

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join the Case Western Reserve University Family as we discover the Mysteries of India!

This tour takes travelers from India's bustling capital city of Delhi to the historic and mystical Varanasi. Begin your trip exploring Old Delhi's narrow streets via rickshaw, a traditional mode of transportation. Discover Udaipur, your gateway to Rajasthan, where forts and palaces line the landscape. Here, you'll stop at Sahelion-ki-Bari, the Garden of the Maids of Honor, and learn about the lifestyle of the royal ladies who once strolled through these gardens. Continue on to the "Pink City" of Jaipur and visit the City Palace to explore the gardens, courtyards and intricate decorative art. Delve deeper into Indian culture during a henna tattoo and bindi demonstration. Travel to Ranthambore National Park to learn about Project Tiger's efforts at conservation in India. In Agra, you'll visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, witnessing the first rays of sun glistening on the white marble — a truly memorable moment. End your journey in Varanasi, where you'll cruise along the iconic River Ganges and see Sarnath, the site where Siddhartha Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon on a quiet grove in the 6th century B.C.

Discover a land rich in history, culture and cuisine in electrifying India. Book your spots today; this tour is guaranteed to fill up quickly.

Sincerely,

Executive Director
The Laura & Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program
Case Western University

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Terms and Conditions

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A visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate visa cost is \$35 USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods. Please note that Collette Foundation sites may not be available for visits due to school holidays, weekends or programming challenges. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are not available. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed. To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times. The Indian government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately \$6 USD/\$20 USD respectively (total for the entire trip) for taking photos inside attractions. Our tour manager will collect these fees at the beginning of the tour and pay the government accordingly. Travel with just 9 passengers on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience. To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in all activities. To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in all activities. Some of the tour days may be longer with select included activities occurring later in the evening. Each guest is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from. Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions. Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Delhi may arrive very late in the evening on Day 2 or just after midnight the morning of Day 3. A pre or post night may be required (at an additional cost). Passport information is required in advance. Please provide at time of booking. Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <http://www.motagovae/en/services/Pages/30.aspx> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required. The land price does not include trans-Atlantic flights or flights within India and must be purchased with the air portion of your tour. Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be booked prior to 6:00 p.m. on the last day. Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates. A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of June 03, 2019 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 10, 2019. Deposits are refundable up until June 10, 2019. Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Triple and child accommodations are not available. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. During your extension, your local guide will provide sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times. A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate. *The flight from Dubai to Delhi is not included in the land-only cost of your tour. For US, Australia and Canadian citizens, no advance visa arrangement is required to visit the UAE when your stay is less than 30 days. Simply disembark your flight at Dubai International Airport and proceed to Immigration where your passport will be stamped with a 30-day visit visa free of charge. Rates can be changed at any time based on governing authority. To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as longer walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening. CTR020186-20 UMR02020850 Nevada Series of Travel Registration No. 2018-0279



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MYSTERIES OF INDIA

15 Days, 25 Meals



Taj Mahal

EXPLORATIONS
Small Group Travel

Day 1: Overnight Flight Discover India's perfect synthesis of nature, spirituality, and regal legacy – an electric color wheel that breathes life into the senses and resurrects the spirit. Step by majestic step, begin your love affair with India's splendors, and its mysteries.

Day 2: Delhi, India - Tour Begins Delhi is the “City of Djinn” – place of the spirits. It is a frenetic paradise of contradiction, vitality, vibrancy and color. Experience everything this dynamic metropolis has to offer, from modern New Delhi to historic Old Delhi.

Day 3: Delhi Cut through Old Delhi’s buzzing streets on a rickshaw – your mode of transportation for an exhilarating food tour. Down narrow streets and corridors, see plates bursting with color as you meet local vendors and taste some of the best food India has to offer. You'll also pay a visit to a sacred Sikh temple that features a communal kitchen. Continue to Humayun's Tomb, one of the best preserved Mughal monuments, and round out your tour at the India Gate war memorial, Parliament, and the President’s sprawling, palatial residence, Rashtrapati Bhawan. (B, L)

Day 4: Delhi - Udaipur The gateway to Rajasthan, Udaipur’s regal forts and palaces evoke fairy tale stories and exotic prose. On an evening cruise of Lake Pichola, views of City Palace dominate and the sight of the southern island reveals the glittering, three-storied palace of Jag Mandir. Your hotel, a restored historic palace, is perched on a hilltop overlooking the lake. (B, D)

