Mystical India

19 days from $5,687 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC ($4,795 air & land inclusive plus $892 airline taxes and fees)

Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding, India overflows with riches. While staying at excellent hotels, we travel the classic Golden Triangle: bustling Delhi; Agra, home of the sublime Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, great city of the Rajput. We also search for elusive Bengals at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve, and absorb the holiness of Varanasi.

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Tours of Old and New Delhi • Pushkar Camel Fair • Home-hosted dinner with Jaipur family • Magnificent Taj Mahal • Two-night stay at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve • Kalakho tribal home visit • “Pink City” of Jaipur • Holy city of Varanasi • Pilgrimage site of Sarnath temple and museum

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Delhi, India

Day 2: Arrive Delhi We arrive in India’s hyperactive capital late evening and transfer to our hotel.

Day 3: Delhi After a morning at leisure followed by a briefing about the journey ahead, we set out to discover Old Delhi. Our first stop is Raj Ghat, the simple black marble slab honoring Mahatma Gandhi. We continue on to Gandhi Smriti, a museum dedicated to the Indian icon; and pass by Lal Qila, the Red Fort complex of palaces. This afternoon’s sights include the red sandstone and marble Jama Masjid, India’s largest mosque; and the colorful Chandni Chowk market, where we ride rickshaws. Late this afternoon we return to our hotel, where tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner together. B,D

Day 4: Delhi We encounter more of this pulsating city today, beginning at Qutb Minar, the 379-step tower dating to 1192. Next, we pass by India Gate, the majestic arch honoring the 90,000 Indian soldiers who died fighting alongside the British in World War I. Then the remainder of the day is free for further exploration and dinner on our own. B,L

Day 5: Delhi/Pushkar Today we depart Delhi very early by express train to Ajmer. We continue by motorcoach to Pushkar and our deluxe resort. Late afternoon we gather for a camel cart ride and orientation tour of the Pushkar Camel Fair, where Indians come from near and far for this part bazaar and trade fair, part religious pilgrimage. We return to our resort for dinner together tonight. B,L,D

Day 6: Pushkar Camel Fair We start our day with a morning tour of Pushkar village, where thousands of devotees experience a religious resurgence by swimming in the sacred waters of Pushkar Lake. Then we return to our resort for lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Pushkar independently. B,L,D

Day 7: Pushkar/Jaipur Today we travel by coach to the “pink city” of Jaipur, one of the great cities of the Rajput, with historic forts, palaces, and gardens. We reach our hotel late afternoon. B,L,D

Day 8: Jaipur Our first stop is the stunning Hawa Mahal, the elaborately carved pink sandstone “Palace of the Winds.” We continue on to Amber Fort, built by the Kachhawah Rajputs as their capital from 1037 to 1728; Jantar Mantar, the open-air observatory; and City Palace Museum, housing the magnificent art collections of the Maharajas of Jaipur. B,L

Day 9: Jaipur/Varanasi

Day 10: Varanasi

Day 11: Varanasi

Day 12: Varanasi

Day 13: Varanasi

Day 14: Varanasi

Day 15: Varanasi

Day 16: Varanasi

Day 17: Varanasi

Day 18: Delhi

Day 19: Delhi
Day 9: Jaipur/Sanganer This morning we visit the village of Sanganer to see traditional block printing and handmade paper industries. Later we see local life up close as we explore an outdoor market before visiting Birla Mandir, the Hindu temple made of pure white marble. Tonight we are dinner guests in the home of a multi-generational Rajasthan family. B,D

Days 10 & 11: Jaipur/Ranthambore We travel today to Ranthambhore National Park, the former hunting ground of the Maharajah of Jaipur and now a 512-square-mile natural preserve that is home to hundreds of species of birds, reptiles, mammals, and of course, Bengal tigers. This afternoon we take our first wildlife drive through the park. The next day we take both morning and afternoon wildlife drives to see not only wildlife (though tiger and leopard sightings are not guaranteed), but also picturesque ruins of forts and palaces. 2B,2L,2D

Day 12: Ranthambore/Kalakho We depart early for Kalakho, where we embark on a camel safari to meet local Meena tribespeople in their homes: huts of mud, with walls decorated with floral and animal designs. Tonight we enjoy a traditional folk dance performance. B,L,D

