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OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 14, 2018





## YOUR PROFESSIONAL NATURALIST ~ ANIRUDDHA MOOKERJEE (JHAM PAN)



Aniruddha Mookerjee, "Jhampan," spent his childhood in small towns in the northern Indian state of Rajasthan, growing up with a variety of "pets" that included tiger cubs, deer, and birds. He started his career in print journalism in 1982 and worked in senior capacities with national and international newspapers, Reuters, and TIME magazine. Jhampan has travelled and reported extensively in India covering National News and elections, including topics such as ecology and conservation, which are his main interest. Television came next in 1990, and then he worked as an independent documentary filmmaker on such subjects as global warming, renewable energy sources, traditional knowledge, sustainable livelihoods, and human-animal conflicts.

In 1999, Jhampan joined the fledgling Wildlife Trust of India as Director of Programmes, where he planned and started a number of pioneering projects that deal with diverse problems of species and habitat conservation. He directed the now internationally acclaimed Whale Shark Campaign and the groundbreaking research on Shahtoosh workers in Kashmir. He has travelled extensively in the wilds of India with a focus on the mountains: especially Ladakh, Tibet, and the western Himalayas. With a broad interest in birds, mammals, and natural history, he is also interested in Indian regional and international cuisine, having co-authored books on cookery and written about food for newspapers.

Jhampan is currently Senior Director Programmes and COO of Wildlife Trust of India, and he also heads Earth Camps, an organization that promotes responsible wildlife tourism and provides conservation learning opportunities for young students.

## YOUR SAN DIEGO ZOO ESCORT ~ BARBARA DURRANT, PH.D.



Dr. Barbara Durrant serves the Zoological Society of San Diego as the Institute for Conservation Research's Henshaw Director of Reproductive Sciences. Barbara joined the Institute as a post-doctoral fellow doing embryo transfer research in armadillos. Her scientific interests include reproductive biology, endocrinology and behavior. She was instrumental in the successful propagation of giant pandas at the San Diego Zoo and has initiated research projects involving cheetahs, okapi, tigers, lions, sloth bears, pheasants, turtles, snakes and lizards. She currently leads the assisted reproduction effort of the Northern White Rhino Initiative.

In addition to her professional duties at the institute, she also is an adjunct professor at San Diego State University and Palomar College, where she taught Animal Behavior. She serves the International Embryo Technology Society (IETS) as a member of the Board of Governors, the Board of Trustees, and as Treasurer.

Barbara has conducted research in Asia for many years, working with the giant panda, Asiatic black bear and the Yangtze River giant softshell turtle. She has led Zoo trips to Africa, China, and the Galapagos, and is excited to share the India she has come to know during her many visits there. A special highlight of the trip will be a visit to the sloth bear rescue facility where Barbara directs and coordinates research on the sloth bear.



## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~TUESDAY~OCTOBER 30

#### SAN DIEGO/NEWARK/ EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your flight in San Diego for your overnight flight to Delhi via Newark. (Meals Aloft)

### DAY 2~WEDNESDAY~OCTOBER 31

#### DELHI

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your home for the next two nights in the premier business and commercial district, Connaught Place. Right next to lively shopping centers, office complexes and colorful streets, the hotel is 15 miles from the international airport and just minutes from government offices, cultural centers and international trade fair grounds. It is also within proximity to historical landmarks like India Gate, Jama Masjid, and Red Fort. All rooms are air conditioned and consist of en suite bathrooms with stylish bath fittings. The interior of the rooms are decorated with antique furniture. Private balconies offer splendid view of the sprawling lawns and the cityscape. The Lalit



New Delhi also offers a cosmopolitan choice of dining and entertainment options that extends to eight restaurants and bars. These include the world-famous "Blue Elephant," serving royal Thai cuisine; "The Grill," with trendy continental innovations; "Woks" for Chinese flavors; "Baluchi" with Indian specialties; "The Rendezvous" for all-day dining; and "Art Junction," an art gallery with a cafe.

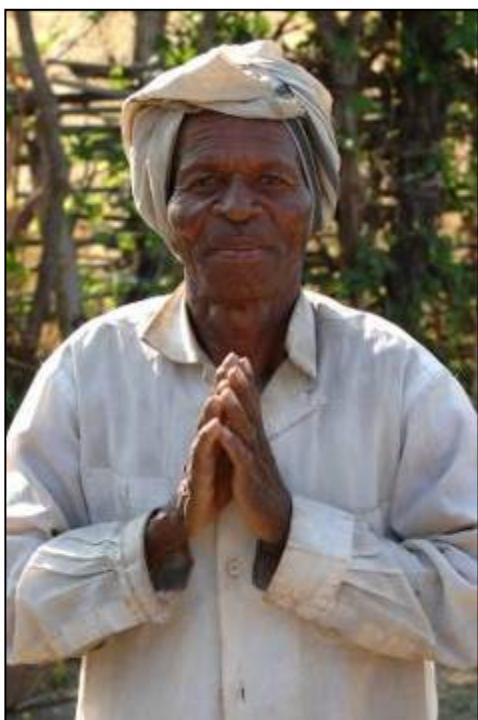
Overnight at THE LALIT HOTEL NEW DELHI. (Meals aloft). <http://www.thelalit.com/the-lalit-new-delhi/>

### DAY 3~THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 1

#### DELHI

Spend today acclimating to your new time zone and exploring one of the most fascinating cities in the world. India's capital and political hub is an ancient city that has something for everyone. Settled seven times over the centuries, the city has grown in a way that reflects its past while retaining its cosmopolitan flavor. Delhi is India's showcase, be it architecture, religion, shopping, culture – everything is available here and waiting to be discovered!

Venture off to Old Delhi for a visit to Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, with a courtyard capable of holding 25,000 devotees. Built in 1644, it was the last in the series of architectural indulgences of Shah Jahan, the Mughal emperor who also built the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort. The highly decorative mosque has three great gateways, four towers, and two 135-foot-high minarets constructed of strips of red sandstone and white marble. Visitors should dress respectfully (no shorts, miniskirts, tank tops, etc.). Next, visit the Red Fort, once the most opulent fort and palace of the Mughal Empire. The main entrance to the fort is the Lahore Gate, named so for facing toward Lahore in Pakistan. Delhi Gate is similar to Lahore but grander in design, and the gate was used by the emperor every Friday for ceremonial processions to the Jama Masjid.



