



**A Journey to India with GO Campaign**  
**To visit projects in RISHIKESH, JAIPUR AND MUMBAI**  
**Sunday February 23 to Monday March 2, 2020**

**with LOUISE NICHOLSON**

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Dear Friends,

I hope you will join GO Campaign on our first journey to India.

Our adventure begins in spiritual Rishikesh beside the holy Ganga River. We then visit Jaipur, known as the 'Pink City', whose palaces and markets evoke the exotic lifestyle of the maharajas. We spend our final days in Mumbai, India's exciting 'city of dreams' and home to Bollywood film-making. Throughout, we enjoy top notch hotels and delicious authentic food. And you can shop, sightsee, meditate and do yoga, depending on how India is calling to you!

While the sights, sounds and tastes of India are sure to delight us, the real highlights of this specially curated trip for GO Campaign will be seeing the work of our Local Heroes in action at four projects. We will visit Khushi Charitable Society in Rishikesh which gives vocational training to help youth break out of the cycle of poverty; and Bal Ashram Trust outside Jaipur, founded by Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, which provides job skills to children rescued from forced labor. In Mumbai, we meet the team at Just for Kicks where soccer is empowering girls to realize their full potential in life and go into Asia's second largest urban settlement (seen in the film Slumdog Millionaire) where Dharavi Diary is teaching coding to girls and changing the trajectory of their lives.

This unforgettable experience will be led by British art historian and writer Louise Nicholson, who has studied and visited India for 41 years. She and her selection of local specialists from historians to craftsmen will share their knowledge of Indian art, architecture, culture and cuisine.

I look forward to traveling with you on this exceptional trip with its myriad of insights. Feel free to ask Louise any questions ([louisenicholsong999@gmail.com](mailto:louisenicholsong999@gmail.com)) as you complete the Booking Form below.

With best wishes,  
Scott



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**About GO Campaign:** We believe every child deserves the right to opportunity. Opportunity to education, medical care, shelter, food, clean water and enrichment – to a fair chance in life. We invest donations in grassroots programs that address the root causes of problems affecting orphans and vulnerable children throughout the world. Together with Local Heroes across the globe, we are changing lives and transforming communities, one child at a time. [www.gocampaign.org/](http://www.gocampaign.org/)

**About Quo Vadis Travel, who will run our trip:**

Quo Vadis Travel is distinguished for its experience across the Indian subcontinent, its meticulous attention to details, and its dedication to clients' individual needs. Louise Nicholson – who has studied India since 1978 and planned and led tours there since 1985 – is the North America representative for Quo Vadis, whose CEO she has worked with for thirty years. Louise is our Tour Manager and Resource before and throughout our trip. <http://www.louisenicholsonindia.com/>

## THE ITINERARY

**Please note: for all questions, please email Louise on [louisenicholsonggg@gmail.com](mailto:louisenicholsonggg@gmail.com)**

- We shall offer optional room upgrades at all hotels and, where they are available, upgrades to business class on flights. Just email Louise for the full list of upgrades and costs.
- Clients may choose to arrive early or depart later, and Louise can make all arrangements for travel to any part of India.
- The itinerary below is an outline at this stage. Louise will work with GO Campaign to create full and rich daily programs tailored to client interests.
- When booking your international flights, it is wise to check them with Louise before you confirm, to ensure they fit with our itinerary start and finish.

DATE	PLACE	HOTEL
Sunday, February 23	Arrive Delhi, then Rishikesh	Taj Rishikesh, Standard Room

**Arrive Delhi international airport last night or early this morning.**

**Please note:** Depending on the flight arrival time, a hotel may be needed for the night of February 22; Louise can book this. Additionally, you may wish to come in a day or so early to deal with jet lag up at Rishikesh or elsewhere in India; Louise can advise and make bookings for all options.

Each client is personally met at the airport, and assisted through immigration and baggage Claim. Quo Vadis has rare special permission to have staff inside the airport to meet clients.

**This morning:** fly to Rishikesh. Having been escorted through check-in, we take Indigo flight 6E818 departing Delhi 11.20hrs, arriving Dehradun 12.10hrs. Here we are met and escorted for our 1.5-hour drive (52km/32miles) to our hotel, and assisted with check-in. We are now in Uttarakhand state, at altitude 1,220 feet.

