



SPRING ITINERARY 2020

“SACRED Y.S.S. PILGRIMAGE TO INDIA”

DATES: FEBRUARY 9TH TO MARCH 10TH

TOURING INDIA WITH MASTER'S DARSHAN TOURS – the SPRING ITINERARY, FOR 2020



FEBRUARY 9TH 2017

**ARRIVE IN NEW DELHI –
LOCAL TOURS**

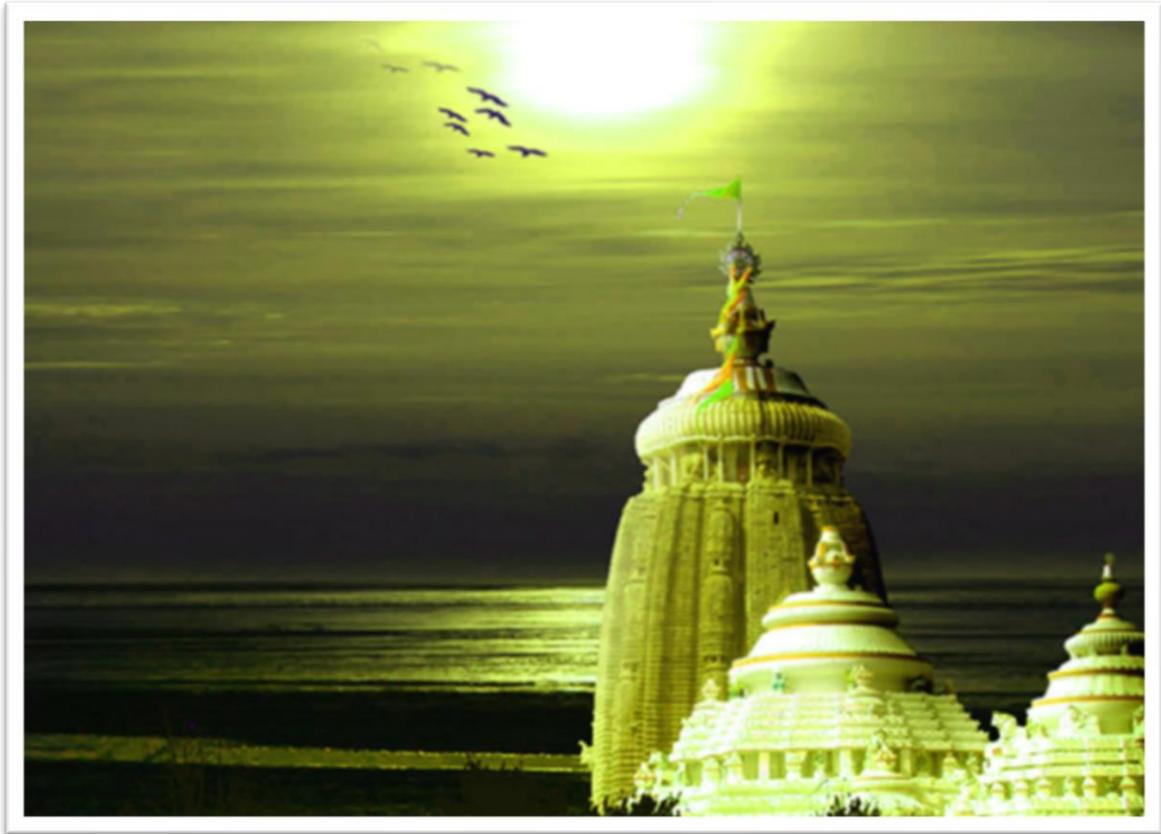


Each pilgrimage begins in New Delhi and upon arrival on the morning of the first day, you will be met at the International Airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Gurgaon or ashram. Here you will spend the day rejuvenating and have the opportunity to visit important spiritual centers and historical sites, such as: Akshardham Temple, and the beautiful Sikh Temple near New Delhi. You will also have some time for last minute shopping before your journey.

