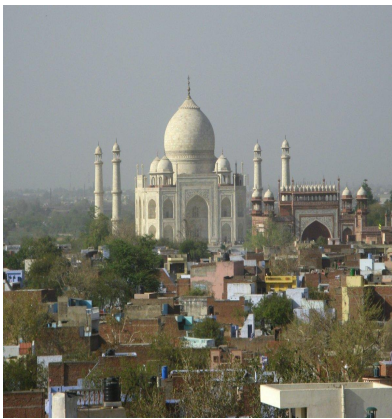




Travel with just 24 passengers on this Explorations tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

Mysteries of India

With optional 4-Night Nepal Post Tour Extension



Highlights....


Old Delhi • New Delhi • Rajasthan • Hawa Mahal • Amber Fort • Game Drives • Taj Mahal • Mother Teresa's Charity Home

January 20, 2011 – guaranteed departure

Land only \$4199.00 dble, \$4999.00 single
(includes flights within India)

15 Days • 26 Meals: 13 Breakfasts • 5 Lunches • 8 Dinners

Immerse Yourself

- ★ View the Taj Mahal at sunrise.
 - ★ Experience two game drives in Ranthambore National Park and witness first hand an example of Project Tiger's effort at conservation.
 - ★ Visit Mother Teresa's Charity Home and witness how her work is carried on in her memory.
 - ★ Spend two nights in Varanasi, the holiest city in India.
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hotel for the next two nights, a lovingly restored palace overlooking the lake! This evening, enjoy a boat cruise on Lake Pichola for lovely views of the Jag Mandir Palace and the City Palace. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Udaipur

Visit the exquisite City Palace whose main entrance, a triple-arched gate called the Tripolia, was built in 1725. Continue to Jagdish Temple, the largest temple in Udaipur, built in the 16th century and dedicated to Lord Vishnu. Stop at Sahelion-ki-Bari – the Garden of the Maids of Honour – to learn about the unique lifestyle of the royal ladies who once strolled through these exquisite gardens. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Udaipur - Jaipur

This morning fly to the “Pink City,” Jaipur. Make a brief stop at Hawa Mahal, taking in its striking façade of 953 windows. This “Palace of the Winds” remains the home of a former Maharaja. Visit the City Palace, comprised of palaces, gardens and courtyards, and boasting intricate decorative art and carved doorways. Marvel at Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory built in 1726 by Sawai Jai Singh, which still makes accurate predictions of eclipses and celestial events. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Jaipur

★**This morning, participate in a relaxing yoga class and learn basic exercises and breathing techniques from a local expert.**★ An elephant* takes you to the top of Amber Fort, once the seat of power in India. Stroll through a local flower market and learn the art of making the garlands used in traditional Indian welcome ceremonies. This evening, enjoy a home-hosted dinner and learn about daily life inside the old city from your local hosts. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Day 2: Delhi, India - Tour Begins

Your tour begins in Delhi, India's capital and a city rich with history spanning over 2,000 years.

Day 3: New Delhi

★**LANGUAGE DISCOVERY:**★ Today, your Tour Manager helps you discover the origin and history of the Hindi language, teaching you key words and phrases that will help you communicate with locals. ★**Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi and visit Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. Then, explore the city's narrow streets by rickshaw, the traditional mode of transportation!**★ Later, tour New Delhi, visiting Qutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world. Visit Humayun's tomb built by the widow of the second Mughal Emperor, Humayun, and considered a precursor to the Taj Mahal for its Indo-Persian design. See the imposing India Gate war memorial, the Parliament and the palatial Rastrapathi Bhawan – the President's residence. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Delhi - Udaipur

This morning fly to Udaipur, your gateway to Rajasthan, where chivalrous tales come to life at forts and palaces. Check into your

Day 8: Jaipur - Ranthambore

Travel to the famous Ranthambore National Park, an example of Project Tiger's efforts at conservation in the country. The forests around the park were once the private grounds of the Maharajas of Jaipur. ★Learn from a naturalist about the wildlife of the country – through a slideshow and lecture – in preparation for your game viewing drive by canter, an open air vehicle.★ Keep your eyes open for marsh crocodiles, hyenas, sloth bears and even tigers! Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 9: Ranthambore

Start your day early with a game viewing drive. Return to the hotel for breakfast. This afternoon, visit the Ranthambore School of Art which recruits students from neighboring villages and trains them to be self-sufficient artists. Next, visit Dastkar Ranthambore Project, founded in 1981 when six women united to protect traditional artisans in contemporary India. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 10: Ranthambore - Bharatpur - Agra

All aboard! An early morning train brings you to Bharatpur. After brunch continue to Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted red sandstone city built by the Mughal Emperor Akbarin in the late 16th century. Complete with palaces and mosques, this marvel was larger than London at the time it was constructed. Your day ends in Agra. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 11: Agra

★Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, riding a Tonga – or horse carriage – to the gates.★ The Taj Mahal took 22 years and 20,000 men to build; its white marble was quarried 200 miles away and transported by 1,000 elephants. Built in the mid-17th century by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an expression of his love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal, the Taj Mahal is truly one of the wonders of the world. Next, visit Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire. Continue to Mother Teresa's Charity Home, a residence for orphans of

all ages which is supported by the efforts of the Collette Foundation. Here, the sisters provide children with clothing, food, affection and quality education. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 12: Agra - Jhansi - Occhra - Khajuraho

Board your train for Jhansi, continuing to Occhra for a visit to the fort. The intricately carved Jahangir Mahal has an aura of grandeur and opulence representative of Bundela School of Architecture. Continue to Khajuraho, your home for the evening. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

