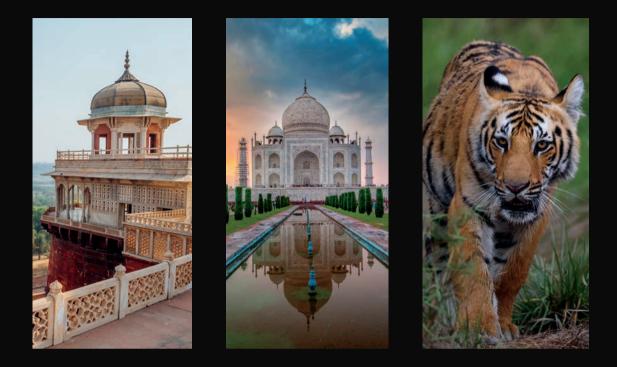
## JAVELINA EXPLORERS A GLOBAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS



### DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF INDIA: FORTS, PALACES & TIGERS

EMBARK ON AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY TO INDIA, LED BY REGENTS PROFESSOR EMERITUS, DR. NIRMAL GOSWAMI. YOUR LUXURY ALL-INCLUSIVE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE WILL BENEFIT INTERNATIONAL STUDIES INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE.

#### **PACKAGE INCLUDES**

LUXURY ACCOMMODATIONS, MEALS, TOURS, AND ALL DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING DOMESTIC AIRFARE AND AIRPORT TRANSFERS. (NOTE: DOMESTIC EXCESS BAGGAGE FEES, IF ANY, NOT INCLUDED)

#### **2025 DATES**

DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 13 • 12 NIGHTS, 13 DAYS

#### **PRICING INFORMATION\***

\$11,750 / COUPLE • \$5,875 /SINGLE

\* INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED \* PRICE IS CONTINGENT ON EXCHANGE RATE

TO SECURE YOUR TRIP \$1000 DEPOSIT DUE BY JULY 15, 2025 MINIMUM OF TEN PERSONS REQUIRED FOR THE TRIP TO OCCUR

# **INDIA: LOCATION**



#### **Discover the Magic of India – Your Journey Awaits!**

India is a country like no other – where ancient traditions meet modern vibrancy, where breathtaking landscapes unfold at every turn, and where each experience tells a new story. Whether you seek adventure, relaxation, spirituality, or culture, India has something special for everyone!

# MEET YOUR TRIP DIRECTOR

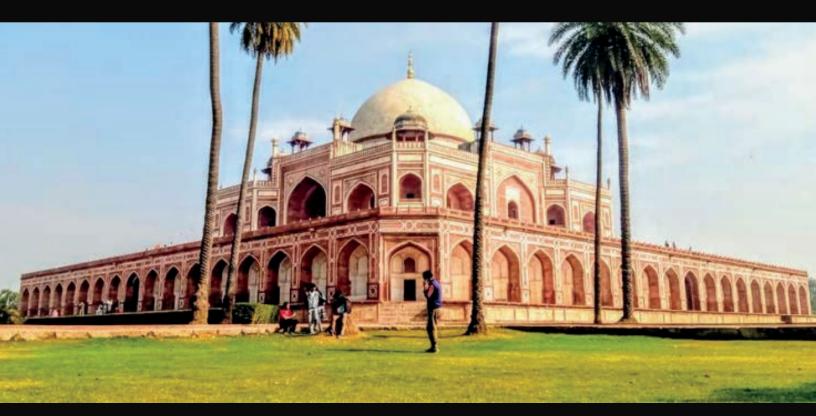


#### Dr. Nirmal Goswami

Regents Professor Emeritus Special Assistant to the University Foundation

Our excursion will be led by a familiar favorite Javelina professor, Dr. Nirmal Goswami. Originally from Assam, India, Dr. Goswami's enthusiasm for global travel is evident as he incorporates history, global political movements, and world economies into the trip.

He served as the Director of the International Studies Minor and regularly offered political science global programs, which took students to regions in Africa, Asia, and New Zealand. Dr. Goswami was also volunteer assistant coach for the university's women's tennis team.



# YOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1

#### Arrival in New Delhi

You will be received at Indira Gandhi International Airport, and transported to your hotel.

## DAY 2

#### In New Delhi

After breakfast, start a full-day tour of Old & New Delhi. Visit Raj Ghat, Mahatma Gandhi's memorial, and drive past the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, and Chandni Chowk. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit Gurudwara Bangla Sahib. Next, explore Agrasen ki Baoli, followed by a drive past iconic landmarks like India Gate, the President's House, Parliament House, Government Secretariat buildings, and Connaught Place. Evening dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight stay in Delhi.





#### Drive from Delhi to Agra

After breakfast, visit Qutab Minar, India's tallest stone tower, followed by the Lotus Temple, a Bahá'í House of Worship known for its lotus-like design. Later, drive to Agra (205 km, approx. 4 hours) and check in at the hotel upon arrival. Overnight stay at the hotel in Agra.



## DAY 4

#### In Agra

After breakfast, visit the Taj Mahal, a 17th-century marvel built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Continue to Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage site and former Mughal residence until 1638. Next, explore Itmad-ud-Daulah's Tomb ("Baby Taj"). Later, visit local markets before returning to the hotel. Overnight stay at the hotel in Agra.





