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**INDIA 13 DAYS ITINERARY OCT. 2017**

**SPECIALLY PREPARED FOR ACHI TSEPAL**

**Celebrating the 800 year anniversary of Lord Jigten Sumgon achieving Parinirvana**



**Lord Jigten Sumgon (1143-1217 AD)**



This is a unique opportunity to experience India and a Buddhist celebration with a Tibetan insider, Achi Tsepal, who understands the cultures of the western world and those of the East. Join us on a pilgrimage starting in New Delhi and then continuing to Dehra Dun in the Himalayan foothills and the center of Achi's exiled Tibetan Drikung community at the Jangchubling monastery. This trip celebrates the 800 years since the passing of Lord Jigten Sumgon, the founder of the Drikung Kagyu sect of Tibetan Buddhism. ( see <http://www.drikung.org/>) We end the tour with an excursion to Agra to see the incomparable Taj Mahal. Hidden Treasure Tours recognizes the urgent need to fund programs in Drikung, Tibet that support the educational needs of Tibetan children. Achi's charity The Children of Tibet Trust was registered in the U.S. to support the 365 children in Drikung in their educational endeavors. A donation from each participant's tour cost will go to the Trust and we encourage you to consider additional contributions after you have travelled. For more information click here: <https://childrenoftibet.org/>



On our tour we will also be accompanied by Khenpo Samdup, a long time student of His Eminence Garchen Rinpoche. Khenpo Samdup taught for five years in the Kagyu College at the Jangchubling Monastery. At Garchen Rinpoche's request, Khenpo Samdup has been named the Spiritual Director of the Gar Drolma Buddhist Center in Dayton Ohio, and the Drikung Dharma Surya Center in Fairfax, VA. Khenpo Samdup is best known for his kind, soft manner and his unassuming humility. Once you get to know him, you become aware of his great knowledge of Buddhist philosophy and Dharma scripture and practices. For more information click here: <http://drikungdharma.org/>

**OCT 17, 2017 USA/DELHI:** Make your way to the airport to your flight to Delhi.

**OCT 18**      **ARRIVE DELHI:** upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.  
**Overnight Avalon Courtyard Hotel or similar on bed & breakfast basis**  
<http://www.avalonhospitality.com/avaloncourtyard/>

The capital of India, Delhi blends an historic past and a vibrant present. The Imperial city planned for the British by Lutyens is set in parks and shaded avenues. Legend has it that Delhi, then called Indraprastha, was originally founded around 1200 B.C. by the Pandavas, the august heroes of the epic Mahabharata. Present day Delhi is built around the ruins of seven ancient cities.



**OCT 19**      **DELHI/DEHRADUN:** After the breakfast you will be met by Achi and driven to Dehradun, upon arrival you will be dropped at your hotel.  
**Overnight Doon Castle or similar on bed & breakfast basis**  
<http://www.hoteldoocastle.com/>

**OCT 20-25**    **DEHRADUN:** six full days to enjoy the festival at the Drikung Kagyu institute with daily transfers to/from the monastery. We will also take excursions to other Hill Stations during this time.  
**Overnight Doon Castle or similar on bed & breakfast basis**

**Dehradun** is the provisional capital of Uttarakhand state. It is nestled between the Himalayan foothills to the north and the Shivaliks to the South. The town offers breathtaking scenery. Dehradun is situated at an altitude of 1400 ft in the Doon Valley between two of the most important rivers in India, the Ganga and Yamuna. The town also serves as a convenient base for visiting the area's many tourist sites.

The Drikung Kagyu Order was founded in 1179 by Kyobpa Jigten Sumgön. It is headed by the two Kyabgon Rinpoches, His Holiness the Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang and His Holiness the Drikung Kyabgon Chungtsang. While Chungtsang Rinpoche resides in Lhasa, Chetsang Rinpoche has established the Drikung Kagyu seat in exile in Dehradun, in the northeast of India. This festival commemorates the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lord Jigten Sumgon entering Parinirvana.



**OCT 26**      **DEHRADUN/DELHI:** after breakfast you will be met and transferred to Delhi.  
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**OCT 27**      **DELHI:** After the breakfast proceed for a full day sightseeing of Delhi visiting the Chandini Chowk, here you can enjoy a rickshaw ride thru the narrow streets, drive past the Red Fort, Raj Ghat, Lotus temple, Qutab Minar, drive past the diplomatic area, Parliament & President House and India Gate.