**This afternoon:** acclimatize, visit a local village, take a walk in the Lower Himalayas, relax.

**This evening:** we gather for an introduction to the trip, the region and its special social challenges. We also learn about Khushi Charitable Society supported by GO Campaign - [www.khushi.org.in/](http://www.khushi.org.in/) Founded in 2002 by Madelien Mishra-Broekman and Anand Mehrotra, it helps disadvantaged children have long-term education, a healthy life, nutritious food and skills training so they can fulfill their potential as adults.

**Our hotel:** [www.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj/taj-rishikesh/](http://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj/taj-rishikesh/)

This is a newly-opened, very beautiful, stunningly-located deluxe hotel beside the Ganga River. Its fabulous amenities include a 200,000 sq ft wellness sanctuary with top class Jive Spa and Yoga Pavilion, and idyllic surrounding landscape for taking treks and nature trails.

DATE	PLACE	HOTEL
Monday, February 24	Rishikesh	Taj Rishikesh, Standard Room
Tuesday, February 25	Rishikesh	Taj Rishikesh, Standard Room

Two days to combine visits to Khushi Charitable Society and enjoy an in-depth experience of Rishikesh, which lies just 16 miles from Haridwar, one of the Hindus' seven sacred cities. Here at Rishikesh, the Hindu faithful make pilgrimages to study the ancient Vedic texts, to meditate

and practice yoga beside the Ganga and in the hills. Sages, saints and those in search of spiritual awakening have visited this area, Garhwal, since ancient times. It is a fundamental part of the heritage of all the sub-continent – the god Rama (an avatar of Vishnu) did penance here before he killed Ravana, marking the triumph of good over evil recounted in the Ramayana. We can evoke this epic, imbibe the ravishingly beautiful mountain scenery with its lush deodar forests, see local cultures and crafts, and perhaps develop some meditation and yoga skills.

DATE	PLACE	HOTEL
Wednesday, February 26	Rishikesh, then Jaipur	The Trident, Deluxe Lake View Room

**Today** we move to Western India, to dry and desert-like Rajasthan state. We drive to Dehradun, then fly to Jaipur on SpiceJet flight SG3464 departing Dehradun 14.05hrs, arriving Jaipur 15.55hrs. We are met and escorted to our palace-hotel in central Jaipur, a 30-min drive. Built in the 1730s to be north India's first planned trading city and nicknamed 'Pink City', Jaipur today is capital of Rajasthan state and deftly combines ancient and modern. To take full advantage of our time, on arrival we take an early evening walk through the colourful lanes of the atmospheric bazaars.

**Tonight, at our hotel:** we gather for an introduction to the region and its specific social challenges, and to Bal Ashram [www.balashram.in/](http://www.balashram.in/) Founded in 1998, this is the rehabilitation and training center of Bachpan Bachao Andolan (Save the Childhood Movement) which fights child slavery, and whose founded Kailash Satyarthi is a Nobel Peace Laureate.

Please see [www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsqKz1hd\\_CY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsqKz1hd_CY&feature=youtu.be)

**Our hotel:** <https://www.tridenthotels.com/hotels-in-jaipur>

Part of the highly regarded Oberoi hotel group, this well-run hotel sits between the Pink City of Jaipur and its ancient capital Amber, so it is well-located for all our needs - sightseeing, shopping and visiting the NGO. Our deluxe rooms face east across across Mansagar Lake with its romantic Jal Mahal pavilion, and you can enjoy beautiful sunrises over the Aravalli Hills. Great pool area and wellness spa.

DATE	PLACE	HOTEL
Thursday, February 27	Jaipur	The Trident, Deluxe Lake View Room

Today, we make an early visit to Amber Fort with its mirror-work and painted halls, with the option of taking an elephant ride to reach it. We also visit Anokhi Museum of Hand Printing, housed in a sensitively restored mansion.

We continue north to Viratnagar (85km, under two hours), to visit Bal Ashram for late lunch and the afternoon.

