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# Golf and trip down history top on Christina's Capital plans

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**GURGAON:** On her official Twitter page, Christina Kim describes herself as 'L... love making people laugh and smile.' If you get a chance to meet the lady pro, you can't help but fall for her vivacious ways.

On her maiden visit to India — for the fifth edition of the Hero Women's Indian Open, the American has her priorities right. "I want to visit the Humayun's Tomb, Red Fort and Qutab Minar because I love history. I want to understand different cultures. It also gives me an opportunity to click historical structures," said the keen photographer at the DLF Golf & Country Club on Tuesday.

But isn't the Taj Mahal on the must-see list of any foreigner? "I want to, but don't know if I can manage it this time. In case I miss out, it would be an incentive to come back next year," she said, acknowledging that the



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only Hindi words she knew were *namaste*, *paneer* and *murg*.

Tri-sanctioned by the Ladies European Tour (LET), Ladies Asian Golf Tour and Women's Golf Association of India, the event carries a prize purse of \$300,000 (app R1.54 crore).

Born to Korean parents in San Jose, California, the 27-year-old was handed a club at the age of 12 by her dad. "He told me not to stop swinging it till I was good. I haven't stopped yet," said Christina, whose first win on the LET came at the Sicilian Italian Ladies Open this year.

It's not only golf which drives

## KNOW CHRISTINA

■ Born: March 15, 1984

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

LPGA: Longs Drugs Challenge '04, Mitchell Company Tournament of Champions '05

LET: Sicilian Italian Open '11

US Solheim Cup member ('05, '09, '11)

this flamboyant player. Having co-authored 'Swinging from My Heels', on her 2009 season on the Tour, she confessed it had been "therapeutic". "Life on the Tour is not always glitz and glamour. It was my way of expressing my feelings."

Playing on both Tours, the LPGA and LET, Christina is determined to continue the trend next year and play 30 tournaments. "My game needs a lot of work. I've barely started scratching at the surface. I feel my peak is going to come in a few years' time," she said.