



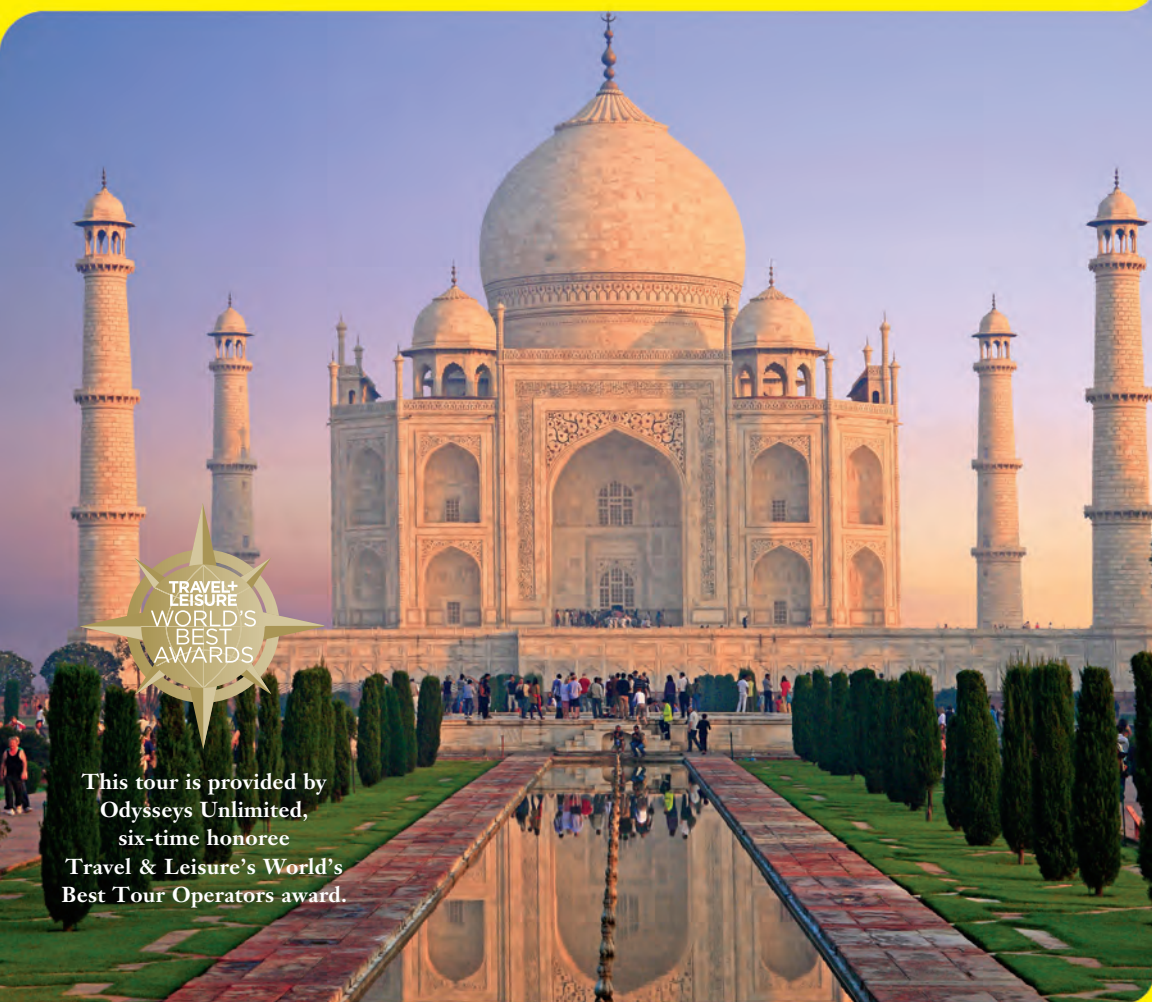
Williams College presents

MYSTICAL INDIA

With Ranthambore Tiger Preserve

March 15-31, 2017

17 days from \$4,587 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC
(\$3,695 air & land inclusive plus \$892 airline taxes and fees)



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for Alumni & Friends of Williams College

*Accompanied by Peter Frost,
Professor Emeritus of History at Williams College*



Dear Williams Alumni and Friends,

We invite you on an exciting, comprehensive 17-day journey to India, a colorful and mystical place, bustling with activity and interest. You will visit sites steeped in art, history, and architecture, which showcase both domestic and foreign influences on India's culture. Joining us to offer educational insight is Peter Frost, Professor Emeritus of History at Williams.

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 Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, the "pink city" in the princely state of Rajasthan. Visit Kalakho and embark on a camel safari. Explore Varanasi, India's holiest city, and enjoy a two-night stay at the Ranthambore Tiger Preserve, home to the elusive Bengal tiger. An optional 5-day/4-night post-tour extension to Nepal is also available.

This air-inclusive small group journey is limited to just 24 Williams travelers. Call today to secure your space on this remarkable experience!

Best wishes,

Leila Derstine
Coordinator, Alumni Travel-Study
Williams College Society of Alumni

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Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person/people on **Mystical India** departing **March 15, 2017**. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. 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 (with completed registration form) to: Odysseys Unlimited, One Newton Place, 275 Washington St., Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Please contact Odysseys Unlimited at (toll-free) 888-370-6765 for questions or reservations. You may also contact Leila Derstine at the Williams College Alumni Travel Office at 413-597-4011 for information, or e-mail at leila.derstine@williams.edu.**

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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, March 15-31, 2017**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

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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.

