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Varanasi Post-Tour

# INTRIGUING INDIA

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on an unforgettable journey through India's interior where every moment promises a blend of historical and cultural discovery. Uncover this vibrant country's rich tapestry while exploring iconic landmarks and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, joining wildlife game drives and connecting with residents in local villages.

Immerse yourself in India's enigmatic history, stroll through buzzing bazaars, embark on captivating wildlife odysseys and stand in awe before a myriad of architectural masterpieces. This in-depth sojourn underscores ancient treasures, modern marvels and transcendent experiences.

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Sincerely,

Jeff Davis  
Executive Director  
Mississippi State University Alumni Association

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Assistant Director of Alumni Partnerships & Business Development  
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# Intriguing India | Itinerary Highlights

**Day 1** EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

**Day 2** **ARRIVE IN DELHI, INDIA** Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. Take time to settle into your five-star accommodations. Overnight: Shangri-La Eros

**Day 3** **OLD DELHI | NEW DELHI** Depart for a panoramic tour of Old Delhi passing by the Red Fort and Jama Masjid. Walk through Chandni Chowk before touring New Delhi. Visit Raj Ghat, a serene memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi. Later, meet with an art historian for an enriching discussion on Delhi's history and culture. Overnight: Shangri-La Eros (B,D)

**Day 4** **DELHI | AGRA** After breakfast depart for Agra. This evening experience a breathtaking sunset at the Taj Mahal. This scene of unparalleled beauty envelops you in a tranquil ambiance while enhancing a feeling of reverence for this architectural masterpiece. Overnight: ITC Mughal (B,L,D)

**Day 5** **AGRA** Begin today with another enchanting experience witnessing sunrise over the Taj Mahal. After, return to the hotel for breakfast. Then visit Agra Fort—a UNESCO World Heritage Site, an artisan's marble workshop and Wildlife S.O.S. Overnight: ITC Mughal (B,L)

**Day 6** **AGRA | BHARATPUR** Following breakfast journey to Bharatpur. Check into your hotel before gathering for lunch. Then set out to explore Keoladeo National Park—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and its bird sanctuary. Overnight: Laxmi Vilas Palace Bharatpur (B,L,D)

**Day 7** **BHARATPUR | RANTHAMBORE** En route to Ranthambore stop in the village of Abhaneri to explore Chand Baori, one of the deepest and most visually striking stepwells in India. Overnight: Ranthambhore Bagh Palace (B,L,D)

**Day 8** **RANTHAMBORE** Today features morning and afternoon game drives aboard 4x4 Jeeps deep into the jungle of Ranthambore National Park. Once the royal Maharaja's hunting grounds, the park is India's premier tiger safari destination and home to abundant wildlife. Overnight: Ranthambhore Bagh Palace (B,L,D)

**Day 9** **RANTHAMBORE | JAIPUR** Take one final game drive before journeying to Jaipur. Embrace leisure time to explore your stunning hotel before dinner. Overnight: ITC Rajputana (B,L,D)

**Day 10** **JAIPUR** Visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Hawa Mahal, a five-story pink sandstone palace, and Amer Fort, a massive sandstone and marble fortress. This evening be welcomed into a local family's home for an engaging cooking demonstration followed by dinner. Overnight: ITC Rajputana (B,D)

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**Day 12** **JAIPUR | FLIGHT TO UDAIPUR** Udaipur is known as the *City of Lakes* and often referred to as the *Venice of the East*. See Saheliyon ki Bari (Garden of the Maidens)—a beautifully landscaped retreat built in the 18th century by Maharana Sangram Singh II—followed by a visit to the Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandal museum and performance center. Overnight: The Leela Palace Udaipur (B,L)

**Day 13** **UDAIPUR** Visit the City Palace museum overlooking Lake Pichola. Next visit Jagdish Temple, a revered Hindu temple built in 1651 AD by Maharana Jagat Singh I, dedicated to Lord Vishnu. This afternoon embark on a boat cruise on Lake Pichola. Tonight gather for a lovely farewell dinner. Overnight: The Leela Palace Udaipur (B,L,D)

**Day 14** **UDAIPUR | FLIGHT TO DELHI** After a leisurely morning take the group flight to Delhi. Later gather for a final dinner. Overnight: Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport (*not pictured*) (B,D)

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## What's Included

- 13 nights luxury hotel accommodations
- 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Admission to all locations listed on the itinerary
- Internal airfare between Jaipur, Udaipur and Delhi
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



**Activity Level:** Activities are generally not very strenuous, but a considerable amount of walking can be expected. It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to follow a guide at an average pace for three hours through paved and unpaved streets, over even and uneven terrain, and up and down stairs without assistance. Due to the nature of some structures, handrails may not be present, and facilities for people with disabilities may be limited. Participation in itinerary activities is up to the individual.



