

HIMALAYAN MULTI-DISTRICT – INDIA

"A LEARNING ADVENTURE CAMP 2014"

11th APRIL- 25th APRIL 2014



Dear Surinder,

I had the great opportunity to participate in the youth rotary camp in India a few weeks ago. This incredible journey allows me to discover a dreamland, a warm and friendly people, breathless sightseeing and the lovely Indian culture so different.

As you saw, we were all pretty close, all friends in the "tiger team". I spent a great time with the others.

Now I am back in my country, I really want to keep in mind as a deep experience the people's kindness, their happiness and hospitality. Even if they are poor, they give to the others all they have. I didn't expect that before coming in India, but I think it is one of the most beautiful gestures I have seen in my whole life.

I really want to thank everybody who organised this trip, showing us the different faces of your wonderful country, which is going to be one of my best journeys ever.

With my warmest regards
Greg the French, Mr France, यात्री for ever

Hello Surinder,

I have received a short report from Juan Garcia-Gallardo. He is absolutely delighted to have had the opportunity to visit India and he insists that we should tell all the young people we know, that they should do your camp. He said that you are a wonderful person. He has also sent us some photos which are amazing!!! We will put them up on our web page.

Congratulations again Surinder for organising such a fantastic camp!!

Warm regards,
Carmen, Camps Coordinator, MD RYE Spain

Hello!

I came back yesterday at 2 pm. My heart and head are definitely still in India! I enjoyed the trip so much, that I find it very hard putting my feelings into words. I want to go back, now, but life continues and I know that I will return as soon as possible. Leaving the hotel and seeing everyone say goodbye made me feel so sad, that I would have loved to stay longer and see Kolkata or work for the Mother Teresa institution. I wanted to thank You once again for everything You did during those 2 weeks. I pay You respect for having organised the trip on Your own so well. I know that we sometimes went crazy, but when and if we did, it was definitely a gesture that came from our hearts. We all enjoyed it so much, that tears of happiness are running down my cheeks just thinking about it. I want to change my life now and be more aware of what I am doing. Especially the kids in India taught me what happiness really is. I still see their smiles in my dreams... THANK YOU FOR ONE OF THE BEST WEEKS OF MY LIFE!

Katharina-Sophia Dolezal

Ps: Thank You also for the tea!

"As you walk and eat and travel, be where you are. Otherwise, you will miss most of your life"
— Buddha



Once again an unforgettable experience specially designed for the adventurous who would like to combine their time spent gaining knowledge with having fun! Learn about the ancient culture and religions – Hinduism and Buddhism - at the holiest city of Puri, with its marvelous temples dating from 3rd century, situated at the exotic sea resort in the Bay of Bengal while engaging in discourses with the monks who will also teach YOGA. From there on to the picturesque Himalayan State of Sikkim, in the city of Pelling and Gangtok, visiting the oldest monasteries, interacting with the Lamas. Browse in the only Buddhist University in the world, within the breathtaking Rumtek Monastery.

Visit the world's largest mangrove forest in the back waters of Bay of Bengal, far from the madding crowd, cruise in the



river and be lucky to sight a tiger in the wilderness. Along with 41 exchange students we were so fortunate to sight one in 2011. It has left an unforgettable deep impact!

The City Of Joy – Calcutta – Rev. Mother Teresa's Tomb to pay homage to a modern Saint, city which was the capital

of India during British Rule, with its monuments and the oldest Rotary Club in Asia. Not to miss the shopping, which you will find to be delightfully cheap.

A meeting with Master Sculpturer and visit to his art gallery and workshop in Puri. A visit to an ARTISANS village,



declared a world heritage VILLAGE, where each home is an artist's workshop. The Sun Temple of KONARK will be spellbinding, a 11th century masterpiece! And in Sikkim, Gangtok, will also be a flower show with some of the best orchids. One of the world's highest lake, Tsongo, is a spectacular site situated at a height of more than 4000mts. With view of the world's highest peaks! Added to all this will be white river rafting in the river Teesta.

The adventure does not end here. The tremendous varieties in food, the people with 18 official languages,



with 50 more and 100s of dialects. Clothes, culture, religions which co-exist and not speak of different folk and classical dances. A 15 days saga which will leave its imprint for a long time.

