



Educational Tours



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CONNECTING TO CULTURE AND SERVICE IN INDIA

12 days

MEANINGFUL. SUSTAINABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.

Just a few hundred miles southwest of New Delhi is the ancient city of Udaipur—a bustling collection of palaces and winding waterways that earned it the name “City of Lakes”. From the moment you step foot into town, your senses will be overwhelmed with the aroma of samosas cooking in street stalls, the vibrant colors of sari-clad women and the sound of hundreds of conversations in dozens of languages. Travel down winding roads to one of the rural communities. Together with the award-winning charity Free The Children, you’ll spend your days volunteering on a building project and getting to know the locals through meaningful service, daily chores and traditional customs.

15

Estimated service hours

YOUR SERVICE PROJECT THEMES

We work with the award-winning charity Free The Children to better understand the needs of each community and then focus projects on those issues.

Themes include:

- Clean Water & Sanitation
- Education
- Health
- Alternative Income
- Agriculture & Food Security

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What to expect on this Service Learning Tour

MEANINGFUL SERVICE

Working side by side with locals, you'll gain insight into the challenges they face and build lasting solutions to help empower the community.

Projects include:

- Building and restoring projects in school communities so local students have a safe place to learn
- Planting trees and community gardens
- Tilling the ground for crops to provide sustainable food sources

CULTURAL IMMERSION

Live near the communities you serve—celebrating customs and forming lasting connections with locals.

Activities include:

- Participating in Bollywood dancing lessons
- Taking yoga lessons from expert yogis
- Cooking samosas after learning traditional techniques in a live demonstration

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Your Field Director takes your global service experience even further, developing and strengthening leadership skills through activities and workshops.

Exercises include:

- Investigating global issues, exploring social issues and building leadership skills through expert-led workshops
- Contextualizing the day's events through thoughtful discussion and group dialogue
- Reflective journaling to deepen the service experience





Students attempt to balance water jugs on their heads like the local women



Local customs are shared with students as residents place handmade necklaces around their necks

12-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Fly overnight to India

Day 2: Arrive in Delhi

Meet your Field Director at the airport. After you arrive at your accommodations, settle in and meet your group for a country orientation and safety overview.

Day 3: Delhi

Explore the city on foot with your expert local guide. In Old Delhi, walk through the symbolic heart of the city once filled with mansions, mosques and gardens. Then head to New Delhi, the official capital where historic sites abound.

Day 4: Agra

Travel to Agra, the former capital of India and location of several UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

- Visit the Taj Mahal, the extravagant palace that's considered by many to be the jewel of Muslim art.
- Visit the Agra Fort, an ancient walled city symbolizing power, strength and resilience.

Days 5-11: Service Project—Free The Children Community

As communities evolve so do their needs. That's why we work closely with Free The Children to better understand local challenges. Since projects are determined closer to your actual tour date, here's a glimpse at what a typical day might look like.

- Working side by side with locals, you'll help address challenges that focus on areas of improvement in education, health, clean water and sanitation, alternative income and agriculture. These projects include building and restoring local schools, planting trees and community garden work.

- Interspersed throughout the day, you'll participate in activities that celebrate local culture like language lessons, yoga instruction, guided tours of Udaipur, Bollywood dancing lessons and more.
- Each evening, you'll reflect, discuss events as a group and draw connections between the day's work and relevant global issues.

Day 11: Depart for home

Day 12: Arrive home



LOCAL INSIGHT AND SUPPORT

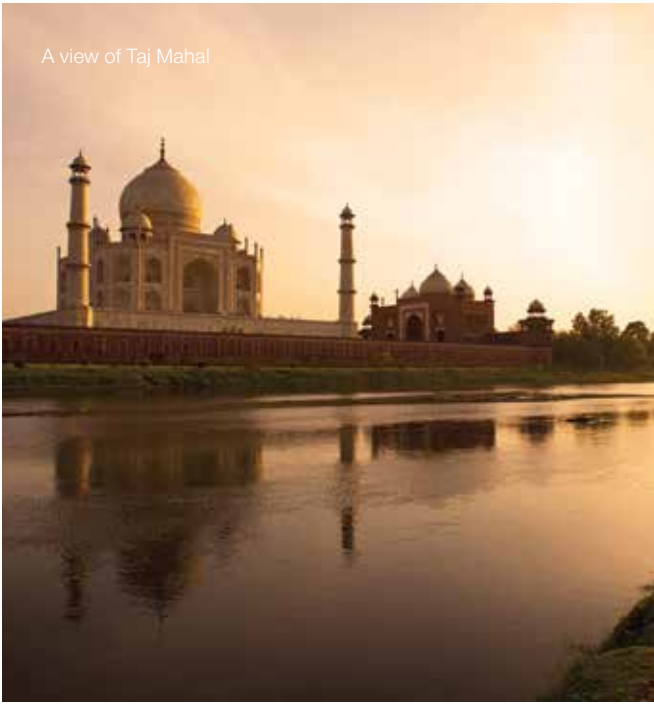
Your Field Director deepens your connection to the land, people and culture. With local perspective on community challenges and skilled training in service leadership, they'll provide insight and global context, as they:

- Lead skill-building workshops and meaningful group reflections
- Connect you with local non-profits and nearby villages
- Facilitate group orientation and safety training
- Handle all on-tour details, from meals to transportation



Everything you get: 9 overnight stays; Round-trip flights on major carriers; Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner (lunch on your own on Days 3 & 4); Local ground transportation; Full-time Field Director; Sustainable service project with Free The Children; Service hours that count towards academic credit; Sightseeing tours led by expert guides; Entrance fees

A view of Taj Mahal



A young local girl and her new American friend share a dance



Local children teaching students a popular song and hand-clapping game

Your partners in global education

EF EDUCATIONAL TOURS

For over 50 years, EF has worked with educators across the world to help millions of students become citizens of the world through one global mission: Opening the World Through Education. With more than 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, our staff can respond in person wherever you are, 24 hours a day. We're also an accredited educational institution, offering students the option to earn high school and college credit.

ME TO WE

ME to WE is an innovative social enterprise that provides people with better choices for a better world. It measures the bottom line—not by annual dollars earned, but by the number of lives changed and the positive social and environmental impact made. Half of ME to WE's annual net profit is donated to the Free The Children charity, and the remainder is reinvested to further the social mission of their enterprise.

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