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**Sunday
January 1**

TWIN CITIES Departure. Meet (9:00 a.m.) your UMAIE representative at the United Airlines ticket counter, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Terminal 1-Lindbergh, for departure to Chennai with connecting service to Lufthansa German Airlines in Chicago and Frankfurt. Check baggage through to Chennai. See complete group flight details under the Flight Schedule section.

CHICAGO Departure. Assemble (2:15 p.m.) at the Lufthansa German Airlines ticket counter, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Terminal 1, for departure to Chennai with connecting service in Frankfurt. Check baggage through to Chennai. See complete group flight details under the Flight Schedule section.

**Monday
January 2**

FRANKFURT Arrival. Upon arrival at Frankfurt International Airport proceed to connecting gate for departure to Chennai. See complete group flight details under the Flight Schedule section.

**Tuesday
January 3**

CHENNAI Arrival. Arrive (12:05 a.m.) at Chennai International Airport, Anna International Terminal, and transfer by private motorcoach, with local assistant, to the [HOTEL LE REPOSE*](#) for check-in. Breakfast (9:00 a.m.) at hotel followed by visit (10:00 a.m.) to local Tambaram markets. Lunch (1:00 p.m.) at hotel. Transfer (3:15 p.m.) to [MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE](#) (MCC) for orientation and lecture on the History of MCC led by Principal, Dr. R.W. Alexander Jesudasan, followed by walking tour of the campus and dinner at MCC Campus. Evening (8:30 p.m.) return transfer to hotel. **(B,L,D)**

**Hotel Pre-paid for the night of January 2nd to guarantee early check-in for January 3rd a.m. arrival.*

**Wednesday
January 4**

CHENNAI. Breakfast (8:00 a.m.) at hotel. Classroom (9.00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) space at hotel for lectures on "The History of India: Ancient and Medieval" led by Dr. Surendran Purushotham and "The History of India: British India to Modern India" led by Dr. R. Venkataramanujam. Lunch (1:00 p.m.) at hotel followed by afternoon (2:00 p.m.) visits to the Government Museum, Kapaleeshwarer Temple and the Mahabodhi Society of Sri Lanka, and a cricket lesson, led by Professor Jojan. Group dinner (7:30 p.m.) at hotel. **(B,L,D)**

**Thursday
January 5**

CHENNAI Departure. Breakfast (8:00 a.m.) at hotel. Classroom (9.00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) space at hotel for lectures on "Ancient Indian Sanskrit Epics and the History of Hinduism" led by Professor Rajagopal. Afternoon (2:00 p.m.) visits to Marina beach, Valluvar Kottam, Vivekanander Illam, Ramakrisna Math Temple, Fort St. George with the Fort museum and the National Art Gallery. Group dinner (7:30 p.m.) at hotel. Transfer (9:15 p.m.) to Tambaram for departure (9:50 p.m.) by overnight Pandian Express Train #12637 with Tourist Air-conditioned sleeper class for Madurai. **(B,L,D)**

**Friday
January 6**

MADURAI Arrival. Arrive (6:10 a.m.) at Madurai station and transfer by private motorcoach to the [HOTEL GERMANUS](#) for check-in. Visit (10:00 a.m.) the Meenakshi Amman Temple, Puthu Mandapam (entrance included) and the Temple Art Museum. **(B,L,D)**

**Saturday
January 7**

MADURAI/THANJAVUR. Visits (9:00 a.m.) to the Gandhi Memorial Museum and Gandhian Literary Society bookstore, the Madurai Government Museum, and Tirumalai Nayak Palace. Group lunch. Depart by private motorcoach to Thanjavur and check in at the [MANTRA VEPPATHUR RESORT](#). **(B,L,D)**

