

Cardiologist Michael Jelinek & wife Danielle in Jodhpur.



Darjeeling: Kanchenjunga, the 3rd tallest peak



Anthony Steel, Adelaide Festival Director in Dharmasala



The September 2011 SPIRIT of INDIA group



Isobel & Peter Sims at the Jain Temple in Ranakpur.

SPIRIT *of* INDIA

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an ancient but thriving rich Asian civilisation*



*Front Cover:
Lady Singing, Rajasthan, 17th century*

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* Price correct as at October 2011. Variations may occur if prices in India change.



Mrs Isobel Sims and Dr Peter Sims, from England, at breakfast in the Dining Hall of the India International Centre in New Delhi.

A NOTE ON ACCOMMODATION

We spend 6 nights, with breaks, at the India International Centre, a 5-star home for visiting eminent scholars, carved out of the beautiful Lodi Gardens. Tour price includes \$45 temporary membership fee. The Auragabad Ambassador and Aodhi at Kumbhalgarh Fort and Mayfair in Darjeeling are similar quality and ambience hotels.



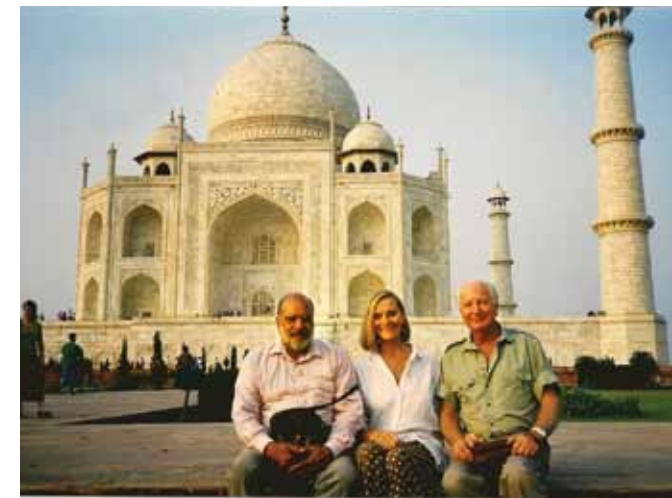
Rob Brookman, GM Sydney Theatre Company, with wife Verity at World Heritage Humayun's Tomb, New Delhi, precursor of The Taj Mahal.



Mohindar Dhillon, the Tour Leader



SPIRIT of INDIA 2004 group with Dr G Mangan in the Kangra Valley.



Mohindar, with Inge & Val Morgan (of Val Morgan Advertising) at the Taj.