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**RITZ TOURS COMBINES EXOTIC HONG KONG, INDIA
IN NINE-NIGHT 'ESSENCE OF INDIA' PROGRAM**

Includes Six UNESCO World Heritage Sights Starting From \$2,682 With Air

ALHAMBRA, CA (July 19, 2010) – Ritz Tours (<http://www.RitzTours.com>) has revamped its *Essence of India* program for the fall/winter season combining the intrigue and architectural splendor of [Delhi](#), [Jaipur](#) and [Agra](#) with exotic [Hong Kong](#), resulting in a one-of-a-kind guided tour experience starting at an affordable \$2,682 per person, inclusive of taxes, based on double occupancy. The program includes airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco (add \$100 per person for New York departures out of JFK), taxes, fuel surcharges, sightseeing, [travel insurance](#), and luxurious five-star hotel accommodations, with departures available Sept. 14, 2010 – Feb. 22, 2011. Single supplements range from \$800 – \$1,100.



Five-star hotels used for the program include the Lalit New Delhi, Le Meridien Jaipur and Jaypee Palace Agra in [India](#), as well as the InterContinental Grand Stanford in Hong Kong.

The [Essence of India](#) program includes a comprehensive guided sightseeing itinerary, including the following highlights:

Dramatic Delhi

- A visit to *Raj Ghat*, a memorial to Mahatma Ghandi in Old Delhi.
- A drive past Old Delhi's dramatic *Red Fort*, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- A bicycle rickshaw tour of the *Jama Masjid* (pictured right), India's largest mosque accommodating a staggering 25,000 worshippers.
- A visit to *Qutub Minar* in New Delhi, a soaring victory tower built in 1193, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



- A tour of the *Tomb of Humayun*, another UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- A drive past the regal *India Gate*, the *Parliament Building* and the presidential residence, *Rastrapathi Bhawan*.

The “Pink City” of Jaipur

- An elephant or jeep ride (based on availability) up to the magnificent *Amber Fort*, which rests atop the rugged hills outside of Jaipur.
- A stop at the *Palace of the Winds* (pictured right), featuring 953 jharokhas (small windows) decorated with intricate latticework.
- A Jaipur city tour featuring the exquisite *City Palace*, dating back to the 18th century.
- Sightseeing at the *Jantar Mantar*, an astronomical observatory created by the Maharaja of Jaipur in 1726.
- A tour of *Fatehpur Sikri*, a maze of ornate pavilions, courtyards and palaces built by Emperor Akbar in the 16th century evoking images of opulent imperial times. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Amazing Agra

- A ride on Tonga’s “horse carriages” to the gates of the *Taj Majal* (pictured right), a UNESCO World Heritage Site once referred to as a “poem in stone.”
- A visit to *Agra Fort*, one of the most breathtaking Mughal forts in India – also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Historic Hong Kong

- Dazzling views of Hong Kong’s skyline from atop *Victoria Peak*.
- A drive by *Repulse Bay*, Hong Kong’s most prominent beach, shopping and dining scene.
- A visit to *Stanley Market*, an open-air marketplace known for its impressive selection of Chinese silks as well as other bargain shopping.
- A chance to interact with locals at the *Aberdeen Floating Community*, where residents live on traditional fishing boats.



Hong Kong lights up the night

Ritz Tours’ [*Essence of India*](#) package is part of the award-winning tour operator’s Asia Series program which provides an intimate travel experience with a maximum group size of 40 people, luxury hotels chosen for their central location and excellent service, sightseeing in air-

conditioned motorcoaches; meals per the itinerary, and the services of a tour manager to accompany travelers throughout the tour (except in Hong Kong) for groups of 10 or more.

To help travelers protect their vacation investment and offer an increased savings, Ritz Tours provides Travel Protection Insurance at **no additional cost** on every 2010 brochure tour series program that is paid in full 60 days prior to departure.

Airfare is available from additional gateways nationwide (including, but not limited to, New York, Boston, Miami, Philadelphia, Chicago and Dallas) and ranges from an extra \$100 – \$350 per person.

For more information or to book, consult your local travel agent or contact Ritz Tours at 800-900-2446/626-281-0117 or visit <http://www.RitzTours.com>.

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