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VGIF/IFUWA Conference in India November 17-21, 2009

B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner

Tuesday, November 17 (Day 1) – Departure for India (meals on board)

Please arrive early for your international flight for Kolkata (please double check with Friendship Ambassadors for check-in times and requirements). Try to get some rest on board. To minimize the effects of jet lag, we advise to avoid sugar, caffeine, salt and alcohol. Drink a lot of water to keep hydrated!

Wednesday, November 18 (Day 2) – Welcome to India! (D)

Upon arrival at Kolkata airport, meet your English-speaking FAF tour manager and transfer to your hotel, the *Hotel Hindustan International*, by chartered air-conditioned deluxe coach. Registration for the VGIF Conference commences at 4:00 pm at the *Topaz Hall* in the hotel, followed by a **Press Conference**. Later, once the Press Representatives have been offered some light refreshments and bid farewell to, attend a **formal address by the Governor of the State of West Bengal and other colleagues from IFUWA Kolkata**, followed by light refreshments and a **classical dance performance** – all organized by the IFUWA Kolkata. Dinner hosted by IFUWA Kolkata. Overnight at the hotel.

Welcome to India!

It is the seventh largest country by geographical area, the second most populous country, and the most populous democracy in the world. Bounded by the Indian Ocean on the south, the Arabian Sea on the west, and the Bay of Bengal on the east, India has a coastline of 7,517 kilometers (4,671 mi). It borders Pakistan to the west; China, Nepal, and Bhutan to the north-east; and Bangladesh and Burma to the east.



Home to the Indus Valley Civilization and a region of historic trade routes and vast empires, the Indian subcontinent was identified with its commercial and cultural wealth for much of its long history. Four major world religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism originated here, while Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam arrived in the first millennium CE and shaped the region's diverse culture. Gradually annexed by the British East India Company from the early eighteenth century and

colonized by the United Kingdom from the mid-nineteenth century, India became a modern nation state in 1947 after a struggle for independence that was marked by widespread non-violent resistance.

India is the world's twelfth largest economy and growing. A pluralistic, multilingual, and multi-ethnic society, India is also home to a diversity of wildlife in a variety of protected habitats.

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Thursday, November 19 (Day 3) – Conference Events (B, L, D)

Have breakfast at your hotel, then drive to the *American Center* to attend the full-day **VGIF Conference**, including luncheon. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. After freshening up, transfer by private transport to the Conclave Club for dinner hosted by the IFUWA. Return to the hotel for overnight.

Friday, November 20 (Day 4) – Conference Events (B, L)

After breakfast, visit the **Project 5-O** and **Dr. HK Choudhary's Heritage Campus**. Lunch at the Campus hosted by Dr. Choudhary. In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

Saturday, November 21 (Day 5) – Departure (B)

After breakfast, individuals take the **Optional Half-Day Sightseeing Tours of Calcutta** as already previously signed-up for. After lunch at the hotel, you will check out of your hotel and bid a fond farewell to India as you depart to Kolkata airport, (or disperse as per individual programs) and catch your return flight to the US. Have a safe flight, and...

Welcome Home!

TOUR MANAGER:
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Tour program includes:

- ✓ Round trip air transfer: JFK/Calcutta/JFK in economy class (*if taking full land and air package*)
 - ✓ Arrival & Departure transfers by chartered air-conditioned deluxe coach airport/hotel/airport.
 - ✓ Accommodations in 5-star hotel based on double occupancy
 - ✓ All meals from breakfast of November 18th to breakfast of November 21st (excluding November 20th Dinner)
 - ✓ AM & PM Tea/Coffee/Cookies on the day of the conference (November 19th)
 - ✓ Meal tips and portorage.
 - ✓ Bottled water for drinking throughout the program.
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- ✓ Services of FAF Liason throughout the program
- ✓ Comprehensive Travel Insurance
- ✓ A minimum \$100 tax deduction upon completion of the tour
- ✓ Online, password protected and specific tour information available to the group 24/7 at www.faf.org

Program cost does not include:

- ✓ Indian Visa fees
- ✓ Any expenses of personal nature e.g. table drinks, laundry, camera fees where applicable, telecommunications & internet usage charges etc.
- ✓ Any cost not mentioned above

Packages are tax-deductible as allowed by law to all U.S. residents participating and their families.
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