.00
25 Jan 2013	04 Feb 2013	\$3299.00	\$5194.00
08 Feb 2013	18 Feb 2013	\$3299.00	\$5194.00
22 Feb 2013	04 Mar 2013	\$3299.00	\$5194.00
08 Mar 2013	18 Mar 2013	\$3299.00	\$5194.00
22 Mar 2013	01 Apr 2013	\$3299.00	\$5194.00
05 Apr 2013	15 Apr 2013	\$3299.00	\$5194.00
19 Apr 2013	29 Apr 2013	\$3299.00	\$5194.00

15 DAYS

# INSIGHT GOLD: SPLENDOURS OF THE TAJ AND TIGER WITH MAGNIFICENT NEPAL EXTENSION (2012/13)



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India - Nepal

### YOUR DELICIOUS DINING EXPERIENCES

- \* A Welcome Reception and delicious meal with your Tour Director. (WR)
- \* Enjoy 3 highlight lunches at; New Delhi's Olive Bar & Kitchen, Laxmi Vilas Palace hotel in Bharatpur and at an exclusive camp in the middle of the forest during your elephant safari. (HL)
- \* An exclusive invitation from the Royal Palace of Jaipur to attend a fabulous gala Celebration Dinner at the private residence, including a ceremonial parade and traditional entertainment. (CD)
- \* 9 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 lunch (L), 2 Hotel Dinner in local or Western style, including tea, coffee and bottled water. (D)

### YOUR INCLUSIVE GOLD SERVICES

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- \* Travel in comfort and style on our modern, air-conditioned luxury touring coaches and minibuses
- \* Express train from Bharatpur to Ranthambhore in air-conditioned chair class
- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* Arrival and departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotels

### YOUR EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION OF INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Delhi: Take a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk Bazaar. See the Red Fort. Visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti. See Qutub Minar. Drive along the Rajpath. See India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Humayun Tomb and a local temple.

# INSIGHT GOLD: SPLENDOURS OF THE TAJ AND TIGER WITH MAGNIFICENT NEPAL EXTENSION (2012/13)

- \* Agra: Visit the Taj Mahal and red sandstone Agra Fort. Attend the dance drama spectacular 'Mohabbat-the-Taj'.
- \* Fatehpur Sikri: Visit the deserted imperial city of the Mughal dynasty, dramatically abandoned a few years after it was built.
- \* Ranthambhore: Enjoy three game safaris by open Canter Truck with a naturalist in search of the Royal Bengal Tiger.
- \* Jaipur: Ascend by Jeep to visit the Amber Fort. See the Palace of Winds and visit the City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar. Mingle with royalty (if possible) on an exclusive private tour through parts of the Royal Palace normally closed to the public. Visit a private estate for an elephant safari through the wilderness to an exclusive forest camp.

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: DELHI AT LEISURE

Welcome to India! On arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, you are greeted with a traditional floral garland and transferred to your elegant hotel. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception with drinks and light meal. (Welcome Reception)

### Day3: DELHI DISCOVERY

The morning is devoted to Old Delhi as you board your rickshaw for a ride through the lanes of Chandni Chowk bazaar. View the Red Fort, visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti, the house where Mahatma Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life. After an included Mediterranean style lunch in the shadow of the Qutub Minar, drive along the broad Rajpath past the India Gate and Parliament House to visit the Tomb of Humayun. Finish with an insight into the local religion at a colourful temple. (Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day4: DELHI - AGRA

After breakfast, drive to Agra where the afternoon is free to relax at your hotel, located only 600 meters from the Taj Mahal. Inspired by Moorish and Mughal architecture, your resort is a confection of terraced lawns, pools, fountains and pavilions with rich interiors that take you back to the golden age of Emperors and Princes. Tonight dine at your hotel. (Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

### Day5: CAPITAL OF THE MUGHAL EMPERORS

Open the curtains this morning to admire the lustrous Taj Mahal, bathed by the first rays of dawn. Much has been said about this monument to love, but words rarely do it justice. Make up your own mind as you visit this exquisite vision in marble, built by a great emperor in memory of his beloved wife. Continue to the palatial Royal Pavilions at the red sandstone Agra Fort for a glimpse of the royal Mughal lifestyle. Later, attend a spectacular stage musical production, supported by the latest audio-visual effects, which follows the 'Saga of Love' that inspired the Taj Mahal. Back at the hotel perhaps enjoy a drink overlooking the Taj's illuminated dome. (Buffet Breakfast)

### Day6: AGRA - RANTHAMBHORE

Then head west to the ancient Mughul capital of Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted city full of architectural wonder. Imagine court life in the 16th century as you enter the Agra Gate into the huge rectangular courtyard where ambassadors were received. Lunch is served at the majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur. This palace and heritage hotel has been home to the Baroda royal family for over 120 years. Now to the station for the rail journey to Ranthambhore. On arrival transfer to India's leading luxury jungle resort, nestling in the natural beauty of the wilds, on the edge of the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. (Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch / Dinner)

### Day7: RANTHAMBHORE - A PRINCELY PARK

Early morning journey into former private hunting ground of the Maharajahs of Jaipur, in search of the elusive tiger. More commonly seen in the dry, deciduous forest are the wild boar, monkeys, spotted deer and antelope, but if you are ever going to witness tigers in their natural habitat, this is the place. Return to your resort for breakfast, lunch and the day at leisure. At dusk, enjoy another foray in to the national park with an expert naturalist. Besides the wildlife, there are also lake palaces, 'chhatris', old fortifications and a majestic 1,000-year-old fort strewn throughout the park. (Buffet Breakfast / Lunch)

### Day8: RANTHAMBHORE - JAIPUR

Early this morning embark on yet another exciting game adventure into the territory of the majestic tiger - every wildlife enthusiast and photographer's dream. This afternoon drive through the rural countryside where flat green fields are punctuated with the bright blossom of women at work. Your destination is the stunning Rajasthan capital of Jaipur. Settle in to your resort

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hotel, an oasis of elegance and luxury located in 32 acres of beautiful gardens, pools and fountains, in the peaceful Rajasthani countryside.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day9: THE PINK CITY

Ascend by jeep to the Amber Fort, its royal halls decorated with intricate ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Now a Jaipur city tour, seeing the intricate 'Hawa Mahal' (The Palace of Winds) and a visit to the City Palace Museum and Royal Observatory. This evening you are invited on an exclusive private tour through parts of the Royal Palace normally closed for public viewing. When possible, a member of the royal family will welcome you to their home. This is followed by an exclusive Celebration Dinner with drinks at The Royal Palace. A royal treat you'll remember for a lifetime.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## Day10: JAIPUR - DELHI

Get away from the hustle and bustle as you visit a private estate in the green foothills behind Amber Fort for an elephant safari and lunch. Help feed the elephants and enjoy a welcome drink before climbing aboard your elephant's cushioned seat. You are led through private jungle by a local tribal guide, past village hamlets, agricultural fields and ancient monuments. On arrival at an exclusive forest camp, enjoy a variety of freshly prepared dishes for lunch. Revert to a more contemporary form of transport now as you reboard your coach for the return drive to Delhi. The luxurious, new, Oberoi Gurgaon is conveniently located for last-minute shopping, as well as the airport.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

## Day11: DELHI – KATHMANDU

Transfer to the airport for the flight to mystical Nepal, nestled in the folds of the Himalayas. Relax and settle in at your exquisite heritage hotel.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day12: KATHMANDU SIGHTSEEING

The beating heart of Kathmandu is Durbar Square and ancient Royal Palace complex, laced with myriad temples, courtyards, statues and home of the 'living Goddess'. Visit the holy shrine of Swayambhunath then on to Patan's temple of Teleju, Statue of Yogendra Malla and Tibetan Handicraft Centre.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day13: KATHMANDU SIGHTSEEING

Weather permitting there is an optional flight to Mt Everest this morning. Then visit the ancient capital of Bhadgaon, the main square containing innumerable temples and architectural showpieces. Continue to Bodhnath, Nepal's most important Buddhist site and see the holy Hindu shrine of Pashupatinath on the banks of the Bagmati.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day14: KATHMANDU – DELHI

