



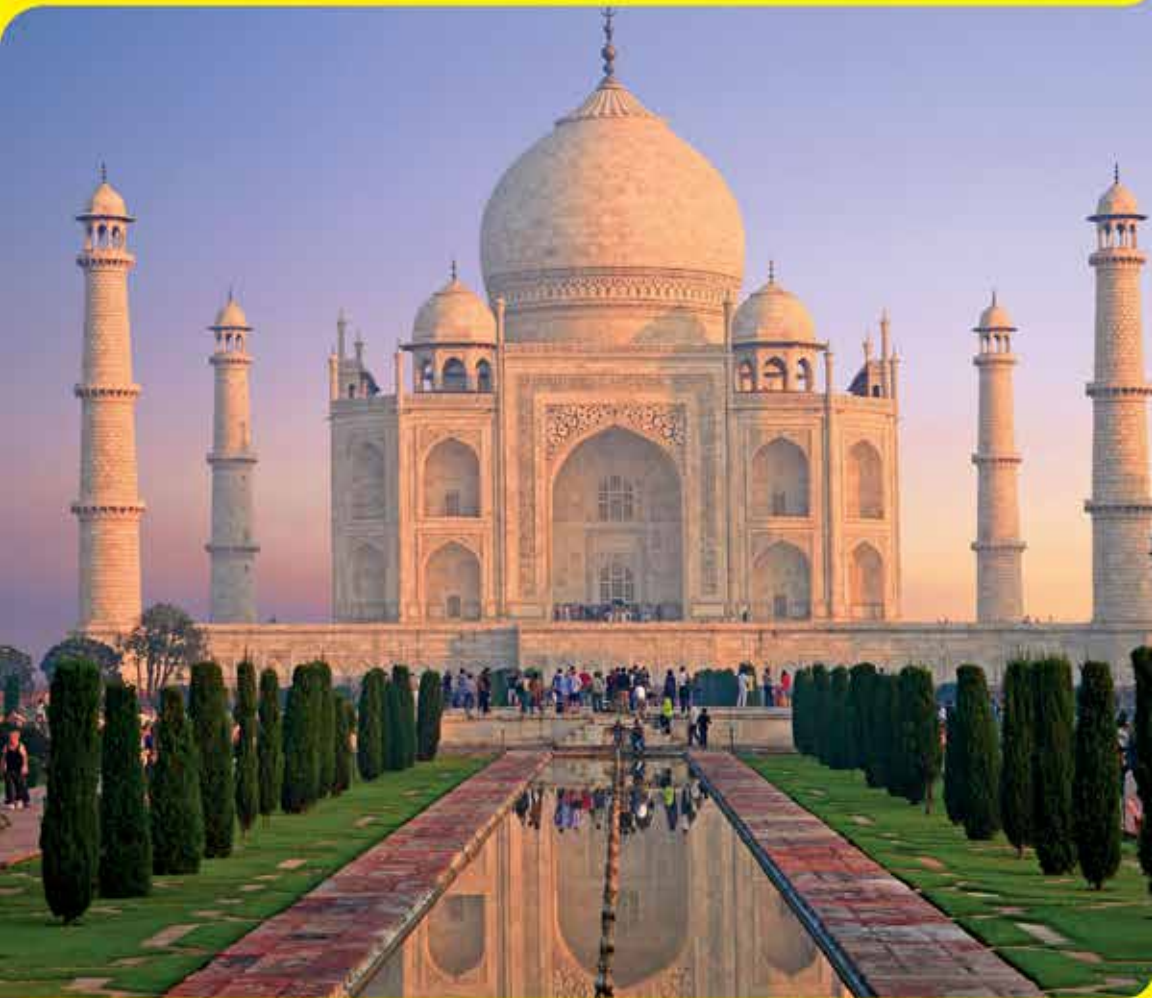
**Commonwealth  
Club Travel**

# MYSTICAL INDIA

Featuring the Pushkar Camel Fair

November 4-22, 2016

**19 days for \$5,687 total price from San Francisco**  
(\$4,795 air & land inclusive plus \$892 airline taxes and fees)



**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for  
the Commonwealth Club**



Dear Club Members,

Home to the ancient Indus Valley Civilization and a region of historic trade routes and vast empires, the Indian subcontinent was identified with its commercial and cultural wealth for much of its long history. Four of the world's major religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism—originated here, and the art, architecture and sights continue to beckon travelers from all over the world. Today India is also the most populous democracy in the world and a leader in technology development. It offers remarkable perspectives on where the modern world intersects with life as it has been lived for centuries.

Highlights of the tour include the historic cities of Old and New Delhi, one ancient and the other built by the British; Agra, stronghold of the medieval Mughal Empire and home to the magnificent Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, the "pink city" in the princely state of Rajasthan. Discover the lively, exotic Pushkar Camel Fair, a spectacle that attracts thousands each year. Visit rural Kalakho where you will embark on a camel safari to meet local Meena tribespeople in their homes; explore Varanasi, India's holiest city; and enjoy a two-night stay at the Ranthambore Tiger Preserve, home to the elusive Bengal tiger. Extend on an optional 5-day/4-night journey to Nepal.

