

# COLORS *of* INDIA



**February 1-12, 2020**

Travel to President Tripathi's Homeland



**University at Buffalo**



Dear UB alumni, family and friends,

Join fellow UB alumni and friends on an amazing trip to visit President Tripathi's homeland and discover India, one of the oldest and most diverse civilizations in the world. We look forward to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel with the president, see awe-inspiring monuments and bustling towns and cities.

Just as UB students today study all over the world, we offer this unique opportunity to explore another country. And what could be more fun than to take this special journey with fellow UB alumni and friends?

We will travel to New Delhi, to Jaipur and Agra, then to Varanasi, home to Banaras Hindu University, where President Tripathi graduated at the top of his class. I assure you this trip will leave you mesmerized and wanting more from this nation of contrasts, color and cacophony. Please browse this brochure or visit our travel website at [www.buffalo.edu/alumni/travel](http://www.buffalo.edu/alumni/travel) for trip details.

Space is limited, and we encourage you to reserve today by returning the enclosed reservation form. Please reach out to our travel coordinator, Sarah Doody, should you have any questions at [sarahdoo@buffalo.edu](mailto:sarahdoo@buffalo.edu).

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Khoo-Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cynthia Khoo-Robinson  
Associate Vice President of Alumni Engagement



Internationally recognized as an accomplished researcher and transformative higher education leader, **Satish K. Tripathi** is the 15<sup>th</sup> president of the University at Buffalo and the first international-born president in UB's history.

Born and raised in India, President Tripathi came to the United States in 1978 to join the Department of Computer Science faculty at the University of Maryland. In addition to earning three master's degrees, he received his doctorate in computer science from the University of Toronto.

President Tripathi holds many awards, including two from India: an honorary doctorate of sciences from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad; and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, where he earned a master's degree.

Under President Tripathi's leadership, UB is recognized as one of the most actively engaged U.S. research universities operating in India. In 2005, President Tripathi signed a memorandum of understanding with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to establish the Indo-U.S. Inter-University Collaborative Initiative in Higher Education and Research, which has led to a significant partnership between UB and Amrita University.

The president's vision for UB's future focuses on moving the university into the highest ranks of the nation's leading research universities, through expanding its reach and impact locally as well as globally.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

**A warm welcome by 1.3 billion hosts.** Enjoy their warm hospitality and ready smiles.

**Bask in a monument to everlasting love** with a visit to the Taj Mahal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Experience a slice of Delhi**, the former seat of the British Raj in India and current capital of India.

**Walk along the banks of the Ganges** in Varanasi, India's holiest and oldest city.

**Stroll the ramparts** of the famous fort built by the mighty Mughals.

**Soak in a cacophony of colors and dynamism** amidst a myriad of cultures that make up India.





# PROGRAM ITINERARY

## **January 31, 2020 – Depart U.S.A.**

*\*Departure dates from the U.S. will vary depending on choice of airline and departure city.*

## **February 1 – Arrive New Delhi**

Met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. *Overnight: Le Meridien (no meals)*

*\*Early arrival is possible. Please contact the tour operator for rates and hotel bookings.*

## **February 2 – Historic City Tour of Delhi**

The historic tour begins at Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. Drive past the magnificent Red Fort, a marvel in red sandstone, built on the banks of River Yamuna by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan.

The 12th century Qutab Minar is a gracefully hand-carved for its entire height of 234 ft- a engineering marvel back in the day. Visit the mausoleum of emperor Humayun which was a forerunner of the Mughal style of architecture. The tour will also stop at India Gate, the President's Residence, Parliament House and the Secretariat buildings - an interesting blend of the Victorian and 20th century architecture.

Welcome dinner with limited bar. *Overnight: Le Meridien (B, Welcome Dinner)*

## **February 3 – Delhi | Jaipur**

Depart for Jaipur popularly known as “Pink City”. India's first planned city, Jaipur was built on the classical architectural principals of *Vaastu Shastra* and divided into a grid thereby segregating the residential from the commercial areas. *Overnight: ITC Rajputana (B, L)*

## **February 4 – Historic Jaipur Tour**

Guided visits to Jaipur's famous forts and historic places.

