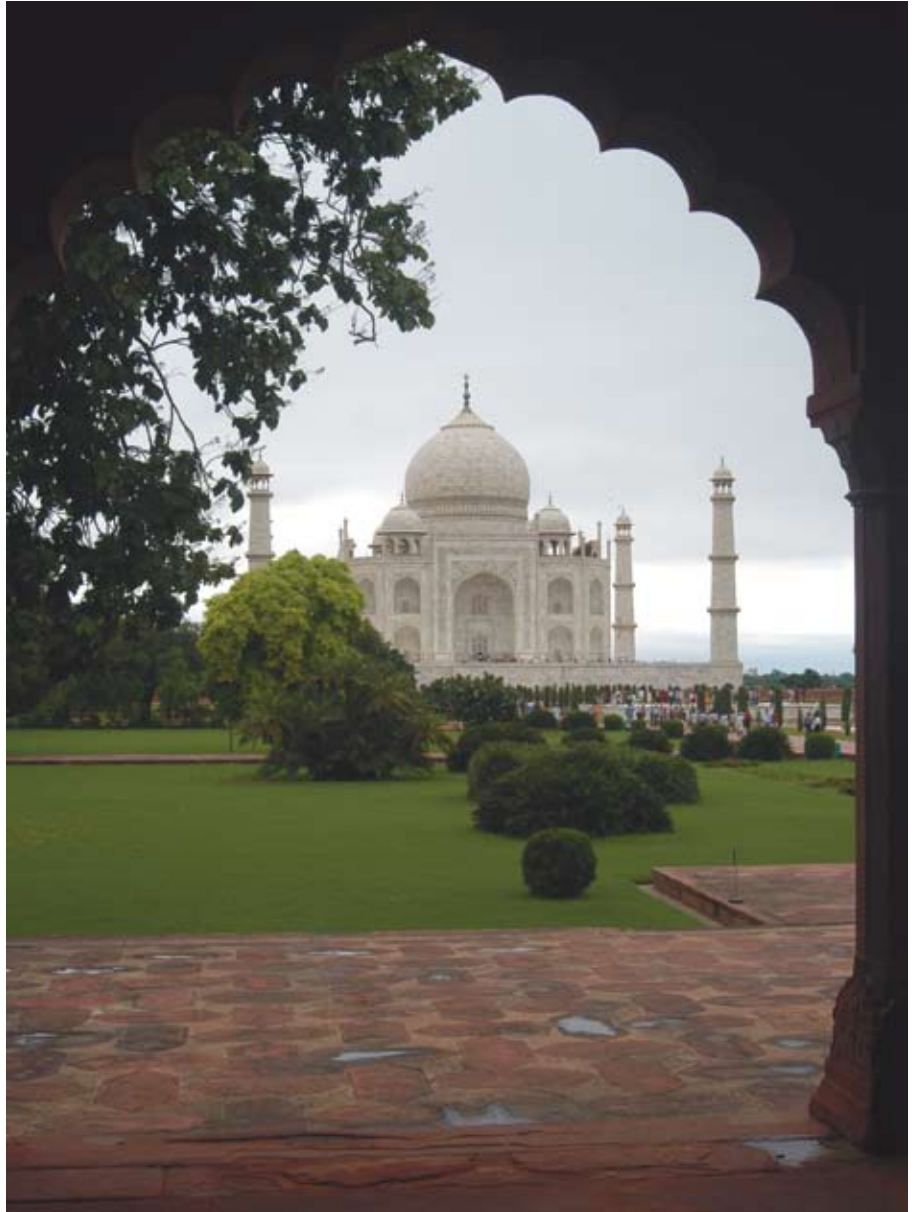


## An Architectural Wonder

IN OCTOBER 2004 I realized one of my dreams by visiting the Taj Mahal, one of the true architectural wonders of the world. During my fifth trip to India, I made the unforgettably long trek by bus from New Delhi to Agra. The sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of India had already saturated my consciousness long before travel fatigue set in. When we finally reached Agra, I could not contain my excitement and wanted to behold the marvel immediately and to try to capture some of its charm in my camera. The weather was not ideal, but fortunately the rain had ended, leaving only heavy humidity mixed with the heat. What I saw captured my fancy so much that I was like a child in a candy store. I was here and there taking photos from many angles and hardly hearing what the guide had to say. (After all, I could read more about the Taj Mahal later.) The architecture was soft and luring, beckoning hundreds of other visitors, many of which were Indians, for their special day at the Taj Mahal. Many have made the pilgrimage to Agra before me and countless others will follow in our steps over time. **IE**

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