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INCREDIBLE INDIA ARTS & CULTURE

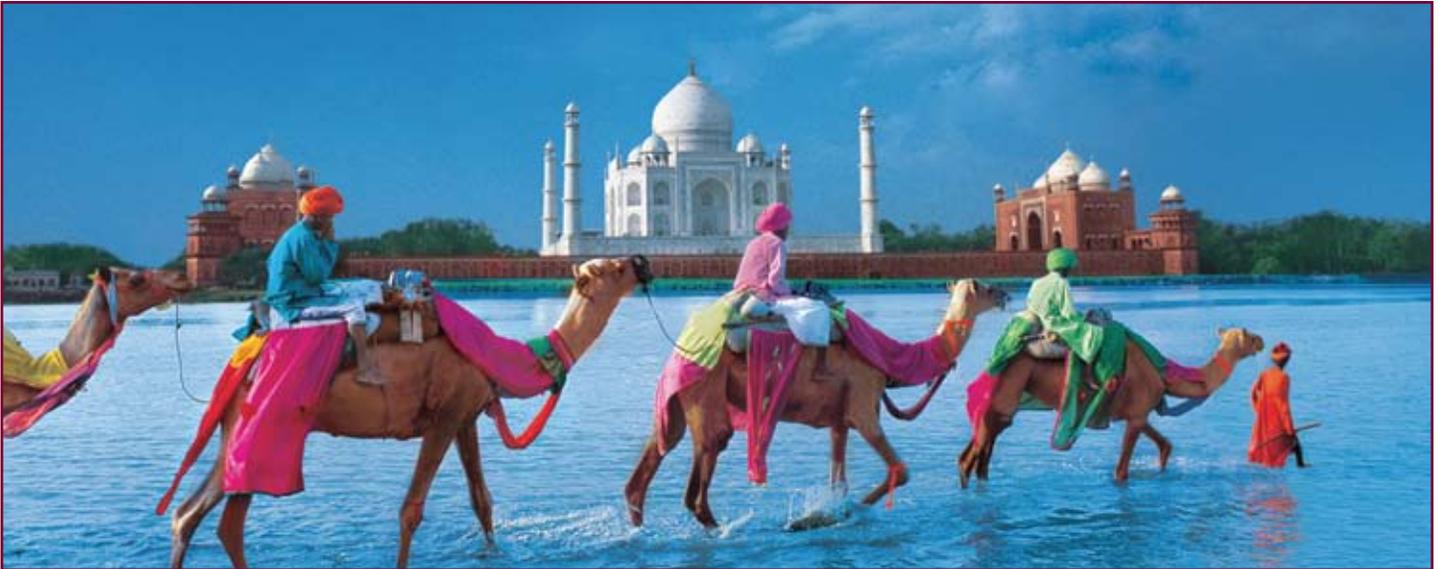
TOUR DATE: APRIL 9 - 21, 2011



DELHI › VARANASI › KHAJURAHO
AGRA › JAIPUR › MUMBAI



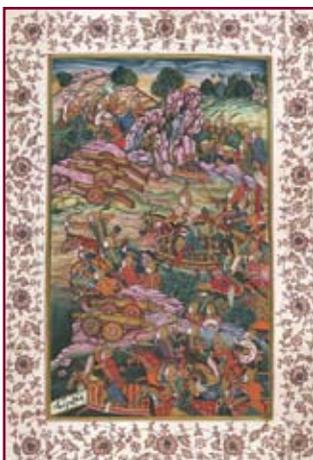
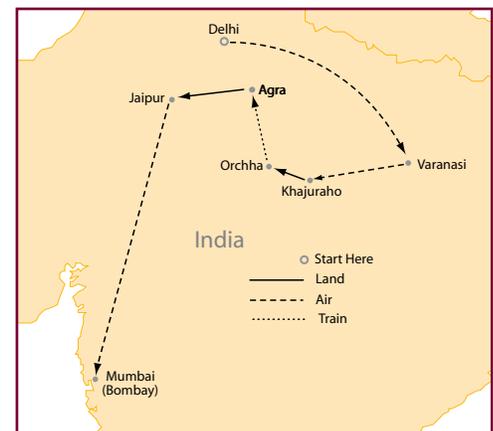
WELCOME TO INDIA



Dear Friends,

I'm excited to invite you on this fascinating tour of India's amazing arts and culture. As the second-most populous country in the world, India's rapid growth has fostered an ever-changing landscape of artistic and cultural expression. Whether you've visited India before or have never been, this trip is the perfect combination of must-see sites and exclusive behind-the-scenes tours.