FEBRUARY 10th and 11th

PURI

On the morning of the third day, drive back to Delhi to take a flight to the city of Bhuvaneshwar. There, we will be met and driven by Tempo vehicle on a scenic drive through rice fields and palm trees, all the way to Puri. Upon arrival, you will



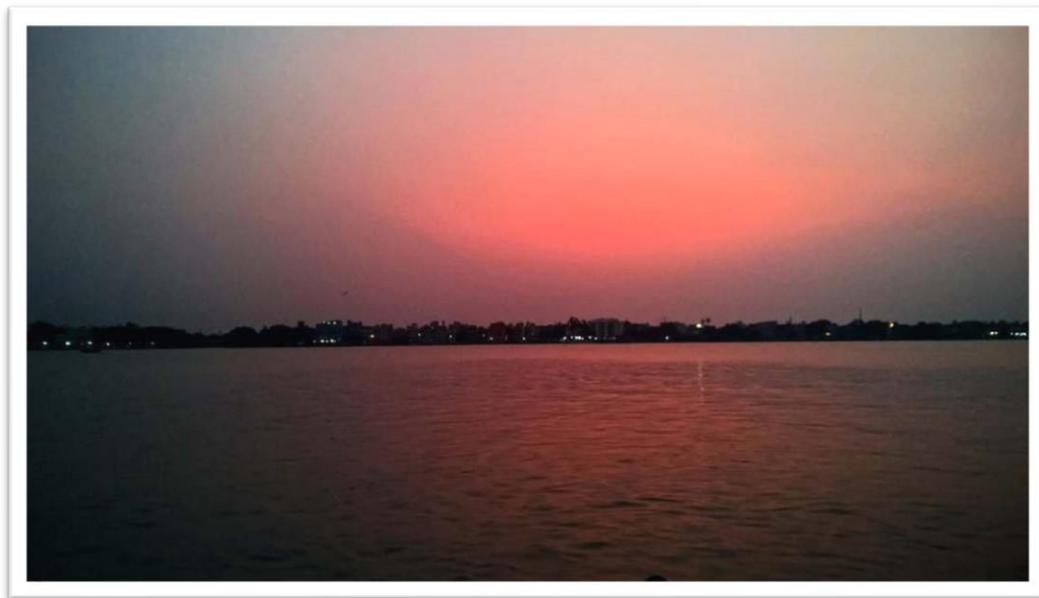
check into a beautiful seaside resort, located on the sands of the Bay of Bengal. This luxury hotel has a large swimming pool and lawn area for relaxation and a wonderful spa facility for massage and pedicures. This is a great place to be pampered and relax. After breakfast, take a short drive to the seaside ashram of our Param Guru Swami Sri Yukteshwar. Here you will bathe in Sri Yukteshwar's holy vibrations. We will meditate in the samadhi mandir holding the body of Sri Yukteshwar. Guruji and Sri Yukteshwar spent many days together at this ashram.

The city is considered one the holiest cities in India, for it is the site of the famous Jaganath Temple. Many saints have lived in this ancient city, including our Lord Jesus Christ during his missing years. Sri Daya Mataji said that the predominant presence in the temple is of Jesus. Puri is a great place for relaxation and rejuvenation. Each day we will have group meditations and and work on building

our group energy together. There are open air markets on the beach each evening, for those who would like to experience the local culture.

FEBRUARY 12th THROUGH FEBRUARY 15th

VISIT KOLKATA, DAKSHINESHWAR & SERAMPORE



In the afternoon of the next day, the group will meet and transfer to the Bhuvaneshwar airport, to catch an afternoon flight to Kolkata (formerly known as Calcutta). Upon arrival, take an immediate transfer to the Y.S.S. Dakshineswar Ashram. Early the next morning, you will take a short walk to the famous Kali Temple mentioned in the Autobiography of a Yogi. Outside the inner temple of Kali, while sitting in the hot sun, Guruji had a vision of the Divine Mother. Many devotees will know that the famous saint, Sri Ramakrishna lived here for many years. You will then have an opportunity to meditate in the great saint's bedroom.