Day 5: Udaipur As the dawn meets the day, it's your choice! Join a local expert to learn the basic practices of yoga -OR- embark on a leisurely walking tour as the streets of Udaipur come to life. This afternoon, explore the City Palace and marvel at its windowless walls, domes, and tiered balconies. Follow the steps of royal ladies in the enchanting Sahelion-ki-Bari – “Garden of the Maids of Honor.” The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 6: Udaipur - Jaipur A scenic drive through the countryside delivers you to Jaipur, the “Pink City.” Our first

stop is at the 953-windowed façade of Hawa Mahal, the former home of a maharaja. Immerse yourself in the architectural glories of Jaipur as you stroll the heart of the Old City. Walk the perfumed aisles of a flower market where garlands are created for traditional Indian ceremonies. Not far away, marvel at the impeccable masonry at Jantar Mantar. This evening, discover the art of simple eating during a home-hosted cooking class. Shop for fresh ingredients with your host at a local market, then return to her home where the joys of cooking – and eating – are revealed over a magnificent vegetarian meal – a cornerstone of India’s gastronomic culture. (B, D)

Day 7: Jaipur Ascend to the top of the extensive palace complex of Amber Fort aboard a vintage jeep. This is India's former seat of power, and a prelude to an incredible cultural experience in Jaipur. Break chipati with new friends during a visit to a local school* where children are thriving in a midday program supported by the Collette Foundation. (B, L)

Day 8: Jaipur - Ranthambore National Park The tiger is a creature of unending fascination in India. Seek them out in their natural habitat at Ranthambore National Park. Learn about Project Tiger’s conservation efforts and the impact the organization has had on the Ranthambore sanctuary. You’ll also meet a naturalist who’ll introduce you to India’s extensive wildlife. Surrounded by deep forests and scattered ruins, board a canter and watch for marsh crocodiles, sloth bears, hyenas, and of course, tigers. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Ranthambore The barking deer and the Indian gazelles come out to play in the early hours of the morning. Under the cover of exotic birdlife, follow the path of the desert cats as you go in search of the wildlife this sanctuary is known for. Then, it's your choice! Return to your hotel to simply relax -OR- visit Ranthambore School of Art, which recruits students from neighboring villages and trains them to be self-sufficient artists. (B, L, D)



Amber Fort

Day 10: Ranthambore - Agra The sound of your train’s engine is the only thing that cuts the still of the early morning. Through tunnels and around bends, follow the rails to Agra, a city rich with the splendors of the past. (B)

Day 11: Agra The Taj Mahal, a stunning vision in white marble and sandstone, was constructed as an expression of love by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal at sunrise, when the colors of the sky dance on the white marble façade and shimmer in its reflective pool. Later, visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. Then enjoy lunch at Sheroes’ Hangout – a café that empowers female survivors of shattering acid attacks, so that they may reclaim their lives, and livelihoods, through employment and sisterhood. (B, L)

Day 12: Agra - Khajuraho Aboard a public train this morning, make passage to Khajuraho. In the shadow of the Vindhya mountain range lies a city of stone – a place where India’s near-mythic aesthetic is forged into the stonework of dozens of temples. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Khajuraho - Varanasi Behold the Chandel Temple complex, where some of the finest examples of temple architecture in northern India reside. Then, fly to Varanasi – India’s holiest city with a palpable mystique. In Varanasi, spiritual energy radiates from the ground up. Sail along the River Ganges on a journey along the ghats, or banks, of the river. From the Dasaswamedh Ghat, experience the Ganga Aarti ceremony as it illuminates the night sky. (B)

Day 14: Varanasi Today we travel to Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C. Celebrate your passage through India alongside new friends at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 15: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi, where a day room has been reserved for you to freshen up before your return flight home. (B)

MYSTERIES OF INDIA

Rate Per Person*:

Double \$5,399

Single \$6,649

Included in the price: Round Trip Air from New York, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

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IMMERSE YOURSELF

- Make passage to Khajuraho on an exciting train journey.
- Be awestruck by the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony.
- Travel the main streets and back roads of Old Delhi via rickshaw.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- Behold the Taj Mahal at sunrise.
- See tigers in the wild during game drives in Ranthambore National Park.
- Explore majestic Amber Fort and vibrant Jaipur, the “Pink City.”



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Learn the secrets to preparing incredible Indian food at a home-hosted cooking class.
- Indulge during a food tour through Old Delhi.
- Experience an incredible farewell dinner in Varanasi.



ACCOMMODATIONS

- Day 1** Overnight Flight
- Days 2, 3** Hyatt Regency Hotel New Delhi, Delhi
- Days 4, 5** Lalit Laxmi Vilas, Udaipur
- Days 6, 7** ITC Rajputana, Jaipur
- Days 8, 9** Juna Mahal, Ranthambore
- Days 10, 11** ITC Mughal Agra, Agra
- Day 12** Radisson Jass Hotel Khajuraho, Khajuraho
- Days 13, 14** Rivatas Hotel, Varanasi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



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