India

17-DAY HISTORY, CULTURE AND WILDLIFE EXPEDITION TO INDIA
January 20 – February 5, 2016
$5250 per person, double occupancy

All-inclusive from New Delhi
"So far as I am able to judge, nothing has been left undone, either by man or nature, to make India the most extraordinary country the sun visits on his rounds. Nothing seems to have been forgotten, nothing overlooked." - Mark Twain, from Following the Equator

It is impossible to be less than astonished by India. Nowhere on Earth does humanity present itself in such a dizzying, creative burst of cultures and religions, races and tongues. Perhaps the only thing more difficult than to be indifferent to this sub-continent would be to describe or understand it. This land of Kipling and Ghandi, evokes flights of imagination and curiosity, a canvas of spectacle and color. Five thousand years of history have nourished this great civilization but modern India is home to both the tribal, with its anachronistic lifestyle and the sophisticated urban jetsetter, a land where temple elephants exist amicably with the microchip. Here ancient monuments provide a backdrop for the world’s largest democracy; where atomic energy is generated and industrial development ranks the country amongst the world’s top nations. Though the country is rapidly urbanizing and modernizing, its culture is rooted in a worldview which recognizes humans a part of nature. The astounding complex of charismatic mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates which live and thrive here in close proximity are an integral part of the human culture. This profusion of races and cultures and the magnitude of these legacies, combine to make India the dynamic sub-continent we witness today.

Marie Cope Nicholson, ’76 EC graduate and biology major invites you to join her 16-day History, Culture and Wildlife expedition to India for an in-depth introduction to this amazing sub-continent.

After graduation Marie worked at Earlham for more than 20 years in alumni relations, admissions, the science library and as a faculty leader for off campus programs to Tanzania, New Zealand, Southwest Field Studies, St. John’s Virgin Islands and Mountain and Water Wilderness pre-terms. In addition she has had extensive travel experiences in other countries through Earlham’s educational travel programs. She says “I have benefited by exploring new places, not only to learn about their people, culture, history and wildlife, but for the unexpected opportunities that often arise. It’s these serendipitous moments I remember most: watching a cheetah stalk and kill an impala while on safari in Tanzania; stumbling on one of only three farmers in all of Japan who grow and know the secrets and art of making indigo dye; bartering goods with the Yagua Indians in the Peruvian Amazon, paddling the Whanganui River in New Zealand with our Maori guide and snorkeling with penguins in the Galapagos”.

Ever since Marie was assigned a Jr. High research paper regarding its diversity of cultures and languages, India has peaked her curiosity and been high on her “bucket list” of the destinations she would like to visit. This interest was piqued even more when, while living in Tanzania, she discovered how much the Indian culture has influenced the East African coast near Dar es Salam and Zanzibar. Recently, as she gets older and more concerned about her health, she has developed an interest in Indian food, spices, Ayurveda practices, yoga and how these ancient traditions contribute to the comprehensive health of the mind and body.

“This unique and fascinating travel program to India, designed by Richard (Dick) Mills, ’69 EC graduate and owner of World Discovery Safaris, provides an excellent vehicle for an in-depth, hands-on and educational opportunity for us to delve into the cultures, history and wildlife of India and offers many opportunities for serendipitous moments. I look forward to sharing them with you.”

Marie Cope Nicholson
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TRIP TO BE OPERATED: January 20 – February 5, 2016
NUMBER OF DAYS: 17 (15 in India)
MINIMUM NUMBER OF PASSENGERS: 10
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PASSENGERS: 16
DEPARTURE CITY: New Delhi, India
COST: $5250 per person, double occupancy

The single supplement cost is $1150 if/when available.

DAY 1- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 – DEPART U.S.
International air from the U.S. has not been included in the cost of this travel program. This however, allows participants the flexibility of using frequent flyer miles, of booking air from their home towns and of spending time in Europe or the far-east on the way to or from India.

