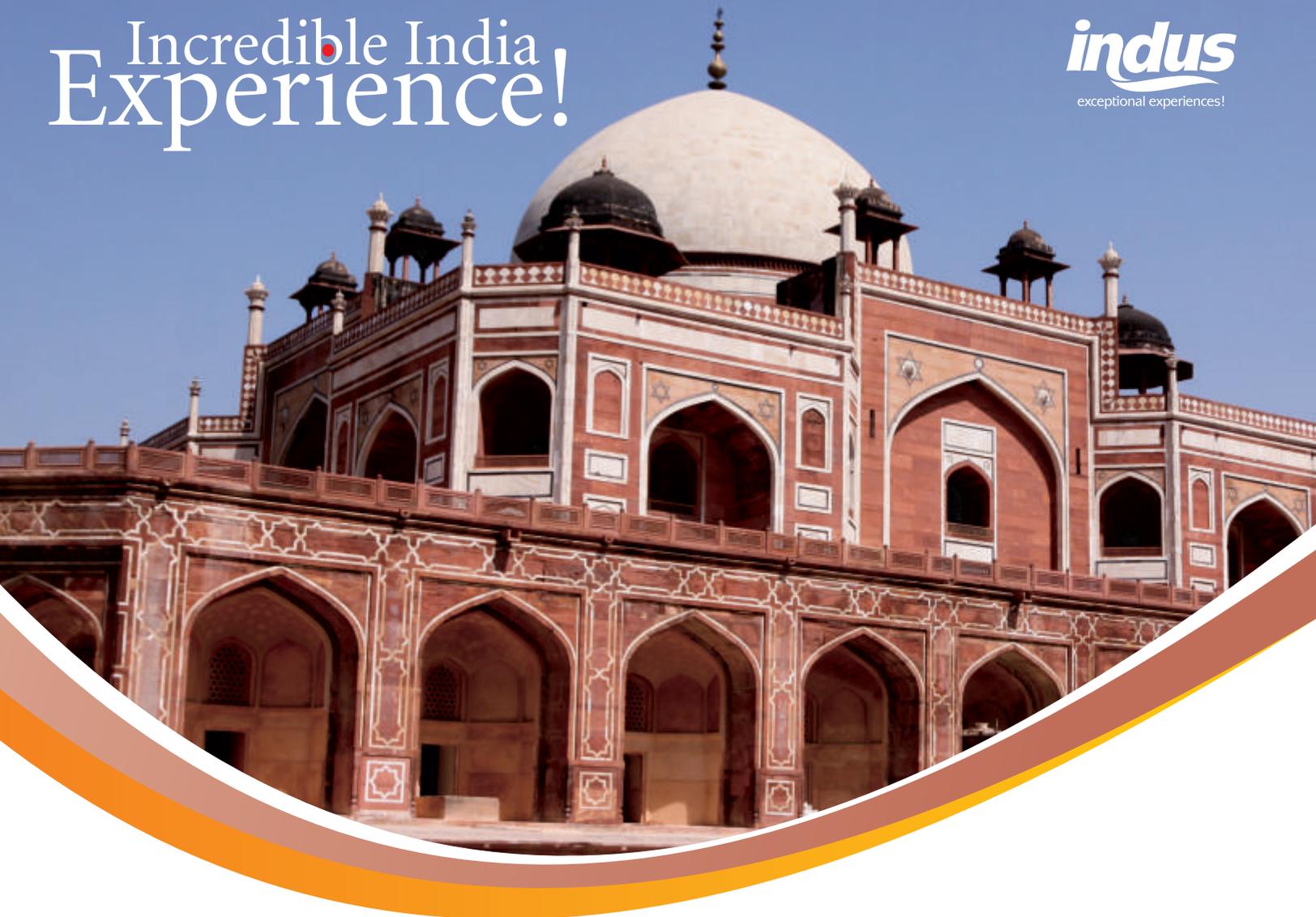


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DEPARTURE DATE

Sep. 15 & 22, 2015

TOUR DAY

10 DAYS

SPECIAL TOUR PRICE

Per person on Twin sharing basis:

