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DAY 1 – 03 JAN 18 (WED)
GROUP WILL ARRIVE INTO DELHI FROM USA OVERNIGHT AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL IN DELHI

Upon arrival at Delhi airport, you will be met by our representative, who will be holding a CAU placard and who will transfer you to the hotel.

Upon arrival at the hotel, our colleague will take care of the check-in formalities, present you the keys of your pre-reserved room, and brief the group on the following day’s program.

Rest of the day at leisure.

**Overnight at hotel in Delhi.**

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**DAY 2 – 04 JAN 18 (THU)** OVERNIGHT AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL IN DELHI

**Breakfast at hotel.**

**Porus Olpadwala’s lecture #1**

10:00 AM - After the lecture, meet our tour guide in the hotel lobby and proceed on a full-day sightseeing tour of Old Delhi.

In the 17th-century walled city of Shah Jahanabad, visit the Red Fort. Then, by a rickshaw ride through Chandi Chowk (the old marketplace and now a picturesque bazaar), visit the great Jama Masjid. It is the principal mosque of Old Delhi. Built in 1656 AD by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahanam, it is the largest mosque in India.

In the afternoon, we will visit Gandhi Samadi, a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. We will take in as well Humayun’s Tomb, the memorial to Mughal Emperor Humayun, built in 1562. The complex is a World Heritage site and the first example of this type of Mughal architecture in India. Qutub Minar, built in the year 1206 by Qutub-ud-din Aibek, is a 240 feet tall tapering tower with a diameter measuring 47 feet.

Time allowing, we may enjoy some shopping at Delhi Haat and or the Khan Market on the way back to the hotel.

**Evening return to hotel.**

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**DAY 3 – 05 JAN 18 (FRI)** OVERNIGHT AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL IN DELHI

**Breakfast at hotel.**

10:00 AM - After breakfast, meet our tour guide in hotel lobby and proceed on a full-day sightseeing tour of New Delhi.

We will visit Qutub Minar, a minaret begun in the 12th century and the Baha’i Temple. Later we will go to Gandhi Smriti, a museum dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi. Then we’ll drive past India Gate, a memorial built in 1931 to commemorate the Indian soldiers who died in the World War I and the Afghan Wars. We’ll see that the names of these soldiers are inscribed on the walls of the President’s House, built in 1931. Until 1950 it was known...
as Viceroy’s House & served as the residence of the Governor-General of British India. On this drive, we will also see Parliament.

Evening return to hotel.

**DAY 4 – 06 JAN 18 (SAT)**
**TAKE A FLIGHT DELHI TO AMRITSAR BY 9W 364 DEP 0835 HRS/ARR 0945 HRS**
**OVERNIGHT AT TAJ AMRITSAR HOTEL**

Early morning check-out and departure, taking a boxed breakfast from hotel.

6:30 AM - Transfer to Delhi airport to catch our flight to Amritsar. Depart by 9W 364 at 08:35

9:45 PM - Upon arrival at Amritsar airport, you will be met by our representative, who will be holding a CAU placard and who will transfer the group to the Taj Amritsar Hotel.

Once settled, we will visit **Jallianwala Bagh**, the site of the Amritsar massacre in April 1919 of more than 1,000 non-violent protesters by the British Indian army.

Afternoon free at leisure

In the evening we will visit the stunningly beautiful **Golden Temple**, known as **Harmander Sahib**. Its foundation was laid by Guru Ram Das in the 14th century. The most holy place for Sikhs and people of whatever faith are welcome worship here. It is also the largest kitchen in the world, feeding anywhere from 100,000 to 300,000 people a day. While there, we have to keep our heads covered with scarves or handkerchief and remove our shoes on the entrance.

**Return to hotel.**

**DAY 5 – 07 JAN 18 (SUN)**
**FULL DAY SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF AMRITSAR**
**OVERNIGHT AT TAJ AMRITSAR HOTEL**

**Breakfast at hotel.**

**Porus’s lecture #2**

10:00 AM - After the lecture, meet our tour guide in the hotel lobby and head off on **full-day sightseeing tour of Amritsar.**

After a morning return to the **Golden Temple**, we’ll visit the **Saragarhi Memorial Gurudwara** and learn about the Battle of Saragarhi, fought between the British Indian Army and Afghan Orakzai tribesmen. It has gone down in history as one of the fiercest last-stands ever.

We’ll also take in **Durgiana Temple**, dedicated to Goddess Durga, and then the **Maharaja Ranjit Singh Museum**, with its landscaped garden and summer palace of the Maharaja, as well as **Panorama** in Ram Bagh. The museum features relics of the Mughal era and sketches and portraits of the ruling Sikhs.

