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## ROMANCE OF INDIA TOUR

**January 24 – February 05, 2007**

**This is a special “fixed departure” tour scheduled to begin on January 24, 2006.**

**The tour is open to any individual who finds the price attractive and the *itinerary exciting*.**

**Jan 24** Arrive in the capital city of New Delhi. Traditional reception at the airport and transfer to ***Hotel Park*** for overnight.

**Jan 25** Today do sightseeing of Old and New Delhi beginning with a visit to Raj Ghat the site where Mahatma Gandhi died, then, experience a ride through the crowded bazaar of Chandni Chowk, see the towering Qutab Minar and the beautifully landscaped Humayun’s Tomb. A special evening is planned for you. **BD**

**Jan 26** One of the most important days in Indian history as it was on this day the constitution of India came into force and India became a truly sovereign state. Today, the Republic Day is celebrated with much enthusiasm all over the country and especially in the capital, New Delhi where the celebrations start with the Presidential to the nation. The beginning of the occasion is always a solemn reminder of the sacrifice of the martyrs who died for the country in the freedom movement and the succeeding wars for the defense of sovereignty of their country. To mark the importance of this occasion, every year a grand parade is held in the capital, from the Rashtrapati Bhawan along the Rajpath. The different regiments of the army, the Navy and the Air force march past in all their finery and official decorations even the horses of the cavalry are attractively caparisoned to suit the occasion. You will witness this magnificent Parade. Overnight in the hotel. **BD**

**Jan 27** Today, depart for the famous city of Agra and visit the magnificent Agra Fort. Overnight in ***Hotel Jaypee Palace***. **BD**

**Jan 28** Day to savour the beauty of Taj Mahal – the monument of love which Emperor Shah Jahan built for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. The construction of Taj Mahal was started in AD 1631 and completed at the end of 1648 AD. For seventeen years, twenty

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thousand workmen are said to be employed to work on it daily. The designer of Taj Mahal was Ustad Ahmad Lahauri. The material was brought in from all over India and central Asia and it took a fleet of 1000 elephants to transport it to the site. The central dome is 187 feet high at the centre.

Afternoon free. Overnight in the hotel. **BD**

**Jan 29** Today begin your Rajasthan tour – driving to the pink city of Jaipur stopping enroute to see the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri.

Rajasthan, “The Land Of Kings” is India at its exotic and colorful and the highlight of the tour is staying in royal palaces, forts & castles - imposing buildings replete with luxury, character and Old World charm. Arrive Jaipur and overnight in *Hotel Park Plaza*. **BD**

**Jan 30** In Jaipur. Today ride the elephant upto Amber Palace just like the Maharajas and Maharanis used to do in olden days. Visit the Palace of Winds known as “Hawa Mahal”, and see the Astronomical Observatory. Also visit the City Palace, part of which the Royal family still lives. Overnight in the hotel. **BD**

**Jan 31** Today drive through Rajasthani countryside arriving at the blue city of Jodhpur.

In the afternoon visit one of the most formidable and impregnable forts in India, the majestic Mehrangarh Fort is located on a steep 125meter hill. Standing as a mute witness to the splendors of an era replete with chivalry, glory and grandeur. Also see Jaswant Thada. Overnight in *Hotel Ajit Bhawan Palace*. **BD**

**Feb 01** Today drive into the sand dunes – to Manvar and experience the desert by staying overnight in tented accommodation. Camel ride will also be arranged. Overnight in *Manvar Desert Camp* **BLD**.

**Feb 02** Today drive to the city of lakes – Udaipur arriving Devigarh Resorts in the afternoon. **BD**

**Feb 03** Day is devoted to visiting the City Palace, the lovely gardens at Sahelion ki Bari and the puppet museum. Overnight in the hotel **BD**

**Feb 04** Depart Bombay for Cochin by flight. Arrive Cochin - the palm green commercial town of Kerala has one of the finest natural harbours in the world. A town with a hoary past, Cochin is the gateway to Kerala. The harbour city of Kerala. In the evening, enjoy watching Kathakali Dance performance. Overnight in Hotel The Trident. **BD**

**Feb 05** Today enjoy a sightseeing tour of Cochin covering The Dutch Palace at Mattancherry is renowned for its wall murals depicting scenes from the Ramayana. The Jewish Synagogue at the heart of what is locally called the Jew Town. The St. Francis Church, the oldest European church in India. The Santa Cruz Basilica originally built in

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1557 by the Portuguese. The Chinese fishing nets are huge cantilevered fishing nets believed to have brought to Kochi by Chinese traders. Finally, the Willingdon Island, named after Lord Willingdon, is the headquarters of the Southern Naval Command of India.

