



Presents

Mystical India

Including Ranthambore Tiger Preserve

October 29 – November 15, 2009
\$4,145 from New York
Limited to 24 Participants

Optional Post-tour Extension:

Kerala: “Green Gateway of India”

November 15 – 20, 2009
\$1,795 Including Air

*Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding, India overflows with riches.
While staying in excellent accommodations, we explore the classic Golden
Triangle:*

*Bustling Delhi; Agra, home of the sublime Taj Mahal; the pink city of Jaipur,
exclusive Bengal tigers; Khajuraho’s ancient temples; and the holy city
of Varanasi.*

MYSTICAL INDIA FOR AZAD

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 1: Depart U.S. for Delhi, India

DAY 2: Arrive Delhi

We spend today en route to Delhi.

Accommodations: Shangri-La Hotel

DAY 3: Old Delhi

Early this morning we arrive at New Delhi's International Airport. You'll meet your tour director, who will accompany you to the hotel. There's time to relax and freshen up this morning before we gather late morning for a briefing about the journey ahead. After lunch today on your own this afternoon we begin our touring by visiting Qutub Minar, one of Delhi's most visited and striking monuments. King Qutubuddin Aiback laid the foundation for this monument after defeating the last Hindu Kingdom in 1199. With a height of 239 feet, this red stone tower counts as the highest in India. Next we pass by India Gate, the majestic 137-foot high arch that stands over an eternal flame and honors the 90,000 Indian soldiers who died fighting alongside the British in World War I and the Afghan wars. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Accommodations: Shangri-La Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4: New Delhi

Today we explore Old Delhi, capital of Muslim India between the 12th and 19th centuries. Our first stop is a photo opportunity at Lal Qila, the Red Fort complex of palaces considered the greatest of all Delhi's cities, followed by a visit to the red sandstone and marble Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, completed in 1656 as the last monument commissioned by Emperor Shah Jahan, builder of the Taj Mahal. We visit a Sikh temple (*gurdwara*) then see Birla Mandir, the Hindu temple that enshrines Lord Vishnu and ranks as one of Delhi's most popular attractions. We finish up this morning's tour at the Gandhi Memorial.

Following lunch on your own, we visit the National Museum which houses a superb collection of Indian and international art and artifacts, some two million pieces covering 5,000 years of cultural heritage. Tonight we enjoy a group highlight as we break into smaller groups of six to eight and dine in the homes of local urban Indian families.

Accommodations: Shangri-La Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5: Delhi/Jaipur

We leave by motorcoach for our day-long journey to Jaipur, one of the great cities of the Rajput. This was the home of India's legendary Hindu warriors, whose historic forts, palaces, and gardens lend a timeless quality to this storied region. Called the "pink city" for its buildings of rose-hued sandstone, Jaipur today retains the exquisite symmetry of its original construction, as well as the eight historic gates that protected the city centuries ago.

En route to Jaipur we visit the village of Neemrana, where we eat lunch at Neemrana Palace and Fort, Rajasthan's closest palace to Delhi. King Raja Rajdeo, a descendant of the Chauhans, ordered this 10-level palace built in honor of the local chieftain Nimola Meo, who when defeated by the Chauhans pleaded for his lost kingdom to carry on his name. Built over five centuries on the three-acre hillside, the palace and fort stands as one of India's oldest and most historic resorts; a 1980s restoration project preserved the culture and history of the storied palace. Late this afternoon we arrive in Jaipur. Tonight we enjoy dinner together at the hotel.

Accommodations: *Jai Mahal Palace*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6: Jaipur

Today we stop to see the “Palace of the Winds,” otherwise known as Hawa Mahal. It is really an elaborate pink sandstone façade that allowed the ladies of the court to view the streets of the city from behind windows. We continue on to Amber Fort, built by the Kachhawah Rajputs as their capital from 1037 to 1728 and considered the pinnacle of Rajput architecture. We tour the unoccupied citadel this morning, approaching by jeep to admire the fresco-covered portal, the impressive room of mirrors, walls of jewel-encrusted marble, and the royal apartments offering beautiful panoramic views of the surrounding valleys.