Visit the Amber Fort which is a classic, romantic Rajasthani Fort Palace, with its rugged, time-ravaged walls and fascinating palaces inside.

The City Palace is the former residence of the royal family and now a museum. Built in the style of a fortified campus, the palace covers almost one-seventh in area of the old city. One of the major attractions in the museum is the Armory Museum, housing an impressive array of weaponry. Stop at Jantar Mantar, one of the largest stone and marble crafted observatory in the world. The observatory has seventeen large instruments, many of them in working condition.

*Overnight: ITC Rajputana (B, L)*



### **February 5 – Jaipur | Agra**

Depart for Agra with a stop at Fatehpur Sikri. Fatehpur Sikri was a former capital of the Mughal empire, but due to inadequate potable water, it was abandoned a few years after it was founded. Arrive in Agra and check in. Time permitting, we will visit the Taj Mahal at sunset.

*Overnight: ITC Mughal (B, L)*

### **February 6 – Historic Tour of Agra**

Early morning sunrise visit to the famous Taj Mahal. This monument is an amazing feat of human industry and a perfect example of beauty, symmetry and aesthetics. Only when one enters the main gates and gaze upon the Taj, does the enormity of the task of building this mammoth structure hit the visitor. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jehan, this was a tribute of love for his favorite wife Mumtaz Mahal.

Visit the Agra Fort. This fort was started by Emperor Akbar in 1565. The palace is a notable for its smooth blending of Hindu and central Asian architectural styles. *Overnight: ITC Mughal (B, L)*

### **February 7 – Agra-Jhansi (by train) | Khajuraho (by road)**

Check out and depart by train to Jhansi Station. Met upon arrival and continue to Khajuraho by road. Khajuraho is famous for its 12<sup>th</sup> century temples many having erotic sculptures from the Kama Sutra. These temples are designed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

*Overnight: Ramada (B, L)*

### **February 8 – Historic Khajuraho Temples**

Visit to the western and eastern group of temples. These monuments to religion were built during the rule of the Chandela dynasty between 950 and 1050 A.D. The most significant of them is the Kandariya Mahadev Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva- one of the largest and most typical of the Khajuraho temples. *Overnight: Ramada (B, L)*

### **February 9 – Khajuraho | Varanasi**

Fly to Varanasi, India's holiest city located on the banks of the Ganges. Varanasi, also known as Kashi or Benares, is one of the oldest living cities of the world with its history dating back to about 3,500 hundred years.

This evening, witness an Aarti (prayer) ceremony. You are taken on a boat on the river from where you can watch devotees come to the Ghats (steps) to offer prayers and float tiny oil lamps on the river. *Overnight: Taj Gateway (B)*



### February 10 – Historic Tour of Varanasi

Early morning boat ride at holy river Ganges which has a quieter, more serene feel. Later in the morning enjoy a half day city tour of Varanasi which includes a visit to some important temples like the Bharat Mata Mandir and the Durga Temple.

Afternoon visit to the Sarnath. It is said that after attaining enlightenment, the Buddha came to Sarnath, where he gave his first sermon. The museum next to this site contains some of the richest antiques from the Ashoka period.

Make a stop at Benares Hindu University, President Tripathi's alma mater.

Farewell dinner with limited bar (local wine, beer, soft drinks). *Overnight: Taj Gateway (B, Farewell Dinner)*

### February 11 – Varanasi | Mumbai (Tour of Mumbai)

Flight to Mumbai. On arrival, take a tour of the city. Drive along Marine Drive, the sea front boulevard, also known as the "Queen's Necklace" thanks to the twinkling lights at dusk along the curved roadway. While driving through this cosmopolitan city one views a wide spectrum of architecture including the magnificent Victoria Terminus a remarkable example of Victorian Gothic architecture in India. The city is also filled with a diverse selection of British designed buildings including the Municipal buildings originally built in the 1800's.

Arrive at your hotel in the late afternoon and check in. *Overnight: ITC Grand Central (B)*

### February 12 – Depart

Depart for your onward journey back home or continue your adventure in India (see optional extensions below.)

