COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
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SPLENDORS OF INDIA

Featuring the Republic Day Parade
Dear Columbian,

We are delighted to invite you on a very special journey to India. Join our Columbia guest lecturer Dr. Susham Bedi and fellow alumni as we travel a land peopled by almost a hundred races speaking many different languages and local dialects, each with its own distinct culture and history.

Experience the rich cultural tapestry, wondrous sights and the staggering diversity that is India. Folklore, native arts, traditional ceremony and a prodigious variety of dress and manners combine to create an experience unlike any other. Admire the masterpieces of architecture, the ornate palaces and the art in temples. See unique craftsmanship and meet the diverse people of India from all facets of life.

From the modern capital city of New Delhi to the breathtaking vistas of Rajasthan, expect to be swept away by the vibrant and breathtaking beauty. Marvel at the romantic lake city of Udaipur as well as the opulent forts and palaces of Jodhpur and Udaipur. Admire the magnificent work of Mughal architecture in Agra, the Taj Mahal, and witness the Hindu rituals at the Ganges in Varanasi.

Among the many highlights, our exclusive program coincides with India’s Republic Day celebration, an experience you won’t soon forget.

We hope you will join Columbia’s Dr. Susham Bedi, fellow alumni, family and friends as we discover the Splendors of India.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Observe the spectacle and pageantry of the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi
- Enrich your travel experience with lectures and discussions by Columbia’s Dr. Susham Bedi and local experts on topics of regional interest
- Witness Hindu rituals at the holy river Ganges
- Visit the mesmerizing Taj Mahal
- Walk the exotic bazaars of Jaipur and Udaipur
- Take a jeep safari to visit traditional villages
- Enjoy the ornate Jain temples at Ranakpur
- View the crystal gallery at the Fateh Prakash Palace
GUEST LECTURER DR. SUSHAM BEDI

Dr. Susham Bedi is a Lecturer in Discipline of Hindi language and literature at Columbia University and the Hindi-Urdu Language Program Coordinator. Her interests are as varied as her background. Being a native of India, Dr. Bedi understands the culture and politics of India on a personal level. She is a leading Indian author of novels and short stories, writing in Hindi and living in the United States. She also was a leading actress and commentator on Indian television in the late 1960s and 1970s as well as a correspondent for the *Times of India* in Belgium (1974-1979).

Her novel *Havan* (1989) was translated into English and published by Heinemann under the title *The First Sacrifice* in 1993. A scholar of Hindi drama and theater, her Ph.D. thesis, titled “Innovation and Experimentation in Contemporary Hindi Drama,” was published as a book in 1984. Dr. Bedi’s research concentrates on Indian theatre but she has also been involved in pedagogical research and has developed authentic reading and listening comprehension materials in Hindi.

A few of her publications include “Quest for Identity: Grappling for the Literary Self in the Diaspora” and “Two Sides of a Coin: Linguistic and Cultural Aspects of a Language”. Dr. Bedi is looking forward to sharing her insights on India and its people with alumni.

The Republic Day Parade

Please note that a minimum number of passengers is required to confirm faculty participation.

TOUR PRICES... Per person, double occupancy

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* Main tour land price includes coach class domestic air throughout India. International air is not included. Please call us for assistance in arranging your international air to India. Current coach class airfare from East Coast to Delhi is approximately $1,350.00 per person plus tax.

PRE/POST TOUR EXTENSIONS

- Energize your body, stimulate your mind, and calm your soul at Ananda Spa nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas (4 days).
- Travel to Cochin, Kerala one of southern India’s best kept secrets, with a religious tradition steeped in Judaism and Christianity. Kerala, “God’s own country”, is known for its tranquil stretches of emerald waters, exotic culture and waterfalls (5 days).

For further details, including detailed itineraries and pricing, call the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program toll-free at 1-866-325-8664.
Tuesday, January 23. DEPART USA.
The vast and exotic sub-continent of India beckons as we depart for New Delhi.

Wednesday, January 24. DELHI. Arrive late evening in the national capital of India, New Delhi. Transfer to our hotel, the TAJ PALACE.

Thursday, January 25. DELHI. This morning, take in the sights of New Delhi, whose history goes back 3000 years. Eight successive cities were built by various rulers in and around present day Delhi. Our visit includes the impressive Qutab Minar, a 234-ft sandstone tower, and Humayun’s tomb. Observe government buildings, including Parliament and the President’s House along the majestic Rajpath; later, visit a Sikh Temple. Welcome reception in the evening. (B,L,D)

Friday, January 26. DELHI. On January 26, 1950, India became a republic. This historic event is celebrated throughout the country, but the main attraction occurs in New Delhi, where a spectacular parade consisting of bands, elephants, camels, horses, children with flags, folk dancers and elaborate floats moves down from the impressive President’s House, past the India Gate onto the historic Red Fort. After the magnificent Republic Day Parade, our tour of Old Delhi continues, including a visit to Raj Ghat, memorial of Mahatma Gandhi. (B,L,D)

Saturday, January 27. DELHI-UDAIPUR. This morning, visit the Crafts Museum and the National Museum. Later, fly to Udaipur and experience the city’s beauty and picturesque associations of a great and glorious past. Visit the elegant Crystal Gallery, featuring furniture made from Belgian glass. Later, cruise along Lake Pichola at sunset and visit the Jagmandir Palace. (B,L,D) TAJ LAKE PALACE/OBEROI UDAIVILAS

Sunday, January 28. UDAIPUR. Our stay in Udaipur includes a visit to the vast and exquisite City Palace of the Maharana, Jagdish Temple and the Garden of the Maids-of-Honor. Later we will drive to Devigarh and visit the Eklingji & Nagda temples with lunch at Devigarh Fort Palace. (B,L,D)

