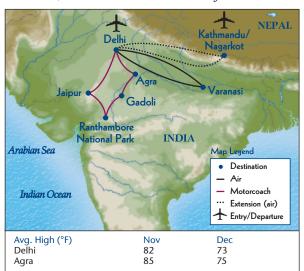
# India's Golden Triangle with Ranthambore Tiger Preserve

## 17 days from \$6,087 total price from Boston, New York

(\$5,195 air & land inclusive plus \$892 airline taxes and fees)

Vibrant and spiritual, bustling and captivating, 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. We also search for elusive Bengals at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve, and absorb the holiness of Varanasi.







#### Easy/Moderate

Refer to page 5 for more information.

#### Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. fo	r Delhi	
2-4	Delhi	Taj Palace, New Delhi	Deluxe
5-7	Jaipur	Taj Amer, Jaipur	Deluxe
8-9	Ranthambore	Sawai Madhopur Lodge — IHCL SelecQtions (by Taj)	First Class
10	Gadoli	Dera Village - The Clement Retreats	Not rated
11-12	Agra	Taj View — IHCL SelecQtions	Sup. First Class
13-15	Varanasi	Taj Ganges	Sup. First Class
16	Delhi	Pullman New Delhi Aerocity	Deluxe
17	Depart Delhi f	or U.S.	

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.



On Day 12 we visit the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO site considered one of the world's most beautiful buildings.

#### 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 Qutb Minar, the 379-step tower dating to 1192. We continue on to Gandhi Smriti, a museum dedicated to the Indian icon; and pass by India Gate, the majestic arch honoring the 90,000 Indian soldiers who died fighting alongside the British in World War I. 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 Raj Ghat, the simple black marble slab honoring Mahatma Gandhi. After stopping for photos at Lal Qila, the Red Fort complex of palaces, we visit a Sikh temple followed by lunch at a local restaurant. 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. Then the remainder of the day is free for further exploration and dinner on our own. *B*,*L* 

**Day 5: Delhi/Jaipur** Today we travel by coach to the "pink city" of Jaipur, renowned for its historic forts, palaces, and gardens and now a UNESCO site. We reach our hotel late afternoon. *B*,*L*,*D* 

**Day 6: 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 Maharajahs of Jaipur. *B*,*L* 

**Day 7: 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. Tonight we are dinner guests in the home of a multigenerational Rajasthan family. *B*,*D* 

**Day 8:** Jaipur/Ranthambore We travel today to Ranthambore 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 game drive through the park. *B*,*L*,*D* 

#### Tour membership limited to 24 Duke alumni, family, and friends

**Day 9: Ranthambore** We take both morning and afternoon wildlife drives today to see not only wildlife (though tiger and leopard sightings are not guaranteed), but also picturesque ruins of forts and palaces. *B,L,D* 

**Day 10: Ranthambore/Gadoli** We depart early for Gadoli, where we set out on a village walk to meet local Meena tribespeople in their homes. Tonight we enjoy a traditional folk dance performance. *B,L,D* 

**Day 11: Gadoli/Agra** En route to Agra, we stop in the ancient village of Abhaneri to see the fortified Chand Baori step well (c. 800 cE), whose 3,500 steps descend some 13 stories into the ground. Continuing on, we reach the ancient Mughal stronghold of Agra,



where this afternoon we visit Itimad-ud-Daulah, the two-story marble "Baby Taj" that inspired the Taj Mahal. *B*,*D* 

Day 12: 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

Bengal tiger rests in Ranthambore.

lesson and enjoy the results for lunch. Later: imposing Agra Fort. *B*,*L* 

**Day 13: Agra/Delhi/Varanasi** We depart by coach this morning for Delhi, where we board a late afternoon flight to Varanasi, Hinduism's holiest city. *B*,*L*,*D* 

#### **Post-Tour Extension**

November 18-23, 2025

### Nepal

6 days/4 nights for \$1,595 total price

Single Supplement: \$375

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**

- Round-trip air transportation Delhi/Kathmandu, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 4 nights' accommodations: 2 nights in Nagarkot at Club Himalaya Nagarkot (Superior First Class); 2 nights in Kathmandu at The Soaltee Kathmandu (Superior First Class); day room in Delhi
- 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



I AM A WANDERER IN MY HEART."

