



“SACRED PILGRIMAGE TO INDIA AND THE KUMBHA MELA”

TOURING INDIA WITH MASTER'S DARSHAN TOURS – the SPRING 2025 ITINERARY, FEB. 2ND TO MARCH 10TH

Please note For those arriving early, below is the optional add-on tour including the Taj Mahal, Brindaban, the boyhood home of Lord Krishna



THE KUMBHA MELA CELEBRATION

SATURDAY , FEBRUARY 1ST AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

AGRA, THE GATEWAY TO THE TAJ MAHAL

For those arriving early for our journey, after breakfast, join the staff for a coach ride to the city of Agra, the city of the magnificent TAJ MAHAL. On this day, Check into the hotel and the next morning at sunrise, arrive at day break to view the magnificent 'Monument of Love'. This is a truly awesome experience. On return to the hotel for breakfast, then drive approximately two hours to the holy city of Mathura, 'the birthplace of Lord Krishna'. Visit the jail cell where he was born and visit several beautiful temples dedicated the Lord.

After this visit, drive 30 minutes to the city of Vrindavan where Krishna and his gopis lived along the banks of the Yamuna River. Here check into a nice hotel for the night. Near the temple of Lord Krishna. Here you may chant with the many devotees and participate in the evening arati held each night. Many westerners now live in this sacred city.

For those who did not take the add-on tour to the Taj Mahal the main tours begins on Sunday, February 2nd with arrival on a flight to New Delhi.

THE MAIN TOUR BEGINS HERE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD 2025

ARRIVAL IN NEW DELHI, TOUR DELHI AND AKSHARDAHM TEMPLE

Each pilgrimage begins in New Delhi and upon arrival, you will be met at the International Airport by our representative and transferred to our hotel. Here you will spend the first and second day rejuvenating and have the opportunity to visit important spiritual centers and historical sites, such as: Akshardham Temple, and the beautiful Sikh Temple. You will also have some time for last minute shopping before your journey.





TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
FLY TO AYODHYA AND VISIT THE RAM MANDIR

The birthplace of Lord Ram, Ayodhya, has many well-known, sacred ghats, and other religious sites that are considered holy. Devotees go to Ayodhya all year to seek this almighty's blessings. Upon arrival we will be met at the airport and transfer to our hotel for two nights. Rama Temple') is a partially constructed Hindu temple complex in **Ayodhya**, Uttar Pradesh, India. Many devotees believe that it is located at the site of Ram [Ram Janmabhoomi](#) and is considered one of the most holy of sites in India. At the heart of the temple's significance lies the belief that it stands on the spot where Lord Rama, the seventh avatar of Lord Vishnu, was born. The Ayodhya Ram Mandir becomes not just a structure but a sacred ground, revered by devotees who see it as a living connection to their beloved deity. . We will spend these two days visiting the Mandir and exploring the surrounding area together.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
TOUR TO VARANASI

Take an early morning flight to Varanasi. Formerly called Benares, this city is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is considered to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities on Earth. Your hotel, is located near Lahiri Mahashaya's home, just feet away from the holy Ganges. Many devotees have told us, that a visit to this city marks one of the most memorable destinations of the pilgrimage. Each morning, the silence is broken by the sounds of priests chanting mantras, ringing bells and blowing their conch shells. The air is filled with the smell of incense wafting through the air as the many worshipers perform their morning prayers. You will take a morning boat ride upon holy river and after, take your optional bath in the Ganges; then meditate and

chant as the sun rises over the Ganga River. This is followed by a return to the hotel for breakfast and prepare for our visit to the many sacred places of the city.

The next day, the tour takes us to visit Sarnath. After enlightenment, the Lord Buddha came to this town to give his first sermon. It is an amazing historical site and sacred to Buddhists all over the world. Here visit Deer Park and a museum filled with relics from this sacred era. Later that afternoon, return to the hotel for free time and relaxation.

Varanasi City is famous for silks and a great place to shop.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 TH TO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 TH
THE KUMBHA MELA CELEBRATION AT ALLHABAD

We will spend the next four nights enjoying celebrating and exploring the many sites of this ancient spiritual gathering. For thousands of years, pilgrims from all over India come to bathe in the holy river and mingle with thousands of Swamis, Sadhus and Naga Babas. We will be thrilled by this wondrous spectacle. Millions from all over India come just to love God. This visit to the Kumbha Mela will be one of the highlights of our tour staying at the YSS camp with the monks and other devotees.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH THRU MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
VISIT KOLKATA, DAKSHINESWAR, AND SERAMPORE

In the afternoon, the group will meet and transfer to the Allahabad airport, to catch an afternoon flight to Kolkata (formerly known as Calcutta). Upon arrival, take an immediate transfer to the Y.S.S. Dakshineswar Ashram. Early the next morning you will take a short walk to the famous Kali Temple mentioned in the Autobiography of a Yogi. Outside the inner temple of Kali, while sitting in the hot sun, Guruji had a vision of the Divine Mother. Many devotees will know that the famous saint, Sri Ramakrishna lived here for many years. You will then have an opportunity to meditate in the great saint's bedroom.