**GROUND COST: \$4,899 per person (double occupancy) \$1,150 single room supplement**

#### THE ABOVE COST INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Accommodation on sharing basis as per the itinerary
- Meals as indicated above.
- All the airport meet and greet and transfers.
- English-speaking Guide/Escort
- Entrances at the monuments (single visit), as per the itinerary and camera fees.
- All currently applicable taxes
- All airport meet/ greet + transfers.
- Domestic flights and trains

#### THE ABOVE COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights to New Delhi (DEL).
- Expenses of personal nature like tipping to driver, guide, naturalist, alcoholic beverages, medical expenses, laundry, table drinks, telephone calls, fax or any other items not mentioned above.
- India visas.
- Any services other than the ones mentioned above.

*Due to the nature of the areas we will be visiting, this program involves some walking on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep or without handrails. On some days, it also covers long distances by bus. Every effort will be made to ensure your comfort; however, all participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions. Participants who are not able to walk unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour unless accompanied by an able-bodied companion who will be able to assist you at all times. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you.*

# EXTENDED OPTIONS

## OPTION 1:

### An Ode to the South

**February 12-17**

Immerse yourself in Tamil Nadu, South India's most vibrant state. Visit the ancient temples of Mahabalipuram – the 7<sup>th</sup> century port city and wander the former French colony of Pondicherry. This unique city has flavors of French architecture, language and even cuisine.

#### ITINERARY:

**Feb. 12** – Fly from Mumbai to Chennai.

*The Trident Chennai*

**Feb. 13** – AM tour of Chennai and depart for Mahabalipuram.

*Radisson Blu Temple Bay Resort (B)*

**Feb. 14** – Tour of Mahabalipuram and day tour of Kanchipuram.

*Radisson Blu Temple Bay Resort (B)*

**Feb. 15** – Puducherry. *The Promenade (B)*

**Feb. 16** – Tour of Puducherry and Auroville. *The Promenade (B)*

**Feb. 17** - Return to Chennai and connect to onward flight home.

#### GROUND COST:

**\$2,099 per person (sharing)**

**\$1,025 single room supplement**

**Includes:** Mumbai to Chennai flights, hotels and meal plan as indicated above, entry fees to monuments and guided tours, full time Guide.

**Excludes:** Gratuities, beverages, other meals not included, personal expenses.

## OPTION 2:

### The Ancient Caves of Ajanta & Ellora

**February 12-15**

Visit one of the largest rock-cut monastery-temple cave complexes in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ajanta and Ellora consists of ancient Buddhist, Jain and Hindu temples and rock carvings which will leave you in awe.

#### ITINERARY:

**Feb. 12** – Fly from Mumbai to Aurangabad.

*Vivanta by Taj*

**Feb. 13** – Tour of Ellora Caves. *Vivanta by Taj*

**Feb 14** – Tour of Ajanta Caves. *Vivanta by Taj*

**Feb. 15** – Aurangabad-Mumbai and depart.

#### GROUND COST:

**\$1,499 per person (sharing)**

**\$375 single room supplement**

**Includes:** Mumbai-Aurangabad-Mumbai flights, hotels and meal plan as indicated above, entry fees to monuments and guided tours.

**Excludes:** Gratuities, beverages, other meals not included, personal expenses.

## OPTION 3:

### The Backwaters of Kerala

**February 12-16**

Visit Cochin – one of the oldest ports cities in the world and part of the spice route that once spanned 9,300 miles and thirty one countries in its 2,000 year old history. Wander the historic streets and immerse yourself in Chinese, English, French and Dutch culture that once thrived here. Visit the famous Kerala Backwaters, a complex maze of water channels that can be traversed by houseboat gliding past small farming villages and endless expanse of brilliant green rice paddies. Indulge yourself in the famous Kerala *ayurvedic* treatment.