DAY 2 – THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 - ARRIVE DELHI
Welcome to India! Delhi, the capital of the country and one of India's fastest growing cities, is really two cities. Old Delhi was the capital of Muslim India between the mid-17th and late 19th centuries, and is crowded with ancient monuments, forts and mosques. New Delhi is the product of the British Raj, with wide, tree-lined avenues and imposing government buildings. Remnants of a glorious past survive next to soaring skyscrapers, posh residential colonies and bustling commercial complexes. Rich in history, the myriad faces of the city lure the curious traveler into a fascinating journey of discovery. Upon arrival we meet our Indian guides and transfer to our deluxe rooms in the the Claridges Hotel. Then it’s off to bed for some well-deserved sleep and opportunity to recover from our international flights.

DAY 3- FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 - DELHI
Following breakfast we begin a sightseeing tour of Old and New Delhi. There is much to see and we may start by visiting the Jama Masjid. This, the largest mosque in India, with a courtyard large enough for 25,000 worshippers, was built in the 17th century by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan. Humayun's Tomb was built in the mid-16th century by the senior wife of the second Mughal emperor. These structures are among the finest examples of Mughal architecture, elements of which were later used during the construction of the Taj Mahal. The 12th century Qutab Minar, at 240 feet, is the highest stone tower in India. It was built shortly after the fall of the last Hindu kingdom and stands as a minaret adjacent to the Quwwat-ul-Islam Masjid, the oldest mosque in India. Our tour includes a rickshaw ride along the narrow streets of the city and a “food frenzy” walk...
through the market where we’ll have an opportunity to see, smell and taste some of the food and spices for which the Indian sub-continent is rightfully famous. In the afternoon we drive past the main Government buildings in New Delhi, including the Rashtrapati Bhawan (The President's House), and the famous India Gate, a 160-foot high arch constructed to commemorate the 70,000 Indian soldiers who lost their lives in World War I. During the day we’ll also have the unique opportunity of visiting the descendants of Hakim Ajmal Khan for an introduction to the Ayurvedic and Unani medical practices. Our dinner and overnight accommodations are at the Claridges Hotel. B/L/D

Old Delhi pulses with the energy, color, hustle and bustle of thronged bazaars and is laced by a maze of narrow alleys which twist and turn between tall, leaning buildings full of the sights, sounds and aromas of the Indian subcontinent. Some of our transportation here will be in traditional rickshaws.

Hakim Ajmal Khan (1868-1927), an outstanding physician, is credited with the early 20th century revival of Unani, a traditional medical practice based on the teachings of Greek physicians Hippocrates and Galen. The university he founded offers programs and training in Ayurvedic and Unani medicine, which are based on the concept of balanced body humors. Although these may become unbalanced, causing disease, with diet, herbal remedies and mental focus, they can be brought back into balance, restoring the body to full health.