Each and every day is filled with great joy as we visit all of Master's places

mentioned in the A of Y. You will take a scenic boat ride on the Ganges to Serampore. Upon our arrival, you will walk to Rai Ghat Lane where Babaji appeared to Sri Yuktेशwarji. A short walk up this lane leads us to Sri Yuktेशwar's ashram and family home. Next, you will walk about two blocks to visit Ananda Lok. This is the where Guruji lived in his uncle's home while attending Serampore College. You will meet the family and meditate in Guruji's room. Then return to the ashram by boat in time for the evening meditation and dinner.

The next day is filled with unbelievable joy as you will visit Guruji's boyhood home at 4 Gurpar Rd. Take the opportunity to meditate in Guruji's attic room, where he first found God. The group will listen to stories told by family members and have the opportunity to purchase pictures from the their photo album. After your visit, walk around the block to Guruji's first meditation hall. Here Master danced in ecstasy. Right next door, is the home of Tulsi, the boyhood friend of Guruji. This is a most amazing place. Like a museum, and it holds many special memories and artifacts from Guruji and Sri Yuktेशwar. Many famous saints visited this home.

Next visit the Levitating Saints home and ashram mentioned in the A of Y. and then later take the opportunity to visit Mother Teresa's home and ashram. Here Mother's body is enshrined and how joyful it is, to visit a beautiful museum dedicated to this great soul's life. If time permits, take a visit 50 Amhearst Way where Master Mahashaya lived.

FEBRUARY 16th THROUGH FEBRUARY 18th

TOUR THE ANCIENT CITY OF VARANASI ON THE GANGES RIVER



On the next day, take an early morning flight to Varanasi. Formerly called Benares, this city is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is considered to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities on Earth. Your hotel, is located near Lahiri Mahashaya's home, just feet away from the holy Ganges. Many devotees have told us, that a visit to this city marks one of the most memorable destinations of the pilgrimage. Each morning, the silence is broken by the sounds of priests chanting mantras, ringing bells and blowing their conch shells. The air is filled with the smell of incense wafting through the air as the many worshipers perform their morning prayers. You will take a morning boat ride upon the holy river and after, take your optional bath in the Ganges; then meditate and chant as the sun rises over the Ganga River. This is followed by a return to the hotel for breakfast and prepare for our visit to the sacred places of the city.

The next day, the tour takes us to visit Sarnath. After enlightenment, the Lord Buddha came to this town to give his first sermon. It is an amazing historical site and sacred to Buddhists all over the world. Here visit Deer Park and a museum filled with relics from this sacred era. Later that afternoon, return to the hotel for free time and relaxation. Varanasi City is famous for silks and a great place to shop.

VARANASI / DELHI

On the 4TH day in this city, we transfer and take a flight back to Delhi in time for dinner, shopping and sightseeing. Late that evening board a first class train to Corbett National Park. Arriving on the following day. .

FEBRUARY 19TH and FEBRUARY 20th

RETURN TO DELHI / TRANSFER TO CORBETT NATIONAL WILDLIFE PARK



After taking the overnight train to the Kathgodam Station, the local guide will meet you for the drive to Corbett National Park, a wild life sanctuary located about eight hours east of Delhi. Take two days and one night in this peaceful jungle setting, to relax and melt into the countryside of India. The

group will be staying at a lovely resort located on the banks of the Kosi river. In the morning, and or afternoon, there is the opportunity to take elephant rides into the jungle to look for the elusive Bengal Tiger. Here also is plenty of time to just relax or take time to be pampered with a soothing professional massage.

In the past, while on safari, groups have enjoyed viewing some of the amazing wild life here, found in this magical place. Previous groups have seen spotted deer, large Sambhar deer, peacocks, wild boar, pythons, monitor lizards, crocodiles, wild elephants, a king cobra and an occasional tiger.

