



### **Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006(Friday) Arrive Delhi**

Arrive at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. You will be met at the airport and escorted to your hotel. Breakfast. Afternoon free to relax and get over jet lag.

This evening you will be taken to visit the Majestic Red Fort to witness the famous sound and light show. Built behind red sandstone walls, this is Shah Jahan's 17<sup>th</sup> century statement of mogul power and elegance. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### **Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 (Saturday) Delhi**

Delhi-India's capital and major gateway to the country, is a bustling metropolis, which successfully combines in its folds – the ancient with the modern. Amidst the fast spiraling skyscrapers the remnants of a bygone time in the form of its many monuments stand as silent reminders to the region's ancient legacy's Indira Gandhi International airport.

Following a leisurely breakfast you will proceed for a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi. Later the tour continues to the Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque completed in 1656 by 5000 labourers who worked continuously for 6 years. Enjoy a joy ride in a cycle rickshaw through the narrow bustling lanes of Chandani Chowk, which was once the formal imperial avenue where the Mogul Emperor Shah Jahan once rode at the head of his lavish cavalcade.

In the afternoon proceed on a tour of Imperial Delhi. Visit Qutab Minar, the 234 ft tower, considered to be the tallest tower in India. Then visit Humayun's tomb, built by the widow of the second Mogul Emperor, Humayun. It is an outstanding monument in the Indo-Persian style, a precursor of Taj Mahal. The tour also includes a drive past the imposing India Gate, Parliament Building and the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Presidents residence. Evening is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

### **Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 (Sunday) Delhi-Agra**

Breakfast. Early morning you will drive to the Mogul city of Agra (206 km/3-4hours). Agra, in terms of its ambience is still associated to its Mogul period. It's line-up of monuments stand in mute testimony to the splendour of a bygone era and the visionary farsightedness of many monarchs who once ruled different parts of this state. Arrive Agra and transfer to your hotel.

In the afternoon, you will proceed to Agra fort. The architecture of this fort reflects on the creative brilliance of Akbar, his son Jehangir, and his grandson Shah Jahan. This fort was mainly built for security. Next we continue to The World Famous Taj Mahal. It is everything that has been said about it and more. Taking 22 years and 22000 men to build it, the white marble was quarried at a site 200 miles away and was transported using a fleet of 1000 elephants. Built by the Mogul Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, in the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. You will have ample time to view and be mesmerized by this outstanding piece of architecture and to later assemble with the whole group for a photograph with the Taj Mahal as

the backdrop. Rest of the evening is free for shopping and other activities. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 2006(Monday) Agra- Jaipur**

Breakfast. This morning you will be transferred by road to the Pink City of Jaipur(226 km/4-5 hours), capital of the state of Rajasthan. This ancient city was protected by huge 20 ft walls and 8 strong gates, still intact today. En route you will visit Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted red sandstone city built by the great mogul emperor Akbar as his capital and palace in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. Following the visit proceed to your hotel. Rest of the day free for shopping and own activities. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2006(Tuesday) Jaipur**

Breakfast. In the morning, you will be driven just outside Jaipur to the ancient capital of Amber to see the fabulous Amber fort built by Maharaja Mansingh , mogul emperor Akbar's most successful general, in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. An elephant will spare you the trouble of reaching up to the fortress. En route to Amer you will stop to see the 'Palace Of Winds', otherwise known as the 'Hawa Mahal'.

Afternoon you will visit the city palace which is an overwhelming complex of exquisite palaces, gardens, courtyards, decorative arts and carved doorways. Walk to the adjacent Jantar Mantar of Astronomical observatory made by the Maharaja of Jaipur, built in 1726 and is one of the 5 such astronomical wonders built by Sawai Jai Singh and makes accurate predictions even till date. This evening you will be invited to a dinner organized at the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Feb 1<sup>st</sup> , 2006 (Wednesday) Jaipur-Delhi**

Breakfast. Depart for Delhi. On arrival, check into hotel. In the afternoon, proceed on a shopping tour. Visit the shopping center in Janpath, Dilli haat and Pragati Maidan. Overnight stay.

