



# OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

## ASIA COMMITTEE

### 2010 India & Nepal Tour

December 2009

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the CIS Asia Committee, I am pleased to present details regarding the **Fall 2010 India Tour**. As tour director, it will be my pleasure to lead this 10-day trip through India and Nepal, which promises to be both personally and professionally fulfilling. CIS has been sponsoring undergraduate student recruitment tours worldwide for more than forty years. The CIS Asia Committee is comprised of a group of experienced admission professionals who volunteer their time to plan and direct recruitment tours specifically to the Asia-Pacific region and Indian sub-continent.

This 10-day tour will begin in Kolkata on September 25<sup>th</sup> and end in Bangalore on October 6<sup>th</sup> with additional stops in Mumbai, Delhi, Dehra Dun and Kathmandu, Nepal. The goal for this tour was to revisit cities with a strong record of sending students to the U.S., but also to include one or two destinations that are difficult for travelers to visit on their own. Tour highlights include a joint program with Woostock, Doon and other local schools in Dehra Dun, as well as the first CIS-sponsored program in Kathmandu in nearly a decade. So that travelers may do both if they wish, the CIS India tour will directly follow the CIS Asia Tour led by Ms. Paula Avery from Marymount College. There will also be an optional add-on to Pune prior to the tour (September 23-25) to visit the Mahindra United World College, which should be of particular interest to Davis UWC partner colleges and universities.

The CIS India tour focuses solely on undergraduate recruitment. We visit international and national schools that traditionally have sent students to the United States. Local schools are often invited to attend the programs. In addition to college fairs, tour participants will conduct in-depth workshops to help students, parents, guidance counselors and teachers understand topics such as admission, financial aid, scholarships and adjustment to college life.

The estimated, land-only cost of the tour is \$7,980. The cost for the optional add-on visit to the Mahindra UWC will be determined after institutions confirm their interest in this option. Participation by non-CIS member institutions will be considered on a space-available basis and at a \$200 non-member surcharge. The application deadline is **April 15, 2010** and must be accompanied by a \$1,000 tour deposit. The application is available on the CIS Web site ([www.cois.org](http://www.cois.org)) under the Higher Education section. Preference will be given to applicants who meet all the participation conditions and deadlines listed below. If for any reason your institution cannot be accommodated on the tour, your deposit will be refunded.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [jessica.ricker@conncoll.edu](mailto:jessica.ricker@conncoll.edu) or by phone at 860-439-2200. You may also direct questions about the tour or CIS in general to the CIS Office of Higher Education at 607-272-5758 or [cisus@cois.org](mailto:cisus@cois.org).

I look forward to traveling with you!

Sincerely,

Jessica Ricker, Tour Director  
Associate Director of Admission  
Connecticut College

## 2010 India & Nepal Tour Preliminary Itinerary

<u>Date / Weekday</u>	<u>Overnight City</u>	<u>Description</u>
September 25 / Saturday	Kolkata	Participants arrive in India, overnight in Kolkata
September 26 / Sunday	Kolkata	Group orientation; possible evening college fair
September 27 / Monday	Delhi	Kolkata school visits, fly to Delhi
September 28 / Tuesday	Delhi	School visits in Delhi with afternoon fair at American Embassy School
September 29 / Wednesday	Dehra Dun	School visits in Delhi, fly to Dehra Dun
September 30 / Thursday	Delhi	Woodstock / Doon program, fly to Delhi
October 1 / Friday	Kathmandu, Nepal	Fly to Kathmandu, late afternoon school program
October 2 / Saturday	Kathmandu, Nepal	Cultural Excursion to Bhaktapur; optional Mount Everest Flight; Institutional time
October 3 / Sunday	Mumbai	Early afternoon flight to Mumbai with institutional time in evening
October 4 / Monday	Bangalore	School visits in Mumbai, fly to Bangalore
October 5 / Tuesday	Bangalore	School visits in Bangalore
October 6 / Wednesday	En Route	School visits with evening flights home
<b><u>OPTIONAL MAHINDRA UWC ADD-ON</u></b>		
September 23 / Thursday	Pune	Arrive Pune
September 24 / Friday	Pune	Afternoon/evening visit at Mahindra UWC with time for interviews with individual students
September 25 / Saturday	Kolkata	Institutional time in morning; afternoon flight to Kolkata to begin full India/Nepal tour

