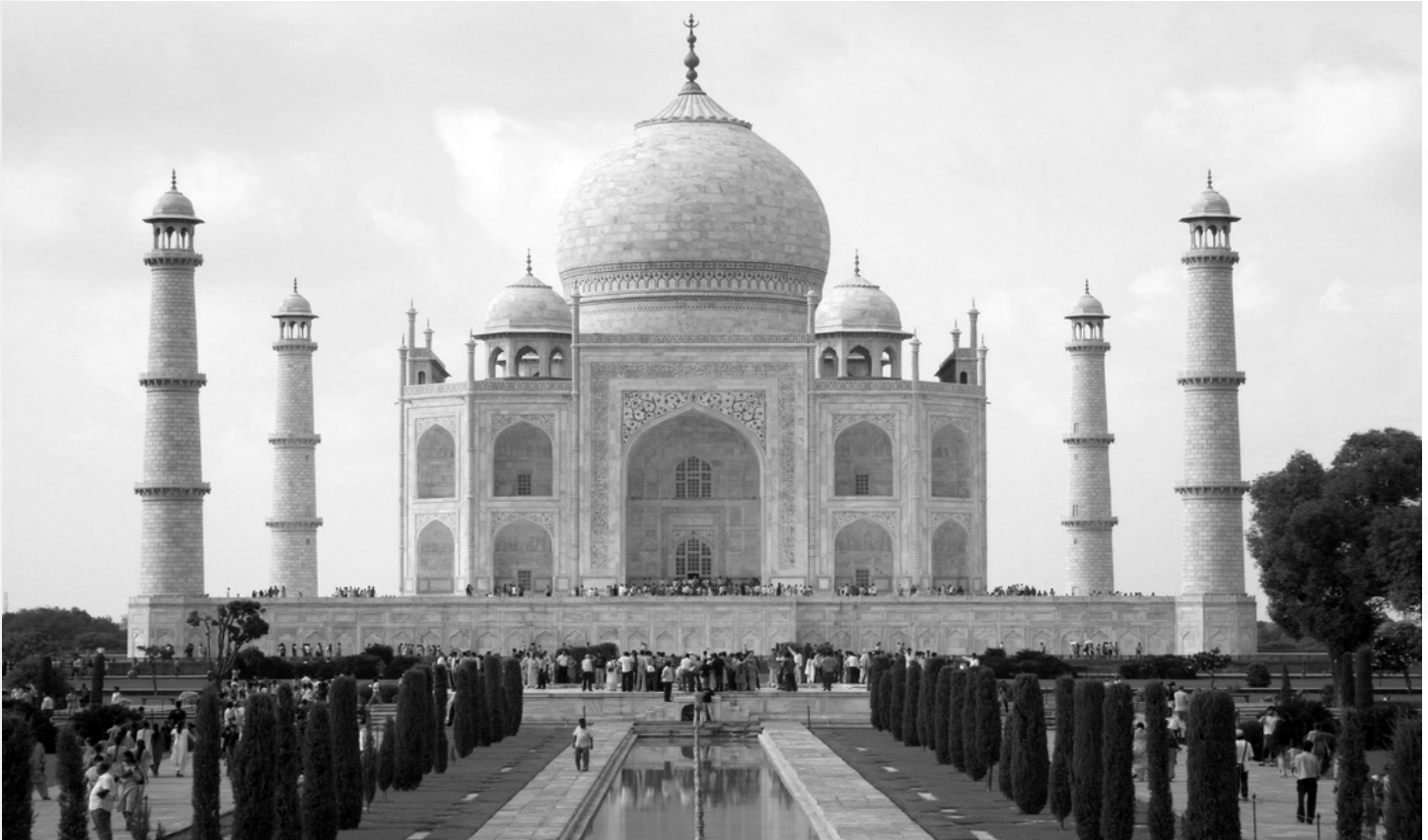




14 DAYS ART AND CULTURE OF INDIA

AN EXCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCE TO INDIA
November 08-21, 2010 with Pushkar Camel Fair



