INDIA
by Private Air & Luxury Train
Celebrations, Rituals & Shrines
of the Great Subcontinent

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OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 16, 2006
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"So far as I am able to judge, nothing has been left undone, either by man or nature, to make India the most extraordinary country that the sun visits on his rounds. Nothing seems to have been forgotten, nothing overlooked."

— Mark Twain
Dear Columbian,

India, since time immemorial, has beckoned the intrepid traveler, and captured the imagination of the world. Its empires, religions, and modern and ancient cultures offer a feast for the senses. Its landscapes are no less varied and dramatic. Few countries on Earth can offer such a kaleidoscope of wonders to explore.

We invite you to participate in a glorious 20-day expedition throughout India—from north to south, from Delhi to Mumbai, including 11 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Enjoy the ultimate in comfort, safety, and convenience as our private aircraft whisks you around the subcontinent and the Deccan Odyssey luxury train carries you from Goa to Mumbai. Traveling with you throughout the journey is a team of world-renowned experts, a professional and talented expedition staff, and a dedicated expedition physician. Along the way, you will enjoy the company of a maharaja and business leaders, dine with a family of sixth-generation Portuguese traders in Goa, and meet with everyday people at work and at school. The accommodations, spectacular destinations in themselves, are world class in their unique settings. All the while, enjoy ample time to go on a range of excursions of your choice.

Don’t miss this rare opportunity for a truly privileged, private, and personalized entrée into this vast and intriguing country. We hope you can join us.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations
Columbia University
Learn While You Explore

Enrichment is the key to rewarding exploration. A superb team of scholars travels with you throughout the entire journey, handpicked for their ability to illuminate India’s history, varied cultures and ethnicities, and art and architecture. In addition, you'll be met by local officials, dignitaries, and experienced local guides at stops along the way.

Charles Doherty is an art historian, lecturer and writer who has travelled to more than 120 countries. Following a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of London’s Courtauld Institute of Art, he completed a Ph.D. in art history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He returned to London to research and catalog the Guinness art collection, and then participated in the “Art of Imperial China” post-doctoral program at the invitation of the National Endowment for the Humanities. His *Encyclopedia of Far Eastern Art* was published in 1997. Having travelled on many private air expeditions, Dr. Doherty has explored all parts of India, north to south, and his lectures will explore the historical, religious, and artistic influences contributing to the dynamic fabric of contemporary India. His knowledge of regional cuisine and arts and crafts traditions, and experiences in the local markets and museums, have been greatly appreciated by previous passengers.

John R. McLane (Jock) received degrees from Harvard College and the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. He has been chair of Northwestern University’s history department, associate dean for Humanities, and director of Asian and Middle East Studies. Jock teaches South and Southeast Asia history, and has conducted research on India in the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. His current research on militant Hindu nationalism concerns the “uses of difference,” the deployment of cultural stereotypes by Indian leaders seeking to reform and/or preserve Indian culture during and after British rule. He has published books on pre-Gandhian Indian nationalism and on the politics of landholding in Bengal during the 18th century transition between Mughal and British rule.
The Ultimate in Convenience, Service & Expertise

Enjoy a truly privileged, private, and personalized entrée into the Indian subcontinent. Our expedition's itinerary is all-inclusive as well as flexible—the result of expert planning, in-depth destination knowledge, and key relationships with local experts, dignitaries, and businesses. Leave all the details to us.

The Comfort, Safety, and Convenience of Private Air Travel
An ideal way to explore the splendors of India, we fly on a specially-outfitted private aircraft—a modern, comfortable, and spacious ATR-42—from Delhi to Goa. We set our own schedule, enjoy short direct flights, and bypass commercial airports for private ones with expedited boarding and luggage handling. Along the way, we fly low enough to marvel at the beautiful landscapes below.

A Luxurious Private Train
Travel in style from Goa to Mumbai on the historic Deccan Odyssey, a private and fully air-conditioned, luxury train. There is a comfortable lounge; a conference car ideal for discussions with our experts; two restaurant cars serving fine Indian cuisine; and a health car with a gym, beauty salon, and yoga center. Massage service is also available. Bedroom suites have two twin beds or one double bed, generous closets, additional space for baggage, and private facilities.