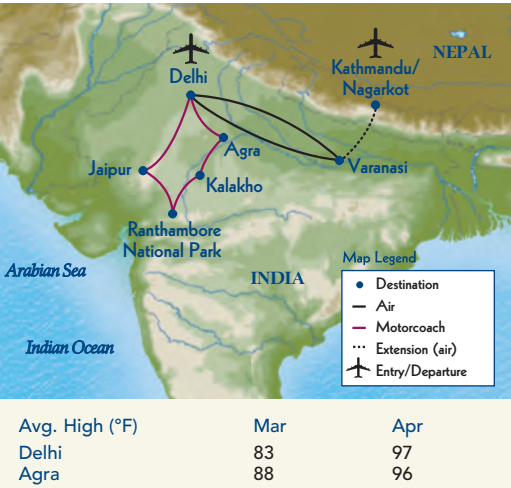
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Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding, India overflows with riches. While staying at excellent hotels, we travel the classic Golden Triangle: bustling Delhi; Agra, home of the sublime Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, great city of the Rajput. We also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



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Delhi, India

Day 2: Arrive Delhi We arrive in India's hyper-active capital late evening and transfer to our hotel.

Day 3: Delhi After a morning briefing with our tour director, this afternoon we tour Delhi, including the 16th-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**

Day 4: Delhi Today we explore Old Delhi, beginning with the Gandhi Memorial, the simple black marble slab honoring Mahatma Gandhi. Next, two renowned 17th-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. **B,L**

Day 5: Delhi/Jaipur Today we travel by coach to the "pink city" of Jaipur, one of the great cities of the Rajput, with historic forts, palaces, and gardens. En route we visit the village of Neemrana, where we eat lunch at Neemrana Fort Palace, a restored heritage hotel dating to the 15th-century, before reaching our hotel late afternoon. **B,L,D**

Day 6: 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 Kkachhawah 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**

Day 7: Jaipur/Sanganer This morning we visit the village of Sanganer to see traditional block printing and handmade paper industries. Later we see local life up close as we explore an outdoor

Your Small Group Tour Highlights			
Tours of Old Delhi and New Delhi... 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 ... 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
5-7	Jaipur	Jai Mahal Palace	Deluxe
8-9	Ranthambore	Taj Sawai Madhopur Lodge	First Class
10	Kalakho	Dera Village Retreat	Not rated
11-12	Agra	Taj Gateway Agra	Sup. First Class
13-15	Varanasi	Taj Gateway Ganges	Sup. First Class
16	Delhi	Crowne Plaza Gurgaon	Deluxe
17	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 Day 6.

market. Tonight we are dinner guests in the home of a multi-generational Rajasthan family. **B,D**

Day 8: 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**

Day 9: 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**

Day 10: Ranthambore/Kalakho We depart early for Kalakho, where we embark on a camel safari to meet local Meena tribespeople in their homes: huts of mud, with walls decorated with floral and animal designs. Tonight we enjoy a traditional folk dance performance. **B,L,D**

Day 11: 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 13 stories into the ground. Continuing on, we reach the ancient Mughal stronghold of Agra early this afternoon. After lunch on our own, we visit Itimad-ud-Daulah, the two-story marble “Baby Taj” that inspired the Taj Mahal. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. **B,D**

Day 12: Agra This morning we visit the Taj Mahal, the magnificent tomb of white marble built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz. Next we visit imposing Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where we tour the Hall of Public Audience and the Royal

Pavilions. Then we take an Indian cuisine cooking lesson and enjoy the results for lunch. **B,L**

Day 13: Agra/Varanasi We depart by coach this morning for Delhi, where we board a late afternoon flight to Varanasi, the holiest city in Hinduism and a center of learning, civilization,

Post-Tour Extension

March 30-April 4, 2017

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 (Superior First Class); 2 nights in Nagarkot at Club Himalaya Nagarkot (Superior First Class)
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunches, 3 dinner
- 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 Tour Director
- 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 Day 16 at the conclusion of the Varanasi stay.

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-JAWAHARAL NEHRU

and religion since time immemorial. We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 14: Varanasi/Sarnath Today we visit near-by 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*

Day 15: Varanasi Early this morning we return to the Ganges where Hindu pilgrims perform their rituals along the *ghats* (steps) leading to



Jaipur's beautiful Palace of the Winds

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, 9 lunches, 9 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

Meet Your Williams Professor

Professor Peter Frost was a longtime member of the History Department at Williams before his retirement. While at Williams he helped to establish the College's Department of Asian Studies, and was the initial Director of the Associated Kyoto Program which allowed juniors to spend a year abroad in Japan. Peter has led prior alumni trips to Asian venues, including several trips to India. He looks forward to showing alumni and friends a region that he knows well.

the river. We visit several *ghats* by boat as we experience for ourselves the spiritual aura of the hallowed Ganges waters. 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*

Day 16: Varanasi/Delhi We fly this afternoon to Delhi, where the evening is at leisure. *B*

Day 17: Return to U.S. We transfer to the airport early today for our return flight to the U.S.

Tour Departs: March 15, 2017

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

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$4,587
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Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle	\$4,787
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Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minnesota, Orlando, Philadelphia, Raleigh-Durham, Tampa	\$4,987
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Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR)	\$5,087
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Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,495
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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 \$1,395. 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.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday-Friday, 9:00am-7:00pm, Eastern Time

For information, please contact the Williams College Alumni Travel Office at 413-597-4011

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; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); 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.

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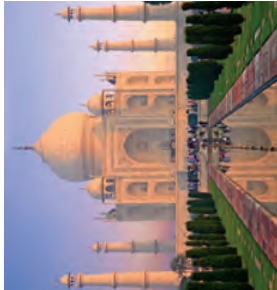
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