#### ITINERARY:

**Feb. 12** – Delhi | Cochin. *Brunton Boatyard (B)*

**Feb. 13** – Heritage tour of Cochin. *(B)*

**Feb 14** – Kumarakom. House boat cruise with lunch. *Coconut Lagoon (B)*

**Feb. 15** – Nature based activity in the AM/ guided village walk. Rest of day at leisure. *Coconut Lagoon (B)*

**Feb. 16** – Return Cochin and depart

#### GROUND COST:

**\$1,599 per person (sharing)**

**\$905 single room supplement.**

**Includes:** Mumbai- Cochin flights, hotels and meal plan as indicated above, entry fees to monuments and guided tours.

**Excludes:** Gratuities, beverages, other meals not included, personal expenses.

*Note: Tour can be combined with other extensions and also be done before the main trip. Subject to availability.*

*The above extensions are suggested. Immersion Journeys can also custom design a pre/post tour for you.*

# TOUR RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a space, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person payable to **Immersion Journeys**. Mail to: **Immersion Journeys, 455 Main Street, Suite 5M, New York, NY 10044** or fax to: **917-210-4093** | Email: **info@immersionjourneys.com**. We will not process your deposit until you are assigned a place on the tour. Please contact 917-686-2620 or 302-743-7005 if you have any questions about the registration process or the trip.

Enclosed is my/our deposit check of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person)  Please charge my/our deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) to my:

VISA  MasterCard  American Express Card #:\_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others)\_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Card Holder Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The balance of the trip is due on December 1, 2019 and is payable by check only. Credit card payments incur a 3.5% fee.*

**Please sign me/us up for the following optional extensions to India:  An Ode to the South  The Ancient Caves of Ajanta & Ellora  Backwaters of Kerala**

## **PASSENGER INFORMATION**

**Name 1 (as on passport):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name 2 (as on passport):** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #\_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #\_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Issue Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy) UB Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy) UB Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (write clearly): \_\_\_\_\_ Email (write clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer single accommodations (due to limited space this is not guaranteed and if necessary you will be assigned a rooming partner of the same gender).

I plan to room with \_\_\_\_\_  Double  Twin (separate beds)

I prefer to share accommodations (if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate)

Emergency Phone # & Contact Name (during trip): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any special needs (diet, health, mobility etc): \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting my/our deposit of \$1,000 per person, I/we am/are registering for the **Colors of India** program and have read and agreed to the Immersion Journeys terms & conditions. I understand that portions of this trip will be strenuous, includes unpaved and uneven paths, and steps. I also agree to be in good physical shape and can walk without a full time walking aid or wheelchair. I am/ we are also taking responsibility for purchasing our own supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation in order to participate in this travel program

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Signature Date Signature Date



# PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT

Your signature on our tour reservation form will signify your agreement with the following terms and conditions.

**Introduction:** These are the terms and conditions applicable to the tour packages provided by Immersion Journeys LLC, University at Buffalo, Engaging Journeys, Inc (collectively "Immersion Journeys", University at Buffalo, Engaging Journeys, Inc., "we", "us" and "our"). The terms "client" "you" and "your" refer to each person who purchases and/or uses a tour package provided by Immersion Journeys.

**Benefits of Tour Packages:** Our tour packages offer services of a professional tour guide, accommodations, meals as outlined in the itinerary, transportation as specified in the itinerary and excursions and tours as outlined in the itinerary.

Immersion Journeys may, from time to time, offer you optional services or benefits. By using those services and/or benefits when they become available, you agree to be bound by any supplemental terms applicable to those services or benefits. We will send final documents and tickets by overnight or registered mail approximately two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tour.

**Rates and Exclusions:** The rates and charges for tour participation are those established at the time the tour is booked with Immersion Journeys. We reserve the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs, taxes and V.A.T. received after prices are published and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Published rates and charges are typically "per person," based upon double occupancy with en suite bath (unless otherwise stated). Single rooms are subject to a single room supplemental charges which are stated in the proposal. Expenses and terms not specifically identified in the applicable Immersion Journeys produced quotation are not covered. These include any paperwork or charges associated with: passports, visas, immunization, meals other than those specified, optional excursions, trip protection coverage, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and liquor), all beverages excluding those provided in Immersion Journeys vehicles, telephone calls, room service, laundry, personal items, baggage handling, international airfare unless otherwise stated, gratuities and transportation to or from any departure gateway and any other costs that might be incurred not stated in tour package. Some governments charge departure taxes and/or fees. These fees are the responsibility of each passenger travelling to the designated country and are not included unless stated.