DAY 4 – SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 - DELHI / JAIPUR
In the morning we board our private coach and embark on the 5-6 hour drive to Jaipur. As soon as we depart our hotel we encounter traffic “India style” and quickly learn to appreciate the skill with which our driver navigates between and around cars, buses, trucks, tractors, feral cattle, rickshaws, camels, and pedestrians. Jaipur, the capital city of the state of Rajasthan, also known as "Pink City," owes its name, its foundations and planning to the great warrior astronomer Maharaja Jai Singh II. The city sits on a dry lakebed in a wild and somewhat arid landscape, surrounded by barren hills surmounted by fortresses and crenellated walls. After checking into our executive club rooms at the ITC Rajputana Hotel we visit the National Institute of Ayurveda which was established by the Government of India to develop a high standard of teaching, training and research in all aspects of the Ayurvedic System of Medicine with a scientific approach. B/L/D
DAY 5 – SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 - JAIPUR
Following breakfast we drive to the outskirts of Jaipur and walk through the grounds and structures of the Amber Fort which was originally constructed by a tribe called the Meenas and dedicated to “Amba” or the “Mother Goddess.” The present palace complex was initiated in 1592 under the reign of Raja Man Singh, commander of Akbar’s army and member of the emperor’s inner circle of nine courtiers. Over the next 150 years the fort was modified by successive rulers, until the Kachwahas shifted their capital to Jaipur during the time of Maharaja (a great or high king) Jai Singh II. We have the option of entering the fort either on foot or atop an elephant! The short steep ascent provides views of Jaipur, Maotha Lake, and the original city walls. One of the fort’s most striking features is the Hall of Mirrors. When occupied by royalty, this hall could be lit, at night, by a single candle reflected in thousands of tiny, intricate mirrors. In the afternoon we visit Jantar Mantar; an open air astronomical observatory, and the Hawa Mahal ‘Palace of the Winds’ facade behind which the ladies of the court could watch the busy activities in the street below without being seen. Jaipur’s main focus is the huge City Palace complex, home to the Maharaja, where we’ll see the numerous rooms, formal gardens and the Maharaja’s fascinating museum, which includes his personal collection of weaponry, miniature paintings, royal attire and jewelry. We have the remainder of the day to shop and sightsee in this ancient city. In addition to its culture and history Jaipur is famous for its hand woven rugs, fabrics, gems, jewelry and handicrafts. Our accommodations and dinner are at the ITC Rajputana Hotel.
B/L/D

DAY 6 – MONDAY, JANUARY 25 - JAIPUR / AGRA
In the morning we depart for Agra, stopping en route to visit the ancient city of Fatehpur Sikri, an epic poem in red sandstone. Larger than London in its day, this capital of the Mughal Emperor Akbar was abruptly and mysteriously abandoned in 1586, some say because the city’s water supply ran dry. Legend tells us Akbar, concerned he had no male heir, consulted the Muslim seer Salim Chisiti who lived on a hill near Sikri. When the holy man’s prediction of three sons came true, Akbar decreed the city be built on the site of Chisiti’s tomb. In the afternoon we visit Agra’s Red Fort a massive structure with 70 foot high, 1.5 mile long walls encompassing an astounding collection of well-preserved buildings, many of them completed during the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan. In the evening we make a sunset visit to the Taj Mahal where our guides show us the best positions from which to get photos of this magnificent monument to love. Our dinner and overnight accommodations are at the ITC Hotel Mughal. B/L/D
**Taj Mahal:** Little needs to be said about this architectural wonder, the raison-de-etre for every tourist's visit to Agra. Built by Shah Jahan, the Taj is a white marble memorial to his beautiful wife Mumtaz Mahal. Designed and planned by the Persian architect Ustad Isa, it took 22 years for this monument to be completed. Apart from its stunning design balance and perfect symmetry, the Taj is also noted particularly for its elegant domes, intricately carved screens and some of the best inlay work ever seen.

**DAY 7 – TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 - AGRA / JHANSI / ORCHHA / KHAJURAHO**

Following breakfast at our hotel we transfer to the Agra Cantt Railway Station and board the express train to Jhansi (Bhopal Shatabdi dpts Agra at 8:11 AM and arrvs. Jhansi at 10:45 AM). From the train station we drive to the medieval city of Orchha, the grandeur of which has been captured in stone, frozen in time, a rich legacy to the ages. In this medieval city, the hand of time has rested lightly and the palaces and temples built by its Bundela rulers in the 16th and 17th centuries retain much of their pristine perfection. Complementing the noble proportions of their exteriors are interiors which represent the finest flowering of the Bundela School of painting. In the Laxmi Narayan Temple and Raj Mahal, vibrant murals encompassing a variety of religious and secular themes, bring the walls and ceilings to rich life. In the afternoon we drive to Khajuraho and check into our overnight accommodations at the Hotel Taj Chandela. B/L/D

**DAY 8 – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 - KHAJURAHO / BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK**

In the morning we visit the famous erotic temples of Khajuraho. These 9th to 12th century temples give testimony to the architectural geniuses of the Chandela dynasty. Although Khajuraho was the capital of Chandela for a brief period, for most of its history this village is thought to have been a religious center.
There have been many theories regarding the sculptures adorning the facades and interiors of the Khajuraho temples. Some believe these temples to be centers of tantrik mysticism, which regards sex as an important part of human development and the attainment of the Absolute. Others believe they were constructed with the objective of luring men and women back to the family and the worldly life, an important aspect of Hinduism. For much of their recent history thick forests have surrounded the temples shielding them from outsiders. T. S. Burt, the British engineer who re-discovered the site in the mid-19th century, found the sculptures offensive. However, local villagers have regularly worshiped in these temples ever since they were constructed.