Red Fort. This was the fort from which the Mughals used to govern the whole country and where the famous Peacock Throne and Kohinoor in the queen's crown originally came from. You then visit the charity Bird hospital situated in the Chandni chowk. Later you visit Jama Mosque This great mosque of Old Delhi is the largest in India, with a courtyard capable of holding 25,000 devotees. It was begun in 1644 and ended up being the final architectural extravagance of Shah Jahan. The highly decorative mosque has three great gates, four towers and two 40 m-high minarets constructed of strips of red sandstone and white marble. Travelers can hire robes at the northern gate. This may be the only time you get to dress like a local without feeling like an outsider so make the most of it. From here you go to visit the Crafts Museum the main attraction here is Indian crafts, Wooden Carvings, Metal ware, Paintings. Mud huts with Painted walls and Thatched roofs, Courtyards, Terracotta horses recreating Village shrines, Craftsmen at work are some of the elements that add to the rural ambience of the place.

**Overnight Avalon Courtyard Hotel or similar on bed & breakfast basis**



**OCT 28 DELHI/AGRA/DELHI:** Morning drive to Agra, upon arrival visit to the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Later in the afternoon drive back to Delhi.  
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Taj Mahal is regarded as one of the eight wonders of the world, and some Western historians have noted that its architectural beauty has never been surpassed. The Taj is the most beautiful monument built by the Mughals, the Muslim rulers of India. Taj Mahal is built entirely of white marble. Its stunning architectural beauty is beyond adequate description, particularly at dawn and sunset. The Taj seems to glow in the light of the full moon.

**OCT 29 DELHI/USA:** Departure transfer to the airport to your flight to USA.



Sample airfares: Wash. Dulles/Delhi/Wash. Dulles - \$744/person incl tax\* + \$35/person issuing fee  
\*based on Delta Airlines Oct 2016 rates as 2017 rates haven't been released yet

**Land costs:**

**Tour cost – valid for October, 2017**

10 – 14 persons: USD 1575 per person. \*\*

15 – 19 persons: USD 1377 per person. \*\*

20 – 25 persons: USD 1248 per person.\*\*

Single room supplement: USD 415.\*\*

\*\* Prices are based on check payment with 4% extra for credit cards

A deposit of \$500/person is required to hold the land space. Airline seats will have to be issued at the time of booking. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure.

**Hotels foreseen (3 star / similar type guest house)**

18 to 19 Oct: Avalon Courtyard in Delhi for 01 night on bed & breakfast basis.

<http://www.avalonhospitality.com/avaloncourtyard/>

19 to 26 Oct: Doon Castle in Dehradun for 08 nights on bed & breakfast basis.

<http://www.hoteldoycastle.com/>

26 to 29 Oct: Avalon Courtyard in Delhi for 03 nights on bed & breakfast basis.

<http://www.avalonhospitality.com/avaloncourtyard/>

**Tour cost includes:**

- # Accommodation on twin sharing basis as per the above details.
- # Daily breakfast at the hotels.
- # Services of local English speaking guides for sightseeing.
- # All transfers and sightseeing using an air-conditioned Coach with driver.
- # Daily roundtrip transfer in Dehradun to/from Drikung Kagyu Institute.
- # Excursions to other Hill Stations while in Dehradun.
- # Meeting and assistance by our office representative at all places.
- # Rickshaw rides in Old Delhi.
- # All current applicable taxes.
- # Hidden Treasure Tours PreTour info

**Tour Cost Does NOT Include:**

- # Any expenses of personal nature such as laundry, drinks (alcoholic & non alcoholic), phone calls, Tips at hotels/restaurants/guides and chauffeur, still & video camera charges etc.
- # Any Lunch & Dinners
- # Any tours in Dehradun.
- # Air tickets to India and back, India Visa fees, airport tax and travel insurance etc.
- # Any domestic air tickets, airport departure tax if any.
- # Any expenses caused by reasons beyond our and our associate offices control such as flight delays, rescheduling or cancellations, accidents, medical evacuation, riots, strikes, political unrest, natural disasters etc.
- # Any other taxes or service charges that could be enforced during travelling period will be extra and needed to be borne by the guests.
- # Trip cancellation insurance- available through Hidden Treasure Tours
- # Any other expenses not specified above