Maximum participation will be 30 and on first come basis. Age 16–25 years. Registration Rupees 69,000. INCLUDES: Traveling on trains (airconditioned with sleeper berth), local transport. Site-seeing. Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Accommodation-3 to a room with attached bath all in reasonably good hotels and resorts. DOES NOT INCLUDE: Cold drinks, mineral water, laundry, telephone, ENTRY FEE TO SOME MONUMENTS, WHITE RIVER RAFTING and anything extra which is not included in the above. All train and hotel reservations have to be done three months in advance. **HENCE IT MUST BE A FIRM COMMITMENT.**

When applying for Indian visa kindly include visit to Sikkim. Send copy of your passport and a photo for necessary permissions.

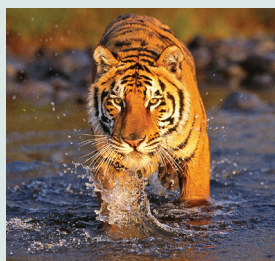
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Tentative detailed itinerary:

1st day : Participants to report on 11th April by 8.00 a.m. at Kolkata International Airport. Emirate Airways has convenient flight from their hub in Dubai, which has connections to most countries. Check into Hotel. Debriefing and orientation. Interaction within the team to acquaint themselves. Stay Overnight in Hotel.



2nd Day: Depart for Sunderbans after early Breakfast. 5 Hours journey by Bus and Boat. Arrive in Sunderbans Tiger Resort. Cruise on the backwaters. Evening "Jumer" Folk dance followed by camp fire.



3rd Day : Early morning Cruise, Breakfast on boat. After lunch visit a authentic village. Evening A folk ballet "Yatra", followed by camp fire.

4th day : Early morning Cruise. Check-out and depart for Kolkata to catch evening Depart by train to Puri.



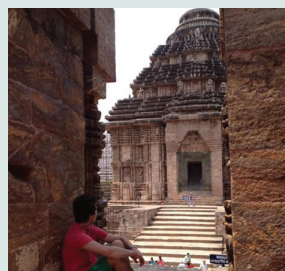
5th Day : Arrival-Puri. Check into Resort. Beach Activity. After Breakfast Visit Meditation Centre. After Lunch – Visits to-

a) Ancient City Of Puri b) Visit Art Gallery and the workshop c) Beach Market. Return to Resort.

6th Day : Yoga, Beach activities, After Breakfast Visit Famous 11th Century Sun Temple "Konark". Return to Resort after Lunch Rickshaw Adventure. Evening Famous GUTI PAO Dance.



7th Day: Check-out after early breakfast . Train to Kolkata. Arrive Kolkata same day. Shopping and free time. Evening Train to Siliguri.



8th Day: Arrive Siliguri in the morning and leave for Peling. A beautiful picturesque town up in the Himalayas with ancient Buddhist Monasteries. 4-5 hours picturesque drive. Stay in Norbu Gang Resort.

9th Day: Early Morning Trek followed by visit to monasteries.

10th Day: Early Morning Breakfast and depart for Gangtok. On way visit a Tea Garden and Tea processing plant. Arrive Gangtok and check in Hotel Sonam Pagley. After Lunch visit Tibetan





Museum. Evening free time to explore the town.

11th day: After early breakfast, depart for Tsong Lake. One of the highest in the world. Again drive through the

most spectacular view of the Himalayas. Return to hotel for lunch. Evening free for exploring the town and shopping.



12th Day: Early Breakfast and check-out. Visit Rumtek Monastery, seminary for the Lamas and the only Buddhist

University. Interact with the Lamas and learn about Buddhism followed by White River Rafting. Evening catch overnight train for Kolkata.



13th Day: Arrive Kolkata in morning and Check-in hotel Golden Park. Whole day sight-seeing, Victoria Memorial, St. Paul's Church, Indian Museum and shopping. Also a possible meeting with Rotary Club.



14th Day: Depart for your countries and home, as per each schedule.



IMPORTANT:

1. PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE INSURANCE AGAINST ILLNESS, ACCIDENTS ETC.
2. While applying for Indian Visa must get "Visit To Sikkim" included.
3. Must receive copies of your passports with visas along with copies of your photograph for obtaining permission to travel in restricted areas.
4. Travel as light as possible, include one formal and beach wear, walking shoes. A windcheater for Sikkim, where it will be cold. Otherwise will be quite warm 30-38 celsius.
5. Please don't bring expensive jewelry etc as we will not be responsible.
6. Registration amount bring in Cash or transfer by Western Union.

Feel free to Contact for any further clearifications : **Himalayan Multi-District-India**

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