After eating lunch together, we visit the Turban Museum where we learn about the importance of these religious head coverings. Later we tour Jaipur and see the Jantar Mantar, the incredible open-air Royal Observatory that was built between 1728 and 1734, and the City Palace Museum. Dinner tonight is on your own. The hotel houses several restaurants, and your tour director will be happy to offer further recommendations.

Accommodations: Jai Mahal Palace

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7: Jaipur

This morning we visit nearby Sanganer to watch villagers engage in the block printing and hand-made paper industries. Using centuries-old techniques, artisans here craft coveted hand-printed textiles and unique paper goods. Sanganer also is known for its distinctive blue pottery, which we see the craftspeople paint free-hand. Afterwards, we tour a local market before taking a traditional rickshaw ride. Then tonight we are dinner guests of a noble multi-generational Rajasthani family in their *haveli* (a home built around a central courtyard, in the traditional Muslim architectural style). Not only does this provide a fascinating window on Indian life, but also offers the opportunity to witness up close India’s transition from a traditional society to the more urban lifestyle we observed at dinner with our Rajasthani host family in Delhi.

Accommodations: Jai Mahal Palace

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8: Jaipur/Ranthambore

We leave Jaipur this morning for Ranthambore National Park, making a stop to visit the children at a roadside school. Bordering the outer fringes of the Thar Desert and the former hunting ground of the Maharajah of Jaipur, Ranthambore is now a 512-square-mile natural preserve that is home to diverse plant life and hundreds of species of birds, reptiles, mammals, and of course, Bengal tigers.

Please note that road conditions in and around Ranthambore are poor; about two hours of our drive will be on bumpy or unpaved roads. This afternoon we take a game drive through the park, whose mission is to help preserve and protect the endangered cats. We dine tonight at our hotel.

Accommodations: Dev Vilas

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9: Ranthambore National Park

On today’s morning and afternoon game drives, we’re sure to see more game (though tiger and leopard sightings are not guaranteed). Ranthambore is part of India’s groundbreaking Project Tiger, dedicated to preserving and protecting the once plentiful Royal Bengal tigers that roamed the land here. Now threatened by poachers, illegal logging, and encroaching civilization, India’s tiger population has decreased precipitously; it is believed that just 20 tigers currently live in Ranthambore (which actually represents a net gain in the past decade or so). The park’s varied landscape of beautiful lakes, lush grasslands, deep ravines, wooded valleys, and open scrub also features picturesque ruins of old fortifications and the thousand-year-old Ranthambore Palace, which we stop to admire. We take all meals today at our hotel.

Accommodations: Dev Vilas

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10: Ranthambore/Kalakho

This morning we embark on the six-hour drive to Dera Lakeview Retreat in Kalakho, in the Aravali Valley on the banks of Madhosager Lake. After lunch together here, we embark on a camel safari us through the surrounding Meena villages constructed of mud huts decorated with floral and animal designs. Late this afternoon we return to our lodging for a dinner that includes traditional tribal dancing.

Accommodations: Dera Lake View Retreat

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11: Kalakho/Fatehpur Sikri/Agra

Leaving Kalakho this morning, we travel to Fatehpur Sikri, the late 16th-century city of red sandstone that exemplifies Mughal architecture and remains a UNESCO World Heritage site. The two-mile complex of monuments and temples, all in a uniform architectural style, includes some of the largest mosques in India. Early afternoon we visit Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary now called (Keoladeo National Park). One of the finest bird parks in the world, Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary is a reserve that offers protection to faunal species as well. Mid afternoon, we reach Agra, the ancient Mughal stronghold. Tonight we dine together at the hotel.

