



CAREER ENRICHMENT



Library & Information Services Journey to India

Delhi, Jaipur & Agra

10 days / 7 nights

October 5-13*, 2019 (*arrive home on 14th)

\$5,299 (Based on double occupancy)

\$899 (Single supplement)

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of India while you spend time with the locals. This adventure includes a very special experience giving back to a local nonprofit.

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India Highlights

- ✓ 7 nights / 10-day journey through the Golden Triangle
- ✓ Cross a visit to the **Taj Mahal** off your bucket list as you step back in time and visit this iconic site.
- ✓ **Accompanying guest program** available on this itinerary.
- ✓ Sit down and **talk to your counterparts** about some of the major challenges facing Indian libraries and the innovations happening in India today.

Community Connections

- ✓ Giving back and engaging with the local community is an important part of your journey. Spend time with a facility dedicated to giving back like **Disha: Resource Center for the Disabled** who provide an opportunity for children with multiple disabilities to develop to their full potential.
- ✓ Gain authentic cultural insight during an evening spent enjoying a **home-cooked meal with a local family**.

Educational Interaction

- ✓ **Meaningful interaction and collaboration** between travelers and your counterparts will provide the chance to explore India's libraries to get a better understanding of their successes in meeting their specific missions; any innovations they have developed; the major challenges/issues they are dealing with in their libraries; and to identify potential collaboration/partnerships.
- ✓ Explore India's rich cultural heritage as you learn about their library services including visits to local public and university libraries and interaction with experts from **DELNET-Developing Library Network** (or similar).

What's Included:

- 4* accommodations throughout
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airport
- International air to and from Delhi (gateway is out of NYC area)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Meals as mentioned and most tips

Not Included:

- Personal expenses at the hotel
- Meals not specified
- Tips for national guide
- Passport renewal or issuance
- Domestic flight to gateway city
- Departure taxes if applicable
- Cost of your tourist visa



📍 New York Area

DAY 1, October 5, 2019

Depart for India today

Depart from New York City/surrounding area and make your way to India. The stunning beauty and friendly people alone are worth a visit!

The bustling metropolis of **Delhi** has been invaded, destroyed, and rebuilt countless times in its 5,000-year history. Today, it is a sprawling urban center unofficially divided into two parts: Old Delhi—the classic Indian experience of colorful, crowded streets and historical monuments—and New Delhi, India's capital, a city of wide avenues and government buildings that the British began erecting in the early 1900s.

📍 Delhi, India

DAY 2, October 6

Arrival in Delhi

Arrive in **Delhi**, India this evening. New Delhi is the capital of India and the heart of the nation and has more than 28 million residents in this sprawling metropolis.

Upon arrival, the group will be met at the airport and transferred via private coach to your local hotel. Relax this evening and settle into your hotel.

Note: Depending on flight arrival time, dinner is on your own (generally provided in flight).

The Palms Hotel in Delhi is located at a private country club, reserved for members only. They offer complimentary internet usage, bottled water, coffee and tea maker, minibar, room safes, 24-hour room service, onsite dining and other amenities for your comfort. They also have a pool and, fitness center including squash courts and tennis.

Overnight: The Palms (or similar)

Included meals: N/A



📍 Delhi, India

DAY 3, October 7

Cultural program in Delhi

Please Note: Breakfast is included daily in your program.

All travelers will gather this morning with your national guide and receive further information on the program and today's activities.

Explore the unique and defining characteristics of **Old Delhi and New Delhi**. Contemplate the impact of Mahatma Gandhi's life at the Raj Ghat, a simple memorial to the legendary icon of non-violent civil disobedience. Hop in a rickshaw for a view of the Red Fort, the imperial residence of India, and the Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in the country.

After lunch on your own, discover the **garden tomb of Humayun**, built by the widow of the second Mughal emperor. Continue to the imposing **India Gate**, the **parliament buildings**, and the **Rashtrapati Bhavan**, the residence of the president and largest structure for any chief of state in the world.

This evening the group will enjoy a welcome dinner with fellow travelers.

Overnight: The Palms (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner



📍 Delhi, India

DAY 4, October 8

Professional program in Delhi

Today the professional members of the group will meet with **counterparts** in the morning and afternoon. This will include meetings with library and information service professionals from facilities such as **DELNET-Developing Library Network (or similar)** and a university library like **IGNOU**. DELNET was established with a prime objective of promoting resource sharing among the libraries of India through the development of a network of libraries. The aim is to collect, store, and disseminate information as well as offer computerized services to users; to coordinate efforts for suitable collection development; and to reduce unnecessary duplication wherever possible in the system.

Guest program:

Accompanying guests will explore the National Gandhi Museum which has a very rich collection of original relics, books, journals and documents, photographs, audio-visual materials, exhibitions, art pieces and other memorabilia closely connected with Mahatma Gandhi, Kastur Ba and Indian Freedom Struggle. Stop for a photo opportunity to also see the Lotus and Laxmi Narayana Temples.

Lunch and dinner will be provided today.

Overnight: The Palms (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

📍 Jaipur, India

DAY 5, October 9

Morning Meeting & Drive to Jaipur

This morning visit a specialty library like **Nehru Memorial Museum and Library**. They are a museum and library with a primary goal to preserve and reconstruct the history of the Indian independence movement. Discuss funding and some of the innovations happening in Indian libraries.

Guest program:

Accompanying guests will have some free time before heading to lunch and onward to Jaipur with the rest of the group.