Fly back to Delhi where the rest of the day is at leisure for shopping or relaxation.(Buffet Breakfast)

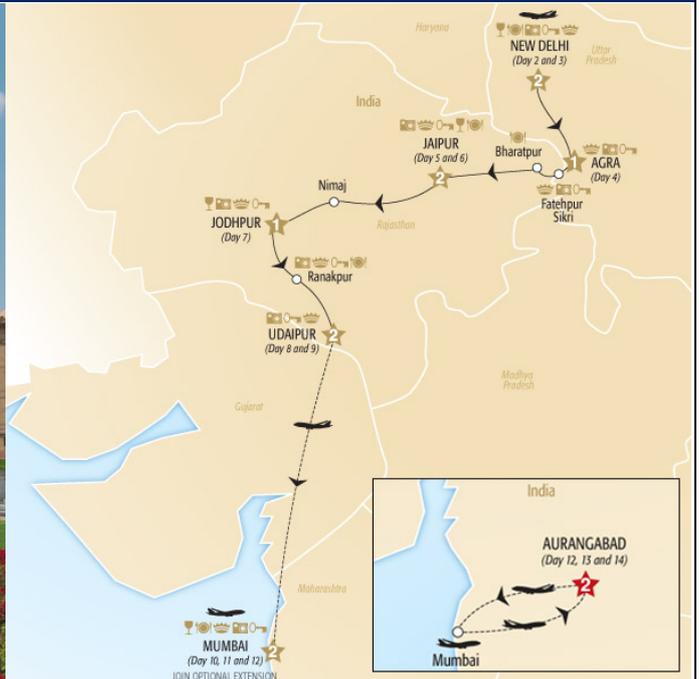
## Day15: DEPART DELHI

Your tour draws to a close today with transfers to the airport.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

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11 Nov 2012	25 Nov 2012	\$8249.00	\$12879.00
25 Nov 2012	09 Dec 2012	\$8249.00	\$12879.00
09 Dec 2012	23 Dec 2012	\$8249.00	\$12879.00
23 Dec 2012	06 Jan 2013	\$10264.00	\$16529.00
06 Jan 2013	20 Jan 2013	\$8249.00	\$12879.00
20 Jan 2013	03 Feb 2013	\$8249.00	\$12879.00
03 Feb 2013	17 Feb 2013	\$8249.00	\$12879.00
17 Feb 2013	03 Mar 2013	\$8249.00	\$12879.00
03 Mar 2013	17 Mar 2013	\$8249.00	\$12879.00
17 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2013	\$8249.00	\$12879.00
31 Mar 2013	14 Apr 2013	\$8249.00	\$12879.00
14 Apr 2013	28 Apr 2013	\$8249.00	\$12879.00

14 DAYS  
**INSIGHT GOLD: IMPERIAL TREASURES OF INDIA  
 WITH HIDDEN HERITAGE EXTENSION (2012/13)**



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India

### YOUR DELICIOUS DINING EXPERIENCES

- \* A Welcome Reception and delicious meal with your Tour Director. (WR)
- \* Enjoy a highlight lunch and cooking demonstration at New Delhi's Olive Bar & Kitchen. Highlight lunches are also served at Laxmi Vilas Palace, Bharatpur & Mountbatten Lodge, Ranakpur. (HL)
- \* Attend an exclusive gala dinner including drinks at the Jaipur Royal Palace. (HD)
- \* Enjoy a Celebration Dinner including selected spirits, beer, wine & soft drinks at Mumbai's fine dining Indian restaurant Ziya. (CD)
- \* 10 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 lunch (L), 2 Hotel Dinners in local or Western style, including tea, coffee and bottled water. (D)

### YOUR INCLUSIVE GOLD SERVICES

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- \* Travel in comfort and style on our modern, air-conditioned luxury touring coaches and minibuses
- \* One-way flight from Udaipur to Mumbai
- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* Arrival and departure transfers between the airport and your Insight tour hotels

### YOUR EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION OF INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Delhi: Take a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk Bazaar. See the Red Fort. Visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti. See Qutub Minar. Drive along the Rajpath. See India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Humayun Tomb and a local temple.

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- \* Agra: Visit the Taj Mahal and red sandstone Agra Fort. Attend the dance drama spectacular 'Mohabbat-the-Taj' depicting the epic 16th century love story of emperor Shah Jahan.
- \* Fatehpur Sikri: Visit the deserted imperial city of the Mughals.
- \* Jaipur: Ascend by Jeep to visit the Amber Fort. See the Palace of Winds and visit the City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar. Mingle with royalty (if possible) on an exclusive private tour through parts of the Royal Palace normally closed to the public.
- \* Jodhpur: Enjoy a champagne heritage walk of your palace hotel Visit the Mehrangarh Fort and white marble Jaswant Thada.
- \* Ranakpur: Visit the Jain temple complex.
- \* Udaipur: Enjoy an evening boat cruise. Visit the City Palace complex, Jagdish Temple and Garden of the Maids of the Honour.
- \* Mumbai: Visit the Gateway of India, Prince of Wales Museum, Jehangir Art Gallery and see the Hanging Gardens. Cruise to Elephanta Island to visit the ancient cave temples.

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: DELHI AT LEISURE

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### Day3: DELHI DISCOVERY

The morning is devoted to Old Delhi as you board your rickshaw for a ride through the lanes of Chandni Chowk bazaar. View the Red Fort, visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti, the house where Mahatma Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life. After an included Mediterranean style lunch and cooking demonstration in the shadow of the Qutub Minar, drive along the broad Rajpath past the India Gate and Parliament House to visit the Tomb of Humayun. Finish with an insight into the local religion at a colourful temple.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day4: DELHI - AGRA

An early morning start for our fascinating journey to Agra. Upon arrival, visit the Taj Mahal, a flawless architectural creation taking 22 years and many thousands of craftsmen to build. Afterwards tour the palatial Royal Pavilions at Agra Fort for a glimpse of the royal Mughal lifestyle. Later, attend a spectacular stage musical production which follows the 'Saga of Love' that inspired the construction of the Taj Mahal. Back at your luxury hotel perhaps enjoy a drink over looking the Taj's illuminated dome.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day5: AGRA - JAIPUR

Open the curtains this morning to reveal the lustrous Taj Mahal, bathed by the first rays of dawn. Then head to the ancient Mughul capital of Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted city full of architectural wonder. Lunch time finds you at the majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur, home to the Baroda royal family for over 120 years. After a delicious lunch, continue through the rural landscapes of Rajasthan to your hotel, one of the best in the world, and the former residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day6: THE PINK CITY

Ascend by jeep to the Amber Fort, its royal halls decorated with intricate ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Back in Jaipur, see the intricate 'Hawa Mahal' (The Palace of Winds) and visit the City Palace Museum and royal observatory. This evening you are invited on an exclusive private tour through parts of the Royal Palace normally closed for public viewing. When possible, a member of the royal family will welcome you to their home. This is followed by an exclusive gala dinner with drinks at the palace. A royal treat you'll remember for a lifetime.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Dinner)

### Day7: JAIPUR - JODHPUR

Depart for the 'blue city' of Jodhpur, on the edge of the Thar Desert, dominated by its mighty fort. Stop along the way at a typical rural village where lunch is served. In contrast, stay in Jodhpur's grandest lodgings, the last of the great palaces of India and one of the largest private residences in the world. Before dinner this evening enjoy a walking tour, champagne in hand, to learn all about its fascinating history of this majestic palace.(Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

### Day8: JODHPUR - UDAIPUR

Your city tour includes the palaces of the Mehrangarh Fort and the white marble Jaswant Thada. Then move on to Ranakpur to explore the intricate carvings and architecture of the sprawling Jain temples. Lunch is served at the exclusive Mountbatten

