



*FALL ITINERARY 2019*  
*SACRED PILGRIMAGE INCLUDING:*  
*RAJASTHAN, BADRINATH AND*  
*Y.S.S. SHIMLA RETREAT*



**SHIMLA RETREAT ADD-ON:  
OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 9<sup>TH</sup>:**



Nestled in the Himalayan foothills, near the historical town of Shimla, former retreat for the British Raj, our YSS retreat is the perfect place to begin our pilgrimage to India. We will spend four nights here in silence and have a one day visit to the town of Shimla.

Costing per person \$410

MAIN TOUR: OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

DAY ONE: NEW DELHI

Upon your morning arrival in Delhi, you will be met by our representative and transferred to either the Y.S.S Noida Ashram or a local hotel. We will have a group meeting, to answer any of your questions about the pilgrimage. Local sightseeing and shopping are included on this day.



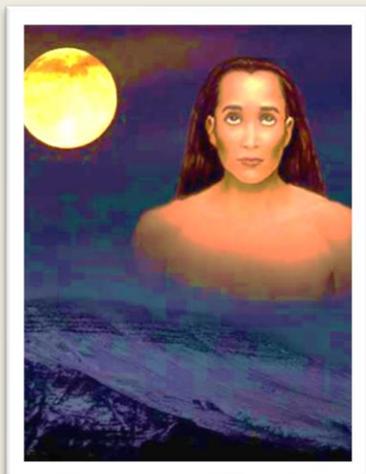
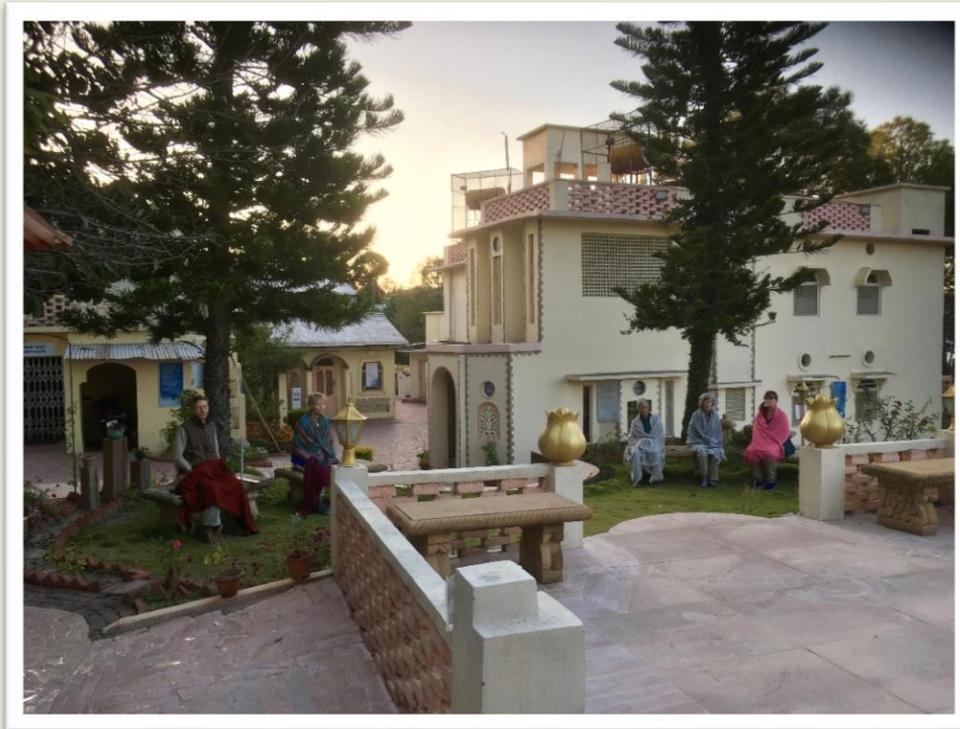
## **DAY TWO AND THREE: CORBETT NATIONAL PARK**