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 (Thursday) Delhi-Mumbai**

Breakfast. Morning free for last-minute shopping. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight for Mumbai. On arrival at Mumbai you will be met and escorted to your hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Mumbai is the Capital of Maharashtra state and the trendiest city in the whole of India. It is a city unto itself and hits you with an intensity all of its own.

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 (Friday)**

Breakfast. In the morning you will visit the beautifully sculpted rock-cut temples of Elephant Islands, which are 9 nautical miles from Mumbai and will be reached by taking a motor launch from the Gateway of India. They are believed to have been created 450 and 750 A.D.

This afternoon you will proceed for a sightseeing tour of Mumbai. You will visit the Gateway of India which was built to commemorate the visit of King George V in 1911, Hanging Garden's lovely terrace gardens providing beautiful sunset views over the Arabian sea, Kamla Nehru Park, small children's playground providing gorgeous panoramic views of the city below). All over Mumbai's reservoir, in Malabar hills. Drive past the Marine Drive. Crawford

market, and Chhatrapati Shivaji railway terminus, remarkable example of Victorian Gothic architecture in India. End your tour with a visit to the Prince of Wales museum. Evening is at leisure. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 2006 (Saturday) Mumbai**

Following a leisurely breakfast you will be transferred to the Taj Land Ends. Arrive and check in to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Vehicle will be at your disposal. Overnight stay at hotel.

**Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2006 (Sunday) Mumbai**

Breakfast. Full day free for personal activities. Vehicle will be at your disposal. Overnight stay.

**Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2006 (Monday)**

Breakfast. Full day at leisure. Vehicle will be provided at disposal in Mumbai city limits only. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2006 (Tuesday)**

Breakfast. Vehicle at your disposal. We will request the hotel to provide maximum possible late checkout, however, the same will be subject to the availability of rooms. Late evening you will be transferred to the international airport to board your flight back home.

**Hotel selection**

<u>City</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>No. of nights.</u>
New Delhi	Taj Mahal	2+early check-in
Agra	The Oberoi Amar Vilas / Taj View	1
Jaipur	Rambagh Palace	2
Mumbai	Taj Mahal (Palace wing)	2
Mumbai	Taj Lands End	3

**Validity: January to March 2006**

**Tour Cost**

Per Person on twin sharing basis:	US \$ 2500
Per Person in Single occupancy:	US \$ 4200
Supplements for monument entrance fees per person :	US \$ 65

**Tour Cost Includes:-**

- Ten nights + 1 early check-in accommodation in twin sharing basis as per hotels mentioned above or similar.
- Meal plan-daily buffet / fixed menu breakfast
- Arrival/departure transfers, sightseeing excursions as per itinerary by air-conditioned vehicles.
- Elephant ride at Amer fort, Jaipur
- Cycle Rickshaw ride in Old Delhi
- Mineral water, soft drinks on the coach during intercity transfers and sightseeing
- Private motor launch for Elephant excursions, Mumbai
- Air conditioned vehicle at disposal within the city limits as mentioned in above itinerary
- Poterage of two pieces of baggage per person
- Currently applicable taxes

**Cost does not include-**

- Any tips, laundry, telephone, drinks, or any other expenses of personal nature.
- Airfare/ train fare
- 4.08% Government Service Tax
- Any other items not specified above



## **Goa Extension 3 Nights / 4 Days**

### **Day 1 Mumbai – Goa**

Breakfast. Today you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight for Goa. Depart by 9W 471, departure 1230 hrs / arrival 1330 hrs. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Check in to your hotel. Rest of the day is free to stroll on the beach and relax. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### **Day 2: Goa**

Breakfast. The tiny state of Goa (population 1.2 million), a Portuguese colony until 1961 is India's most famous beach destination.

Half-day tour of Goa. Cover the famous Shanti durga and Mangeshi temples. Also cover Basilica of Bom Jesus. Enjoy a boat-ride on the River Mandovi. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### **Day3:Goa**

Day at leisure for strolling or individual activities. Overnight stay at the hotel.

### **Day 4: Goa-Mumbai**

The morning will be at leisure. Later in the afternoon you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight for Mumbai. Depart by 9W 474-departure 1615hrs/ arrival 1715 hrs. On arrival you will be transferred to the international airport for your onward journey back home.