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Lodge on the edge of the Kumbalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary. Continue to Udaipur, where your five-star deluxe palace hotel rises from the waters of Lake Pichola like a dream in white marble, set against the backdrop of the Aravalli Mountains.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

## Day9: VENICE OF THE EAST

Sightseeing today includes the labyrinthine City Palace complex, which houses the private residence of the Maharana of Mewar (King of Kings). Wander through the markets and bazaars to visit the Jagdish Temple and Garden of the Maids of the Honour. This afternoon is yours to enjoy at your leisure. As evening descends cruise the placid waters for wonderful views of the City Palace stretching along the east bank followed by dinner at one of your hotel's exquisite restaurants.(Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

## Day10: UDAIPUR - MUMBAI

After an early breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Mumbai. A chance to relax and freshen up in your luxuriously appointed guest rooms before embarking on an afternoon sightseeing tour. Visit the Gateway of India, commemorating the arrival of King George V and Queen Mary in 1911. Admire the collection of Indian painting and sculpture at the Prince of Wales Museum, visit Jehangir Art Gallery and see the meticulous Hanging Gardens on top of Malabar Hill.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day11: MUMBAI'S SACRED CAVES

Enjoy the view of the city skyline on your cruise to Elephanta Island. Visit the complex of ancient cave temples listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The massive entrance hall, supported by large pillars, houses the Mahesamurti, an enormous three-faced statue of Shiva. Back in Mumbai the afternoon is yours to do as you please. This evening, please join us for drinks and a farewell Celebration Dinner at the hotel's fine dining restaurant.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## Day12: MUMBAI – AURANGABAD – ELLORA CAVES

After early morning tea and coffee at the hotel, transfer to Mumbai airport for your flight to Aurangabad. You are greeted on arrival and transferred to the hotel to freshen up. This afternoon explore the Ellora Caves, a unique series of monasteries and temples dug side by side in the wall of a high basalt cliff. These Buddhist, Hindu and Jain sanctuaries dating from A.D. 600 to 1000 and are both an amazing artistic expression and a technical marvel.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day13: AJANTA CAVES EXCURSION

Enjoy a full-day excursion to the Ajanta Caves, set in a horseshoe shaped gorge above a mountain stream. The 29 rock-cut cave monuments contain some of the finest Buddhist paintings and sculpture in the world.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day14: AURANGABAD – MUMBAI

After the breakfast at the hotel, rest of your day is free for independent activities. Later, board your evening flight to Mumbai. Upon arrival you are met and assisted to the International terminal.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

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27 Mar 2013	09 Apr 2013	\$9034.00	\$14164.00
10 Apr 2013	23 Apr 2013	\$9034.00	\$14164.00

11 DAYS  
ESSENCE OF INDIA WITH SPIRITUAL  
DIVINE EXTENSION (2012/13)



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India

### Included Quality Dining

- \* A Welcome Reception with delicious meal. (WR)
- \* Enjoy a Highlight Lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace. (HL)
- \* Enjoy a Celebration Gala Dinner under the stars including drinks at Samode Palace. (CD)
- \* 7 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 Hotel Dinner in Western or the local style, including tea, coffee and bottled water. (D)

### Included First Class Services

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- \* Travel in comfort and style on our modern, air-conditioned luxury touring coaches and minibuses
- \* Ride the Shatabdi Express train from Delhi to Agra in air-conditioned chair class
- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* Arrival and departure transfers between New Delhi airport and your Insight tour hotel

### Included Premium Highlights

- \* Delhi: Enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride through the lanes of the Chandni Chowk Bazaar. Stop for a photo of the Red Fort. Visit the Gandhi memorial at Raj Ghat. Visit Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Visit the house where the Mahatma Gandhi lived and died, now a National Memorial and Museum. See the Qutub Minar tower. Drive along the Rajpath to see the India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Tomb of the Emperor Humayun. Visit a temple for an insight into the local religion.

# ESSENCE OF INDIA WITH SPIRITUAL DIVINE EXTENSION (2012/13)

- \* Agra: Visit the Taj Mahal. Enjoy a city tour with a visit to the impressive red sandstone Agra Fort. Attend the dance drama spectacular 'Mohabbat-the-Taj' depicting the epic 16th century love story of emperor Shah Jahan.
- \* Fatehpur Sikri: Visit the deserted imperial city of the Mughal dynasty, dramatically abandoned a few years after it was built.
- \* Jaipur: Ascend to the awe-inspiring Amber Fort by Jeep to stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls. Enjoy a Jaipur city tour including a visit to the City Palace Museum housing traditional Rajasthani and Mughal Art. Visit the Jantar Mantar the Royal observatory built in 1726. A photo opportunity at the Hawa Mahal. (Palace of Winds)
- \* Samode: Explore Samode Palace, seeing the brilliant Diwan-I-Khas and enjoy the folk dances of Rajasthan

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: DELHI AT LEISURE

Welcome to India! On arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, you are greeted with a traditional floral garland and transferred to your modern five-star hotel. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception with a delicious meal. (Welcome Reception)

### Day3: DELHI SIGHTSEEING

Start the day with a cycle rickshaw ride through Old Delhi including the bustling lanes of Chandni Chowk market. Stop for a photo at the impressive Red Fort, then visit the Mahatma Gandhi memorial at Raj Ghat. You also explore India's largest mosque, the magnificent Jama Masjid, built by Shah Jahan in 1650. Continue to the house where Mahatma Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life, now a National Memorial and Museum. Lunch time finds you in the shadow of the soaring Qutub Minar, a World Heritage listed tower dating back to 1193. Afterwards, tour the wide boulevards of New Delhi. Drive along the ceremonial Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Tomb of Emperor Humayun, one of the best-preserved Mughal monuments in Delhi and round off your day with an insight into the local religion at one of the colourful temples. (Buffet Breakfast)

### Day4: DELHI - AGRA

After an early morning snack, transfer to the station for the two hour train journey to Agra. Upon arrival, enjoy breakfast at the Radisson Hotel. Then proceed to the Taj Mahal, a monument of love and flawless architectural creation built by an emperor in memory of his beloved queen. Return to the hotel for check-in and relaxation. This afternoon witness the hustle and bustle of everyday life as you make your way through the city to Agra Fort, a powerful fortress of red sandstone. After your tour through the palatial Royal Pavilions and gardens there is free time to freshen up. Later, attend a spectacular stage musical production, supported by cutting edge audio-visual effects, which follows the 'Saga of Love' that inspired the Taj Mahal. (Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

### Day5: AGRA - JAIPUR

There is the option of witnessing the rising sun's rays glistening on the pure white marble of the Taj Mahal this morning. Then drive west to the ancient Mughul capital of Fatehpur Sikri, now a deserted city full of architectural wonder. Enter from the Agra Gate to the huge rectangular courtyard where ambassadors were received and imagine court life in the 16th century. Lunch is served at the majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur. This palace and heritage hotel has been home to the Baroda royal family for over 120 years. After lunch, continue to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur, stunning capital of the state of Rajasthan. (Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day6: JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

A unique excursion today as you ascend by jeep to the Amber Fort, a superb example of Rajput architecture, its terraces and ramparts reflected in the Maota Lake below. Inside, the royal halls are decorated with intricate ivory, mirrors and glass, complemented by exquisite wall paintings. Back in Jaipur, see the famous 'Hawa Mahal' (The Palace of Winds) and visit the city Palace, now a museum housing a fabulous collection of Rajasthani and Mughal Art. A final stop is made at the famous Jantar Mantar, the observatory, constructed between 1727 and 1734 by Maharajah Jai Singh II. Back at the hotel you are at leisure. (Buffet Breakfast)

### Day7: JAIPUR - SAMODE

Enjoy a leisurely morning where you are free to explore the famous bazaars of the city. This afternoon drive to the sleepy village of Samode, only a short drive from Jaipur, but seemingly a world away. Your hotel is set in 20 acres of lush garden, modeled in the Mughal style. This evening you are honoured guests at Samode Palace, the restored ancestral residence of the royal