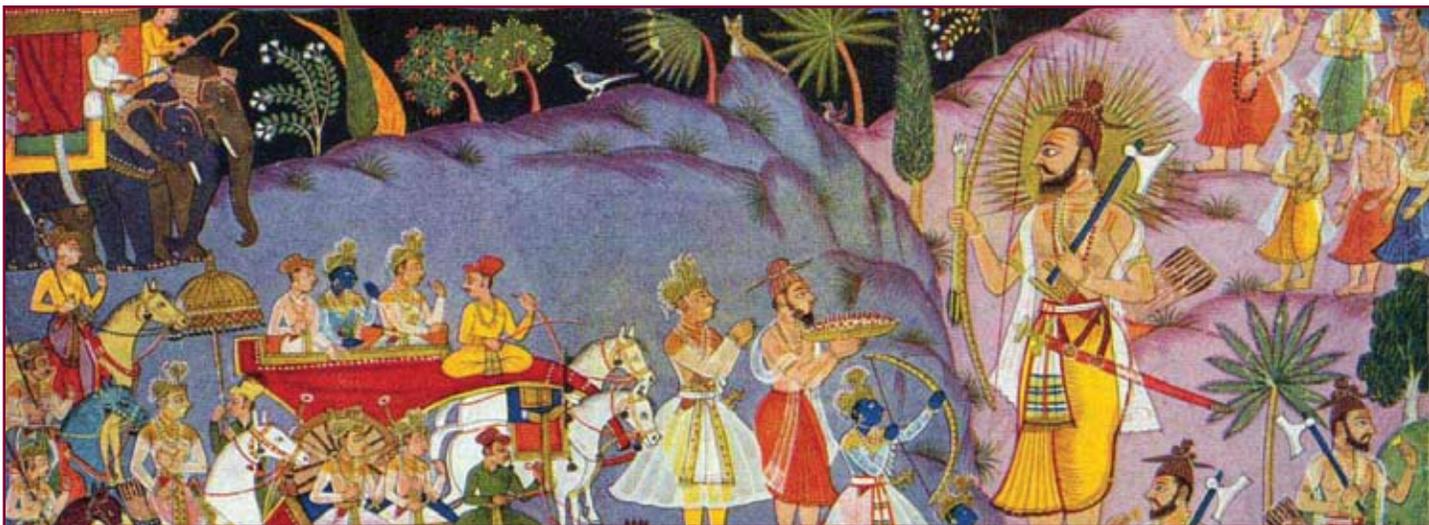
Your tour begins in Delhi, where you'll explore the old and new as you visit several historical sites and the National Museum. Following the tour, you'll have a private visit with a member of the Ministry of Culture. In the days to come, you'll also visit several other museums including the Sarnath Museum and Prince of Wales Museum, which will be hosted by curators.



Your tour also features the exquisite architecture of ancient and modern India. Muslim, Hindu and Jain architecture make a gorgeous combination in the 16th century town of Fatehpur Sikri, while the striking "pink city" of Jaipur is not to be missed. In addition to many palaces, temples and other structures, you'll visit the famous caves of Elephanta Island, full of ancient carvings and sculptures. And of course, no trip to India would be complete without an excursion to the Taj Mahal!

I hope you'll join us on what we're sure will be an unforgettable journey. I encourage you to book early as space is limited!

Katherine Murray-Morse
Interim Executive Director



INCREDIBLE INDIA: ARTS & CULTURE ITINERARY

Day 1/2 – Apr 9/10, Sat/Sun LOS ANGELES / DELHI

Depart Los Angeles today onboard your international flight. Relax and enjoy the ambiance and service provided. En Route to Asia you cross the International Dateline.