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Explore the walled city of Old Delhi on a traditional rickshaw ride. On your cycle rickshaw sightseeing tour your senses will come alive as you encounter the many captivating sights and sounds this amazing city has to offer.



Continue to "New" Delhi and visit Humayun's Tomb, built in the mid-16th century by the senior wife of the second Mughal emperor—the first significant example of Mughal architecture in India and one of the most beautiful buildings in the city. The elements of its design are echoed in the later Taj Mahal. A squat building with high arched entrances is topped by a bulbous dome and surrounded by formal gardens containing the red-and-white sandstone and black-and-yellow marble tomb of Humayun's wife and, somewhat surprisingly, the tomb of Humayun's barber. Continue on your drive along the ceremonial avenue, Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate, Parliament House, and the president's residence.

Visit Qutub Minar, whose superb buildings date from the onset of Islamic rule in India. The

Qutub Minar itself is a soaring 240-foot-high tower of victory that was started in 1193, immediately after the defeat of the last Hindu kingdom in Delhi. At its base is Quwwat-ul-Islam Masjid (Might of Islam Mosque), India's first. An inscription over the mosque's eastern gate provocatively informs that it was built with material obtained from demolishing 27 "idolatrous" (read Hindu) temples. A 23-foot-high iron pillar stands in the courtyard of the mosque and it's said that if you can encircle it with your hands while standing with your back to it, your wish will be fulfilled; however, the pillar is now protected by a fence. Return to the Diplomatic Enclave and your hotel where the rest of the day is at leisure.

Tonight's welcome dinner will offer you an introduction to the astounding richness of Indian cuisine.

Overnight at THE LALIT HOTEL NEW DELHI. (B,D)

#### **DAYS 4/5 ~FRIDAY/SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 2/3**

#### **NAGPUR/PENCH NATIONAL PARK**

Wake up early this morning for your flight to Nagpur and proceed on a drive to Pench National Park (56 miles, 2-3 hours drive). Nestled in the lower southern reaches of the Satpura hills, it is named after the Pench River, which flows from north to south through the park. The terrain is filled mainly with gentle slopes crisscrossed by streams. Most of these, of course, are seasonal, as is the Pench River, which dries up by April, but a number of pools locally known as "dohs" are found, serving as water holes for animals. A few perennial springs also exist. Recently, a number of earthen ponds and shallow wells have been developed, leading to well-distributed sources of water all around the reserve.

The landscape supports a mosaic of vegetation ranging from moist, sheltered valleys to open, dry deciduous forest. Over 1,200 species of plants have been recorded in the area, including several rare and endangered plants. As a result, Pench has the highest density of herbivores in India (90.3 animals per sq. km.). The area is especially famous for large groups of gaur, chital, sambar, nilgai, wild dog, and boar. The key predator is the tiger, followed by leopard, wild dog, and



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wolf. Other animals include the sloth bear, chousingha, chinkara, barking deer, jackal, fox, palm and Indian civets, hyena, and porcupine. In addition, there are over 285 species of resident and migratory birds, including the Malabar-pied hornbill, Indian pitta, osprey, gray-headed fishing eagle, and white-eyed buzzard. In winter months, thousands of migratory waterfowl, such as the Brahmini duck, pochard, bar-headed goose, and coot, visit the park.

Jamtara Wilderness Camp is a new tented lodge located in Pench National Park, near the village of Jamtara from where it takes its name. The camp is the only one located on the Jamtara Gate side of the national park, giving camp guests an enhanced wildlife experience due to its seclusion and the opportunity to cover a more diverse area of the jungle. Each of the 12 luxury tents is designed to feel light and open, allowing guests the optimum view of nature. With the option of rolling up the front panels of the tent, guests can bring the outside in but still be in the privacy of your own room. Decorated in safari colonial style, you will be transported back in time, with hardwood flooring under your feet and wooden furniture at your fingertips. Although these are tented rooms, the bathroom has been made into a permanent structure with all the modern amenities. While many may prefer to sleep inside the tent, you may like to feel a little more connected with nature and take the option of sleeping outside on the patio.

Overnights at the JAMTARA WILDERNESS CAMP. (B,L,D Daily) [www.jamtarawilderness.com](http://www.jamtarawilderness.com)



## DAYS 6/7~SUNDAY/MONDAY~NOVEMBER 4/5

### KANHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, you will drive to Kanha National Park, with its lush sal and bamboo forests, grassy meadows, and ravines, which provided inspiration to Rudyard Kipling's famous novel, *The Jungle Book*. The largest wildlife sanctuary in Asia, Kanha National Park was one of the first Project Tiger reserves in India. It is, in many ways, Project Tiger's biggest success story, with the tiger population doubling since 1976. Over 740 square miles of habitat make up Kanha—a series of plateaus that stretch across the eastern segment of the Satpura Ranges in Madhya Pradesh. This is the land of the tiger, the leopard, and wolf. Porcupine, spotted deer, jackal, sloth bear, jungle cat, macaque, dhole (wild dog), bison, and a stunning spectrum of birds also inhabit Kanha, making a trip to the sanctuary a must for any wildlife enthusiast. It is a truly thrilling experience, made more so by sightings of the tiger, gaur, or even the tiny mouse deer (muntjac) and the rare barasingha, found only in Kanha. Go bird-watching on a misty winter morning and you're likely to see beauties like the racquet-tailed drongo, crimson-breasted barbet, crested hawk eagle, and golden oriole.

Activities over the next two days will mainly consist of jungle safaris, conducted in 4 x 4 vehicles, which are open from all sides to give you a panoramic, unobstructed view of the landscape and every bird or mammal that may just sneak into the tall grasses. You will be able to listen to the sounds of nature, whether it's mating calls, alarm calls, distress calls or just a casual roar. Nature walks can also be arranged as well as visits to the local villages.



