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India: The Initiative for Children

Make a difference in the lives of Indian youth as you uncover the Golden Triangle: a magical part of India from the Taj Mahal, to the royal city of Jaipur and Pushkar.

OVERVIEW

On this program you will explore the cultural and historical heritage of each city in the Golden Triangle - the diverse people, the dramatic landscapes and ancient architecture all draped in spiritual energy. You'll have the opportunity to help India's underserved children in both a school as well as volunteer on community development projects settings. Immerse yourself in the richness of Indian culture - from cooking courses to traditional clothing workshops and even yoga! On the 21 Day Flagship program, explore the fullness of Delhi, learn about Bollywood dance & watch a Bollywood film, go on an overnight Desert safari excursion to learn more about the traditional nomadic families and visit incredible temples to complete your Golden Triangle adventure.

21-DAY PROGRAM

July 1 - July 21

Tuition: \$5,399
Service Hours: 60 (21 day)
Airport: Delhi (DEL)
Ratio: 6:1

HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Travel to the Taj Mahal, the world's most famous monument of love
- ★ Explore multiple UNESCO World Heritage sites across India's Golden Triangle
- ★ Live in the royal city of Jaipur, known as the "Pink City" for the distinctive color of its old city
- ★ Teach India's children and support infrastructure projects at local schools
- ★ Take part in an Indian cooking lesson, dress workshops, and yoga sessions
- ★ 21 day only: Camp in the desert outskirts of Pushkar
- ★ 21 day only: Take the ropeway

14 DAY PROGRAM
July 1 - July 14

Tuition: \$3,999
Service Hours: 45 (14 day)
Airport: Delhi (DEL)
Ratio: 6:1

cable car to Savriti Mata
Temple
★ 21 day only: Go to a Bollywood
Movie

SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

Be part of the initiative to support children academically in a part of the world where the literacy rate is below 70%. In Jaipur, you'll work in a local school that serves some of the area's impoverished youth. Your service may range from improving infrastructure to beautifying the facilities or even engaging in structured play with the kids. In Pushkar, volunteer at an all girls school funded purely on donations. 21 day only: Return to Jaipur to teach children in a government school, where funding is almost non-existent and the need is great.

DAILY BREAKDOWN

Actual schedule of activities will vary by program session. The information detailed here is typical for what you can expect to experience; however, service work and activities vary depending upon the needs of our local community partners, various celebrations and customs, as well as the weather and specific needs of the student group.



DAY 1: NAMASTE! WELCOME TO INDIA!

You'll be greeted by GLA staff at the Delhi International Airport. You will have the evening free to relax, unpack, and rest up from the long flight.

DAY 2: ORIENTATION & DELHI SIGHT SEEING

Your day will start with a detailed orientation in the morning after breakfast to learn all about the place you'll call home in the coming weeks as well as discuss the program goals. After a tea break, we'll start our Golden Triangle adventure by exploring Delhi where you'll learn and see some of India's most famous monuments and historical sites including ; India gate, Agrasen Ki baoli, and Qutub Minaar and end of at the famous Delhi Haat market.

DAY 3: AGRA & THE TAJ MAHAL

Today we'll travel to the second part of the Golden Triangle which is also home to the world's most timeless symbol of love: Agra and the Taj Mahal! An English-speaking guide will tell us all about this awe-inspiring UNESCO World Heritage site - the building, its creator Shah Jahan, and the ideas behind its construction. Later, we will visit the Red Fort, another amazing building in Agra, which was the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal dynasty in



the 17th century.

After our fun day of sightseeing, we'll continue on to our third stop of the Golden Triangle which will also be our main location for service - The Pink City, Jaipur!

DAY 4: JAIPUR & SERVICE BEGINS!

With literacy rates below 70%, education has become an important initiative in India. We will have the opportunity to be a part of these efforts over the next five days at our new service site. We will work at a mid-level K-12 school where dozens of motivated children await your attention and tutoring. You'll teach and exchange cultural knowledge through various activities and mediums such as drawing, painting, presentations, and more. We'll also assist the school with many of its infrastructural needs - from re-plastering & painting walls to cleaning & sprucing up the classrooms around the school.



DAY 5: SERVICE CONTINUES & TRADITIONAL POTTERY

Today we'll continue working on our service projects at the school. Later, we will experience India's ancient art and pottery method, called blue pottery, which is famous worldwide. We'll visit with local artisans and entrepreneurs who manufacture, sell, and export the products of blue pottery like cups, vases, kettles, and much more. You'll learn how these beautiful handicraft items are made, and you'll have a chance to purchase gifts and souvenirs to bring home.



DAYS 6 - 8: YOGA , SERVICE & CULTURAL EXPLORATION

Start the day on the right foot with a morning yoga session. In the evening, participate in a practical Hindi language class to increase your knowledge about the language and to help you during service.