Day 3 – Apr 11, Mon ARRIVE IN DELHI

Arrive in Delhi, India's capital city. You are greeted with a traditional Indian welcome and escorted to the TAJ PALACE HOTEL(Superior Room). Delhi blends an historic past and a vibrant present. Legend has it that the Pandavas, the august heroes of the epic Mahabharata, originally founded Delhi, then called Indraprastha, around 1200 B.C. Present day Delhi is built around the ruins of seven ancient cities. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax and recover from your long flight. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner featuring Indian music and cuisine. (BD)

Day 4 – Apr 12, Tue DELHI

The morning's tour of Old Delhi includes a visit to Raj Ghat memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Indian nation, and the mile-long Chandni Chowk bazaar and the Juma Masjid, where you will also have an opportunity to take a rickshaw ride. After sightseeing of Old Delhi proceed for sightseeing of New Delhi where you will first visit the Qutab Minar, followed by Humayun's Tomb. Drive along Rajpath,

the capital's broadest avenue, for a view of the Parliament House, the President's House and India Gate. After the sight-seeing visit the National Museum, New Delhi, which has in its possession over 200,000 works of exquisite art, both of Indian and Foreign origin covering more than 5,000 years of cultural heritage. It's rich holdings of various creative traditions and disciplines, which represents



a unity amidst diversity, an unmatched blend of the past with the present and strong perspective for the future, brings history to life. You will enjoy a tour of the museum. After the tour you will meet with a member of the Ministry of Culture, India for an interactive session. (B)

Day 5 – Apr 13, Wed DELHI / VARANASI-SARNATH

Today fly to Varanasi, located on the sacred Ganges River. THE GATEWAY

HOTEL (Standard Room). Visit the stupas, ruins and the scene of Buddha's first sermon in Sarnath. Later visit the Sarnath Museum. (Special visit hosted by the Curator). This evening take the rickshaws to the Ghat to view the evening Arti ceremony. Varanasi has an amazing display right on the Ganges. To enhance your participation and observation, we will embark on a boat and row into the area of main ghat where the ceremony takes place. Along the way you'll be approached by vendors on their own boat selling lamps that one can light and release into the river. You will come across hundreds of lamps floating by. After the ceremony return to the hotel. (B)

Day 6 – Apr 14, Thu VARANASI / KHAJURAHO

Early this morning enjoy a short boat ride on the Ganges and witness a spectacular sunrise and the sight of a multitude of pilgrims paying homage to the sun. The walking tour of the old city, with its temple bells inviting devotees to worship leaves a lasting impression. Later fly to Khajuraho. THE TAJ CHANDELA HOTEL (Superior Room). Visit the Western group of temples containing the largest and loveliest temples with their detailed panels depicting the art of Kama Sutra. (B)

Day 7 – Apr 15, Fri KHAJURAHO / AGRA

Visit the principal Eastern group of temples built in typical Jain style of



Day 10 – Apr 18, Mon
AMBER FORT EXCURSION & JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING

Today, you are transported back in time, riding royally atop elegantly draped and painted elephants to the mountain fortress of Amber, a superb example of Rajput architecture with its complex of palaces, temples and ornate apartments. Later your tour of Jaipur takes you to Hawa Mahal or “Palace of Winds,” and continues to the City Palace, with its latticed balconies, tiny windows, cupolas,

architecture. Later, drive to Jhansi to board the train to Agra, en route visiting Orchha, a medieval city with its ruins dating back to the 12th century. Upon arrival you are met and transferred to the TAJ GATEWAY HOTEL (Superior Room). (BL)

Day 8 – Apr 16, Sat
AGRA / FATEHPUR SIKRI

Experience an early morning sunrise viewing of the magnificent Taj Mahal, a monument to the memory of love. After breakfast visit the abandoned 16th century town of Fatehpur Sikri. This ghost town is remarkably well preserved and presents a perfect synthesis of Muslim, Hindu and Jain architecture. The sculptured columns bear mute testimony to this gallant experiment to unite Hindus and Muslims. Later in the afternoon tour the exquisite 16th Century Agra Fort. (B)

Day 9 – Apr 17, Sun
AGRA / JAIPUR

After breakfast, leave for the “pink city” of Jaipur, where the old city is surrounded by a massive wall pierced by magnificent gates. Upon arrival check in at the TAJ JAIMAHAL PALACE (Luxury Room). (B)



courtyards and arched entrances. A stop at the ancient observatory concludes the tour. This evening enjoy a show featuring Rajasthani Folk dance and music followed by a dinner featuring local cuisine. (BD)