In the afternoon we drive to Bandhavgarh National Park. Set among the Vindhya Hills in the state of Madhya Pradesh, this national park consists of 168 square miles of sal and mixed forest with large stretches of bamboo and grassland. Once the private hunting preserve of the Rewa royal family, the area was established as a national park in 1968. The dramatic Bandhavgarh Fort lies as an ancient monument at the park's center, 1,000 feet above the surrounding countryside. Wildlife viewing excursions into the park are in open 4x4 vehicles and on walks led by our naturalist guides. In addition to wildlife excursions we have the option of visiting the fort. A 35-foot statue of the reclining Hindu god Vishnu, resting beside a rectangular pool of spring water, heads the path to the fort's imposing main gate. Morning and afternoon excursions take us to different locations in search of India’s unique wildlife, however, since India’s tiger reserves are closed to the public on Wednesday afternoons, we will join our naturalist guide for a nature walk today. Our overnight accommodations are at the Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge. B/L/D

Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge provides us with all amenities in a pleasantly rustic and scenically beautiful natural setting. The lodge is constructed in an “eco-friendly” way, with solar heaters and solar cookers that are used to prepare food. Buildings are constructed in the local style, using local materials. A resident naturalist is at our disposal to answer questions and guide us on nature walks during our stay.
DAYS 9 & 10 – THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 & 29 – BANDHAVGARH NATIONAL PARK

In addition to its other wildlife Bandhavgarh is famous for the large tiger population it harbors. It was here that the famous white tigers of Rewa were discovered, the descendants of which can now be seen in zoos around the world. This color form is rare and although we will not see a white one, we should be able to locate normally colored tigers here, in their natural habitat. Other wildlife we may see include gaur (Indian bison), spotted deer or chital, chausingha (four-horned antelope), chinkara (another antelope species), nilgai or blue bull, wild boar, and if we are fortunate, a sloth bear or leopard. Some 150 bird species have been recorded, including the blue-bearded bee-eater, white-browed fantail and Malabar hornbill. Bandhavgarh is an ideal site to relax, amidst the scenic beauty of this fabulous nature preserve. Optional activities include nature walks, in the company of the resident naturalist and visit to a nearby village, to experience something of the life and culture of the local people. Our overnight accommodations are at the Bandhavgarh Jungle Lodge. B/L/D

DAY 11 – SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 - BANDHAVGARH / KANHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast we drive, through rural countryside and colorful towns and villages to Kanha National Park. At mid-day we stop for a picnic lunch before continuing on to the Mukki region of Kanha and our accommodations, for the next three nights, at Kanha Jungle Lodge. Nestled on an 11 acre estate of mature Sal forest, the Lodge has 19 spacious twin-bed rooms, with all the modern facilities, attached baths, hot and cold running water, and comfortable furniture. Its location, in the park’s buffer zone, allows us the freedom to walk and do a bit of exploring on our own. B/L/D

Kanha National Park: Located on The Chhota Nagpur Plateau in Madhya Pradesh, Kanha provides breathtaking vistas of grassy plains and stands sal forests. This 366 sq mile preserve was established to save the endangered tiger and barasingha. The park provides a protected habitat for a variety of species including tigers, leopards, cheetal, gaur, barking deer and sambar.

