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INDIA: The Initiative for Children™

Make a difference in the lives of Indian youth as you discover authentic India, from the Taj Mahal to the royal city of Jaipur.

OVERVIEW

On this program you will experience the magical land of India: diverse people, dramatic landscapes and spiritual energy. You'll have the opportunity to help India's underserved children in both a school and orphanage setting as well as volunteer on community development projects. Immerse yourself in cultural activities like Bollywood dance, traditional Indian cooking and yoga sessions. Discover this unique culture as you tour the royal city of Jaipur, go on a camel ride in the desert and visit incredible temples.

21-DAY FLAGSHIP PROGRAM

July 13 – August 2

Tuition: \$4,999
Service Hours: 45
Language Hours: 0
Max Group Size: 24
Age Range: 14-19
Student-to-Staff Ratio: 8-to-1
Airport: DEL

HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Live in the royal city of Jaipur, known as the "Pink City" for the distinctive color of its old town
- ★ Teach India's children and support infrastructure projects at local schools
- ★ Take part in an Indian cooking lesson, dress workshops, and yoga sessions
- ★ Camp in the desert outskirts of Pushkar after experiencing a unique camel safari
- ★ Travel to the Taj Mahal, the world's most famous monument to love

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 with a children's home that serves children affected by India's HIV epidemic. Your service may range from improving infrastructure to beautifying the facilities or even engaging in structured play with the kids. In Pushkar, volunteer at a school for underprivileged children. Return to Jaipur to teach children in a government school, where funding is almost non-existent and the need is great.

SAMPLE ITINERARY: 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. Once all of your fellow students arrive, the group will travel by bus to your Home Base in Jaipur. You will have the evening free to relax, unpack, and rest up.

DAY 2: ORIENTATION

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 will start learning some Hindi language words and phrases that will be helpful during your service and learning activities.

In the evening, we'll visit an art and cultural center in Jaipur city, a place of art and handicraft exhibitions, classical music, and theatrical plays.

DAY 3: SERVICE BEGINS

Start the day on the right foot with a morning yoga session. After breakfast we will head to our first service site at a children's home where we will meet children who have been affected by HIV. Our service activities at the home will depend on their needs at the time of our arrival. Past projects have included a combination of teaching, helping children with their homework, music, craft workshops, and more! We'll also help out with a physical project to improve the living space and leave a lasting impact.

In the evening, participate in a practical Hindi language class to increase your knowledge about the language and to help you during service.

DAY 4: VISIT A LOCAL SCHOOL





After breakfast, we'll visit one of India's biggest private school groups, DPS (Delhi Public School), to learn about the modern school education system in India. You'll have a chance to discuss the local school system with school management, share your thoughts, and explore the differences between education in India versus your hometown.

After visiting the school, 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 5: SERVICE & POTTERY

Today we'll continue working on our service projects at the orphanage. 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.

DAY 6: SERVICE & CHOKHI DHANI

Today we'll wrap up our service projects at the orphanage and bid farewell to the children and the staff we've come to know over the last week. Later, we'll visit a village attraction for a classic cultural experience called "Chokhi Dhani." Spend the evening exploring various traditions such as puppet shows, a fire dance show, boating in the small lake, and much more! You're in for a treat-- we'll feast on traditional Rajasthani cuisine with more than 20 varieties of food to close out the day.

DAYS 7 - 8: SIGHTSEEING IN JAIPUR

Over the next two days, we'll explore the city and see many cultural and historic landmarks:

- ❖ Amber Fort, a strikingly beautiful palace and UNESCO World Heritage Site
- ❖ Nahargarh Fort, a classic example of fort construction in Rajasthan
- ❖ 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.

In the evening on Day 8, 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 9 - 12: VOLUNTEER AT A GIRLS SCHOOL

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 and is a perfect example of a rural village school in India. Service activities will include renovation projects to help beautify the school, and 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.

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

DAYS 13-14: EXPLORE PUSHKAR & CAMEL SAFARI

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

In the late afternoon, we will start our journey into the desert on camels. Our camping area is a two-hour camel's ride into the desert; when we arrive Kalbeliya (folk dance performers) will perform their art for our group. After dinner, we'll gather for a desert campfire where we can share stories and reflect on your experiences so far. Prepare for some spectacular stargazing!

The next morning, we'll pack up and head back to Pushkar on the camels. Back in Pushkar we'll do some more exploring and last-minute shopping; in the evening we'll say farewell to this city as we head back to our first Home Base in Jaipur.

BACK TO JAIPUR

DAYS 15 - 19: SERVICE AND CULTURE

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 Vidyalayas, 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.

In the afternoons and evenings we will enjoy a variety of activities:

Visit the "Jaipur Foot Organization," the first of its kind. The organization strives to provide artificial limbs to those who have lost theirs in industrial accidents. It is a revolutionary initiative for Indians that is helping thousands of people around the





nation. Here we will see the process from production to fitting the artificial limbs.

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.

Have dinner at a Brahmin's (the traditional upper caste for Hindus) house where you will learn about the Indian caste system and its beliefs. This is a perfect opportunity to ask many of the questions you may have about Indian society and the cultural structure, traditions, castes, customs and rituals.

In the afternoon of Day 19, we will leave for Agra. The city lies on the west bank of River Yamuna and attracts people from all over the world who wish to see the Taj Mahal.

AGRA

DAY 20: TAJ MAHAL

Today we'll visit the Taj Mahal, one of the many wonders of the world. An English-speaking guide will tell us all about this awe-inspiring building, its creator, 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.

In the late afternoon, we will transfer back to Jaipur where we will 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! At the airport, GLA staff will help you check in for your flight and see you off on your trip home. Bon voyage!



NOTICE ON PROGRAM UPDATES

Every year brings new and exciting opportunities for experiences we can offer students on our programs. While this program is being planned for 2021, some activities or details may change between now and the program start date. Please note that references from past participants and previously published information may not accurately reflect every aspect of this program. Refer to the sample itinerary above or to the GLA website for the most up-to-date version of program activities, and please note that further updates may be made between now and the program start date.

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DUE TO COVID-19

Due to the global pandemic caused by COVID-19 outbreaks around the world, 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 hostel that is reserved for our group. In Pushkar, we will stay in a hotel. 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 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 or the Americas. 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 may 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 may get hot, dirty and bug-bitten along the way, but their contribution can transform the community. The goal is for each student to return home having had 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 thoughtfully crafted programs for teens and young adults. Detailed planning and exhaustive communications with partners are indispensable parts of our program development process. However, occasionally service and activities are adjusted from session to session, due to weather, changing needs of our local community partners and/or 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 Admissions Team has expertise and insights into our slate of program offerings, and we're happy to answer any questions you might have. We have collectively visited or staffed many of our GLA programs around the world, and we have advice 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

We encourage you to enroll on your 1st choice program as early as you can! In fact, our most popular programs fill early every year, and many students end up putting off the quick and easy application process only to end up on the waiting list. The best way to ensure that you save your spot is to place your deposit and apply early. You can easily enroll online at www.experiencegla.com/enroll.