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Kahna Earth Lodge is just that -- a place where you can be at one with the Earth. The lodge architecture has been inspired by the stunning Gond tribal villages, which are situated on the fringes of Kanha, making it blend in effortlessly with the forest and rural architecture. The lodge respects the environment, and the simplistic buildings merge well with the landscape. Set in deep jungles in an area untouched by any kind of tourism or development, it offers the discerning guest the guarantee of privacy. The lodge has easy access to the Khatia/Kisli park gate and there is a good opportunity to view a variety of mammals and birds around the lodge itself. It is rustic yet deluxe, built mainly with local stone, logs, baked tiles, tribal artifacts and furnished with fine rustic furniture, sanitary fittings, and cotton upholstery. The lodge has only 12 beautiful, open-fronted bungalows with en suite bathrooms and large open verandahs. Delightful cuisine, a sparkling infinity pool, a nature library cum presentation room and office cum eco shop, round out the amenities.



Overnights at KANHA EARTH LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) [www.kanhaearthlodge.com](http://www.kanhaearthlodge.com)

#### **DAYS 8/9/10~TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 6/7/8**

#### **BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK**

Your long but culturally enriching drive takes you to Bandhavgarh, a wildlife retreat where history and nature meet. Set among the Vindhyan Mountain Range in Madhya Pradesh, Bandhavgarh National Park is home to the famous white tigers of Rewa. The prominent ones captured in the park include the legendary white tiger called Mohan, who supposedly fathered several offspring found in zoos the world over. Bandhavgarh's history goes back 2,000 years, and the earliest signs of habitation can be seen in the caves excavated from the cliffs to the north of the fort. Brahmi inscription here dates back to the 1st century b.c., and Bandhavgarh was a hunting reserve of Rewa's royal family in more recent times, where an alarming number of tigers were hunted down in pre-independence India. Bandhavgarh was declared a national park in 1968 and the tigers are now protected. The landscape is a unique mixture of steep and rocky hills, with flat tops and level grasslands in the valleys below. The vegetation found within the park is moist deciduous forest with fine sal trees and stretches of bamboo. Today, the sanctuary is one of the best places to witness the tiger in action and has the highest-density tiger population of any wildlife park in the country. Other wild animals in Bandhavgarh include nilgai, chital, chinkara, gaur, sloth bear, and wild boar, along with 250 species of birds.



Like Kanha, jungle safaris are conducted by jeep. It is advisable to go on every possible safari, because a tiger sighting is never guaranteed and no sighting is the same.

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Your home for the next three nights is situated in Ranchi village, only a stone's throw from the coveted wildlife reserve. Kings Lodge is set among 12 acres of sal forest and it has ten cottage rooms and eight stilt rooms. Each stilt unit has a wooden lofted balcony. All rooms are well appointed and decorated with tribal art, giving the lodge a jungle ambience. The hotel also has a library, infinity swimming pool, and watchtower as well as a massage deck. The lodge has been built to blend with the surrounding landscape and has eco-sensitive policies. As darkness falls, in the peace and tranquility of the night and under the wonderful canopy of stars, one can hear various animals call—including the alarm call of the deer, the howling of jackals, or the occasional roar of a tiger. Overnights at KINGS LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) [www.kingslodge.in](http://www.kingslodge.in)



## DAY 11~FRIDAY~NOVEMBER 9

### KHAJURAHO

Begin another drive (6 hours) to Khajuraho, situated in the northernmost part of Madhya Pradesh. The name Khajuraho is derived from the Khajur tree (the date palm tree), which is grown abundantly in the region. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and then embark on a tour of the eastern group of temples. Khajuraho is famous for its enchanting temples, considered the "high point" of Indian architectural genius in the medieval period. Originally there were 85 temples, of which only 22 still exist. The amazingly short span of 100 years, from 950 A.D. to 1050 A.D., saw the completion of all the temples in an inspired burst of creativity. With the wane of the Chandela Empire, these magnificent temples lay neglected and vulnerable to the ravages of nature. It was only in this past century that they were rediscovered, restored, and

granted the recognition they justly deserve.



The temples are now a World Heritage Site, belonging not just to India but also to the world, and they are some of the best preserved monuments of this antiquity. Most of the temples are built of sandstone in varying shades of buff, pink or pale yellow, and each belongs to a different sect: the Shiva, Vaishnava or Jaina sects. However, they are often indistinguishable from one another to the untrained eye. The roofs are a series of graded peaks that resemble a mountain range and, in all probability, represent the possibility of higher levels of spiritual attainment. Erotic scenes represent a relatively small part of the carvings but sensuous eroticism prevails throughout all of the sculptures. In general, lower indulgences

appear lower on the temple while the deities appear near the top. The goddesses and gods represent the many manifestations of the divine Shakti and Shiva, the female and male principles, the Yin and the Yang. The divine sculptures in these temples are a tribute to life itself, embodying everything that is sublime and spontaneous about it. Popularly known as the 10th century temples, they represent a time frame when Khajuraho art was at its zenith.



The Lalit Temple View Khajuraho—just 657 feet from the renowned western group of temples, making it the closest to the temples. Surrounded by lush gardens, beautiful surroundings, and temples dating back to the 9th century, the Lalit Temple View Khajuraho was recommissioned in 2007. This boutique hotel has 48 rooms and suites offering five-star deluxe facilities and services with a modern hi-tech spa, swimming pool, conference facilities, restaurant, and bar. Overnight at the LALIT TEMPLE VIEW KHAJURAHO. (B) [www.thelalit.com/the-lalit-temple-view-khajuraho](http://www.thelalit.com/the-lalit-temple-view-khajuraho)

## DAYS 12/13~SATURDAY/SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 10/11

### KHAJURAHO/VARANASI

Some time at leisure in Khajuraho this morning before your flight to Varanasi, also known as Kashi and Benares, nestled on the north bank of the Ganges River in the state of Uttar Pradesh in northern India. It is one of the oldest living cities in the world, dating back about 3,500 years. For the pious Hindus, the city has always been the ultimate pilgrimage spot. These few lines by Mark Twain say it all: "*Benaras is older than history, older than tradition, older even than legend and looks twice as old as all of them put together.*" Hindus believe that one who is graced to die on the land of Varanasi would attain salvation and freedom from the cycle of birth and rebirth. The abode of Lord Shiva and Parvati, the origins of Varanasi are yet unknown. The Ganges in Varanasi is believed to have the power to wash away the sins of mortals. With Sarnath just a short distance away, the place where Buddha preached his first sermon after enlightenment, Varanasi has been a symbol of Hindu renaissance. Knowledge, philosophy, culture, devotion to Gods, Indian arts and crafts have all flourished here for centuries.