Professional Expedition Staff and Physician
Along with a team of world-renowned experts, an experienced and talented expedition staff will accompany you throughout the expedition. These highly skilled and forward-thinking professionals will attend to every logistical detail, ensuring that your experience is worry-free and rewarding. Well-traveled and especially knowledgeable in travel medicine, our expedition physician will be ready to provide healthcare services whenever and wherever they may be needed.

Luxurious Accommodations and Fine Cuisine
Many of the accommodations on this expedition are fabulous destinations in their own right. We overnight in the former palaces of maharajas, well-appointed heritage hotels, and an exotic and comfortable tented safari camp in the Great Thar Desert. From the welcome dinner to the farewell feast, enjoy memorable meals accompanied by private cultural performances, celebrating the best of India.

Follow Your Passion
The possibilities are endless, the experience—matchless.

Enjoy the flexibility of traveling on your own, while reaping the benefits of traveling with a small group. We offer you an innovative itinerary that includes the best each destination has to offer and allows for touring in small groups (15 to 20 travelers on average), ensuring an intimate and meaningful travel experience.

But this is only the beginning. In addition to in-depth sightseeing and enrichment programs at each destination, we offer personalized excursions and independent options. You may meet local artists, hike off the beaten path, or participate in some other activity that piques your interest.

Throughout the following pages, we offer sightseeing options and alternative destinations for your consideration, a mere sampling of what's possible. For more information and to discuss your ideal itinerary, please contact us.
Our Journey Begins

Choose among many excursions along the way.

While in Oman, you may take an excursion to a seaside village to watch the fisherman bring in their catch, and visit a colorful market nearby.

In Delhi, you may opt to visit the soaring red sandstone tower of Qutb Minar and the magnificent Alai Darwaza Gate. Or visit Old Delhi’s Red Fort, the marvelous seat of the Mogul empire for more than 200 years. You may also enjoy a guided tour of the National Museum or the National Gallery of Modern Art. Or see Rajghat, the site of Mahatma Gandhi’s cremation, where India’s leaders regularly visit for prayer meetings. Or visit the orphanage established by Mother Teresa.

If you wish, you may go on a special sunrise cruise along the Ganges.

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Day 1. Depart the United States on commercial flights to Muscat, Oman.

Muscat, Oman

Land of Gold and Frankincense

Days 2 & 3. We begin our expedition at the crossroads of South Asian and Middle Eastern cultures, where, for centuries, merchants from India and all over came to trade in precious woods, metals, and spices such as frankincense and myrrh. Arrive in Muscat in the late evening, and transfer to our elegant accommodations. After a leisurely breakfast, we take a tour, wending our way through the exclusive residential area of Shati Al Qurum en route to Zawawi Mosque, the most exquisite mosque in Oman. We continue to the magnificent Al Alam Palace, the official residence of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, the ruler of Oman. The palace is an architectural marvel for both its design and its location between the twin Portuguese forts Mirani and Jalali. In the evening, enjoy a gala banquet of traditional Omani delicacies, décor, and dancing.

Al Bustan Palace

Ancient and Modern India

Day 4. Explore India’s capital city, where venerable historic monuments and 21st-century urban culture are inextricably intertwined. We tour New Delhi and stop at the Tomb of Humayun, the first garden tomb in India, which inspired major architectural innovations, including, ultimately, the Taj Mahal. You may also enjoy additional excursions of your choice. This evening we gather for cocktails and a festive dinner, introducing us to the culinary delights of India.

Oberoi Delhi or Imperial Hotel

Khajuraho & Varanasi

Fabled Hindu Temples & The Ganges River

Day 5. We board our private aircraft and fly to Khajuraho to visit the celebrated Kandariya Mahadev Hindu temple complex, sculpted by master craftsmen of the Chandella dynasty between the 10th and 12th centuries A.D. More than 800 bas-relief sculptures embellish the temple, a riot of celestial nymphs, beasts, warriors, dancers, musicians, flowers, and other intricately-carved figures. We then fly to Varanasi, located along the holiest river in India, the Ganges. Since its founding in the sixth century B.C., Varanasi has been the holiest site of Hindu pilgrimage, where bathing in the Ganges is believed to wash away a person’s sins. Cruise along the river in this unforgettable setting, where the fading sun sheds an ethereal light on the temples, pavilions, and terraces. Observe the pilgrims who gather along the river’s stone steps, or ghats, to perform sacred ritual ablutions. In the evening we board local boats and sail along the floating lamps leading to the 19th-century Peshwa Haveli mansion, where we enjoy a special vegetarian dinner and Hindustani musical performance.