- Rabindranath Tagore

Day 14: Varanasi/Sarnath Before breakfast today, those who wish can join in a private yoga session. Then 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. Late afternoon we attend a traditional *aarti* ceremony: as we cruise along the Ganges, we watch as devout Hindus offer their lit lamps to the deities. *B,D* 

**Day 15: 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 and private performance of classical sitar. Tonight we celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B,D* 



Typical marketplace scene

#### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within India
- 15 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 32 meals: 14 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 10 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)



We explore Jaipur's Amber Fort on Day 6.

**Day 16: Varanasi/Delhi** We fly this afternoon to Delhi, where the evening is at leisure. *B* 

**Day 17: Return to U.S.** Very early this morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S.

#### Tour Departs: November 2, 2025

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Boston, New York	\$6,087		
Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington, DC	\$6,287		
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Raleigh-Durham, Tampa	\$6,487		
Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR)	\$6,587		
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,795		

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 \$1,595. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade (on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$5,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).





THE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Important Information About Your Tour

### General Terms and Conditions

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve a tour with Odysseys Unlimited. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal.

#### Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2025, 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; immunizations and inoculations; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; and 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). 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, Inc. 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.

A minimum number of participants is required to operate the tour and to secure the services of a Duke Travels representative (faculty or host). Minimum numbers required may vary depending on tour and departure date. Please call Duke Travels for details. Every attempt will be made to operate each trip and to find a Duke host who will join the program to add a uniquely Duke perspective to the experience. If this is important to you in making your decision to travel with this program, please call 1-919-684-3046 before making your final payment.

<u>Cancellations and Refunds</u>
If you must cancel your tour, the effective date

of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

#### For all tours (except as noted)

Charge	
\$200	
25% of tour price	
50% of tour price	
75% of tour price	
No refund	

### For Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, Patagonian Frontiers, Treasures of Egypt

Charge
\$200
50% of tour price
75% of tour price
No refund

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

#### Pre-Departure

Upon reservation, you will be able to access all information regarding your tour in My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal. This material in-cludes your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal 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. Please note that no changes to your name(s) or departure date are allowed within 95 days of departure. 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 (for details, please visit www.tsa. gov), as well as by our international travel partners: for international tours - your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender; for domestic tours - your full name as it appears on the accepted form of government-issued photo identification that you plan to use, date of birth, and gender. In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport (international tours) or other form of government-issued photo identification (domestic tours) 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 of our international tours. For all domestic tours, where we fly into a U.S. city to begin the tour or out of a U.S. city at the end, you must present a valid U.S. government-issued photo identification. Starting on May 7, 2025, your government-issued photo ID must be REAL ID-compliant (or you can present an alternate form of ID, such as a passport). Visit <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/real-id">www.dhs.gov/real-id</a> or contact your local DMV for more information. 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 need to obtain a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3 Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor, please contact us for special entry requirements. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

#### <u>Smoking</u>

For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) 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, Inc. 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.

We ask that all guests review our guidelines for health on tour, which can be found on our website: www.odvssevs-unlimited.com/travel-health.

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, Duke University (DUKE) and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination.

#### Air Transportation

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated departure 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, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. (OU), as tour operator, is strictly limited. As operator, OU purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under their control. OU serves only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and there-fore 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 and OU are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that maybe 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.

OU 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 OU 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.





#### **DUKE TRAVELS RESERVATION FORM**

To reserve your place on tour, please call Duke Travels at (919) 684-2988 (preferred registration method) or email duketravels@duke.edu. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Duke Travels representative. If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and mail it to Duke Travels' office. Please alert Duke Travels to your pending reservations request.

Once this request is received by Duke Travels (either by phone, email, or mail), a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure.

For trip information only, please contact Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. at (888) 370-6765.

Send to: Duke Travels

Box 90572

Durham, NC 27708

Tour Name  Departure Date  Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up □										
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Home Phone ()	Cell Phone ()									
E-mail(s)	Badge Name(s)									
Please book my/our air from	I/We request an air upgrade to									
will share a room with	I request a single room	(limited availability)								

I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (for *Machu Picchu to the Galapagos* only) 

I/We request an upgrade to cabin category \_\_\_\_\_\_ (for *Patagonian Frontiers* only) 

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