Day 11 – Apr 19, Tue
JAIPUR / MUMBAI

This morning fly to Mumbai (formerly Bombay), India’s most cosmopolitan city. Today’s tour of Mumbai includes the



British-built arch “Gateway of India,” the Hanging Gardens and Malabar Hills where Mumbai’s rich and famous live. Drive along Dhobi Ghat, Marine Drive and visit the Gandhi Memorial Museum. Later visit the Prince of Wales Museum, hosted by the curator. TAJ MAHAL PALACE & TOWER (New Wing Room). (B)

Day 12 – Apr 20, Wed
ELEPHANTA CAVES / DEPARTURE

Cruise across the harbor to Elephanta Island and its famous caves, filled with carvings and sculptures dating back to 550 A.D. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or pursue independent activities. Late this evening transfer to the international airport for the flight back home. (BD)

Day 13 – Apr 21, Thu
ARRIVE LOS ANGELES

Today arrive in Los Angeles during midday, carrying home treasured memories of your sojourn through Incredible India!



OPTIONAL PRE AND POST TOUR EXTENSIONS

PRE TOUR: KATHMANDU - IN THE LAP OF THE HIMALAYAS



Day 1 – Apr 6, Wed LOS ANGELES / SINGAPORE

Depart Los Angeles this afternoon on board Singapore Airlines for Singapore. Relax and enjoy the ambiance and service for which this airline is renowned. En Route to Asia you cross the International Dateline.

Day 2 – Apr 7, Thu EN ROUTE TO SINGAPORE

Day 3 – Apr 8, Fri SINGAPORE / KATHMANDU

Arrive in Singapore this morning and connect with the onward flight to Kathmandu. Upon your arrival in Kathmandu (Nepal's ancient capital), you are met and transferred by private car to your hotel. SOALTEE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL.

Day 4 – Apr 9, Sat KATHMANDU SIGHTSEEING

Your tour of Kathmandu includes exploration of Durbar Square with its abundance of lovely pagodashaped temples, many bazaars and the Royal Palace. Enjoy a magnificent view of Kathmandu from Swayambunath, also known as the monkey temple. Continue to Bodhnath to see the largest Buddhist stupa in the world. At Pashupatinath, view the most sacred of Nepal's Shiva shrines, located near the holy river Bagmati. (B)

Day 5 – Apr 10, Sun PATAN / BHADGAON EXCURSION

Visit Patan, an even older city than Kathmandu, featuring hundreds of temples and palaces. You'll get a rare chance to observe skilled artisans creating ancient handicrafts. Later, enjoy a drive through the beautiful countryside to Bhadgaon, also known as Bhaktapur with its many interesting temples and palaces. This evening you are treated to a lively Nepalese dance & music presentation followed by dinner. (BD)

Day 6 – Apr 11, Mon KATHMANDU / DELHI

Transfer by private car to the airport for your onward flight to Delhi to join the Main Tour. (B)

POST TOUR: KERALA & CHENNAI - NATURES BOUNTY & ANCIENT TEMPLES

Day 12 – Apr 20, Wed MUMBAI / COCHIN

Fly to Cochin in the state of Kerala, known for its well-balanced ecosystem. Transfer upon arrival to the TAJ MALABAR HOTEL. (B)

Day 13 – Apr 21, Thu COCHIN / KUMARAKOM

This morning visit the Portuguese Church built by St. Francis in 1562, the Jewish Synagogue, the famed Mattancherry Palace, and the Chinese fishing nets—ingenious devices requiring little human attention.

Depart this afternoon for Kumarakom, experiencing the rich culture and active lifestyle that has evolved over the centuries in and around the backwaters and waterways that thread this region. TAJ GARDEN RETREAT. (B)



Day 14 – Apr 22, Fri BACKWATERS CRUISE

This morning enjoy a boat ride through the series of canals and lagoons snaking their way through several tiny villages and tropical vegetation. Not only do the backwaters of Kerala link the state together, they are an integral element in maintaining ecological balance and creating harmony with nature. Your afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Optional: You may want to experience an Ayurvedic therapeutic massage, indigenous to this region, which is both relaxing and healing.