DAYS 12, 13 & 14 –SUNDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 and FEBRUARY 1 & 2 - KANHA NATIONAL PARK

Wildlife is most active early in the day and, to make the best use of our time, tea and coffee are served each morning before we depart. We may breakfast later in the field. Set on the Chota Nagpur Plateau, Kanha provides breathtaking vistas of grassy plains and stands of mixed sal/teak forest. The many streams that crisscross the park are edged by large groves of willowy bamboo. This vast 366 square mile preserve was set aside both as a tiger reserve and to protect one of the last remaining populations of the endangered barasingha. These beautiful deer are spectacular to watch as
they graze in the forest meadows. In addition, Kanha is one of the best places to find the secretive Indian guār and the rare dhole or Indian hunting dog. Of the twenty-two species of mammals recorded in the park those most easily seen are tiger, Indian hare, Indian wild dog, stripped palm squirrel, common langur, jackal, wild pig, chital or spotted deer, barasingha or swamp deer, sambar and black buck. Just after sunset, with a wing span of 4 ½ feet, the Indian flying fox and world’s largest bat may be seen flying out to forage for ripe fruit and blooming flowers. With nearly 300 species, Kanha is also a bird watcher’s and a photographer’s paradise. The Indian roller and stork-billed kingfisher are two of the park’s most spectacular birds. Morning and afternoon game drives, from open jeeps and on elephant back (provided they are available), take us to various locations depending on where our guides think we have the best chance of seeing exceptional wildlife. During our visit we’ll participate in a cooking demonstration with Ms. Dimple Bhati. Gastronomy in India is a mouth-watering affair and during this experience we’ll work with her to create some traditional and local delicacies”. We’ll receive firsthand information regarding the techniques, ingredients and history of the dishes prepared and experience the best of Indian hospitality. While viewing the night sky, Ms. Dimple may introduce us to Indian astrology and the importance of the zodiac in the Hindu religion. She is also an expert regarding Kanha’s butterflies and dragon flies. B/L/D

DAY 15 - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - KANHA NATIONAL PARK / RAIPUR AIRPORT / DELHI
Following breakfast and an early morning game drive we bid a fond farewell to Kanha National Park we drive to the Raipur Airport (4-5 hrs) and board the scheduled flight to Delhi. Here we are met and transferred to our rooms at the Taj Palace Hotel, Claridges. B/L/D

6E-454 (Indigo Airline) Raipur/Delhi 1855/2055 Hrs

DAY 16 – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - DELHI / DEPART FOR THE U.S.
In the morning we have the opportunity to visit the Dilli Hatt where several villages, representing many of the traditional cultures of India have been reconstructed, and craftspeople from all over the country display their arts and crafts for sale. The remainder of the day is unstructured giving us time to rest and repack in preparation for our return to the U.S. Alternatively we may elect to shop or continue visiting some of Delhi’s 1,300 monuments. In the evening we ride to the Veda Restaurant, famous for its wonderful Indian cuisine, for a farewell dinner. After dinner we transfer to the international airport and check in for our flight to the U.S. B/L/D

DAY 17 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - ARRIVE U.S.
In the morning we return to our homes with many fond memories of our wildlife and cultural expedition to India.

B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; PL = Picnic Lunch; D = Dinner © World Discovery Safaris
The cost for this program includes:

- Accommodation on a twin/double share basis and full board at the hotels mentioned above or of a similar category.
- Services of World Discovery Safaris.
- Pre-departure information, luggage tags and passport wallets.
- Transportation in air conditioned mini coaches for 6-12 passengers or of a large coach for more than 12 passengers for all transfers, drives and sightseeing except for transfers between Khajurah-Bandhavgarh-Kanha-Raipur, where transportation will be in air conditioned Toyota Innovas (max 3 passengers per vehicle) for a smoother and faster driving experience over narrow, country side roads.
- Services of English speaking local guides in Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Khajuraho and of English speaking resident naturalist/guides in Bandhavgarh and Kanha National Park.
- Services of an English speaking accompanying tour escort/naturalist for the entire program.
- 4-wheels drive wildlife safaris in Bandhavgarh and Kanha National Parks inclusive of park entry fees and elephant back safaris in these park (subject to availability).
- Entrance fees to places visited and national parks including all ASI monuments as per this itinerary.
- Visit to the Ayurveda School of medicine in Jaipur.
- Bottled water during transfers, sightseeing drives and at the lodges and during the safaris in Bandhavgarh and Kanha National Parks.
- Tips for drivers, helpers, bell boys at hotels/lodges, park/safari guides, local guides, mahouts, airport representatives, etc.
- Assistance at airports and at all city hotels at the time of check in/out
- Government Services tax 3.50% on total bill

