## FROM THE HORCHOW TRAVEL COLLECTION

# Classical India

A small-group and all-inclusive Escorted Journey with a renowned Travcoa Travel Director throughout

NEW DELHI = AGRA = RANTHAMBHORE = JAIPUR = UDAIPUR = MUMBAI



Taj Mahal, Agra

#### Join us on this once-in-a-lifetime luxury exploration

of the wonders of the subcontinent. Visit three breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Sites in New and Old Delhi, the capital of the Mughal empire. See the Taj Mahal from your terraced deluxe room and tour the famous mausoleum in both morning and evening light. With expert guides and naturalists, track the elusive Bengal tiger on a luxury wildlife safari in Ranthambhore National Park. In Udaipur, savor the sunset and spectacular royal palaces from a traditional boat on your private cruise around Lake Pichola. Take a private rickshaw ride around the colorful old walled city of Jaipur — then return to your royal accommodations at the luxurious Rambagh Palace. From Mumbai, take a cruise to view intricate rock cut temples of Elephanta Island. Experience the best of India in the style of the Maharajahs on this classic journey.

#### **DAYS 1 - 4**

#### New Delhi, India

Arrive in New Delhi in the late evening on Day 2 and discover its multi-faceted heritage. A Hindu fortress, a Mughal tomb and an Islamic mosque all reflect its cultural richness. Visit Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India, and Raj Ghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi. Explore the Old City on an authentic rickshaw ride around the Chandni Chowk.

☐ Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi

#### **DAYS 5 & 6**

#### Agra

Travel to Agra to experience the Taj Mahal. Get pampered at the Amarvilas Hotel and delight in spectacular views overlooking the famed mausoleum. Watch the changing colors of the Taj Mahal and its elegant dome by moonlight.

☐ Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra

# EVEN BETTER WITH EXPERIENCED TRAVCOA TRAVEL DIRECTORS

- > "We will introduce you to a land that is home to ancient philosophies, a rich tapestry of history and a bubbling melting pot of multi-faith customs and festivals."
- > "The accommodations on this adventure are rich and opulent a real highlight of your journey.

You will stay in hotels that once were ornate palaces."

Among the Travel Directors escorting this journey are:\*

**Syed Andrabi** (pictured) and Jane Vermeulen

\*Travel Director schedule subject to change.



# Accommodations

## Taj Mahal Palace & Tower, Mumbai

Since it opened in 1903, the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower has become a gracious landmark of the city. This architectural marvel brings together Moorish, Oriental and Florentine styles and has panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and the Gateway of India. Over the past century, the hotel has amassed a diverse collection of paintings and works of art and is a veritable showcase of artifacts and art of the era.



View over the Arabian Sea

# Oberoi Vanyavilas, Ranthambhore

The Oberoi's new luxury resort is adjacent to the famous Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. Though the tiger is an elusive animal, sightings in the reserve are frequent. This resort has been designed as a "Jungle Camp," the first luxury jungle camp in India. Each of the 25 luxury air-conditioned tents have a private walled garden and private deck.



#### **DAYS 7 & 8**

#### Fatehpur Sikri & Ranthambhore

Explore Fatehpur Sikri, the magnificent fortified capital of the Mughal Empire. In Ranthambhore National Park — the overgrown remains of an 11th-century fort give this spectacular wilderness its name — seek out the elusive Bengal tiger in its natural environment. ☐ Oberoi Vanyavilas, Ranthambhore

#### **DAYS 9 & 10**

#### Jaipur

The majestic capital of Rajasthan is surrounded on all sides by rugged hills. Enjoy your luxurious accommodations and explore the beauty of this unique city. Travel to the Amber Fort and its famous palace where light becomes effervescent from thousands of tiny mirrors adorning the walls and ceilings.

A highlight of your stay in Jaipur is an elephant safari in the area surrounding the camp of Dera Amer. After a welcome drink and feeding the elephants, guests are seated two per elephant and sent on a picturesque walk following a local tribal guide. Pass by village hutments, fields, medieval fortress (lit by mashals at night) and monuments finally arriving at the camp situated in the middle of the forest to a grand welcome and private dinner. ☐ The Rambagh Palace, Jaipur

#### **DAYS 11 & 12**

#### Udaipur

Udaipur is a vibrant city with a glorious past. Amid green hills on the banks of Lake Pichola, ascend to one of several pure white marble palaces and find the magnificence of the East. Visit an array of spectacular temples and beautifully designed gardens. Enjoy an evening cocktail cruise on Lake Pichola.