**After breakfast at the ashrama, we will drive approximately four hours to a beautiful lodge on the banks of the Kosi River. After check in, we will have the whole day to relax by the pool, or visit the famous Ma Durga River Temple. For those looking for adventure, we will take an afternoon safari into the jungle in hopes of spotting the elusive Bengal Tiger. Corbett is renowned for its variety of wild animals. In the past, our groups have spotted herds of wild elephants, pythons, a king cobra, wild boar, spotted deer, a monitor lizard, crocodiles and an occasional stunning Bengal Tiger. Return to Lodge for meditation and dinner. Overnight**

## **DAY FOUR THROUGH SEVEN: DWARAHAT ASHRAM**

**After a delicious breakfast, we will take a scenic drive through the foothills to our YSS Dwarahat Ashram. Here we will bathe in the peace and divine love of Mahavatar Babaji. Each day we will participate in group meditation and the evening class given by Swamiji.**



On the second full day, we will take a pilgrimage to the holy site of Babaji's Cave. This is where our blessed path began, as the great yogi gave the sacred technique of Kriya Yoga to Lahiri Mahashaya over a hundred and fifty years ago. These sacred hills were also mentioned in the Gita as the place where the Pandava brothers lived in exile.

### **PIPALKOTI : DAY EIGHT: OVERNIGHT**

**Arrive in Pipalkoti in the afternoon to spend a day in this beautiful Himalayan town.**



### **BADRINATH: DAY NINE AND TEN:**

**After approximately a three hour, stunningly beautiful drive, we will check into our lovely hotel, where we will spend the next two days bathing in these holy vibrations. For thousand of years Hindus have made this Himalayan shrine a sacred Yatra (pilgrimage) destination. They would walk 380 kilometers from Haridwar (the door to the Lord) on the ancient pilgrim path to pay their homage to Lord Narayana. Although, they say this is a Krishna Temple, the fossilized image in the temple, is that of a long haired yogi sitting in meditation,**

who looks similar to our Babaji. Often, Guruji in his prayers, would combine the two names, ‘Babaji / Krishna’.

We will visit the small village of Mana. Everyone loves this experience, as we witness how the local villagers make woolen shawls and eke out an existence in this little last town just before Tibet. This is also a very holy site mentioned in the Bhagavagita, where the Pandava brothers left their bodies. Here the great sage Vyasa wrote the Mahabharatha in a cave over 5,000 years ago. We will view the place where Bhima lifted the huge stone slab so they could cross he source of the sacred Saraswasti river.



**DAY ELEVEN THROUGH THIRTEEN: CHOPTA / TUNGANATH –**

Snowpod Chopta is where we will stay and is the base camp for Snowpod Makkumath providing the greatest in both facilities and comfort. Vista the temple at Tunganath dedicated to Lord Shiva.

**CHOPTA NATIONAL FOREST**



## **BEACH CAMP: DAY FOURTEEN & FIFTEEN:**

After our morning meditation and a delicious breakfast, we will follow the Allakananda River to the holy town Devaprayag. This is where the holy Ganga gets her name. After a quick visit, we will drive about one hour to our incredible beach camp located on the banks of the Ganges. This camp is amazing, with its white sand beaches, beautiful

waterfall, western toilets and hot showers. This will be our home for the next three nights. We will have morning and evening group meditations with chanting each day. During the day you may enjoy various activities offered by the camp. River rafting, hiking to a local village, swimming, cliff diving, kayaking or just hanging out while enjoying the absolute beauty of nature in this secluded area. You will be served three delicious meals each day (the best food on the tour). At night, you may just sit under the stars by a campfire and enjoy a delicious cup of chai. Overnight evening meditation. Overnight



## RISHIKESH / HARDWAR

DAYS FIFTEEN THROUGH EIGHTEEN:

This morning, we will raft about a half an hour to Kodyala, a little town, where we will be met by our private cars and driven to the city of Rishikesh. Rishikesh is renowned for its many temples and ashrams and is considered the yoga capitol of the world for westerners. On the way we will stop at one of the most wonderful places to meditate in India (Vashishta Cave). Vashishta is the Guru of Sri Ram, who lived over nine thousand years ago. We will take a short walk down to the cave along the river. We will enjoy a short meditation and the sacred vibrations of this holy cave temple.