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family which is now an exclusive heritage hotel. A royal welcome awaits on arrival at the beautifully illuminated palace. The highlight is the absolutely brilliant Diwan-I-Khas, covered with original painting and mirror work. Explore the frescoed corridors and intricately carved walls, enjoy the folk dances of Rajasthan along with a special Celebration Dinner at open air rooftop or garden, where dining is a delightful experience.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## Day8: SAMODE - DELHI

After breakfast, the morning is entirely at leisure. Perhaps take a walk through the village to the local school or post office - a great opportunity to interact with the locals. Otherwise relax, take in the rustic views of the surrounding hills, maybe read a book in the peaceful surroundings or enjoy the hotel pool and facilities. Return to Delhi this afternoon.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day9: DELHI - AMRITSAR

After early morning tea and coffee at the hotel, transfer to New Delhi Railway Station for the train journey to Amritsar. Breakfast is included onboard the train. On arrive at Amritsar and transfer to your hotel. This evening participate in the "putting to bed" ceremony at the Golden Temple.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day10: AMRITSAR SIGHTSEEING

Return to the Golden Temple complex this morning. Walking through the gates, you are treated to one of the most beautiful sights in India. Ringed by a shimmering lake, the gold-plated temple is said to be even more impressive than the Taj Mahal. Visit also the Jallianwala Bagh memorial, site of the Amritsar massacre in 1919. This is followed by a city tour. Later this afternoon witness Flag Retreat ceremony at the Wagah border, where Indian and Pakistani soldiers march in perfect drill and the ceremonial lowering of the national flags is carried out with great pomp.(Buffet Breakfast)

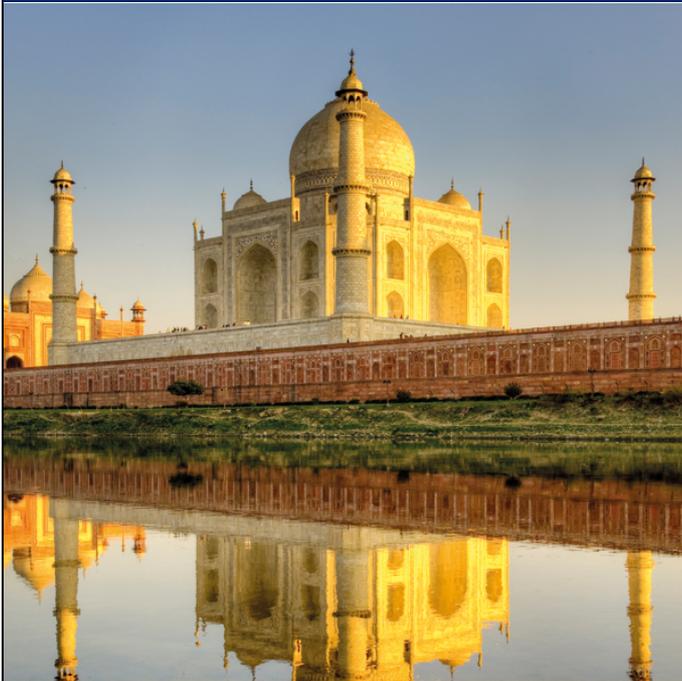
## Day11: AMRITSAR – DELHI – AIRPORT

Enjoy the morning at leisure before your late afternoon transfer to Amritsar railway station for the rail journey back to Delhi. Dinner is served onboard the train. On arrival you are met and transferred to Indra Gandhi International Airport for your onward flights.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

Departs	Returns	Twin Land Only	Single Land Only
14 Sep 2012	24 Sep 2012	\$2940.00	\$4140.00
28 Sep 2012	08 Oct 2012	\$3000.00	\$4245.00
26 Oct 2012	05 Nov 2012	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
09 Nov 2012	19 Nov 2012	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
23 Nov 2012	03 Dec 2012	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
07 Dec 2012	17 Dec 2012	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
21 Dec 2012	31 Dec 2012	\$3600.00	\$5200.00
04 Jan 2013	14 Jan 2013	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
18 Jan 2013	28 Jan 2013	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
01 Feb 2013	11 Feb 2013	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
15 Feb 2013	25 Feb 2013	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
01 Mar 2013	11 Mar 2013	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
15 Mar 2013	25 Mar 2013	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
29 Mar 2013	08 Apr 2013	\$3470.00	\$5070.00
12 Apr 2013	22 Apr 2013	\$3470.00	\$5070.00

19 DAYS  
**IMPERIAL RAJASTHAN WITH CALL OF  
 THE JUNGLE EXTENSION (2012/13)**



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India

### Included Quality Dining

- \* A Welcome Reception with delicious meal. (WR)
- \* Enjoy 4 highlight lunches at; New Delhi's Olive Bar & Kitchen, Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur, the medieval Castle Mandawa and at the Maharani Bagh Orchard Retreat in Ranakpur. (HL)
- \* Dine under the stars at Jaisalmer's Lakhmana Sand Dunes. (HD)
- \* Enjoy dinner at a desert wilderness retreat. (HD)
- \* Enjoy a Celebration Gala Dinner including drinks at your hotel on the banks of the picturesque Pichola Lake. (CD)
- \* 13 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 Hotel Dinner in Western or the local style, including tea, coffee and bottled water. (D)

### Included First Class Services

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- \* Travel in comfort and style on our modern, air-conditioned luxury touring coaches and minibuses
- \* Ride the Shatabdi Express train from Delhi to Agra in air-conditioned chair class
- \* One-way flight from Udaipur to Delhi
- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* All airport arrival and departure transfers

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## Included Premium Highlights

- \* Delhi: See the Red Fort and enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk Bazaar. Visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti. See Qutub Minar. Drive along the Rajpath to see the India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Tomb of the Emperor Humayun. Visit a local temple.
- \* Agra: Visit the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Attend the dance drama spectacular 'Mohabbat-the-Taj'.
- \* Fatehpur Sikri: Visit the deserted imperial city.
- \* Jaipur: Ascend to the Amber Fort by open-top Jeep. See the Palace of Winds and visit the City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar. Attend the Sound and Light Show at Amber Fort.
- \* Bikaner: Visit Junagarh Fort and Camel Research Centre.
- \* Jaisalmer: Visit Garhi Sagar Lake and Jaisalmer Fort. Take a camel trek in the Lakhmana Sand Dunes.
- \* Rohet Garh: meet the locals on your 'Village Safari'.
- \* Jodhpur: Visit Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada.
- \* Ranakpur: Visit the Jain temple complex.
- \* Udaipur: Enjoy an evening boat cruise. Visit the City Palace complex, Jagdish Temple and Garden of the Maids of the Honour.

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: DELHI AT LEISURE

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### Day3: DELHI SIGHTSEEING

Ride by rickshaw through the lanes of Chandni Chowk bazaar in Old Delhi. See the Red Fort, visit the Gandhi memorial at Raj Ghat and the Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Continue to Gandhi Smriti, the house where Mahatma Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life. Enjoy a Mediterranean style lunch in the shadow of the Qutub Minar. Later, drive along the broad Rajpath past the India Gate and Parliament House to visit the Tomb of Humayun. Finish with an insight into the local religion at a colourful temple.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day4: DELHI - AGRA

After an early morning snack, transfer to the station for the train journey to Agra. Upon arrival, enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Then proceed to the Taj Mahal, an exquisite dream in marble built by an emperor in memory of his beloved queen. Return to the hotel for relaxation. This afternoon tour through the palatial Royal Pavilions and gardens at the Agra Fort. Later, attend a spectacular stage musical production, which follows the 'Saga of Love' that inspired the Taj Mahal.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day5: AGRA - JAIPUR

There is the option of witnessing the Taj Mahal at dawn before driving on to the ancient Mughul capital of Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted city full of architectural wonder. Lunch is served at the majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur. Then continue to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day6: JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

Ascend by jeep to the Amber Fort, its royal halls decorated with intricate ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Back in Jaipur, see the 'Hawa Mahal' (The Palace of Winds) and visit the City Palace Museum and royal observatory. Return to the Amber Fort for the evening Sound and Light show.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day7: JAIPUR - MANDAWA - BIKANER

