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The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts presents

INDIA: SPLENDORS OF THE SOUTH

October 19-November 3, 2016

16 days from \$4,974 total price from Washington, DC

(\$4,095 air & land inclusive plus \$879 airline taxes and fees)



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Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**

*Featuring Dr. John Henry Rice, E. Rhodes and
Leona B. Carpenter Curator of South Asian and Islamic Art*



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Dear VMFA Members,

Join us in experiencing India off the beaten tourist path on a distinctive small group journey. Together, we will visit places steeped in history, art, and architecture. We are pleased to have Dr. John Henry Rice, VMFA Curator of South Asian & Islamic Art, accompanying this tour.

Our journey starts in India's "entertainment capital," Mumbai, situated on the west coast of India. Here we will visit the modest Mani Bhawan, Mahatma Gandhi's headquarters for nearly two decades; and tour the acclaimed Prince of Wales Museum. Heading to Coorg, we will visit and walk the working coffee plantation of Orange County Resort. Then it's on to Nagarhole National Park where on a jeep safari, we will be on the lookout for wildlife. Mysore and Bangalore are also on our itinerary. A leisurely houseboat cruise through the canals of the Arabian Sea showcases Indian life up close. Our journey concludes in Kochi, where we will attend a performance of the classical and colorful Kathakali dance and have free time to view its main sights.

Space on this program is limited to only VMFA members, friends, and family. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,

Hutch Livingston

Adele "Hutch" Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM – INDIA: SPLENDORS OF THE SOUTH

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$____(\$500 per person) for ____ person/people on India: Splendors of the South departing October 19, 2016. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail check to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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E-mail _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Please sign me/us up: Pre-Tour "Delhi & Agra" Option ; Post-Tour "Sri Lanka" Extension

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for India: Splendors of the South, October 19-November 3, 2016, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.

INDIA: SPLENDORS OF THE SOUTH

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Experience India off the beaten tourist path – and in excellent accommodations – on this distinctive small group journey from Mumbai south to cultured Mysore and the wildlife haven of Nagarhole; to tranquil resorts and “techie” Bangalore; to cosmopolitan Kochi and the canals of Kerala, where we enjoy a houseboat cruise.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Mumbai, India

Day 2: Mumbai Upon arrival, we transfer directly to our hotel.

Day 3: Mumbai Today we encounter India’s most populous city, as well as its commercial and entertainment capital. We begin at the Gateway of India monument overlooking the Arabian Sea then visit the modest – and revered – Mani Bhawan, Mahatma Gandhi’s headquarters in Mumbai from 1917-1934. This afternoon we tour the acclaimed Prince of Wales Museum; tonight we travel to our welcome dinner by traditional horse-drawn carriages. **B,L,D**

Day 4: Mumbai We embark on an unusual yet rewarding excursion this morning to Dharavi, Mumbai’s giant slum considered a “city within a city” where cottage industries and small businesses thrive. We learn about life here, including the resilience and resourcefulness of the residents. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit Crawford Market, the huge Raj-era arcade selling everything from produce to pets, cosmetics to clothing. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B,L**

Day 5: Mumbai/Mangalore/Coorg Early this morning we transfer to the airport for the flight to Mangalore, where we board a motorcoach for the four-hour drive to Coorg (also known as Kodagu) and our excellent accommodations at the Orange County Resort set on a 300-acre working coffee and spice plantation. We take a guided walk of the extensive grounds then attend a talk with the resident naturalist. **B,L,D**

Day 6: Coorg We encounter everyday life up close on this morning’s visit to a nearby village, as we wander the narrow lanes, see a traditional coffee pour, and experience the round “coracle” boats used by local fishermen. Back at our lodgings this afternoon, we learn about the coffee grown here on a walking tour of the plantation. **B,L,D**

Avg. High (°F)	Oct	Nov
Mumbai	92	92
Mysore	84	82
Kochi	85	86

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Unique small group itinerary ... Mumbai touring ... Dharavi slum visit ... Wildlife safaris in Nagarhole National Park ... 9th-century Ringanatha Temple in Srirangapatna ... Mysore touring ... Bangalore, India’s “Silicon Valley” ... Two-night houseboat cruise on Kerala’s canals ... Outstanding accommodations, including resort set on working plantation (Coorg) and riverfront eco-lodge (Kabini)

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Mumbai		
2-4	Mumbai	Taj Mahal Palace	Deluxe
5-6	Coorg	Orange County Resort	Deluxe
7-8	Kabini	Orange County Resort	Deluxe
9-10	Mysore	Hotel Radisson Blu	Sup. First Class
11	Bangalore	Taj Gateway	Sup. First Class
12-13	Kerala cruise	Houseboat	Not rated
14-15	Kochi	Vivanta by Taj, Taj Malabar	Deluxe
16	Depart Kochi for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Cover photo: We spend two days cruising Kerala’s scenic backwater canals.