- Sunday
January 8** **THANJAVUR.** Full-day motorcoach for morning visit (9:00 a.m.) to the Brihadeeshwarar Temple. Afternoon visits to the Palace, Durbar Hall, Raja Serfoji Memorial Hall, Royal Palace Museum, Saraswati Mahal Library, Art Gallery and the Bell Tower. **(B,L,D)**
- Monday
January 9** **THANJAVUR Departure.** Full-day motorcoach for Tyagaraja musical ceremony in Thiruvaiyaru celebrating Hindu sacred music at the Samadhi of Satya Tyagaraja. Transfer to Thanjavur station for departure (10:45 p.m.) on overnight Mannai Express Train #16180 with Tourist air-conditioned sleeper class to Chennai. **(B,L,D)**
- Tuesday
January 10** **CHENNAI Arrival.** Arrive (5:55 a.m.) at Chennai and transfer by private motorcoach to [HOTEL LE REPOSE](#) for check-in. Breakfast (8:00 a.m.) at hotel. Classroom (9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) at hotel for lectures on “Buddhism in India” led by Professor Jojan and “Islam in India” led by Professor Abdul Rehman. Lunch (1:00 p.m.) at hotel. Afternoon visit to a Children’s Home. Explore Spencer’s Higginbothams and the Government craft stores led by Dr. Selvakumari. Dinner on own. **(B,L)**
- Wednesday
January 11** **CHENNAI/PUDUCHERRY/MAMALLAPURAM.** Departure by private motorcoach to Puducherry, Auroville, French Quarter, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Puducherry Museum, the Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, guided by MCC faculty, Dr. Surendran Purushotham. Arrival to Mamallapuram and check-in at the [INDECO HOTEL](#). **(B,L,D)**
- Thursday
January 12** **MAMALLAPURAM.** Guided tour by MCC professor Dr. Surendran Purushotham of cliff relief sculptures, [Shore Temple](#), Tiger Temple, Mahishasuramardini Cave, [Arjuna’s Penance \(Descent of the Ganges\)](#), Krishna’s Butter Ball and other religious monuments. South Indian Dance Festival. **(B,L,D)**
- Friday
January 13** **MAMALLAPURAM.** Continuation of the above including the Five Rathas. **(B,L,D)**
- Saturday
January 14** **MAMALLAPURAM/CHENNAI.** On return to Chennai, visit the Center for Herpetology and Crocodile Bank, [Dakshina Chitra cultural exhibit](#), [San Thome Church](#), and [St. Thomas Mount](#). Late return to Chennai. Upon arrival check-in at MCC INTERNATIONAL GUEST HOUSE. **(B,L,D)**
- Sunday
January 15** **CHENNAI.** Pongal Celebration. Yoga (6.30-7.30 a.m.). Whole day celebrations at MCC. Meeting with students and staff from MCC. **(B,L,D)**
- Monday
January 16** **CHENNAI.** Classroom (9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) lectures at MCC on “The Politics of India: Indian Business” led by Professor C. Selvaral and “The Politics of India: Economics and Empowering Women in India” led by Professor Miriam. Attend a Kollywood movie (Tamil cinema). **(B,L,D)**
- Tuesday
January 17** **CHENNAI.** Yoga (6:30-7:30 a.m.). Classroom (9:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.) and lectures at MCC on “Zoroastrianism” and on “NGO’S and Socio-Economic Development in India” led by Dr. Ananthi Pandian. Visit the Parsi Temple and explore the world-wide headquarters of the [Theosophical Society](#). Evening visit to a rural village with MCC staff who do social work there. **(B,L,D)**
- Wednesday
January 18** **CHENNAI/AURANGABAD.** Morning (9:00 a.m.) transfer by private motorcoach, with local assistant, to Chennai International Airport, Kamaaraj Domestic Terminal 1, for departure on Jet Airways to Aurangabad with connecting service in Mumbai. Check baggage through to Mumbai. Arrive (5:30 p.m.) at Aurangabad Airport, meet local assistant and transfer by private motorcoach to the [AJANTA AMBASSADOR HOTEL](#) for check-in. Group dinner at the hotel. See complete group flight details under the Flight Schedule section **(B,D)**
- Note: you will need to present your airline passenger electronic ticket receipt to enter the Chennai airport*
- Thursday
January 19** **AURANGABAD.** Full-day exploration of [Ajanta Cave Temples](#). **(B,L-boxed lunch, D)**