After our short visit at the cave, we will now drive about one hour to Rishikesh. This holy city is home to many sadhus and swamis. About mid-day, we will check into our lovely guesthouse on the banks of the river and spend next four nights soaking up the vibrations of this enchanting place.

The first day we will explore Rishikesh as a group, visiting ashrams, temples and attending the evening Arati at the Parmarth Niketan Ashram. This Arati is performed by young monks of the ashram, offering divine chanting and large flaming deep lamps to Mother Ganga. The next couple of days you may enjoy the holy city on your own. This is not only a spiritual city but also a great place to shop.

On the fourth day we take a short drive to Haridwar (the door to the Lord). This sacred city is mentioned many times in the ancient Hindu scriptures over 5,000 years ago. Here we will visit Anandamoy Ma's ashram (the most famous of all women saints of India) and visit the mandir where her body rests.

Next we will visit Keshavananda's Ashram. Keshavananda was the chief disciple of Lahiri Mahashaya. At the ashram, you will be able to meditate at the shrine housing the ashes of the great yogi, Lahiri Mahashaya. After our visit, return to our guesthouse in Rishikesh. Overnight

## TAJ MAHAL, THREE DAYS (OPTIONAL)

DAYS NINETEEN THROUGH TWENTY-TWO

Delhi, Vrindavan and the Taj Mahal



Arrive in Delhi and overnight at a local hotel. On the same day we will drive to Agra, the home of the spectacular Taj Mahal. There we will check into our lovely hotel and enjoy our evening meditation and dinner. The next morning we will awake at sunrise to view the incredible

**Taj Mahal (a Monument of Love). After our visit, we will return to the hotel for a lovely breakfast before departing for Mathura, the birthplace of Lord Krishna. There we will visit the temple dedicated to the Lord and visit the jail-cell where the Krishna was born. Drive to Vrindavan, the boyhood town of Krishna, spend the two nights at a lovely guesthouse, located in the famous Iskon temple gardens. On the fourth day, drive to Jaipur in Rajasthan to meet with the rest of the group (those who have already seen the Taj Mahal). .**

**:RAJASTHAN-“ LAND OF THE KINGS”:**

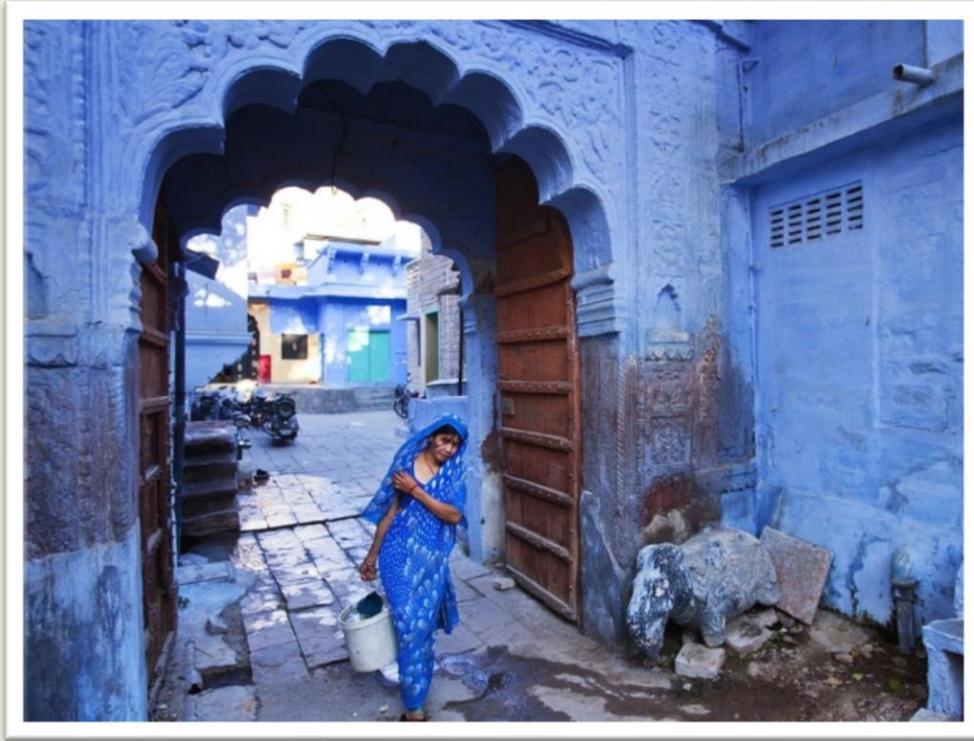
**(Optional for those who have already visited the Taj Mahal).**