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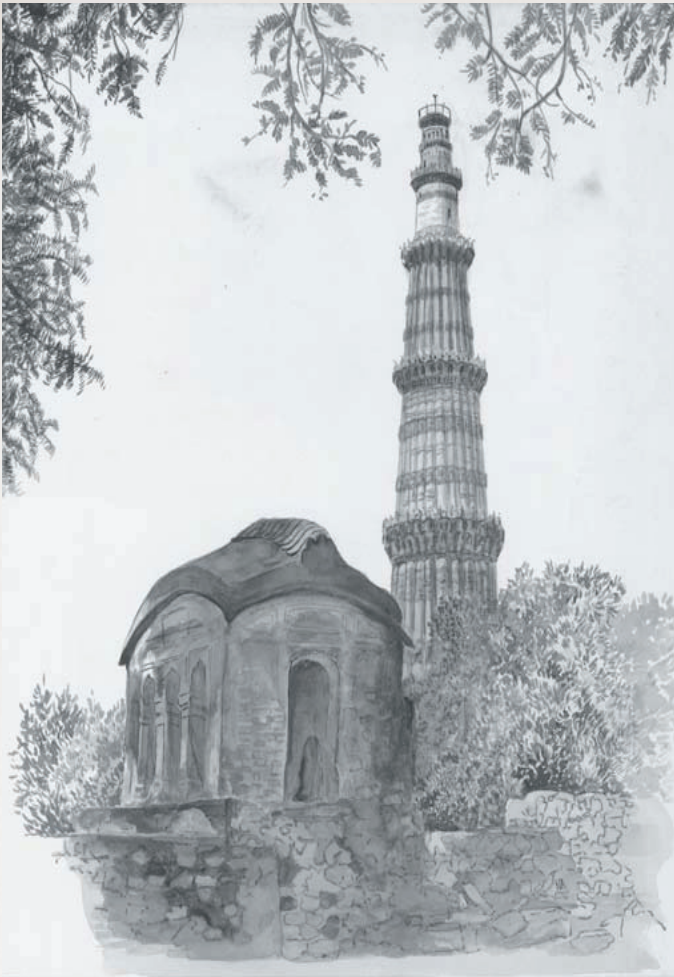
Travel to a land peopled by almost a hundred races speaking many different languages and local dialects, each with its own distinct culture and history. Experience the rich cultural tapestry, wondrous sights and the staggering diversity that is India. Folklore, native arts, traditional ceremony and a prodigious variety of dress and manners combine to create an experience unlike any other. Admire the masterpieces of architecture, the ornate palaces and the art in temples. See unique craftsmanship and meet the diverse friendly people of India from all facets of life.

From the modern capital city of New Delhi to the breathtaking vistas of Rajasthan, expect to be swept away by the vibrant and breathtaking beauty. Marvel at the romantic lake city of Udaipur and the opulent forts and palaces of Jaipur. Explore the 15th century Jain temple at Ranakpur with exquisite marble carvings and reminisce the charmed world of the bygone era at the country home, Deogarh Mahal. Admire the magnificent work of Mughal architecture in Agra, the Taj Mahal and witness the Hindu rituals in Varanasi.

Fairs and Festivals in India are characterized by color, gaiety, enthusiasm, prayers, traditions and rituals. Enrich your tour combining this travel experience with the Pushkar Camel Fair, near Jaipur. Thousands of local people come with their camels and cattle and against a backdrop of groaning camels, colorful saris and turbans and clanging temple bells, you can see camel races, magic shows, dancers, musicians, jugglers, puppeteers, snake charmers and peddlers.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Colonial capital city of New Delhi
- Visit the Crafts Museum to sample India's rich tradition of handicrafts
- Grandeur of the Forts and Palaces of Rajasthan
- Marvel the Crystal Gallery at the Durbar Hall Udaipur
- Admire the ornate Jain temples at Ranakpur
- Experience the charmed world of the bygone era at Deogarh Mahal and meet the royalty
- Unique Village Safari visiting several colorful villages to experience rural India
- Enjoy the colorful and vibrant Pushkar Camel Fair, a photographer's delight
- Enjoy Elephant ride at Amber Fort
- Walk through exotic 'bazaars' of Jaipur
- Extended visit to the mesmerizing Taj Mahal
- Witness the Hindu rituals on Holy River Ganges
- Meet people from various spheres of life
- Enjoy lectures and discussions with local experts on topics of regional interest



TOUR ITINERARY

MON., NOV. 08: DEPART USA- The vast and exotic sub-continent of India beckons as we depart for New Delhi, India.

