



Travel dates January 4—  
15, 2018

# Cedar Crest Study Tour to India

REL 226-70 Hinduism with Dr. Allen Richardson



# Study Tour Highlights

- Visit a 500-year-old spice market in Old Delhi; see the Taj Mahal, and ride an elephant to the Amber fort on the top of a mountain in the old desert city of Jaipur. Other highlights include a visit to a sixteenth century Mughal fort, journey to Udaipur where a palace was built in the middle of a lake, visit a bird sanctuary where herons and storks nest, and an excursion to the temple town of Nathdwara, home to an image of Krishna as a child.

# REL 226-70: Hinduism (course is optional)

- 3 credit course, curricular equivalent of REL: 226 (Hinduism in America) taught as part of Religious ST & Global ST program
- Offered as an accelerated hybrid w/emphasis on Hinduism in India
- Class meets 5 Saturdays in December and January @ 2 hours each followed by travel to India January 4–15, 2018. If student is not local, class/pre-departure meetings by skype.
- Course objectives: (a) study Hindu tradition in depth (history, literature, art), (b) understand connections between religion & culture in South Asia, (c) explore Hinduism as an adaptive tradition with inter-relationships between village life and a philosophical literary heritage
- Please see syllabus for assignments/requirements, and assessment.

# Logistics/Tentative Itinerary

- January 4, 2018: take Cedar Crest shuttle to JFK, Philly, or Newark airport (TBA). Instructions to follow for students from other U.S. states.
- January 5: late arrival in Delhi: pick up at airport by India Exploration Tours, check in at hotel, dinner.
- January 6: Old Delhi Sightseeing: commercial markets, Oldest Spice Market, India Gate, Presidential Palace; overnight A/C train to Udaipur
- January 7: Udaipur sightseeing: city palace, Jag Mandir, boat ride in Lake Pichola, return to hotel
- January 8: travel to world famous Nathdwara and on return, Udaipur royal's temple "Ek Ling Ji."
- January 9: drive to present capital of Rajasthan "Jaipur", visit Birla Mandir, check into hotel
- January 10: Jaipur sightseeing: Hawa Mahal, Amber fort, City Palace in the Pink City, visit to gem factory...

# Itinerary continued

- January 11: travel to Agra (city of “love”) with stop at Bharatpur national park (Unesco site), arrive at Agra by sunset
- January 12: early morning Taj Mahal visit (2–3 hr visit), return to hotel, visit to Agra fort, visit to marble inlay factory
- January 13: drive back to Delhi with stop for lunch and visit to Gandhi memorial
- January 14: no planned excursions; transfer to airport for return flight to USA
- January 15: arrive at airport in USA

# Included in Program Fee

- Round trip shuttle between campus and the airport: if student is in the Lehigh Valley area
- Round trip international flights to/from Delhi
- Twin-shared hotel accommodations January 5–14, 2018
- All meals in-country (B,L,D)
- A/C coach throughout the itinerary
- Monument admission
- English speaking guide throughout
- A/C sleeper class train ticket (Delhi-Udaipur)
- Boat ride: Udaipur
- Cycle rickshaw ride in Old Delhi
- Elephant Ride in Amber Fort
- Camel Ride at Jal Mahal
- Indian Visa
- Emergency medical/accident, natural disaster, political evacuation coverage, trip cancellation & interruption coverage
- Tips & gratuities for guide, drivers, meals

# Not included in program fee

- Additional potential visa processing costs if other than US citizen
- Personal spending money
- Additional snacks/beverages

# Program fee & due dates

- The program fee is estimated at \$4500 based on a minimum of 12 participants signing up
- We'll confirm this price with you.
- Please see the attached payment plan on the next slide. Payments may be made directly using a credit card, by phone, to our Cedar Crest College Cashier, Lynda Yohe.
- Her contact info is at 610-606-4666, ext 3309. She is available Monday through Thursday from 10am—1pm only.

# Required payments & due dates

Amount	Due date	To Whom?
\$300 non-refundable deposit	Fri, Feb. 10, 2017	Pay Lynda Yohe at 610-606-4666 ext 3309
\$1200	Mon, April 10, 2017	Pay Lynda Yohe at 610-606-4666, ext 3309
\$1200	Fri, June 9, 2017	Pay Lynda Yohe at 610-606-4666, ext3309
\$1800	Fri, September 8, 2017	Pay Lynda Yohe at 610-606-4666, ext 3309

# How do I sign up for the India Study Tour?

- 1. Complete the one page application form. This comes to Mary Anne in Global Initiatives at [mkucser@cedarcrest.edu](mailto:mkucser@cedarcrest.edu) by Friday, February 10, 2017
- 2. Make your \$300 non-refundable deposit to Lynda Yohe by February 10, 2017. Call Lynda on the phone at 610-606-4666, ext 3309 to pay her by credit/debit card.
- Please note that Lynda is only available Mon > Thurs 10am—1pm
- 3. Complete a Financial Commitment Form: this comes to Mary Anne too at [mkucser@cedarcrest.edu](mailto:mkucser@cedarcrest.edu)

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- What does “non-refundable” mean?
- It means that if Cedar Crest cancels the India study tour for any reason (i.e. not enough students sign up), we WILL REFUND your \$300 deposit.
- It means that if we moved forward with the study tour and you decide to drop out anyway, you will lose your \$300 😞

# What to expect next

- We'll let you know if we are moving forward
- We'll let you know about pre-departure meetings
- Dr. Richardson will let you know additional details about the class
- In the upcoming months, we'll ask you for your Passport copy. If you do not already have a Passport, please start the process at your local Post Office, by appointment. To find out what paperwork you need to apply for a Passport, go to <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>
- Your Passport must have a "valid until" date of at least July 16, 2018 or later. If not, you MUST renew.
- If you need to renew, check here to see if you meet the criteria to renew by mail: <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports/renew.html>
- You'll receive step-by-step instructions for applying for an Indian Visa in the future.

# Questions?

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