**DAYS NINETEEN THROUGH TWENTY-ONE**

**DELHI / JODHPUR – “THE BLUE CITY”**

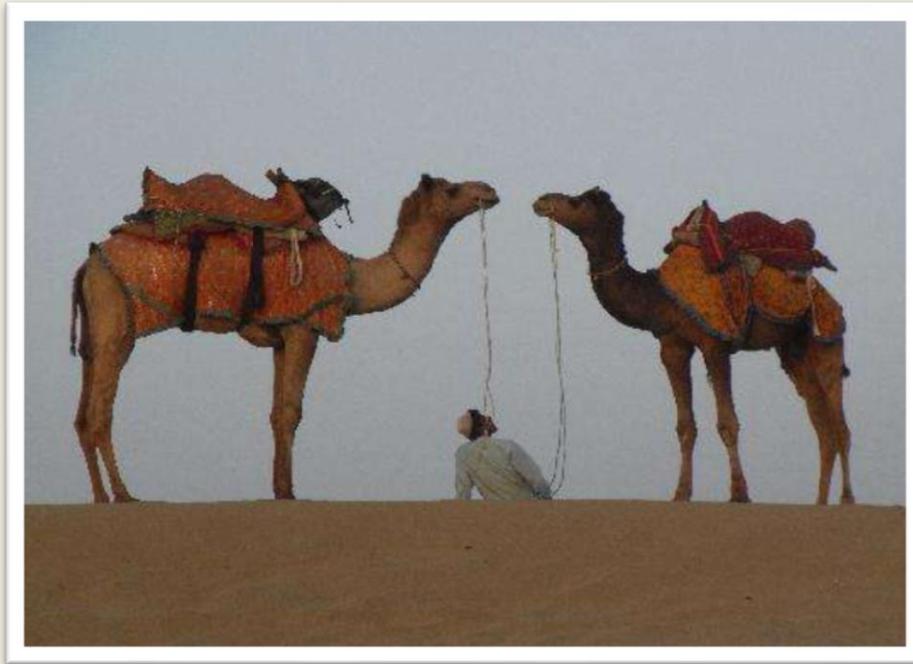
We will spend the next two nights and two days exploring this ancient city, known as the “Blue City” founded in the fifteenth century by a Rajasthani Maharaj.



