

**February  
2024**

# **A Choir Tour to India**

## **A Music and Travel Seminar**

**Whether singer or fellow traveler, member or friend of Fourth Church, all are invited on this trip to India to share the gift of music, to learn about daily life in India, and to build community among ourselves and all whom we encounter.**



### **Participants:**

- Will visit Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Mumbai**
- May perform in five concerts, including the World Sacred Spirit Festival**
- Will be enriched by interfaith exchanges and customs**
- Will visit the Taj Mahal and enjoy a safari**
- Will enjoy accommodations in superior tourist-class hotels, sharing twin rooms with private facilities**

## **This tour includes the following:**

- Air transportation by scheduled carrier from Chicago to Delhi, from Jodhpur to Mumbai, and from Mumbai back to Chicago
- 14 nights of accommodation in superior tourist-class hotels, sharing twin rooms with private facilities
- Daily breakfast plus 11 group lunches and 13 dinners
- Coordination of 5 concerts, to be promoted by means of the production of posters and fliers, announcements in the free press, releases to the media, and the notification of local groups and music organizations



- Guided sightseeing tours of Old Delhi, New Delhi, Jaipur, Jodhpur, and Mumbai
- Paid entrances to the Taj Mahal, Amber Fort, and Elephanta Caves
- Jeep safari
- Meeting with the Dabbawallas
- Transportation by air-conditioned motorcoach
- The services of one ACFEA courier per motorcoach
- Pre-departure briefing and assistance at airport check-in for the group by ACFEA staff
- Password admittance to Tour Central, ACFEA's tour management website
- All taxes, tips, and service charges normally payable for services included above, except discretionary tips to couriers

**Day 1** – Check in at O’Hare • Depart on flight to Delhi

**Day 2** – Arrive at Delhi airport • Clear immigration and customs and meet your courier(s) • Transfer by coach to the hotel and check-in • Welcome and tour briefing at the hotel with your courier(s) • Dinner in the hotel



**Jama Masjid, Delhi**

**Day 3** – Breakfast in the hotel • Guided sightseeing tour of Old Delhi, during which you will see the Red Fort, Jama Masjid, and have a rickshaw ride in the markets • Visit the market to buy food donation for the community kitchen • Lunch in a restaurant • Guided sightseeing tour of New Delhi, during which you will see Raj Ghat and Humayun’s Tomb, Qutub Minar, the diplomatic area, and government buildings • Dinner in a restaurant

**Day 4** – Breakfast in the hotel • Visit the community kitchen at Bangla Sahib Gurudwara, the largest and oldest historical Sikh temple in Delhi, where thousands go to pray daily. (The kitchen serves a community meal where everyone is welcome, regardless of origin, religion or social status) • Lunch in a restaurant • Afternoon rehearsal • Dinner in a restaurant • Concert (in the Cathedral Church of the Redemption)

**Day 5** – Breakfast in the hotel • Depart by coach for Agra (4 hours) • Lunch in a restaurant en route • Arrive in Agra • Visit to the Taj Mahal • Transfer by coach to the hotel and check-in • Dinner in a restaurant

*• This is a suggested itinerary; details are subject to change •*

**Day 6** – Breakfast in the hotel • Depart by coach for Jaipur (4 hours) • Lunch in the hotel upon arrival • Guided sightseeing tour of Jaipur, during which you will see the City Palace, Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Wind), and have a rickshaw ride in the markets • Dinner in a restaurant

**Day 7** – Breakfast in the hotel • Excursion by Jeep to the Amber Fort (entrance included) • Lunch at Jaipur Cooking, including a cooking demonstration • At leisure in the bazaar • Dinner in a restaurant

**Day 8** – Breakfast in the hotel • Exchange (with the students at the University of Rajasthan?) • Lunch on your own • Afternoon rehearsal • Dinner in a restaurant • Concert (in All Saints' Church)