On our return, we shall have opportunities visit contemporary stores (they stay open late!) and perhaps eat out at one of Jaipur's several interesting contemporary-traditional restaurants in historic settings.

DATE	PLACE	HOTEL
Friday, February 28	Jaipur, then Mumbai	Taj Mahal Tower, Superior Sea View Room

Today, we have an in-depth experience of Jaipur city, evoking the exotic and romantic royal lives of the Maharajas and their courts. We visit the great City Palace, its path-breaking Observatory, and a restored courtier's mansion which now showcases the best of Jaipur's crafts – stone-carving, brass, tie-dye, etc. Then we go into the back streets to see some of these craftsmen at work, such as brass-beaters, tie-dye textile workers, gem dealers, block printers, stone-masons, paper-makers, enjoying the traditional colour and vivacious local life as well contemporary architecture, design, arts and conservation – and we stop for lunch at a local restaurant.

Late this afternoon, we fly to Mumbai for our second complete change of culture: this is the port capital of Maharashtra state on the cusp of north and south India. We take an Indigo flight departing Jaipur 17.25hrs, arriving Mumbai 19.35hrs, where we are met and escorted downtown to our hotel, about a 45-55-minute drive.

**This evening:** gather for an introduction to Mumbai and its specific social challenges, and background about two projects supported by GO Campaign here. Just for Kicks [enablingleadership.org/just-for-kicks/](http://enablingleadership.org/just-for-kicks/), founded in 2001, teaches leadership through football, music and play by working with underprivileged schoolchildren to give them skills in team work, discipline, competitiveness, decision-making and self-discipline, leading to confidence in themselves and trust in their teammates. Dharavi Diary [www.dharavidary.org/](http://www.dharavidary.org/) has a vision that all Indians should live with dignity and equal opportunity, especially women and girls living on society's fringes. Their Slum & Rural Innovation Project teaches practical skills and encourages curiosity, problem-solving and self confidence.

**Our hotel:** [www.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj/taj-mahal-palace-mumbai/](http://www.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj/taj-mahal-palace-mumbai/)

Opened in 1903 facing the great harbor of 'Urbs Prima in India' (First City of India) where the world's trade and travelers passed by, this is the only one of the grand hotels of The East to survive in its original form. Totally renovated, it remains a core part of Mumbai society, a meeting place for movers and shakers, with world class restaurants and shopping arcades, an unrivalled location, and walks directly into historic Mumbai's lanes, markets, global contemporary galleries, and historic sites. Yet, it's great courtyard garden and pool, accessible only to residents, is a tranquil haven from city bustle. It also has a Jiva Spa.

DATE	PLACE	HOTEL
Saturday, February 29	Mumbai	Taj Mahal Tower, Superior Sea View Room
Sunday, March 1	Mumbai	Taj Mahal Tower, Superior Sea View Room

We have two days to mix visits to Just For Kicks and Dharavi Diary projects and to explore this most dynamic and international of India's major cities that boomed from the 1850s onwards thanks to the Suez Canal, railways, telegraph and Victorian entrepreneurial traders; it is a city built by the people for the people, as reflected in its history of fine public buildings, a democratic society, great museums and civic-minded population. Today, this is India's sophisticated Janus-headed city, looking both east and west, sustaining the traditions of its own citizens from all parts of India (Gujarat, Goa, Karnataka and further) and all religions (Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, Parsees, Jews, Christians, Muslims, Sikhs), absorbing newcomers of all nationalities from American and European countries as much as from Middle East and Asian ones. We taste this rich, energetic and creative pot pourri – from its glossy magazines, cutting edge fashion and cool bars to the wonder-house Dr Lad Museum, Mahatma Gandhi's Mumbai home and the traditional fishermen.

DATE	PLACE	HOTEL
Monday, March 2	Mumbai	Departure rooms held until noon

At leisure. Louise will assist with each client's wishes for today – there are many avenues to explore, such as a boat trip to Elephanta Island to see early Hindu sculptures, or a train ride to see Portuguese monastic remains.

Rooms are held till noon, then luggage can be stored while clients continue to use the hotel's public areas and facilities.