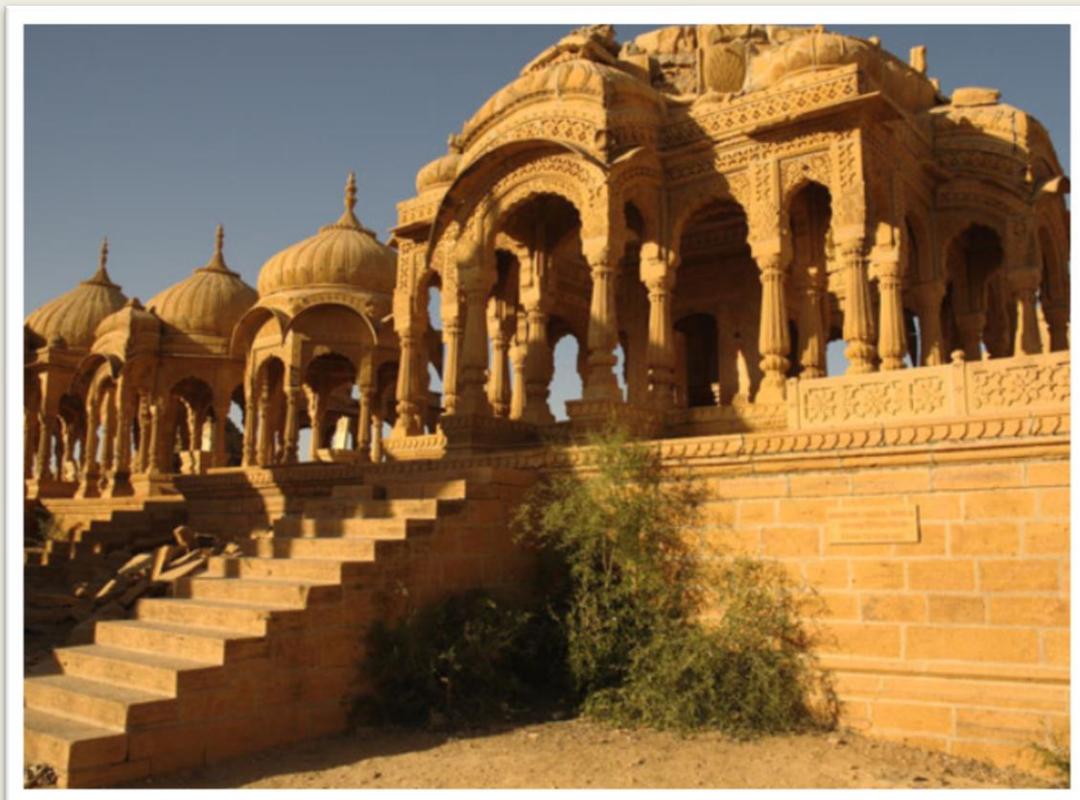
**JAISALMER - “ THE GOLDEN CITY”**

**DAYS TWENTY-TWO & TWENTY-THREE:**

Known for being the most beautiful city of Rajasthan, we will spend the next two days discovering the ancient temples and palaces. We will also take in a sunset camel safari into the desert.