In the evening, we visit the **Wagha Border** where India and Pakistan meet 8 kms from Amritsar. The border security forces from both countries change the guard and hoist and lower the flags with extraordinary precision, sights you should not miss.

**Evening return to hotel.**
DAY 6 – 08 JAN 18 (MON)
AMRITSAR TO CHANDIGARH. APPROX. 5-HR DRIVE OVERNIGHT AT VIVANTA BY TAJ IN CHANDIGARH

Breakfast at hotel.

7:00 AM - After breakfast, check out of hotel, meet your driver in hotel lobby, and proceed to Chandigarh by a drive of approximately 5 hours. En route we'll enjoy a comfort stop for tea or coffee.

1:00 PM - Arrive in Chandigarh and check into Vivanta by Taj,

2:30 PM - Visit Le Corbusier’s government complex

Chandigarh is one of the world’s most remarkable urban creations; a purposefully-built city designed in the 1950s by Le Corbusier. After Partition in 1947, India's state of Punjab needed a new capital, Lahore having been ceded to Pakistan. So prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru commissioned the great Swiss-French exponent of modernism to devise a completely new city, expressive of the country’s faith in the future. The result is a masterpiece in concrete – and green spaces too. It's a very livable place loved locally for its wide avenues and parks.

DAY 7 – 09 JAN 18 (TUE)
CHANDIGARH TO AGRA APPROX. 7- TO 8-HR DRIVE OVERNIGHT AT THE ITC MUGHAL HOTEL IN AGRA

Breakfast at hotel.

7:00 AM - After breakfast, check out of the hotel, meet your driver in hotel lobby, and we'll head to Agra on an approximately 7 to 8 hrs drive. En route we'll enjoy a comfort stop for tea and coffee.

1:00 PM - Visit Sikandra

SIKANDRA – The sandstone and marble tomb of Akbar lies in the center of a serene garden at Sikandara, 4 km northwest of Agra. The mausoleum blends Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, and Christian motifs and styles in tribute to Akbar’s philosophy and secular outlook.

2:00 PM - Arrive in Agra and check into ITC Mughal Hotel

After setting in, if time allows, visit Agra Fort, the residence of the Mughal emperors until 1638 when the capital moved from Agra to Delhi. The crescent-shaped fort is enclosed by its 20-metre high, 2.4 km long outer walls. It contains a maze of buildings forming a small city within a city.

Then we'll visit the Taj Mahal by sunset.

TAJ MAHAL - Little needs to be said about this architectural wonder, which is the raison d’etre for every tourist's visit to Agra. Built by Shah Jahan, the Taj is a white marble memorial to his beautiful wife Mumtaz Mahal. Designed and planned by Persian architect Ustad Isa, this monument took 22 years to complete. Apart from its stunning balance of design and its perfect symmetry, the Taj is also noted for its elegant domes, intricately carved screens, and some of the best inlay work in the world.

DAY 8 – 10 JAN 18 (WED)
FULL DAY SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF AGRA AND FATEHPUR SIKRI OVERNIGHT AT THE ITC MUGHAL HOTEL IN AGRA

Early morning visit to the Taj Mahal by sunrise.
Return to hotel for breakfast.

11:00 AM - Leave for Fatehpur Sikri, a drive of approximately one hour. Fatehpur Sikri is the wonderful antique city near Agra created by Akbar, the famous Mughal Emperor. Though it served as the Moghul capital for only ten years, it is an architectural wonder and a model for successive Moghul communities. Akbar was enthusiastic about his forbear Timur’s Persian courts, an interest that shows up in the designs of this community of buildings, as do the influence of Jain and Hindu architecture in the red sandstone structures.

Tour the Agra Fort, if there was not time the day before,

6:30 PM - Meet our guide in the hotel lobby for transfer to the Kalakriti Cultural and Convention Center to see an 80-minute dance drama depicting the story of the making of Taj Mahal. This multi-lingual show also displays a large replica of Taj Mahal, with multi-color lights showing its moods through the day and night.

Evening return to hotel.

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Breakfast at hotel.

7:00 AM - After breakfast, check out from hotel, meet our driver in hotel lobby, and head off to Jodhpur, an approximately 10- to 11-hour drive. We’ll enjoy sightseeing and comfort stops on the way.

6:00 PM - Arrive in Jodhpur and check into the Vivanta by Taj Hotel.

Jodhpur is a popular tourist destination, featuring many palaces, forts, and temples. Set in the stark landscape of the Thar Desert, it is called both the Sun City for its year-round sunshine, and the Blue City for the blue-painted houses around the Mehrangarh Fort.

Evening shopping if time allows.

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Breakfast at the hotel.