Your afternoon tour involves Sarnath, a small Buddhist town that is home to the Archeological Museum and the Mahabodhi Buddha Temple. Make sure to take a stroll in the deer park, where Buddha himself often meditated. In the evening, be part of a service on the banks of the river, and take a ride through the chaotic roads of Varanasi...this is one sight you will see nowhere else.

The Gateway Hotel in Varanasi is strategically situated on the Raja Bazar Road at Nadesar Palace Ground. All of the 130 guest rooms are elegantly appointed with central air conditioning, direct dial telephone, color satellite television and more. There is an international restaurant called Chowk that serves a variety of

cuisine. There is also an Indian specialty restaurant, Varuna. The hotel has a swimming pool and tennis courts as well a colonial-themed bar.

Overnights at THE GATEWAY HOTEL GANGES. (B,L,D) <https://gateway.tajhotels.com/en-in/ganges-varanasi/>

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## DAY 14~MONDAY~NOVEMBER 12

### VARANASI/DELHI

Take an early morning boat cruise on the holy river Ganges to witness the cremation site as well as the morning ritual of devout Hindus washing away their sins in the river. Return to the hotel for breakfast, and then enjoy a half-day city tour of Varanasi, which includes a visit to some of the most important temples in the city such as the Kashi Vishwanath temple.

Kashi Vishwanath Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and has earned the name of the Golden Temple because of the gold plating made from one ton of gold donated by Maharaja Ranjit Singh on its 50.8 feet high spire. Invaders destroyed the original temple and Rani Ahilyabai of Indore rebuilt it only in 1776. The fanatic Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb destroyed the Vishvanath Temple to replace it with the Gaynapi Mosque. However, one can still see the remnants of the temple in the intricate artwork of the western wall of the mosque. Today, the Kashi Vishwanath Temple and the Gyanvapi Mosque stand adjacent to each other.

Continue to the airport to board your flight to Delhi where a day room awaits you at the NOVOTEL AEROCITY. The balance of the day is at leisure before you transfer to the airport for your flight home, departing after midnight. (B,D)

## DAY 15~TUESDAY~NOVEMBER 13

### EN ROUTE/SAN DIEGO

Arrive San Diego this afternoon, bringing with you incredible memories of roaring tigers, ancient ruins, and amazing people. (Meals Aloft)





## OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR EXTENSION TO JAIPUR & AGRA

*A minimum of 6 passengers is required for this extension.*

### DAY 1~WEDNESDAY~OCTOBER 24

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### DAY 2~THURSDAY~OCTOBER 25

#### DELHI

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to your home for the evening, the Novotel Aerocity. Located in the heart of Aerocity, this bright, modern hotel is ideal for enjoying the city and is in proximity to the airport. The hotel is within walking distance to the high end retail district, and close to India's Fortune 500 companies. Along with a fitness center, enjoy a full-service spa, pool, and variety of dining options. High-speed wireless internet is included throughout.

Overnight at the NOVOTEL AEROCITY HOTEL. (Meals Aloft)



### DAY 3~FRIDAY~OCTOBER 26

#### DELHI/JAIPUR



Your flight this morning takes you to Jaipur, the administrative and commercial capital of what was known as Rajputana. Begun in 1727 and completed in just eight years, Jaipur was the first city in India to enjoy rigorous town planning according to the principles laid down in "Shilpa Shashtra," an ancient Indian article on architecture. The city is protected by high walls, with wide, straight avenues that divide it into nine sectors (apparently reflecting the nine divisions of the universe, resembling the Indian horoscope), each named after the commodity and caste that lived and practiced their specific skills here—the concept of using order and space to design a city in India was revolutionary at the time. Upon arrival, you are escorted to your hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Your home for the next two nights is Hotel ITC Rajputana, one of the best hotels in the Pink City. One can find echoes of aristocracy and the nobility of royal Rajasthan in ITC Rajputana. Built on 7 acres of land with a lush green environment, the hotel offers beautiful views of the city. The ITC's 216 rooms, exterior design, and gardens all reflect the spirit of Rajasthan and its royalty. In addition, the Sheraton is well equipped to offer guests the best in modern facilities and services. The four on-site restaurants serve international and exotic cuisine for you to enjoy. Offering beautiful views of the swimming pool, the Sheeshmahal Bar is an ideal place to unwind with a drink.

Overnight at the ITC RAJPUTANA HOTEL in Rajputana Royal rooms.  
(B,L,D)