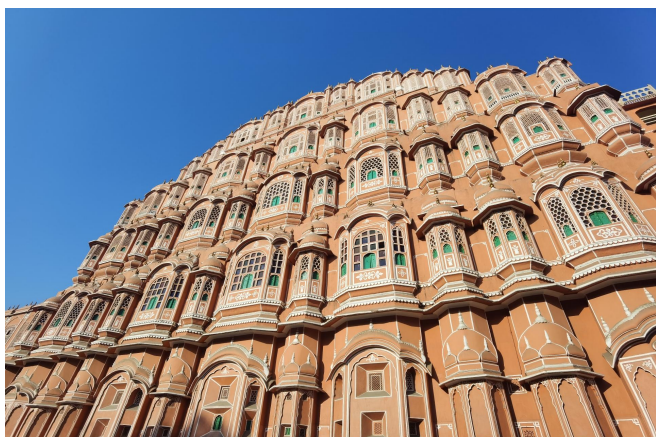
After school service, we'll dive into various cultural activities: Learn how to play Cricket, India's most popular outdoor sport. Attend an Indian dress workshop to learn about the traditional dress in India. Learn about the cultural importance of henna, and get temporary henna tattoos on your hands from a local artist.

DAY 9- 10: SIGHTSEEING IN JAIPUR

Over the next two days we'll explore why the city of Jaipur was named a world heritage site and see many cultural and historic landmarks:

- ❖ Amber Fort, a strikingly beautiful palace and UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ❖ Hawa Mahal - Jaipur's iconic symbol "The Palace of winds" is tallest building in the world without a foundation





- ❖ Jal Mahal, a water palace situated in the middle of a beautiful lake
- ❖ Birla Mandir, a Hindu temple made completely of stunning white marble and intricate carvings
- ❖ City Palace, a grand palace complex belonging to the Princess of Jaipur. Here you'll experience the royal heritage of Rajasthan: the cavalry, ancient artillery, clothing and precious possessions, and ancient royal weapons of the Maharajas and the famous Peacock gate!

In the afternoon on Day 10, we will drive about 3.5 hours to our next Home Base in the laid back town of Pushkar, the Holy City of Lord Brihma. After we settle in and have dinner, we'll rest up for our second service project that starts tomorrow.



PUSHKAR

DAYS 11 - 13: VOLUNTEER AT A GIRLS SCHOOL

On our first full day in Pushkar, we will start the day with some sightseeing around Pushkar, where our guide will teach us about the history and origins of the city and its landmarks. We'll visit the Brihma Temple (the only Brihma Temple in the world), as well as the holy pond.

Over the next four days, we'll work at our new service site, a school for underprivileged girls in Pushkar. The school is completely funded by donations. Service activities will include renovation projects to help beautify the school (such as plastering walls) and building a play area for the students outside their classrooms.

In the evenings, we'll have yoga sessions and we'll also have the opportunity to explore the vibrant Pushkar night market.

DAY 14: 14 DAY ONLY TRANSFER TO JAPIUR - GROUP FLIGHT TO DELHI , DEPARTURE

Before you even know it, the 14-day discovery journey must come to an end. Head to the airport today with memories and knowledge that will benefit you for life! Staff will assist students with checking in and accompany them until they have safely departed for their gates at Delhi Airport. The 21 day group will continue on their adventure!

21 DAY ONLY

DAY 14 -15: SERVICE CONTINUES

Service continues for the 21 day students to complete the renovation projects to help beautify the school (such as plastering walls) and building a play area for the students outside their classrooms.

You'll have plenty of time with the students as well. On our final morning at the school, we'll organize a farewell activity to say





goodbye to the girls.

Day 16-17 : ROPEWAY TO SAVRITI MATA TEMPLE & OVERNIGHT DESERT CAMPING EXCURSION

This afternoon we head into the Pushkar desert! When we arrive, we'll dive straight into Kalbeliya culture where they will perform their traditional dance & we will learn and join in around the campfire. After dinner, we'll continue to gather around the campfire so we can share stories and reflect on your experiences so far. Prepare for some spectacular stargazing!

After a traditional breakfast, we'll pack up and head back to Pushkar. Back in Pushkar we'll do some more exploring and last-minute shopping ; in the afternoon we'll say farewell to this city as we head back to our first Home Base in Jaipur.

BACK TO JAIPUR

DAYS 17- 19: SERVICE AND CULTURE

Over the next three days, we will assist with a community development project run by our partner organisation, Aii Group.

Visit the "Jaipur Foot Organization," the first of its kind. The organization provides prosthetic devices to amputees which dramatically changes the quality of life for them. It is a revolutionary initiative for amputees that has helped over 2 million beneficiaries since it's inception. Here we will see the process from production to fitting the artificial limbs and why their innovation was voted by Time Magazine as one of the 50 best inventions in the world.

Watch a Bollywood movie with the local GLA staff. Bollywood is the biggest and most productive movie industry in the world.

Visit a business involved in manufacturing clothing. Here you will learn about fabric, clothing, cutting patterns, stitching, and then packing.