Depart Jaipur and head northwest to Castle Mandawa for an authentic local lunch. Continue to the fortified desert city of Bikaner, known for its camel festival which is celebrated on a grand scale every January. Learn all about this indispensable ship of the desert at the Camel Research and Breeding Farm before reaching your hotel.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch / Dinner)

### Day8: BIKANER - JAISALMER

Your tour of Bikaner includes the Junagarh Fort, an unassailable fortress comprising of various palaces, pavilions and a museum containing priceless art and antiques. This afternoon continue through the Great Thar Desert to the trade route town of Jaisalmer, crowned by its hill top fortress.(Buffet Breakfast)

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## Day9: JAISALMER SIGHTSEEING

Enjoy a city tour of Jaisalmer visiting Garhi Sagar Lake and the Fort built in 1156 but still in use today. Pass by the local market where you can witness desert life at its best. Rest of the afternoon is at leisure. No visit to Jaisalmer is complete without a trip into the rippling Lakhmana Sand Dunes where a camel trek and dinner has been arranged. Dinner at the dunes, under a perpetual sky littered with a bouquet of stars, is an amazing experience.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Dinner)

## Day10: JAISALMER - ROHET GARH

Follow the ancient silk routes to your beautiful heritage hotel, set on the banks of a lake and landscaped with colourful flowers, rare plants and trees. Later, feel the very pulse of rural Rajasthan on your 'Village Safari' where you are welcomed into the homes of the local Bishnoi people to share a slice of their life.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day11: JODHPUR EXCURSION

Drive to the 'blue city' of Jodhpur for a sightseeing tour. Visit Mehrangarh Fort set on a cliff a hundred feet above the city skyline and the white marble Jaswant Thada. Return to Rohet where the rest of the day is free to relax. Dinner this evening is included at nearby desert wilderness retreat.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Dinner)

## Day12: ROHET GARH - UDAIPUR

Drive to Ranakpur, the temple town of Rajasthan. Visit the sprawling Jain temple known for its intricate carvings and architecture. Lunch is served at an idyllic former royal retreat, amid lush greenery. Continue to Udaipur.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

## Day13: UDAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing today includes the City Palace complex, private residence of the 'King of Kings'. Wander through the markets and bazaars to visit the Jagdish Temple and Garden of the Maids of the Honour. This evening enjoy a boat cruise on the serene waters of Lake Pichola followed by a special Celebration Dinner with drinks.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## Day14: UDAIPUR - DELHI

After breakfast, the morning is entirely at leisure for independent activities. This afternoon transfer to Udaipur airport for your flight back to Delhi.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day15: DELHI – JABALPUR – BANDHAVGARH

After early morning tea or coffee at the hotel, transfer to Delhi airport for your flight to Jabalpur. On arrival you are met and transferred to Bandhavgarh. Enjoy lunch and the afternoon at leisure. This evening enjoy a game drive in the national park. (Lunch / Dinner)

## Day16: BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

Early morning game drive in the park famous for its Bengal Tigers. After breakfast at the Lodge, the morning and early afternoon is free to relax. This evening enjoy another safari in the park.(Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

## Day17: BANDHAVGARH – KANHA

Venture into the habitat of the tiger one more time this morning before driving on to the Kanha National Park, inspiration for Rudyard Kipling's 'Jungle Book'.(Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

## Day18: KANHA NATIONAL PARK

After an early morning game drive in the park return to the hotel for breakfast. The rest of the day is free to relax before your evening jeep safari in search of tigers and leopards.(Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

## Day19: KANHA – NAGPUR – DELHI

Enjoy one final jeep safari in the National Park before driving to Nagpur airport for your flight back to Delhi. Transfer to the International terminal for your onward flight.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

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07 Oct 2012	25 Oct 2012	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
21 Oct 2012	08 Nov 2012	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
04 Nov 2012	22 Nov 2012	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
18 Nov 2012	06 Dec 2012	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
02 Dec 2012	20 Dec 2012	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
16 Dec 2012	03 Jan 2013	\$6825.00	\$9715.00
30 Dec 2012	17 Jan 2013	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
13 Jan 2013	31 Jan 2013	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
27 Jan 2013	14 Feb 2013	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
10 Feb 2013	28 Feb 2013	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
24 Feb 2013	14 Mar 2013	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
10 Mar 2013	28 Mar 2013	\$6850.00	\$9900.00

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<b>Departs</b>	<b>Returns</b>	<b>Twin Land Only</b>	<b>Single Land Only</b>
24 Mar 2013	11 Apr 2013	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
07 Apr 2013	25 Apr 2013	\$6850.00	\$9900.00
21 Apr 2013	09 May 2013	\$6850.00	\$9900.00

19 DAYS  
**CLASSICAL INDIA WITH NEPAL AND THE  
 DRAGON KINGDOM EXTENSION (2012/13)**



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India - Nepal - Bhutan

### Included Quality Dining

- \* A Welcome Reception with delicious meal. (WR)
- \* Enjoy 3 highlight lunches; Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur, 1135 AD at Jaipur's Amber Fort and Orchha Resort .(HL)
- \* Enjoy a mouth-watering Celebration Dinner plus drinks at the Napalese restaurant, "Kathmandu Kitchen". (CD)
- \* 13 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 Afternoon Tea (AT), A hands-on dining experience at the speciality restaurant "Peshawari" in Agra, famous for its North East Frontier cuisine. (D)

### Included First Class Services

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- \* Travel in comfort and style on our modern, air-conditioned luxury touring coaches and minibuses
- \* Ride the Shatabdi Express train from Agra to Jhansi in air-conditioned chair class
- \* One-way flights Khajuraho – Varanasi, Varanasi – Kathmandu, and Kathmandu – Delhi
- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* Arrival and departure transfers between New Delhi airport and your Insight tour hotel

### Included Premium Highlights

- \* Delhi: See the Red Fort and enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk Bazaar. Visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti. See Qutub Minar. Drive along the Rajpath to see the India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Tomb of the Emperor Humayun. Visit a local temple.

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- \* Jaipur: Ascend to the Amber Fort by jeep. See the Palace of Winds and visit the City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar. Sunset elephant safari with High tea.
- \* Fatehpur Sikri: Visit the deserted imperial city.
- \* Agra: Visit the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Attend the dance drama spectacular 'Mohabbat-the-Taj'.
- \* Orchha: Visit the palaces and temples of the fort.
- \* Khajuraho : Attend the Sound and Light show and enjoy a morning tour of the famous World Heritage listed temples.
- \* Varanasi: Witness the evening Aarti Ceremony at the Ganges. Take a sunrise boat cruise on the Ganges. Enjoy a brief city tour visiting some famous temples. Visit Sarnath, where Buddha first taught the Dharma. Partake in an early morning yoga session at the Ganges Ghats (if possible.)
- \* Kathmandu: Tour Durbar Square and ancient Royal Palace complex. Visit Swayambhunath. Visit the temple of the Teleju, Statue of Yogendra Malla and Tibetan Handicraft Centre in Patan. Excursion to the ancient capital of Bhadgaon. Visit Bodhnath Stupa and see the Hindu Pashupatinath Temple.