USD \$2795

Single Person Supplement:

USD \$ 565

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- Daily breakfast
- All meals at Samode
- Farewell dinner in Delhi
- Arrival and departure transfers
- English speaking guides
- Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary in an AC deluxe coach
- Monument entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary
- Elephant polo with lunch in Jaipur
- Marble craftsmanship with the demonstration in Agra
- Demonstration of Gem cutting & polishing in Jaipur
- 1 Bottle of mineral water per day
- All presently applicable local taxes
- **International return airfare from Boston, including taxes**

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TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 01: USA - DELHI (DEPART)

Today you will board your flight to Delhi. Overnight onboard

DAY 02: DELHI (ARRIVE)

On arrival in Delhi today you can enjoy a traditional welcome at the airport with garlands before being transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to spend at your leisure. Overnight in Delhi.

DAY 03: DELHI - SAMODE

Buffet Breakfast at hotel. Later drive to Samode, covering a distance of 250 Kms in approx 05 hrs.

Located about 40km north of Jaipur is the picturesque village of **Samode**, nestled among the picturesque rolling hills dominated by its famous and beautiful palace. The village itself exudes a rare charm and nostalgia has many interesting places to explore and wander.

Afternoon Royal Welcome with traditional aarti and tikka, Check in at your hotel. Samode Bagh (tented accommodation). Samode stands on a former caravan route. Today the sleepy village, with its local artisans producing printed cloth and glass bangles, nestles within its old walls.

Built 250 years ago by Rawal Sheo Singh Ji, son of the illustrious Pritviraj Singh Ji of Amber, the Samode Bagh was known as Sheo Niwas Bagh. Modeled on the geometric style of a Mughal garden, members of the Samode Royal family came here to enjoy rare moments of privacy.

Lunch at the hotel.

Rest of the afternoon will be at leisure for relaxation and spa activities.

Gala "Theme" dinner at Samode Palace

Before leaving for the venue, the guests are attired in traditional Indian attire. For men; it will be pajama kurta and traditional turban gear. Rajasthan is known for the beauty and elegance of colorful turbans. It is an essential part of traditional dress and is proudly worn by men-folk of Rajasthan. We can find myriad variants of turbans in Rajasthan and it is said that the size

and style of these changes turban in every 15 km you travel to the desert region. A turban is usually 82 feet long and 8 inches wide, achieving different styles with this unstitched cloth, requires great skill. Qualified young girls tie turban were employed by the royal court, but in general, people are proud to practice and perfect the art of binding turban.

For women, it is traditional saree; Saree is a strip of unstitched cloth, ranging from four to nine meters in length that is draped over the body in different styles. It is popular in India and the subcontinent. The most common style is for the saari to be wrapped around the waist, with one end then draped over the shoulder baring the stomach. Special staff will be available to help the customers are, to drape the saari!

Canopy decorated camel carts await your arrival! The guests mount camel carts which are escorted by torch bearers along the procession, which includes musicians to the hall dinner. Overnight in Jaipur (B/L/D)

DAY 04: SAMODE - JAIPUR

Early morning take optional Yoga session. Following buffet breakfast today you will depart to Jaipur enroute stop at Dera Amer. Dera Amer situated behind the hills of the famous Amer Fort and at the foothills of the Aravali Range and surrounded by the wilderness of a reserved forest with no urban civilization in the vicinity, just a few hamlets housing the local villagers occupied by farming on the their fields bordering a pretty lake.

You will get a chance to witness and play a Royal Match of Elephant Polo at a spectacular country side location with lunch near Jaipur

Elephant Polo!!!

In the land of Maharajas, forts and palaces, the game of Elephant polo was one of the ultimate royal experiences.

Players are dressed in traditional turbans and are greeted at the sprawling lawns by a royal military brass band. As in yesteryears, the arrival of the guests is accompanied by the beating of huge drums and a tableau of horses and camels add to the welcome before the start of the game.