## INCLUDED FEATURES

<b>Destinations:</b>	Kolkata, Delhi, Dehra Dun, Mumbai, and Bangalore India; Kathmandu, Nepal; Optional add-on stop in Pune, India. The CIS Asia Committee reserves the right to change tour cities.
<b>Transportation:</b>	Local airlines within India will be used and flights will be in economy class. Local travel will be via private air-conditioned motor coach. Flights are subject to change.
<b>Accommodations:</b>	It has been the experience of CIS that first class hotels present the positive image most students and families expect. Popular hotels that are familiar to prospective students and alumni make institutional time more effective. Additionally, hotels have been chosen based on their security and proximity to schools and/or airports. All accommodations are single occupancy.
<b>Transfers:</b>	All transfers to and from airports, hotels, and schools and two pieces of checked luggage per person are included in the tour cost. <b>Overweight baggage charges are not included.</b>
<b>Orientation:</b>	Sunday afternoon in Kolkata
<b>Meals:</b>	Breakfast is included at most hotels. We will also be the guests of some schools for meals. A few group dinners are also included in the tour price.
<b>Taxes and Gratuities:</b>	All sales taxes, airport departure taxes, service charges and gratuities are included in the tour cost.
<b>India &amp; Nepal Visas:</b>	World Travelers will secure visas for entry into India and Nepal; fees are included in the tour price.
<b>Tour Manager:</b>	World Travelers in Salt Lake City is our tour company and will handle all tour arrangements prior to our departure. Depending on the number of tour participants, a professional travel escort may accompany our group to handle all hotel and flight arrangements as well as local transportation during the trip. The escort would also work with local agents to offer optional sightseeing excursions when time permits.
<b>Tour Director:</b>	Jessica Ricker from Connecticut College will travel with the group as Tour Director.
<b>Pre-Trip Materials:</b>	Appropriate tour information and pre-trip literature will be mailed to all tour participants.
<b>Tour Pack Materials:</b>	Luggage straps, business card baggage tags, personalized name badge, and a pocket-sized tour booklet will be provided for each participant.
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	Information on the schools to be visited and some cultural background on the countries will be mailed to all participants.
<b><u>Excluded Features:</u></b>	The following services/items are NOT included in the price of the tour: Passport; overweight baggage charges; meals not specified in the itinerary; laundry, valet service, room service, or any other items of a personal nature; any other service/items not specifically mentioned in the itinerary or under "included features" above.

**Travel insurance is not included, but is strongly recommended.**

## TOUR COST

### **CIS India Fall 2010 Land-only Package (starting in Kolkata, India and ending in Bangalore, India)**

CIS Member College Participants	\$7,980
Non-CIS Member College Participants	\$200
Optional add-on to Pune	\$TBD

**All prices are derived from exchange rates of foreign currencies as of December 2009 and are subject to change.**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### Registration/Payment:

- Your deposit of \$1,000 must accompany the enclosed application form. Participants must meet the conditions for participation, and applications should be returned by **April 15, 2010**. If for any reason an institution cannot be accommodated on the tour, deposits will be fully refunded.
- Payment for the balance of the tour costs will be due no later than **June 1, 2010**.

### General Conditions for Participation:

- The tour will be limited to **27** participants plus the CIS Tour Director and the World Travelers tour escort.
- Participants must take part in the entire tour, due to group travel arrangements and advance publicity. No institution may send more than one representative.
- Participation in the add-on program in Pune is optional and is not a requirement of the CIS India tour.
- U.S. institutions will have priority for participation. Preference will be given to applicants with three years of professional admissions experience.
- Participants must be prepared to make presentations on US higher education and the college admission process in general. They must also be familiar with admission and financial aid policies at their own institutions and general concerns of international students.
- Participants must adhere to the statements on ethical professional practice and behavior of the Council of International Schools and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

### Cancellations/Penalties:

World Travelers will only accept **written** cancellations. Fees will be assessed for cancellations in the following manner:

Date of Cancellation	Refund Policy
On or before <b>April 15, 2010</b>	Full refund of the total tour fee, including \$1000 tour deposit
After <b>April 16, 2010</b> through <b>June 30, 2010</b>	50% of the total tour fee is refundable, less the tour deposit of \$1000 plus any unrecoverable tour expenses.
After <b>July 1, 2010</b>	No refund

## ***APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2010***

*Please send the completed application form along with your US\$1,000.00 deposit made payable to CIS to:*

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 Ithaca, NY 14850  
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For further <i>program information</i> :	For questions concerning <i>travel arrangements</i> :
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