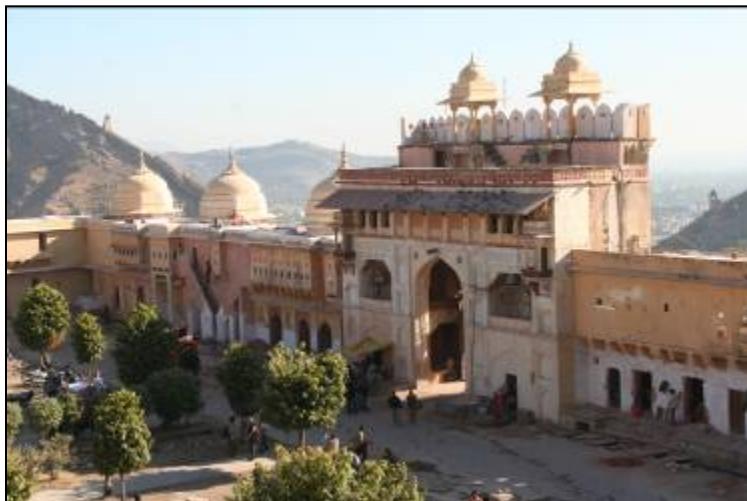


## DAYS 4/5~SATURDAY/SUNDAY~OCTOBER 27/28

### JAIPUR

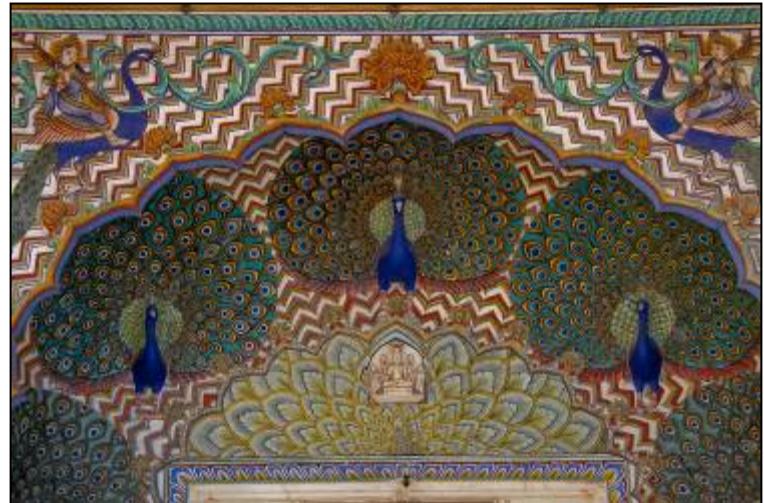
Jaipur is known as the Pink City, a rather idealized description of the terra-cotta-colored lime plaster that coats the old part of the city's walls, buildings, and temples. The reasons for painting the town pink are unknown, but various theories have been suggested, from using pink to cut down glare, to the city's founder, Jai Singh II's, apparent devotion to Lord Shiva (whose favorite color is reputedly terra-cotta). Others believe Singh wanted to imitate the color of the sandstone used in the forts and palaces of his Mughal emperor friends. The most popular reason is that pink is the traditional color of hospitality, and the city was freshly painted and paved with pink gravel to warmly welcome Edward VII for his visit there in 1876. The city is painted pink once every 10 years by the Municipal

Corporation, and in 2000 the painting was timed for a state visit, this time by former U.S. president Bill Clinton.



The history and times of Jaipur are deeply entwined with the stories of royal princes and princesses, with grand Mughals, and later with visiting dignitaries from the British Royal Family or 20th century royalty like the U.S. presidential families. Modern Jaipur plays host to all of them and to many thousands who come here, enchanted by all the city has to offer. Jaipur is undoubtedly a city of kings and queens and its distinctive architecture clearly emphasizes this. Even so it has a timeless appeal, since many of the traditional crafts patronized by 18th century rulers are still thriving. So, you have streets that are famous for jewelry, tie-and-dye, pottery, "meenakari," leatherwork, and stone carvings.

Visit one of the major attractions at Jaipur, the Amber Fort. The breathtakingly beautiful complex of the Amber Fort consists of palaces, halls, pavilions, gardens, and temples. It is astounding that it took more than two centuries for its construction. The elegance exuded by the fort is simply awesome. On your way back, stop at the Hawa Mahal, or the Palace of Winds, located on the main street of the old city: the five-story building is a pink splendor with carved trelliswork. This structure was meant to be a window for the royal ladies to view the activities on the street, including daily life and processions. You will relish each moment of the royal retreat. Another landmark worth visiting is the former residence of the royal family, the City Palace. This charming palace embodies a combination of the Rajasthan and Mughal styles of architecture.



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One of the other major attractions is the Armory Museum, housing an impressive array of weaponry. Visit the outdoor observatory built by the astronomer/ruler of Jaipur, Jantar Mantar, which is the largest stone and marble observatory in the world. The observatory has 17 large instruments, many of them still in working condition.

Overnights at the ITC RAJPUTANA HOTEL. (B,L,D)

## DAY 6~MONDAY~OCTOBER 29

### JAIPUR/AGRA

After a leisurely breakfast, drive to Agra and en route visit Keoladeo Wildlife Sanctuary, popularly known as Bharatpur Wildlife Sanctuary, perhaps the only wildlife preserve, where the wildlife habitat has been created by a man - the Maharaja of Bharatpur. Over 350 species of birds can be seen in this 11-square-mile park, with a third of them being migrants, many of which have made this park their wintering ground. The major attraction of the park are the numerous migratory birds, that come from places as far away as Siberia and Central Asia to spend their winters in Bharatpur before returning to their breeding grounds. Migratory birds at Bharatpur bird sanctuary include several species of sarus cranes, pelicans, geese, grey herons, ducks, eagles, brown long-eared bats, hawks, shanks, stints, garganey teals, wagtails, warblers, wheatears, flycatchers, buntings, larks, and pipits.

Perhaps no other historical monument has evoked as much interest and admiration from tourists and travelers alike as the magnificent Taj Mahal, considered the ultimate requiem of love from a great Mughal Emperor to his beloved wife. So overwhelming is the exquisite beauty and presence of this marble mausoleum that centuries later today, even the very land where it stands has been immortalized as the City of the Taj.



Although the heritage of Agra is linked with the Mughal Dynasty, numerous other rulers also contributed to the rich past of this city. Modern Agra was founded by Sikandar Lodhi (Lodhi Dynasty) in the 16th century. Babur (founder of the Mughal Dynasty) also stayed for some time in Agra and introduced the concept of square, Persian-styled gardens here. Emperor Akbar, his grandson, built the Agra Fort and the city of Fatehpur Sikri in gratitude for an heir after his wife bore him a son. Agra came to its own when Shahjahan ascended to the throne of the Empire. He marked the zenith of Mughal architecture when he built the Taj Mahal in memory of his beloved wife, whom he affectionately named Mumtaz Mahal (Jewel of the Palace). In his later years, Shahjahan shifted his capital to the new city of Shahjahanabad in Delhi and ruled from there. Shahjahan was dethroned in 1658 by his son, Aurangzeb, who imprisoned him in the Agra Fort. Aurangzeb shifted the capital back to Agra until his death. After the death of Aurangzeb, the Mughal Empire would not again reach its peak and many regional kingdoms emerged. The post-Mughal era of Agra saw the rule of the Jats, Marathas, and finally the British took over the city.

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Gloriously stretching over 35 acres of vibrant courtyards and situated in the heart of the city, the Mughal Sheraton offers 285 luxuriously furnished rooms and suites. All guest rooms are decorated with a touch of Old World splendor, and many offer a view of the Taj Mahal, located just over a mile away. You can dine in any of the on-site restaurants, serving authentic flavors of the Northwest Frontier, American or gourmet dishes.  
Overnight at the ITC MUGHAL HOTEL. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7~TUESDAY~OCTOBER 30

##### AGRA

Early this morning, enjoy a sunrise visit to Taj Mahal. This visit, unlike the day before, will allow you a glimpse of this monument with the changing backdrop of the morning sky. Watch the

monument go from a dull gray to a shimmering white during your visit. Return to hotel for breakfast.