Taj Ganges
Customize your itinerary with alternate activities.

Instead of visiting the Taj Mahal, you may see the exquisite garden-tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah. Located on the Yamuna River’s east bank, this “jewel box in marble” is one of the most stylistically innovative Mogul buildings. You may also visit Akbar’s Tomb, Agra Fort, or a local marble factory; or shop for fine jewelry and gems; or learn how to prepare local delicacies in our hotel’s kitchen.

In Jodhpur, you may opt to take a special guided tour of our historic hotel; shop for rugs and various sartorial goods made from antique royal saris; or immerse yourself in the colorful world of the Sardar Bazaar.

**Bodh Gaya & Agra**
_Sacred Buddhist Temples & The Taj Mahal_

**Day 6.** Fly to the eastern state of Bihar to explore the epicenter of Buddhism at Bodh Gaya, where it is said that Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. Visit the tiered Mahabodhi Temple and the sacred Bodhi Tree, where Buddhist pilgrims and crimson-robed monks mingle and pray in this tranquil setting. We also explore the surrounding grounds, where several temples erected by other nations with significant Buddhist populations offer additional fascinating places for meditation and worship. We then reboard our private aircraft and fly to Agra. Visit the Taj Mahal, one of the world’s most celebrated monuments, built in the 17th century by Shah Jahan as a tribute to his wife. A masterpiece of the Mogul empire, the Taj Mahal soars majestically above the banks of the Yamuna River. The perfectly proportioned building is said to have been “designed by giants and finished by jewelers.” Wander the site, admire its form among the reflecting pools and gardens that surround it, and observe the intricate and ornate decoration of its inlaid precious stones. Oberoi Amarvilas

**Fatehpur Sikri**
_Sandstone Imperial Oasis_

**Day 7.** Today we explore Fatehpur Sikri, another brilliant example of Mogul architecture. Occupied for only 15 years during the second half of the 16th century, this red sandstone complex remains exquisitely intact. Its royal palace, harem, and mosque illustrate a fusion of Hindu and Islamic artistic styles, from delicately latticed marble screens to colonnaded verandahs and elaborate ceilings carved in tulip motifs. Return to Agra for lunch in the hotel and spend the afternoon enjoying various excursions of your choice. Oberoi Amarvilas

**The Great Thar Desert**
_Luxury Safari Camp Among the Dunes_

**Day 8.** Rajasthan is a spectacle unlike any other, where the color and exuberance of ornamental palaces and painted towns are juxtaposed against the stark beauty of a great desert landscape. We board our private aircraft and fly to Jodhpur, where we have lunch before driving to the Great Thar Desert. Spend the day exploring the area and its small villages. Observe the resourceful ways of farmers and watch skilled craftspeople at work— including carpenters, metal smiths, carpet weavers, and potters. Ride camels into the sand dunes, and watch the sun set over the desert’s golden expanse. In the evening, savor an exotic night in our comfortable tented safari camp under the night sky. Royal Tented Camp at Manvaar

**Jodhpur**
_City of the Rajput Kings_

**Day 9.** We return to Jodhpur, a glittering jewel of a city where the aristocratic Rajputs channeled their wealth from overland trade into sumptuous fortresses and palaces, adorned with carpets, jewels, silks, and other finery. The area still abounds with elegant edifices from this period when extravagance knew no bounds. Immense walls enclose the old city’s jumble of narrow streets, indigo-painted houses, and lively bazaars. Enjoy the opportunity to explore the elaborate palaces and courtyards within the imposing Meherangarh fortress. Spend the night in a maharaja’s splendid palace. Umaid Bhawan Palace
Meherangarh fortress, Jodhpur

Sacred Bodhi Tree, Bodh Gaya

Mahabodhi Temple, Bodh Gaya

The Great Thar Desert

Fatehpur Sikri
In Jaipur, you may explore the whimsical Jantar Mantar, an 18th-century observatory of enormous and curiously sculptural astronomical tools. Or visit one of Jaipur’s renowned gem shops. Whether it’s the exquisite ruby- and emerald-studded pieces made for princes, or the fine silver and bone ornaments worn by peasants, you’ll find some of the most sought-after Rajasthani jewelry. Or take an excursion to the Amber Fort, with sweeping views of the historic old town below.