DAY 20 : TRANSFER TO DELHI ; AKSHARDHAM TEMPLE

Today we will transfer back to Delhi where we will visit the iconic Akshardham Temple and have a farewell dinner.

Celebrate your accomplishments with your fellow GLA students, reflect on the experiences you've had, and share the self-discoveries that made this trip special.

DAY 21: DEPARTURE

Time to say goodbye! We'll head to the Delhi airport to catch our evening flights, with memories that will last a lifetime and photos to preserve the experience. Staff will assist students with checking in and accompany them until they have safely departed for their gates. Good-bye, India!





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POSSIBLE CHANGES TO PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DUE TO COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please note that program activities may change in order to accommodate COVID-19 regulations. In particular, service projects and other activities that typically involve close contact or engagement with members of the local community may be curbed, altered or skipped depending on staff evaluations on the ground and/or at the discretion of our Executive Director and Director of Program Operations & Risk Management. Every effort will be made to provide an exceptional experience on-location, at whatever level of community interaction is deemed safe at the time.

TRAVELING TO INDIA

GLA HOME BASE | In Jaipur, we will stay in a hotel that is reserved for our group. In Pushkar, we will stay in an enclosed compound. Both Home Bases are nice, clean and safe accommodation. Students will stay in gender-segregated rooms with

roommates and have access to shared bathrooms. Meals will consist of mostly vegetarian dishes due to the local culture, but non-vegetarian dishes will also be provided.

FOOD | Meals will consist almost exclusively of vegetarian dishes due to the local culture, but some non-vegetarian dishes will also be provided. Roti (flat bread), rice, curries, and lentils will all be very common dishes.

CLIMATE | Monsoon is occasional in this part of the country, but one can expect medium to heavy rainfall from July to September, so make sure to bring appropriate rain gear. The temperature in Jaipur can reach a maximum of 100 degrees--be sure to pack light yet conservative clothing.

LEADERSHIP

Global Leadership Adventures started as an educational institute, so we continue to think and act like educators—not tour operators—as we deliver life-changing programs. We intentionally weave a leadership curriculum into the daily experience on our programs. Through group discussion, meaningful service, workshops, speakers and excursions, staff guide students to reflect on program events through the lens of leadership, and celebrate outstanding examples of leaders they encounter in the local community. Lending this context to the experience creates development and growth opportunities for students to dig deep into their vision, purpose and knowledge of themselves and the world.

ABOUT GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES

Global Leadership Adventures was founded in 2003 by Fred Swaniker, a native of Ghana, TED Fellow and educational entrepreneur whose work has been praised by Barack Obama. Born as a global extension of the revolutionary African Leadership Academy, Global Leadership Adventures now operates programs centered around leadership, sustainable community service projects, and meaningful travel across Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. Through life-changing adventures, we strive to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.

GLA HAS BEEN FEATURED IN:

The New York Times

 **USA TODAY**

 **NBC NEWS**

The Boston Globe
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Our Expectations

Be present

Our mission at GLA is “to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.” To that end, we expect GLA students to maintain high standards of personal behavior and to be open-minded. The culture will be different, sometimes shockingly so. GLA will challenge students as they are expected to work hard and be present physically and mentally for all activities. We also ask students to take a step back from regular use of technology - particularly their smartphones - so as to maximize their engagement with the program and their fellow participants. Students will get hot, dirty and bug-bitten along the way, but their contribution will transform the community. The goal is for each student to return home with a life-changing experience.

No tolerance

GLA has a no-tolerance policy towards drugs, alcohol, tobacco and disruptive behavior. Those who violate or are suspected of violating this policy will be immediately dismissed from the program at the sole discretion of GLA staff.

Community-led experiences

GLA makes every effort to offer well-thought-out programs crafted for high school students. Detailed planning and exhaustive communications with partners are indispensable parts of our program development process. Occasionally, however, service and activities are adjusted from session to session, due to weather, changing needs of our local community partners and various cultural celebrations and customs. We expect participants to be open-minded and flexible, willing to embrace the experience when plans change. GLA makes every effort to communicate adjustments to students and families with advance notice. We expect you to be open-minded and flexible.

Mentorship

GLA is not a therapy program. Our staff are highly skilled, professional, caring and fun, but they are not licensed therapists. GLA programs can be physically and emotionally demanding, and applicants should be in good physical and mental health.

We're Here to Help

Contact Us

Want to learn more about Global Leadership Adventures and our available programs? Our team of Enrollment Specialists are experts on our programs and happy to answer your questions. They have collectively visited, staffed, or sent their own teen to every one of our programs abroad, and have unique insights to share on everything from getting your travel documents together to what a typical day on a program is like. Call us at 1-858-771-0645 any time during office hours for assistance.

Enroll Now

Now is the best time to enroll! In fact, our most popular programs fill early every year, and many students end up on the waiting list for their 1st choice program. The best way to ensure you save your spot is to place your deposit and apply early. You can easily enroll online at www.experienceGLA.com/enroll.