Accommodations: Taj View Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12: Agra

This morning we savor a travel highlight as we embark on a tour of the Taj Mahal, the magnificent tomb of white marble built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz. She asked her husband to build a monument worthy of symbolizing their undying love for each other. Some 20,000 laborers and artisans from around the world spent 17 years constructing the mausoleum. Along with its exquisite symmetry, the Taj features striking examples of *pietra dura*, a decorative art in which craftsmen embed precisely cut semi-precious stones in marble to form dazzling patterns.

After an Indian cuisine cooking lesson and lunch in a private home, we proceed to the Itimad-ud-Daulah, the beautiful tomb of Mirza Ghiyath Beg. As the first building constructed of pure marble in Moghul India, this two story mausoleum inspired the Taj Mahal. We also visit Mughal Emperor Akbar's mausoleum at Sikandra, an airy four-tiered structure that remains a harmonious blend of Hindu, Christian, Islamic, Buddhist, and Jain motifs in red sandstone and white marble, with traditional minarets and a Hindu courtyard. Later today we visit the imposing Red Fort of Agra (also known as Agra Fort), comprising fairy tale palaces, two beautiful mosques, audience halls, pavilions, courtyards, and gardens all surrounded by a massive wall, a moat, and yet another wall. Our tour here features the Hall of Public Audience and the Royal Pavilions. A creative, architectural, and strategic masterpiece, the Fort is protected as a UNESCO World Heritage site. In a cruel twist, Emperor Shah Jahan, builder of the Taj Mahal and whose grandfather built the original Fort and who also assumed the throne himself, was imprisoned here at the end of his life by his own son – in a room looking out on the Taj Mahal across the river. We return to our hotel following our visit to the Red Fort. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Accommodations: Taj View Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 13: Agra/Jhansi/Orchhaic/Khajuraho

We travel by train this morning to Jhansi then continue by motorcoach to the medieval village of Orchha, known for its 16th-century palaces and temples. After lunch here, we continue by coach over rough rural roads (where a distance of 100 miles can take four to five hours) to Khajuraho, known the world over for its temples, architecture, and sculpture. Today, the city's collection of 22 Hindu temples (out of 85 originally built here) dating to the 10th century is protected as a UNESCO World Heritage site. We reach our hotel early this evening and dine there tonight.

Accommodations: Taj Chandela Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 14: Khajuraho

Built during the 500-year reign of the Chandela dynasty, the temples here represent a burst of creative and religious energy that faded as Islam gained influence and Hindu Khajuraho ultimately was abandoned. But because of its remote location, Khajuraho's was out of harm's way when Muslim invaders destroyed many relics of Hinduism throughout India – which ironically resulted in the well preserved temples that we explore today at the Chandela Temple Complex. Adorned with erotic sculptures (as a reminder that life should be enjoyed to the fullest), these temples represent the finest examples of temple architecture in northern India. We continue on to the Kandariya Mahadeva, Chatrabhuj, Parswanath and Ghantai temples before returning to our hotel this afternoon. Dinner together at the hotel follows a performance of “Dances of India.”

Accommodations: Taj Chandela Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 15: Khajuraho/Varanasi

Following a morning at leisure we fly early this afternoon to Varanasi, Hinduism's holiest city and a center of learning, civilization, and religion since time immemorial. Lacking in important architecture, elaborate palaces, and ancient fortresses, Varanasi nonetheless exudes an allure and mystique unlike any other Indian city, thanks to its role as a sacred place of pilgrimage. After time to relax at our hotel, we enjoy a spirited and fun pedicab ride down to the Ganges. We attend a traditional *aarti* offering ceremony (a twice-daily ritual performed to ward off evil) as we cruise along the Ganges. Tonight we enjoy dinner together at our hotel.