**Payment.** We accept the following forms of payment: major credit cards, bank transfer or checks drawn on a U.S. Bank. Credit cards will incur a service fee of 3-5% paid by the client. You must promptly pay the following fees and charges for participation in an Immersion Journeys tour.

**Airfare:** Full payment per person is due in order to purchase airline tickets. Airline cancellation policy shall apply. Discounted airfare quote (if available) is subject to purchase of ground package.

**Ground Package:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person per tour is required immediately to secure the tour and services. This amount may vary depending on the destination, accommodations and services.

**Balance:** The balance of the tour price is due 60 days before departure.

**Revisions:** A fee of \$125 per booking for each change made sixty (60) days or more prior to the start of the tour. The cancellation fees set forth below apply to changes made less than sixty (60) days prior to the start of the tour.

**Cancellation by You:** We must receive your cancellation notice in writing by email, fax, or overnight courier, and your cancellation date will be the date on which we receive your notice. Simultaneously with your notice, you must pay the following cancellation charge based upon the amount of notice provided. In addition, airline cancellation policies shall apply for cancelled tours involving air transportation:

Penalty	Number of Days of Advance Written Notice
\$750 per person	Sixty-one (61) or more
50 percent (50%)	Between Thirty (30) and sixty (60)
One hundred percent (100%)	Less than thirty (30)

There is no refund for unused portions of a tour once it has commenced, and you are solely responsible for costs incurred by you due to missed, canceled or delayed transportation. Your decision not to participate on the tour due to State Department warnings, fear of travel, illness or any other reason will be deemed a cancellation. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the tour on the tour departure date and time, you will be considered a no-show, and we cannot provide a full or partial refund or credit toward a future tour, but you may join the tour late if you wish and must pay an additional operational expense if applicable such as, but not limited to special transport arrangements, hotel accommodations and local staff to assist.

**Insurance:** Immersion Journeys recommends that you purchase trip cancellation, medical, and baggage insurance to cover penalties and cancellation charges. University at Buffalo will send an insurance application upon receipt of reservation and deposit although you may select any insurer of your choice. However, any questions about what travel insurance does or does not cover should be addressed directly to the travel insurance company. If you decline insurance coverage, you will personally assume full responsibility for any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements, and you could lose your travel investment and/or have to pay more money to correct the situation.

Once your registration is processed, you will receive information on trip cancellation from University at Buffalo. **Please contact Sarah Doody at [sarah@engagingjourneys.com](mailto:sarah@engagingjourneys.com) or 904-285-2416 with any questions.**

**Cancellation or Substitution by Us:** We will make commercially reasonable efforts to keep the itinerary as it has been published; however, the final itinerary may vary due to availability and factors beyond our control. The attendance of the study leader(s) is subject to a minimum ten (10) full-paying participants registering for the trip. We may in our sole discretion substitute services such as hotels or goods of similar quality for any service or good stated in the itinerary. If a tour is cancelled, our liability is limited to a full refund of your payments, and we will not be liable for any other costs, damages, or refunds of any kind for any loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment, or expense whatsoever in such circumstances. If for reasons beyond our control, a tour in progress must be interrupted or cancelled, we will refund a portion of the price depending on our actual costs incurred.

**Airfares:** Airlines and airfares included in any brochure are subject to change without notice. Please check with Immersion Journeys or your travel agent for conditions applicable to your airline ticket. Even after you have paid, tours with scheduled air transportation within or from the United States are subject to supplemental price increases that may be imposed by the supplier and/or government. You hereby consent to any such price increase. We will not change your requested seat assignments on commercial aircraft without permission. However, airlines often change seat assignments to satisfy their loyalty members or because of equipment changes (aircraft type). We are not notified of these changes in advance, and often clients are not made aware of these changes until they arrive at the airport. We are not responsible for seat assignment changes made by the airline. Frequent flyer programs are private agreements between airlines and passengers, and we cannot be held responsible for mileage discrepancies involving airline loyalty reward programs.