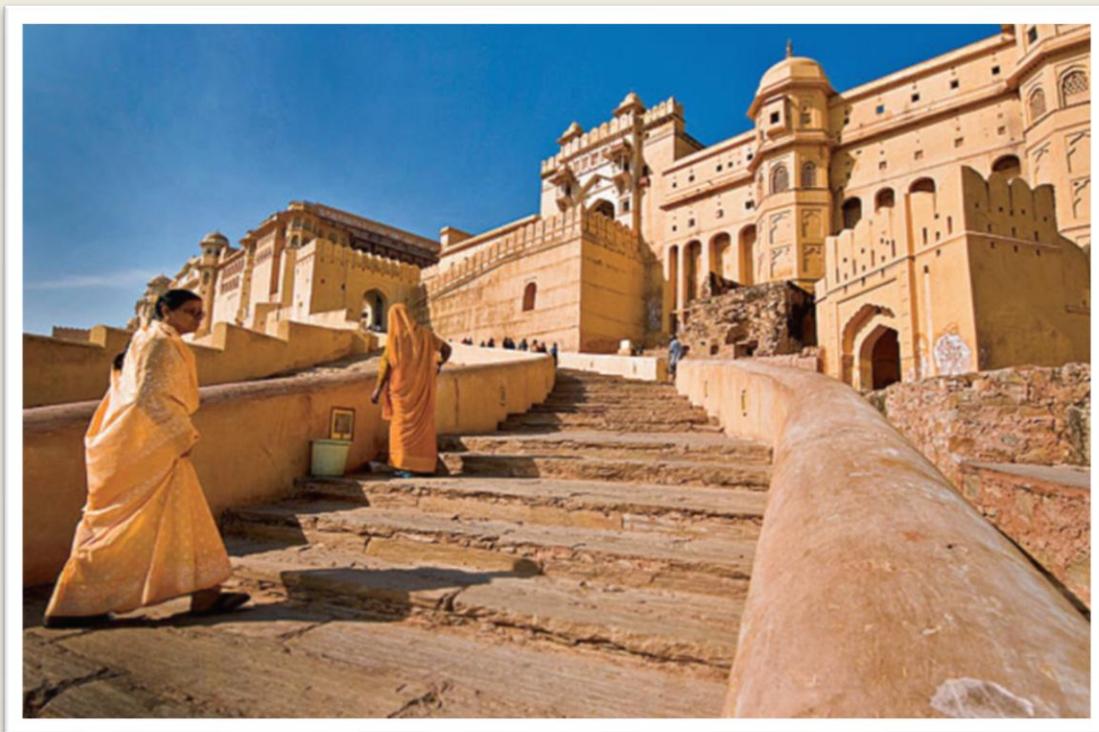
## JAISALMER



## **JAIPUR – “THE PINK CITY”**

### **DAYS TWENTY-FOUR & TWENTY-FIVE**

**For hundreds of years, the Maharaja’s and Maharini’s ruled this beautiful land. We will also get a taste of their magnificent way of life while spending a week in this desert landscape. We will stay in their former summer palaces and enjoy their ancient culture and traditions.**



**Our first day, we will fly approximately one hour to the beautiful pink city of Jaipur. We will check into our luxurious former summer palace and enjoy the next two days visiting the wonders of this former kingdom. We will ride elephants, just like kings and queens of old, up the steep lane that leads to the magnificent Amber Palace. This large**

palace overlooks a beautiful lake, which was used for recreation and the water source for their palace fortress.

That afternoon we will visit the famous monkey temple, located in an adjacent canyon near the Amber Fort. Transported back in time, we will climb the winding pathway to the sacred Sun Temple. From this mandir (dedicated to the god of the Sun 'Surya') we will have a beautiful view of the sun setting over the ancient city of Jaipur. The following day, we will visit other temples and take time for leisure and to swim in the palace pool.

### THE SUN TEMPLE



### VARANASI DAYS TWENTY-SIX THROUGH TWENTY-EIGHT:

In the morning, we will fly to the Holy City of Varanasi (Banaras). Varanasi is considered one of the most sacred cities in India and is said to be over 10,000 years old. Upon arrival, we will be met



and transferred to our lovely hotel on the banks of the Ganges. Early the next morning, as the sun rises over the river, we will take a boat to Hanuman Ghat to take our dip in the sacred river. (optional) This is a transforming experience. Many consider this to be one of the most amazing experiences of the pilgrimage. After our dip, we will take our boat out into the middle of the river and chant to God and feel the incredible peace of this holy city.

Next, we will return to our hotel for a delicious breakfast. Later that morning, we will take a short walk to the home of our param param guru, Lahiri Mahashaya and visit Satya Lok, where there is a portion of the great saints ashes. Before dinner, we will attend the evening arati dedicated to Lord Shiva and the holy Ganges. The following day, we will take a ride into the countryside to visit a sacred place for all

**Buddhists. This place is where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon after enlightenment.**

**Banares is considered to be the abode of Lord Shiva (the King of the Yogis). Each day, thousands come to bathe and worship Lord Shiva and the holy river. The scriptures teach that Mother Ganga was so powerful, that Lord Shiva had to pass it through his hair to slow it down, so that the world would not be destroyed. Banaras is renowned for its beautiful silks. There will be lots of free time for shopping or time to just explore.**

**KOLKATA / SERAMPORE :**

**DAY TWENTY-NINE THROUGH THIRTY-ONE**



**On our fourth day, we will catch an afternoon flight to Kolkata. Upon arrival we will be met and transferred to our YSS Dakshineshwar Ashram. The next few days will be filled with daily visits to the various holy places mentioned in the Autobiography of a yogi.**

We will take pilgrimages to such places as; 4 Gurple Rd., 50 Amhearst Way, the levitating saints home and to Tulsi's, the boyhood friend of Guruji. We will also visit Mother Teresa's (Mother House where her body is enshrined.)