Accommodations: Taj Ganges Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 16: Varanasi

Early this morning we return to the Ganges, where Hindu pilgrims perform their time-honored rites along the *ghats* (steps) leading to the sacred river. Hindus believe that bathing in the Ganges at least once in a lifetime is both a duty and a privilege; it can help lead to the forgiveness of sin and the attainment of salvation. We visit several of the important *ghats* by boat as we experience for ourselves the spiritual mystique of these hallowed waters. Next we walk through the old town and see the gold-spined Kashi-Vishwanath Temple, the most sacred of the shrines dedicated to Lord Shiva, patron deity of Varanasi. We can only view these sacred temples from the street, as foreigners are not permitted inside. We then return to our hotel for breakfast, after which we visit the Bharat Mata Temple, a unique temple that was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi and dedicated to Mother India (rather than to a deity) that features a relief map of the country carved of pure marble. Returning to the hotel for lunch on our own, we then have the rest of the afternoon free for independent exploration or to relax. Tonight we celebrate our journey at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodations: Taj Ganges Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 17: Varanasi/Delhi

Today we travel to Sarnath, birthplace of Buddhism. It was here in the sixth century that Buddha delivered his first sermon, and Sarnath remains a major center of the practice today. Midday we return to the hotel to gather our belongings and transfer to the airport for the flight to Delhi. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Accommodations: Crowne Plaza Hotel Gurgaon

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 18: Return to U.S.

Early this morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the U.S.

Meals: Breakfast

PLEASE NOTE

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For Land Only Guests

If you choose to purchase Odysseys Unlimited's **Mystical India** tour as "land only," you will be making your own international air arrangements and will join the tour at the first hotel.

While airport transfers and luggage handling at the arrival and departure airports are not included when you purchase a tour as land only, you are welcome to join our motorcoach transfer to the hotel. This service will be provided to you on a complimentary basis.

To join in the transfer, you must be at the Delhi airport concurrent with the group of arriving Odysseys Unlimited guests. Look for our representative holding an Odysseys Unlimited sign and you will be directed to the motorcoach. Please note that you must be present when the coach is preparing to leave.

For **Mystical India**, the currently scheduled flights are as follows:

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| Day 1 | Depart New York | 8:10 p.m. | Jet Airways # 229 |
| Day 2 | Arrive Brussels | 9:50 a.m. | |
| | Depart Brussels | 11:45 a.m. | Jet Airways # 229 |
| | Arrive Delhi | 11:20 p.m. | |

Please remember that all flights and schedules are subject to change.

Upon the tour's completion, you are also welcome to join the group transfer to the airport for your flight home.

For Guests Taking the Optiona Post-Tour Extension
“KERALA: ‘GREEN GATEWAY’ OF INDIA”
OPTIONAL POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 18: Delhi/Cochin/Thotapally/Traditional Houseboat

This morning we transfer to the airport and board a flight to Cochin. Upon arrival, we begin the three-hour drive to Thotapally, where we board the traditional houseboat, or *kettuvallom*, where we stay for the next two evenings. After settling in and sailing along the backwaters of Kerala, we enjoy dinner and spend the evening onboard the houseboat.

Accommodations: Houseboat

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 19: Cruising – Traditional Houseboat

Today we continue our journey along the backwaters of Kerala with an early morning cruise to see the still lagoons and to hear the sounds of the lakes. These backwaters consist of spring water from local rivers and seawater from the Arabian Sea. This combination causes many unique aquatic creatures to reside in the area including rare crabs, frogs, mudskippers, and water birds. Along the way, we also stop and see some of the many small villages located along the backwaters. We enjoy all meals today onboard our houseboat.

Accommodations: Houseboat

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 20: Cruising – Traditional Houseboat/Thotapally/Cochin

After saying goodbye to the crew, we depart the houseboat to begin the three-hour drive to Cochin. Arabs, Chinese, Dutch, British, and Portuguese traders spent many years following the sea route through Cochin’s harbor that leads to the Indian Ocean, and this trade port helped Cochin become the commercial capital and most cosmopolitan city of Kerala.

Once we arrive we will check in to our hotel. After lunch on your own and an afternoon at leisure, we enjoy a sunset harbor cruise off the coast of Cochin. Tonight we participate in a cooking class followed by dinner together.

