Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding, India overflows with riches. While staying at excellent hotels, we travel the classic Golden Triangle: bustling Delhi; Agra, home of the sublime Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, great city of the Rajput. We also search for elusive Bengals at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve; and absorb the holiness of Varanasi.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Days 1-4: December 2-5, 2018
Depart U.S./Delhi, India

Days 5-7: December 6-8, 2018
Jaipur

Days 8-9: December 9-10, 2018
Ranthambore

Days 10-12: December 11-13, 2018
Kalakho/Agra

Days 13-15: December 14-16, 2018
Varanasi

Day 16-17: December 17-18, 2018
Delhi/Depart for U.S.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

➤ Arrive in India’s capital, Delhi: visit Qutb Minar tower, Gandhi Smriti, and India Gate. Visit the Gandhi Memorial and the museum dedicated to the Indian icon; Lal Qila, the Red Fort palaces; and the marble mosque Jama Masjid, India’s largest. Ride rickshaws through Chandni Chowk market and visit a Sikh temple.

➤ Travel to the “pink city” of Jaipur. Stop to admire the stunning Hawa Mahal, the “Palace of the Winds;” then continue on to Amber Fort, the Jantar Mantar observatory, and City Palace Museum. Visit the village of Sanganer to see the villagers’ traditional artisan industries, and dine in a Rajasthan family’s home.

➤ Your next destination is Ranthambore National Park, the former hunting ground of the Maharajah of Jaipur and now a natural preserve. Enjoy morning and evening wildlife drives with the chance not only for tiger and leopard sightings, but also to see the picturesque ruins of forts and palaces.

➤ In tranquil Kalakho, embark on a camel cart safari to meet local Meena tribespeople, and enjoy a traditional folk dance performance. En route to Agra, stop to see the Chand Baori step well with its 3,500 steps. In Agra, visit Itimad-ud-Daulah, the “Baby Taj.” Tour the magnificent Taj Mahal and imposing Agra Fort, both UNESCO sites, and take an Indian cuisine cooking lesson.

➤ Fly to Varanasi, the holiest city in Hinduism. Visit Sarnath, where the Buddha first taught, and tour Sarnath Museum. Cruising along the Ganges, watch a traditional aarti ceremony; and go by boat to several important ghats (steps) where devout Hindus ritually bathe. Enjoy a classical sitar performance and a farewell dinner.

➤ Take a flight back to Delhi where you have the evening at leisure. Transfer to the airport very early the next morning for your return flight to the U.S.
Mystical India, Continued:

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$4,787* total price from Boston, Washington, DC, New York. Please call for prices from other cities. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $892*, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Land only price is $3,595*; airport arrival and departure transfers not included. Single travelers please add $1,395. A 5-day/4-night post-tour Nepal extension is available for $995* total price (single supplement is $295*). Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight is available on a request basis – please call for details. Please note: This trip involves considerable walking, as well as some lengthy coach rides. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

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Your Tour Price Includes:
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within India
- 15 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 32 meals: 14 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Please FAX, mail, or e-mail your pre-registration form and deposit information to our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.:
One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300 Newton, MA 02458 Secure FAX: 617-454-9199
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For questions about the tour, please contact Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program:
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   o AMEX  o VISA  o MasterCard  o Discover

Card # ____________________________ Expiration Date __________ Security Code __________

Signature ____________________________________________

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