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A Pilgrimage in the footsteps of St. Thomas in India 2018

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Feb. 15 – Depart USA Depart on your international flights

Feb. 16 – Arrive Late Evening – Chennai

Welcome to India! You are met by our representative in the arrival area of the airport after you clear all immigration and customs formalities. Transfer to hotel for your stay.

Feb. 17 – Chennai – Fort St. George / St. Mary's Church / Fort Museum / Mylapore – St. Thomas Church / National Art Gallery (Chennai)

Morning, proceed on a city tour of Chennai starting with **Fort St. George**, the first establishment of the British in India. Initially erected as a trading post, it later served as the origin of the modern Indian Army. You'll visit **St. Mary's Church**, one of the oldest surviving churches built by the British in India. The **Fort Museum** holds many remembrances of the East India Company and the British period. Proceed to **Mylapore**, which was inhabited in the 16th century by the Portuguese to visit **the Saint Thomas Church.** Saint Thomas (Doubting Thomas) came to Chennai in 52 AD and was killed at St. Thomas Mount just outside the city in 78 AD. This afternoon, you'll visit the **National Art Gallery** home to artwork dating as far back as the 11th Century.

Feb. 18 – Flight to Trichy / Drive to Velankanni – Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health (Velankanni)

Morning, you'll fly to Trichy (*Please note, luggage allowance on this flight is 33 lbs. checked in baggage and 16 lbs. hand luggage*). On arrival, drive to Velankanni and check-in to your accommodations. You'll visit the Catholic shrine dedicated to **Our Lady of Health, the Madonna of Velankanni,** locally known as the '*Sacred Arogya Matha Church*'. The Catholic Basilica is popularly known as the "Lourdes of the East." Annually, 20 million pilgrims flock to the shrine from all over India and abroad.

Feb. 19 – Late morning drive to Trichy / Flight to Cochin

Late morning drive to Trichy and connect flight for Cochin via Chennai (*Please note, luggage allowance on this flight is 33 lbs. checked in baggage and 16 lbs. hand luggage*). On arrival, assisted transfer to the hotel and check in to your accommodations.

Feb. 20 – City Tour – St Francis Church / Santa Cruz Basilica / Optional evening visit to local Kathakali dance drama. (Cochin)

This morning, begin your city tour from **Mattancherry**. This is a historical part of India, where the ancient Jews started their trading. This neighborhood is now famous for antique showrooms. You will visit India's oldest **Jewish Synagogue**, built in 1568, it was destroyed by the Portuguese and rebuilt by the Dutch a century later. Next visit the cantilevered Chinese fishing nets, lined at the entrance to the harbor mouth. Continue on to the **Dutch Palace**, built in 1555, its coronation hall and murals at Ramayana are noteworthy features. This afternoon, visit the **St. Francis Church**, built in 1503. It is the oldest European Church in India and was the original burial place of the Portuguese

explorer, Vasco da Gama, who died in Kochi in 1524. Fourteen years later, his remains were removed to Lisbon. Next visit **Santa Cruz Basilica**, one of the eight basilicas in India. It is a place of devotion as well as a center of historic significance, endowed with architectural and artistic grandeur and colours of the gothic style. Built originally by the Portuguese and elevated to a Cathedral by Pope Paul IV in 1558, it was spared by the Dutch conquerors that destroyed many Catholic buildings. Bishop D. João Gomes Ferreira commissioned a new building in 1887. Consecrated in 1905, Santa Cruz was proclaimed a Basilica by Pope John Paul II in 1984.

Feb. 21 – Day trip to Malayattoor – Kurisumudi (St. Thomas hill) / Kerala (Cochin)

This morning, take an excursion to the village of **Malayattoor** in the Northeastern corner of Ernakulam district, about 47 km from Cochin. The name `Malayattoor' is an amalgamation of "Mountain", "River" and "Place". Situated at Kurisumudi is a church dedicated to St. Thomas, who is believed to have prayed at this shrine. The Church has a life-size statue of St. Thomas and the imprint of the feet of the Apostle on a rock. One of the most important Christian pilgrim centers in Kerala, this shrine attracts devotees in very large numbers and was promoted to Archdiocesan status by Archbishop Mar Varkey Vithayathil on 4 September 1998.

