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The UC Santa Cruz Travel Program for the Curious

Mystical India

with Ranthambore Tiger Preserve

February 7-23, 2027

17 days for \$7,687 total price from San Francisco

(\$6,795 air & land inclusive plus \$892 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
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Dear Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to travel with us on an exclusive 17-day small-group journey through Northern India’s Golden Triangle. This exclusive experience invites you to explore a land rich in history, art, and architecture—where diverse cultural influences have shaped India’s vibrant heritage.

Your adventure begins in Delhi, discovering the contrasts between Old Delhi’s ancient streets and New Delhi’s British-built grandeur. Continue to Jaipur, the “Pink City” of Rajasthan, for three nights immersed in royal splendor. In Agra, marvel at the legacy of the Mughal Empire and the breathtaking Taj Mahal. Venture into Ranthambore National Park for thrilling game drives in search of the elusive Bengal tiger, and visit the pastoral village of Gadoli to meet Meena tribespeople in their homes. Then, journey to Varanasi, Hinduism’s holiest city, to witness life along the sacred Ganges. Experience a traditional *aarti* ceremony, observe pilgrims performing age-old rituals, and visit Sarnath, the revered Buddhist pilgrimage site. For those seeking even more adventure, an optional 6-day/4-night post-tour extension to the Himalayas offers the chance to discover the serene beauty of Nepal.

Space is limited to only 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today!

Sincerely,

Nichole Silva

Nichole Silva (Stevenson '95)
Director, Strategic Travel and Experiences

THE UC SANTA CRUZ INSPIRED EXPEDITIONS ALUMNI RESERVATION FORM: MYSTICAL INDIA

To reserve your place on tour, please call UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions at 831-459-3689 or e-mail ietravel@ucsc.edu. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Inspired Expeditions representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to UC Santa Cruz’s Inspired Expeditions office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 125 days prior to departure.

Send to: **UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions**
1156 High Street
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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$650 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

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Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour “Nepal” Extension: Please sign me/us up

Tour membership limited to 24 alumni and friends

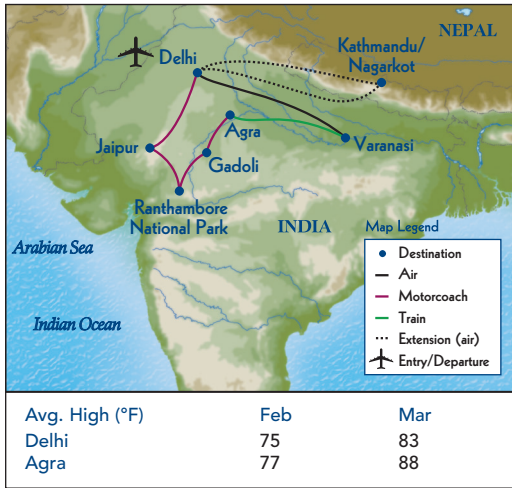
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Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding, India overflows with riches. While staying at excellent hotels, we travel the classic Golden Triangle: bustling Delhi; Agra, home of the sublime Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, the “Pink City.” We also search for elusive Bengals in Ranthambore, and absorb the holiness of Varanasi.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Delhi, India

Day 2: Arrive Delhi We arrive in India’s capital late evening and transfer to our hotel.

Day 3: Delhi After a morning at leisure followed by a briefing about the journey ahead, we set out to discover Old Delhi. We stop first at Raj Ghat, the simple black marble slab honoring Mahatma Gandhi, then we see Lal Qila, the Red Fort complex of palaces considered the greatest of all Delhi’s earlier cities and today a UNESCO site. Next: see from the outside the red sandstone and marble Jama Masjid, India’s largest mosque; and the colorful Chandni Chowk market, where we ride rickshaws. Late this afternoon we return to our hotel, where tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner together. *B,D*

Day 4: Delhi We encounter more of this pulsating city today, beginning at 240-foot Qutb Minar, the world’s tallest brick minaret. Next, we pass by India Gate, the majestic arch that stands over an eternal flame to honor the 90,000 Indian soldiers who died fighting alongside the British during WWI and the Afghan war. Following lunch at a local restaurant, we visit a Sikh temple then learn more about Gandhi at the Gandhi Smriti museum. After this full day, we return to our hotel where the evening is at leisure and dinner is on our own. *B,L*

Day 5: Delhi/Jaipur Today we travel by coach to the “pink city” of Jaipur, renowned for its historic forts, palaces, and gardens and now a UNESCO site. We reach our hotel in time for lunch. This afternoon we visit Jaipur’s colorful market. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Jaipur This morning we see the stunning Hawa Mahal, the elaborately carved pink sandstone “Palace of the Winds.” We continue on to Amber Fort, built by the Kachhawah Rajputs as their capital from 1037 to 1728; Jantar Mantar, the open-air observatory; and City Palace Museum, housing the magnificent art collections of the Maharajahs of Jaipur. *B,L*

Day 7: Jaipur/Sanganer This morning we visit the village of Sanganer to see traditional block printing and handmade paper industries. Later we see local life up close as we explore an outdoor market.

