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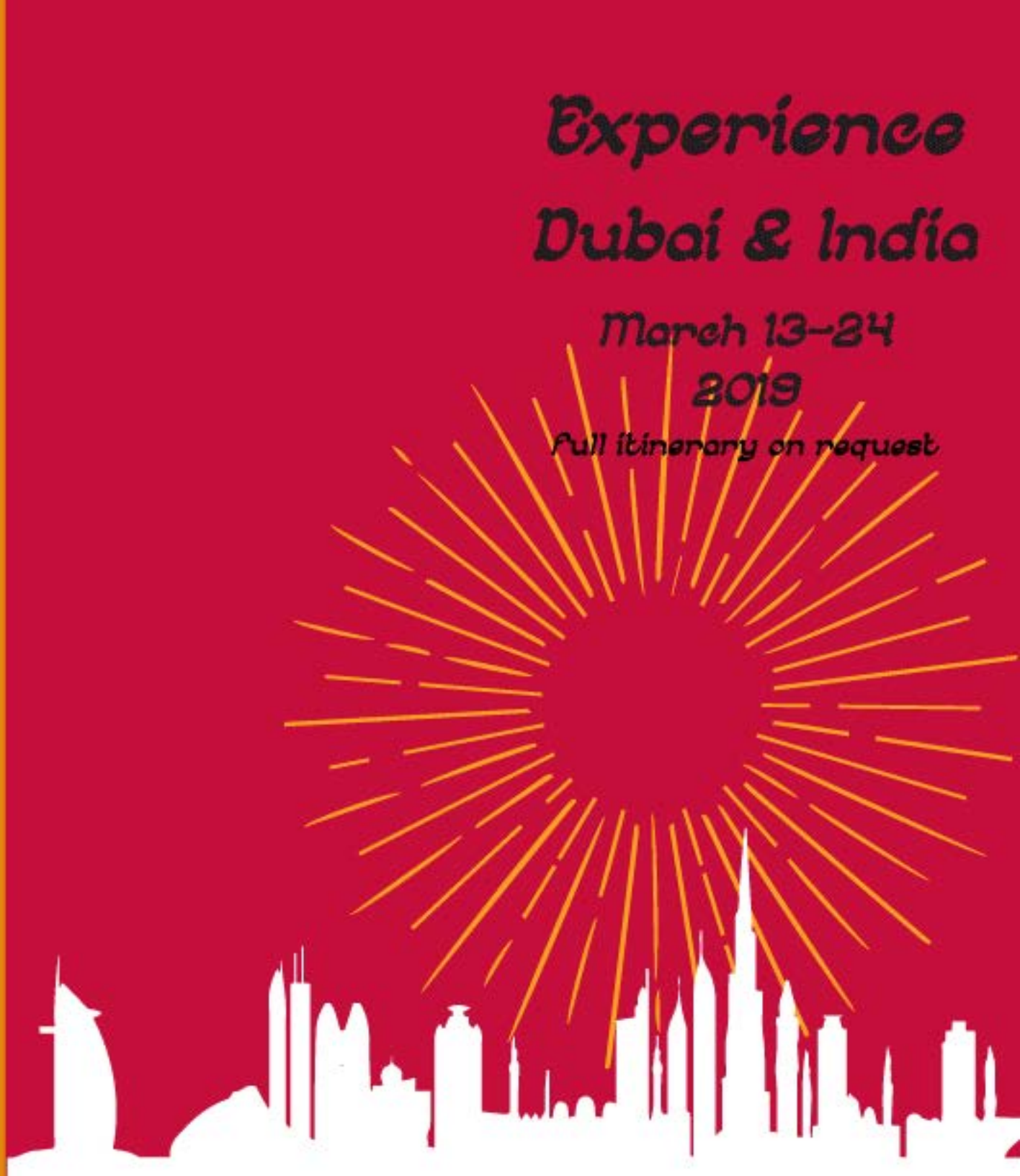


