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MAX India: Delhi, Taj Mahal, Jaipur, and Udaipur March 28th-April 13th



MAX INDIA FOR \$1,644.00! (16 Days)

Mar. 28 - Apr. 13, 2019

RT Air: SFO - Delhi: \$578.00 Hotels: \$666.00 if you share: \$1,231.00 single occupancy Tour Leader: \$100 MAX: \$100 for Members; \$250 for Non-Members

DELHI, TAJ MAHAL, JAIPUR, AND UDAIPUR

STAY AT WORLD'S #1 HOTEL: +\$302/room (normally, \$1,100 USD)

A Dream Destination for Gay Men

"The most incredible trip of our lifetimes!" MAX India Tour members, 2018

WHY INDIA?

If you are like many, you think India is expensive to travel to, difficult to travel in, poverty-ridden, barren, and unhealthy. As the MAX 2018 India Travel Group will tell you, you could not be more wrong.

The MAX 2019 India trip is filled with 5-star hotels for \$100 per night, sights such as the Taj Mahal (truly, the most beautiful building in the world), restaurants selected by our Indian Food Blogger, handsome Indian men, tea in a Maharajah's palace, cooking class in an Indian home, your own Tour Guide and drivers, a doctor travelling with our group, cocktails served poolside by turbaned waiters, and the smells roasting meat and spices as you dine on the roof of the world's number one hotel listening to sitar music while gazing through the night sky at the lake below and illuminated palaces above.

WHAT YOU WILL SEE AND EXPERIENCE:

Join us for the amazingly inexpensive markets of Delhi for fabrics, lacquer boxes, jewelry, fashions; candlelight rooftop dining overlooking the illuminated ruins of a fort; a sunrise breakfast overlooking the Taj Mahal; a moving day decorating, bathing, and riding elephants; a hair-raising rickshaw ride through the streets of Old Delhi; our stay at a 1300's Indian fort restored to a hotel by a gay couple (this is spectacular and known to few Americans); the world's Number 1 Hotel--the Taj Lake Palace; temples; holy men; new gay friends; Delhi's 1 gay club; the sites for Octopussy and Best Exotic Marigold Hotel; twilight lake cruises; the Pink City; the City of Lakes, Sufi music; and meeting gay locals.

WHAT OUR LAST GROUP SAID:

"Spectacular!" "Absolute best trip of my lifetime!"

Of all our experiences in India, one of the most rewarding was meeting the local gay men. I have found that many handsome gay Indians in their 30's love older gay men!

You can have this experience too. See Delhi (the Capital), Agra (Taj Mahal), Jaipur (the Pink City), and Udaipur (City of Lakes). We will also visit Neemrana Fort Hotel--a secret treasure known only to locals--a fort from the 1300's renovated to a hotel by 2 gay Indians (they now have 25 hotels in India).

HOW IT WORKS:

We let you know what flights and hotels to book. You do the bookings yourself on Expedia, Orbitz, or Hotels.com. Then, we arrange a guide and driver to take us to the sites each day (his costs \$30 per person per day in addition to the fees above.)

Most of our Tour Hosts are gay. They do all negotiating for us in Hindi, arrange transport for us around the city, show us where the gay spots are, introduce us to friends, and tell us about gay life in India. Our Food Guide, Singh, is a food blogger who knows all the great restaurants of Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur. You will have one of the greatest meals of your life at Spice Route in the Imperial Hotel, dine on incredible northern Indian food at Pinch of Spice, and have cocktails and smoke hooka while listening to Sufi music overlooking Delhi's evening sky. We will arrange all of these for you.

Phil Walker will be your Tour Leader. He visited India twice in 2018. He loves India. It shows, as the 2019 trip incorporates all the special finds he and the group made in 2018. We even travel with our own doctor who takes care of any medical needs you have. (On our last trip, no one needed his help. The water in all the hotels is filtered. Everyone's stomach was fine.) You can't beat having your own doctor, the experience, or the price!

For information on this trip, just email Phil at <u>phil@askphilwalker.com</u>. He will send you the full itinerary for this trip, as well as several videos of the last trip so you can see what you will see, where you will stay, where you will eat, and what you will experience.

"This will be the trip of a lifetime. I promise." -- Phil Walker

MAX Goes to the Theatre: Steve Sunday, March 31st at 11:45 a.m./1:15 p.m.



Join MAX and the <u>New Conservatory Theatre Center</u> (NCTC), the premier LGBTQ theatre center in San Francisco, for the regional premiere of the tragicomedy Steve. Praised in a New York Times <u>Review</u> as the "some of the funniest dialogue in town", *Steve* is a show not to be missed.

After years with his Prince Charming, Steve finds himself bored with his "happily ever after", his prince is sexting another man, his best friend is ill and he's facing the expiration date on his desirability. Filled with musical theatre references, plenty of heart and quick wit, *Steve* is a funny and relatable comedy about growing up, without growing old.

