The University of Alabama presents

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With Ranthambore Tiger Preserve

January 10-26, 2016

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($3,695 air & land inclusive plus $958 airline taxes and departure fees)

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A Special Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of The University of Alabama
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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, great city of the Rajput. We also search for elusive Bengals at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve; and absorb the holiness of Varanasi.

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Tours of Old Delhi and New Delhi… Home-hosted dinner with Jaipur family … Magnificent Taj Mahal … Two-night stay at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve … Kalakho camel safari and tribal home visit … “Pink City” of Jaipur … Holy city of Varanasi … Pilgrimage site of Sarnath temple and museum

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

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

Day 3: Delhi After a morning briefing with our tour director, this afternoon we tour Delhi, including the 16th-century Tomb of Humayun; Qutab Minar, the 234-step tower dating to 1193; and India Gate, honoring the 90,000 Indian soldiers who died in World War I. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. B,D

Day 4: Delhi Today we explore Old Delhi, beginning with the Gandhi Memorial, the simple black marble slab honoring Mahatma Gandhi. Next, two renowned 17th-century landmarks: Lal Qila, the Red Fort palaces where we stop for photos; and the red sandstone and marble Jama Masjid, India’s largest mosque. Then we ride rickshaws through Chandni Chowk market; visit a Sikh temple; and tour the National Museum. B,L

Day 5: Delhi/Jaipur Today we travel by coach to the “pink city” of Jaipur, one of the great cities of the Rajput, with historic forts, palaces, and gardens. We reach our hotel late afternoon. B,L,D

Day 6: Jaipur Our first stop is the stunning Hawa Mahal, the elaborately carved pink sandstone “Palace of the Winds.” We continue on to Amber Fort, built by the Kachchhawai 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 Maharajas 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. Tonight we are dinner guests in the home of a multi-generational Rajasthan family. B,D

Cover photo: Visit the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO site considered one of the world’s most beautiful buildings.
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/Kalakho  We depart early for Kalakho, where we embark on a camel safari to meet local Meena tribespeople in their homes: huts of mud, with walls decorated with floral and animal designs. Tonight we enjoy a traditional folk dance performance.  B,L,D

Day 11: Kalakho/Agra  En route to Agra today, we stop in the ancient village of Abhaneri to see the fortified Chand Baori stepwell (c. 800), whose 3,500 steps descend some 13 stories into the ground. Continuing on, we reach the ancient Mughal stronghold of Agra early this afternoon.  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/Varanasi  We depart by coach this morning for Delhi, where we board a late afternoon flight to Varanasi, the holiest city in Hinduism. We dine tonight at our hotel.  B,L,D

Day 14: Varanasi/Sarnath  Today 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 stupa then tour Sarnath Museum, housing a superb collection of Buddhist artifacts from excavations.

Post-Tour Extension

Post-Tour Extension
January 25-28, 2016
MUMBAI
4 days/3 nights for $895 total price
Single Supplement: $395
Encounter India’s energetic commercial, fashion, and entertainment capital (it’s the home of Bollywood), at once colonial and modern, earthly and spiritual.

Your Tour Price Includes
• Air transportation Varanasi/Mumbai inclusive of airline taxes and departure fees
• 3 nights’ accommodations at Taj Mahal Palace (Deluxe)
• 5 meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
• Extensive sightseeing, including Gateway to India monument, Prince of Wales Museum of Art, Archaeology, and Natural History; Town Hall, housing a library and museum; Chhatrapati Sivaji Terminus, with its extravagantly carved façade; Crawford Market; and the fascinating Dharavi slum, with its small-scale industries
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
• Private motorcoach transportation
• Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Please note that guests on this extension will leave the base tour on Day 16 at the conclusion of the Varanasi stay.
Tour Departs: January 10, 2016

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

- Boston, New York, Washington, DC: $4,653
- Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle: $4,853
- Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minnesota, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa: $5,053
- Birmingham, Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR): $5,153
- Land Only (transfers not included): $3,495

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include air-line taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees of $958, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,295. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $5,395 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and a significant amount of walking as well as some lengthy coach rides. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

For reservations and information please call The University of Alabama Alumni Association
205-348-1547
Or e-mail Ashley Olive at aolive@alumni.ua.edu

Your Tour Price Includes
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within India
- 15 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 32 meals: 14 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 9 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- 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

Delhi’s Tomb of Humayun

“I AM A WANDERER IN MY HEART.”
- Rabindranath Tagore

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. Tonight we celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner at our hotel. B,L

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

Day 17: Return to U.S. Early today we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S.

We may see tigers at Ranthambore.
Dear Alabama Alumni & Friends,

Join us on an exciting, comprehensive 17-day journey to India, a colorful and mystical place, bustling with activity and interest. You will visit places steeped in art, history, and architecture, which showcase both domestic and foreign influences on India’s culture.

Highlights of the tour include the historic cities of Old and New Delhi, one ancient and the other built by the British; Agra, stronghold of the medieval Mughal Empire and home to the Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, the “pink city” in the princely state of Rajasthan. Visit Kalakho and embark on a camel safari. Explore Varanasi, India’s holiest city, and enjoy a two-night stay at the Ranthambore Tiger Preserve, home to the elusive Bengal tiger. An optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension to Mumbai is also available.

We are pleased to share this tour with alumni and friends of Oregon State University. With space for only 24 guests in total, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today and secure your place on this enchanting tour of India!

Sincerely,

Ashley Olive
Alumni Tour Coordinator
The University of Alabama

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA RESERVATION FORM: MYSTICAL INDIA

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $_____ ($500 per person) for ____ person/people on Mystical India departing January 10, 2016. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail check (along with the completed reservation form) to: The University of Alabama Alumni Association, PO Box 861928, Tuscaloosa, AL, 35486. For more information, please call Ashley Olive at 205-348-1547 or e-mail aolive@alumni.ua.edu.

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

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Mystical India, January 10-26, 2016, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ________________________________________________________________ Date___________________

Method of Payment ☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA
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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due by October 7, 2015 and is payable by check or credit card.

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

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

Cancellations, refunds and changes
If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund. If a guest makes any changes within 94 and 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 making your reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, 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.

Responsibility
The liability of The University of Alabama, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. 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 our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. 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, the University of Alabama 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 they feel 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 assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure 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.