

Shake Hands

India Volunteer Program

Gap Year India Expedition Program

Program Itinerary

1st Week

Day 01: Arrival in India

Personally meet at Delhi Airport and show pre booked hotel to refresh and chill out. Overnight stay at hotel.

Day 02: To Agra... *City of Taj Mahal* (approx 4.5 Hrs journey by car)

The India Expedition begins in Delhi with all its magnificent contrasts between old and new India. You will visit Gandhi Memorial, India Gate, and try out some of their famous markets. After Delhi it is onto Agra, to see the Taj Mahal's outstanding beauty. After Lunch you will travel by deluxe Car to Agra for an overnight stay and a visit to the stunning Taj Mahal including Agra fort.

Day 03: To Ranthambhore... *On the Tigers trail* (approx 05 Hrs journey by car)

Day Third will bring you to Sawai Madhopur, where you can check into a forest lodge, on the outskirts of the Ranthambhore National Park. Post lunch, enjoy an exhilarating jungle safari inside the wildlife sanctuary and have fun spotting wild animals and exotic birds. Overnight stay at the lodge

Day 04: To Jaipur... *Sheer Symphony in pink* (approx 3.5 Hrs journey by car)

The evening will proceed for Jaipur on the Forth day of the India Expedition, set out for Jaipur, situated at a distance of 140 kms. Upon arrival, check into a Jaipur volunteer's home. Overnight stay in Jaipur volunteer's house and share experience with other staying volunteers.

Orientation

Day 05: Introduction to India Part 1

10:00 Assemble at office

10:00- 10:30 Group Discussion-India, Preconceptions, questions, concerns

10:30-11:30 Session 1- Modern Indian History

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45-13:15 Session 2- Modern Indian Culture (regional, linguistic, religious identities, focus on Hindu culture)

13:15-13:30 Meet local partner staff

13:30-14:30 Lunch and Rest

14:30-17:30 Afternoon excursion (trip to Jhauhari Bazaar, shopping in the old city)

17:30-19:30 Welcome Dinner at volunteer house

Day 06: Introduction to India Part 2

10:00 Assemble at office

10:00- 10:45 Introductions to Indian Culture and Social Issues

10:45-11:30 Rules & regulation to follow in Indian Culture

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45-12:30 Introduction to Hindi (background: history and pronunciation, helpful Hindi words, phrases)

12:30-13:30 Hindi Session 1

13:30-16:30 Lunch and Rest

16:30-22:00 Afternoon excursion & trip to Chokhi Dhani and Dinner

22:30 Back to volunteer house

Day 07: Program Introduction

10:00 Assemble at office

10:00- 10:45 Program Introduction (Volunteer Requirement, work area and other)

10:45-11:30 Hindi Session 2

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45-12:30 Program Introduction (volunteer activities)

12:30-13:30 Hindi Session 3

13:30-14:30 Lunch and Rest

14:30-19:00 Afternoon excursion trip to Rajmandir for Bollywood movie & Birla Temple

19:30 Back to volunteer house

2nd Week

Day 01: Jaipur Sightseeing

10:00 Assemble at office

10:00-11:30 Visit to Amber Fort

11:30- 13:15 Visit to Jaigarh Fort

13:30-14:00 Lunch at Nahargarh

14:00-15:00 Visit Nahargarh

15:00-18:30 Visit to Kanak Vrindvan, City Palace, Jantar Mantar, Hawa Mahal & visit to old city)

19:00 Back to volunteer house

Day 02: To Pushkar... *Feast of colors* (approx 3 Hrs journey by car)

After breakfast set out for the holy town of Pushkar. Visit the Brahma temple in India, the Savitri temple and the three sacred lakes of Pushkar. Also, visit the Nag Pahar and return to Jaipur for another overnight stay in Jaipur volunteer's house.

Day 03: To Jodhpur... *The Sun City* (approx 4 Hrs journey by car)

After breakfast drive to Jodhpur and avail of tailor-made Jodhpur tour itineraries that show you the best of a royal land that vibrates with a colorful soul and tales of valor, overnight stay in hotel.

Day 04: To Jaisalmer... *The Golden City* (approx 4.5 Hrs journey)

After breakfast Travel to Jaisalmer, Jaisalmer tour itineraries aid you explore a culturally rich land, royal traditions, folk customs, awe-inspiring forts, exquisitely chiseled sandstone havelis, temples and several enchanting tourist attractions that captivate you completely.

Day 05: Jaisalmer Sightseeing and Camel Safari in Thar Desert

We offer specially tailored Jaisalmer trip that suits your holiday needs and show you the best of this magnificent land in an organized manner. Jaisalmer tour itineraries are perhaps the best ways of exploring this golden land of royal princes, ambling camels, captivating forts, gay festivities and passionate love stories. A night under the sky performs with millennium stars, overnight stay in desert.

Day 06: To Back to Pushkar... (approx 06 Hrs journey)

For another night stay, you are free to visit Pushkar and markets

Day 07: To Dharamshala... *The Queen of hills* (approx 12 Hrs journey by train)

By train overnight journey to Dharamshala from Pushkar.

3rd Week

Day 01: Arrival at Dharamshala

Arrival in Dharamshala in early morning and transfer to host family.

Day 02: Dharamshala Sightseeing

Leave Host Family at 09:00 after Break Fast to Dharamshala & McLeodGanj Sightseeing. Evening will proceed to 3 days trekking program, depart to trekking Base Camp (Dharamkot-Top of McLeodGanj) and overnight stay.

Day 03: Himalayan Trekking - Day 1

- Early morning breakfast and tea
- Begin trekking excursion from the trekking base camp at 07:30 (Approx)
- Trek throughout day, with frequent breaks for water, tea, packed lunch.
- Reach at Triund (mid-way point) afternoon and take Lunch
- Reach at mountain's summit at Ilaka Glassier
- Setup Camp for overnight and Dinner

Day 04: Himalayan Trekking – Day 2

- Early morning breakfast and tea
- Continue trekking onwards to Snow Line (Lashash)
- Trek downwards; reach at Triund (mid-way point) early evening.
- Setup camp for overnight
- Dinner and campfire

Day 05: Himalayan Trekking – Day 3

- Early morning breakfast and tea
- Continue trekking downwards, Dharamshala and transfer to host family.

4th Week

Day 01 - 05: Work

Day 06 - 07: Free

5th Week

Day 01 - 05: Work

Day 06 - 07: Trip to Amritsar and visit to Golden Temple

6th Week

Day 01 - 05: Work

Day 06 - 07: Free

(Program end, who having upto 6 week duration program they will be provided flight back to Delhi from Dharamshala airport and free to individual activities)

7th Week

Day 01 - 05: Work

Day 06 - 07: Trip to Kullu-Manali-Rohatang Pass including River Rafting

8th Week

Day 01 - 05: Work

Day 06 - 07: Free

(Program end, who having upto 8 week duration program they will be provided flight back to Delhi from Dharamshala airport and free to individual activities)

9th-12th Week

Day 01 - 05: Work

Day 06 - 07: Free

(Program end, who having upto 12 week duration program they will be provided flight back to Delhi from Dharamshala airport and free to individual activities)

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