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INDIA

TIMELESS LAND OF THE TAJ MAHAL & WILD TIGERS

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WITH COUNCIL LEADER TRINA MEDAREV

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Discover the incredible experiences of India through its people and its most famous sites. Marvel at the stark contrast of the white Taj Mahal surrounded by its lush green gardens and blue reflecting pool, gaze upon the Pink City of Jaipur so named for its uniquely painted pink buildings, and explore the Amber Fort and its opulent halls made of red sandstone and marble. Experience the wilderness at Ranthambhore National Park, where the rare Bengal tiger can be best seen stalking through the underbrush of the park. Spend time with local people, from politicians to activists to storytellers, learning along the way about the many facets of the Indian way of life.



Days 1/2/3
PHILADELPHIA/DELHI

Board your overnight flight to Delhi, via Doha. Settled seven times over the centuries, this ancient city has something for everyone: history, architecture, religion, shopping and cosmopolitan culture. On Day 3, discover Old Delhi, a labyrinth of streets crowded with rickshaws; the Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India and the Red Fort, once the most opulent fort and palace of the Mughal Empire. Visit with a Spice Trader Family (6th generation in business) followed by an interaction and Tea on the rooftop of the Walled City Café. Tonight's welcome dinner will offer you an introduction to the astounding richness of Indian cuisine. THE GRAND NEW DELHI. (Meals Aloft; B,D)

Day 4
DELHI/US EMBASSY VISIT

This morning is set aside for a visit to the US Embassy to speak with local representatives about the state of US-Indian affairs. In the afternoon, continue to New Delhi. Visit Qutab Minar built in the 12th century, Emperor Humayun's tomb, India Gate, the Presidential Palace, Parliament and the Secretariat buildings, an interesting blend of Victorian and 20th century architecture. Return to your hotel where the rest of the day is at leisure. Tonight, meet with local businesspeople over cocktails to learn about their way of life. THE GRAND NEW DELHI. (B, C/P)

Day 5
DELHI/AGRA

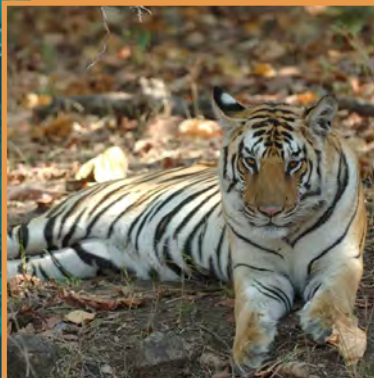
After breakfast, drive to Agra. Once the capital for several ruling dynasties, Agra is known for its glorious past and eclectic architecture. Perhaps no other monument has evoked as much awe and admiration as the Taj Mahal – the ultimate requiem of love, it was built by Emperor Shah Jehan in memory of his favorite wife. En route, visit the Wildlife SOS Bear Sanctuary. To date they have rescued more than 520 bears and bear cubs from the bear dancers, poachers & traders. In the late afternoon, visit the fabled Taj Mahal and enjoy the monument as the sun sets. Dinner tonight will start with a walk to Sheros Café, run by female acid attack survivors. Enjoy dinner here and learn about their stories. ITC MUGHAL. (B,L,D)

Day 6
AGRA

Early this morning, enjoy a sunrise visit to Taj Mahal. This visit, unlike the day before, will allow you a glimpse of this monument with the changing backdrop of the morning sky. In the afternoon visit The Red Fort of Agra, a powerful fortress founded in 1565. ITC MUGHAL. (B,L)

Day 7/8
AGRA/FATEHPUR SIKRI/
RANTHAMBHORE NATIONAL PARK

The chaotic scenery of rural India offers fascinating cultural insight along a drive to the 16th century, red sandstone city of Fatehpur Sikri. Continue to Bharatpur to board the Jan Shatabdi Express for Ranthambhore National Park, one of the best places in the world to see tigers in the wild. The remarkable scenery encompasses crumbling monuments and living temples within the wild beauty of deciduous forest. On daily safari expeditions, look for tigers, jackal, mongoose, sloth bear,





the world. To learn about women empowerment, skill development, and child education, as well as giving rural women entrepreneurs a chance, you will visit the Princess Diya Kumari Foundation. ITC RAJPUTANA SHERATON HOTEL. (B,L; B,D)