Each and every day is filled with great joy as we visit all of Master's places mentioned in the A of Y. You will take a scenic boat ride on the Ganges to Serampore. Upon our arrival, you will walk to Rai Ghat Lane where Babaji appeared to Sri Yuktेशwarji. A short walk up this lane leads us to Sri Yuktेशwar's ashram and family home. Next, you will walk about two blocks to visit Ananda Lok. This is the where Guruji lived in his uncle's home while attending Serampore College. You will meet the family and meditate in Guruji's room. Then return to the ashram by boat in time for the evening meditation and dinner.

The next day is filled with unbelievable joy as you will visit Guruji's boyhood home at 4 Gurpar Rd. Take the opportunity to meditate in Guruji's attic room, where he first found God. The group will listen to stories told by family members and have the opportunity to purchase pictures from their photo album. After your visit, walk around the block to Guruji's first meditation hall. Here Master danced in ecstasy. Right next door is the home of Tulsi, the boyhood friend of Guruji. This is a most amazing place. Like a museum, and it holds many special memories and artifacts from Guruji and Sri Yukteshwar. Many famous saints visited this home.



Next visit the Levitating Saints home and ashram mentioned in the A of Y. and then later take the opportunity to visit Mother Teresa's home and ashram. Here Mother's body is enshrined and how joyful it is to visit a beautiful museum dedicated to this great soul's life. If time permits, take a visit 50 Amhearst Way where Master Mahashaya lived.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 TH TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 ND
FLY FROM KOLKATA TO RANCHI FOR FOUR NIGHTS

Upon arrival in Ranchi, transfer to the beautiful YSS Ashram. Guruji spent many years here and the grounds are permeated with his presence. Join in the daily activities with the monks and lay disciples. Each day includes group energization, chanting and meditations. You will have the opportunity to meditate in Guruji's bedroom where he had his little deer friend. The gardens are stunning. Marigolds and roses everywhere. You will be able to meditate where Master gave his first classes under the Lichee Tree.



The beautiful Smriti Mandir and Dhyam Mandirs are both open 24 hours for private meditations. Here you can enjoy Satsangas and classes by the YSS swamis.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 ND THRU SUNDAY, FEB. 23 RD
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TRANSFER TO PURI

In the afternoon, we will take a flight to Bhuvaneshwar. There, we will be met and driven by Tempo on a scenic drive through rice fields and palm trees, all the way to Puri. Upon arrival, you will check into a beautiful seaside resort, located on the sands of the Bay of Bengal. This luxury hotel has a large swimming pool and lawn area for relaxation and a wonderful spa facility for massage and pedicures. This is a great place to be pampered and relax. After breakfast, you will take a short drive to the seaside ashram of our Param Guru Swami Sri Yuktेशwar. Here you will bathe in Sri Yuktेशwar's holy vibrations. We will meditate in the samadhi mandir holding the body of Sri Yuktेशwar. Guruji and Sri Yuktेशwar spent many days together at this ashram.

The city is considered one the holiest cities in India, for it is the site of the famous Jaganath Temple. Many saints have lived in this ancient city, including our Lord Jesus Christ during his missing years. Sri Daya Mataji said that the predominant presence in the temple is of Jesus. Puri is a great place for relaxation and rejuvenation. Each day we will have group meditations and energization. There are open air markets on the beach each evening for those who would like to experience the local culture.



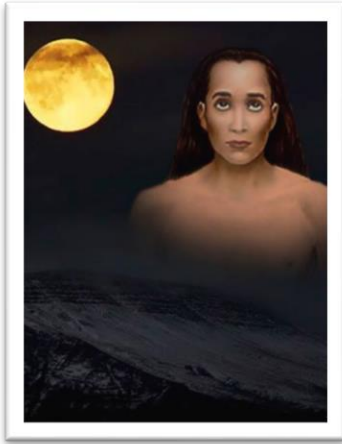
MONDAY , FEBRUARY 24 TH FLY TO DELHI
TRANSFER TO DELHI HOTEL AND OVERNIGHT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 TH THRU WEDNESDAY THE 26 TH
VISIT RANIKETT

In the early morning of the 25th, we will be met and transferred to the Delhi Railway Station for approximately a six hour first class train ride to Kathgodam, where Sri Daya Mata had her vision of Mahavatar Babaji. We will be met by our ground staff to journey up the Himalayas to Ranikett where Lahiri Mahashaya was stationed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH TO SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

DWARAHAT ASHRAM / BABAJI'S CAVE



The next afternoon, take a scenic drive through the Himalayan Foothills to our Y.S.S. Dwarahat Ashram. Here is the opportunity to spend the next few days feeling the deep peace and presence of God as expressed through the SRF tradition. This is an ashram experience, as you will have the opportunity to join group meditations, and classes offered by the monastic residents. On the second full day, take a pilgrimage to Mahavatar Babaji's Cave. This is considered to be the place where Kriya Yoga was given to the world over a hundred and fifty years ago. While walking through the Drona Giri hills, Lahiri Mahashaya met the beloved Babaji, the eternal Guru. Many devotees can attest to the high spiritual vibration of this sacred area. Ganges.