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# Experience Dubai & India

March 13-24  
2019

*Full itinerary on request*

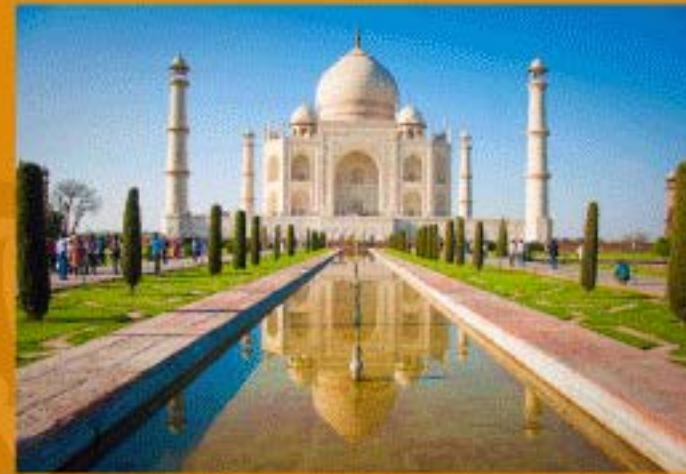




## What you will see

World's tallest building

Man-made Island Archipelago



Juipur also  
called the Pink  
City

Rickshaw and Elephant  
rides

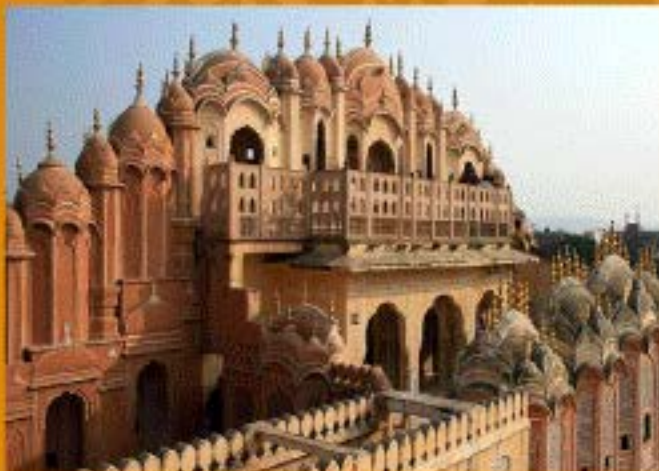


Boat trip/harbour  
tour and Desert  
Safari

Taj Mahal



4 & 5 star hotels:  
transportation, excursions,  
accommodations,  
food are all-inclusive



**Grand View Sponsored  
Dubai and India Professional Development and Cultural Trip  
March 13-24th, 2019**

Tentative Itinerary

| Date                                  | Time    | Program   |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---|
| 1<br>March 13 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2019 | Morning | Leaving Des Moines for Dubai  |
| 2<br>March 14 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2019 | Evening | Arrival to Dubai<br>Obtaining entry visas at the airport<br>Local tour guide meets and greets the group at the airport<br>Transfer to the hotel<br>Hotel check-in<br><a href="#">The Westin Dubai Al Habtoor City 5*</a> (or equivalent)  |
| 3<br>March 15 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2019 |         | Breakfast in the hotel<br>Bus tour of modern Dubai with the tour guide: Sheih residence, Madinat Jumeirah, Burj Al Arab tower, Palm Jumeirah island, Cayan tower)<br>Optional: Lost Chambers oceanarium: \$52 per person<br>Lunch at Armani 5* Medeterraneo restaurant (buffet) with "Fountain Show» view<br>Observation deck located on the 148th floor of Burj Khalifa tower<br>Walk on Emaar Boulevard and City Walk part of town<br>Dubai Sunset Marina cruise with dinner<br>Return to the hotel<br>Optional: <a href="#">Show La Perle in Dubai</a> (show is across the street from the hotel): \$160 per person 9:30-11:00pm |
| 4<br>March 16 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2019 |         | Breakfast in the hotel<br>Bus tour of historic parts of Dubai with the tour guide<br>Dubai canals tours using traditional abbra boat<br>Visit to gold and spices market<br>Lunch at the restaurant Samaya 4*<br>Afternoon safari with dinner and entertainment program<br>Return to the hotel   |
| 5<br>March 17 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2019 |         | Breakfast in the hotel<br>1 hours of free time<br>Hotel check out<br>Transfer to the airport<br>Dubai – Delhi non-stop flight<br>Lunch of the airplane<br>Local tour guide meets and greets the group at the airport<br>Transfer to the hotel<br>Hotel check-in<br><a href="#">The Lalit 4*</a> (or equivalent)   |
| 6<br>March 18 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>2019 |         | Breakfast in the hotel<br>Full day tour of Delphi with the tour guide:<br>Old Delhi: Jama Masjid, Red Fort and rickshaw ride in Chandini Chowk<br>Lunch in the restaurant in the city<br>New Delhi: India Gate, Raj Path, Raj Ghat, Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar<br>Dinner at the hotel   |



