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DAY 1 - ARRIVE DELHI, INDIA

Arrive in Delhi; meeting and transfer to hotel.

DAY 2 - DELHI

A full day of touring awaits! In New Delhi, city of airy boulevards, lush parks and gardens, visit the graceful Qutab Minar, Emperor Humayun's mausoleum and the modern Lakshmi Narayan temple. Drive past the India Gate War Memorial, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Parliament House. In Old Delhi visit the Red Fort, Raj Ghat Memorial and Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Explore Chandi Chowk; immerse yourself in the bustling atmosphere of an Indian bazaar concluding at Dilli Haat, a market exclusively for handicrafts and souvenirs from across the country. Tonight, a Welcome Dinner at the hotel celebrates your arrival. (WD)

Note: The Oct./Nov departure will have the unique opportunity to witness the world-famous Diwali Festival, one of the largest Hindu festival complete with fireworks and streaming lights.

DAY 3 - DELHI / UDAIPUR

Depart Delhi by flight to Udaipur; transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, visit to a local girl's school; see how education uplifts and integrates the development of girls in India. Later, a relaxing boat ride on Lake Pichola before returning to the hotel. (B)

DAY 4 -UDAIPUR

This morning, visit to the local vegetable and spice market -- shop for the ingredients for your afternoon cooking class! Then, tour Udaipur including the expansive City Palace, which houses the extravagantly ornate Dilkush Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, studded with glittering Belgium Mirrors, the Moti Mahal and the Palace of Lord Krishna. Later, visit the Jagdish Temple and the Sahelion Ki Bari Gardens and drive around scenic Fatehsagar Lake. Return to the hotel to join the Chef's Cooking Lessons of local recipes typical to Rajasthan. In the evening, meet to discuss today's discoveries over a hot cup of tea with local Indian snacks. Once an herbal remedy among hill tribes, India tea has grown into a national drink with distinctive qualities to refresh and satisfy every palate. (B)

DAY 5 - UDAIPUR / JODHPUR

Drive to Jodhpur, stopping en route in Ranakpur, one of the Jain's five holiest pilgrimage centers, visiting the famous Jain Temples of Ranakpur, dating back to the 14th and 15th century. Continue on a drive to Rohetgarh; stop for lunch, followed by a jeep ride to the neighboring Bishnoi village. The Bishnois, known as fervent environmentalists would

sacrifice their lives to protect the environment. Depart Udaipur to Jodhpur, known for its impressive fortified bastions for overnight. Evening at leisure. (B.L)

DAY 6 - JODHPUR

Morning tour of Jodhpur visits the Mehrangarh Fort, Rajasthan's most impressive structure. Explore its magnificent palaces with meticulously carved panels and latticed windows. Next, continue onto Jaswant Thada and the Museum housed in the majestic Umaid Bhawan Palace. In the afternoon, a "tuk-tuk" ride takes you through the local markets. Stop at Rawat Sweets to try some of the delicious local snacks. Tonight, we suggest a visit to the local pub -- listen to the music and try some of the local beverages. (B)

DAY 7 - JODHPUR / JAIPUR

Morning flight to Jaipur. Upon arrival, you're invited to visit a local family; enjoy their company and gain a greater understanding into their daily life. Evening: Visit to Birla Mandir for an "Aarti" prayer ritual -- an ancient Vedic concept of a fire ceremony. (B)

DAY 8 - JAIPUR

Morning visit to the beautiful Amber Fort, a superb example of classic Rajput architecture, with its ornate terraces and ramparts --the interior has many royal halls and extraordinary wall paintings. Experience an elephant ride up to the ramparts of the Fort. Stop at the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, with its lacey ornamental façade. Afternoon tour begins with the Maharaja's City Palace and its Armory Museum, which houses an array of weapons. Continue to Jantar Mantar, the largest stone marble-crafted observatory in the world. Evening: Cycle rickshaw ride through the local bazaars in this fabulous "Pink City". (B).

DAY 9 - JAIPUR / AGRA

Morning visit to an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) dedicated to the empowerment of woman and young girls. You'll hear about their goals for female equality and development in all spheres of life. Afternoon drive to Agra. Stop at Fatehpur Sikri, an epic poem in red sandstone built by Emperor Akbar as his capital — its glorious courtyards and palaces conjure up dreams of the mysterious past. Arrive in Agra. At sunset, visit to the Taj Mahal -- an astounding experience! (B)

DAY 10 - AGRA

In the morning, visit to the spectacular Taj Mahal - perhaps the most perfect architectural monument in the world, built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a memorial to his beloved wife. This extraordinary structure, of white marble and precious stones, was built by 20,000 craftsmen over the span of 17 years. Later, visit the riverside Agra Fort with its sprawling halls of private and public palaces. Try the `tonga' (traditional horse carriage) ride and stop by a Sadar bazaar. Meet a Henna artist - she will paint some

intricate designs and create Henna tattoos just for you. Dress yourself in an Indian Sari and learn to tie and wrap it for the most gorgeous effects. Then, a facial artist will indulge you with an optional India bridal make-up. After your makeover, on to the hotel for a festive Farewell Dinner. A perfect day to savor all of your India experiences. (B.FD)

DAY 11 - AGRA / DELHI

Depart Agra and return to Delhi. In the late afternoon enjoy a special complimentary Ayurvedic massage at the Karali Ayurvedic Center -- your fatigue will disappear and you'll be ready for your flight home next day. (B)

DAY 12 - SAT: DEPART DELHI

Depart Delhi on your flight back to the U.S. or extend your tour to Varanasi. (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO VARANASI

DAY 12 - DELHI / VARANASI

Depart Delhi on a flight to Varanasi; meeting and transfer to your hotel. Late afternoon rickshaw ride through the narrow streets and alleys of Varanasi. In the evening, the Ghats and Temples are lit with oil-lamp lights or candles. Participate in an Arti Ceremony and watch the floating Diyas on the river Ganges. (B)

DAY 13 - VARANASI

Rise before dawn for a boat ride on the holy River Ganges to observe devout Hindus performing their early morning rituals on the Ghats of the sacred river. Also, visit the Vishwanath Temple before returning to the hotel for breakfast. Later, on to Sarnath, the buried Buddhist city where Lord Buddha preached his first Sermon after attaining Nirvana. Visit the Mahabodhi Buddha Temple, Deer Park, the Monastery ruins area and Dhameka Stupa. Tonight, meet with a Palmist at the hotel to hear about your life and future. (B)

DAY 14 - VARANASI / DELHI - MUMBAI

Early morning Yoga Session at the hotel. Afterwards, return to the airport for your flight back to Delhi, or continue on to another city in India. (B)