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: DELHI AT LEISURE

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### Day3: DELHI SIGHTSEEING

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### Day4: DELHI - JAIPUR

Drive to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur where there is time to freshen up and enjoy your luxury hotel's superb facilities. Later, visit a nearby private estate for a sunset elephant safari. After a welcome drink, board your elephant's cushioned seat for the trek through the forest, past village hamlets and fields to the camp where high tea awaits. An amazing experience.(Buffet Breakfast / Afternoon Tea)

### Day5: JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

Ascend by jeep to the Amber Fort, its royal halls decorated with intricate ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Lunch is included at restaurant 1135 AD which brings to life the magic of Maharaja's court in the heart of Amber Fort. Back in Jaipur, see the 'Hawa Mahal' (The Palace of Winds) and visit the city Palace Museum and royal observatory.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day6: JAIPUR - AGRA

Set off this morning for the majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur where lunch is served. This afternoon, visit the ancient Mughul capital of Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted city full of architectural wonder. Drive on to Agra where you attend a spectacular stage musical production, which follows the 'Saga of Love' that inspired the Taj Mahal.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day7: AGRA SIGHTSEEING

Agra's fine heritage is revealed today. Appreciate the flawless marble symmetry of this exquisite Taj Mahal, built by an emperor in memory of his beloved wife. Move on to the impressive Agra Fort to explore the palatial Royal Pavilions and gardens. At dinner this evening, enjoy mouth watering dishes.(Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

### Day8: AGRA - ORCHHA - KHAJURAHO

After breakfast transfer to the train station and board the Shatabdi Express to Jhansi. Rejoin your coach and visit the nearby citadel at Orchha, containing grand 16th Century palaces and temples. Lunch is included at the Orchha Resort before continuing to Khajuraho. Tonight the Sound and Light show introduces you to one India's 'seven wonders' - the medieval Hindu and Jain temples, famous for their erotic sculpture.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

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## Day9: KHAJURAHU - VARANASI

There is time this morning to gain a deeper understanding of Khajuraho's World Heritage listed monuments. This afternoon transfer to the airport for the short flight to Varanasi, the holy city of India. This evening take in a special spiritual experience as you witness the holy Hindu Aarti ceremony at the crowded riverside steps of the Ganges.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day10: VARANASI SIGHTSEEING

Enjoy tea or coffee at the hotel before embarking on a boat cruise to witness the early morning scenes of devotion on Ganges. Return to the hotel for breakfast followed by a brief city tour visiting some famous temples. Your adventure continues at nearby Sarnath, the deer park where the Buddha preached his first sermon. Visit the museum which rates among the most important in India.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day11: VARANASI - KATHMANDU

For those who wish, there's an early morning yoga session at the Ganges Ghats (if possible) where the air is filled with spirituality. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your short flight to Nepal, a mystical country nestled in the folds of the Himalayas. Relax at your exquisite hotel.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day12: KATHMANDU SIGHTSEEING

The beating heart of Kathmandu is Durbar Square and ancient Royal Palace complex, laced with myriad temples, courtyards, statues and home of the Kumari (the living Goddess). On the outskirts of town visit Swayambhunath, the most ancient and enigmatic of the valley's holy shrines. Continue to Patan to visit to the sky piercing temple of the Teleju, Statue of Yogendra Malla and Tibetan Handicraft Centre.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day13: KATHMANDU SIGHTSEEING

There is an optional flight to Mt Everest this morning. Then visit the ancient capital of Bhadgaon, the main square containing innumerable temples and architectural showpieces. Continue to Bodhnath, a colossal stupa, and Nepal's most important Buddhist site. View also one of the holiest Hindu shrines, Pashupatinath Temple on the banks of the Bagmati. At this evening's Celebration Dinner enjoy drinks and authentic Nepalese cuisine at an outdoor venue.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## Day14: KATHMANDU – PARO – THIMPHU

Transfer to Kathmandu airport for your scenic flight over the Himalayas. You are welcomed on arrival in Paro and transferred to Thimphu. After lunch, visit the National Library, the Painting School and the Textile and Folk Heritage Museum. Hotel:(Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

## Day15: THIMPHU

Sightseeing of Thimphu includes the Memorial Chorten, Trashi Chhoe Dzong and the weekend market. After lunch, drive to Changangkha Lhakhang, a fortress like temple and see Bhutan's national animal the Takin.(Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

## Day16: THIMPHU – PARO

Drive to Paro for a tour of the National Museum and Rinpung Dzong, 'fortress of the heap of jewels'.(Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

## Day17: PARO – TIGER'S NEST HIKE

Embark on a leisurely five hour hike to Tiger's Nest. Visit to Drukgyel Dzong - a ruined fortress. Visit to the 7C Kyichu Lhakhang temple. This evening visit the local market.(Buffet Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

## Day18: PARO – DELHI

Transfer to Paro Airport and fly to Delhi.

## Day19: DEPART DELHI

Transfer to Indira Gandhi International Airport.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

Departs	Returns	Twin Land Only	Single Land Only
20 Sep 2012	08 Oct 2012	\$9075.00	\$11815.00
04 Oct 2012	22 Oct 2012	\$9660.00	\$12975.00
01 Nov 2012	19 Nov 2012	\$9660.00	\$12975.00
15 Nov 2012	03 Dec 2012	\$9660.00	\$12975.00
13 Dec 2012	31 Dec 2012	\$9190.00	\$12195.00
27 Dec 2012	14 Jan 2013	\$9570.00	\$13030.00
10 Jan 2013	28 Jan 2013	\$9220.00	\$12565.00
24 Jan 2013	11 Feb 2013	\$9220.00	\$12565.00
07 Feb 2013	25 Feb 2013	\$9220.00	\$12565.00
21 Feb 2013	11 Mar 2013	\$9860.00	\$13245.00
07 Mar 2013	25 Mar 2013	\$9860.00	\$13245.00
21 Mar 2013	08 Apr 2013	\$9860.00	\$13245.00

# CLASSICAL INDIA WITH NEPAL AND THE DRAGON KINGDOM EXTENSION (2012/13)

<b>Departs</b>	<b>Returns</b>	<b>Twin Land Only</b>	<b>Single Land Only</b>
04 Apr 2013	22 Apr 2013	\$9860.00	\$13245.00
18 Apr 2013	06 May 2013	\$9860.00	\$13245.00

15 DAYS  
**ENCHANTING KERALA WITH CLASSICAL  
 SRI LANKA EXTENSION (2012/13)**



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India - Sri Lanka

### Included Quality Dining

- \* A Welcome Reception with delicious meal. (WR)
- \* Enjoy 2 Highlight Lunches at a private homes in Alleppey and Kochi, which also includes a cooking demonstration. (HL)
- \* Enjoy a farewell Celebration Dinner with drinks at the Kovalam hotel's sea side restaurant. (CD)
- \* 9 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 Hotel Dinner in Western or the local style, including tea, coffee and bottled water. (D)

### Included First Class Services

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
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- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* Arrival and departure transfers between the airports and your Insight tour hotels

### Included Premium Highlights

- \* Kochi: Visit the integrated tourism village of Kumbalangi for a glimpse into the daily lives of the locals. Attend a performance of traditional Kathakali dance. Visit the oldest Jewish synagogue in the commonwealth. Visit Mattancherry Palace, with its famous mythological murals. Visit St Francis Church where Vasco de Gama was buried. Join a Syrian Christian family in their home for a cooking demonstration.

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- \* Thekkady : Enjoy a morning visit to a spice plantation. Witness bathing and feeding of the elephants in the Spice Garden. Visit the spice market. Enjoy an evening boat cruise with a naturalist on Lake Periyar in search of wildlife.
- \* Kumarakom: Enjoy an early morning bird watching tour at Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary. Take in the scenic beauty of the Kerala Backwaters as you cruise by traditional houseboat.
- \* Alleppey: Enjoy a walking tour of the town.
- \* Kovalam: Enjoy an early morning Yoga Session. Experience a traditional Kalaripayattu martial art show.
- \* Trivandrum: Tour the city with visits to the Napier Museum, Sri Padmanabhaswamy temple and Sri Chitra Art Gallery.

