A Special Small Group Tour for the Columbia Alumni Association Travel Study Program

MYSTICAL INDIA
WITH RANTHAMBORE TIGER PRESERVE
February 28-March 16, 2019

17 days from $5,387 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC
($4,495 air & land inclusive plus $892 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure's World's Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Fellow Columbian,

Travel with the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) from February 28-March 16, 2019, on a unique, small group tour of India. Highlights of this distinctive 17-day journey include the historic districts of Old and New Delhi; Agra, home to the sublime Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, the “pink city” in the princely state of Rajasthan. Enjoy a two-night stay at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve, home to the elusive Bengal tiger. Visit pastoral Kalakho and meet local Meena tribespeople. Finally, explore Varanasi, India’s holiest city, experiencing life along the sacred Ganges. An optional five-day/four-night post-tour extension to Nepal is also available.

The CAA is a global network connecting Columbians of all schools to one another and to the intellectual and social fabric of Columbia University, even after graduation. It links over 338,000 alumni through more than 100 Regional Clubs and Shared Interest Groups, online resources, and over 200 thought-provoking programs around the world. The CAA Travel Study Program is one of the benefits offered to Columbia alumni and is an opportunity to continue one’s Columbia education through new intellectual, cultural, and geographical horizons.

Space is limited to just 24 guests and will be shared with participants from a cosponsoring alumni association. Please contact the Alumni Travel Study Program at travelstudy@columbia.edu or 866-325-8664 for more details and to reserve your place on this fascinating tour of India!

Sincerely,

Donna H. MacPhee ’89CC, P: ’17CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: MYSTICAL INDIA

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $____ ($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Mystical India departing February 28, 2019. 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 send, with completed reservation form, to: Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program, P.O. Box 930, Riverside, CT 06878. Phone: 866-325-8664; fax: 203-724-0844; e-mail: travelstudy@columbia.edu; website: http://alumni.columbia.edu/travel.

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Home Phone ( ) ________________________________ Cell Phone ( ) ________________________________

Please book my/our air from ____________________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade ☑
I will share a room with ______________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ☑

Post-Tour “Nepal” Extension: Please sign me/us up ☑

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Mystical India, February 28-March 16, 2019, 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 ______________

Name of Cardholder ____________________________________________________________________________

Signature ______________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by the 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 is payable by check or credit card.
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.

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

Day 2: Arrive Delhi We arrive in India’s hyperactive capital late in the 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, one of the great cities of the Rajput, with historic forts, palaces, and gardens. 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 villagers engaging in 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 multi-generational 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 wildlife drive through the park.  B,L,D

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

Day 10: Ranthambore/Kalakho  We depart early for Kalakho, 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: Kalakho/Agra  En route to Agra, 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, 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 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

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

**Post-Tour Extension**

March 16-21, 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

Visit Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on Day 6.
superb collection of Buddhist artifacts from excavations here. Mid-day we return to our hotel; lunch is on our own. 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

We visit elaborate Hawa Mahal, “Palace of the Winds.”

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

Tour Departs: February 28, 2019

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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 $1,495. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed. Business Class upgrade 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 full days of sightseeing and a significant amount of walking, as well as some lengthy coach rides. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For reservations and information, please contact the Columbia Alumni Association Travel Program at 866-325-8664, or fax 203-724-0844, or e-mail travelstudy@columbia.edu

“The path is the goal.”
– Mahatma Gandhi

We may see Bengal tigers at Ranthambore.

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.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms
and Conditions.

U.S. POSTAGE PAID Not Included in Tour Price:

- Columbia Alumni Travel Study Programs, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional Odysseys

- P.O. Box 930 Riverside, CT 06878

- with your airline(s) prior to departure.

- day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly

- to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person... reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement.

- No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as... with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

- Insurance:

- with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon

- the full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an error occurs in the initial confirmation, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will contact you to correct...

- responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship,

- the Columbia Alumni Association, its agent, TSS, LLC (collectively known as TSS), and its operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.,... responsible for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, cruise line, and other independent sponsors. All such losses must be borne by the passenger, and tour rates provide for insurance only

- Air Transportation – Important Information:

- 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

- preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. 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

- your international flight

-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

- domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that, if you choose to make arrangements on your own, you keep your

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- that you and/or your dependents, minors, and others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical, or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other passengers. We reserve the right to decline to accept, or

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