Feb. 22 - Morning flight to Mumbai (Bombay)

You'll fly to Mumbai (*Please note, luggage allowance on this flight is 33 lbs. checked in baggage and 16 lbs. hand luggage*). On your transfer to the hotel, stop en route at the **Mount Mary Church**, a catholic basilica in Bandra. Overlooking the Arabian Sea, it is one of the prominent churches in Mumbai and home to the revered Madonna of Mount Mary.

Feb. 23 – St Thomas Church / Gateway to India / Queen's Necklace Drive / Parsi Tower of Silence / Mani Bhawan (Ghandi memorial) / Evening flight to Kolkata (Calcutta)

Start the day with a visit to St. Thomas' Cathedral; the city's first Anglican Church is situated in the heart of the commercial fort area. The foundation was laid in 1672 during the governorship of Gerald Aungier, and was opened to the public on Christmas Day in 1718, and subject to a number of later additions. Travel to the Gateway of India - the landmark of Bombay, which, was before the advent of air travel, the only gateway to India. It was built to commemorate the visit of King George and Queen Mary to India in 1911. Drive along Marine Drive, the sea -Front Boulevard. It is also known as the Queen's Necklace as in the evening, the breeze from the Arabian Sea comes over Marine Drive and as the streetlights on this U-shaped road light up, the view from south Bombay's skyscrapers or from the exclusive residential area, is that of a Queen's Necklace. The Parsi Tower of Silence is where Zoroastrians enact their ancient, sacred rites for the dead. The coexistence of these religions (and many others) in such close proximity for centuries is a testament to the diversity and tolerance that characterizes this fascinating metropolis. End the day with a visit to Mani Bhawan - a hallowed memorial to Mahatma Gandhi, to his stay and the activities he

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initiated from here. Continue to the airport and this evening fly to Kolkata (*Please note, luggage allowance on this flight is 33 lbs. checked in baggage and 16 lbs. hand luggage*).

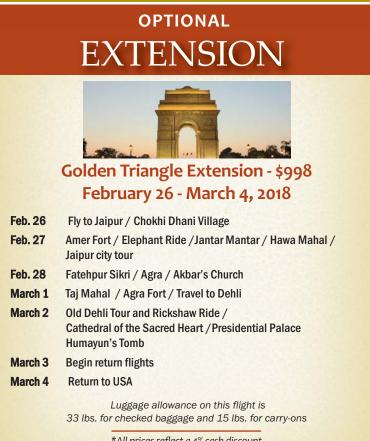
Feb. 24 – Kolkata – Tour of City / Victoria Memorial / Howrah Bridge / St Paul's Cathedral (Kolkata)

Morning, visit **St. Paul's Cathedral**. It is the first Episcopal Church of Asia featuring awesome Indo-Gothic architecture. The church got destroyed due to the earthquake of 1897 and then it was renovated. The beautiful pictures describe the life and works of Saint Paul. Visit the beautiful **Victoria Memorial**; a huge white-marble structure and an enduring monument of the British Raj in India. You will see the temple of **Kali** - the demonic attribute of Parvathi at Kalighat and drive past the imposing Fort William. Stop by the **Howrah Bridge**, a miracle of engineering skill, a huge cantilever bridge supported by two piers 270 ft. high from the road level.

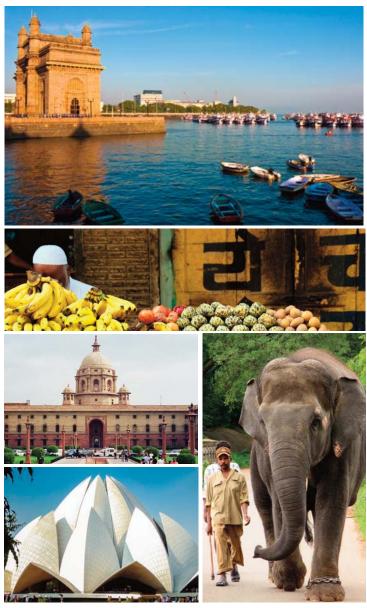
Feb. 25 – Day devoted to visit and volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity

Spend the day at the Missionaries of Charity - a Roman Catholic Latin Rite religious congregation established in 1950 by Mother Teresa. Start the morning with a Mass at motherhouse, followed by a simple breakfast of bananas, bread and chai. If you wish, you can volunteer here. Volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity can be a very humbling experience. You can participate in one of many activities at this centre from serving food, to helping/feeding the old and physically challenged... there are many activities which can be a meaningful experience. Mother's Tomb is also a very special place to offer prayers and find moments of solitude.