Post-Tour Extension

November 23-28, 2019
NEPAL
5 days/4 nights for $1,195 total price
Single Supplement: $245
Absorb the beauty of the Himalayan kingdom — and the warmth of its people — on this special journey featuring sacred shrines, royal cities, and indigenous lifestyles.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Delhi/Kathmandu, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Kathmandu at Crowne Plaza Soaltee (Superior First Class); 2 nights in Nagarkot at Club Himalaya Nagarkot (Superior First Class)
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including Pashupatinath shrine (UNESCO site); Boudhanath monument; colorful Bhaktapur, “City of Devotees”; Swayambhunath Temple; royal city of Patan; and Kathmandu and environs
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour membership limited to 24 Duke alumni and friends

“THE PATH IS THE GOAL.”
— MAHATMA GANDHI

Day 13: Kalakho/Abhaneri/Agra En route to Agra today, we stop in the ancient village of Abhaneri to see the fortified Chand Baori step well (c. 800), whose 3,500 steps descend some 13 stories into the ground. Continuing on, we reach the ancient Mughal stronghold of Agra early this afternoon. After lunch on our own, we visit Itimad-ud-Daulah, the two-story marble “Baby Taj” that inspired the Taj Mahal. B,D

Day 14: Agra This morning we visit the Taj Mahal, the magnificent tomb built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz. Then we take an Indian cuisine cooking lesson and enjoy the results for lunch. Later: imposing Agra Fort. B,L

Day 15: Agra/Delhi/Varanasi We depart by coach this morning for Delhi, where we board a late afternoon flight to Varanasi, the holiest city in Hinduism. We dine tonight at our hotel. B,L,D

Day 16: Varanasi/Sarnath Today we visit nearby Sarnath, where the Buddha first taught after achieving enlightenment. One of Buddhism’s four holiest sites, Sarnath draws pilgrims from the world over. We see some of the temples and stupas then tour Sarnath Museum, housing a superb collection of Buddhist artifacts from excavations here. Back in Varanasi tonight we attend a traditional aarti offering ceremony as we cruise along the Ganges. B,D

Day 17: Varanasi Early this morning we return to the Ganges where Hindu pilgrims perform their rituals along the ghats (steps) leading to the river. We visit several ghats by boat as we experience for ourselves the spiritual aura of the hallowed Ganges waters. Then we return to our hotel with time to rest before this afternoon’s walking tour. Tonight we celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner at our hotel. B,D

Day 18: Varanasi/Delhi We fly this afternoon to Delhi, where the evening is at leisure. B

Day 19: Return to U.S. Early today we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within India
- 17 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 38 meals: 16 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 12 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- $100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Duke/Odysseys Unlimited tour ($200 after 3 tours; $300 after 10 tours)

Tour Departs: November 5, 2019
Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $892, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,795. All 2019 tour prices above (excluding airfare taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade (subject to availability) on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $4,795 per person in addition to the above costs. Upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking, as well as some lengthy coach rides. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For reservations, call Duke Alumni Travels at (800) FOR-DUKE or (919) 684-2988
Tour Prices
Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2019, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities
Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included unless otherwise specified. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on “On Your Own” optional extensions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price
Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) unless otherwise specified, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment
A deposit of $500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.
Cancellations and Refunds
If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

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Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Pre-Departure
After reserving your tour, you will receive pre-departure mailings that include a detailed itinerary, visa requirements, and reading list. We will send your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers) two to three weeks before departure.

Single Travelers
We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We will endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

Changes to Your Reservation
We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a $100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.**

Required Information
Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you passport information including the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Secure Flight program, as well as by our international travel partners: your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender (for further information, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Travel Documents
A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all tours in this catalog. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

Smoking
For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited has a No Smoking policy on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.
**Health and Medical Issues**

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. Please call or email us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, the Duke Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation**

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour “Land Only” is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

**Responsibility**

The liability of Duke Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Duke Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.
THE DUKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person/people on the tour listed below. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail deposit check to: Duke Alumni Travels, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708. Or you may fax this form securely to (919) 660-0148. For more information, please call Duke Alumni Association at (919) 684-2988. For trip information only, please contact Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., at (888) 370–6765.

Tour Name __________________________________________
Departure Date ______________________________________
Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up ☐

Full Passport Name__________________________________________________ Date of Birth ______ Gender ______
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Please book my/our air from __________________ I/We request an air upgrade to __________________
I will share a room with __________________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________________ Date__________

Method of Payment

☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA
Account # __________________________ Security Code __________ Exp. Date ______
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Signature _________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and can be paid by check or credit card.