Day 13: Khajuraho - Varanasi

Visit the Chandel Temple complex and behold some of the finest examples of temple architecture in northern India and a reminder that all senses are the path to nirvana. Fly to Varanasi, a simplistic and charming city with a universal mystique. This evening visit the Ghats – the banks of the river – to witness the illuminated Ganga Aarti ceremony. Later, enjoy a lecture by a Hindu scholar who discusses the philosophy of Hinduism. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 14: Varanasi

An early morning boat ride on the holy River Ganges takes you past various Ghats where you'll see people ritually cleansing themselves of their sins, hoping for salvation. A city tour includes Vishwanath Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva; Benaras Hindu University; and Bharat Mata Temple. Continue to Sarnath where Siddarth Gautama, later known as Buddha, gave his first sermon on a quiet grove in the 6th century BC. Join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner this evening. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 15: Varanasi - Delhi - Tour Ends

Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi. After dinner, depart for the airport for your flight home. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2, 3	Grand Hotel, New Delhi
Day 4, 5	Fateh Garh Palace, Udaipur
Day 6, 7	Sheraton Rajputana Hotel, Jaipur
Day 8, 9	Dev Vilas Ranthambore, Ranthambore
Day 10, 11	ITC Mughal, Agra
Day 12	Radisson Jass Hotel Shimla, Khajuraho
Day 13, 14	Radisson Hotel, Varanasi

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

The “Collette Foundation” is a 5-year, \$2-million dollar investment focused on improving the quality of life of children in our partner communities worldwide. This employee-run, global initiative connects Collette employees, its partners, travelers and communities worldwide toward a common good. The foundation will touch twenty countries, including the United States, Peru, Mexico, Kenya, South Africa, China, Cambodia, Australia, Italy and Ireland.



Please Note:

Air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Taxes/fees to be paid in local currencies upon exiting India are approximately 1300 INR (approximately 32 CAD).

* If elephants are not available or may not be used, you will be transported via 4x4 jeeps.

Due to flight departure schedules on Day 15, 4 day rooms have been reserved for the group.

The land price does not include trans-Atlantic flights or flights within India and must be purchased with the air portion of your vacation. Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager.

Due to the limited number of twin bedded rooms in hotels within India, we are unable to guarantee bed type. If two beds are required, the second bed may be a rollaway. While we will do our best to honor your request, we cannot guarantee the final bed configuration.

Due to flight schedules, flights arriving into Delhi may arrive very late in the evening on day 2 or just after midnight the morning of day 3. A pre or post night may be required (at an additional cost).

Triple accommodations are not available.

To complete your vacation, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Explorations airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For taking photos inside attractions, the Indian Government charges a camera and/or video fee of approximately 29 CAD/70 CAD respectively (total for the entire trip). Explorations' Tour Manager will collect these fees at the beginning of the tour and pay the government accordingly.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

* Please note that Collette Foundation sites may not be available for visit due to school holidays or programming challenges.

A Passport and Visa is required for this tour at your expense. The approximate visa cost is 175 CAD.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Extend Your Vacation With...

Optional 4-Night Nepal Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$1349 CAD per person, double, land and air included

5 Meals, 4 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 15: Delhi

Spend the night in Delhi before travelling to Nepal in the morning.

Day 16: Delhi - Kathmandu, Nepal

Take an early morning flight to Kathmandu. This afternoon, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Patan city, the old Newar city; see the Patan Durbar Square, an enchanting combination of palace buildings, artistic courtyards and graceful pagoda-style temples. Listed as a World Heritage site, the complex is the centre of Patan's religious and social life. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 17: Kathmandu

Enjoy a tour of Kathmandu city and Swoyambhuanth Stupa, a famous monkey temple, one of the most identifiable symbols of Nepal with the painted eyes of Buddha watching all who ascend the steps. Continue on to visit such sights as the 17th century Durbar complex (royal palace), Hanuman Dhoka, the temple of the living goddess, and Kasthmandap – a wooden temple built from a single tree. Also see the Shiva Paravati temple, the Seto Bhairav and Kal Bhaira temple. Proceed to Swoyambhunath, Buddhist stupa (temple) for views overlooking the entire Kathmandu valley. This evening enjoy a Nepali dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 18: Kathmandu

Visit Pashupatinath Temple, situated on the banks of the River Bagmati, and the most important Hindu temple in Nepal. The presiding deity is Shiva, who is worshipped in the form of the lingam. Also see Boudnath, one of the largest stupas in the world and a sacred place to Buddhist pilgrims from Tibet. Embrace the bustle of the city when you see carpet manufacturers at work and prayers being held at the monasteries belonging to different sects of Tibetan Buddhism. Travel to Bhadgaon, a city of devotees, known for its incredible architecture and art. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 19: Delhi - Tour Ends

Take a flight to Delhi where you have leisure time in Old Delhi for some last minute shopping and dinner on your own before transferring to the airport for your return flight home. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note: Internal flights that are purchased will be ticketed and distributed on tour by your Tour Manager.

This extension will be fully hosted by a local representative.

Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

Maximum elevation is 6,000 feet.

A Passport and Visa is required at your own expense. The approximate cost of a Nepalese visa is \$30 USD and obtainable on arrival.

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

IDENTIFICATION

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NOTE: Passports must be valid for up to eight months beyond the travel date to their destination country(ies). Some countries require a visa in addition to a passport. Please check with the appropriate consulate for specific information on passport/visa and entry requirements. Visit www.voyage.gc.ca for the latest details.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients travelling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

When travelling outside of Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more information.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. For Oberammergau: Non-refundable deposit will be retained. A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's travelling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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