In Udaipur, you may take a walking tour of the city, including lunch at one of the local palaces. Or visit the Folk Museum, for its excellent collection of toys and marionette puppets. Or go just beyond the city limits to the Eklingi temple complex dedicated to Lord Shiva, and the ancient city of Nagda, for its twin Saas-Bahu Temples. You may also visit a local primary school and an artisan gallery, where miniatures are painted.

**JAIPUR**
**India’s Splendid Pink City**

**Day 10.** Today we explore Jaipur, where prominent buildings are washed in a rose-pink color—a tradition that began with a citywide makeover to honor a visit by the Prince of Wales in 1876. We drive through the bustling city, admiring several beautiful palaces along the way, most notably the Palace of Winds—an oasis for women of the court who sat behind its honeycombed lattice screens to stay cool and discreetly watch palace activities without being observed themselves. We stop for lunch and a game of elephant polo at the Jai Mahal Palace. *Rambagh Palace or Jai Mahal Palace*

**UDAIPUR**
**Lakeside Palaces & Rajasthani Treasures**

**Days 11, 12 & 13.** Set on the shimmering shores of Lake Pichola, Udaipur is arguably the loveliest city in India. Founded in 1559, it is home to one of the longest surviving dynasties in the world, and abounds with numerous lakeside palaces, forts, temples, and lush gardens from the extravagant Rajput era. Enjoy an exploration of nearby Ranakpur, one of the most famous temple complexes in the world. Situated in the remote and peaceful Aravalli Valley, the exquisitely adorned Ranakpur temples are among the five holiest Jain sites. Later we cruise around the lake (conditions permitting) and visit the Mogul-style City Palace—the most notable of this city’s regal heritage and the largest palace in Rajasthan. Explore its treasure-trove of miniature paintings, mosaics, mirrorwork, gardens, stained glass, and frescoes, before gathering for cocktails and a splendid banquet in one of its great halls. Across the way, catch the view of the gorgeous Lake Palace, which seems to float on the lake’s waters. *Oberoi Udaivilas*

**AHMEDABAD & GOA**
**Home of Gandhi & Old-World Portuguese Culture**

**Day 14.** This morning, we board our private aircraft and fly to Ahmedabad, Mahatma Gandhi’s homeland and a city renowned for its textiles. Visit Hridey Kunj, Gandhi’s secluded ashram nestled amid mango trees, and marvel at the rich brocades and embroideries at the Calico Museum of Textiles. We then reboard our private aircraft and fly to Goa. Goa is a historic trade center with a distinct Portuguese-colonial culture, and a land of sweeping golden beaches, coconut plantations, lush paddy fields, and white-washed churches. Although Goa became part of the Indian Union in 1961, the legacies of Portuguese rule during the previous 450 years clearly live on in Goan architecture, dress, music, religion, and cuisine. A prominent local family, sixth-generation local traders and landowners, welcome us into their home for high tea and show us their treasured antiques and artifacts from the old trade routes. We then transfer to Sinquerim, where our unique hotel is built into the ramparts of a 16th-century fortress by the sea. *Taj Fort Aguada Beach Resort*

**GOA & ONBOARD THE DECCAN ODYSSEY**
**Churches of Old Goa & Luxury Train Adventure**

**Day 15.** This morning, you may relax and enjoy the hotel pool, take a walk along the beach, or sample the local toddy and Goan sausages at the famed markets of Mapusa. After lunch, explore Old Goa, where a few brilliant examples of its former glory gleam amidst the encroaching coconut trees: the Church of Saint Francis Xavier, one of the largest in the world, and the grand Sé Cathedral, the largest in Asia. Nearby, on Holy Hill, are some of the oldest churches and monasteries in the area, promising breathtaking vistas of the district. We also stop at Panaji, one of India’s smallest capitals. Stroll the leafy old town, reminiscent of a provincial Iberian hamlet with colorful terracotta-roofed mansions, overhanging balconies, lovely courtyards, and tree-lined streets. We then transfer to the train station to board the Deccan Odyssey private luxury train, our well-appointed home for the next four nights. *Deccan Odyssey*
Tailor your travels to your interests.

In Mumbai you may opt to visit the Prince of Wales Museum—one of the finest collections of Indian art and artifacts, housed in a glorious example of Indo-Saracenic architecture. Or take a guided walking tour of the waterfront or a guided shopping tour of the city.