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: KOCHI AT LEISURE

Welcome to India! On arrival at Cochin International Airport, you are greeted with a traditional floral garland. Transfer to your hotel on Willingdon Island, where your stylishly designed sea view room overlooks Cochin harbour. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers and Tour Director at a Welcome Reception with a delicious meal.(Welcome Reception)

### Day3: KUMBHALANGI EXCURSION

This morning journey to the small island of Kumbalangi for a glimpse into the lives of the local villagers. Walk through the village, join the fishermen as they raise their Chinese nets or farmers working in the fields. Watch the locals spin golden palm fibers into coir or tap the palms for sap to make a potent drink called 'toddy'. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. This evening you are invited to attend a performance of traditional Kathakali dance, characterised by elaborate makeup and large, colourful costumes.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day4: KOCHI - THEKKADY

Your Kochi city tour includes a visit to the oldest Jewish synagogue in the commonwealth. Next witness the renowned mythological murals of Mattancherry Palace, built in 1557 by the Portuguese. Stop by India's oldest European built Church of St Francis to see the tombstone of Vasco de Gama, interred here before his remains were returned back to Lisbon. Now immerse yourself in the fragrant world of Indian cooking. Visit a traditional Syrian Christian family in their home to learn the intricacies of Kerala cuisine. After your cooking lesson enjoy your lunch before driving to the sun-dappled highlands near the Tamil Nadu and Kerala border. The road winds through mountains, descending through a carpet of tea bushes, vast plantations of pepper, cardamom, coffee with spectacular views of mist-laden valleys. Check in to your resort located on the fringes of the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day5: PERIYAR EXCURSION

Visit the Spice Gardens of Periyar today for a better understanding of the aromatic spices, herbs, flowers, various fruit and plants. Afterwards, you are invited to get up close and personal with the local elephants, which still play an important role in Indian society. Perhaps help feed these amazing animals, give them a bath, or just watch them work with their Mahouts. Back at your eco friendly hotel there is time to relax. This evening, join an expert naturalist for a cruise through the waterways of the Periyar sanctuary in search of wildlife, including elephant, monkeys, deer or even a tiger.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day6: THEKKADY - KUMARAKOM

Drive down to Kerala's picturesque backwaters - a world of serenity and wonder, bursting natural beauty. Your hotel is situated on the shores of Lake Vembanad. Check-in, relax and enjoy. Perhaps enjoy an Ayurveda treatment, the ancient science of holistic healing for which Kerala is renowned.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day7: KUMARAKOM AT LEISURE

For those who want to rise early this morning there is an included bird watching tour at Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary. Set within lush acres of woodland, you will become acquainted with the variety of migratory birds that flock in their thousands from the Himalayas or as far afield as Siberia. Return to the hotel for breakfast and the rest of the day is free to enjoy the Backwater environment or indulge in Ayurveda treatments.(Buffet Breakfast)

### Day8: KUMARAKOM - KOVALAM

Transfer to the local jetty to board your houseboat for a half day cruise on the backwaters. Before the advent of modern day roads these houseboats were the main form of transport. Disembark in Alleppey for a walking tour of the town and a typical local lunch in a private home, a wonderful experience. This afternoon drive to Kovalam, famous for its beautiful golden beaches and swaying coconut palms.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch / Dinner)

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## Day9: KOVALAM

For those who wish, you are invited to an early morning Yoga session. For both the nimble and novices alike, it's a great way to start the day. After breakfast at hotel, drive to Trivandrum for a city tour including the temple of Sri Padmanabhaswamy, the Sri Chitra Art Gallery and the Napier Museum which provides a glimpse into Kerala's rich cultural heritage. Return to Kovalam where the afternoon is at leisure to take advantage of the palm fringed beaches.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day10: KOVALAM AT LEISURE

Today is completely free to relax on the beach or indulge in Ayurveda treatments at hotel. This evening enjoy a traditional Kalaripayattu martial art show followed by farewell Celebration Dinner with drinks to round off this fantastic tour.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## Day11: TRIVANDRUM – HABARANA

From Trivandrum Airport board your flight to Colombo. You are met and transferred to your hotel in Habarana. The evening is at leisure.(Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

## Day12: HABARANA

Visit Sigiriya, the 'fortress in the sky'. See the Lion Gate, remains of the upper palace and the 'Heavenly Maidens' frescoes. Later visit Polonnaruwa, the medieval capital of Sri Lanka.(Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

## Day13: HABARANA – KANDY

Drive to Dambulla and ascend to the Buddhist rock cave temples, affording views of Sigiriya in the distance. On through jungle, rice paddies, rolling hills and tea plantations to Kandy. Attend a cultural show this evening.(Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

## Day14: KANDY SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast visit Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage to view the baby elephant feeding and bathing at the river. Back in Kandy, your city tour includes a visit to the Peradeniya Botanical Garden, the gem museum and art & craft centre.(Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

## Day15: KANDY – COLOMBO

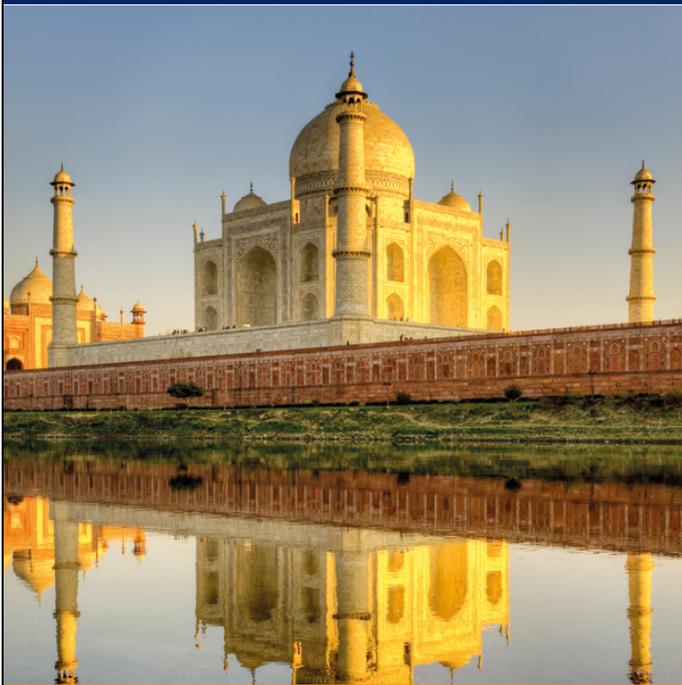
Transfer to the Colombo Airport where your tour ends.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

Departs	Returns	Twin Land Only	Single Land Only
02 Nov 2012	16 Nov 2012	\$5574.00	\$7879.00
16 Nov 2012	30 Nov 2012	\$5574.00	\$7879.00
30 Nov 2012	14 Dec 2012	\$5574.00	\$7879.00
14 Dec 2012	28 Dec 2012	\$6849.00	\$9904.00
28 Dec 2012	11 Jan 2013	\$6840.00	\$9895.00
11 Jan 2013	25 Jan 2013	\$5574.00	\$7879.00
25 Jan 2013	08 Feb 2013	\$5574.00	\$7879.00
08 Feb 2013	22 Feb 2013	\$5574.00	\$7879.00
22 Feb 2013	08 Mar 2013	\$5574.00	\$7879.00
08 Mar 2013	22 Mar 2013	\$5574.00	\$7879.00
22 Mar 2013	05 Apr 2013	\$5574.00	\$7879.00
05 Apr 2013	19 Apr 2013	\$5574.00	\$7879.00
19 Apr 2013	03 May 2013	\$5574.00	\$7879.00

15 DAYS

# IMPERIAL RAJASTHAN - A HERITAGE JOURNEY (2012/13)



## Tour Summary

### Locations Visited

India

### Included Quality Dining

- \* A Welcome Reception with delicious meal. (WR)
- \* Enjoy 4 highlight lunches at; New Delhi's Olive Bar & Kitchen, Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur, the medieval Castle Mandawa and at the Maharani Bagh Orchard Retreat in Ranakpur. (HL)
- \* Dine under the stars at Jaisalmer's Lakhmana Sand Dunes. (HD)
- \* Enjoy dinner at a desert wilderness retreat. (HD)
- \* Enjoy a Celebration Gala Dinner including drinks at your hotel on the banks of the picturesque Pichola Lake. (CD)
- \* 13 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 Hotel Dinner in Western or the local style, including tea, coffee and bottled water. (D)

### Included First Class Services

- \* Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- \* Travel in comfort and style on our modern, air-conditioned luxury touring coaches and minibuses
- \* Ride the Shatabdi Express train from Delhi to Agra in air-conditioned chair class
- \* One-way flight from Udaipur to Delhi
- \* Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- \* Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- \* All airport arrival and departure transfers

### Included Premium Highlights

- \* Delhi: See the Red Fort and enjoy a cycle rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk Bazaar. Visit Raj Ghat, Jama Masjid and Gandhi Smriti. See Qutub Minar. Drive along the Rajpath to see the India Gate and Parliament House. Visit the Tomb of the Emperor Humayun. Visit a local temple.