Monday, January 29. UDAIPUR-JODHPUR. We drive to Jodhpur today. Visit en route the amazing Jain temples of Ranakpur and meet with its head priest. The 15th – century city of Jodhpur, with its blend of modern and traditional buildings, stands at the edge of the Thar Desert. Evening visit to the colorful downtown Clock Tower Market. (B,L,D) TAJ HARI MAHAL

Tuesday, January 30. JODHPUR. Tour of the Meherangarh Fort and Jodhpur city. Meet an Indian chef at your hotel for an informal discussion on Indian cuisine/spices. Enjoy a demonstration on hand painting - the art of ‘Mehndi’ with natural ‘Henna’ powders. Visit the Umaid Bhavan Palace
Museum exhibiting the priceless collection of the Maharaja of Jodhpur followed by dinner at the Palace. (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, January 31. JODHPUR-JAIPUR.**
Today we will participate in one of our many highlights, a ‘village safari’, and experience firsthand rural life in India. Later we fly to Jaipur. The rose-pink capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur is surrounded on all sides by rugged hills. (B,L,D)

**Thursday, February 01. JAIPUR.** Enjoy a memorable excursion to the Amber Palace with an exciting elephant ride along the way. Tour the City Palace and an old astronomical observatory. We’ll also see the ornate and elaborate Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds. Explore the exotic bazaars of Jaipur. (B,L,D)

**Friday, February 02. JAIPUR-AGRA.** We drive to Agra today, visiting en route Fatehpur Sikri, the once fabled Mughul capital. We’ll also visit an orphanage to meet the children and teachers. The earliest reference to Agra is in the epic ‘The Mahabharata’. During the medieval period, Agra earned prominence as a capital city under the Mughals. (B,L,D)

**Saturday, February 03. AGRA.** This morning, enjoy an extended visit to Agra Fort and the Taj Mahal, the most famous example of Mughal architecture. Sample the arts of this region with visits to two private collectors in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

**Sunday, February 04. AGRA-DELHI-VARANASI.** We drive back to Delhi today for our flight to Varanasi, one of the most fascinating cities in India. With its array of shrines, temples and palaces rising in several tiers from the water’s edge, Varanasi is the holiest city for Hindus. Later visit Sarnath, the site where Lord Buddha preached his first sermon. In the evening, attend a lecture with a demonstration on Indian classical music and dance. (B,L,D)

**Monday, February 05. VARANASI.** Enjoy an early morning boat ride on the Ganges River, where thousands of devout Hindus descend to the holy waters for purification. Our tour of Varanasi also includes a visit to Benares Hindu University, one of the oldest universities of India. Witness evening prayer ceremonies on a sunset cruise along the Ganges River. This evening, join us for our Farewell Dinner. (B,L,D)

**Tuesday, February 06. VARANASI-DELHI.** Enjoy a visit to a silk factory before our afternoon flight to Delhi. Transit rooms will be available at the Radisson Airport Hotel. Evening transfer to the international airport for homebound flights. (B,L)

**Wednesday, February 07. DEPART DELHI.** Arrive in the USA in the afternoon.
**MAIN PROGRAM INCLUSIONS**

**Air:** All internal air within India in coach class.

**Hotels:** Deluxe/superior first class accommodations with private facilities and air-conditioning. Prices are based on double occupancy and include applicable hotel room taxes and service charges.

**Meals:** Meals are included as indicated by the symbols: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch and (D) Dinner. All the meals are on table d’hote basis and most hotels offer a full American buffet breakfast and lunch/dinner buffets with choices of continental and Indian food. Tea/coffee, dessert, bottled drinking water and/or soda/ juice are provided with included meals.

**Transfers:** Included as per itinerary for passengers who arrive and depart on the designated group flight. Private transfers can be arranged with us separately.

**Sightseeing:** Comprehensive sightseeing by air conditioned motor coach or private automobile with drivers and English speaking local guides; entrance fee at monuments and other features as indicated in the itinerary.

**Tour Escort:** Services of an India expert tour escort are provided from the first point of arrival through departure.

**Gratuities:** All tips to drivers; guides; baggage handlers; restaurant staff for mentioned meals; shoe keepers at monuments; elephant mahouts; and camel/camel cart drivers for group activities. Customary end of the trip tip to your tour escort is not included. Recommended gratuity is $6.00 per person per day.

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**PROGRAM PRICE EXCLUSIONS**

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Tour Deposit

5 Day to Cochin and Backwaters
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Cancellations for all or any part of the program will not be effective until they are received in writing in the offices of the Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program. All cancellations of confirmed reservations are subject to a per person administrative fee. If written notice of cancellation is received at least 90 days prior to departure, the fee is $250. Cancellations received 59-30 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty of $350. Cancellations received 29-60 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty of $850, and cancellations received within 29 days are subject 100% cancellation penalty. In addition, any cancellation penalty levied by the airlines and other suppliers will also be charged.

No refunds are made for any missed services or unused portions of the program including hotel accommodations and meals. However, credits may be allowed with prior arrangement with us if the missed services are due to deviations. Because of the heavy discounts we have negotiated, group air
tickets are non-refundable, non-re-routable and non-endorseable once issued but may be used for a future trip-subject to the airline’s approval and possible difference in airfare. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate. Service fees may apply to deviations and are non-refundable.

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ITINERARY
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Enclosed is a deposit of _______ ($500 per person required) to reserve _______ place(s).

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(Each tour member must sign)

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