EAST INDIA
Temple Mythology & Mountain Peaks
January 23 - February 8, 2015

BRYN MAWR
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
Dear Bryn Mawr Alumnae and Friends

Once again I would like to invite you to India after a successful debut of this destination in 2013. Led by our very own Kristin Kelly ('74) this time we go off the usual path and center it around eastern India namely Odisha, West Bengal and Sikkim. This itinerary was recognized by National Geographic Traveler as one of the ‘50 Tours of a Lifetime’ in their May 2013 issue.

An important stop is Kolkata (Calcutta) the former seat of the British Raj and home of Nobel Laureates Rabinranath Tagore (Literature, 1913) and Mother Teresa (Peace, 1979). We will experience the cacophony of this city through the eyes and ears of locals as we meander the streets immersed in the arts and culture and, most importantly, getting to know the people of West Bengal.

We make our way into the highlands of Darjeeling (still West Bengal and famous for the tea) and Sikkim- also known as Little Bhutan. These “hill stations” were once favored by the members of the elite class and British administrators seeking to escape the summer heat of the lowlands. The wide expanse of space, the towering mountain range of the Himalayas and Kanchanjunga and the spectacular sun rise and sun sets provide a stark contrast to the controlled chaos that typically defines India.

The world famous temples that typify Odisha offer a view into Hindu mythology and temple architecture that make the state justly famous, a place where 21st century modernity meets thousands of years of history.

This program offers a unique experience by merging the academic and the aesthetic, by exploring the ancient history of the region and the modern society of today. We will offer several lectures on the trip. It will be further enhanced by local experts and guides.

We hope you will join us on this memorable program, and since space is limited, we encourage you to reserve your place quickly.

Sincerely,

Wendy M. Greenfield
Executive Director
Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association

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**Tour Highlights**

- Travel with Kristin Kelly, '74 Ph.D. Art History and Archeology and share her love of India.
- Walk and experience a slice of Kolkata - the former seat of the British Raj in India.
- Explore the ornate temple architecture of Odisha and learn about the mythology of the Ramayana and Mahabharata.
- Visit Kumartulli- a town of famous potters and Bengali idol art
- Witness the sunrises of the Himalayan mountain range as their peaks rise as if in prayer.
- Sample the famous tea of Darjeeling and Bengali sweets.
Day 1 - January 23, 2015 – Depart USA

Day 2 - January 24, 2015 – Arrive Kolkata
Welcome to Kolkata! You will be met and transferred to your hotel. This former Capital of the British Raj is also the third largest metropolis in India and a crucial point of the nation’s economy. 

Oberoi Grand Hotel (B)

Day 3 - January 25, 2015 – City Tour of Kolkata.
Experience the influence of the Chinese, Armenian and Anglo-Indians that makes Kolkata a melting point of culture, culinary delights that speak to all your senses. Stop at the Marble Palace, Mother Teresa Mission and Dhakineswar Temple. Evening welcome dinner hosted by the faculty leader.

Oberoi Grand Hotel (B, D)

Day 4 - January 26, 2015 – Kolkata- Bagdogra - Darjeeling (West Bengal State)
Board a scheduled flight to Bagdogra and drive to Darjeeling that sits on top of a ridge at approximately 7,000 feet. Dotted with Buddhist monasteries, trekking trails, tea estates and inspiring mountain views this city became a summer getaway during the British “Raj”.

Mayfair Hotel (B, D)

Day 5 - January 27 – Darjeeling
Early departure to visit Tiger Hill in time to watch the sun rise over Mount Kanchenjunga. Return to the hotel for breakfast and relaxation. In the afternoon you will visit the Zoological Gardens, Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and the Tibetan Refugee Center.

Mayfair Hotel (B, L, D)

Day 6 - January 28, 2015 – Darjeeling
Bring out your inner-child with a short ride on the famous toy train to Ghoom- the pride and joy of the city. This is a wonderful introduction of hill stations and the mountainous landscape so often visited by the aristocracy and now by modern tourists. We will also visit a tranquil monastery, one of the many so prevalent in the area.

Mayfair Hotel (B, L, D)

Day 7 - January 29 – Darjeeling - Gangtok (State of Sikkim)
Continue today to Gangtok, nestled in the lush greenery of the Himalayas. You will notice a large population of Nepalese and Bhutanese, their influence in the food, clothing and religion, predominantly Buddhism. This afternoon you will visit Enchey Buddhist Monasteries while delighting in the stunning views of the Eastern Himalayas and the peak of Mt. Kanchenjunga.

Norkhill Hotel (B, L, D)

Program Itinerary

Kristin Kelly will be the Bryn Mawr study leader on our trip to East India. Kris left the J. Paul Getty Trust in 2008 after eighteen years—nine at the J. Paul Getty Museum as the Manager of Administration, and nine at the Getty Conservation Institute (GCI) in various positions responsible for public education about the conservation of cultural heritage. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1974, and earned a Ph.D. in art history and archaeology from Columbia University. From 2009 - 2011, she was the chief consultant to a heritage center devoted to the history and culture of the Sikhs in Punjab State, India which opened in the fall of 2012. She is the author of The Extraordinary Museums of Southeast Asia (Harry N. Abrams, 2001) and travels to Southeast Asia to research its art, archaeology, and culture as often as she can.
Day 8 - January 30, 2015 – Gangtok
Visit the Rumtek and Enchey Buddhist Monasteries. The Rumtek ancient structure was built in 1717 and then re-built in the 1900s following the ancient designs of the Tibetan monasteries. Enjoy the stunning views of the Eastern Himalayas and on a clear day, the peak of Mt. Kanchenjunga is also visible. You can explore the city on your own this afternoon. Norkhill Hotel (B, L, D)