Cost excludes:

- International airfare
- Travel insurance
- Visa fee. The procurement of an India visa is required for all the visitors except nationals. For more details visit Indian Visa [https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/](https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/).
- Any expenditure of a personal nature such as drinks, not included with meals, laundry, telephone calls, tips, video camera fee etc.
- Tips for the accompanying Indian escort / guide.
- Expenses incurred due to any unforeseen situation or other reason beyond our control.

Note:

- Local guides will be provided in cities only in locations where the accompanying escort does not have a valid guiding license. The valid licensed guide escorting the trip does not require local guides in locations where he/she is licensed.
- Air transportation times and fares are subject to change
- Standard check in time is 1400 hrs and check out time is 1200 noon at most of the hotels.
REGISTRATION & TERMS & CONDITIONS

Travel program name: 17-Day History, Cultures and wildlife of India—Departure Date: January 20, 2016

Enclosed is my check for $___________ as ( ) deposit ( ) full payment ( ) final payment for a total of _______ persons on the travel program indicated above. A non-refundable $500 per person deposit is required to reserve space on this travel program. The cost of this 17-day travel program is $5250 per person based on double occupancy. Deposits may be charged to Master Card, Visa or American Express (see attached CC authorization form) but subsequent payments for this travel program must be made by check or money order. Please call World Discovery Safaris at 205-972-8733 if you would like our help making flight arrangements from your home town to and from New Delhi, India. Please note: the cost of this travel program is based on 10 full fare participants and may be increased for a smaller group. Taxes and fuel surcharges which are not cover by our contract with the airlines are also subject to change and may result in additional charges. Although we make every effort to find suitable roommates for each participant, the single supplement will be charged for any single for which no suitable roommate is available.

Accommodations Requested:
( ) Double - based on two persons sharing a room ( ) Smoking ( ) Non-Smoking. Name of roommate if known____________________
( ) Single - based on one person occupying a room (adds $1150 to program cost)

NAMES: (Please Print)-NAME AS ON YOUR PASSPORT (Please attach a photocopy of the picture page from your passport.)

1. __________________________________________________________ Age________ Nickname_____________________________ Sex________
2. __________________________________________________________ Age________ Nickname_____________________________ Sex________

Address: ___________________________________________ City: _______________________________ State: ___________ .Zip: ______________

Phones: (Home)________________________________(Office)_________________________________ E-mail _____________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________________________________ Today's Date: _________________________________

WHAT IS INCLUDED: Services of World Discovery Safaris, all accommodations and meals, as per this itinerary, all land, rail and air transportation in India, hotel taxes as imposed by government agencies, domestic airport departure taxes, entrance fees to parks and sites visited while in India.

NOT INCLUDED: International air to and from New Delhi, costs of obtaining passports & visas (visas for U.S. passport holders to enter India are required), excess baggage charges, immunizations, travel insurance, camera fees and items of a personal nature, such as souvenirs, excursions and services not included in this travel program itinerary, drinks not included with meals, tips to your tour guide laundry, faxes, e-mails, and telephone calls.

