

FOLK ART & PALACES RAJASTHAN, INDIA 2011

Including a visit to Khajurajo

CAROL SUMMERS, A CALIFORNIA ARTIST WHO HAS HAD A LONG-TIME LOVE AFFAIR WITH INDIAN FOLK ARTS, WILL LEAD A 22 DAY TOUR TO INDIA: December 31 – January 21, 2011

Rajasthan is a desert state in west central India where color and folk art are an integral part of the towns, the homes and the clothing...the men strikingly handsome in white with bright turbans and the women resplendent in their elaborately decorated costumes, their wealth in their jewelry.

January is an ideal month for travel in Rajasthan – the weather is perfect and there is a noticeable lack of insects. We invite you to come along and share our interests, which are folk arts, architecture, textiles, Rajput painting and the fort-palaces of yesteryear, as well as Indian cuisine in all its diverse flavors. The shopping is outstanding for the bargain prices and availability of the vast variety of Indian artifacts.

Hotel prices in India have skyrocketed in past years, as much as 50% within a year in some places, notably New Delhi, because of increased tourism. The changes I've made enable me to keep my increase to a minimum.

This is a first class tour and my 18th year of leading tours to India. We will have with us, Marsha Malgesini, a registered nurse who has accompanied our India tour in past years. Some of our stays will be in designated Heritage Hotels, formerly palaces of the Raj's, truly magical places with much of the splendor and grandeur of the days of princely courts and the welcome addition of plenty of hot water and comfortable beds.

I invite you to participate as you like in the daily plan of visits and events. The tour price includes all transportation and entrance fees in India, accommodations and meals, and meal tips. It does not include alcoholic beverages, hotel tips, room service, laundry, telephone charges or independent excursions and meals, nor airfare to India.

Cost of the tour in India is US\$6500 double occupancy. Single supplement is \$1700. Continental Airlines flies daily, direct to New Delhi from Newark, New Jersey, and Cathay Pacific flies from San Francisco to New Delhi via Hong Kong.

Please arrange your own air ticketing.

You may wish to contact your travel agency to inquire about trip insurance to protect against trip cancellation, trip interruption, lost ticket, medical, travel accident and baggage loss. The tour is limited to 16 guests.

To reserve a place please send 25% of total tour cost by September 1, 2010. A further 25% of total cost is due October 1, and the remainder is due November 1.

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