Feb. 26 – Begin Return flights home, or continue on Golden Triangle Extension



*All prices reflect a 4% cash discount Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.



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TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: EO Catholic Tours • P.O. Box 6098, Lakeland, FL 33807-6098 863-648-0383 • email: eo@travelwithus.com

| Host: | ID#: | Tour: IN18 | |
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| Departure City: | Departure Date: 02/15/18 (T) | | |
| Legal Name must be submitted as it a | opears on your | passport: | |
| Guest 1 Legal Name: | | Title: | |
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| Roommate(s): | | | |
| If No Roommate: 🔲 Try to Match Me | Single Room | n (availability limited) | |
| Important Information Regarding Travel 1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added afte | | Guest 1: | |

Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable Coverage begins when your premium payment is received by EOT

(separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium). Premium must be paid in full no later than 11/02/18. 4

DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

Payment: \$

____ Check #_____ (Payable to Educational Opportunities Tours)

To Register via Credit Card, you must go to www.eocatholic.com

By signing below, I/we certify that I have read the "Fine Print," understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the "Fine Print" and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature:

Guest 2 Signature:

Tour: IN18 Date: 021518 Code: T

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Guest 2:

I Accept I Decline

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates For All Tours For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

| Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost | Trip Cost | Plan Cost |
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| Schedule of Coverages | Maximum Benefit |
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| Trip Cancellation | Trip Cost |
| Part B | |
| Accidental Death & Dismemberment | \$25,000 |
| Medical Expense / Emergency Assistance | \$50,000 |
| Trip Interruption | Trip Cost |
| Travel Delay (Up to \$100 Per Day) | |
| Missed Connection | |
| Baggage and Personal Effects | \$1,000 |
| Baggage Delay | |
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Additional Cancellation Protection

Additional Cancellation Protection When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Educational Opportunities Tours Pro-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Educational Opportunities Tours travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Educational Opportunities Tours Cancellation Waiver, your non-refundable land cancellation penalties will be refunded in Educational Opportunities Tours travel certificates. Certain travel programs are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Educational Opportunities website (www.eo.travel). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in erriferd.

Part A. Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. "For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

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INCLUDED IN PRICE:

Roundtrip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing

Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in titnerary) > Breakfast & dinner daily > Hotel gratuities Program fees • Fuel surcharges \$650 • Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

THE FINE PRINT

Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure

- Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents Required India Visa \$60 (https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html)
- ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$798 during the basic week; \$398 for Golden Triangle Extension. PAYMENT INFORMATION:

All prices reflect a 4% discount for full payment via check SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: |

| Payment Amount | Payment Due Dates & Notes |
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| \$100* | Registrations received by 04/15/17. *Additional \$500 deposit will be due 08/15/17. |
| \$300** | Registrations received between 04/16/17 – 08/14/17. **Additional \$300 deposit due 08/15/17. |
| \$600 | Registrations received between 08/15/17 - 11/01/17. |
| \$1,200 | 2 nd Deposit Amount. All guests must have \$1,800 on their account by 11/02/17 to be ticketed |
| \$1,800 | Registrations received between 11/02/17 - 12/01/17 must pay the full deposi amount and may be subject to late registration fees. |
| Full Payment | Final Payment is due on 12/02/17. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed. |
| Travel Protection Premium Amount | The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 11/02/17 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect. |

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after November 2, 2017:

We welcome registrations after 11/02/17. Registrations received between 11/03/17 - 11/17/17 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 11/18/17 - 12/02/17 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 12/03/17 - 12/17/17 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 12/18/17 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is insurable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following paid and reason for cancellation is insurable. Inose who do not take travel protection snould be aware of the following cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your nommate into a single plus the following charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. If you have questions, please contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION, CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY & CHECK IN PROCESS:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 11/02/17. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Approximately 105 days prior to your trip you will be contacted to re-confirm your itinerary, travel arrangements and registration information during the preliminary check in process for your trip. Discrepancies in information or failure to check in for your tour may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

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FLIGHT TIMES:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, you recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit www.eocatholic.com/travelinfo/airlinefees.aspx.

DEVIATIONS:

Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 05/03/17. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eocatholic.com. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date

RELEASE INFORMATION

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