



SO WE MEET AGAIN

In the July 2010 issue of **TRAVEL UNRAVEL**, we highlighted the French Experience Tour. In November 2010, we made it a reality.

We set off for Paris via Istanbul in the early hours of dawn and arrived at the Charles De Gaul Airport, Paris in the evening. It was chilly when we landed and all our designer cardigans from our handbags were on display. After we went past immigrations and baggage claim, we got into our Mercedes Benz coach and drove to our hotel. We relaxed for a couple of hours and then went to an Indian Restaurant for a hot buffet meal. We went to bed early that night, the cold coupled with fatigue saw us covered with blankets early that night.

The next three days in Paris were packed with visits, events and mind-blowing experiences not to forget the weather that was adding to the thrill making us cold to the bone. However nothing could hold us from having a great time at the Louvre, Notre dame Cathedral, the Seine River Cruise, Disneyland, Versailles Palaces and Gardens and.... hold your breath, finally a date with the Eiffel Tower to view the historic city from the second level (115 meters).

The next three days we spent driving on the carpeted roads (not one pothole in sight) of France, travelling to Bordeaux, Toulouse and Nice. We visited the Museum and Cathedral at Bordeaux; The Space City and Aerobus factory at Toulouse and drove past the Harbour at Nice. The Aero-Bus Factory was an awesome experience as we got an insight of an Airbus 380; the biggest plane (with a first floor or upper deck) and the Concorde, the world's fastest plane (now grounded).

From Nice we flew to Istanbul and spent a day at Istanbul visiting the Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace and the Aya Sofia. Istanbul is also famous for its carpets, handicrafts, Turkish Delight and many artifacts that can induce a person to keep buying much beyond his means.

The tour was a huge success, the 36 students and four teachers that joined us had a great time. Both France and Turkey were fantastic destinations and lived up to our expectations.

We hope to do many more tours and give opportunities to many more students to see new worlds, new cultures and gain new experiences.

Taking **Maharashtra** to the world



In the Golden Maharashtra year - 2010, Creative Outdoor Development Education (CODE) takes this opportunity to acknowledge personalities in the Educational field that have promoted Maharashtra in the last destination. In this issue we feature

Mrs. Vinita Mansukhani, Principal, The Scholar High School, Mumbai.



Practical thinking, modern views, dignified personality, cool attitude, strict disciplinarian and a pragmatic approach towards outdoor education that's Mrs. Vinita Mansukhani in a nutshell. Mrs. Mansukhani believes in

the Management philosophy: **Plan your work and work your plan.** From Maharashtra to the world has been her course of action. In her tenure she has covered Maharashtra and has given equal importance to other historical destinations in India. Every tour organized for students is linked with events in history or a learning experience in environmental studies or both. She believes a lot still needs to be done and every step that she is taking today is bringing her closer to the goals she has set for her institution. We at CODE acknowledge her contribution of promoting educational tours in Maharashtra and are aware of her potentials as a capable administrator and a considerate Principal.

CODE SUMMER CAMPS IN APRIL – MAY 2011



The long awaited dates of the CODE Summer Camps will be out soon. Watch this space for new camp sites and more information of Summer Camps in 2011.



The endless wilderness and big game of this region has long attracted travelers from all over the world. No other African country can boast such an extraordinary range of



panorama, exclusive geographical features and innumerable species of wildlife. Kenya offers the tourist an opportunity to experience a natural world unchanged by the passage of time. A safari into the wilds of Kenya is a journey into nature at its purest. Everywhere you look there is a profusion of wildlife. The popular parks visited by tourist to spot the big five (Lion, leopard, elephant, bison and rhino) are the Masai Mara National Park, Lake Nakuru Park, Amboselli National Park, Samburu National Park, Tsavo East National Park, Tsavo West National Park, Aberdares National Park to name a few.

MASAI MARA ... LAKE NAKURU ... AMBOSELLI

Masai Mara is the most famous wildlife conservation area in Kenya and indeed the world. This game reserve is home to a rich variety of wildlife from the big cats like the Lion and Leopard to elephant, rhino and vast herds of herbivores such as wildebeest. The scenic Lake Nakuru National Park is situated in the Great Rift Valley, in Kenya, and is home to a variety of wildlife such as the lion, leopard, rhino, giraffe and buffalo. Lake Nakuru is a world heritage site famous for its million plus flamingo population, is also an ornithologist's heaven with over 450 plus bird species. Amboseli is famous for its big game and its great scenic beauty - the landscape is dominated by Mt. Kilimanjaro. Large concentrations of wildlife occur here in the dry season, making Amboseli a popular tourist destination.

Take a holiday to Kenya and experience the diverse cultures, equatorial forests, mighty snow-capped mountains, exotic history and endless opportunities to explore (jeep safaris) and relaxation.

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THE TADoba RESERVE – NAGPUR TOUR

In our endeavor to promote Maharashtra in its 50th Golden Jubilee year, we take you to Maharashtra's famous Tadoba Wildlife Reserve to sight the Tiger. We also take a tour of Maharashtra's holy city, Nagpur.

Day 01: Mumbai – Chandrapur

Report at the CST Terminus at 1400 hours. Leave for Chandrapur on board 2139 Sevagram Express at 1500 hours. Dinner and Overnight in the train.

Day 02 : Chandrapur – Tadoba Tiger Reserve

Morning, arrive Chandrapur at 0935 hours. Transfer to our resort at the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve (45 km). Arrive check in and Breakfast at the Jungle Resort. After Lunch embark on a Jeep Safari in the Tadoba Tiger Reserve. Evening leave for a Jungle Walk to spot bird life around the Park. Dinner, Film on wildlife and Overnight at the Jungle Resort.

Day 03 : Tadoba Tiger Reserve - Nagpur

Early morning enjoy a Wildlife Jeep Safari in the Tiger Reserve. Return to the Jungle Resort for breakfast. After breakfast leave for Nagpur (142 km) Arrive Nagpur, check in and lunch at the hotel. After lunch leave for the Balaji Temple. Dinner and Overnight at the hotel.

Day 04 : Nagpur - Mumbai

Morning after breakfast leave to visit the Dragon Palace Buddhist Temple (17 km) . Return to Nagpur for lunch After lunch visit Diksha Bhoomi, a holy monument of the Buddhist. Also visit the Ambazari lake, the largest and the most beautiful lake in the city. Report at the Nagpur Railway Station at 1600 hours. Leave for Mumbai CST by the 2106 Vidharbha Express at 1700 hours. Dinner and Overnight in the train.

Day 05 : Mumbai

Morning , arrive Mumbai CST at 0650 hours. Tour ends.

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