- Friday
January 20** **AURANGABAD/DELHI.** Morning exploration of Ellora Cave Temples. Afternoon (1:00 p.m.) transfer by private motorcoach, with local assistant, to Aurangabad Airport for departure on Air India to Delhi. Arrive (6:00 p.m.) at Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport, Terminal 3, meet local assistant and transfer by motorcoach to the [HOTEL AFRIKA AVENUE GK1](#) for check-in. See complete group flight details under the Flight Schedule section. **(B,L,D)**
- Note: you will need to present your airline passenger electronic ticket receipt to enter the Aurangabad airport*
- Saturday
January 21** **DELHI.** Morning departure by private motorcoach for a full-day guided tour of Delhi including Old Delhi, Kashmiri Gate, Mutiny Memorial, Ashoka pillar, and Qutab Minar Complex. Evening Sound and Light show at the Red Fort. **(B,L,D)**
- Sunday
January 22** **DELHI.** Full day exploration of Delhi including [Jama Masjid](#), [Raj Ghat](#), India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, Purana Qila, Gandhi Smriti, [National Museum](#) and the Crafts Museum. **(B,L,D)**
- Monday
January 23** **DELHI.** Full day exploration of Delhi including Indira Gandhi Memorial Museum, Lodi Garden, Nizam-Ud-Din's Shrine, Tibet House, Jantar Mantar, Bahai House of Worship (Lotus Temple), Lakshmi Narayan Temple (Brila Mandir), Akshardham Temple, ISKCON Sri Sri Radha Parthasarathi Mandir Temple with robotic presentation of Bhagavad Gita. **(B,L,D)**
- Tuesday
January 24** **DELHI (AGRA).** Early morning transfer to the rail station in time for departure (6:00 a.m.) on Shatabdi Train #12002 to Agra, including breakfast on train. Upon arrival (7:57 a.m.), depart by private motorcoach for a full-day guided tour of the [Taj Mahal](#), [Fort Agra](#), Tomb of Itmad-ud-daulah, [Fatehpur Sikri](#), Akbar's Mausoleum, Chini-Ka-Rauza and Mehtab Bagh. Evening (5:50 p.m.) return to Delhi by Gatimaan Express Train #12049 including dinner on train. Upon arrival (7:30 p.m.) transfer to the hotel. **(B–breakfast on train, L, D-dinner on train)**
- Wednesday
January 25** **DELHI.** Full-day visit to the Lahore Gate, Chandni Chowk, Spice Market, Jain Temple, Gurdwara Bangla Sahib, and Safdarjang's Tomb. **(B,L,D)**
- *Hotel Pre-paid for the night of January 25th to guarantee late check-out for 12:00 a.m. transfer to airport.*
- Thursday
January 26** **DELHI/CHICAGO.** Transfer (12:00 a.m.) by private motorcoach to Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport for departure to Chicago on Lufthansa German Airlines with connecting service in Frankfurt. Check baggage through to Chicago. Arrive (1:10 p.m.) at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Terminal 5 for customs clearance. See complete group flight details under the Flight Schedule section.
- DELHI/CHICAGO/TWIN CITIES.** Transfer (12:00 a.m.) by private motorcoach to Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport for departure to the Twin Cities on Lufthansa German Airlines and United Airlines with connecting service in Frankfurt and Chicago. Check baggage through to Minneapolis-St. Paul. Upon arrival at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Terminal 5, clear customs, re-check baggage and proceed to Terminal 1 for connecting departure on United Airlines flight for Minneapolis-St. Paul. Arrive (5:31 p.m.) at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Terminal 1-Lindbergh. See complete group flight details under the Flight Schedule section.
- Note: you will need to present your airline passenger electronic ticket receipt to enter the Delhi airport.*

Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Date	Flight #	Segment	Depart Arrive	Meal	Equip	Length	Miles
Sunday January 1	United Airlines UA#3452*	Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN Chicago, IL	11:25A 1:00P	N/A	E70	1.35	341
		<i>*Operated by Republic Airlines DBA United Express</i>					
	Lufthansa German Airlines LH#431	Chicago, IL Frankfurt, DE	4:15P 7:25A*	D,B	74H	8.10	4334
		<i>*Overnight flight arrives on Monday, January 2</i>					
Monday January 2	Lufthansa German Airlines LH#758	Frankfurt, DE Chennai, IN	10:15A 12:05A*	L,D	343	9.20	4720
		<i>*Flight arrives on Tuesday, January 3</i>					
Wednesday January 18	Jet Airways 9W#488	Chennai, IN Mumbai, IN	1:00P 2:55P	L	73H	1.55	644
	Jet Airways 9W#7148	Mumbai, IN Aurangabad, IN	4:25P 5:30P	S	73G	1.05	175
Friday January 20	Air India AI#442	Aurangabad, IN Delhi, IN	4:10P 6:40P	S	319	1.50	610
Thursday January 26	Lufthansa German Airlines LH #761	Delhi, IN Frankfurt, DE	3:30A 7:30A	B,S	388	8.30	3804
	Lufthansa German Airlines LH#430	Frankfurt, DE Chicago, IL	10:40A 1:10P	L,S	74H	9.30	4334
	United Airlines UA#620	Chicago, IL Minneapolis, MN	3:50P 5:31P	N/A	319	1.41	341