TUE., NOV. 09: ARRIVE DELHI- Arrive Delhi, the national capital of India. Its history goes back to 3000 years. Eight successive cities were built by various rulers in and around present day Delhi.

THE CLARIDGES

WED., NOV. 10: DELHI- New Delhi tour this morning, visiting the Humayun's Tomb, known as the first example of the Mughal imperial architecture. Drive past the government buildings and presidents house along the majestic Rajpath, visit a Temple of the Sikhs. Tour Old Delhi (Shahjahanabad) this afternoon to see the Red Fort, palace for the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Enjoy a trishaw ride through Chandni Chowk (old shopping street) on to Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India. On return, visit Raj Ghat, a memorial to the great Mahatma Gandhi. Later we will visit the Crafts Museum galleries displaying India's rich tradition of handicrafts. Evening we gather together for our welcome reception **(B, D)**

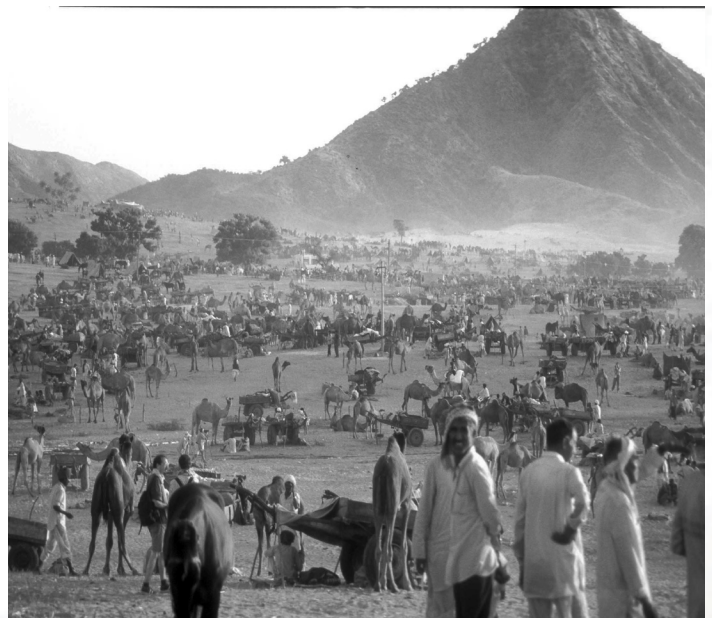
THURS., NOV. 11: DELHI, UDAIPUR- Morning we will visit 800 year old Qutab Minar, 234ft high sandstone tower. The Iron Pillar standing in the Qutab Complex is almost 22 feet high and has withstood corrosion for over 1600 years! Later we will fly to Udaipur. In the city of Udaipur, the visitor finds his dream of India come true, for the city combines real beauty with picturesque associations of a great and glorious past. Enjoy a sunset cruise on Lake Pichola including a visit to the Jagmandir Palace. **(B, D) FATEH GARH**

FRI., NOV. 12: UDAIPUR- Today we will visit the City Palace of the Maharana of Udaipur, Amber. Jade and colored glass gives the palace a sparkling, yet ethereal quality. Within the palace is all the magnificence of the east - peacocks in mosaic on the walls, floors inlaid with tiles of rare beauty, and roof gardens affording thrilling views of the panorama below. Later visit probably the single largest private collection of crystal in the world at the Crystal Gallery in the main palace. **(B, D)**

SAT., NOV. 13: UDAIPUR, DEOGARH- This morning we will drive to Deogarh visiting en route the 15th century Jain Temple at Ranakpur. Built in white marble with exquisitely intricate carvings, the temple is unique in its architectural elegance. The entire complex is built on over 40,000 sq ft and comprises 29 halls, 5 spires, 32 domes and 1441 pillars. All these architectural elements are covered with carvings in marble that are so delicate that it looks like lacework. It is amazing to find that among hundreds of pillars no two are alike. Deogarh Mahal, a country home located next to a village, reminds you of the charmed world of the bygone era. Today, Deogarh is a famous school of miniature painting and some of the loveliest Deogarh miniatures adorn the personal collection of the present royal family. Afternoon participate in one of the most interesting features of this tour, a 'village safari' and experience first hand rural life in India. Later we will visit local 'bazaar', a local school and enjoy an easy walk through the Deogarh town. In the evening we will participate in a culinary experience on North Indian cuisine. **(B, D) DEOGARH MAHAL**

