



# ITINERARY

NOVEMBER 2008

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: HIS HOLINESS IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT – TNI HOLIDAYS CANNOT GUARANTEE OR PROMISE THE ATTENDANCE OF ANY DELEGATES\*\***

## **Oct. 31st Arrive Delhi**

**'Wet n Wild' Hotel**

On arrival garlanding at airport and transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel

## **1 – Mandawa (245kms) - One night**

**Sara Vilas Hotel - Mandawa**

Morning after breakfast leave for Mandawa in the Sekhawati region of Rajasthan, on arrival check into the hotel, afternoon visit the town of Mandawa – famous for FRESCOES and Havelis, evening camel ride to view sunset. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

## **2-3 Jaipur (180kms) – Two nights**

**Om Towers Hotel - Jaipur**

Visit the fairy tale like Amer Fort, as you ascend the hill like a Maharaja, on the back of an elephant or jeep. The fort is very unique and has very impressive private halls with inlaid convex mirrors. In the afternoon, visit the City Palace of the Jaipur Maharaja, the Honeycomb designs Hawa Mahal and the amazing Jantar Mantar stone observatory. Overnight at Hotel.

## **4-6 AGRA (231kms) – Two nights**

**Yamuna View Hotel - Agra**

Afternoon visit to the Taj Mahal - a unique symbol of eternal love and one of the "Wonders of the World". Also visit the Agra Fort, visit Fatehpur Sikri, the Forbidden City built by Emperor Akbar to commemorate the birth of his first son Jehangir, the city was abandoned due to scarcity of water  
Overnight at Hotel

## **6-7 DELHI – Two nights**

**Central Plaza Hotel - Delhi**

City tour of Old & New Delhi this includes the Raj Ghat, the Jama Masjid, the Red Fort and the fabled Chandni Chowk. The city tour of New Delhi includes visiting Armenian cemetery, the Qutab Minar, Emperor Humayun's Tomb, India Gate, the Houses of Parliament and the Presidential Palace, National Crafts Museum, with its village life setting and craftsmen from different parts of India.  
Overnight at hotel.

## **8 - LEAVE DELHI**

**Rajdhani Express 2nd AC Sleeper**

Transfer to station for onward destination.

## **9 - ARRIVE IN KOLKATA APPX 10am**

**Hotel Lindsay Kolkata**

Visit ACPA/DGS, Armenian Sports Club, Victoria Memorial

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## 10 - Visit Tangra Armenian Church

### Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Tangra

Built in 1867, the church was renovated by the Armenian Church Committee of the Armenian Holy Church of Nazareth in Kolkata and was re-consecrated by His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians on February 28, 2007

## 10-11 Fly to Chennai (Madras)

Hotel Abu palace

### St. Mary Armenian Church of Chennai

Attend reconsecration ceremony of the Holy Virgin Mary Armenian Church in Chennai (Madras).

Originally constructed in 1712 it was one of the few magnificent edifices in the Esplanade of the city. The Armenians were forced to desert it after a time, as the British authorities would not permit so high an edifice to stand in the immediate vicinity of the Fort. The present Armenian Church situated in Armenian Street was erected in 1772 and dedicated it to the Holy Virgin Mary. It is one of the oldest churches of the Indian subcontinent. It is famous for its six belfries. Among other prominent Armenians, Haroutyun Shmavonian, the founder of Armenian journalism and editor of the first Armenian journal 'Azdarar', is buried here.

## 11 - FLY BACK TO KOLKATA

Hotel Lindsay Kolkata

Attend banquet dinner honoring His Holiness Karekin II

## 12 - Visit Holy Church of Nazareth & Small Church

### Armenian Holy Church of Nazareth – Kolkata & St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church - Kolkata

The Armenian Holy Church of Nazareth is the oldest Christian church in Kolkata; in 1724 it was rebuilt and renamed after Aghah Nazar. The belfry, which is also a clock tower, was built in 1734.

## 13 - Visit Saidabad Church – Full day trip

### Holy Virgin Mary Armenian Church of Saidabad

Khoja Petros a prominent merchant and benefactor built the Holy Virgin Mary Armenian Church of Saidabad in 1758, funded entirely at his own expense in the memory of his late parents. However when Saidabad stopped being the center of trade, Armenians left to settle in other cities of India. The church suffered from a number of natural disasters and no services were conducted for last 75 years. Today the church has been fully restored thanks to the efforts of the Armenian Church Committee and the blessing of His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians. The belfry cross of the reconstructed church was consecrated on November 30, 2006 and Archbishop Agha Baliozian re consecrated the church on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

## 14 - Visit Chinsurah, Bandel churches, Home of Mother Teresa

### St. John the Baptist Armenian Church - Chinsurah

This is the second oldest Armenian Christian church in West Bengal. Khojah Johannes, the son of opulent Margar family laid the foundation of the church in 1695, which was completed in 1697. Khojah Johannes Margar died suddenly on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1697 and his mortal remains were interred inside the church he had built. His revered grave can be seen to this day with a long inscription in classical Armenian verse.

## 15

Full day of shopping and some sightseeing

## 16

Rajdhani Express 2nd Ac Sleeper

Train to Delhi – overnight on train

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**17** Hotel Central Plaza Delhi  
Full day in Delhi shopping and some sightseeing

**18**  
Transfer to airport  
International flight to USA

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Hotel Accommodation with breakfast at Kolkata / Chennai  
Hotel Accommodation includes breakfast & Dinner in Delhi / Mandawa / Jaipur / Agra

**PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:**

Guide services during sightseeing tours  
Entrances at monuments / Still camera charges  
Airfare Kolkata / Chennai / Kolkata  
Camel ride at sunset before Gala evening  
Train fare in 2nd AC Rajdhani Express Delhi / Kolkata / Delhi  
Specials from TNI - Mineral water during intercity transfers / henna application for ladies / group photograph at Taj Mahal - many more surprises during the fairy tale journey of a life time which will take you from the capital of India to a rustic small village to a Royal Experience of Rajputana to Historical monuments by Moghuls, following ARMENIAN Foot Prints along the tour in Delhi / Kolkata / Saidabad / Chennai and joining the 300th Year Celebrations of the Armenian Holy Church of Nazareth.

Meals and Alcoholic beverages are not included in Kolkata and Chennai part of trip.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE**

- **TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON US \$ 2,800.00 (IF BOOKED WITH DEPOSIT BY MAY 31, 2008)  
FOR THOSE WHO PAY IN FULL AT TIME OF RESERVATION RECEIVE US \$ 100 DISCOUNT**
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