AIRLINE INFORMATION

- Airline tickets are electronic tickets.
- Chicago departure is only for Elmhurst students and faculty.
- **Baggage fees are not included in the course cost.** Please visit www.lufthansa.com (Travel Information/Baggage Information), www.jetairways.com (Travel Information/Baggage Information), and www.airindia.com (Travel Information/Baggage Information) for more detailed and updated information on baggage allowances and restrictions for carry-on items in your hand baggage.
- The baggage allowance for flights on Jet Airways is 15 Kilograms (approximately 30 pounds) total for checked bag and 7 Kilograms (approximately 15 pounds) for carry-on bags. The charge for excess weight is approximately \$6.00 per pound.
- The baggage allowance for flight on Air India is 25 Kilograms (approximately 50 pounds) total for checked bag and 8 Kilograms (approximately 17 pounds) for carry-on bags. The charge for excess weight is approximately \$4.00 per pound.
- For additional U.S. security and screening procedures, please visit www.tsa.gov.
- Participants are advised to carry overnight bags and at least one change of clothes as a safeguard against any flight or baggage claim delays. Any medications or valuables such as your camera should be carried in your carry-on bag, not in your checked baggage.
- Participants are responsible for carrying their own baggage to and from the airport, motorcoach, rail stations and hotels.
- Lufthansa German Airlines has a mileage agreement with United Airlines. For more information please refer to www.lufthansa.com.
- Please present the appropriate mileage program identification upon check-in.
- Retain all boarding passes and air ticket receipts until the mileage credit appears on your statement.
- When you return to the U.S. on an international flight, you will need to claim your checked baggage. For connecting flights, re-check your baggage at the special services counter before proceeding to your departure gate.

NOTES

- **(B)** = breakfast, **(L)** = lunch, **(D)** = dinner. Meals not listed on the above itinerary are the responsibility of the participant.
- All services listed in the itinerary are included in the course cost.
- Free Wi-Fi services may be included at some properties, but service quality and connectivity are not guaranteed. Some properties offer better connections for purchase.
- India is 11.5 hours ahead of Central Standard Time.
- Participants are required to bring their **Student ID** card with them on the course to qualify for reduced student entrances at many sites. Without your ID, you could be responsible to pay any difference in entrance fees.
- **Passports must be valid for at least six months after return date.**

LIST OF ACCOMMODATIONS

JANUARY 2-4 and 10

HOTEL LE REPOSE

Muthuranga Street
Tambaram West
Chennai 600 045
India
Tel: 91 (44) 2226 5678

JANUARY 5 and 9

(Overnight Train)

c/o Sushil Bansal
Travel India Professionals
6E, Central Market, Ashok Vihar – 1
Delhi 52
India
Tel: 91 (11) 4558 7544

JANUARY 6

HOTEL GERMANUS

28, By Pass Road
Madurai
India:
Tel: 91 (452) 435 6999
Fax: 91 (452) 435 6969

JANUARY 7-8

MANTRA VEPPATHUR RESORT

533/537 A. 1 Bagavathapuram
Main Road Extension
Sri Sailapathirpuram Village
Veppathur 612105 Kumbakonam
Thanjavur District Tamil Nadu
India
Tel: 91 (435) 246 2261
Fax: 91 (435) 246 2262

JANUARY 11-13

INDECO RESORT

Shore Temple Road
Mahabalipuram 603 104
Kanchipuram District Tamil Nadu
India
Tel: 91 (44) 2744 3914 or 15
Fax: 91 (44) 2744 3916

JANUARY 14-17

MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

c/o Dr. G. Abraham Immanuel Ebenezer
East Tambaram
Chennai 600 059
India
Tel: 91 (44) 2239 6772
Fax: 91 (44) 2239 1669

JANUARY 18-19

AJANTA AMBASSADOR HOTEL

Jalna Road, Opp High Court
Aurangabad, Maharashtra 431 003
India
Tel: 91 (240) 660 7200
Fax: 91 (240) 660 7236

JANUARY 20-25

HOTEL AFRIKA AVENUE GK1

B-104 Greater Kailash 1
New Delhi 110 048
India
Tel: 91 (11) 4903 7777
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