



Strategic Community Alliance, Inc.

"Promoting and Empowering Communities as One"

EXPERIENCE INDIA – Tour of India

Experience India is a fantastic opportunity to travel to India, one of the most revered parts of the world. You will see, explore, and experience the rich culture, inspiring history, vibrant arts, architectural marvels, traditions, and breathtaking sites of historical India. You will fall in love with the hospitality, humility, and generosity of the people of India.

Highlights and Attractions of the EXPERIENCE INDIA Tour:

- Assurance of traveling with American travel buddies who know languages & culture of India
- The Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world
- The Statue of Unity, the tallest statue of the world
- Delhi, the capital and historical city of India
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Ahmedabad, Pavagadh-Champaner, Patan, and Delhi
- Sites related to world-renowned leaders of India such as Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel
- Arts, handicrafts, fabrics, and weaves of India
- A cultural program by local artists of India
- A variety of flavorful food of India
- Meeting local artists and artisans

Tour Dates: Tour starts in Ahmedabad on **January 16, 2024** and ends in Delhi on **January 28, 2024**

Reservations/Bookings: This tour is limited to only 30 people. These limited seats can fill up quickly due to the quality of the tour, which includes staying in 5-star hotels, transportation in a luxury AC coach, and no additional fees for access to numerous site-seeing venues. Please register for "Experience India" to reserve your spot on this once-in-a-lifetime experience while seating is available.

Cost: \$2,200.00 per person (two persons per hotel room) and \$3,200.00 per person (single person per hotel room)

How to Register:

- **Non-Refundable Deposit** of \$900.00 per person (two persons per hotel room) and \$1,300.00 per person (single person per hotel room) before **June 5, 2023**
- Full payment can be made upon initial reservation, but must be paid no later than **October 31, 2023**.
- You can register an employee, family member or friend as a reward for a professional or personal accomplishment, gift, etc.

Price Includes:

- Domestic flight from Vadodara, India to Delhi, India
- 12 nights in 5-star hotels
- All breakfasts in 5-star hotels

- Entrance fees to all the site-seeing places included in the itinerary
- Ground transportation in a luxurious and spacious 45-seater AC coach with driver
- Tolls, parking, driver allowance
- English-speaking tour manager
- English-speaking tour guide
- Cultural performance by local artists
- Travel buddy who is familiar with local languages and culture
- Meeting and interacting with local people, artists, and artisans
- Multiple informational and orientation sessions about traveling to India



Not Included:

- International airfare and flights: Individuals have very different international flight preferences, so tour participants are afforded the opportunity to schedule their flights, which vary in price, times, airlines, etc. They can also take advantage of their frequent-flyer programs. All tour participants must arrive at Ahmedabad Airport in India by 9:00 am local time on January 16, 2024. Transportation from Ahmedabad Airport to the hotel in Ahmedabad will be provided from 6:00 am to 11:00 am on January 16, 2024. Before the tour, Strategic Community Alliance (SCA) representatives will share flights and airline options they have taken and/or are familiar with upon request.
- Tips and gratuities
- Lunch and dinner (food is inexpensive - approximately \$10/day)
- Visa fees (Strategic Community Alliance representatives will facilitate meeting with their visa expert to assist the tour participants with completing all required paperwork for visa application.)

Travelers are encouraged to purchase their own trip and medical insurance prior to departure.

If you need an accommodation for disability, please identify the desired accommodation at the time of registration.

Itinerary:

Day 1: January 16, 2024: Arrival in Ahmedabad, Gujarat

- Morning – pick-up from Ahmedabad airport, breakfast, rest and relax
- Tour begins at 1 pm with visit to some of the world-renowned educational institutions
- An evening of cultural performances with opportunity to interact with local artists, learn a few moves and join the artists in dancing to Indian music and rhythm.

