This unique program showcases the best of exotic India and Nepal. Tour Delhi, India’s multidimensional capital, which embodies both colonial British influence and an ancient Islamic heritage. Enjoy carefully crafted excursions as well as free time to explore. Dine with a local Indian family, see markets from the seat of a tuk tuk and witness cultural performances of folk dance and devotional music. Travel to the historic towns of Jaipur, Galtaji, and Agra, where you’ll visit the Taj Mahal, the Fatehpur Sikri, Agra Fort and Jantar Mantar. Spot wildlife during a safari in Ranthambore National Park, a celebrated tiger reserve. Venture to Nepal and explore vibrant Kathmandu and the rich cultural heritage of Patan. Visit some of the world’s most important Hindu and Buddhist sites, including the Pashupatinath Temple.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
- Your exclusive Small-Group experience is limited to 28 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- Luxurious hotel accommodations, renowned for every modern convenience and amenity, in five locations.
- Visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Set out on wildlife game drives in Ranthambore National Park, a renowned tiger sanctuary, aboard 16-seat, open-air safari vehicles.
- Marvel at the famous Taj Mahal in Agra during sunrise and sunset visits.
- Admire the many architectural treasures of Kathmandu, Nepal’s vibrant capital, and the nearby town of Patan, an architectural gem.
- Immerse yourself in local culture with dinner at a family home in Jaipur, a concert of Sufi devotional music and a thrilling Nepalese folk dance performance.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations
- Three nights in Delhi, India, at the deluxe Taj Palace Hotel.
- Two nights in Jaipur at the deluxe Jai Mahal Palace.
- Two nights in Ranthambore National Park at the deluxe Taj Sawai Madhopur Lodge.
- Two nights in Agra at the deluxe Jaypee Palace Hotel.
- Three nights in Kathmandu, Nepal, at the deluxe Hyatt Regency Kathmandu.
- One night in Delhi at the deluxe Taj Palace Hotel.

Transportation
- All flights and deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Activities and Events
- Informative educational programs presented by local experts will enhance your insight into the region.
- All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Attend a Welcome Reception.
- Gather for a Farewell Dinner.

Extensive Meal Program
- Enjoy 12 breakfasts, nine lunches and six dinners; tea or coffee with all meals.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS
- Consultation services of a dedicated Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced Travel Director throughout your stay.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.
DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT
Depart for Delhi, India.*

* Provided for Air Program participants.

DAY 2 ~ DELHI
Upon arrival, transfer* to Taj Palace Hotel and enjoy a welcome drink.

DAY 3 ~ DELHI
Educational Focus: Introduction to Indian History and Culture.
Excursion: Old Delhi. Begin your day at the Gandhi Memorial Museum. Travel to Raj Ghat, Gandhi’s final resting place, and the Sunehri Masjid mosque. Ride a rickshaw through the Chandni Chowk markets and visit Jama Masjid, one of India’s largest mosques.

Tonight, gather with fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception.

DAY 4 ~ DELHI
Excursion: New Delhi. See the India Gate, the Parliament House and the President’s residence. Explore the red sandstone Humayun’s Tomb.

Excursion: Nizamuddin Dargah. Enjoy a performance of Sufi devotional music at the mausoleum of a Sufi saint.

DAY 5 ~ JAIPUR
Fly to Jaipur.

Excursion: Jaipur. See the City Palace, Hawa Mahal and the astronomical devices of Jantar Mantar.

Check in to the Jai Mahal Palace.

Educational Focus: The Historical States of India and the Rajput Mughul Relationship.

DAY 6 ~ JAIPUR
Excursion: Galtaji. Visit Galtaji, an unforgettable Hindu pilgrimage site of temples and natural springs situated amid a large tribe of rhesus monkeys. Visit the imposing Amer Fort and ride a tuk tuk through a local bazaar.

Local Flavor: Enjoy dinner with an Indian family in their home.

DAY 7 ~ RANTHAMBORE
Travel through scenic local villages and agricultural areas to the renowned Rantambore National Park, home to a large but delicate tiger sanctuary.

Check in to the Taj Sawai Madhopur Lodge.

Educational Focus: Wildlife in India and the Elusive Tiger in Indian Lore.

DAY 8 ~ RANTHAMBORE
Excursion: Game Drives. Morning and afternoon game drives showcase the amazing diversity of the area. In addition to tigers, discover what plants and wildlife you can spot on safari.

DAY 9 ~ AGRA
Transfer to Agra and check in to the Jaypee Palace Hotel.

Excursion: Fatehpur Sikri. En route, enjoy a tour of this Mughal complex of monuments and temples.

DAY 10 ~ AGRA
Excursion: Taj Mahal. Watch the sun rise at this milky white monument to love, then enjoy a guided tour of the interior. Return at the end of the day to admire the façade at sunset.

Excursion: Agra. Visit the mosques and palaces of the Agra Fort, the imperial city of the Mughal rulers. Later, visit Agra craftsmen at work.

DAY 11 ~ KATHMANDU
Transfer to Delhi and fly to Kathmandu, Nepal. Check in to the Hyatt Regency Kathmandu.

DAY 12 ~ KATHMANDU
Excursion: Kathmandu. Discover this lively capital, including the stunning Swayambhunath Stupa, an important religious shrine also known as the Monkey Temple, and Durbar Square.

Excursion: Patan. Delight in the ornate architecture of Patan.

Tonight, enjoy dinner accompanied by a performance of Nepalese folk dances.

DAY 13 ~ KATHMANDU
Excursion: Hindu and Buddhist Temples. See Pashupatinath Temple, one of the most sacred Hindu temples in Nepal, and Boudhanath, one of the holiest Buddhist sites in the country.

Tonight, attend a Farewell Dinner.

DAY 14 ~ KATHMANDU/DELHI
The morning is at leisure to explore, shop or relax in Kathmandu.

This afternoon, fly to Delhi and check in to the Taj Palace Hotel.

DAY 15 ~ IN TRANSIT
Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.*

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ACCOMMODATIONS

TAJ PALACE HOTEL
Just 10 minutes from the center of Delhi, the modern Taj Palace Hotel was listed on the “World’s 500 Best Hotels” list in 2012 by Travel + Leisure magazine. Dine on gourmet local and international cuisine in seven restaurants and lounges, relax at the spa or pool and exercise in the state-of-the-art fitness center.

JAI MAHAL PALACE
Surrounded by 18 acres of landscaped Moghul Gardens, this deluxe hotel is housed in a palace dating from 1745. Listed on the 2012 Gold List by the discerning readers of Condé Nast Traveler, the elegance of this luxurious oasis reaches from the fully equipped spa to the well-appointed guest rooms. Enjoy six dining options, from gourmet pan-Indian at Cinnamon to casual snacks at the Pool Lounge.

TAJ SAWAI MADHOPUR LODGE
A former royal hunting lodge, this delightful hotel has a rustic charm and a full array of modern services. Amenities include a spa, an outdoor swimming pool and a dining room serving delicious local and international dishes.

JAYPEE PALACE HOTEL
A tranquil retreat on 25 acres in the heart of Agra, this hotel offers a wide range of services, from a fully equipped spa, a fitness center and a swimming pool to billiards, putting greens and a bowling alley. Enjoy a delicious meal in one of the hotel’s seven restaurants.

HYATT REGENCY KATHMANDU
Located in the heart of the city this renowned hotel boasts a full-service spa, a fitness center, two swimming pools, three tennis courts, and four restaurants and bars. Each guest room offers views of mountains or the beautiful gardens.