#### Drive from Agra to Ranthambore

After breakfast, drive to Ranthambore (305 km, approx. 6 hours). Enroute, visit Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted Red sandstone city built by Emperor Akbar as his capital between 1571 and 1585, known for its high-quality architecture. Continue the drive to Ranthambore and check-in at the hotel upon arrival. Enjoy dinner at the hotel and overnight stay in Ranthambore.





## DAY 6

#### In Ranthambore

Early morning, depart for a game drive in Ranthambore National Park After the drive, return to the hotel for breakfast and lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy another game drive. End the day with dinner at the hotel and an overnight stay in Ranthambore.





#### **DAY 7** Drive from Ranthambore to Jaipur

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel followed by free time for independent activities in the morning. After lunch at the hotel, drive to Jaipur (165 km, approx. 3.5 hrs). Upon arrival, check-in at the hotel. In the evening, enjoy an evening dinner at Chowki Dhani with cultural show. Overnight stay in Jaipur.





## **DAY 8** In Jaipur

After breakfast, embark on a sightseeing tour of Jaipur, starting with a visit to Amber Fort, enroute stopping at Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds). The fort overlooks Maota Lake and features a mix of red sandstone and marble across four levels with courtyards. Enjoy a traditional *thali* meal for lunch. In the afternoon, visit the City Palace, a stunning blend of Mughal and Rajasthani architecture, now housing a museum. Continue to Jantar Mantar, the Royal Astronomical Observatory, featuring the world's largest stone sundial and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the local market before returning to the hotel for an overnight stay.





#### In Jaipur

After breakfast, proceed to Bagru (approx. 30 km / 1 hour one way), a small town on the outskirts of Jaipur known for its traditional Block Printing art. Visit local workshops and witness artisans practicing this centuries-old craft, involving processes like washing, color making, block carving, and printing. Participate in a hands-on workshop to create your own block-printed fabric under the guidance of a master artisan. In the afternoon, visit the Birla Temple (Lakshmi Narayan Temple). Return to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight stay in Jaipur.

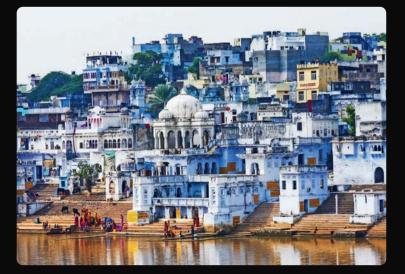




## **DAY 10**

#### Drive from Jaipur to Udaipur

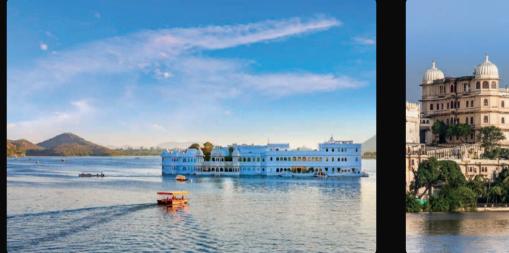
After breakfast, begin your drive to Udaipur (395 km/7.5 hours), with an enroute visit to Pushkar, an ancient and sacred city for Hindus and Sikhs. Known for its many temples, including the famous red-spired Brahma Temple, Pushkar also holds significant religious importance for both Hinduism and Sikhism. Notably, the city forbids meat, eggs, alcohol, and drugs. After exploring Pushkar, continue your drive to Udaipur. Upon arrival, check into your hotel. Overnight stay in Udaipur.





## **DAY 11** In Udaipur

In the morning, embark on a guided tour of Udaipur, visiting the City Palace, a grand complex of eleven palaces overlooking Lake Pichola, now serving as a museum, royal residence, and luxury hotel. Explore the Jagdish Temple, built in 1651, dedicated to Lord Vishnu, featuring a rare black marble idol. In the afternoon, enjoy a shared boat ride on Lake Pichola, visiting Jagniwas and Jagmandir—island palaces with historical significance. Overnight stay in Udaipur.





## **DAY 12**

#### Flight from Udaipur to Delhi

Morning leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Udaipur Airport for flight to Delhi. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Lunch & Dinner at the hotel/ local restaurant. Overnight stay at the hotel in Delhi.





#### In Delhi - Departure

Morning leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Check-out from hotel (Check-out time at 1200 hrs). Intime the guests will be assisted transfer to Delhi International Airport to board flight for onwards destination.



#### Inclusive Domestic Travel and Experiences

- Domestic Airfare
- In Agra: Mohabbat The Taj Show
- In Agra: Heritage Walk Tour/ Culinary Walk Tour (Street Food Tour)
- In Jaipur: Cooking Demonstration followed by Lunch or Dinner with Indian Family
- In Udaipur: Classic Car ride experience along with sightseeing tour from City Palace to Fateh Sagar Lake round trip

#### PACK YOUR BAGS AND LET THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME BEGIN!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS TRIP, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE JAVELINA EXPLORERS TRAVEL PROGRAM, PLEASE COMPLETE THE <u>INTEREST FORM</u> OR CONTACT AMANDA THOMPSON AT AMANDA.THOMPSON@TAMUK.EDU OR (361) 593-4405.