Porus’s lecture #3

10:00 AM - After the lecture, meet our tour guide in hotel lobby and go off for a full-day sightseeing tour of Jodhpur City.

Visit the Mehrangarh Fort. One of the largest in India, this fort has seven gates, including two with Indian names meaning “victory,” built respectively by Maharaja Man Singh to commemorate his victories over Jaipur and Bikaner armies and by Maharaja Ajit Singh to mark the defeat of the Mughals. The palm imprints upon these still attract much attention.

Visit the Jain Temple.

3:00 PM - The Water Walk through the Bijolai Palace is a unique learning experience designed to provide first-hand information about traditional water harvesting techniques. It’s a crash course in understanding the brilliant technology and rainwater wisdom developed over millennia in the desert. It demonstrates a traditional water harvesting system combined with the modern knowledge.
**Evening shopping**, if not time the day before.

**Evening return to hotel.**

**DAY 11 – 13 JAN 18 (SAT)**
FROM JODHPUR TO UDAIPUR, APPROX 6 ½-HR DRIVE
OVERNIGHT AT TAJ LAKE HOTEL IN UDAIPUR

**Breakfast at the hotel.**

10:00 AM - Check out of hotel, meet our driver in the lobby, and proceed to Udaipur, by a drive of approximately 6 ½-hour drive.

En route, visit the spectacular Ranakpur Jain Temple, conceived by a Jain businessman after having a vision.

4:00 PM - Check into the breathtaking Taj Lake Hotel—truly a highlight of our adventure—on arriving in Udaipur. Udaipur has such beautiful attractions as enormous marble palaces, enchanting lakes, beautiful green gardens, and ancient temples.

Enjoy a special session with miniature painting artists. Miniature Painting is a style which evolved and flourished in the royal courts of Rajasthan.

In the evening the group will take an exclusive boat ride on Lake Pichola.

**DAY 12 – 14 JAN 18 (SUN)**
UDAIPUR SIGHTSEEING TOUR AND UDAIPUR TO AHMEDABAD
BY APPROX. 4- TO 5-HR DRIVE
OVERNIGHT AT HYATT REGENCY HOTEL IN AHMEDABAD

**Breakfast at the hotel.**

10:00 AM - After breakfast, check out from hotel, meet our tour guide in hotel lobby and head out for a full-day sightseeing tour of Udaipur City.

Visit the Jagdish Temple, one of the famous temples of Udaipur. Built by Maharana Jagat Singh in 1651 and located in the City Palace complex of Udaipur, this temple is made in the Indo-Aryan style of architecture. Its garden is famous lush green lawns, marble art and fountains, and delightful lotus pool.

**Udaipur Solar Observatory** – Situated on an island in the middle of Lake Fateh Sagar, the observatory hosts the largest telescope in the country. The inside isn’t accessible to the public.

In early afternoon, depart to Ahmedabad, a drive of approximately 405 hours. We’ll have a comfort stop enroute for tea and coffee.

7:00 PM - Upon arrival in Ahmedabad, you will check into the Hyatt Regency.

**DAY 13 – 15 JAN 18 (MON)**
AHMEDABAD SIGHTSEEING TOUR
OVERNIGHT AT HYATT REGENCY HOTEL IN AHMEDABAD

**Breakfast at the hotel.**

Porus’s lecture #4
10:00 AM - After the lecture, meet our tour guide in hotel lobby and proceed on a full-day sightseeing tour of Ahmedabad City.

Visit the Indian Institute of Management and four Le Corbusier buildings.

Then tour Sabarmati Ashram, home of Mahatma Gandhi. Though a museum now, no longer an ashram, you are able to see and feel how Bapu led his life. The main objective of this museum is to preserve and nourish Gandhi’s legacy.

Then we’ll take in the Jhulta Minara, also known as shaking minarets, located in the Sidi Bashir Mosque. Interestingly, when you shake one of the three stories of a minaret, the other two stories and the minaret starts shaking too.

**DAY 14 – 16 JAN 18 (TUE)**

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**Breakfast at the hotel.**

7:00 AM - After breakfast, check out from hotel, meet your tour driver in the hotel lobby and transfer to airport to catch our flight to Mumbai by 9W 328 Dep 0955 hrs/Arr.

1:10 PM - Upon arrival at Mumbai airport, you will be met by our representative who will be holding a CAU placard and will transfer out group to the Trident Nariman Pont Hotel.

In the afternoon, we will have a guest lecture, followed by a reception with the Cornell Alumni Association of Mumbai.

**DAY 15 – 17 JAN 18 (WED)**

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**Breakfast at the hotel**

10:00 AM - After breakfast, meet our tour guide in hotel lobby and head off on a sightseeing tour of Mumbai City.