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- \* Agra: Visit the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Attend the dance drama spectacular 'Mohabbat-the-Taj'.
- \* Fatehpur Sikri: Visit the deserted imperial city.
- \* Jaipur: Ascend to the Amber Fort by open-top Jeep. See the Palace of Winds and visit the City Palace Museum and Jantar Mantar. Attend the Sound and Light Show at Amber Fort.
- \* Bikaner: Visit Junagarh Fort and Camel Research Centre.
- \* Jaisalmer: Visit Garhi Sagar Lake and Jaisalmer Fort. Take a camel trek in the Lakhmana Sand Dunes.
- \* Rohet Garh: meet the locals on your 'Village Safari'.
- \* Jodhpur: Visit Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada.
- \* Ranakpur: Visit the Jain temple complex.
- \* Udaipur: Enjoy an evening boat cruise. Visit the City Palace complex, Jagdish Temple and Garden of the Maids of the Honour.

## My Itinerary

### Day1: DEPART USA

Board your overnight flight (not included).

### Day2: DELHI AT LEISURE

Welcome to India! On arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, you are greeted with a traditional floral garland and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception with a delicious meal. (Welcome Reception)

### Day3: DELHI SIGHTSEEING

Ride by rickshaw through the lanes of Chandni Chowk bazaar in Old Delhi. See the Red Fort, visit the Gandhi memorial at Raj Ghat and the Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Continue to Gandhi Smriti, the house where Mahatma Gandhi spent the last 144 days of his life. Enjoy a Mediterranean style lunch in the shadow of the Qutub Minar. Later, drive along the broad Rajpath past the India Gate and Parliament House to visit the Tomb of Humayun. Finish with an insight into the local religion at a colourful temple. (Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day4: DELHI - AGRA

After an early morning snack, transfer to the station for the train journey to Agra. Upon arrival, enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Then proceed to the Taj Mahal, an exquisite dream in marble built by an emperor in memory of his beloved queen. Return to the hotel for relaxation. This afternoon tour through the palatial Royal Pavilions and gardens at the Agra Fort. Later, attend a spectacular stage musical production, which follows the 'Saga of Love' that inspired the Taj Mahal. (Buffet Breakfast)

### Day5: AGRA - JAIPUR

There is the option of witnessing the Taj Mahal at dawn before driving on to the ancient Mughul capital of Fatehpur Sikri, a deserted city full of architectural wonder. Lunch is served at the majestic Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur. Then continue to the 'Pink City' of Jaipur. (Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

### Day6: JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

Ascend by jeep to the Amber Fort, its royal halls decorated with intricate ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Back in Jaipur, see the 'Hawa Mahal' (The Palace of Winds) and visit the City Palace Museum and royal observatory. Return to the Amber Fort for the evening Sound and Light show. (Buffet Breakfast)

### Day7: JAIPUR - MANDAWA - BIKANER

Depart Jaipur and head northwest to Castle Mandawa for an authentic local lunch. Continue to the fortified desert city of Bikaner, known for its camel festival which is celebrated on a grand scale every January. Learn all about this indispensable ship of the desert at the Camel Research and Breeding Farm before reaching your hotel. (Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch / Dinner)

### Day8: BIKANER - JAISALMER

Your tour of Bikaner includes the Junagarh Fort, an unassailable fortress comprising of various palaces, pavilions and a museum containing priceless art and antiques. This afternoon continue through the Great Thar Desert to the trade route town of Jaisalmer, crowned by its hill top fortress. (Buffet Breakfast)

### Day9: JAISALMER SIGHTSEEING

Enjoy a city tour of Jaisalmer visiting Garhi Sagar Lake and the Fort built in 1156 but still in use today. Pass by the local market where you can witness desert life at its best. Rest of the afternoon is at leisure. No visit to Jaisalmer is complete without a trip into the rippling Lakhmana Sand Dunes where a camel trek and dinner has been arranged. Dinner at the dunes, under a perpetual sky littered with a bouquet of stars, is an amazing experience. (Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Dinner)

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## Day10: JAISALMER - ROHET GARH

Follow the ancient silk routes to your beautiful heritage hotel, set on the banks of a lake and landscaped with colourful flowers, rare plants and trees. Later, feel the very pulse of rural Rajasthan on your 'Village Safari' where you are welcomed into the homes of the local Bishnoi people to share a slice of their life.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day11: JODHPUR EXCURSION

Drive to the 'blue city' of Jodhpur for a sightseeing tour. Visit Mehrangarh Fort set on a cliff a hundred feet above the city skyline and the white marble Jaswant Thada. Return to Rohet where the rest of the day is free to relax. Dinner this evening is included at nearby desert wilderness retreat.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Dinner)

## Day12: ROHET GARH - UDAIPUR

Drive to Ranakpur, the temple town of Rajasthan. Visit the sprawling Jain temple known for its intricate carvings and architecture. Lunch is served at an idyllic former royal retreat, amid lush greenery. Continue to Udaipur.(Buffet Breakfast / Highlight Lunch)

## Day13: UDAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing today includes the City Palace complex, private residence of the 'King of Kings'. Wander through the markets and bazaars to visit the Jagdish Temple and Garden of the Maids of the Honour. This evening enjoy a boat cruise on the serene waters of Lake Pichola followed by a special Celebration Dinner with drinks.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

## Day14: UDAIPUR - DELHI

After breakfast, the morning is entirely at leisure for independent activities. This afternoon transfer to Udaipur airport for your flight back to Delhi.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Day15: RETURN TO USA

Your tour draws to a close today with transfers to the airport.(Buffet Breakfast)

## Available Departures

Departs	Returns	Twin Land Only	Single Land Only
23 Sep 2012	07 Oct 2012	\$3499.00	\$4564.00
07 Oct 2012	21 Oct 2012	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
21 Oct 2012	04 Nov 2012	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
04 Nov 2012	18 Nov 2012	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
18 Nov 2012	02 Dec 2012	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
02 Dec 2012	16 Dec 2012	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
16 Dec 2012	30 Dec 2012	\$4150.00	\$5705.00
30 Dec 2012	13 Jan 2013	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
13 Jan 2013	27 Jan 2013	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
27 Jan 2013	10 Feb 2013	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
10 Feb 2013	24 Feb 2013	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
24 Feb 2013	10 Mar 2013	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
10 Mar 2013	24 Mar 2013	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
24 Mar 2013	07 Apr 2013	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
07 Apr 2013	21 Apr 2013	\$4175.00	\$5890.00
21 Apr 2013	05 May 2013	\$4175.00	\$5890.00

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

### Tour Prices

**Prices are per person.** Tour prices are based on costs, charges, tariffs, rates, prices, taxes, levies and exchange rates as at time this eBrochure was created. Should any of these costs change a surcharge may be made on the price of your vacation. If the total tour price increases by more than 10%, passengers will have the right to cancel within 7 days of notification of the surcharge without penalty. No surcharges with respect to cost

or currency fluctuations will be made once payment for the deposit of your land tour is received. This guarantee does not apply to pre-registered bookings or departures where prices are still subject to confirmation. This guarantee also excludes fuel surcharges & does not apply to any taxes, charges or levies imposed by any government or its agencies. In exchange for these guarantees no refund will be made if costs are reduced.

### Tour Cancellation

Insight reserves the right to cancel any booking not later than thirty (30) days before the departure. The departure date constitutes the date indicated on Insight's confirmation.

Insight will, wherever possible, offer an alternative tour of similar standard. If there is a difference in cost, this will be for your account. If an alternative tour is not accepted by the tour participant within seven (7) days, Insight will refund all monies and Insight will be under no further obligation or liability.

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