If you wish to stay longer in India—perhaps to see more of Mumbai, including a visit to Elephanta Island—please contact us. We are more than happy to make the arrangements to your specifications.

**Pune**

*Center of Traditional Indian Arts*

**Day 16.** We continue our journey by train to Pune, the cultural capital of the Maratha people since the 17th century, and home to many poets, writers, and artists. Following breakfast, explore the enchanting Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum, dedicated to the arts of everyday life: pots, lamps, containers—objects that one would find in the homes of the village landlord, farmer, merchant, and shopkeeper. Visit the Shaniwar Wada Palace, built by the Peshwas and fortified with spikes to deter enemy elephants, and the Aga Khan Palace, where Gandhi and his wife were imprisoned. After lunch at a local restaurant, we return to our train and continue to Aurangabad. Deccan Odyssey

**Aurangabad & The Ellora Caves**

*Cliffside Hand-Carved Wonders*

**Day 17.** Following breakfast we disembark for a full day of sightseeing in the Aurangabad area, including a visit to the world-famous Ellora Caves. This UNESCO World Heritage site consists of Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist caves that originated between the sixth and the ninth centuries A.D. After lunch, we visit the Himroo textile factory and shop, and stop at the Bibi Ka Maqbara mausoleum, a curious copy of the Taj Mahal, built in 1678. We return to the train for dinner. Deccan Odyssey

**The Ajanta Caves & Nasik**

*Ancient Buddhist Sculptures & Frescoes*

**Day 18.** This morning, we visit the Ajanta Caves. These caves, which date from the second century B.C. to the seventh century A.D., contain some of the finest Buddhist murals and sculptures ever found. We reboard the train and continue to Nasik, one of India’s holiest Hindu sites, where we visit the Panchawati ghat on the banks of the Godavari River. We return to our train for a splendid private Diwali celebration on the last leg of our adventure. Deccan Odyssey

**Mumbai (Bombay)**

*India’s Vibrant Commercial Hub by the Sea*

**Day 19.** This morning we arrive in Mumbai, disembarking at the palatial Victoria Terminus station, the most impressive example of Victorian Gothic architecture in India. This 300-year-old city was built on seven islands and quickly became India’s most important cultural and industrial center. Its original archipelago has long since been merged by a densely-populated megalopolis teeming with modern skyscrapers, ornate Victorian buildings, distinctive residential quarters, and lively bazaars. During our tour of the city, we will visit the Mani Bhawan, Gandhi’s former residence and now the Gandhi Memorial Museum. We will also visit the Dhobi Ghats, the world’s largest open-air laundry, for an unforgettable spectacle of human ingenuity. While in Mumbai, you may enjoy a range of other activities and excursions of your choice. Extend your stay in India or in the evening, transfer to the airport for individual flights to the United States via various gateways. Taj Mahal Palace (for the day only)

**U.S.A.**

**Day 20.** Arrive in your home city in the United States.

**Cost Per Person:**

$22,950 (based on double occupancy)  $3,300 single supplement

*Price includes all private aircraft transportation, as indicated in the itinerary. Commercial airfare to Oman and from India is not included. For your protection, all payments are secured in a bank escrow account.*
Ellora Caves

Ajanta Caves

Detail of cave sculpture, Ellora

Cave mural, Ajanta

Victoria Terminus train station, Mumbai

Price Includes: All hotel accommodations, group transportation, excursions, and other group activities as detailed in the itinerary beginning with arrival in Muscat, Oman on October 29, 2006, through departure from Mumbai, India on November 16, 2006. Transportation by private aircraft and private train according to the itinerary. All meals, beginning with breakfast on October 30, 2006 and ending with breakfast on November 16, 2006. Complete program of special events and activities, including extensive program of customized options at most destinations. Enrichment program of lectures and presentations by a team of experts. Professional staff, including expedition physician, to assist you throughout the trip. Bottled water at meals and on excursions. Beer and wine on the private aircraft. Baggage handling abroad. Gratuities to expedition staff, guides, and drivers. Amenities package. $50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance for covered reasons. Minimal accident/sickness/baggage insurance (details about optional and additional insurance, including trip cancellation insurance, will be mailed to you after registration).

