

November 10, 2011

Dear Mara & Melissa,

Thank you for choosing Explorient! We are delighted to have the opportunity to serve you on your upcoming India trip. Below please find your trip summary of services for your review. All services have been confirmed at this time.

**11 Day / 10 Night Custom India Premium Package from JFK**

- Roundtrip Economy Class Transpacific Airfares via Cathay Pacific Airways from JFK (Melissa Only)
- Economy Class Delhi / Jaipur – Khajuraho / Varanasi / Delhi / Colombo Airfares per itinerary
- One way Train Fare between Agra and Jhansi (Executive Chair Class)
- 3 nights at The Oberoi Hotel in Delhi (Premier Room\*)
- 2 nights at Oberoi Rajvilas in Jaipur (Premier Room)
- 1 night at Oberoi Amarvilas in Agra (Premier Balcony Room\*)
- 2 nights at Lait Temple View Hotel in Khajuraho (Temple View Room)
- 2 nights at Nadessar Palace Hotel in Varanasi (Palace Room)
- Hotel American Breakfasts Daily
- Private tour throughout: all transfers & sightseeing by private vehicle, guide & driver
- Travel Protection Plan by Travel Guard (Special Promotion)

Remarks:

- *\*Upgraded room category at Oberoi Delhi and Oberoi Amarvilas to Premier Room and Premier Room with Balcony, respectively. Compliments of Explorient.*

**TOUR OUTLINE**

Day	Activity Summary
Nov. 23	<b>Depart USA:</b> Depart JFK for Delhi via Cathay Pacific Airways, connecting in Hong Kong
Nov. 24/25	<b>Arrive Delhi:</b> Upon late evening/early morning (12:05am) arrival in Delhi, be met and transferred to The Oberoi Delhi for your next 3 nights' accommodations.
Nov. 25	<b>Delhi:</b> Morning sightseeing of Old Delhi visiting the Red Fort. A 300-year-old walled city built by Emperor Shah Jehan in 1648 of red sandstone that dates from the very peak of the Mughal power. Opposite the fort are the black and white onion dome and minarets of the Jama Masjid, the most elegant mosque in India. Drive past Kotla Firoz Shah, ruins of an old fort of the 14th century with the 13 metre high Ashoka Pillar of 3rd BC. Visit Raj Ghat, where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated in 1948. Enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure to explore Delhi with your car & guide at disposal. (B)
Nov. 26	<b>Delhi:</b> Enjoy a morning tour of New Delhi. Drive past the Presidential Palace, the Rashtrapati Bhavan and the secretariat buildings - the centre of all government activity and down the main avenue, the impressive Rajpath to the World War I memorial arch, the India Gate, the High Court Building and the Old Fort. Visit Humayun's Tomb built in 1565 AD, the Qutub Minar, 72 metres high and the ruins of Quwat-ul-Islam (Light of Islam) Mosque. See Delhi's most curious antique - the uncorroded Iron Pillar, which dates back to the 4th century AD. Also visit the Birla (Laxmi Narayan) Temple, with its many idols. Enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure to explore Delhi with your car & guide at disposal. (B)

Nov. 27	<b>Delhi / Jaipur:</b> Transfer to the airport for your flight to Jaipur. Jaipur is where the enduring charisma of the past blends with the throbbing vitality of today. Where a colorful cast of characters – from printers and potters to artists and antique dealers - present a fascinating picture of a city that is alive to both tradition and change. Upon arrival, check-in at The Oberoi Rajvilas and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure. (B)
Nov. 28	<b>Jaipur:</b> Enjoy full day sightseeing of Jaipur. Highlights include Amber Fort with an elephant ride (subject to local conditions & availability); Jantar Mantar Observatory, the largest and best preserved observatory where astronomical instruments remain in use; City Palace, A delightful blend of Mughal and traditional Rajasthani architecture that sprawls over one-seventh of the area in the walled city; and Hawa Mahal, or "Palace of Winds", a five-story structure of sandstone plastered pink encrusted with fine trelliswork and elaborate balconies and a prominent landmark in Jaipur. Overnight in Jaipur. (B)
Nov. 29	<b>Jaipur / Agra:</b> After breakfast, transfer by road to Agra (approx. 5 hours). En-route visit Fatehpur Sikri, the abandoned red sandstone city built in the 16 <sup>th</sup> century by the Mughal Emperor Akbar. Upon arrival in Agra, tour the magnificent Taj Mahal, built by the the great Mughal emperor Shah Jeha in memory of his wife, the Taj Mahal is constructed of white marble and arguably the most perfect architecture in the world. Then proceed to Agra Fort, situated on the banks of the river Yamuna, palaces, mosques and audience halls contained within its massive wall of red sandstone and are perfect examples of blending Islamic and Hindu traditions. Accommodations at The Oberoi Amarvilas. (B)
Nov. 30	<b>Agra / Jhansi / Khajuraho:</b> Morning transfer for your 2.5 hour morning train ride for Jhansi. Proceed to Khajuraho by car and check-in at Lai Temple View Hotel for your next 2 nights' accommodations. (B)
Dec. 01	<b>Khajuraho:</b> Enjoy a full day city tour of Khajuraho visiting the world famous Khajuraho temples built by Chandela kings between 250 AD and 1050 AD. The most important are the Chaunset Yogini Temple dedicated to Goddess Kali, the Mahadev Temple, Chitragupta or Bharatiji Temple with a lovely image of 11 headed Vishnu, Vishwanath and Nandi Temples, Lakshmana Temple, Visha Temple dedicated to Shiva and the largest and most typical of temples. (B)
Dec. 02	<b>Khajuraho / Varanasi:</b> Morning at leisure. Transfer to the airport for your early afternoon flight for Varanasi. Upon arrival, commence sightseeing of Sarnath. The Buddha preached his first sermon to five disciples at the Deer Park here, enshrining the principals of his teaching into laws. The Dhamek Stupa marks the location of a once resplendent monastery. A large complex of ruined monasteries cover the area north of the stupas. Some of the buildings belong to the Kushan and Gupta period. Accommodations at Nadesar Palace Hotel. (B)
Dec. 03	<b>Varanasi:</b> Enjoy an early morning boat ride on the Ganges River. The best time to see the ghats is early dawn where daily rituals remind one of the nature worship prevalent in India during the Aryan age dating 3000 years ago. The ghats extend to almost four miles of river bank. Afterwards, enjoy sightseeing of Varanasi visiting the Bharat Mata Temple, dedicated to Mother India, which, instead of gods and goddesses, houses a relief map of India carved out of marble. Emperor Aurangazeb's Mosque built in the 17th century on the site of a Hindu Temple. Vishwanath Temple (Golden Temple) erected by Rani Ahalyabai Holkar of Indore in 1776; and the Durga (Goddess of Power) Temple, popularly known as the Monkey Temple because of hundreds of monkeys in the courtyard. (B)
Dec. 04	<b>Varanasi / Colombo:</b> Morning at leisure. Transfer to the airport for your afternoon flight for Colombo, connecting in Delhi. Arrive Colombo in the evening. Passengers on own arrangements in Colombo until departure. (B)
Dec. 05-10	<b>Colombo:</b> Passengers on own arrangements.

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Dec. 11	<b>Return Home (Melissa Only):</b> Board your early morning (12:45am) flight home. Connecting in Hong Kong and arriving JFK the same evening.  ****END OF PROGRAM****
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Please review the materials above for accuracy and feel free to contact us with any questions regarding your trip. We appreciate your business and look forward to having you on board with us!

Sincerely,

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