



# **HIMALAYAN MULTI-DISTRICT – INDIA**

## **“A LEARNING ADVENTURE CAMP**

### **5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009**

Once again an unforgettable experience specially designed for the adventurous who would like to combine their time spent to gain knowledge while having fun! Learn first hand about the ancient religions – Hinduism and Buddhism, at the holiest city of Puri, with its marvelous temples dating from 3<sup>rd</sup> century, situated at the exotic sea resort of Bay of Bengal having discourses with the monks who will also teach YOGA and from there on to the picturesque Himalayan State – Sikkim, in the city of Peling and Gangtok, visiting the oldest monasteries, interacting with the Lamas. Browsing in the only Buddhist University in the world, in the breathtaking Rumtek Monastery.

Visit the world’s largest mangrove forest in the back waters of Bay of Bengal, far from the madding crowd, cruise in the river and be lucky to sight a tiger in the wilderness.

The City Of Joy – Calcutta – Rev. Mother Teresa’s Tomb to pay homage to a modern Saint, city which was the capital of India during British Rule, with its monuments and the oldest Rotary Club in Asia. Not to miss the shopping, which you will find to be so cheap.

A meeting with Master Sculpturer and visit to his art gallery and workshop in Puri. A visit to an ARTISANS village, declared a world heritage VILLAGE, where each home is an artist’s workshop. The Sun Temple of KONARK will be spellbinding, a 11<sup>th</sup> century masterpiece! In Sikkim, Gangtok will also be a flower show with some of the best orchids. One of the world’s highest lake Chengu, will be a spectacular site situated at a height of more than 4000mts. With view of the world’s highest peaks! Added to all this will be white river rafting in the river teesta.

The adventure does not end here. The tremendous varieties in food, the people with 18 official languages, with 50 more and 100s of dialects. Clothes, culture, religions which co-exist and not speak of different folk and classical dances. A 15 days saga which will leave its imprint for a long time.

Maximum participation will be 30 and on first come basis. Age 16 – 23 years. Registration Euros 700, which **INCLUDES**: Traveling on trains (airconditioned with sleeper berth), local transport. Site-seeing. Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Accommodation-3 to a room with attached bath all in reasonably good hotels and resorts. **DOES NOT INCLUDE**: Cold drinks, mineral water, laundry, telephone, **ENTRY FEE TO SOME MONUMENTS, WHITE RIVER RAFTING** and anything extra which is not included in the above. All train and hotel reservations have to be done three months in advance. When applying for Indian visa kindly include visit to Sikkim. Send copy of your passport for necessary permissions. **CONTACT PERSON**: PDG Surinder Singh Sahni, Bombay Motor Co., Chas 827013, Bokaro-Jharkhand, India. Tel: 0091 9234303207, 0091 9234364649, cell: 0091 94311 28183. Tentative detailed itinerary:

- 1st Day: Arrival at Kolkata International Airport by British Airway from London Flt.. BA147. Depart for Sunderbans Tiger Camp 3 hours bus 2Hours Boat.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Day: Stay at Sunderban Tiger Camp Resort. Relax to get over jet lag. Debriefing and orientation. Morning and Evenings Cruising the backwaters of the Bay of Bengal in the world’s largest mangrove forest. Each evening campfire, local folk dances and songs and also witness a “Yatra” A traditional play on a popular folklore of the area. Visit a typical village.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Day: Return to Kolkata and catch an overnight train for Puri.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Day: Early morning arrive in Puri. Stay in Sterling Resort. Check-In. Beach activities. After Breakfast visit meditation centre, and afternoon visit the ancient city of Puri with its temples. Also visit an artisan village, declared a world heritage sight. Each home inhabited by an artist. Meet the Master Sculpturer and visit his gallery. Evening a fabulous folk dance performamnce by local troupe.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Day: Wake-up early for Yoga and a discourse on Hinduism. Beach activities. Free Time. After Lunch visit the ancient world famous Sun Temple ‘Konark’. Evening visit the city for shopping.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Day: Wake-up early morning for Yoga and discourse on Hinduism by a monk. Beach activities. Check out. Visit a unique Rotary project where very poor children from villages, supported by foster parents, stay in a home, maintained by them and where they also get free education. Afternoon catch train for Siliguri, from where we proceed by road to Sikkim.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Day: Arrive Siliguri in afternoon. Check-in into a hotel. Relax and free time.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Day: Early morning depart for Peling. A beautiful picturesque town up in the Himalayas with ancient Buddhist Monasteries. A lovely drive by bus. Reach by afternoon. Evening relax, soak in the beauty of the tallest peaks in the world.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Day: Early morning hiking and visit ancient monasteries. Afternoon depart by bus for Gangtok. On the way visit a tea garden and the tea processing plant where can buy the best tea. Evening reach Gangtok, check-in a hotel.

- 10<sup>th</sup> Day:** After early breakfast, depart for Changu Lake. One of the highest in the world. Again drive through the most spectacular view of the Himalayas. Return to hotel for lunch. Evening free for exploring the town and shopping.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Day:** Visit Rumtek Monastery, having a seminary for the Lamas and the only Buddhist University. Interact with the Lamas and learn about Buddhism. Visit other important Monasteries, and a Flower show with a huge variety of Orchids, some of the best in the world. Meet a Master of “Tanka Painting” (Buddhist religious paintings) And visit his gallery.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Day** Check-Out and depart for Siliguri. White River Rafting . Evening catch overnight train for Kolkata .
- 13<sup>th</sup> Day:** Arrive Kolkata in morning and Check-in hotel. Whole day sight-seeing, Victoria Memorial, St. Paul’s Church, Indian Museum and shopping.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Day:** Early morning after breakfast visit Nobel Laureate Rev. Mother Teresa’s Tomb and the orphanage and home for retarded children. Visit a vocational college and interact with students. Lunch with Rotary Club of Kolkata, a presentation by the camp participants in the oldest Rotary Club in Asia. Meeting the Interactors and a possible visit to their homes.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Day:** Depart for your countries and home, as per each ones schedule.

**IMPORTANT:**

1. PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE INSURANCE AGAINST ILLNESS, ACCIDENTS ETC.
2. While applying for Indian Visa must get “Visit To Sikkim” included.
3. Must receive copies of your passports with visas along with 4 copies of your photograph for obtaining permission to travel in restricted areas.
4. Travel as light as possible, include one formal and beach wear, walking shoes. A windcheater for Sikkim, where it will tend to be cold. Rest it will be quite warm 30-38 celsius.
5. Please don’t bring expensive jewelry etc as we will not be responsible.
6. Registration amount to be either transferred through WESTON UNION or:

**Bank: Union Bank of India, City Centre, Bokaro Steel City 827001**  
**Account Head: Himalayan Multi District**  
**Account No: 4524020100004006**  
**Route: Commerce Bank, Dusseldorf. Account with institution , Union Bank of India, Mumbai**  
**Code: UBININBB**  
**Swift Code: COBAEDDD**

Feel free to contact for any clarifications.

**Surinder Singh Sahni, Chair,man**  
**Himalayan Multi-District-India**

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