FEBRUARY 21st THROUGH FEBRUARY 25th

VISIT TO DWARAHAT ASHRAM & BABAJI'S CAVE



The next afternoon, take a scenic drive through the Himalayan Foothills to our Y.S.S. Dwarahat Ashram. Here is the opportunity to spend the next few days feeling the deep peace and presence of God as expressed through the SRF tradition. This is an ashram experience, as you have the opportunity to join group meditations, and classes offered by the monastic residents. On the second full day, take a pilgrimage to Mahavatar Babaji's Cave. This is considered to be the place where Kriya Yoga was given to the world over a hundred and fifty years ago. While walking through the Drona Giri hills, Lahiri Mahashaya met the beloved Babaji, the eternal Guru. Many devotees can attest to the high spiritual vibration of this sacred area. Late on the morning of the third day, take a drive of approximately 7 hours through the amazing foothills to our secluded Ganga Riviera camp, situated on the banks of the holy Ganges.

FEBRUARY 26th

RUDRAPRAYAG / OVERNIGHT AT HOTEL

Upon arrival check into a lovely hotel.

FEBRUARY 27th THROUGH FEBRUARY 28th

GANGES RIVERCAMP



Arriving at the Ganges River Camp in the late afternoon, relax and partake of a delicious dinner prepared by the camp's chef just for the group. Located on the banks of the Ganges River with a kitchen and dining area in the foothills just above the river, this camp will offer some of the best food on the whole tour. You may use this time relaxing, river rafting, swimming, hiking or just sitting under the stars sipping a cup of delicious Indian chai. Each day here, and throughout our entire pilgrimage, we will practice group energization, chanting and meditation. This camp has western toilets and hot and cold showers, with large tents equipped with cots and wicker chairs. This is an

opportunity to relax and enjoy the holy Ganga River.

EBRUARY 29th THROUGH MARCH 2nd

RISHIKESH AND HARDWAR



The next morning, drive approximately two hours to the sacred city of Rishikesh. Check into a lovely guesthouse, located just on the banks of the holy Ganges. Each day is an adventure, with so many wonderful places to see in Rishikesh in and around this magical city on the river. There are numerous temples and ashrams here where daily, meditation, yoga and devotional singing are practiced. At night, attend a colorful evening Arati where at least 100 monks are joined by residents of the city to chant and worship the holy Mother Ganga.

On the morning of the third day, depart from Rishikesh to the holy city of Haridwar. Here you can visit the ashram of Swami Keshavananda, also mentioned in the A of Y.

Keshavanandaji was the direct disciple of Lahiri Mahashaya. Lahiri's ashes are enshrined in this peaceful ashram along the Ganges.

Next drive about 10 minutes to the lovely ashram of Sri Ananandamoy Ma. You may recall her picture in the A of Y, embracing Guruji. She is possibly the most famous woman saint of India in recent times. Her vibration here is very tangible since she lived in this ashram for many years. There is the opportunity to meditate in her Samadhi Shrine. Stop then for lunch before returning to our guesthouse in Rishikesh.

HARDWAR



TAJ MAHAL



MARCH 3rd and 4th

THE TAJ MAHAL, & VRINDAVAN – THE ABODE OF LORD KRISHNA

Arriva in New Delhi and for those that wish to visit Agra join the staff for a coach ride to the city of Agra, the city of the magnificent TAJ MAHAL. On this day, check into the hotel and the next morning at sunrise, arise at day break to view the magnificent ‘Monument of Love’. This is a truly awesome experience. On return to the hotel for breakfast, then drive approximately two hours to the holy city of Mathura, ‘the birthplace of Lord Krishna’. Visit the jail cell where he was born and visit several beautiful temples dedicated to the Lord. After this visit, drive 30 minutes to the city of Vrindavan where Krishna and his

gopis lived along the banks of the Yamuna River. Here check into the the MVT Guesthouse next to the temple of Lord Krishna. Here you may chant with the many devotees and participate in the evening arati held each night. Many westerners now live in this sacred city.

MARCH 5th

A DAY IN NEW DELHI – TRANSFER TO RANCHI

In the morning, drive back to Delhi and check into the hotel. The remainder of this day will be for sightseeing, shopping or just relaxation.

On the following morning, transfer with staff to the domestic airport for a two hour flight to Ranchi.