**Day 9** – Breakfast in the hotel • Transfer by coach to the train station and check-in • Depart by train to Jodhpur (5 hours) • Arrive in Jodhpur and transfer by tuk-tuk to the market • Lunch in a restaurant • Guided sightseeing tour, during which you will see the Mehrangarh Fort, the Jaswant Thada, and the local bazaar • Transfer to the hotel and check in • Dinner in the hotel

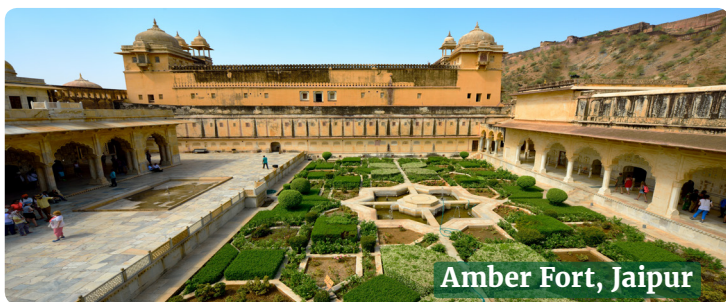
**Day 10** – Breakfast in the hotel • At leisure or exchange • Lunch in a restaurant • Afternoon rehearsal • Dinner in a restaurant • Concert (as part of the World Sacred Spirit Festival)

**Day 11** – Breakfast in the hotel • Jeep safari to see some of India's native wildlife • Picnic lunch provided • Return to Jodhpur • Dinner in a restaurant • Attend a World Sacred Spirit Festival performance

**Day 12** – Breakfast in the hotel • Transfer by coach to the airport and check-in • Depart on 2-hour flight to Mumbai • Arrive at Mumbai airport • Lunch on your own • Transfer by coach to the hotel and check-in • Dinner on your own

**Day 13** – Breakfast in the hotel • Excursion by coach and boat to Elephanta Caves (entrance included) • Lunch in a restaurant • Guided sightseeing tour during which you will see Dhobi Ghat, Haji Ali Mosque, Marine Drive, Chow-patty Beach, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (previously known as Victoria Terminus Station), Rajabai Tower, and Crawford Market • Dinner in a restaurant

**Day 14** – Breakfast in the hotel • Exchange (with the Songbound Foundation?) • Lunch on your own • Afternoon rehearsal • Concert (in St. Thomas' Cathedral?)



**Day 15** – Breakfast in the hotel • Morning at leisure • Lunch on your own • Afternoon exchange (with students from Salaam Bombay Foundation?) • Rehearsal • Evening concert (in the Tata Theatre at the National Centre for the Performing Arts?) • Farewell dinner in a restaurant

**Day 16** – Breakfast in the hotel • Meet with the Dabbawallas, a tiffin delivery service run by over 5,000 workers who deliver lunch from their homes to more than 200,000 corporate executives and others every day • Lunch on your own • Afternoon at leisure • Evening transfer by coach to the airport and check-in • Depart on flights to Chicago

**Day 17** – Arrive at O'Hare

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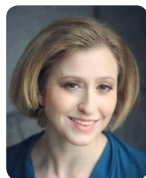
## Trip Leaders

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**John Sherer**

Organist and Director of Music  
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- Estimated cost: \$6,606 per person  
*An upgrade to a private single room is available for an additional fee*
- Applications are due April 1, 2023 (a deposit of \$1,000 is required)
- Of the total trip payment, 33% is due by May 1, 2023; 66% is due by August 1, 2023; and 100% is due by November 1, 2023
- Registration opens in February, 2023; please contact Emily Cox ([ecox@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ecox@fourthchurch.org)) for details
- For trip information, please contact John Sherer ([jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org))

**Not included in estimated cost:** Passport and visa fees, if applicable (an India visa for U.S. citizens currently costs \$25/person) • Beverages other than coffee and tea with breakfast, water with lunch and dinner • Trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is highly recommended; brochures will be made available. See [www.acfea.com/insurance](http://www.acfea.com/insurance) for more information • Checked baggage fees, if applicable



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