The players will give a demonstration of the game following which the guests can participate. Each 'chucker' (round) lasts for about 7-10 minutes. After game enjoy a special lunch. Late afternoon enjoy a **gem cutting and polishing demonstration**; Jaipur is one of the world's most noted gem producers. Overnight in Jaipur (B/L)

TOUR LODGING INFO :

Accommodation will be provided on room with breakfast basis

CITY	NIGHTS	HOTEL
DELHI	02 Nights	Metropolitan
SAMODE	01 Night	Samode Bagh
JAIPUR	02 Nights	Trident
AGRA	02 Nights	Trident

(If either of the above mentioned hotels is not available we will provide a similar alternative)

DAY 05: JAIPUR

This morning you will visit the Amber Fort and Palace. Travel up to the fort on elephant back as the maharajas of the past once did (subject to availability). Perched on a hillside on the outskirts of town, the palace was constructed in the 1590s and is a beautiful and very well preserved structure. After the tour the **afternoon is free for you to spend at your leisure.**

Optional: Half-day city tour. Explore some of the city's famous pink sandstone buildings, including the City Palace Museum, housing the magnificent art collections of the Maharajas of Jaipur, and Jantar Mantar, the largest of five observatories founded nearly three centuries ago (\$45 per person). Overnight in Jaipur (B)

DAY 06: JAIPUR - AGRA

Today you will depart Jaipur and visit **Fatehpur Sikri**, a ghost city abandoned due to a lack of accessible water. After the tour you will be transferred to Agra. Upon arrival in Agra you can check into your hotel. Overnight in Agra (B)

DAY 07: AGRA

Early this morning you can visit the **Taj Mahal** at sunrise to witness its changing facade in the morning sun. After breakfast at the hotel you can **enjoy some free time**. Optional: **Agra Fort**. This sprawling fortress, more accurately described as a massive walled palatial city, is a UNESCO World Heritage site (\$45 per person). **Optional:** Visit Itmad-Ud-Daulah. Known as the "Baby Taj", this Mughal structure is built from marble. Visit the Sikandra, the sandstone and marble tomb of Akbar which blends Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Christian motifs and styles, and other interesting sites (\$25 per person). Overnight in Agra (B)

DAY 08: AGRA - DELHI

After breakfast today you will be transferred to **Delhi**. Upon arrival in Delhi, you can check into hotel and **spend the afternoon & evening at leisure or business meetings and business networking.**

Optional: (\$85) Spend some time at Kingdom of Dreams "A spectacular cultural extravaganza"

As the name implies, Kingdom of Dreams is a spectacular world of unparalleled imagination, which brings to you a blend of India's culture, heritage, art, crafts, cuisine and performing arts buttressed with the mind boggling technological wizardry of today. It is designed and conceptualized to offer international and domestic tourists a breath-taking, magical Indian experience. It showcases modern and traditional India and present Indian culture in an entertaining format to all visitors. It offers you the best of India in the form of Cuisine, Crafts, Musicals, Dramas, Carnivals, Street Dances, Mythological Shows and much more.

There are venues of international standard named **Nautanki Mahal** for performing arts and an avenue with the interesting name of **Culture Gully** for showcasing Indian handicrafts, cuisine and much more.

Nautanki Mahal is the venue for Bollywood style Musicals and Theatre in the grand style of royals that will leave you breathless - an Overwhelming and amazing magical experience. Overnight in Delhi. (B)

DAY 09: DELHI

Today you will enjoy a sightseeing tour of New Delhi with an expert local guide, beginning at Qutb Minar, a stunning 240-foot minaret surrounded by an elaborate complex built in the Indo-Islamic architectural tradition. Marvel at the amazing Baha'i Lotus Temple, a marble symbol of peace, and visit Raj Ghat, Mahatma Gandhi's serene and evocative cremation site. See India Gate (the war memorial), Parliament building and the President's house. Evening at leisure before farewell dinner at Veda restaurant. Late evening transfer to airport for onward flight. (B/D)

DAY 10: USA (ARRIVE)

Arrive back in the USA this morning.