Day 2: January 17, 2024: Ahmedabad City Sight-Seeing – History and Architecture

- Sidi Saiyyed Mosque, Bhadra Fort, Teen Darwaza, Jami Masjid, Jhulta Minara, Adalaj Stepwell, ISKON temple, Swaminarayan Temple, Hutheesingh Jain Temple

Day 3: January 18, 2024: Ahmedabad City Museum Tour

- Gandhi Museum and Ashram – Gandhi’s home and exhibits about his life, work and philosophy
- Calico Textile Museum – comprehensive collection of textiles
- Sanskar Kendra – City Museum
- City Kite Museum
- Evening at Kankaria Lake and local market



Day 4: January 19, 2024: Day Trip to Gandhinagar

- Akshardham Temple – an architectural marvel built with pink stones with intricate carvings, located within the magnificent landscape with over 57,000 trees, plants and shrubs
- Dandi Kutir – With innovative technology and immersive media, this is India’s largest museum on the life and work of Gandhi.
- Evening – Time at the Law Garden Night Market famous for the region’s authentic and vibrant fabrics, art, souvenirs, handicrafts, and much more at bargain prices

Day 5: January 20, 2024: Day Trip to Modhera, Patan, and Vadnagar

- Modhera Sun Temple - Beautiful architecture with halls, pillars and reservoir with intricate carvings
- Patan’s Rani Ni Vav ('The Queen's Stepwell') - UNESCO World Heritage Site and the largest stepwell designed as an inverted temple highlighting the sanctity of water
- Patola Weaves – see the artisans weave the traditional Gujarati saree called Patola
- Vadnagar - Kirti Stamb, Gauri Kund & Tana Riri Garden & Shrine

Day 6: January 21, 2024: The Statue of Unity, Kevadia

- Standing 187 meters tall, the Statue of Unity is the world’s tallest statue - stunning views from the Observatory Deck; exhibits, museum and audio-visual gallery about the life and work of Sardar Patel who was instrumental in integrating India into an independent united nation; spectacular Light and Sound Show.
- Sardar Sarovar Dam and a boat ride in Narmada River

Day 7: January 22, 2024: Vadodara City Site-Seeing

- Laxmi Vilas Palace – the largest royal palace built in the Indo-Saracenic architectural style
- Vadodara Museum Picture Gallery
- Fateh Singh Palace
- architectural marvel
- Sursagar Lake

Day 8: January 23, 2024: Day Trip to Pavagadh – Champner

- Champaner – Pavagadh Archaeological Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site

Day 9: January 24, 2024: Fly to Delhi and then drive to Agra

Day 10: January 25, 2024: Agra City Sight-Seeing

- Taj Mahal - one of the seven wonders of the world
- Marble Inlay Factory
- Agra Fort - a UNESCO World Heritage Site



Day 11: January 26, 2024: Agra to Delhi

- Mathura – marked as birthplace of Indian deity Krishna; It has a significant relevance to Indian traditions and culture
- Vrindavan ISKON temple

Day 12: January 27, 2024: Delhi City Site-Seeing Tour

- Jama Masjid - the largest mosque of India
- Red Fort – a historic fort where independent India hoisted its flag for the first time
- Raj Ghat - a memorial dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi
- India Gate – a memorial dedicated to the soldier of British Indian Army who died between 1914 and 1921 during World War I
- Qutub Minar – the tallest stone tower in India and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Lotus Temple – architecturally marvelous Bahai House of Worship built in shape of a lotus
- Delhi Haat – famous handicrafts market

Day 13: January 28, 2024: Last day of the tour - Departure from Delhi

After breakfast and a relaxing morning, you will get dropped off to the airport for your return journey home to the USA. The check out from the hotel will be at 12 noon local time, so you can book your flight from Delhi for January 28, 2024.

After all travelers are registered and confirmed, we will offer a series of meetings to provide information regarding visa, discuss detailed itinerary, share some tips on preparing for the trip, assign travel buddies, etc.

For more information about the tour and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Dr. Sheni Meghani at shenimeghani@yahoo.com or **267.575.1227**.

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