It doesn't take much for the wandering eye to discover that there's more to Agra than just the fabled Taj Mahal. The city is a virtual gateway to a world of discovery...a freeze-frame from a resplendent era that's long since gone. Spend the rest of your day discovering this imposing city and its fabled past as you explore the monuments, the majesty of the buildings, and the exquisite arts and crafts... all cherished as priceless legacies of a nostalgic past.

Visit The Red Fort of Agra, a powerful fortress founded in 1565 by the Emperor Akbar (1556-1605) on the right bank of the Yamuna; it is placed today on the northwest extremity of the Shah Jahan Gardens which surround the Taj Mahal and clearly form, with them, a monumental unity. Continue with your visit to Itmad-ud-Daulah Tomb, located 1.5 miles away from the Taj Mahal, one of the most beautiful Mughal tombs. Constructed during the reign of Emperor Jahangir, this tomb comprises cenotaphs of Mirza Ghiyas and Asmat Begum, who were parents of Mughal Empress Nur Jahan. The mausoleum is named after Mirza Ghiyas, who was given the title Itmad-ud-Daulah, which literally means pillar of the state.



In the evening return to Taj Mahal and watch the sunset over this spectacular monument.

Overnight at the ITC MUGHAL HOTEL. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8~WEDNESDAY~OCTOBER 31

##### AGRA/DELHI

Bid farewell to Agra today as you drive back to Delhi to join the rest of the group arriving from Delhi today and continue with your adventure. En route you will visit the Wildlife SOS Bear Sanctuary. To date they have rescued more than 520 bears and bear cubs from the bear dancers, poachers, and traders. (B)





## OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION TO KAZIRANGA

*A minimum of 6 passengers is required for this extension.*

**DAYS 15/16/17/18~ TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY~NOVEMBER 13/14/15/16  
DELHI/GUWAHATI/KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK**



vast stretch of coarse, tall elephant grass, marshland, and dense tropical forests, it has managed to survive the onslaught of poachers, urbanization, and burgeoning human populations. Spend your days in an open jeep viewing the wildlife such as swamp deer, hog deer, and wild boar. Other animals that live in the park include herds of wild elephants, gaur and buffalo, as well as jungle cats, hog badgers, capped langurs, hoolock gibbons, jackals, porcupines, pythons, sambar deer, sloth bears, tigers, and leopards, which are difficult to see because of the dense foliage. The park also boasts a large avian population, including the black kite, Brahminy kite, Indian roller, Himalayan griffon, gray-headed fishing eagle, gray peacock pheasant, Pallas's fishing eagle, and red jungle fowl.

This morning you fly to Guwahati where you will have a 5-hour drive to the land of the 2-ton Indian rhinoceros, or greater one-horned rhinoceros. The Indian rhino once ruled the wetlands of northeast India. Hunted mercilessly, it was on the brink of extinction when conservationists finally realized its plight. The result, and a successful one at that, is Kaziranga National Park.

Stretching over an area of 166 square miles on the south bank of the Brahmaputra River, Kaziranga is one of the last refuges of the Indian rhino. A



The San Diego Zoo Safari Park is playing an active role in the conservation of the greater one-horned rhinoceros. We have the most successful breeding program for this species outside India. This success gives us the opportunity to share "genes" with conservation partners around the globe, including zoos and parks in India. We have been able to send Indian rhinos from the Safari Park to Indian zoos as well as transport rhinos from India to the United States, which provides a new gene pool for the North American population. Because of our success

with this endangered rhino species, we are able to share our knowledge of husbandry and relocation techniques with colleagues. These techniques are currently being used in the field to translocate rhinos from Kaziranga and Pabitora National Parks to Manas and Orang National Parks. The relocation project, known as Indian Rhino Vision 2020, helps to

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increase the habitat available for this species in India's national parks. Its goal is to have 3,000 Indian rhinos in the wild by the year 2020. The San Diego Zoo is committed to making this goal a reality by supporting IRV2020 financially and sharing our expertise with our partners, The International Rhino Foundation and The Central Zoo Authority of India.

Diphlu River Lodge opened in January 2008, providing much-needed world-class accommodation at this World Heritage Site. The position of the lodge is second to none: only the boundary river separates its extensive grounds from the national park itself, and the jungle views are exceptional. Built on stilts with thatch and bamboo, the tranquil ambiance of the lodge is suitable for animal viewing in the early morning or night when only sparse lantern lights are allowed outside. From the individual tribal huts on stilts, guests gently walk and rock on bamboo bridges over the lush green paddy fields to congregate in the lounge that overlooks the park across the river. The lodge has eight individual cottages and four semidetached cottages, all made of bamboo and thatch and built on stilts above the ground. All cottages sleep two and have been beautifully

designed to make full use of local materials and artifacts as well as blend in with the stunning natural surroundings. All are well appointed and charmingly furnished with individual interiors. Each has a seating area with comfortable cane furniture, a writing desk, minibar, safe, small fridge, and tea and coffee machine as well as top-quality beds and mattresses.

Overnights at the DIPHLU RIVER LODGE. (B,L,D Daily)

#### **DAY 19~SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 17**

#### **GUWAHATI/DELHI/EN ROUTE**

Drive back to Guwahati for your late afternoon flight to Delhi, where you connect with your flight home. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 20~SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 18**

#### **SAN DIEGO**

This afternoon finds you back home with incredible memories of wonderful wildlife, ancient ruins, and incredible people. (Meals Aloft)



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## INCLUSIONS

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- Flight between Delhi/Nagpur, Khajuraho/Varanasi and Varanasi/Delhi on the main program.
- Flight between Delhi and Jaipur on the pre-tour extension.
- Round-trip flight between Delhi and Guwahati on the post-tour extension.
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Breakfast daily and other meals as specified in itinerary.
- Sightseeing in national parks and points of interest as indicated, escorted by naturalist guide in private coaches.
- San Diego Zoo escort will accompany the group, with a minimum of 10 travelers, on both the main trip and the extensions.
- Anirudha Mookerjee (Jhampan) will accompany the group throughout, with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities.
- All entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Round-trip air transportation from San Diego, including fuel surcharges and airline taxes (quoted separately).
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. Currently, visas are required for entry into India.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption.