Visit the Jain Temple followed by a photo stop at Hanging Gardens from where you can get an excellent view of the city. Drive past the Parsi Tower of Silence to ‘Dhobi Ghat’ for a photo stop, the open-air Indian laundry which is still popular with the citizens despite the advent of the modern washing machine.

Take the Heritage Walk and the Art Deco drive, noting the Somaiya Vidyavihar campus. Visit Mani Bhavan, a museum that was once Ghandi’s Mumbai residence from 1917 to 1934. Thereafter drive through the business districts of South Mumbai passing by monuments built during the British era—the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (Victoria Terminus), Mumbai University, the High Court and the Prince of Wales Museum (closed on Monday). Then return to the pier, with a brief photo stop at the Gateway of India.

The group will then board a local train for a brief ride to Churchgate station. Local Trains of Mumbai are called the life line of the city carrying as many as a million people to work each day.

On arriving Churchgate station you will get to watch the activity of the famous dabbawalas, known for their accurate delivery of lunch boxes to thousands of people residing in the suburbs of Mumbai and coming to work in the city. Though the work sounds simple, it is actually a highly specialized trade that is over a century old and which has become integral to Mumbai’s culture. The dabbawala originated when a person named Mahadeo Havaji Bachche started the lunch delivery service with about 100 men. These days, Indian
businessmen are the main customers for the dabbawalas, and the service often includes cooking as well as delivery. The organization has Six Sigma Certificate from Forbes.

After the tour return to hotel.

Late afternoon (optional tour direct payment): A visit to the Happy Home Blind School for children, “Fingers That See.”

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**DAY 16 – 18 JAN 18 (THU)**
TAKE A FLIGHT FROM MUMBAI TO AURANGABAD   OVERNIGHT AT VIVANTA BY TAJ HOTEL IN AURANGABAD

Early morning, transfer to Mumbai airport for our flight to Aurangabad. Depart by 9W 313 Dep 0515 hrs

6:15 AM - Upon arrival at Aurangabad airport, you will met by our representative who will be holding a CAU placard and will transfer our group to the Vivanta Taj Hotel.

(If the hotel doesn’t allow us to check in, we will leave the luggage in the hotel lobby and proceed to breakfast, after which we’ll take a sightseeing tour of Aurangabad)

Excursion tour to Ellora Caves. The caves are over 2000 years old and consist of temples and monasteries hewn from rocks by Buddhist, Hindu, and Jains monks and craftsmen. Ellora is a World Heritage Site and represents the epitome of Indian rock-cut architecture. The 34 “caves” are actually structures excavated out of the vertical face of the Charanandri hills. The 12 Buddhist (caves 1-12), 17 Hindu (caves 13-29) and 5 Jain (caves 30-34) caves, built in proximity, demonstrate the religious harmony prevalent during this period of Indian history. It is a protected monument under the Archaeological Survey of India. (Ellora caves are closed on Tuesday).

After lunch local restaurant included, visit Daulatabad Fort.

Later return to hotel.

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**DAY 17 – 19 JAN 18 (FRI)**
EXCURSION TO AJANTA CAVES + FLY TO MUMBAI BY 9W 7149 DEP 1755 HRS/ARR 1845 HRS +
FLY BACK TO HOME COUNTRY FROM MUMBAI

Breakfast at the hotel
10:00 AM – After breakfast, check out of the hotel, meet our tour guide in hotel lobby set out on a full-day sightseeing tour of Ajanta Caves, approximately 3 hrs away.

Full day excursion to Ajanta Caves - they are cut from the volcanic lavas of the Deccan trap in a steep crescent- shaped hillside in a forested ravine of the Sahyadri Hills. These caves are older than those at Ellora consisting of 24 monasteries and temples hewn out of solid rock. The wall paintings and frescoes of these caves have a wealth of colors. We will proceed to Civic - cum - Cultural Complex, a gallery of local art and crafts and a shopping complex. (Ajanta caves are closed on Monday). Later return to the hotel. After freshening up, enjoy a local city sightseeing tour visiting Bibi Ka Maqbara. A tomb situated about 3 km from the city, it is the burial place of Aurangzeb’s wife, Rabia-ud-Durrani. It is an imitation of the Taj and is popularly known as the Mini Taj of the Deccan.

In the late afternoon transfer back to the Aurangabad airport to catch our flight to Mumbai by 9W 7149 Dep 1755 hrs.
6:45 PM - Upon arrival at the Mumbai airport, you will be met by our representative, who will be holding a CAU placard and the group will be transferred to an airport hotel for dinner.

After dinner, you will be dropped back to Mumbai International Airport to catch your flight back home late night 19 Jan 2018 or 20 Jan 2018 early morning.

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