**BD**

**Feb 06** Today drive to Kumarakom through spice, tea, coffee and rubber plantations. Arrive Hotel Kumarakom Lake Resort for overnight. **BD**

**Feb 07** Day at Kumarakom. Visit to the nearby bird sanctuary and enjoy boat ride on the backwaters to the nearby village through lagoons. **BD**

**Feb 08** After breakfast drive to the Thekkady, Periyar Tiger Reserve, and 777 sq km in area is set in a rich, mixed deciduous forest, interspersed with open areas of tall grass. Periyar has a splendid artificial lake dotted with snags of dead wood, which provides a perch for water birds: darter, gray heron, egret and kingfisher. It is one of the finest habitats for the Asiatic elephant. These enormous mammals swim in the waters and streams and usually they can be observed during the boat ride. Periyar also holds, apart from Tiger leopard, sambar, wild dog, barking deer, the lion tailed macaque, the Nilgiri langur. The forest harbours a variety of woodland birds. Afternoon enjoy boat ride on lake Periyar. Overnight in Taj Garden Retreat. **BD**

**Feb 09** In Periyar – day to enjoy the jungle – visit Spice village and plantations. **BD**

**Feb 10** You will travel by road (186 kms / 03 hrs) to Madurai. The city is known for its rich heritage, culture and historical background in the sense that Lord Shiva himself performed sixty-four wonders called “Thiruvilaiyadals” in Madurai many centuries ago. Madurai is located on banks of river Vaigai and was the capital of Pandya kingdom, and is now the second largest city in Tamil Nadu. The city is most famous for the Meenakshi Temple, with its baroque example of Dravidian Architecture and the four tall gopurams (pillars) with multi colored Gods, Goddesses, demons and deities. The 1000 pillared hall has stone figures carved on the pillars; some of which sound like metal when hit with an object. The metal stone or musical pillar, although made of stone, produces sounds of different metals. Other places of interest include the Tirumalai Nayaka Temple and the Temple Art Museum. Evening witness “Aarti” Ceremony at the Temple. Overnight in Hotel Alliance Madhura Park. **BD**

**Feb 11** Today fly to Chennai and onto Mahabalipuram to relax on the beach for two days. Mahabalipuram, a little seaside town, has a vibrant history dating back to the days of the Pallava dynasties in South India. Mahabalipuram is well known for its rock-hewn temples, sculptures and the world’s largest stone bas-relief. The fantastic Shore Temples are among the most talked about and most photographed monuments in the country. Overnight in Hotel Taj Fisherman’s Cove. **BD**

**Feb 12** Day dedicated to visit the holy city of Kancheepuram and Mahabalipuram. Tonight a special Farewell dinner will be arranged.

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**Feb 13** Today drive to Chennai and after a brief city tour – transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

**Cost of Full Tour: USD 5 6 9 5/- per person – double occupancy**

**Our price includes:**

Accommodation on twin sharing basis for 11 nights; Breakfast and dinner in all places.  
Transportation by an Luxury Air-conditioned Coach.  
Services of an English-speaking guide in each city.  
Entrance fees to all monuments.  
Cycle-rickshaw ride through the bazaar in Old Delhi.  
Elephant ride in Jaipur at Amber Fort; Camel ride in the Desert at Manvar.  
Boat ride in Udaipur; Kathakali Dance Program in Cochin; Boat ride in Kumarakom and  
Periyar; Udaipur-Mumbai-  
Cochin, Madurai-Chennai airfare on coach class; Porterage; All Government taxes

including Service tax.

**Cost of North India Tour for 11 nights January 24-February 05, 2006 - only: USD 2856/-per person**

**Cost of South India Tour for 09 nights February 04 to February 13, 2006 only: USD 3207/-per person**

*Terms & Conditions:*

**Deposit:** USD 400/- per person at the time of reservation.

**Final Payment:** Six weeks prior to arrival in India. Our rates are based on direct bank transfer; Credit card payments are accepted with an additional bank service charge of 4% on the balance due.

**Cancellations:** 100% non refundable if cancelled within 72 hours prior to start of trip  
50% non refundable if cancelled within 7 days up to 72 hours prior  
25% non refundable if cancelled between time of payment and 7 days prior.

**Travel Documents:** Visa is required for India, which can be obtained at the Indian Embassy at least 60 days in advance.

Our cost does not include International airfare; Indian Visa fees, departure tax. Items of personal nature such as liquor, room service, laundry, phone calls, and gratuities to drivers, hotel attendants and guides.