☐ Taj Lake Palace or Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur

#### **DAYS 13 & 14**

Indulge in your luxury hotel in Mumbai. Enjoy a cruise to Elephanta Island, and then see the sights including Victoria Railway Station, Crawford Market, the Hanging Gardens and Flora Fountain.

☐ Taj Mahal Palace & Tower, Mumbai

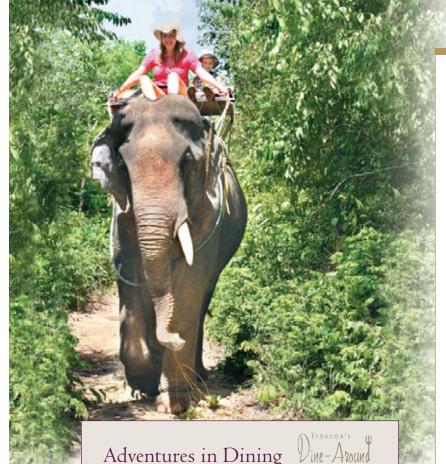
#### **DAY 15**

#### Mumbai & Depart for Home

In the early morning, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

**Your Journey Includes** 15-day journey with luxury accommodations including hotel taxes and service charges, services of a renowned Travcoa Travel Director, all transfers, all transportation with the exception of air, all meals including Dine-Around program, all sightseeing and excursions per itinerary including all entrance fees.





Travcoa's Dine-Around Program gives you unmatched freedom in dining choices during your journey. Go anywhere you like — except for alcohol and caviar — it is all included in your journey price.

#### **DINING IN MUMBAI**

In Mumbai, like New York and London, the most prominent hotels are known for their spectacular restaurants. Among the leaders are Wasabi, the authentic Japanese sushi house and Chef Nobu Matsuhisa's India branch, located at the Taj Mahal Palace hotel. Also at the Taj is the Zodiac Grill, arguably Mumbai's finest Continental restaurant, featuring an indulgent nine-course menu and fine French wines. Superb Italian dining can be had at Celini's at the Grand Hyatt, under the direction of Chef Alessandro Persico, who transforms and modernizes classic Italian recipes.

For regional fare, we recommend Ziya, created by Chef Vineet Bhatia, the British chef who brought the first Michelin star to Indian food. Bhatia specializes in "new" Indian cuisine and dramatic presentation; the restaurant is in the completely renovated Oberoi Hotel. For more traditional fare, Masala Kraft, back at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, is a strong alternative. In town, close to the High Court, frontier-inspired Khyber is popular for its Mughal-Punjabi menu, considered the best in Mumbai. Here, whole leg of lamb is skewered and slow-roasted to perfection.

- Reviews by Passport Newsletter, our travel partners who have provided restaurant reviews for more than 45 years.

Reservations can be made by calling Travel Guard at 1-866-807-7260.

### **JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Take in the fantastic colors of the Taj Mahal at sunset and sunrise from your balcony room in Agra
- Explore the ancient, winding bazaars of old Jaipur and Delhi by rickshaw
- Sail on a private cocktail cruise on Lake Pichola
- Track the Bengal tiger on a safari adventure in Ranthambhore National Park
- Enjoy an elephant ride outside Jaipur ending in a private gala dinner in the Aravali Forest
- Sleep like royalty in the former palaces of Maharajahs in both Jaipur and Udaipur



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START: New Delhi, India END: Mumbai, India

#### 2011 Start Dates

	Price	Intra-Tour	Single
Date		Air	Supp
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Feb 10 - Feb 24	\$8,495	600	4,000
Feb 24 – Mar 10	\$8,895	600	4,000
Oct 27 - Nov 10	\$9,095	600	4,300
Nov 03 - Nov 17	\$9,095	600	4,300
Nov 17 - Dec 01	\$9,095	600	4,300

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#### 2010 Start Dates

Nov 04

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