**Passports and Visas:** International travel requires a passport valid 6 months beyond your intended return travel date. In many cases, you will also need to have multiple consecutive blank visa pages within your passport (the number varies depending on the destination(s)). Many destinations also require that visas be obtained prior to travel. Please speak with us if you are unsure about the visa requirements for your travel destination, but you are solely responsible for complying with passport and visa requirements.

**Security and Safety:** We are strongly committed to protecting your security and well-being. However, travel, safaris and sightseeing endeavors are inherently dangerous activities. Immersion Journeys strongly recommends that you exercise extreme caution when participating in tour events. Parts of your tour may involve high altitudes, hiking, cycling and/or driving over rough and dusty terrain.

All tour participants booking with Immersion Journeys certify that they are in good health, fit to travel and have no specific medical problems. It is the responsibility of each tour participant to obtain health and medical certificates, inoculations and vaccinations. Any physical disability that may require special attention or treatment must be reported in writing at the time your reservation is made. Passage may be refused to any person whose state of health or physical conditions render them, in the opinion of the tour company or its suppliers, unfit. Children under sixteen (16) years of age must be supervised by parent(s) or guardian(s) who will bear ultimate responsibility of their actions. Immersion Journeys recommends that you purchase insurance to cover medical expenses, trip cancellation and interruption, and loss of baggage. Please contact Immersion Journeys for further details.

**Information:** Information that Immersion Journeys publishes in its brochures, collateral material and on its web site is believed to be accurate and reliable. Immersion Journeys makes no representations or warranties regarding such information or any information provided by a third party. Unless expressly stated in writing, Immersion Journeys does not endorse the products or services offered by any company or person identified in its brochures, collateral material or web site, nor is Immersion Journeys responsible for any content published by a third party.

**Vendor Acts or Omissions:** We act only in the capacity of agent for the suppliers of the travel services named in your itinerary or otherwise providing services or goods in connection with the tour (the "Vendors"), such as airlines, hotels and other lodging providers, local hosts, sightseeing tour operators, bus lines, car rental companies, driving services, restaurants, and providers of entertainment. We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission of any of the Vendors or airlines providing flights to or from your tour.

**Conduct During the Tour:** You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**Limitation of Liability and Damages:** **In no event will we be liable for any injury, loss, claim, damage, or any special, punitive, exemplary, direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages of any kind, whether based in contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise, that arise out of or are in any way connected with the tour, even if advised of the possibility of such damages. In no event will our aggregate liability exceed the total tour price set forth in the itinerary.**

**Force Majeure:** We assume no responsibility for any personal injury, property damage, or other loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any matter beyond our exclusive control including but not limited to a delay or cancellation that causes you to miss all or any portion of the tour, acts of God, acts of government, war, terrorist acts, riots, disaster, weather extremes, or strikes. We have no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of the Suppliers, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. You understand that health care standards, facilities, and services abroad may be different or even inadequate for treating health conditions. For information concerning possible dangers at foreign destinations, we recommend contacting the Travel Warnings Section of the U.S. State Department at (202) 647-5225 or [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), and click on "Travel Warnings." For medical information, we recommend contacting the Centers for Disease Control at (877) FYI-TRIP or [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

**Indemnification:** You shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Immersion Journeys, University at Buffalo, Engaging Journeys, Inc., and its officers, employees, directors, suppliers and agents, in their individual capacities or otherwise, from and against any Losses arising out of: (i) your negligence; (ii) your failure to comply with applicable law; or (iii) your failure to comply with these terms conditions.

**Miscellaneous:** Immersion Journeys may assign its rights and/or delegate all or a portion of its duties under these Terms and Conditions to any third party at any time without the consent or permission of any parties to these Terms and Conditions. If there is a conflict between these Terms and Conditions and one or more terms contained in another agreement between you and Immersion Journeys, these Terms and Conditions will control. No alteration, cancellation, variation of, or addition to these terms and conditions shall be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing and signed by Immersion Journeys and the Client. If there is a conflict between any part of these terms and conditions and any present or future law, the part that is affected shall be curtailed only to the extent necessary to bring it within the requirements of that law.

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You hereby consent to our use of pictures or video of you in our marketing materials without compensation. Facsimile or scanned transmission of any signed document shall be deemed delivery of an original.

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