Day 9 - January 31, 2015 – Gangtok - Kalimpong
Travel to Kalimpong. Until the mid-19th century, the area around Kalimpong was ruled intermittently by the Sikkimese and Bhutanese kingdoms. It was also a trading route between India and Tibet. Check in and rest upon arrival. Silver Oaks Hotel (B, L, D)

Day 10 - February 1, 2015 – Kalimpong
After breakfast explore the Pedong Monastery. Visit Zang Dog Palri FroBrang and Thongsa Gompa, Tharpa Choling Monastery as well as flower nurseries. Silver Oaks Hotel (B, L, D)

Day 11 - February 2, 2015 – Kalimpong- Bagdogra - Kolkata
Fly to Kolkata and overnight. Oberoi Grand (B)

Day 12 - February 3, 2015 – Kolkata - Bhubaneswar (Odisha)- Puri
Fly from Kolkata to Bhubaneswar; State of Odisha (formerly called Orissa). This is the “Temple State of India” on the Bay of Bengal. With over 2000 temples, religious beliefs are deeply rooted in this state which also illustrates a lifestyle dominated by art and dance. Odisha- on the Bay of Bengal- prides itself on being a rich realm of culture, including a sumptuous artistic legacy, deeply rooted religious beliefs, and where dance and art dominate the languid way of life. In the city of Bhubaneswar, hundreds of temples dot the landscape where you can follow a time line of temple building activities of Odishan- style from inception to its culmination extending over a period of more than one thousand years. Transfer to the famous coastal town of Puri. Mayfair Hotel (B, D)

Day 13 - February 4 – Agganath Temple and Konark Sun Temple Tour
Depart for Konark, a World Heritage Site, to see the Sun Temple and Jagannath Temple (note: non-Hindus are not allowed inside the Jagannath Temple, but it can be viewed from a vantage point outside.). Explore the medieval lanes and engage with the local people in Puri and Konark, while watching the flurry of worshippers around the temples. Take a walk along the beach at sunset in Puri. Mayfair Hotel (B, D)

Day 14 - February 5, 2015 – Puri - Bhubaneswar
Transfer to Bhubaneswar. Explore animated medieval temples and broad tree lined avenues to unearth the spirit behind the city. The highlights of the tour are the famous and intricately carved Mukteshwar Temple and the Parasuramesvara Temple. Trident Hotel (B)

Day 15 - February 6, 2015 – Bhubaneswar - Kolkata
Visit the Udaigiri and Khandagiri Caves, one of the earliest groups of Jain rock-cut shelters. Return to Kolkata in the afternoon, where the evening is at leisure to unwind from your long journey. Evening farewell dinner hosted by the faculty leader. Oberoi Grand Hotel (B, D)

Day 16 - February 7, 2015 – Depart
Depart for your onward trip home or select from the extension below (see details below).

Day 17 - February 8, 2015 – Arrive U.S.A.

END OF SERVICES BY IMMERSION JOURNEYS
Land package only: $6,495 per person (sharing basis)
Single Room Supplement: $1,850
Tour price is based on double occupancy. Single occupancy is limited due to hotel occupancy.

INCLUSIONS:
• Accommodation & meals mentioned above
• Domestic flights
• Services of English speaking professional local guides
• All transportation
• Full time Immersion Journeys Tour Director through out the trip

Optional Extension #1
5 nights Royal Rajasthan & Taj Mahal Tour

$2,119 per person (double occupancy)
$500 single room supplement

Includes:
• 2 nights Jaipur (the “pink city”) at ITC Rajputana (B)
• 1 night Agra at ITC Mughal (B)
• 2 nights Delhi at The Lalit (B)
• All site seeing with private guide in Jaipur, Taj Mahal and Delhi
• All entrance fees
• Flights from Kolkata - Jaipur and airport transfers

Optional Extension #2
4 nights Southern India Sojourn

$1,995 per person (double occupancy)
$950 single room supplement

Includes:
• 2 nights Cochin at CGH Brunton Boatyard (B)
• 2 night Kumarakom at CGH Coconut Lagoon (B)
• All site seeing with private guide in Cochin, houseboat tour in Kerala Backwaters and bird sanctuary visit
• All entrance fees
• Flights from Kolkata - Cochin and airport transfers

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❑ Enclosed is my/our deposit check of $____________ ($850 per person)
❑ Please charge my/our deposit of $____________ ($850 per person) to my:
  ❑ VISA    ❑ MasterCard    ❑ American Express

Card #:__________________________________________ Expiration Date:____________________
Security Code (4 digits for AMEX/ 3 digits for others)________________
Authorized Card Holder Signature:__________________________ Date:____________________

The balance of the trip is due on November 23, 2014 and is payable by check only.
Please sign me/us up for the following optional extensions:
❑ 5-night Royal Rajasthan & Taj Mahal Tour extension    ❑ 4-night Southern India Sojourn

Passenger Information

Name 1 (as on passport):______________________________________________________________
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Date of Birth:____________________ Vassar Affiliation________________________________
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❑ I prefer single accommodations
❑ I plan to room with____________________________________________________________________________
❑ Double    ❑ Twin (separate beds)
❑ I prefer to share accommodations (if roommate is not available, I will pay the single rate)
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By submitting my/our deposit $850 per person I/we am/are registering for the East India: Temple Mythology & Mountain Peaks, and have read and agreed to the terms & conditions. I understand that portions of this trip will be moderately strenuous and may include unpaved paths. Traveling includes visiting regions with an altitude of at least 7,000 feet and hilly. I/we also agree to be in good physical shape and will be prepared to walk without a walking aid or wheelchair. I/we also take responsibility for purchasing our own supplemental travel insurance including medical evacuation coverage.

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Signature       Date

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