The San Diego Zoo provides emergency medical and evacuation insurance at no cost for all of its travelers. We strongly recommend that you purchase additional supplemental medical, lost luggage, and trip cancellation insurance. Information will accompany your confirmation of deposit. It is important that you purchase insurance soon after making your trip deposit in order to waive preexisting conditions and to qualify for the cancel-for-any-reason coverage. We strongly recommend that you obtain the optional insurance policy.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,  
But Is Subject To Change.



## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT INDIA

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### Participants:

- Must be able to climb unassisted in and out of safari 4 x 4 vehicles. People need to be willing to rotate seats.
- Must be able to stand unassisted and/or walk moderate distances when visiting villages, towns, or other sites. This walking will be on uneven ground or uphill, often at altitudes many people are not used to.
- Driving in India is chaotic and unlike the orderly driving experienced in the United States. Your drivers are experts in navigating the roads with all the conditions that are prevalent and travelers should feel safe with the knowledge that your driver's number one priority is to get you to your destination safely and as efficiently as possible.
- Should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

### In general, this trip requires:

- Flexibility and good humor—unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur.
- A spirit of adventure and curiosity.
- Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with uneven infrastructure and a bending definition of comfort.

### Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings, and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the "land only" rate for this program. **The start and end city for this program is Delhi, India.**

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*



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# YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

**INCLUDED:** DELHI, PENCH NATIONAL PARK, KANHA NATIONAL PARK, BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK, KHAJURAHO & VARANASI. PRE-TOUR EXTENSION TO JAIPUR & AGRA. POST-TOUR EXTENSION TO KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK.

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** SAN DIEGO ZOO

**ESCORTED BY:** SAN DIEGO ZOO ESCORT

**DATES:** OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 14, 2018

<b>COSTS:</b> ALL RATES ARE PER PERSON	<b>MAIN TRIP BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS**</b>	<b>PRE-TOUR EXTENSION TO JAIPUR &amp; AGRA BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS</b>	<b>POST-TOUR EXTENSION TO KAZIRANGA BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS</b>
LAND ONLY COST	\$6,995 PER PERSON	\$2,595 PER PERSON	\$3,895 PER PERSON
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT *	\$2,495 PER PERSON	\$995 PER PERSON	\$1,395 PER PERSON
ESTIMATED AIRFARE FROM SAN DIEGO**	\$2,790 PER PERSON	N/A	N/A

\*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST-COME/FIRST-SERVE BASIS.

\*\*ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM OF 10 TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED. IF LESS THAN 10 TRAVELERS, THE FARE WILL INCREASE.





# CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

## REGISTRATION

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Classic Escapes, 58-25 Queens Blvd, Woodside, NY 11377, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: Classic Escapes Inc., 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

## PAYMENTS

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person for the main trip and \$250 for either extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 95 days before departure (July 27, 2018) – you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

**RATES:** All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 9, 2017. Rates are based on a minimum of 10 passengers traveling together (with a maximum of 24 passengers, including San Diego Zoo escort). The right is reserved to levy a surcharge if minimum is not met, but that is rarely done. We will do our utmost to keep to the prices as published. Should increases be forced on us by airlines, exchange rates, etc., we reserve the right to surcharge.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; meals other than specified; beverages and meals not specified in itinerary; gratuities to driver/guides and other conveyance attendants; laundry and other items of a personal nature; gratuities not imposed by hotels and/or restaurants for included services; optional personal, baggage, and tour cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** Rate quoted is valid for first two single rooms booked. If more than two single rooms are booked, additional supplement will apply. Singles are assigned on a first-come/first-serve basis. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost). The single-room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. On occasion, in smaller lodges and camps, you may be required to share with other members of your tour group if single rooms are not available upon check-in. If this is the situation, appropriate per diem refunds are made to passengers in the event they paid for a single room but had to share during any portion of their trip. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single-room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges, and taxes imposed by hotels, lodges, and tented camps, as well as entrance fees to all reserves as outlined in the itinerary, are included. Tips to driver/guides are **not** included and are at the discretion of the tour members. A suggested tipping chart will be forwarded with the final documents.

## CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to July 27, 2018, less \$300 handling fee, plus \$300 non-refundable deposit given to overseas suppliers.
- July 28 – August 16, 2018, deposit will be forfeited.
- August 17 – 31, 2018, less 75% of tour cost on both the main trip and either extension.
- After August 31, 2018, no refund is due.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

**WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE POLICY. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF RESERVATION FORM.**

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible at a cost of \$150 per person subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

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## DOCUMENTS

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited. The company, their staff, and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas not held by the guests, nor the cost of visas. Visa information will be forwarded upon receipt of reservation.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

## TRANSPORTATION

**OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip, economy-class flights via **UNITED AIRLINES** and/or other IATAN carriers are between San Diego, and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

**DEPARTURE TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES:** Please note the amount of departure tax and fuel surcharges reflected in the airfare is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For **UNITED AIRLINES**, we request seats together for the group. All planes are nonsmoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** As mentioned, we work primarily with **UNITED AIRLINES**. For a list of the airline's partners, visit <https://www.united.com/web/en-US/content/company/alliance/default.aspx>. Obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**BAGGAGE:** International flights from the U.S. allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 lbs. However, we recommend you travel as light as you can manage. **The baggage limit on domestic flights is one piece at 50 lbs. per person (plus a carry-on bag.)** Also, the size and the structure of the bag is limited. Soft duffel bags are ideal. Large suitcases are virtually impossible to stow on smaller aircraft and vehicles and therefore should not be used. **WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN THE OPTIONAL BAGGAGE INSURANCE POLICY.**

## TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**INOCULATIONS:** When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

**ESCORT:** Group will be accompanied by a San Diego Zoo Escort, with a minimum of 10 passengers, on both the main trip and extensions.