Each client is personally escorted to the airport for their onward flight, and assisted with security and check-in.

**END OF TOUR**

## **COST**

**USD \$5,960** per person sharing a room

**USD \$7,860** for a single room

*Please note this is not a charitable contribution to GO Campaign; No additional surcharges have been added to benefit GO Campaign.*

### **This cost includes, per person:**

- The Tour, as described in the itinerary for February 23-March 2, 2020
- The services of Louise Nicholson as Tour Manager and Resource, and the service of Quo Vadis as local agent
- ACCOMMODATION: eight nights of hotel accommodation in a double/single room in the room category stated, inclusive of presently applicable taxes (local, state and federal). For optional upgrades, please see below
- MEALS: Daily full breakfast and set-menu lunch, from lunch on February 23 to breakfast on March 2; 6 set-menu dinners inclusive of Indian bottled water and tips (two dinners at leisure). Please note: all room service is payable direct
- TRANSPORTATION: All ground transportation, as detailed in the itinerary using mini bus throughout with complimentary supply of bottled water and soft drinks
- LOCAL GUIDES: Services of local English-speaking guides in each city throughout the stay
- Entrance fee and still camera fee to all monuments & museums in the final itinerary
- Economy class airfares as listed above. Please note: Checked-in baggage allowance in economy class for all domestic flights is 15kg, Air India is 25kg
- Elephant ride at Amber Fort, Jaipur
- Representative assistance at hotels and airports
- Porterage fees and tips at airports
- All presently applicable taxes (local, state, federal)

### **The cost does not include:**

- International or domestic air fares or any extra travel outside The Tour itinerary
- Any extra arrangements, upgrades or pre/post tour bookings
- Any insurance: We strongly advise participants to consider cover for health, luggage, personal possessions, trip or flight cancellations/delays, and all tour-related needs
- Expenses of personal nature, e.g. alcohol, laundry, room service, excess baggage fees
- Personal tips throughout the tour; tips to our guides and drivers (please allow about \$130)
- Medical Requirements
- Visa, required for all foreign nationals visiting India; it is the sole responsibility of each client to ensure their passport is valid and to acquire their visa in good time before departure
- Anything not specified in the Itinerary or Inclusions

Hotels are booked in good faith; changes made by the hotels themselves are beyond our control

### **Terms:**

- There must be a minimum of 15 participants on The Tour. If fewer, it will be re-priced, and the client may accept or cancel at no charge
- The Booking Fee is non-refundable if a client cancels; it is refundable if Louise Nicholson cancels The Tour, or the price increases
- A place is reserved on receipt of the completed Booking Form, signed Responsibility Statement and disclaimer, and the Booking Fee (\$700 per person) by check or credit card information

- Payment of balance of The Tour cost: \$1,000 on having your reservation confirmed by Louise Nicholson, the remainder by October 31, 2019. Each client will be invoiced. Clients are welcome to make full payment as early as they wish. If paying in currencies other than USD, the rate of exchange should be the date of payment
- Cancellation charges for the Tour, per person: \$1,000 up to October 31, 2019. From November 1, 2019, 100% cancellation fee will be charged

**General information - what to expect:**

This is an active program with several demanding travel days and early departures. Many excursions involve walking on varying terrain, including (but not limited to) stairs without handrails, high thresholds, low doorways, and cobbled, uneven paths. It will be necessary to take ferries across rivers and local transport such as, but not limited to, auto-rickshaws. Please be aware that health care standards, facilities, and services abroad may be different or even inadequate for some health conditions. Upon booking, it is essential that you inform us in writing of existing conditions, medical issues, dietary restrictions, or impairments regarding mobility for which you may require medical attention or accommodation during the tour. We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the needs of our travelers; however, services of a personal nature cannot be guaranteed, and any such supplementary services may require payment. By submitting a booking form and booking fee, you affirm that you do not have any physical or other limitations that would create a hazard for yourself or would require adjustments to the tour for other travelers. Please feel free to ask questions or discuss the exertion level of the trip with Louise Nicholson ([louisenicholson999@gmail.com](mailto:louisenicholson999@gmail.com))

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February 23 to March 2, 2020

## BOOKING FORM

Please complete the Booking Form and the Responsibility statement and disclaimer.