Accommodations: Taj Malabar

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 21: Cochin

We begin today’s sightseeing tour of Cochin with a visit to the Mattancherry Palace. The Portuguese built this site in the 1550s only for it to be conquered by the Dutch. The architecture, decorated with many mythological murals, represents traditional Keralite design. Afterwards, we visit the Jewish Synagogue which was built in 1568 and considerably embellished in the mid-18th century. We next travel to the beach to see Chinese fishing nets strung out along the tip of the peninsula before returning to the hotel for lunch on your own. This evening we witness one of the most developed arts in India: a *kathakali* dance, which depicts great Indian epics including demon and superhuman portrayals. The all-male dancers adorn themselves in huge skirts and elaborate headdress in one of the most intricate dance styles known around the world. After the performance we enjoy dinner together at the hotel.

Accommodations: Taj Malabar

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 22: Cochin/Mumbai

This morning we transfer to the airport to board our flight to Mumbai, the entertainment capital of India which comprises seven islands in the Arabian Sea. On the way to our hotel, we stop at the Dhobi Ghats of Mumbai, where we observe local people engaged in their unique system of hand-washing clothes in large cement sinks. After we check in at our hotel, there’s time for lunch on your own. Then we set out on an orientation tour of Mumbai that includes the Gateway of India, a monument commemorating the visit of King George V and Queen Mary; and the Gandhi Memorial, marking the spot of the Indian leader’s cremation in 1948. We also pass Marine Drive, a popular beach that stretches for three miles

and attracts many visitors each day, and the Victoria Terminus, the ancient railroad station and UNESCO World Heritage site that still serves as the central railroad station in India. After the tour we return to the hotel where we dine together tonight.

Accommodations: Taj Mahal

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 23: Depart Mumbai

Early this morning we transfer to the airport for our flights home to the U.S.

Please Note

Your tour director for the base tour will not accompany you on the optional Kerala extension. You will have two new tour directors on this portion of your tour: one while on the house boat and another during your visit to Mumbai.

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Mystical India 2008/2009 Accommodations

Shangri-La Hotel

19 Ashok Road
Connaught Place
New Delhi 110 001, India
Phone: 011-91-11-4119-1919
Fax: 011-91-11-4119-1988
www.shangri-la.com

Set amidst beautifully landscaped gardens, the Shangri-La offers several restaurants and lounges; fitness center with Jacuzzi, steam room, sauna, and spa treatments; outdoor pool; gift shop and beauty salon; and laundry and elevator service. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, in-room safe, Internet access, mini-bar, coffee- and tea-making facilities, TV, and phone.

Taj Jai Mahal Palace

Jacob Road
Civil Lines
Jaipur – 302 006
Rajasthan, India
Phone: 011-91-141-222-3636
Fax: 011-91-141-222-0707
www.tajhotels.com

A certified environmentally friendly hotel and the former home of maharajahs and the prime minister of Jaipur, the 255-year-old Jai Mahal Palace sits amidst 18 acres of beautifully landscaped Mughul gardens. Hotel facilities include an outdoor pool, several restaurants and lounges, safe deposit boxes, laundry service, lawn tennis, badminton, and croquet. Room amenities include a private bath with hair dryer, mini bar, TV, and phone.

Dev Vilas

Village Khilchipur
Ranthambore Road
Sawai Madhopur – 322 001
Rajasthan, India
Phone: 011-91-7462-252-168; 194
Fax: 011-91-7462-252195
www.devvilas.com

Built in the Indo-Saracen style of traditional royal hunting lodges, Dev Vilas sits amidst 3½ acres of protected land close to the entrance of Ranthambore National Park. Just 19 guest rooms comprise this luxurious lodging, with amenities including indoor and outdoor dining, swimming pool, and original artwork. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath, mini-bar, TV, and phone.

