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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Friendly Planet Travel Expands India Tour Programs**

Experience a taste of India and Nepal with a new tour package and new dates

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—February 5, 2013—Travelers can visit and get a taste of two distinct and fascinating cultures with [Friendly Planet Travel's](#) India and Nepal tour packages. The nine-day [Taste of India](#) tour starts at \$1,699 and the 13-day [Taste of India and Nepal](#) tour starts at \$2,199. Both tours offer travelers first-class sightseeing and accommodations.

“India’s deep religious significance, rich history, and fascinating monuments have always made it a popular destination among travelers,” says [Peggy Goldman](#), President of Friendly Planet Travel. “By dropping the prices of our tours while enhancing the included features and amenities, we are hoping to introduce even more people to these diverse and beautiful countries. Our packages include guided tours of India and Nepal’s most fascinating destinations, with transportation on Volvo tour buses in India—an exclusive for Friendly Planet travelers—that offer modern amenities and comfortable arrangements for exploring the country. The tours also offer plenty of leisure time, and with a group size of fewer than 25, travelers will have a more intimate experience of both countries.”

The [Taste of India](#) tour begins as travelers check in to their centrally located, five-star hotel, [Shangri-La’s Eros Hotel, New Delhi](#). From there, the exotic journey starts with a guided tour of Old and New Delhi as travelers enjoy the ancient, 3,000-year history of the city, explore the [modern Laxmi Narayan Temple](#), and visit [Raj Ghat](#), the memorial to Gandhi. Travelers then continue by bicycle rickshaw to [Jama Masjid](#), India’s largest mosque, before marveling at the [Qutab Minar](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the India Gate in New Delhi.

The journey continues in [Agra](#), where travelers enjoy a sunrise tour of the remarkable Taj Mahal, one of the world’s great wonders. Optional excursions to [Agra Fort](#) or [Itmad-Ud-Daulah](#) are available for \$25 each, per person.

Additional stops on the tour include [Fatehpur Sikri](#), a once-glittering capital that is a ghost town today; Barara Village, for a special opportunity to learn about rural Indian village life and interact with locals; and [Jaipur](#), where travelers explore the Amber Fort either by jeep or elephant (if available) and Hawa Mahal (the Palace of the Winds). An optional excursion to discover Jaipur's pink sandstone buildings, including the City Palace Museum, is available for \$30 per person.

The [Taste of India and Nepal](#) tour includes all the highlights of the Taste of India tour, but adds four additional days in [Kathmandu](#), with tours of [Bhadgaon](#), [Durbar Square](#), [Bodhnath](#), and the [Pashupatinath](#) temple area, as well as a city tour and leisure time that travelers can use to independently explore the city and its surroundings. An optional excursion to experience a scenic flight over [Mount Everest](#) and the breathtaking Himalayas is also available for purchase locally. The tour concludes with a farewell dinner and a traditional Nepalese dance performance.

Both packages include round-trip, non-stop airfare from [New York \(JFK\)](#) via [Air India](#); fuel surcharges, airline taxes, and fees; ground transportation throughout, including a luxury Volvo bus with available restroom in India; accommodations in superior first-class and deluxe hotels with private baths; full American buffet breakfast daily; one dinner on the Taste of India program and two dinners during the Taste of India and Nepal tour; comprehensive guided touring, including entrance fees; English-speaking tour director; and special discounted optional tour packages.

Friendly Planet's nine-day [Taste of India](#) tour is available on the departure dates of May 4 and 14 for \$1,699; and April 20, 23, Aug. 27, Sep 7, 14, and 21 for \$1,799, if booked by Feb. 26.

The 13-day [Taste of India and Nepal](#) tour is available on the departure date of May 12 for \$2,199; April 21, 28, and Sept. 8 for \$2,299; and Sept. 15 and 22 for \$2,399, if booked by March 19.

For more information about Friendly Planet Travel's [Taste of India](#) or [Taste of India and Nepal](#) tours, please visit the company's website at www.FriendlyPlanet.com or its blog at blog.FriendlyPlanet.com.

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Friendly Planet Travel makes high-quality exotic travel affordable for everyone. Since 1981, Friendly Planet Travel has been arranging all-inclusive escorted discount vacation packages and cruises to the most exciting destinations in the world at the lowest possible prices.

Each year, Friendly Planet Travel offers more than 30 different group travel packages to Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and South America—at discounts of hundreds of dollars off similar vacations. With no hidden charges, add-ons, or surprises, Friendly Planet Travel vacations include convenient flights and airfare; carefully selected, first-class and superior hotels; knowledgeable, English-speaking guides; many meals; planned itineraries; as well as friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Friendly Planet Travel offers its extensive, economical travel services to private groups, including universities, religious institutions, alumni associations, and families. Groups who wish to travel together can count on Friendly Planet Travel's three decades of experience to operate their group travel program expertly and always at the very best possible prices. Visit us at www.FriendlyPlanetTravel.com. You can also follow Friendly Planet Travel on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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