Physical Activity Level

2 Easy/Moderate

Walk 1-3 miles per day, often on uneven terrain; potential for substandard air quality on some days; need to take shoes off to enter various temples and sites

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Delhi		
2-4	Delhi	ITC Maurya	Deluxe
5-7	Jaipur	Taj Amer, Jaipur	Deluxe
8-9	Ranthambore	Aamaghathi Wildlife Resort	First Class
10	Gadoli	Dera Village-The Clement Retreats	Not rated
11-12	Agra	Taj View—IHCL SelecQtions	Sup. First Class
13-15	Varanasi	Taj Ganges	Sup. First Class
16	Delhi	Pullman New Delhi Aerocity	Deluxe
17	Depart Delhi for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Cover photo: On Day 6, we see the Hawa Mahal, the pink sandstone “Palace of the Winds.”



Visit Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on Day 6.

Tonight we are dinner guests in the home of a multi-generational Rajasthan family. *B,D*

Day 8: Jaipur/Ranthambore We travel today to Ranthambore National Park, the former hunting ground of the Maharajah of Jaipur and now a 512-square-mile natural preserve that is home to hundreds of species of birds, reptiles, mammals, and of course, Bengal tigers. This afternoon we take our first game drive through the park. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Ranthambore We take both morning and afternoon game drives today to see not only game (though tiger and leopard sightings are not guaranteed), but also picturesque ruins of forts and palaces. *B,L,D*

Day 10: Ranthambore/Gadoli We depart early for Gadoli, where we set out on a village walk to meet local Meena tribespeople in their homes. Tonight we enjoy a traditional folk dance performance. *B,L,D*

Day 11: Gadoli/Agra En route to Agra, we stop in the ancient village of Abhaneri to see the fortified Chand Baori step well (c. 800 CE), whose 3,500 steps descend some 13 stories into the ground. Continuing on, we reach the ancient Mughal stronghold of Agra, where this afternoon we visit Itimad-ud-Daulah, the two-story marble “Baby Taj” that inspired the Taj Mahal. *B,D*

Day 12: Agra This morning we visit the Taj Mahal, the magnificent tomb built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz. Then we take an Indian cuisine cooking lesson and enjoy the results for lunch. Later: imposing Agra Fort. *B,L*

Day 13: Agra/Delhi/Varanasi We depart by train this morning for Varanasi, where we board the Vande Bharat Express to take us to Hinduism’s holiest city.

We dine this evening at an 18th-century palace located directly on the riverfront, where we enjoy our first evening in Varanasi overlooking the Ganges. *B,L,D*

Day 14: Varanasi/Sarnath Before breakfast today, those who wish can join in a private yoga session.

Post-Tour Extension

February 23-28, 2027

Nepal

6 days/4 nights for \$1,695 total price

Single Supplement: \$425

Absorb the beauty of the Himalayan kingdom – and the warmth of its people – on this special journey featuring sacred shrines, royal cities, and indigenous lifestyles.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation Delhi/Kathmandu, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Nagarkot at Club Himalaya Nagarkot (Superior First Class), 2 nights in Kathmandu at The Soaltee Kathmandu (Superior First Class), day room in Delhi
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including Pashupatinath shrine (UNESCO site); Boudhanath monument; colorful Bhaktapur, “City of Devotees;” Swayambhunath Temple; royal city of Patan; and Kathmandu and environs
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



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ADVENTURES WE CAN HAVE ...”

– JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

Then we visit nearby Sarnath, where the Buddha first taught after achieving enlightenment. One of Buddhism’s four holiest sites, Sarnath draws pilgrims from the world over. We see some of the temples and stupas then tour Sarnath Museum, housing a superb collection of Buddhist artifacts from excavations here. Late afternoon we attend a traditional *aarti* ceremony: as we cruise along the Ganges, we watch as devout Hindus offer their lit lamps to the deities. *B,D*

Day 15: Varanasi Early this morning we return to the Ganges where Hindu pilgrims perform their rituals along the *ghats* (steps) leading to the river. We visit several *ghats* by boat as we experience for ourselves the spiritual aura of the hallowed Ganges waters. Then we return to our hotel with time to rest before this afternoon’s walking tour and private performance of classical sitar. Tonight we celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B,D*



On Day 12 we visit the *Taj Mahal*, a UNESCO site.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; flight from Varanasi to Delhi
- 15 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 32 meals: 14 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Rail transportation as described
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Bengal tiger rests in Ranthambore.

Day 16: Varanasi/Delhi We fly this afternoon to Delhi, where the evening is at leisure. *B*

Day 17: Return to U.S. Very early this morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S.

Tour Departs: February 7, 2027

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$7,187
Chicago, Washington, DC	\$7,487
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	\$7,587
Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	\$7,687
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$892, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,695. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$5,995 per person; Premium Economy: \$3,195 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

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Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited tour director or shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions, and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 125 days or more before departure; \$200 charge; cancel 124-95 days before departure; 25% of tour price; cancel 94-65 days before departure; 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure; 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure; no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 124 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

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Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, UC Santa Cruz Inspired Expeditions and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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