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| <p align="center"><b>7<br/>March 19<sup>th</sup>,<br/>2019</b></p>  |  | <p>Breakfast in the hotel<br/>Free time in the morning<br/>Hotel check out<br/>Lunch in the city restaurant<br/>Bus transfer to city of Agra ( 4 hours drive)<br/>Hotel check-in<br/><a href="#">Four Points by Sheraton Agra</a> 4* (or equivalent)<br/>Dinner in the hotel</p>   |
| <p align="center"><b>8<br/>March 20<sup>th</sup>,<br/>2019</b></p>  |  | <p>Breakfast in the hotel<br/>Full day city of Agra tour with the tour guide: Agra Fort and Taj Mahal<br/>Lunch at the restaurant in the city<br/>Dinner in the hotel</p>  |
| <p align="center"><b>9<br/>March 21<sup>st</sup>,<br/>2019</b></p>  |  | <p>Breakfast in the hotel<br/>Hotel check out<br/>Bus transfer to and tour of Fatehpur Sikri (which once was a capital of the moghuls) and Abhaneri stepwell<br/>Lunch at the restaurant in the city<br/>Continue by bus to Jaipur<br/>Hotel check in<br/><a href="#">Historic Alsisar Haveli hotel</a> 4* (or equivalent)<br/>Dinner in the hotel<br/>Evening: explore the colorful markets of Jaipur</p> |
| <p align="center"><b>10<br/>March 22<sup>nd</sup>,<br/>2019</b></p> |  | <p>Breakfast in the hotel<br/>Full day bus tour of Jaipur with the tour guide: elephant ride in Amber Fort, City Palace, Palace of Winds and Jantar Mantar (well preserved observatory)<br/>Lunch in the restaurant in the city<br/>Dinner in the hotel</p>  |
| <p align="center"><b>11<br/>March 23<sup>rd</sup>,<br/>2019</b></p> |  | <p>Breakfast in the hotel<br/>Hotel check out<br/>Today morning you can travel towards Delhi, after your arrival you will be transferred to your hotel, in the evening you can do some shopping and prepare your baggage, overnight stay in Delhi<br/>Transfer to the hotel<br/>Hotel check-in<br/><a href="#">The Lalit</a> 4* (or equivalent)<br/>Dinner in the hotel<br/>Free time</p>                  |
| <p align="center"><b>12<br/>March 24<sup>th</sup>,<br/>2019</b></p> |  | <p>Breakfast in the hotel<br/>Hotel check out<br/>Bus transfer to the airport<br/>Flight from Delhi to Des Moines<br/>Lunch and dinner on the plane<br/>Night arrival to Des Moines</p>  |

- All prices are based on two individuals sharing one room in all hotels. The following trip costs are included: economy class airfare, ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), visa costs, tour guide services, museum entrance fees, river cruise and safari in Dubai, rickshaw ride in Old Delhi, elephant ride and tonga ride in Agra, taxes and fees.

- The following are not included: cost of the travel insurance (optional, but strongly encouraged), cost of the medical insurance while on a trip (coverage is required from all trip participants), tips, and alcoholic beverages in the restaurants.
- Upgrade from economy class to economy +/- business class may be available based on the airline ticket policy. Additional information on the availability and the cost of the upgrade is available from the travel agent.