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**WILD ANIMALS:** Please be aware that this tour may take you into close contact with wild animals. Attacks by wild animals are rare, but no tour into the Indian wilderness can guarantee that this will not occur. Neither the company, nor their employees, nor agents can be held responsible for any injury or incident on the tour.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through, or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition, the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any tour or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price, or other details, and, in the event of any tour being rendered impossible, illegal, or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government, or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may, at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself, at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking, and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking, and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers, without payment or permission of the guest(s). We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules, it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right, and in fact is obliged, to occasionally change routes and camps on tours as dictated by changing conditions. Such conditions may be brought about by seasonal rainfall on bush tracks, airfields, and in wildlife areas, by wildlife migrations from one region to another, or airline or other booking problems.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund, either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a tour due to illness, etc., we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the tour takes place. Classic Escapes acts merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge, the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or number of changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms under which you agree to take this tour cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to India. This insurance should include coverage in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip; emergency evacuation expenses; medical expenses; repatriation expenses; and damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money, and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees, and agents, will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above-mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and they may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance coverage. **You must be medically able to travel when you pay your premium.**

The San Diego Zoo provides emergency medical and evacuation insurance at no cost. Optional insurance information will accompany your confirmation of deposit. **It is important that you purchase insurance within 14 days from the date of your confirmation of deposit issuance in order to waive preexisting conditions.**

**October 30 to November 14, 2018  
With a Pre-Tour extension October 24 to 31, 2018  
And a Post-Tour extension November 14 to 19, 2018**

SPONSORED BY THE SAN DIEGO ZOO'S WORLDWILD TOURS PROGRAM

**RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

*Please read the following very carefully. As a condition of travel, we must have an initialed and signed copy of this liability release form for each traveler prior to departure. Please initial and sign the release form and return it to Classic Escapes, keeping a copy for your records. Each participant must sign this statement, and parents must sign for their minor children.*

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I have read the schedule of activities and other information in the brochure for the India trip, and I recognize and accept all risks thereof. I am aware that some aspects of this tour may not be appropriate for travelers with health concerns or disabilities. Individual countries have their own standards of accessibility for travelers with disabilities. I am aware that during the expedition I am participating in under the arrangements of the San Diego Zoo and its agents or associates, certain risks and dangers may occur, including but not limited to the hazards of traveling over rugged terrain, accident or illness in remote places without medical facilities or availability of timely medical response, the forces of nature, unpredictable wild animals, and travel by air, train, boat, automobile, or other conveyances. I am aware that the activities described in this paragraph are hazardous activities. I am voluntarily participating in these hazardous activities with knowledge of the danger involved, and I hereby agree to accept and assume any and all risk of injury or death, and verify this statement by placing my initials here:

Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**Photography:** The San Diego Zoo reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photography or film taken on the tour and of tour participants by our accompanying San Diego Zoo representative, without payment or permission of guest(s). No photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

As consideration for being permitted by the San Diego Zoo or any of its affiliated organizations to participate in these activities and use its facilities and equipment, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue or attach the property of the Zoo or any of its affiliated organizations for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the activities described in this document, or from the willful or negligent acts or omissions of any transportation supplier, hotel operator or other supplier hereunder. I have, and do assume, all the risk of the activities described in this document and will hold the San Diego Zoo harmless from any and all actions, claims or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever that I or my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives now have or which may arise out of, or in conjunction with, my trip or participation in any activities arranged for me by the Zoo and its agents and associates.

I have carefully read this document and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between myself and the San Diego Zoo and/or its affiliated organizations, and I sign it of my own free will. I have read, understand, and agree to all portions of the brochure, specifically those portions pertaining to terms and conditions, including the policy on cancellations and refunds, and I certify that I have consulted my physician and I do not have any mental or physical condition that would create a hazard for myself or other passengers. I recognize that the Zoo acts only as a conduit between the expedition participants and Classic Escapes and has no other responsibility, contractual or otherwise, to anyone in connection with this tour.

**Note: As a condition of travel, each participant must initial the sections above and sign this statement.**

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Print Name- Passenger 1

Signature

Date

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Print Name- Passenger 2

Signature

Date

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## Did you know?

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Please indicate in the chart below whether or not you prefer to receive paperless correspondence from us – all you need to do is put a check under the “green” symbol for yes or a check under the “NO” for no.

Simply fax or email your responses to [reservations@classicescapes.com](mailto:reservations@classicescapes.com)!

You Will Receive The Following Items For Your Program:	YES	NO
Welcome Letter		
Preliminary Materials - prelude packet and invoice		
Reminder Invoice with balance due		
Paid-in-Full Invoice		
Final Documents - species list, journal and final booklet		

Trip Tour Code: **18ASZ1030/ZSSD**

Together we can make the world a better place!

Thank you for your support,



# RESERVATION FORM:

## San Diego Zoo: Wild Adventure to India

18ASZ1030/ZSSD

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person, plus \$250 for either extension) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Wild Adventure to India departing on October 30, 2018. Cost is \$6,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international airfare from San Diego is \$2,790, including departure tax (as of January 9, 2017—subject to change). Please check the page titled "Your Journey at a Glance" for important information regarding the prices, should the minimum amounts for the main trip and the extensions not be reached. Travelers will be re-invoiced approximately three months prior to departure for the appropriate amount indicated.

Final payment due date: July 27, 2018.

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377. OR

Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

(Credit Card Authorization Form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726.)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

Please note that a copy of your passport will be required to complete your reservation, showing the page with your photograph. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your safari.

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Dr.  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Dr.  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (make one selection only).
- I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately).
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if San Diego Zoo or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Nonsmoker.
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:  
 \$2,495 for Main Trip       \$995 for Agra & Jaipur pre-tour extension       \$1,395 for the Kaziranga post-tour extension
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:  
 \$2,595 for the Agra & Jaipur pre-tour extension       \$3,895 for the Kaziranga post-tour extension

Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from San Diego via United Airlines.

Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: \_\_\_\_\_ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

Please send me information on air upgrades for:  Business/First Class (only one class—business/first—exists).

Airline Seating Preference\*\*  Aisle  Window Frequent Flier # \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*We can request a seating preference on your behalf; however, this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be given only at airport check-in. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.

I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 9, 2017, and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is not possible. Refund is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.  
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(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference.)



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#### CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered / Items purchased:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### \*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:

**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of January 9, 2017, and are subject to change. Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to July 27, 2018, less \$300 handling fee, plus \$300 nonrefundable deposit given to overseas suppliers.
- July 28 - August 16, 2018, deposit will be forfeited.
- August 17 - 31, 2018, less 75% of tour cost on both the main trip and either extension.
- After August 31, 2018, no refund is due.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires a photocopy of the credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.