For more details on joining MAX at *Steve*, and for the 20% off *MAX discount code*, please click <u>here</u>.

NCTC shows sell out, so *now is the time to purchase your tickets* and plan to join MAX for a fun and entertaining afternoon.

Plan to arrive at 1:15pm to meet and greet fellow MAXers at the NCTC full bar!

Buy your tickets for the Sunday, March 31, 2:00pm performance <u>here</u>. Then register <u>here</u> to let us know you'll be attending so we can prepare a name tag for the pre-show MAX gathering at the NCTC bar.

Steve Pre-Show Brunch at 11:45 a.m.



Event champion Paul Munro is organizing a pre-show brunch at <u>Revelry</u>, a nearby French-inspired bistro (8-minute walk from the theatre). Reservations are for 11:45am.

Space is limited! Registration and deposit required to join us for this pre-show dinner.

Please email Paul at <u>paul.munro@maxsf.org</u> if you are interested in joining us for this pre-show brunch.

MAX Cruise: Sailing the Blue Danube August 19th-27th



MAX Sign-Ups Have Started, Join the MAX Contingent!

UPDATE: \$1500 Off Per Couple for MAX SF <u>Plus</u> Airfare for \$549 Round Trip Per Person

\$7900 Per Couple (\$3950 Each) INCLUDING Air and All Taxes!

This summer join MAX and your MAX Host David Petlin on an Avalon Waterways river cruise on the Danube.

You'll cruise up the Danube from Budapest to Linz with a docking overnight in Vienna. Enjoy the opportunity to explore Budapest, attend a Medieval Knights Tournament at a Visegrád castle, take a hike to Count Dracula's prison tower, explore Vienna, sample cheese and beer made by Trappist monks, and much, much more.

Experience the Blue Danube *your* way on Avalon Waterways, while sharing the experience with your fellow MAX travelers and with the new friends you'll meet on this summer voyage. With Avalon Choice ® selections of Classic, Discovery, and Active excursions, each day is yours to spend your way. Whether you're an art lover, a foodie, a history buff, or an energetic adventurer, this Active Discovery cruise on the Danube invites you to experience culture and cuisine in creative ways that are perfect for you and great for sharing the experience with friends.

Cruise prices for this 9-day adventure start at \$3950 per person inclusive of taxes and air, based on double occupancy.

For dues-paying MAX members, the MAX trip fee is included in the price. For all others, the fee to MAX will be \$100 per person.

\$250 deposit per person is required to book - final payment is not due until April 30th, 2019 . Contact David

Performing Arts Tickets

Discounted Fine Performing Arts and Theatre Tickets February 11th



For MAX Members Only!

Through a special arrangement with Craig Pavlich, a tremendous Friend of MAX, we are able to offer discounted tickets to select performances of fine performing arts, major Broadway productions, concerts, and local theatre shows. Tickets are available for this previously announced performance:

• Santa Rosa Symphony, *Love Letters*, February 11th

For details, available seats, and for information on how to purchase these discounted tickets, dues-paying MAX Members should email a request to <u>Concierge@maxsf.org</u>.

SHN Discounted Theatre Tickets



SHN (Shorenstein Hays Nederlander) is the preeminent theatrical entertainment company in the Bay Area, bringing live entertainment experiences to San Francisco's premier venues, the Orpheum and Golden Gate Theatres.

As a special benefit for the MAX community, SHN has made the discount code "MAXSFSHN" available for 10% – 30% off many SHN performances. For Price Guides and Performance Calendars, call 1-888-746-1799, visit the SHN box office, or visit <u>www.shnsf.com/online/article/corp-club</u>.

Note: Discounts not available for all performances. Extent of discount depends upon day of the week and section within the theatre. Tickets subject to availability. Other restrictions may apply. No refunds, cancellations, or exchanges.

Please consider joining us for *Hamilton* on March 21st as described above in this newsletter. No discounts are offered for *Hamilton*.

For any questions, please contact the event champion and MAX SF liaison to SHN, MAX SF Board Member Nick Wade at <u>wade.nicky@yahoo.com</u>.

NCTC Discounted Theatre Tickets



The <u>New Conservatory Theatre Center</u> (NCTC) is the premier LGBTQ theatre center in San Francisco. The mission of New Conservatory Theatre Center is to champion innovative, high-quality productions for the queer and allied communities.

As a special benefit for the MAX community, NCTC has made the discount code "MAX" available for 20% off all NCTC theatre productions!

Click <u>here</u> for upcoming shows! Please consider joining us for *Steve* on Sunday, March 31st and/or *Late Company* on Thursday, February 21st as described above in this newsletter.

If you are interested in championing a MAX event, please email me at paul.munro@maxsf.org.

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-- Paul Munro, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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