During our time in Kolkata, we will take a boat up the Ganges to Serampore to visit S.Y's ashram and Rai Ghat lane where Babaji appeared to Sri Yukteshwar after completing 'The Holy Science'. We will also visit Ananda Lok where Guruji lived while attending Serampore College. We will visit Ananta's (the older brother of Guruji) family home and hear stories of Guruji and Sri Yukteshwar.

**PURI**

**DAYS THIRTY-TWO & THIRTY-THREE:**

Upon arrival in Puri, we will be met and transferred to a lovely beachfront hotel situated on the sands of the Bay of Bengal. We will use this time to rejuvenate by taking walks on the beach or having a massage. You may also enjoy their beautiful swimming pool. On the morning of the second day, we will visit Sri Yukteshwar's Karar Ashram. Guruji spent many days with Yukteshwarji in this ashram. Later we will view the famous Jaganath Temple, considered to be one the holiest sites for Hindu's. It also has a special meaning for us,



as it is said, that the Lord Jesus Christ lived here for a portion of His missing years. Of course, our days will be filled with daily group meditations and chanting.

YSS RANCHI RETREAT”

DAY THIRTY-FIVE THROUGH THIRTY-SIX :

We will conclude our pilgrimage at our YSS Ranchi Ashram. These three days will be filled with great peace and love for Guruji/.



**As you know, Guruji spent many years here prior to his travels to America. The ashram grounds are permeated with his divine presence. We will have daily group meditations, classes and group chanting. The whole ashram is covered in gardens of roses and marigolds. Guruji's room is open all-day for individual mediation. This bedroom is where Guruji kept his sweet little deer friend.**

**This is a great way to end our pilgrimage. Each of us will be uplifted in Master's teachings and will be filled with his divine presence before heading back to West and our busy lives. Your life will be changed forever. On the afternoon, the group will catch a flight back to Delhi.**



**For those that will be departing that night, you will be taken to airport for your late night or early morning flight back to America. .**

**If you will not be joining us for the entire tour, your costing will be pro-rated accordingly, depending on the portion of the tour you choose.**

**Single supplements, please add \$200 per week.**

#### **TOUR COSTING:**

**36days - double occupancy - \$6,985.00 per person**

**Single Room – add-on \$1,175.00 main tour, per person**

#### **Tour Includes the following:**

- ❖ Nine Domestic Flights**

- ❖ All transfers
- ❖ Two first-class train ride
- ❖ Two wonderful boat rides on the holy Ganges
- ❖ Private Air-conditioned autos or coaches
- ❖ Lovely Air-conditioned Hotels in prime locations
- ❖ A minimum of two meals per day, many days with three meals and one table drink.
- ❖ River Rafting
- ❖ Use of private phone to call home while traveling
- ❖ Professional guide services throughout
- ❖ Monument fee included
- ❖ Two bottles of mineral water per day
- ❖ \$100 per person is requested for tipping services for the entire tour, to be collected by the tour leader.

#### **Tour Exclusions:**

- ❖ International airfare
- ❖ Any personal ventures not included in the itinerary
- ❖ Personal items such as; laundry service, personal phone calls, room service.

- ❖ **Optional Jungle Safari at Corbett Park / Camel Ride**
- ❖ **Personal donations in ashrams**
- ❖ **\*Any additional cost accrued for incidents beyond the control of Master's Darshan Tours, such as cancellations caused by acts of God, terrorism, economic collapse, or excessive decline of 5% or greater in the dollar / rupee exchange rate. The current costing is based on 68 rupees per dollar.**
- ❖ **Please Note: Travel insurance is highly recommended**

**Please join us for this amazing journey of a lifetime!**