This concludes the main tour and for those returning home, take an afternoon train back to New Delhi, in preparation for their flight home.

For those continuing on to the Ganga Beach Camp and Rishikesh, we will be driving approximately seven hours to reach our next destination.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

OVERNIGHT AT RUDRAPRAYAG, CONTINUE TO RIVER CAMP

Arriving at the Ganges River Camp in the late afternoon, we will relax and partake of a delicious dinner prepared by camp's chef just for the group. This camp offers some of the best food on the whole tour. You may use this time for relaxing, river rafting, swimming, hiking or just sitting under the stars sipping a cup of delicious Indian chai. Each day here, and throughout our entire pilgrimage, we will practice group energization, chanting and meditation. This camp has western toilets and hot and cold showers, with large tents equipped with cots and wicker chairs. This is an opportunity to relax and enjoy the holy Ganga River. For those who wish to experience even more luxurious coming, the camp offers luxury cottages for an additional cost.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH TO SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

RISHIKESH and HARIDWAR / GANGES RIVER TOWNS

The next morning, drive approximately two hours to the sacred city of Rishikesh. Check into a lovely guesthouse, located just on the banks of the holy Ganges. Each day is an adventure, with so many wonderful places to see in Rishikesh in and around this magical city on the river. There are numerous temples and ashrams here where daily, meditation, yoga and devotional singing are practiced. At night, attend a colorful evening arati where at least 100 monks are joined by residents of the city to chant and worship the holy Mother Ganga in the presence of a beautiful statue of Lord Shiva, enshrined in just beyond the river bank, in the river itself.

On the morning of the third day, depart from Rishikesh to the holy city of Haridwar. Here you can visit the ashram of Swami Keshavananda, also mentioned in the A of Y.

Keshavanandaji was the direct disciple of Lahiri Mahashaya. Lahiri's ashes are enshrined in this peaceful ashram along the Ganges. Next drive about 10 minutes to the lovely ashram of Sri Ananandamoy Ma. You may recall her picture in the A of Y, embracing Guruji. She is possibly the most famous woman saint of India in recent times. Her vibration here is very tangible since she lived in this ashram for many years. There is the opportunity to meditate in her Samadhi Shrine. Stop then for lunch before returning to our guesthouse in Rishikesh.



MONDAY, MARCH 10 TH

FLY TO DELHI AND CONCLUDE THE TOUR

The next day after breakfast, transfer to the local airport, for the flight to Delhi and later that evening have dinner before heading for the airport for your flight back to the USA.

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Main Tour Prices Feb. 2nd to March 2nd : Price per person - \$6,370 double occupancy -

From single occupants, please add \$825 per person

Tour Price Includes:

Seven domestic flights within India

One first class train ride - Delhi / Kathgodam

All ground transportation in A/C equipped vehicles

All transfers

All Accommodations in beautiful hotels personally selected by our staff

Three meals per day whenever possible.

Professional Guide Services, Monument fees and tips.

Prices Do Not Include: International Airfare

Items of Personal nature, such as; room service, laundry and phone calls and or use of the internet, or messaging services.

Table Drinks - all drinks are not included with meals except for those included on the menu.

TAJ MAHAL ADD-ON: Add \$300 per person to the main tour pricing. Single occupancy add \$390 to the main tour pricing.

GANGES CAMP AND RISHIKEH ADD-ON: Add \$770 per person to the main tour pricing Single occupancy add \$1,060 to the main tour price.

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Dear Fellow Devotees:

Over the past 26 years, Craig Bell has been very fortunate to bring hundreds of devotees to India. The Autobiography comes alive when visiting these holy places and meeting Guruji's family members.

Each tour includes daily group meditations and chanting. As you see, this pilgrimage is a blend of adventure and the spiritual India as well. Craig and staff will be here to help you prepare for the pilgrimage and answer all your questions. While in India, rely on years of expertise and all of the local guides in each destination, to make your trip to India comfortable, safe, and an experience to be treasured for a lifetime.

Craig departs for India in September so those interested in the in the Spring Tour, please go online to www.mastersdarshan.com and fill out the forms. Masters

Darshan Tours will need this information to book your reservations for trains, flights and hotels. When you arrive in Delhi, Craig and staff will be there to greet you and take you to a lovely hotel in Delhi.

It is also requested, that with your application forms, you may send a cashiers check with your \$1,000 deposit made out to Craig Bell or Mystic Tours of India. The entire amount of the tour will be due by November 1st. If anyone of the group pays the whole amount by September 1st, there will be a 5% discount. In addition, we offer an additional 5% discount for anyone who brings their own roommate.

In Our Guru's Love and Grace,

Craig



Sadhus celebrating Arati on the Ganges

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