SUN., NOV. 14: DEOGARH, PUSHKAR- Today we drive to Pushkar to attend the famous Pushkar Camel Fair. Pushkar Camel fair is perhaps the largest camel and cattle fair in the world. Almost half a million people in colorful clothes flock to Pushkar for several days, bringing with them thousands of camels, horses, goats and cattle to buy and sell. The villagers enjoy Camel races, camel decorating contests, a version of camel musical chairs is played. Visit the camel trading center, take a camel ride, walk through the colorful 'bazaars', visit the Brahma temple and the ghats, bathing steps of the holy Pushkar Lake. Evening enjoy dinner with folk entertainment **(B, L, D) TENTED CAMP**

MON., NOV. 15: PUSHKAR, JAIPUR- Morning witness the festivities and later drive to Jaipur, the rose-pink capital of Rajasthan. Surrounded on all sides by rugged hills and crowned with forts and palaces, Jaipur is aptly called the Pink City of India. Late afternoon we will visit the Albert Museum and arts galleries with antique display and collection of sculptures, paintings, objects d'art, natural history specimens, an Egyptian mummy and a beautiful Persian carpet. Experience Indian cinema at a local movie hall for a short 'Bollywood' movie. **(B, D) TAJ JAIMALAH PALACE**





TUE., NOV. 16: JAIPUR- This morning riding on elegantly caparisoned elephants, we make our way to the Amber fort to visit its palaces. Afternoon tour, visiting the Royal Observatory, the Palace Museum and the elaborate Palace of Winds, the Hawa Mahal. Later we will visit the exotic 'bazaars' of Jaipur to sample the artistic wealth of the region; cutting and polishing gemstones, art of making blue pottery, hand block printing and tie-n-dye etc. **(B, L)**

WED., NOV. 17: JAIPUR, AGRA- Today we drive to Agra visiting en route Fatehpur Sikri, the once fabled Mughal capital that now lies quietly but wonderfully preserved. The earliest reference to Agra is in the epic 'The Mahabharat'. Ptolemy, Alexander the Great's geographer, also called it Agra. It was, however, in the medieval period that Agra earned prominence as a capital city of the Mughals. Evening we are invited to visit an Indian family home. **(B, L) TAJ GATEWAY FATEHABAD**

THURS., NOV. 18: AGRA- The Taj Mahal, simply, is beauty - not just in design and technique, but in desire and intent. It took the world's best craftsmen and about 20,000 workers over 20 years to build this beautiful structure. The result stands before you today - a delicately carved, white marble jewel, which seems to float on a sea of red limestone. This morning enjoy an extended visit to the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.

EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the home of a prominent Indian family
- Meet the head priest of the Jain temple at Ranakpur
- Meet a chef and learn about the spices of India
- Enjoy Indian cinema and watch a 'Bollywood' movie at a local theatre
- Visit Mother Teresa's orphanage
- See a private collection of unique embroideries
- Visit a local village school to meet the children and teachers
- Enjoy Rajasthani folk music and dance
- Enjoy a demonstration on hand painting - the art of 'Mehndi' with natural 'Henna' powders

Sample the arts of this region with visits to two private collections in the afternoon. Later we will visit an orphanage to meet the children and teachers. **(B, D)**

FRI., NOV. 19: AGRA, DELHI, VARANASI- Today we drive to Delhi and fly to one of the oldest and most fascinating cities in India, Varanasi. With its array of shrines, temples and palaces, rising in several tiers from the water's edge, Varanasi is the holiest city for Hindus. Later visit Sarnath, the site where Lord Buddha preached his first sermon. Witness evening prayer ceremonies on a sunset cruise along the Ganges River. Later we get together for our Farewell Dinner. **(B, D) TAJ GATEWAY GANGES**

SAT., NOV. 20: VARANASI, DELHI, USA- Early morning boat ride on the Ganges River. Thousands of devout Hindus descend to the holy waters of the Ganges for purification. Enjoy a walk through the lanes of old Varanasi city, visiting numerous temples, ancestral homes and local people. You may see a crowd of pilgrims purchasing flowers for puja (offering or prayer), chanting priests, sounding gongs, and sacred cows gathered around a temple for their feed - an experience you will never forget. Later we fly back to Delhi. Evening transfer to the international airport for homebound flight. **(B)**

SUN., NOV. 21: DEPART DELHI- Homebound Flights. Arrive USA later this afternoon.