Space on this exclusive Commonwealth Club tour is limited to just 24 travelers and will fill quickly. Please call today to reserve your place on this unique and exciting journey!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth  
Director of Travel

**COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: MYSTICAL INDIA**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person/people on **Mystical India** departing **November 4, 2016**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure (or by August 1, 2016). Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send to: The Commonwealth Club Travel, 555 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. For reservations and information, call (415) 597-6720, fax (415) 597-6729, or email travel@commonwealthclub.org.**

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour "Nepal" Extension:** Please sign me/us up

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Mystical India, November 4-22, 2016**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**     Check     American Express     Discover     MasterCard     VISA

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

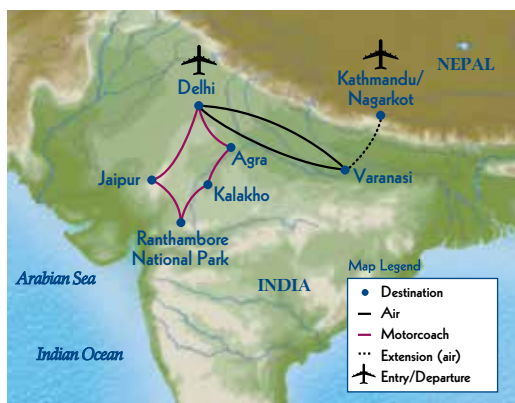
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## Featuring the Pushkar Camel Fair

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**M**ystical 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.



**Friday, November 4: Depart U.S. for Delhi, India**

**Saturday, November 5: Arrive Delhi** We arrive in India's capital late evening and transfer to our hotel.

**Sunday, November 6: Delhi** After a morning briefing with our tour director, this afternoon we tour Delhi, including the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Tomb of Humayun; Qutab Minar, the 234-step tower dating to 1193; and India Gate, honoring the 90,000 Indian soldiers who died in World War I. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. **B,D**

**Monday, November 7: Delhi** Today we explore Old Delhi, beginning with the Gandhi Memorial. Next, two renowned 17<sup>th</sup>-century landmarks: Lal Qila, the Red Fort palaces where we stop for photos; and the red sandstone and marble Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque. Then we ride rickshaws through Chandni Chowk market; visit a Sikh temple; and tour the National Museum. Schedules permitting, meet with U.S. foreign service staff during an embassy briefing. **B,L**

**Tuesday, November 8: Delhi/Pushkar** Depart Delhi this morning for the journey to Ajmer. Continue by motorcoach to Pushkar on the shores of sacred Pushkar Lake. Mid-afternoon we reach our deluxe resort. Later we gather for a camel cart ride and orientation tour of the Pushkar Camel Fair, where Indians come from near and far for this part bazaar and trade fair, part religious pilgrimage. Return to our resort for dinner together tonight. **B,L,D**

**Wednesday, November 9: Pushkar Camel Fair** We start our day with a morning tour of Pushkar village, where thousands of devotees experience a religious resurgence by swimming in the sacred waters of Pushkar Lake. Then we return to our resort for lunch before an afternoon at leisure. Again tonight we dine together at our resort. **B,L,D**

Avg. High (°F)	Nov	Dec
Delhi	82	73
Agra	85	75

### Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Tours of Old Delhi and New Delhi... Briefing by U.S. Foreign Service Staff ... Home-hosted dinner with Jaipur family ... Magnificent Taj Mahal ... Two-night stay at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve ... Kalakho camel safari and tribal home visit ... "Pink City" of Jaipur ... Pushkar Camel Fair ... Holy city of Varanasi ... Pilgrimage site of Sarnath temple and museum

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Delhi		
2-4	Delhi	Taj Palace	Deluxe
5-6	Pushkar	Ananta Spa & Resort	First Class
7-9	Jaipur	Jai Mahal Palace	Deluxe
10-11	Ranthambore	Kipling Lodge	First Class
12	Kalakho	Dera Village Retreat	Not rated
13-14	Agra	Taj Gateway Agra	Sup. First Class
15-17	Varanasi	Taj Gateway Ganges	Sup. First Class
18	Delhi	Crowne Plaza Gurgaon	Deluxe
19	Depart Delhi for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels maybe too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Cover photo: Visit the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO site considered one of the world's most beautiful buildings.



We visit Amber Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on November 9.