Later today depart via bus for the **Pink City of Jaipur**, known for the terracotta plaster that coats buildings in the old part of the city. Jaipur is the capital and largest city of Rajasthan. Established back in 1727 the city now has a population of more than 3 million. It is 167 miles north of Delhi and forms the western part of the Golden Triangle.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon in route to Jaipur (approximately 4-hour drive).

The **Golden Tulip Jaipur** is a centrally located four-star property. They have a full-service restaurant, coffee lounge and bar, as well as room service for your convenience. Rooms are equipped with hairdryers, wi-fi access (for a fee), coffee/tea maker, minifridge, cable TV & iPod stations. The hotel has a rooftop pool, gym and a spa with a sauna, a steam room as well as hot tub.

Upon arrival in Jaipur, check in at your local hotel and have dinner on your own. *The hotel has room service as well if preferred.*

Overnight: Golden Tulip (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Jaipur, India

DAY 6, October 10

Professional program in Jaipur

After breakfast, the group will meet with representatives of a facility such as **Disha: Resource Center for the Disabled**. Interact with the staff and patients today to learn how they provide an opportunity for children multiple disabilities to develop to their true potential.

Later this morning you will continue your professional interaction during a visit to a local **public library** in Jaipur. Visit with librarians to discuss some of the major challenges facing Indian libraries as well as challenged faced by library directors and other administrators.

Lunch will be provided this afternoon. Continue onward to visit a university library like that at **IIHMR University Library** this afternoon. Meet with research and library staff at the Indian Institute of Health Management Research to discuss topics of mutual interest. The objective of the library is to provide its users, appropriate and adequate material in minimum amount of time enabling them to achieve excellence in research, teaching, learning, and community services. They have the first automated library in the state, which is divided into three functional units: Technical, Documentation and Information.

Guest program:

Accompanying guests will enjoy a visit to Sanganer that takes you through two triple gateways to explore palace ruins and the city's exquisitely carved Jain temples. Learn about Rajasthani art from local masters before a stop at the Lakshmi Narayan Temple (Birla Mandir), situated below Moti Dungri. Visit the temple grounds which were built in 1938 and dedicated to Lord Vishnu and goddess Lakshmi. Note you will be asked to remove your shoes to enter.

This evening dinner will be at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Golden Tulip (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



📍 Jaipur, India

DAY 7, October 11

History of Jaipur & home hosted meal

Embark on an extensive exploration of the monuments of Jaipur's golden age. First travel as the Maharajah's did by elephant to the **Amber Fort**, a beautiful complex of palaces, halls, pavilions, gardens and temples. Once inside the citadel, stroll through the sprawling palace and courtyards to admire the grand architecture and delicate carvings. In route, visit the **Palace of Winds**, also known as **Hawa Mahal**. Its elaborate façade with more than 900 windows once served as an observation point for the ladies of the court.

After lunch on your own, continue to the **City Palace**—composed of a vast mosaic of exquisite palaces, gardens, and courtyards—and the **Jantar Mantar Astronomical Observatory**. This stone observatory (the largest in the world) is one of five built by Jaipur's founder, Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II. Experience some of the traditional arts of Rajasthan as you watch craftsmen create block prints and jewelry.

Gain authentic cultural insight during an evening spent enjoying a **home-cooked meal with a local family**.

Overnight: Golden Tulip (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner



The **Crystal Sarovar Hotel** is centrally located close to the Taj Mahal in the heart of the tourist hub of the city. Rooms have Wi-Fi access, tea & coffee maker, room service and other complimentary amenities like fresh fruit. The hotel has a variety of onsite dining options for your convenience as well as a fitness center, spa, swimming pool, travel desk and more.

Dinner will be provided this evening.

Overnight: Crystal Sarovar (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

📍 Agra, India

DAY 8, October 12

Drive to Agra

Today the group will say farewell to Jaipur and drive with your guide to **Agra**. The remote city is a must see when you are in Northern India, not only because it is the home of the UNESCO World Heritage rated Taj Mahal. The city is located on the banks of the river Yamuna and the 24th most populous city in India. *The drive is about 6 hours (240 kms).*

Lunch will be provided in route this afternoon.

On the way visit **Fatehpur Sikri**, a spacious red sandstone city built in the 16th century by the Mughal Emperor Akbar. The architecture combines Hindu and Moghul styles, expressing Akbar's vision of synthesizing the cultures. The onetime capital was deserted after only 12 years, but the audience halls, palaces and mosques are still perfectly intact.





📍 Agra, India

DAY 9, October 13

Visit the Taj Mahal

Explore Shah Jehan's monument to love - the **Taj Mahal**. A mausoleum built by Shah Jehan for his queen Mumtaz Mahal, the Taj Mahal is said to have taken 22 years and 20,000 craftsmen to construct. Its perfect proportions and minutely detailed marble inlays will astound you. It is renowned for its perfect proportions with rich, exquisite marble inlay with minute details and executed with great skill.

Lunch is by individual arrangement today.

Say farewell to Agra and drive back to Delhi this afternoon.

Enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant this evening before heading to the airport for your late departure home this evening.

Overnight: N/A

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

📍 New York Area

DAY 10, October 14

Arrival

Arrival will be this morning back in the U.S.

“My trip to India was truly amazing”

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Dale Smith, RN, OCN
Nursing Journey to India



📍 Delhi, India

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