HOTEL RATINGS

Place	Hotel	Categories
Delhi	The Claridges	4* Sup
Udaipur	Fateh Garh	4* Sup
Deogarh	Deogarh Mahal	4* Heritage
Pushkar	Tented Camp	unrated
Jaipur	Taj Jaimahal Palace	4* Sup
Agra	Taj Gateway Fatehabad	4*
Varanasi	Taj Gateway Ganges	4*

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TOUR PRICES Per person, double occupancy (Minimum 15 paying persons)

Land Only	\$4,990*
International Air	\$1,400**
Single room supplement	\$1,590

*Tour land price does NOT include international air. It does include all air within India.

**Approximate round trip airfare in coach class Houston/Chicago/Delhi/Chicago/Houston using American Airlines, taxes extra (approximately \$400 per person). Call for more details.

LAND TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Air: All air in coach class within India.

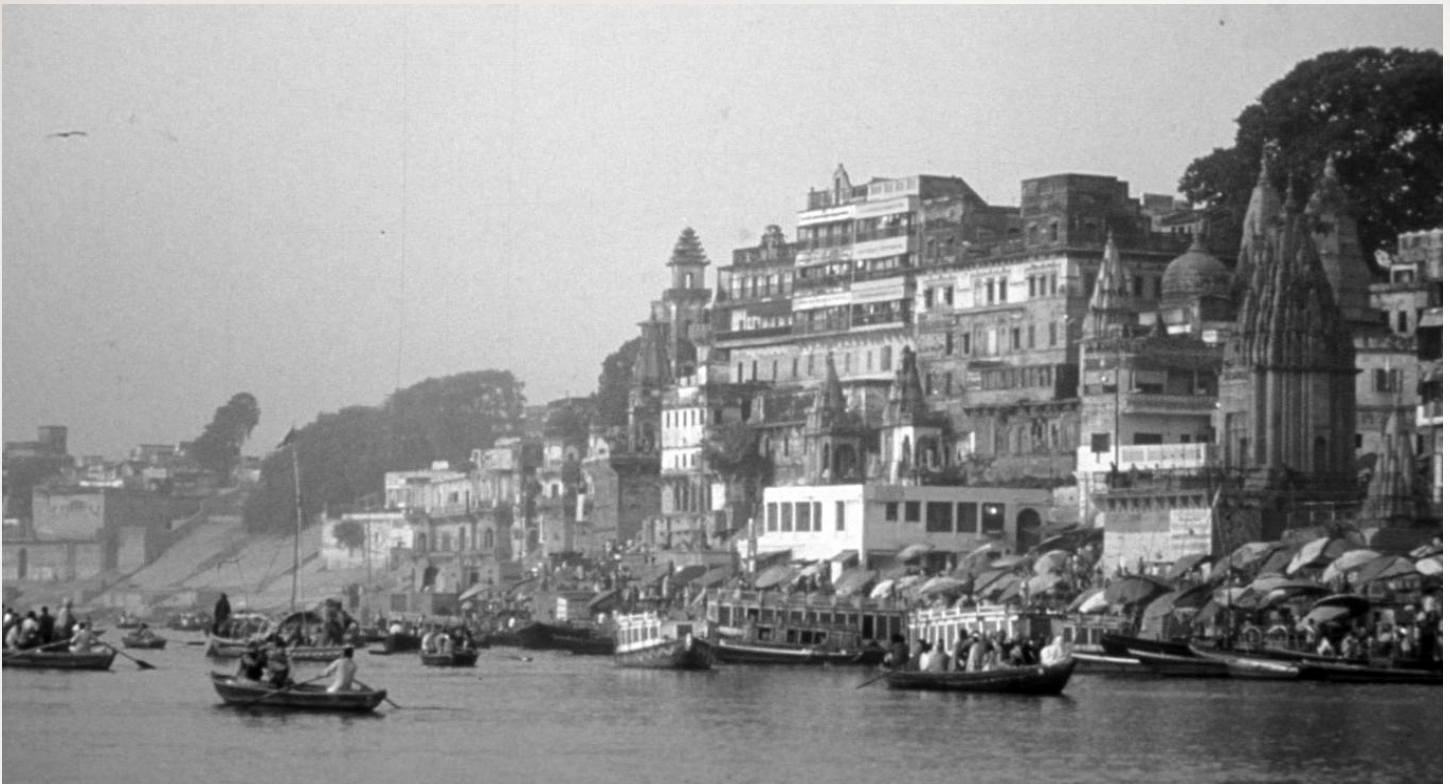
Hotels: Accommodations are provided in deluxe, superior first class, first class, heritage class or tented camps. All have private facilities and air conditioning (where available). Costs are based on two people sharing a twin-bedded room. Hotel room taxes and service charges are included.