CANCELLATION: Regardless of the reason, a cancellation fee of $500 per person will apply once the deposit has been made. All cancellations must be submitted in writing to World Discovery Safaris and are effective only upon their receipt in our office. Cancellations received one hundred twenty (120) days or less prior to the departure date are subject to additional cancellation fees based on penalties passed on to us by the motor coach company, airline, rail company, hotel and/or other vendors. No refunds will be given for unused services, including, but not limited to scheduled activities, meals, accommodations and airport transfer.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS - World Discovery Safaris and our representatives agree to work for you in the making of reservations and/or other arrangements with travel service providers on the following terms: We do not own, manage, control or operate any of the travel service providers with whom we make your travel arrangements. We are an agent for certain travel service providers, including, for example, inbound operators and air carriers. We make your travel arrangements with these travel service providers in accordance with their terms and conditions. Should you have any questions concerning these, please contact either the travel service provider or your World Discovery Safaris service provider. All coupons, exchange orders, receipts, contracts and tickets issued by us or a travel service provider are subject to the applicable tariffs as well as any terms or conditions imposed by the travel services provider. We are not responsible for events of force majeure, such as adverse weather conditions, terrorist acts, political instability or for inadequate visas or passports. Any and all controversies, claims or disputes of any nature arising before, on and after the date of this agreement and claims brought by or against the client, this travel agency, or a third party, shall be settled by a single arbitrator in Birmingham, Alabama in accordance: with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. You acknowledge that this agreement involves interstate commerce. 

Our sole knowledge and expertise on which you may rely is in the making of travel arrangements. In the case of all travel arrangements the contract in use by the provider of such transportation or lodging, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and such travel supplier. World Discovery Safaris reserves the right to cancel or withdraw the trip prior to departure and to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the group if their actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the group. The right is also reserved to amend the itinerary should it be found necessary for the benefit of the members of the group or for other reasons. By accepting these travel arrangements you confirm that you have read this agreement and understand that it is the sum total of our agreement with you and supersedes all prior arrangements or understandings. This agreement cannot be changed except in writing and signed by Richard Mills, President, World Discovery Safaris. 

AIRLINE SCHEDULES AND LAND ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE; HOWEVER, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IF AND WHEN THESE OCCUR

HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS: To enjoy your travels to the fullest, you must be in good physical and mental health. Any physical or mental condition requiring special attention or treatment must be reported in writing, to World Discovery Safaris when the reservation is made. World Discovery Safaris reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in their sole judgment, in such physical or mental condition as to be incapable of group travel, or who may require care and attention beyond that which World Discovery Safaris can provide.

Passenger Name(s): ___________________________

Person to contact in case of emergency: ___________________________

Relationship (please identify as spouse, child, parent, neighbor, etc.): ___________________________

Address: Street __________________________________________________________ City ______________ State/Zip ______________

Contact’s Phone #: Home ___________________________ Office: ___________________________ E-Mail: ___________________________

List any disability or special health care needs that may affect your ability to fully participate in this travel program: ____________________________________________

List any allergies, including food allergies: ____________________________________________

List the names of any medications you are currently taking: ____________________________

Health Insurance Company: ____________________________________________ Policy #: ____________________________

By my /our signature(s) below I/we certify that I/we have read, understand and accept the terms of the "Cancellations" and "Terms and Conditions" paragraphs included on this document.

I. I / we hereby release World Discovery Safaris, their staff and tour escorts from liability in case of accident or illness while I /we am /are participating in this trip and do further agree to absolve World Discovery Safaris, and their staff from all responsibility for all loss, damage or expense which I /we may incur by reason of any such accident or illness.

II. I / we shall be responsible for all uninsured medical expenses.

III. I / we hereby authorize necessary hospitalization and/or treatment while I /we am /are participating in this trip.

IV. I / we understand that weather conditions and other circumstances may necessitate changes in the scheduled activities of this travel program.

Date: ____________________________ Your Signature(s): ____________________________

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Authorized charge amount in USD

Deposit for land $ _______________________

Air ticket(s) $ _______________________

I authorize World Discovery Safaris to charge the above amount to my credit card for
the purpose of purchasing international air or as a deposit to hold space on the January
20 – February 5, 2016 History, Culture and Wildlife of India program for the above
named passengers.

Confirmation Signature _________________________________ Date __________________

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