We visit Mysore Palace on Day 10.

Day 7: Coorg/Kabini After an early morning bird watching walk, we leave Coorg for Nagarhole National Park, whose abundant wildlife, including Bengal Tiger, Asian elephant, Indian bison, wild dog, deer, antelope, and hyena, make it one of India's finest preserves. We enjoy lunch at our safari lodge, named one of *National Geographic Traveler's* 25 "world's best" eco-lodges, then set out on a boat safari through some of Nagarhole's 247 square miles **B,L,D**

Day 8: Kabini This morning we embark on a jeep safari through Nagarhole in search of wildlife, including the elusive Bengal tiger, India's national animal that is now an endangered species. We return to the lodge for lunch and to see Orange County's Butterfly Park. Later we drive through the rural landscape to the village of Gundathur, where we visit with a local family in their home. **B,L,D**

Pre-Tour Option

October 15-20, 2016

DELHI & AGRA

5 days/4 nights for \$995 total price

Single Supplement: \$395

Experience two of India's iconic cities of the north and the magnificent Taj Mahal.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Delhi/Mumbai, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 4 nights' accommodations: 2 nights Delhi at ITC Sheraton (Deluxe); 2 nights Agra at ITC Mughal (Superior First Class)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing: Old/New Delhi, Chandni Chowk Bazaar, Taj Mahal visits (including sunrise), Agra Fort
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters

Post-Tour Extension

November 3-7, 2016

SRI LANKA

5 days/4 nights for \$995 total price

Single Supplement: \$395

Diverse cultures, ancient sites, and tropical scenery highlight SE Asia's oldest democracy.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Kochi/Colombo, Sri Lanka, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 4 nights' accommodations: 3 nights Kandy at Cinnamon Citadel (FC); 1 night Colombo at Taj Samudra (Deluxe)
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing: UNESCO town of Kandy, tea plantation, Hindu (Embekke) and Buddhist (Tooth Relic) temples, elephant sanctuary, Peradeniya Gardens, Colombo city tour
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters

Day 9: Kabini/Mysore We have a choice of activities this morning, either a hike or a visit to a nearby tribal village. After lunch at the lodge we depart for Mysore, stopping en route to visit the river island town of Srirangapatna, with its celebrated 9th-century Hindu Ringanatha Temple. Tonight we see one of India's most popular sights: Mysore Palace lit up with more than 98,000 bulbs. *B,L,D*

Day 10: Mysore Today we travel to the Chamundi Hills, site of Chamundeshwari Temple with 1,008 ancient steps leading to the summit. Next we visit the Palace of Mysore, the Indo-Saracenic blend of Hindu, Muslim, Rajput, and Gothic styles that remains the home of the Maharajahs of Mysore. *B,D*

Day 11: Mysore/Bangalore We travel about four hours by coach today to Bangalore, the "Silicon Valley" of India, with its thriving information technology industry. Upon arrival we have lunch then take an orientation tour. *B,L*

Day 12: Bangalore/Kochi/Houseboat Cruise We fly this morning to the port city Kochi where we transfer by coach to our well-appointed houseboat. Later today we begin our leisurely cruise of the palm-fringed canals of the Arabian Sea. *B,L,D*

Day 13: Houseboat Cruise Today we see Indian life up close as we slowly cruise past small farms and villages, and old temples and churches, with stops on occasion to go ashore. *B,L,D*



Colors of India

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 14 nights' accommodations: 12 nights in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels; 2 nights in privately chartered houseboat
- 34 meals: 13 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 10 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Traveling with You



Traveling with you is Dr. John Henry Rice, VMFA Curator of South Asian & Islamic Art. We are honored to have John Henry with our members for this exciting trip to India. He is looking forward to taking this very memorable journey with you.

Day 14: Kochi We disembark and return to Kochi, "Queen of the Arabian Sea," where this afternoon we take a walking tour of Fort Kochi, with its mix of Portuguese, Dutch, and British colonial houses and other historic buildings. Then we attend a performance of Kathakali dance, where facial expressions and hand gestures combine with movement to create this traditional Kerala art form. Tonight we celebrate our journey together at a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 15: Kochi This morning's walking tour reveals Kochi's multi-layered past, a rich brew of Arab, Portuguese, British, and Dutch influences. After lunch together we are free to explore Kochi's Old Town as we wish. Tonight we enjoy a sunset harbor cruise before dinner on our own. *B,L*

Day 16: Depart for U.S. Very early this morning we depart for the airport and our return flight to the U.S., where we connect with our flights home.

Tour Departs: October 19, 2016

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$4,974
Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle	\$5,174
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$5,374
Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR)	\$5,474
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$879, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,595. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$5,295 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time

For further information contact VMFA Member Travel at 804-340-1519

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only Tour package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication gratuities; optional sightseeing, gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline.

Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility

The liability of the VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, servants or representatives. The VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and ships on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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