**Thursday, November 10: Pushkar/Jaipur**

This morning we travel by motorcoach to Jaipur, one of the great cities of the Rajput, with historic forts, palaces and gardens. We reach our hotel late afternoon. *B,L,D*

**Friday, November 11: Jaipur** Our first stop is the stunning Hawa Mahal, the elaborately carved pink sandstone “Palace of the Winds.” We continue on to Amber Fort, built by the Kachhawah Rajputs as their capital from 1037 to 1728; Jantar Mantar, the open-air observatory; and City Palace Museum, housing the magnificent art collections of the Maharajahs of Jaipur. *B,L*

**Saturday, November 12: Jaipur/Sanganer**

This morning we visit the village of Sanganer to see traditional block printing and handmade paper industries. Later we tour a local market and then take a traditional rickshaw ride. Tonight we are dinner guests in the home of a multi-generational Rajasthan family. *B,D*

**Sunday, November 13: Jaipur/Ranthambore**

We travel today to Ranthambore National Park, the former hunting ground of the Maharajah of Jaipur and now a 512-square-mile natural preserve that is home to hundreds of species of birds, reptiles, mammals and, of course, Bengal tigers. This afternoon we take our first game drive through the park. *B,L,D*

**Monday, November 14: Ranthambore**

We take both morning and afternoon game drives today to see not only game (though tiger and leopard sightings are not guaranteed) but also picturesque ruins of forts and palaces. *B,L,D*

**Tuesday, November 15: Ranthambore/Kalakho**

We depart early for Kalakho, where

we embark on a camel safari to meet local Meena tribespeople in their homes. *B,L,D*

**Wednesday, November 16: Kalakho/Agra** En route to Agra today, we stop in the ancient village of Abhaneri to see the fortified Chand Baori stepwell (c. 800), whose 3,500 steps descend some

**Post-Tour Extension**

**November 21-26, 2016**

**NEPAL**

**5 days/4 nights for \$995 total price**

**Single Supplement: \$295**

*Absorb the beauty of the Himalayan kingdom –and the warmth of its people – on this special journey featuring sacred shrines, royal cities, and indigenous lifestyles.*

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Air transportation: Varanasi/Kathmandu inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 4 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Kathmandu at Crowne Plaza Soaltee (Sup. First Class); 2 nights in Nagarkot at Club Himalaya Nagarkot (Sup. First Class)
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including Pashupatinath shrine (UNESCO site); Boudhanath monument; colorful Bhaktapur, “city of Devotees;” Swayambhunath Temple; royal city of Patan; and Kathmandu and environs
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

*Please note that guests on this extension will leave the India tour on November 21 at the conclusion of the Varanasi stay.*



13 stories into the ground. Continuing on, we reach the ancient Mughal stronghold of Agra early this afternoon. **B,D**

**Thursday, November 17: Agra** This morning we visit the Taj Mahal, the magnificent tomb built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife, Mumtaz. Then we take an Indian cuisine cooking lesson and enjoy the results for lunch. Later we explore imposing Agra Fort. **B,L**

**Friday, November 18: Agra/Varanasi** We depart by coach this morning for Delhi, where we board a late afternoon flight to Varanasi, the holiest city in Hinduism. We dine tonight at our hotel. **B,L,D**



We may see Bengal tigers at Ranthambore.

**Saturday, November 19: Varanasi/Sarnath** Today we visit nearby Sarnath, where the Buddha first taught after achieving enlightenment. One of Buddhism's four holiest sites, Sarnath draws pilgrims from the world over. We see some of the temples and stupas then tour Sarnath Museum,

housing a superb collection of Buddhist artifacts from excavations here. Highlights include a statue of the Buddha turning the wheel of law, and the celebrated Lion Capital of Emperor Ashoka, dating to 250 BCE. Back in Varanasi tonight we attend a traditional *aarti* offering ceremony as we cruise along the Ganges. **B,L**

**Sunday, November 20: Varanasi** Early this morning we return to the Ganges where Hindu pilgrims perform their rituals along the *ghats* (steps) leading to the river. We visit several *ghats* by boat as we experience for ourselves the spiritual aura of the hallowed Ganges waters.

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within India
- 17 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 38 meals: 16 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 11 dinners
- Participate in the lively festivities of the Pushkar Camel Fair
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Services of a Commonwealth Host with a minimum of 15 guests
- Private motorcoach transportation including bottled water throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Jaipur's beautiful Palace of the Winds.

Then we return to our hotel with time to rest before this afternoon's walking tour. Tonight we celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner at our hotel. **B,D**

**Monday, November 21: Varanasi/Delhi** We fly this afternoon to Delhi, where the evening is at leisure. **B**

**Tuesday, November 22: Return to U.S.** Early today we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S.

### Tour Departs: November 4, 2016

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Seattle	\$5,687
Portland (OR)	\$5,987
Atlanta	\$5,887
New York, Washington, DC	\$5,487
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,395

Please call if your city is not listed. 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.

Single travelers please add \$1,695. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$5,195 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

**Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and a significant amount of 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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## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

### Not included in tour price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only Tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per guest, per day); travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

### Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund.** If a guest makes any changes within 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon making your reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

### Insurance

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Information will be sent upon registration.

### Responsibility

The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. The Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant, and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

### Health and Medical Issues:

We request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a significant amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited and the Commonwealth Club assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

### Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to: frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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