Day 15 – Apr 23, Sat KUMARKOM/COCHIN / CHENNAI

Today you will be transferred to Cochin airport in time for your flight to Chennai. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to TAJ CONNEMARA HOTEL. (B)

Day 16 – Apr 24, Sun KANCHIPURAM & MAHABALIPURAM EXCURSION

Today enjoy an excursion to Kanchipuram, one of the seven sacred cities of India and also known for having served as a capital for several dynasties. Visit three of the best temples—Kailasanatha and Ekambareshwara (dedicated to Lord Shiva) and Vaikuntaperumal (dedicated to Lord Vishnu). Continue your excursion to the ancient Pallavan port of

Mamallapuram. En route stop for lunch at a seaside resort. Later visit the 7th century rock hewn monuments. The shore temple, the only surviving one of seven, is a unique example of a temple built of rock quarried elsewhere and carried to shore. (B)

Day 17 – Apr 25, Mon CHENNAI (MADRAS) / SINGAPORE

Your tour of Chennai takes you to Victoria Art Gallery, the Bronze Gallery and Chennai Museum. Fort St. George, San Thome Cathedral and Kapaleeswarar Temple complete your tour of Chennai. Afternoon is at leisure. Tonight say farewell to unforgettable India; and board your Singapore Airlines flight for Singapore. (B)

Day 18 – Apr 26, Tue SINGAPORE / LOS ANGELES

Arrive in Singapore this morning and connect with the onward flight to Los Angeles, carrying home treasured memories of your sojourn through Incredible India!

GOA - CHURCHES & BEACHES

Day 12– Apr 20, Wed MUMBAI / GOA

Fly to Goa. You will be met upon arrival in Goa, and transferred to HOTEL TAJ HOLIDAY VILLAGE. (B)

Day 13 – Apr 21, Thu GOA SIGHTSEEING

Your exploration of Goa takes you to the Patriarch's Palace, Dona Paula Beach (where you will view the world's largest natural harbor), Se Cathedral, Basilica of Bom Jesus (where the body of St. Francis Xavier is enshrined), and the church of St. Francis of Assisi. Afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 14 – Apr 22, Fri GOA / MUMBAI

Day at leisure. Fly to Mumbai this evening. Upon arrival you will be assisted to connect your flight back home. (B)

Day 15 – Apr 23, Sat MUMBAI / SINGAPORE / LOS ANGELES

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AJANTA & ELLORA – OF BUDDHISM & MORE



Day 12 – Apr 20, Wed MUMBAI / AURANGABAD

Fly to Aurangabad this evening. You will be met upon arrival and transferred to TAJ RESIDENCY HOTEL.

Day 13 - Apr 21, Thu AJANTA CAVES EXCURSION

Enjoy a full day excursion to Ajanta, one of India's most impressive archaeological sites. Here Buddhist art attained its peak. The frescoes and wall paintings reveal a fascinating lifestyle. Thirty caves are carved out of a rocky gorge dating back to the 3rd century. The ornate facades and interior chambers are illuminated at all times of the day. (B)

Day 14 – Apr 22, Fri ELLORA CAVES EXCURSION – AURANGABAD / MUMBAI

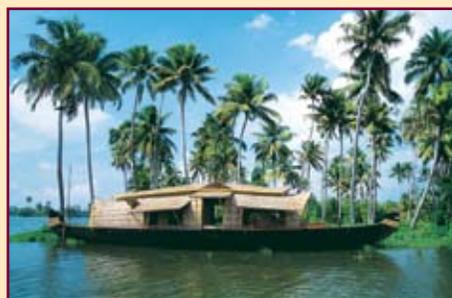
Tour the Ellora group of rock cut caves. The most magnificent is the Kailashanatha Temple (Cave 16), a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The temple has actually been sculpted out of a single mountain, and it depicts Mount Kailasa (the sacred abode of Lord Shiva). Your afternoon is at leisure. Fly to Mumbai this evening. Upon arrival you will be assisted to connect your flight back home. (B)

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KERALA – GOD'S OWN COUNTRY



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TOUR COST

Main Tour - Double Sharing per person	\$4,990
Main Tour - Single Room per person	\$5,565
International Airfare per person	Included