Meals: Included as indicated by the symbols: (B) American breakfast, (L) Lunch and (D) Dinner. Most hotels offer a full American buffet breakfast and lunch/dinner buffets with choices of continental and Indian food. Tea/coffee and dessert is included with inclusive meals.

Transfers: Included as per itinerary. Transfers could be by bus, van or private cars.

Sightseeing: Comprehensive sightseeing in each city as indicated in the brochure itinerary. All motor coaches have air conditioning.

Tour Director: Services of a local India tour director who travels with the group throughout the tour.



Traveling Aggies Host: Includes one free for Traveling Aggies Host with free airfares in economy class (internal and international flight) in single room... all included meals as shown in the itinerary. Does not include personal expenses, any personal tips/gratuities and any airport taxes.

Brochure Production/Mailing: Includes brochure production and mailing of 7,000 brochures.

Commission: Includes 7% commission (\$320 per person) for the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University

Gratuities: On the main tour, all tips to drivers, local guides, baggage handlers and restaurant staff for group meals, are included. Customary end of trip tip to your tour manager is not included. The recommended industry standard is \$6 - \$7 per person, per day.

Physical Requirements: This tour requires that all participants be in good physical condition, able to walk a couple miles at a time on uneven terrain and able to climb stairs leading to temples and other sites. Participants must also be prepared for bus rides (up to 5 - 6 hours) almost every other day during the tour. Please call for more specific details.

LAND TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare, Passport or visa fees, travel insurance, or any transportation costs unless noted in the tour itinerary. Also not included are foreign airport taxes, immigration charges or fees for excess baggage.

Tour Extensions: Pre and Post Tour extensions are available to Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, South India, Aurangabad- Ajanta and Ellora caves, Kolkata, Darjeeling/Sikkim and wildlife parks of Ranthambore, Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Pench and Kaziranga.

Passports and Visas: A passport valid for at least six months beyond your return date is required. All foreign nationals require a visa to enter India we will advise on obtaining these- visa currently costs \$93 per person including shipping fee.

Reservations: A \$700 deposit, along with the completed Trip Registration Form will reserve a space for you. We urge you to make reservations well in advance as trips fill up early. Final payments are due 90 days prior to departure.

Cancellation: If you must cancel your trip, your deposit and all payments will be refunded, less a cancellation fee. If written notice of cancellation is received more than 90 days prior to departure, the fee is \$350. 89-60 days, 50% penalty, 59-45 days, 75% penalty, after that 100 % of the tour cost if notice is received within 44 days of departure. Trip no-shows will not receive a refund. In addition any cancellation levied by the airlines and some other suppliers will also be charged. Vacation cancellation/interruption insurance is recommended.

LUXURY PREMIER UPGRADES

Live like a prince, dine under crystal chandeliers, recline on chairs inlaid with ivory, and walk on ancient Persian rugs. India's Maharajas and the royalty lived a life of opulence until they lost their titles to democracy. In the early 1900s, there were over 500 independent principalities in India. Many of their royal residences are now 'Heritage Hotels'. As hotels, they offer luxury that no modern imitation can match. Premier/Luxury hotel upgrades are offered on this tour in two cities. Hotels in both categories are within a mile or so from each other. Separate transportation is provided for group rendezvous etc.

Upgrade prices are per person sharing double/twin room basis and are for two nights each in Udaipur and Jaipur. Meals are included per group meal plan at your selected hotels. Includes 7% commission the Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University

CITY	HOTEL	UPGRADE COST	SRS UPGRADE
Udaipur	Taj Lake Palace	\$650	\$490
Jaipur	Taj Rambagh Palace	\$450	\$345

NOTE: Upgrade prices are ESTIMATED and are subject to change.

Small group: Maximum 25 participants.

Tour Designed and Presented by Worldview Tours.