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## COLOURS OF INDIA TOUR - 2007

(A special Garden Tour)

Sun Feb 18 Arrive in New Delhi. Transfer to the hotel for overnight. (Hotel The Oberoi/Taj Mahal)

Mon Feb 19 After breakfast, enjoy the day visiting various gardens in Delhi – like Lodhi Gardens, Humayun’s Tomb, Garden of Five Senses.

In the evening, witness Indian Dance Program. Overnight in the hotel. (Hotel The Oberoi/Taj Mahal).

Tue Feb 20 After breakfast, visit President of India’s Mughal Gardens which are open to the public from Feb 14. Enjoy a two hours walking in the magnificent gardens after which depart for sightseeing of New and Old Delhi visiting India Gate, Raj Ghat

(Mahatama Gandhi’s Memorial, experience cycle-rickshaw ride through the narrow lanes of Chandini Chowk, Qutab Minar and return to the hotel in the afternoon. (Hotel The Oberoi/Taj Mahal)

Wed Feb 21 After breakfast, drive to the city of Mughals – Agra arriving the hotel by noon. After settling in the hotel, visit the world famous monument of love – Taj Mahal. Overnight in the hotel. (Hotel Amarvilas)

Thu Feb 22 After breakfast, visit Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri (Deserted city of Emperor Akbar). Overnight in the hotel.(Hotel Amarvilas)

Fri Feb 23 After breakfast, drive to Ranthambhore National Park to spot the elusive tiger! Overnight in a nice hotel.(Hotel Vanyavilas/Dev Vilas).

Sat Feb 24 In the morning and afternoon, enjoy game drives into the jungle to spot the tiger and see other animals like deer, blue bulls, wild boars, peacocks, crocodiles etc. .(Hotel Vanyavilas/Dev Vilas)

Sun Feb 25 After breakfast, drive to the Pink city of Jaipur .

In the evening, a special Rajasthani night will be planned for you – bar-be-que dinner, folk dances, fire-works – an evening to remember.(Hotel Rajvilas/Rambagh Palace)

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Mon Feb 26 Today is dedicated to sightseeing of this charming city – morning visit Amber Fort where elephant ride **upto** the Palace will be arranged and in the afternoon visit Hawa Mahal, The Astronomical Observatory, The City Palace and visit **Sisodia** Gardens.

**Overnight in the hotel. .(Hotel Rajvilas/Rambagh Palace)**

Tue Feb 27 **After** breakfast, an interesting 6 hours drive to the blue city of Jodhpur – arriving the beautiful Palace hotel in the afternoon.(Hotel Umaid Bhavan Palace/Taj Hari Mahal)

Wed Feb 28 **In** the morning, visit **Meherangarh** Fort and **Jaswant Thada**. In the afternoon, visit Mandore Gardens..(Hotel Umaid Bhavan Palace/Taj Hari Mahal)

Thu Mar 01 **Today** take the flight to the city of Lakes – Udaipur .

In the afternoon, enjoy boatripe on Lake Pichola.(Hotel Udaivilas/Lake Palace)

Fri Mar 02 **In** the morning, do the sightseeing of this wonderful visiting The City Palace, **Jagdish** Temples, **Pratap Smarak**, **Sahelion-ki-bari**.

Lunch will be arranged at the **Shikarbadi** – which used to be the hunting lodge of the Maharajas and is set in lovely forest surroundings. .(Hotel Udaivilas/Lake Palace)

Sat Mar 03 **In** the morning, take the flight back to Delhi .

Today is a special day – visit the Mughal Gardens – President of India’s gardens are open to the public and day is spent visiting these lovely gardens.

Special Farewell dinner is planned in the evening.(Hotel Taj Mahal/Radisson)

Sun Mar 04 Transfer to International Airport for your flight back home.

Cost for the above itinerary based on 15-19 paying members using the hotels mentioned above is as under:

**USD 7 9 3 0/- per person sharing twin for 14 nights hotel accommodation with breakfast and Govt. taxes with one free Tour Leader.**

**USD 4 6 9 5/- nett single supplement.**

Above cost includes:

- Transportation by an air-conditioned deluxe minibus/large coach.
- Accompanying English speaking guide.
- Breakfast in all places except in Ranthambhore where all meals are included.
- 14 Dinners including Welcome+Farewell+Rajasthani Gala night in Jaipur.
- Entrance & Sanctuary fees.
- Cycle-rickshaw ride in Delhi
- Two Jungle rides in Ranthambhore
- Elephant/jeep ride in Jaipur (at Amber Fort)
- Boatripe in Udaipur (subject to water level in the lake)
- JODHPUR-UDAIPUR-DELHI air fare (Economy)
- Service tax of 4.08%
- The above cost does not include items like telephone calls, laundry, cigarettes & liquor, and tips to guides, drivers and hotel attendants.

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