Approximate all-inclusive cost based on the size of the group (size of the group excludes trip co-leaders):

16 person = \$4,960

20 person = \$4,800

25 person = \$4,676

30 person = \$4,593

Note: R/T airfare between all destinations is currently priced at \$1,800 pp, and is included in the quoted all-inclusive price above. Aksana Travel and Vacations from Minneapolis, MN will be providing exact pricing and flight options at the end of May 2018.

## **Tentative Schedule of Meetings/ Deadlines for March 2019**

### **Cross-Cultural and Professional Development Trip to Dubai and India**

#### **Total approximate cost of all-inclusive trip: \$4,800 per person**

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#### **June 3rd, 2018 at 1:30pm at Grand View University's Krumm's Auditorium**

##### **First orientation/ logistics meeting**

- Welcome and getting to know each other
- Going over the itinerary
- Going over the flight options
- Answering questions

#### **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:30pm at Grand View University's Krumm Auditorium**

##### **Second logistics meetings**

- **\$600 commitment fee** per person is due to reserve hotel accommodations in India and Dubai  
**Cancellation policy:** 50% refundable until Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018; non-refundable after Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- Airline itinerary. If the price of the air tickets is favorable, full or partial payment will be recommended to secure selected flight options. Full or partial payment of approximately **\$1,800 for the airfare to the MN travel agency Aksana Travel and Vacations (refund is subject to airline/ travel agency rules)** will be due at the date TBA. Exact amount, routing, payment schedule and upgrade options will be announced at the meeting. Trip participants may also use their frequent flier miles to obtain the ticket, if they chose to.

#### **September 2018: third logistics/ introduction to Indian and Dubai culture meeting**

- passport should be obtained by trip participants by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 or existing passport with at least two blank pages should be valid at least until October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.
- **\$1,500 per person** due by Sep 23<sup>rd</sup> (partial pre-payment of hotel and tour accommodations in India and Dubai).
- **Cancellation policy:** refundable with 50% penalty between Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 and Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018; non-refundable after Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

#### **November 2018: fourth logistics meeting**

- going over Indian e-visa application requirement and process
- **\$75 non-refundable e-visa application fee + 2.5% bank processing fee** will be paid by trip participants directly to the Indian government visa issuing agency: due by Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>)
- **Remaining funds in the amount of approximately \$825-\$985 are due by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.** Specific amount due will be announced before November meeting.  
**Cancellation policy:** Non-refundable after Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

#### **February 2019: fifth logistics/ introduction to India and Dubai culture and language meeting**

**April 2019:** any remaining unused funds will be distributed back to trip participants

*All funds collected are placed in a trust account with Grand View University. While it is necessary to collect the funds by the due dates indicated above, those participants who wish to pay upfront are welcomed to do so.*

## Payment Logistics

### Breakdown of trip costs:

- Approximately \$1,800: to be paid directly for airplane tickets to Aksana Travel and Vacations
- \$75 + 2.5% bank processing fee: to be paid online directly to the Indian government visa issuing agency
- Approximately \$2,925-\$3,085: to be paid for land all-inclusive portion of trip to Grand View University's Business Office

Payments could be made by check payable to Grand View University (please write India/Dubai trip and your last name on the note part of the check; and mail the check to Grand View University, Att.: Business Office, 1200 Grandview Ave, Des Moines, IA 50316) or via a credit/debit card (Grand View assesses a 2.35% service fee when payments are made via credit/ debit card).

**Please note that after November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 no refunds will be available, except for airfare which is subject to airline/travel agency rules. We encourage you to purchase travel cancellation insurance** (various policies are available from [www.squaremouth.com](http://www.squaremouth.com), Aksana Travel and Vacations or similar travel insurance agencies). **Grand View University requires proof of medical insurance coverage while on a trip** (this coverage may be available as part of your current medical health insurance, provided as a benefit through certain credit cards when all trip costs are charged to that credit card, or could be purchased as a standalone policy or as a combo policy with travel cancellation insurance one).

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