**Day 11
JAIPUR**

Enjoy a round table discussion with the head of a local political party. The balance of your day is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner in one of the local restaurants in Jaipur. ITC RAJPUTANA SHERATON HOTEL. (B,D)

**Days 12/13
JAIPUR/DELHI/PHILADELPHIA**

Fly to Delhi and check into your dayroom at the NOVOTEL AEROCITY. Later tonight, return to the airport for your return flight home, bringing with you memories of this timeless land. (B; Meals Aloft)

POST-EXTENSION TO RAJPUTANA

Extend your journey and discover the riches of Rajputana. Begin in Pushkar, a tiny town with 400 temples along the picturesque and sacred Pushkar Lake. Experience a camel ride through the local bazaar and dip your fingers into the mystical waters. Tour Jodhpur's powerful Mehranghar Fort and learn about the region's unique local cultures. End your journey in Udaipur, with its spectacular temples and palaces filled with art, exceptional architecture and resplendent history.



**Meet Your Tour Host
Trina Medarev**

Trina Medarev is the Executive Director & CEO of the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville. She has enjoyed serving on the nominating committee, as well as the planning committee for the annual World Affairs Councils of America National Conference in Washington, D.C. She currently serves as a member of the Women's Giving Alliance, the Jacksonville Women's Network, as a trustee for the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce and as Chair of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville's Bulletin Committee. Trina enjoyed leading the Israel: Land of Cultural Treasures Tour in March, 2020.

leopard, Sambar, spotted deer, and marsh crocodile. Home to 272 bird species, the Indian Gray Hombill is commonly sighted in pairs. While in Ranthambhore, you will visit Dastkar, an all women craft center which was started with 15 crafts groups in 1981, and 30 years later it is associated with 350 craft groups across India. Dastkar has fostered women's empowerment in rural areas, where it has been involved in developing self-reliant artisan groups. VIVANTA BY TAJ SAWAI MADHOPUR LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)

**Days 9/10
JAIPUR**

Enjoy one last opportunity to photograph the amazing tiger as you depart before dawn on a final game drive. Return to the lodge for breakfast before you begin your drive to Jaipur. Upon arrival, check into your hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure. The "Pink City" of Jaipur has imperial history and tales of grand Mughals, British dignitaries and even U.S. Presidents. Attractions include the Amber Fort with its rugged walls, elegant palaces and gardens; the City Palace complex, the former residence of the royal family; the Palace of Winds with its intricate carved trelliswork; and Jantar Mantar, the largest observatory of its kind in

- YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES:**
- Internal flight from Jaipur to Delhi on the main program.
 - Internal flight from Udaipur to Delhi on the post extension.
 - Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
 - Breakfast daily and other meals as specified in itinerary.
 - World Affairs Council host will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers on the main program.
 - Specialist Guide will accompany the group throughout with a minimum of 10 travelers.
 - Sightseeing in national parks and points of interest as indicated.
 - Train ticket from Bharatpur to Sawai Madhopur.
 - Jeep ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur.
 - Meetings with local people in Delhi, Agra and Jaipur.
 - Meetings with artisans in Ranthambhore.
 - Gratuities to driver/guides, specialist-guide, and other conveyance attendants.
 - All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling.
 - All entry fees.
 - Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

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Costs: Based on Double Occupancy	Main Program	Post-Extension
Land Cost Only	\$5,950 per person	\$2,595 per person
Single Room Supplement	\$1,595 per person, additional	\$995 per person, additional
Estimated international economy air from Philadelphia, roundtrip, including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (Currently, subject to change)	\$1,790 per person, additional	N/A

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