Northern India Adventure

Itinerary

Day 1—February 28, 2009
Salt Lake City/Delhi You’ll arrive late the evening of March 1, 2009, at New Delhi’s International Airport. Following customs, immigration formalities, and baggage collection, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2—March 2, 2009
Delhi Enjoy a tour of Chandni Chowk and later visit Rajghat, Mahatma Gandhi’s memorial. We’ll view the President’s Residence and the Parliament House, followed by a tour of Qutab Minar, the tallest stone tower in India, built in 1199 A.D. Enjoy a free evening of relaxation. (B, L)

Day 3—March 3, 2009
Delhi/Agra The city of Agra, the quintessence of the grand Mughal era, reigns to this day in the public mind as the embodiment of royal grace, imposing architecture, and power. Agra is globally renowned as the city of the Taj Mahal. Visit the Great Fort of Agra, an outstanding example of Mughal architecture. If time permits, the group will stop by a marble factory. Later in the evening, you’ll visit the world-renowned Taj Mahal, covered in white marble. It took 22 years and over 20,000 workers and craftsmen to complete this rhapsody in stone. Though it appears to be perfect from almost any angle, it is the close-up marble inlay work that is truly astounding. You will have ample time to view and be mesmerized by this outstanding piece of architecture. (B, L, D)

Day 4—March 4, 2009
Agra/Jaipur Enjoy an early morning visit to the Taj Mahal and return to the hotel for breakfast, then proceed...
(Day 4 continued) to the abandoned capital, Fatehpur Sikri. Made of red sandstone, the city combines influences from both Hindu and Mughal architecture. Other inspiring monuments in Fatehpur Sikri are the Hiran Minar (which Akbar built in memory of his favorite elephant), Tomb of Sheikh Salim Chishti, Birbal’s House, and the Diwan-i-Khas. Enjoy lunch at Laxmi Niwas Palace in Bharatpur. Later, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Jaipur. (B,L,D)

Day 5—March 5, 2009
Jaipur
This morning, proceed on a tour to Amer Fort, commencing with a photo stop at the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds), a five-storied wonder with a spectacular pyramidal facade and overhanging windows with latticed screens, domes, and spires. Continue on to the ancient capital of Amer to see the fabulous Amber Fort and enjoy a tour of the Pink City, an “abode of rajahs.” Highlights of the tour include a visit to the City Palace Museum, the armory of Mughals and Rajputs, an art gallery with an excellent collection of miniature paintings, carpets, royal paraphernalia, and rare astronomical works in Arabic, Persian, Latin, and Sanskrit. Proceed to the awe-inspiring Jantar Mantar Observatory, a stone astrological and astronomical structure built by Maharaja Jai Singh in the 18th century. (B,L,D)

Day 6—March 6, 2009
Jaipur/Delhi/Varanasi
Early morning flight to Varanasi via Delhi. Enjoy an Aarti ceremony on the banks of the River Ganges in the evening, followed by dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 7—March 7, 2009
Varanasi/Delhi
Take an early morning boat cruise on the River Ganges, which presents an incredible scene as the multitudes of devotees come to the river to pay homage to the Sun God. After the boat ride, visit the Kashi-Vishwanath Temple (the Golden Temple) and then continue on to the Bharat Mata Mandir and “Pili Kothi,” one of the well-known weaving areas. Later, enjoy a tour to Sarnath, followed by a flight to Delhi. (B,L,D)

Day 8—March 8, 2009
Delhi
Enjoy a morning free for relaxation or shopping. Then visit Muzzafer Ali’s home, followed by an afternoon of free time and dinner at the hotel. Transport to airport for the flight home. (B,D)

Day 9—March 9, 2009
Delhi/Salt Lake City
International flight from Delhi to Salt Lake City.

Price includes:
- Round-trip airfare from Salt Lake City
- 7 nights hotel accommodations
- Meals as specified on itinerary
- Ground transportation via air-conditioned motorcoach
- Special visit to Muzzafer Ali’s home and meeting with Winnie Singh in Delhi (cost TBA)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as specified in itinerary
- Road taxes, parking fees, fuel surcharges, interstate taxes, and portage at all hotels
- English-speaking local guides
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort in Jaipur
- All currently applicable taxes including a 3.09% government service tax
- Credit card processing fee

Price does not include:
- Airline and airport taxes and fuel surcharge ($485 pp, subject to change)
- India Visa Fee ($73 pp)
- Passport
- Meals not listed on itinerary
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, phone/fax calls, alcohol, camera fee at monuments, etc.)
- Trip cancellation and baggage insurance
- Tips and gratuities

Additional Information
Visit www.morrismurdock.com/tours for complete terms and conditions. A valid passport and India Visa is required of all travelers. Your passport must be valid six months after your return to the United States.

This is a University of Utah Alumni Association-sponsored trip, but all tour participants are welcome.

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