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### **Sign up today to tour Jewish India**

India is known for its antiquity and modern high-tech. Spirituality and Bollywood swagger. Bustling cities and pristine nature. A cultural kaleidoscope that's the world's largest democracy.

But what's typically not known is India's long history as one of the most hospitable homes in the Jewish diaspora. For centuries, Jews found a haven in which their traditions flourished. So too, they've been among India's great mystics, taken center stage in Bollywood, served as mayors in major cities, and produced the country's greatest military hero, as well as its most celebrated English-language poet.

Fresh off its successful February launch, sign-up is now available for next year's two-week tour, [India: My Second Home](http://www.indiamysecondhome.com), ([www.indiamysecondhome.com](http://www.indiamysecondhome.com)), led Dr. [Nathan Katz](#), the world's leading authority and an award-winning author on Indian Jewish life. The tour, which offers opportunities to meet and interact with India's diverse Jewish communities, has an itinerary that includes Kochi (Cochin), Kolkata (Calcutta), Mumbai (Bombay), New Delhi, and Agra. Registration is now under way, with early bird discounts available.

[India: My Second Home](#) departs Jan. 10, 2017, and will visit many "must-see" sights while offering insight into the fascinating, little-known Jewish experience in India. Visit the iconic Taj Mahal, Elephanta Caves, and other UNESCO World Heritage sites. Make new friends and learn new traditions at Shabbat services and dinners in Mumbai and New Delhi. Tour Kochi and Kolkata's historic synagogues with local members of the Jewish community. See Kerala's scenic backwaters by boat while exploring rural Jewish settlements. Enjoy Indian dance and music performances. Ride a rickshaw through Old Delhi. Stay at luxurious 5-star hotels, including Mumbai's Taj Mahal Tower, overlooking the Gateway of India and Arabian Sea.

Katz is a Distinguished Professor, Emeritus at Florida International University, where he was director of Jewish Studies and founding director of the Program in the Study of Spirituality. He has written 15 books, including *The Last Jews of Cochin* and *Who Are the Jews of India?* A four-time Fulbright scholar who has spent more than eight years in South Asia, he was a delegate to the 1990 Tibetan-Jewish dialogue hosted by the Dalai Lama, which was chronicled in the bestselling book, *The Jew in the Lotus*.

The fully-escorted tour costs **\$7,195** per person, double occupancy, and includes 5-star deluxe hotels, all meals (kosher or strictly vegetarian), concierge service featuring three English-speaking guides and personalized photos/travel blog of the trip, cultural events, internal flights in India, and all tips and taxes. Airfare to and from India and Indian visa fee additional.

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