Then, mail or scan-email these with your Booking Fee or credit card information to:

Louise Nicholson, 135 East 54th Street, #15K, New York, NY 10022, USA

[louisenicholson999@gmail.com](mailto:louisenicholson999@gmail.com)

### NAME(S) as on passport

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### Address

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Telephone (day) ----- (evening) ----- (cell) -----

E-mail address(es) -----

### The Tour:

Please reserve: Twin-sharing place/s in double room ----- Single places -----.

Where possible I would prefer: a) a double bed ----- b) twin beds -----

I am single but, if the option arises, would be happy to share throughout The Tour -----

I would like to discuss upgrading my hotel rooms and internal flights -----

I would like to discuss ways of extending my trip at the start/end of The Tour -----

Booking fee to secure my place/s:

A: I enclose the non-refundable Booking Fee of \$700 per person, total \$ -----

*Please make your check payable to Louise Nicholson*

OR

B: I would like to pay by credit card, using the following information:

Card no. ----- Expiry date -----

Registered zip code of card ----- Security number -----

I agree to the Terms as set out above

Signed ----- Date -----

## **Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer**

This tour is organized and administered by tour operator Quo Vadis Travel India Pvt Ltd with Louise Nicholson, their North America Representative. The tour operator acts only as an agent by making arrangements for transportation, accommodations, and other services. Neither Louise Nicholson nor the tour operator shall be held liable for personal injury, death, property damage or accident, delay, or irregularity arising out of any act or omission of these suppliers.

The tour operator reserves the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their judgment, conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of tour travelers. The tour operator also reserves the right, without penalty, to withdraw the tour announced, to decline to accept any person as a traveler in a tour, or to require any traveler to withdraw from the tour at any time (including, but not limited to, inappropriate or offensive behavior) when such action is determined by tour staff to be in the best interests of the health, safety, or general welfare of the tour group or the individual traveler.

Dates, schedules, tour details, and costs, although provided in good faith based on information available at the time of publication, are subject to change and revision. No insurance is included in the tour price. It is strongly advised that each participant consider taking out travel and health insurance, and any other protection they may deem prudent. In addition and without limitation, the tour operator is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to persons or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of force majeure, acts of government, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, bites from or attacks by animals, insects, or pests, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, sickness, illness, epidemics or the threat thereof, the lack of availability of or access to medical attention of the quality thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive and depart timely or safely.

### **As a condition of acceptance of any application, each applicant must agree to the statement set forth below:**

The undersigned has read carefully the Responsibility Statement and Liability Disclaimer set forth above, the schedule of activities for this tour, as well as the terms and conditions of application and participation as set forth in the tour brochure(s), and recognizes and accepts any risk associated with the tour and the conditions, including the refund policy, set forth in the tour itinerary.

The undersigned further acknowledges that there are many risks and uncertainties inherent in any travel tour, including but not limited to acts of force majeure, the hazards of various modes of transportation, forces of nature, bites from or attacks by animals, insects or pests, acts or omissions of foreign governments, terrorism, war or insurrection, theft, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, illness, lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof, and damage to person or property due to the negligent acts or omissions of tour staff or others.

In consideration of, and as part payment for, the right to participate in the tour, the undersigned, on behalf of himself, his dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, agrees to release the tour operator and its officers, employees and agents, from liability for personal injury, death, property damage or loss suffered by any person in connection with this tour, even if caused by the negligence (but not the reckless, willful, or fraudulent conduct) of tour staff or other related persons or entities.

In addition, by registering for this tour, the applicant certifies that he or she is mentally and physically capable of full participation in this tour. By registering for this tour, the participant agrees to the responsibility statement and liability disclaimer and the terms and conditions herein.

**Acknowledgement:**

I have read and carefully considered the description of the tour and the physical requirements this tour. I affirm that I do not suffer from any known physical or other impairment that would hinder either my own ability or that of other travelers to fully participate in the scheduled activities.

I/we agree to the conditions and terms as set out above:

Participant no.1. Please print your name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Participant no. 2. Please print your name  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_