### **Hotel selection: -**

<u>City</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>No. of nights</u>
Goa	Taj Exotica	3

**Validity: January to March 2006**

### **Tour Cost:-**

Per Person on twin sharing basis: US \$ 650

Per Person in Single occupancy: US \$ 1100

### **Cost includes: -**

- Three nights accommodation in twin sharing basis as per hotels mentioned above or similar
- Meal plan-daily buffet/fixed menu breakfast
- Arrival/departure transfer, sightseeing excursions as per itinerary by air conditioned vehicles
- Assistance on arrival/departure.
- Currently applicable taxes.

**Cost does not include:-**

- Any tips, laundry, telephone, drinks or any other expenses of personal nature.
- Airfare / train fare
- 4.08% Government Service Tax
- Any other items not specified above



**CHENNAI EXTENSION**  
**Mumbai-Chennai-Cove long-Chennai-Mumbai**  
**3 Nights / 4days**

**Day 1 (Mumbai-Chennai-Covelong)**

Breakfast. This morning you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Chennai. Depart by 9W 463, Departure 0645 hrs/ arrival 0835hrs.

You be met on arrival and transferred to Cove long. (45km/1.5 hrs.). Arrive and proceed to your beach resort. Whole day free to go shopping or to relax on the beach or at the pool in your resort. You may also try the optional spa treatment available at your resort. Overnight stay at hotel.

**Day 2 (Covelong-Mahablaipuram-Kanchipuram-Covelong)**

Breakfast. Today you will proceed for a full day excursion to Mahablaipuram and Kanchipuram. Mahablaipuram, an ancient Pallava port was built in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, 64km from Madras. Today it is the site of many antique and ancient sculptural marvels. Visit the open air bas relief's structured temples, man made caves and the five monolithic 'Rathas' (Chariot carved from single processions) reflect this art at its best. Arjuna's penance, here is the world largest bas relief measuring 27 meters by 9 meters.

Later visit Kanchipuram, a busy pilgrimage center, humming with activity around its extraordinary temple precincts. Established by a Pallava king in the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. visit the Kailasanatha temple at Kanchipuram with a 4-storied tower and an octagonal shikhara is a commendable piece of creativity. Also renowned here are the world famous Kanchipuram hand woven silk and cotton fabrics. Evening is at leisure. Overnight stay at hotel.

**Day 3 (Covelong – Chennai)**

Breakfast. This morning you will be transferred to Chennai by road. Arrive and proceed to your hotel. This afternoon you will proceed to visit the Government Museum and the art gallery with its exciting collection of bronzes and Fort St. George, which was built by the East India Company in 1640. Presently used by the Tamil Nadu Legislative assembly. Lastly visit the Kapaleswarar Temple, the biggest temple in Madras where you can watch the priest performing the ritual 'Aarti' – a prayer invoking the blessings of the Supreme being. Rest of the evening is at leisure for shopping of famous Indian silk saris and dress material. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**Day 4 (Depart Chennai)**

Breakfast. Early this morning you will be transferred to international airport to board your onward flight back home from Mumbai.

**Hotel selection:-**

<u>City</u>	<u>Hotel</u>	<u>No. of nights</u>
Cove long	Taj fisherman's Cove	2
Chennai	Taj Conemara	1

**Validity: January to March 2006****Tour Cost:-**

Per Person on twin sharing basis: US \$ 700

Per Person in Single occupancy: US \$ 1200

**Above rates are not valid from 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2006****Cost includes: -**

- Three nights accommodation in twin sharing basis as per hotels mentioned above or similar
- Meal plan-daily buffet/fixed menu breakfast
- Arrival/departure transfer, sightseeing excursions as per itinerary by air conditioned vehicles
- Services of an English Speaking guide for sightseeing excursions as per itinerary
- Assistance on arrival/departure.
- Currently applicable taxes.

**Cost does not include :-**

- Any tips, laundry, telephone, drinks or any other expenses of personal nature.
- Airfare / train fare
- 4.08% Government Service Tax
- Any other items not specified above