Not Included: Commercial airfare from your home city to Muscat, Oman, and from Mumbai, India to your home city. Individual air transfers at beginning and end of trip. Optional and additional accident/baggage/cancellation insurance. Passport fees and visa charges. Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, fax, and Internet charges. Liquor except during special events. Inoculation and medication costs of any kind.

Aircraft: We are happy to assist you in reserving flights from your home city in the class of service that you prefer. We can also arrange transfers and pre- or post-trip hotel accommodations. Ask for details.

Reservations: To reserve your place on the India by Private Air and Luxury Train Expedition, complete the reservation form and return it with your $2,500 per person deposit. Checks should be payable to “The Commerce Bank of Washington - IN2-1024-06 Escrow,” or you may charge your deposit to VISA, MasterCard, or American Express. Mail to Columbia University Alumni Travel Study Program, P.O. Box 169, New York, NY 10028.

Additional Deposit and Final Payment: A second deposit of $5,000 per person is due May 1, 2006. Final payment is due July 31, 2006. Second deposit and final payment are payable by check only, made out to a secure escrow account.

Cancellation and Refunds: All cancellations must be received in writing and will become effective as of the date of the postmark or email receipt. Deposits and any payments are fully refundable, less a $500 per person cancellation fee, until March 29, 2006. Between March 30 and May 30, 2006, a $2,500 per person cancellation fee will apply. Between May 31 and July 31, 2006, a $6,500 per person cancellation fee will apply. After July 31, 2006, no refunds can be made. Leaving an expedition in progress, for any reason whatsoever, will not result in a refund, and no refunds will be made for any unused portions of an expedition. If Columbia University Alumni Travel Study Program, TSS, or Starquest Expeditions cancels an expedition prior to departure, you will receive a full refund of monies paid. Any airline tickets issued are subject to the carrier’s refund policy. We will not be responsible for any refund for nonrefundable airline tickets, or for any airline tickets purchased by the passenger directly from an airline or travel agent. We strongly recommend trip cancellation insurance; applications will be sent to you upon registration.

Single/Shared Accommodations: A limited number of single rooms are available at extra cost on a first-come, first-served basis. We will assist persons requesting a roommate. Participants will be notified if a suitable roommate is not available. In this case, the single rate will be charged.

Basis of Rates: All prices are based on two persons sharing a room. All prices and fares are quoted in U.S. dollars. The rates are based on current tariffs and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, if it is necessary to levy a surcharge, we reserve the right to do so, and notification will be given at the time of final invoicing. Columbia University Alumni Travel Study Program, TSS, and Starquest Expeditions reserve the right to cancel any trip because of inadequate enrollment that makes the trip economically unfeasible to operate. In such a case, a full refund of the expedition cost will be made.

Itinerary Changes: The itineraries and staff presented in this brochure are subject to modification and change by Columbia University Alumni Travel Study Program, TSS, or Starquest Expeditions. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require our itinerary to be altered, we reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group.

Health Requirements: We consider this to be an active program, which requires you to make a realistic health assessment. Prior to traveling, we suggest that you visit your personal physician for a check-up, so that you may discuss your ability to participate in this type of journey as described in this brochure. All participants are expected to be in active good health, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences with grace. Walking and climbing stunts are required in many areas, and are part of many excursions. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment should be reported in writing when the reservation is made. Of course, while traveling, you may choose to take a day off and rejuvenate at any of the destinations. Malaria and other diseases are present in India; proof of yellow fever inoculation is not required upon entry, unless you are arriving from an endemic zone. For the latest recommendations on specific health precautions, consult your physician and the Centers for Disease Control.

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Please reserve _______ place(s) on India by Private Air and Luxury Train, priced from $22,950 per person, double occupancy.

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Accommodations

☒ I prefer single accommodations where available for an additional $3,300.
☒ I plan to share accommodations with:

Please arrange a share for me. I am a ☐ non-smoker ☒ smoker
If a share cannot be arranged, I agree to pay the single supplement.
☒ I am interested in suite upgrades at an additional cost.
Please note: We will provide you with details on suite upgrade options for this itinerary four months before departure.

Enclosed is my deposit check for $_______ ($2,500 per person) payable to “The Commerce Bank of Washington - IN2-1029-06 Escrow.”
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I/We have read and agree to the terms and conditions for the trip as described in the brochure (each traveler must sign).

Signature       Date

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