Dera Lake Retreat

Off the beaten track of rural Rajasthan sits Dera Lake Retreat, a rustic yet comfortable haven of guest cabins set amidst a series of traditional villages. Sitting on the banks of a monsoon lake, the camp offers a unique opportunity to witness how most of India lives, away from the cities. We visit a local school, take a camel safari, and meet local Meena tribespeople in their homes. Along with a restaurant, gardens and bonfires add to the ambience of the locale. Air conditioned guest cabins have private bath with hot and cold running water. This remote location has no telephone service.

Taj View Hotel

Taj Ganj
Fatehabad Road
Agra – 282 001
Uttar Pradesh, India
Phone: 011-91-562-2232-400; 418
Fax: 011-91-562-2232-420
www.tajhotels.com

Nestled amid nine acres of landscaped gardens close to the Taj Mahal, the 100-room Taj View Hotel offers two restaurants and a lounge; shopping arcade; recreational facilities including badminton, gym with jogging track, tennis courts, and outdoor pool; spa with steam room and massage; and an in-house astrologer. Guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, coffee- and tea-making facilities, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

Taj Chandela Hotel

Dist. Chhatarpur
Khajuraho – 471 606
Madhya Pradesh, India
Phone: 011-91-7686-272-356; 357
Fax: 011-91-7686-272-366
www.tajhotels.com

This 94-room oasis of calm sits on 11 acres of landscaped gardens close to the city's famed temples. Hotel facilities include an art gallery, fitness center, outdoor pool, croquet, mini-golf, shopping arcade, beauty parlor and barber shop, laundry service, safe deposit boxes, several restaurants, and a bar. Guest rooms have private bath, TV, and phone.

Taj Ganges Hotel

Nadesar Palace Grounds
Varanasi – 221 002
Uttar Pradesh, India
Phone: 011-91-542-250-3002; 3003
Fax: 011-91-542-250-2742
www.tajhotels.com

Set amidst 40 acres of landscaped lawns, Taj Ganges offers a host of amenities including a restaurant, coffee shop, and bar; laundry and dry cleaning services; safe deposit boxes; astrologer; outdoor pool, croquet, badminton, and yoga; and spa services. Guest rooms have private bath with hairdryer, Internet access, coffee- and tea-making facilities, mini-bar, TV, and phone.

Crowne Plaza Hotel Gurgaon

Site 2 Sector 29 New Delhi, NCR
Gurgaon, India
Phone: 011 91 124 453 4000
Fax: 011 91 124 430 4800
www.ichotelsgroup.com

The 234-room Crowne Plaza Hotel Gurgaon is conveniently located near the airport and the local business district. Hotel amenities include three restaurants, a health club, and swimming pool. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath, TV, and phone.

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Vaikundum Houseboat

This 10-bedroom deluxe houseboat is the only boat of its size built without using any nails, instead using resin obtained from boiled cashew kernels and fish oils. The boat’s décor include ancient renderings and antique doors from Kerala homes. Boat facilities include a lounge area with 360 degree view, dining area, and sun deck. Each private cabin offers air conditioning and a private bath. There is no telephone service on board.

Taj Malabar, Cochin

Willingdon Island
Cochin – 682 009
Kerala, India
Phone: 011-91-484 2666811/2668010
Fax: 011-91-484 2668297
www.tajhotels.com

The Taj Malabar overlooks Cochin Harbour from atop Willingdon Island. This 96-room hotel offers access to multiple restaurants, a fitness center, swimming pool, and beauty salon. Each room includes air conditioning, a private bath with hair dryer, in-room safe, mini bar, TV, telephone, and wireless internet access.

The Taj Mahal Palace & Tower

Apollo Bunder
Mumbai 400 001
India
Phone: 011-91-22 6665 3336
Fax: 011-91-22 66650323/24
www.tajhotels.com

The Taj Mahal Palace & Tower’s architectural design unifies Moorish, Oriental, and Florentine cultures. The 565 rooms display many Indian influences such as alabaster ceilings, onyx columns, and high archways. Hotel amenities include several restaurants, a shopping area, fitness center with steam and sauna, and hair salon. Each room offers private bath, air conditioning, in-room safe, mini bar, TV, and phone.