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## Orbridge Standard of Excellence

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## Accommodations *(subject to change)*

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### ITC MUGHAL



### LAXMI VILAS PALACE BHARATPUR



### RANTHAMBHORE BAGH PALACE



### ITC RAJPUTANA

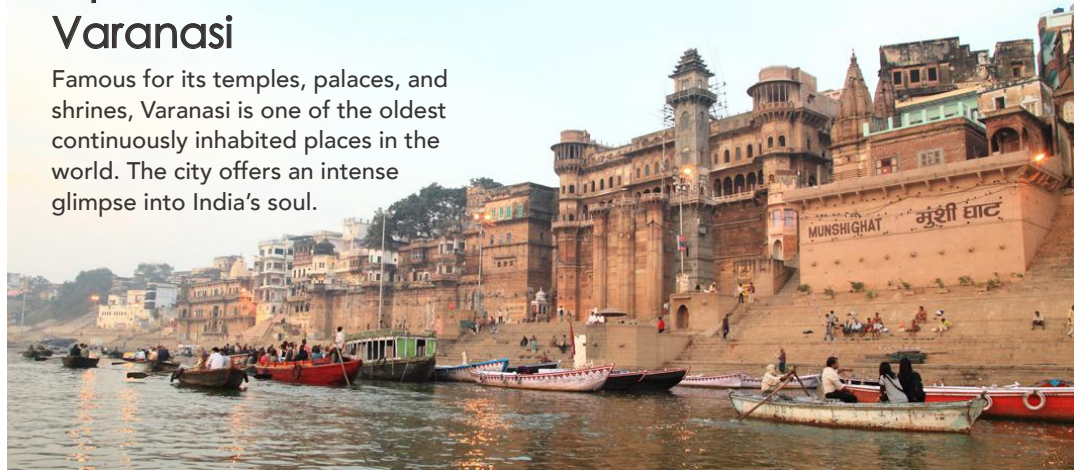


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# Optional Post-Tour Varanasi

Famous for its temples, palaces, and shrines, Varanasi is one of the oldest continuously inhabited places in the world. The city offers an intense glimpse into India's soul.



**Day 15** **DELHI | FLIGHT TO VARANASI** After lunch explore the old city of Varanasi. Walk through Vishwanath Gali and its famous shopping street. Bargain for deals, and enjoy browsing for modern and traditional apparel, home decor, and local snacks and sweets. Just before sunset gather to witness the thousand-year-old aarti ceremony. Worshipers pray near the Ganges by the light of candles and lanterns, dedicating this light as a sacred offering to deities. Witnessing this ancient ceremony is a unique opportunity to experience Indian culture and community. Return to the hotel for dinner.  
Overnight: Taj Ganges (L,D)

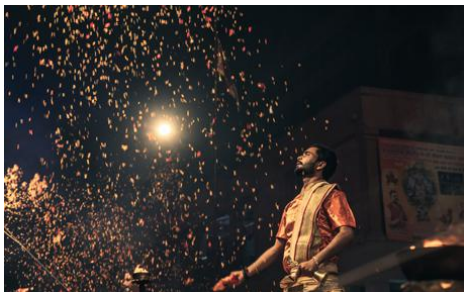
**Day 16** **VARANASI** Early this morning embark upon a boat ride down the Ganges. Watch the rising sun cast its glow over the water as the morning air fills with the aroma of sandalwood and jasmine. Later, visit Sarnath, an important archaeological site that according to tradition is where Buddha first taught his followers after reaching enlightenment. Explore the temple and admire the great craftsmanship of Buddhist art. Tonight revel in the company and talent of a trained classical musician.  
Overnight: Taj Ganges (B,L,D)

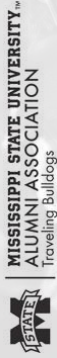
**Day 17** **VARANASI | FLIGHT TO DELHI** After breakfast, return to the airport for the flight to Delhi. Enjoy the day at leisure at the hotel before gathering together for a final dinner.  
Overnight: Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport (B,L,D)

**Day 18** **DELHI | DEPART FOR U.S.** After breakfast take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

## What's Included

- 2 nights luxury accommodations at the Taj Ganges (or similar) and 1 night at Radisson Blu Plaza Delhi Airport (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Admission to all sites listed in the 4-day itinerary
- Touring by an English-speaking guide
- Round-trip airfare between Delhi and Varanasi
- All gratuities and portage
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times





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## What Guests Are Saying...

My desire was to see a dramatically different culture than America up close and get a feel for what life was like there, and I feel like we accomplished that. Seeing the people living their lives was more important to me than the amazing palaces, forts, etc. We were fortunate to see tigers on two of our safari drives, including one day when we saw a mother and her three cubs on the move.  
~John P., Gastonia, NC

We were very pleased with all facets of the trip. We thoroughly enjoyed our guided trip with Orbridge! Thank you for marking it a wonderfully memorable trip!

~Nancy M., Ankeny, IA

Travel Insurance: An application for trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance will be sent to you by the MSU Alumni Association's travel program once you are registered for the tour. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Contact Leanna Smith at (662) 325-3360 or lsmith@alumni.msstate.edu for further information.

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