MARCH 6TH to MARCH 9TH

TRANSFER TO RANCHI AND THE THE Y.S.S. ASHRAM



Upon arrival in Ranchi, transfer to the beautiful YSS Ashram. Guruji spent many years here and the grounds are permeated with his presence. Join in the daily activities with the monks and lay disciples. Each day includes group energization, chanting and meditations. You will have the opportunity to meditate in Guruji's bedroom where he had his little deer friend. The gardens are stunning. Marigolds and roses everywhere. You will be able to meditate where Master gave his first classes under the Lichee Tree.

The beautiful Smriti Mandir and Dhyana Mandirs are both open 24 hours for private meditations. Here you can enjoy Satsangas and classes by the YSS swamis. This will be a wonderful spiritual ending to your pilgrimage to India.

Note - : Today we will spend the day attuning our consciousness to our beloved Guruji. We will attend the commemoration service with other devotees and monks as we celebrate Master's Mahasamadhi. The ashram will be filled with Guruji's holy vibrations.

On March, 9th, today, we will celebrate the Great Yogi Swami Sri Yuktishwar's Mahasamadhi. During these days the Ranchi ashram always has special events for the devotees.

MARCH 10TH

RETURN TO NEW DELHI / FLIGHT HOME

Today take an afternoon flight back to Delhi to prepare for your international flight home to the States. You will be met at the airport by a representative and taken out to dinner and have the opportunity to freshen up before your transfer to the International Airport for your flight home to America.

For many, they find their spiritual lives deepen through this experience. We will have daily group meditations with our fellow YSS devotees, along with Satsangas and chanting led by the YSS monastics.

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Tour Prices: Price per person - \$4,970.00 double occupancy (31 days) -
For single occupants, please add \$875.00 per person

Please Note: **Travel insurance** for this tour is required to protect yourself from any unforeseeable events, that may lead to your (the passenger's) cancellation. Deposits and payments are non-refundable. Masters Darshan has never cancelled a tour but in the event we do, tour funds will be refunded.

Tour Price Includes:

Seven domestic flights within India - Sectors:

Delhi / Bhubaneswar, Bhubaneswar / Kolkata, Kolkata / Varanasi, Varanasi /
Delhi, Rishikesh / Delhi, Delhi / Ranchi, Ranchi / Delhi

One first class train ride - Delhi / Kathgodam

All ground transportation in A/C equipped vehicles

All transfers

All Accommodations in beautiful hotels personally selected by our staff

A minimum of two meals per day

Two bottles of mineral water per day

Professional Guide Services

Prices Do Not Include: International Airfare

Items of Personal nature, such as; room service, laundry and phone calls and or use of the internet, or messaging services.

Table Drinks - all drinks are not included with meals

Tips (we require bringing \$100 for tipping and donations to the ashrams)

Any change of itinerary or flight cancellations, caused by acts of God, terrorism, economic collapse or any other incidents beyond the control of Master's Darshan Tours

Dear Fellow Devotees:

Over the past 25 years, I have been very fortunate to bring many hundreds of devotees to India. The Autobiography comes alive when visiting these holy place and meeting Guruji's family members.

Each tour includes daily group meditations and chanting. As you see, this pilgrimage is a blend of adventure and the spiritual India as well. I and our very capable staff will be here to help you prepare for the pilgrimage and answer all your questions. While in India, rely on years of expertise and all of the local guides in each destination, to make your trip to India comfortable, safe, and an experience to be treasured for a lifetime.

I will departs for India on September 15TH , so those interested in the in the Spring Tour, please go online to www.mastersdarshan.com and fill out the forms. Masters

Darshan Tours will need this information to book your reservations for trains, flights and hotels. When you arrive in Delhi, I and the Delhi staff will be there to greet you and take you to a lovely hotel in Delhi.

It is also requested, that with your forms you send in a cashier's check with your \$1,000 deposit made out to Craig Bell or Mystic Tours of India. The entire amount of the tour will be due by December 1st. If anyone of the group pays the whole amount by September 1st, there will be a 5% discount.

In Our Guru's Love and Grace,

Craig

NAMASTE! THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.

In Our Guru's Love and Grace,

Craig Bell

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