India Study Tour

Incredible India

3 – 17 May 2016
History 2798 – Spring Semester 2016 and tour in May 2016
The Ohio State University Marion Campus

Overview: This study tour has been planned to provide students with opportunities to study and experience Indian culture. This trip will provide a first-hand opportunity to view an emerging Asian nation in a globalizing world.

Program: The itinerary includes visits to key places: Mumbai, Ellora and Ajanta Caves, Udaipur, Jaipur, Agra, Delhi. A description of some of the sites:
Mumbai: - A Portuguese and British colonial city that became the financial center of the English East India Company. Today Mumbai is the financial, commercial, and entertainment capital of India. View the Hindu and Islamic Gateway of India, the Victorian Gothic Victoria Terminus, Siddhivinayak Temple, Mumbai, 6th century Elephanta Island caves, the 14th-century Haji Ali mosque, the Dhobi Ghat, Chowpatty, and Marine Drive.

Ajanta and Ellora Caves: - Buddhist monks came to Ajanta in the 2nd century BCE, carved caves out of the rock gorge, and created a new style temple. At Ellora, explore the Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain cave temples and monasteries that were built between the 5th and 10th centuries.

Udaipur: - Udaipur is called the “Venice of East”. Explore the famed Jag Niwas Palace on Lake Pichola.

Jaipur: - Visit the Pink City with its Hawa Mahal (the palace of winds), Sheesh Mahal (Hall of Mirrors), the Maharaja’s City Palace, the Jantar Mantar Observatory, the Birla White Marble Temple, and the Amber Fort.

Agra: - Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise and the Agra Fort, the seat of the Mughal Empire.

Delhi: - Delhi is India’s capital city with a rich history spanning over 2,000 years. Old Delhi was the capital of Muslim India from the 12th through the 19th centuries. Visit Jama Masjid, Qutub Minar, Humayun's tomb considered a precursor to the Taj Mahal for its Indo-Persian design, the India Gate war memorial and the Parliament, the Gandhi Smriti Museum, and the Raj Ghat at Mahatma Gandhi's memorial and cremation site.

Participants: Open to OSU and MTC students, staff, and faculty. Approximately fifteen applicants will be accepted into the study tour. The program is designed for individuals who have an interest in contemporary affairs, global studies and India’s history, cultures, economy, and educational system.

Academic Credit: Traditional and non-traditional students will register for 5 credit hours of History 2798, Spring Semester 2016. Details regarding academic requirements and responsibilities will be provided upon request. The course will prepare and orient students for the study tour and acquaint students with Indian geography, ethnic groups, and religious institutions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Jainism, and Islam), as well as with social, political, and economic developments that have combined to produce a constantly evolving Indian nation.

Students who have participated in previous India Study Tours will register as Audits for 2 credit hours

Ohio State Marion students may apply for an Ohio State Marion Study Travel Scholarship.
Dates: Tentatively the group will depart for India on Tuesday, 3 May and will return on Tuesday, 17 May, 2016.

Arrangements for Travel:
Price: The tentative price of $2650 includes: roundtrip air fare; guest houses with bath or shower throughout the itinerary based on double occupancy; meals; program related transportation in India; the total program abroad, including entrance fees, scheduled briefings, visits, tours, lectures, performances, and cultural events; baggage handling for one bag (not to exceed 44 lbs.); all air and land transfers with assistance; gratuities and taxes normally added to hotel bills; carefully selected English speaking guides; and gratuities for local guides and drivers.
Not included in the price: Passport (currently, $135); Indian visa (currently $76. including processing); immunization shots; meals not mentioned as scheduled; personal items such as a la carte orders, room service, and laundry charges; transportation to the departure city prior to the study tour and return to participants’ homes following the study tour; health, flight cancellation, or baggage insurance; tuition and fees at The Ohio State University. Thus a student’s expenses not included in the package are estimated at $645.
Deposit: A deposit of $350 per person will be required on one’s admission to the program. The balance will be due no later than 5 February 2016.

Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, 1 December 2015. However, early application is encouraged since the number of spaces will be limited. Please note that we will need your passport information by Friday, 15 January 2016. Your passport must be valid through November 2016.

Insurance: Participants are required to be enrolled in Ohio State University's supplemental health insurance plan. Ohio State University makes available a health insurance program. Trip cancellation, baggage, and travel insurance is the responsibility of the student.

Cancellation Policy: The following cancellation/refund policy will be in effect for the study tour:

Full refund less $100 for any cancellation received in writing up to 91 days before departure. After that period, the cancellation fees are as follows:

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After the departure date, all unused services provided by pre-arrangement during the trip, including hotel accommodations, ground transportation, domestic or international flights, meals, and programmed experiences are neither refundable nor exchangeable.

**Required Meeting:** The Office of International Affairs requires that all participants attend an OIA orientation meeting on the Ohio State Marion Campus. The meeting will coincide with a class in March 2016.

(Please understand that there may be changes in the plan and costs are subject to airline and transportation costs.)

**Study Tour Leaders and Instructors:** The study tour is organized by Professors Steffel and Pandey. Professor Pandey (Mathematics and OSUM Associate Dean) was raised and educated in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, which will be the focus of the field aspect of the study tour. Professor Steffel (History emeritus) taught World History at OSU and for Semester at Sea (University of Virginia).

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