Explore India’s Past and Our Shared Future

Alumni Study Abroad Trip

February 13–26, 2015

• Tour India with College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) Dean Fred Poston, director of AgBioResearch and CANR senior associate dean for research Doug Buhler,* professor and senior associate to the dean in the CANR Karim Maredia, and assistant director of CANR alumni relations Kathryn Reed.
• Visit four partner institutions and learn about collaborative research and teaching in forestry, agriculture, fisheries, ecology and energy for sustainable development.
• Tour Delhi, Agra, Ranthambore National Park, Jaipur, Kochi and Mumbai.
• Experience the wonders of the Taj Mahal, Qutub Minar, Humayun’s Tomb, the Pink City, Elephanta Caves and others.

Cost
$7,000 per person, double occupancy; $7,500 single occupancy (includes all transportation – including airfare, most meals, lodging in four-star hotels). Personal expenses such as laundry, international health insurance, telephone and other personal spending are extra. Upgrades are available.

Send your reservation form and a check for a deposit of $500 per person payable to Michigan State University by Oct. 29, 2014. A $100 administrative fee per person will be charged against your deposit refund if you cancel your reservation on or before Dec. 16, 2014. If you cancel your reservation after Dec. 16, your $500 deposit will not be refunded. Final payment, payable by check, is due Dec. 31, 2014 (45 days prior to departure).

Passport and Visa Application
Each participant must have a valid U.S. passport. The MSU Institute of International Agriculture (IIA) will arrange visas for all participants. You must deliver your passport to the IIA office by Dec. 5, 2014. The visa application fee currently is $64 for a one-year tourist visa. Additional details and costs will be confirmed in November 2014.

Orientation
An orientation session will take place in January (date to be determined) to provide important information about the trip, including country background information, business, information resources, background on MSU research, health requirements (immunizations), customs and culture information.

* Poston will travel with the group Feb. 13–20, and Buhler will travel with the group Feb. 20–26.
Tentative Itinerary

Friday, February 13
Leave Detroit Metro Airport via Delta Air Lines.

Saturday, February 14
Arrive in Delhi Airport.

Sunday, February 15
(Breakfast not included; group lunch and dinner included)
A.m. – Take a guided tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi, India Gate, Raj Ghat, Lotus Temple and Qutub Minar*.
P.m. – Shop at a local market.

Monday, February 16
(Breakfast not included; lunch and dinner included)
A.m. – Visit The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI).
P.m. – Visit the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI).

Tuesday, February 17
(Breakfast not included; lunch and dinner included)
Visit Humayun’s Tomb* and travel to Agra to visit Fatehpur Sikri* and the Red Fort.*

Wednesday, February 18
(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)
Visit the Taj Mahal* at Sunrise. Travel to Ranthambore National Park and Tiger Sanctuary.

Thursday, February 19
(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)
Travel to Jaipur.
A.m. – Visit the International Horticulture Innovation and Training Centre (IHITC).
P.m. – Spend the evening shopping the markets of Jaipur.

Friday, February 20
(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)
Day of sightseeing – Visit Jaipur’s Amber Fort and take an elephant ride. Visit Jaipur City Place and the Sawai Jai Singh Observatory.

Saturday, February 21
(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)
A.m. – Travel to Cochin.
Late p.m. – Take personal time, socialize with the group or shop at the local market.

Sunday, February 22
(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)
Take a Kerala inland waterways tour.

Monday, February 23
(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)
A.m. – Visit Central Marine and Fisheries Institute.
Late a.m. and p.m. – Visit Kerala Agricultural University.
Late p.m. – Fly to Mumbai.

Tuesday, February 24
(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)
Visit Aarey Milk Colony and Mumbai sites.

Wednesday, February 25
(Breakfast, lunch and special dinner included)
Group to divide via interest: Visit Gateway to India and Elephanta Caves* or travel to an heirloom fruit farm owned by a spouse of an MSU alumnus.

Thursday, February 26
Early a.m. – Red-eye flight: Leave Mumbai for Detroit.

*United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage site

Don’t miss this exciting opportunity!

The trip is limited to 20 people.

This is CANR’s second alumni study abroad trip. In fall 2011, a group of alumni and friends experienced the wonders of China and visited three partner institutions of higher education.

To learn more, contact Kathryn Reed, assistant director of CANR Alumni Relations.
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Reservation Form

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Shirt size(s ) _______   _______   _______

Enclosed is the deposit of $ ____________________
($500 x ___ people)

Please make check payable to Michigan State University.

Please mail reservation form with your deposit to:
CANR External Relations
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