Roundtrip airfare - inclusive of Taxes & Fuel Surcharges

Extensions	Double Occ	Single Room
Kathmandu	\$795	\$1,085
Ajanta & Ellora	\$360	\$485
Goa	\$845	\$1,105
Kerala	\$1,095	\$1,290
Kerala & Chennai	\$1,875	\$2,290

(All prices above are per person)

Inclusions – MAIN TOUR:

10 Nights accommodation at deluxe hotels mentioned in the itinerary on double sharing basis • 10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners • Escorted transfers • All tours and excursions listed in the program • English speaking guides during sightseeing • Transportation by Deluxe Air-conditioned Coach • Entrance Fees • 2 Dance & Music Shows • Hosted Museum

visits in Varanasi & Mumbai • Welcome & farewell dinners • Visit National Museum in Delhi • Evening aarti ceremony at the Ganges in Varanasi • Accompanying SITA Escort throughout the tour • All transport tolls & hotel taxes • Internal Airfare: Delhi / Varanasi / Khajuraho – Jaipur / Mumbai • International Airfare Los Angeles / Delhi – Mumbai / Los Angeles roundtrip • Executive Class Train – Jhansi to Agra • \$1Million USTOA Consumer Protection Coverage • Tote Bag, Wallet and Baggage Tags • Tipping / Gratuities

Inclusions – EXTENSIONS:

Accommodation at hotels mentioned in the itinerary on sharing basis • American Breakfast Daily • Escorted transfers • All tours and excursions listed in the program • English speaking guides during sightseeing • Transportation by Deluxe air-conditioned vehicle • Entrance Fees • Internal Airfare • All transport tolls & hotel taxes • \$1Million USTOA Consumer Protection Coverage

Not included:

Meals not mentioned • Visa fees and processing • Insurance • Necessary inoculations • Items of personal nature such as telephone, laundry, beverages • Any items not listed above.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Airfares: Based on current tariff and subject to change until ticketed.

Visas: US Passport holders require visas for India. Please ensure that your passport is valid for 6 months from return date and has at least 2 blank visa pages. On receipt of deposit, SITA will send you the necessary information for you to obtain your visa.

Inoculations: We recommend that you contact Passport Health at 1-888-499 7277 or www.passporthealthusa.com for questions regarding country-specific health counseling.

Tour Reservations: SITA requires an initial

deposit of \$500.00 upon acceptance to hold the reservations. This amount less the administrative fees will be refunded if the cancellations are received 90 days or more prior to departure, or adjusted with the balance due 90 days prior to departure. Final payment is due on Dec 10, 2010.

Payments: SITA accepts tour payments by check and/or by Visa, Mastercard, American Express & Discover credit cards. Signed statement on SITA form required by each client charging on credit cards along with copy of the cardholder's driver's license or passport must be received by SITA in order to charge the card. Copy of form will be supplied by SITA.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations received 90 days or more prior to departure: \$250 per person; 89-45 days: \$500 per person per tour and per tour extension; 44-30 days: 25% of the tour price; 29-15 days: 50% of the tour price; 14 days or less: 100% of the tour price.

Tour documents: Invoice, personal information forms and necessary visa information will be sent on receipt of deposit. Final tour documents including day-by-day itinerary, hotel listing, air tickets & vouchers are sent between 45-30 days prior.

- BOOKING FORM - PACIFIC ASIA MUSEUM INCREDIBLE INDIA - ARTS & CULTURE

Name (1) _____ M / F Vegetarian Child (Age: _____)

Passport #: _____ Date of Issue: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name (2) _____ M / F Vegetarian Child (Age: _____)

Passport #: _____ Date of Issue: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Day _____ Night _____ E-mail: _____

Preferred Departure City: _____

Main Tour | Extension: Kathmandu Ajanta & Ellora Kerala Kerala & Chennai Goa

I accept/decline Travel Insurance (refer to Terms & Conditions): Accept Decline

Tour Deposit Amount (\$500/person), plus insurance if accepted: \$ _____

Card Type: Visa Mastercard American Express

Card #: _____ Security Code: _____ Exp. Date: _____

(Please Forward A Copy Of Your Driver's License And Credit Card)

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I have read the Terms & Conditions which apply and agree to abide by the same.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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