



Innovation in India

Two weeks Study Tour in December 2019

Immersion into the World's fastest growing Economy



NEW DELHI

New Delhi is an urban district of Delhi which serves as the capital of India and seat of all three branches of the Government of India. The foundation stone of the city was laid by George V, Emperor of India during the Delhi Durbar of 1911.

KERALA

Kerala, a state on India's tropical Malabar Coast, has nearly 600km of Arabian Sea shoreline. It's known for its palm-lined beaches and backwaters, a network of canals. Inland are the Western Ghats, mountains whose slopes support tea, coffee and spice plantations as well as wildlife. National parks like Eravikulam and Periyar, plus Wayanad and other sanctuaries, are home to elephants, langur monkeys and tigers.

BANGALORE

Bangaluru (also called Bangalore) is the capital of India's southern Karnataka state. The center of India's high-tech industry, the city is also known for its parks and nightlife. By Cubbon Park, Vidhana Soudha is a Neo-Dravidian legislative building. Former royal residences include 19th-century Bangalore Palace, modeled after England's Windsor Castle, and Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, an 18th-century teak structure.

DRAFT PROGRAM (1 – 15 DECEMBER 2019)

DESTINATION

NEW DELHI

KERALA

BANGALORE

STUDY TOUR

2-week tour with focus on innovation, entrepreneurship, start-ups, India culture, customs and heritage that will provide students with an opportunity to experience Advanced Experiential Learning and build their employability, entrepreneurship and networking skills.

Day 1 - Sunday December 1, 2019

Activity

Flight arrival into Delhi

Flight arrival into Delhi. You will be greeted by NEXSTEP coordinators, collect your luggage, and transferred by coach from the airport to your accommodation.

Check-in and Housing Orientation

Essential housing orientation & safety advice is covered, as well as laws relating to the country to ensure a happy and safe stay. NEXSTEP coordinators will remit participants with their welcome pack and will gladly answer any questions

Welcome Dinner at Hotel

Accommodation: Courtyard by Marriott, Gurugram, India

Day 2 - Monday December 2, 2019

Activity 9.00am-4.30pm

Visit Google and/or Indian Angel Network Incubator. Meeting with the Australian High Commission

Travel by Chartered Bus

9.00am-11.00am: Learn with the Indian Angel Network Incubator in New Delhi (or visit Google). Indian Angel Network is a network of Angel investors keen to invest in early-stage businesses which have potential to create disproportionate value. The members of the Network are leaders in the Entrepreneurial Eco-System as they have had strong operational experience as CEOs or a background of creating new and successful ventures. They share a passion to create scale and value for startup ventures.

2.30pm-4.30pm: Meet the diplomatic mission of Australia in India to better understand the diplomatic, cultural and economic ties between India and Australia.

Accommodation: Courtyard by Marriott, Gurugram

Day 3 - Tuesday December 3, 2019

Activity 8.00am-7.30pm

Delhi City Tour

Travel by Chartered Bus

- Visit Qutub Minar from 8:30 am to 9:30 am
- Visit Red Fort from 10:00 am to 10:30 pm
- Explore Old Delhi Market from 10:30 am-1:00 pm
- Lunch in a restaurant from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- Visit Bangla Sahib Gurudwara from 2:00 pm to 3:00pm
- Visit India Gate, Parliament House & Rashtrapati Bhawan - 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- Visit Gandhi Smriti/Indira Gandhi Memorial Museum from 3:30pm to 4:30 pm
- Visit Akshardham from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm (can watch water show at 7:30 pm- optional but worth watching)

Accommodation: Courtyard by Marriott, Gurugram

Day 4 - Wednesday December 4, 2019

Activity 7.00am-7.00pm

Mathura Vrindavan Tour

Pick-up from Hotel at 7.00am (*Travel by Chartered Bus*)

- Reach Mathura and visit birth place of Lord Krishna from 10.30am-12.00pm
- Visit ISKCON temple from 12:00pm to 12:45pm
- Lunch from 12.45pm to 2.00pm
- Visit Govardhan Hill from 2.00pm to 3.00pm
- Visit Nidhivan from 3:00pm to 4:30 pm
- Visit Prem Mandir from 4:30pm to 5:30pm
- Depart from Mathura and reach Agra 7.00pm
- Check-in in Hotel in Agra

Accommodation: Hotel ITC Mughal, Fatehabad Rd, Tajganj Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001

Day 5 - Thursday December 5, 2019

Activity 8.00am-6.30pm

Agra Trip

- Pick-up from Hotel at 8:00am (*Travel by Chartered Bus*)
- Visit Taj Mahal from 8:30am-10.00am
- Visit Fatehpur Sikri from 10:15 am to 11:30 am
- Visit Agra Fort from 11.30 am to 12.30pm
- Lunch at Bon Barbecue Agra from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
- Explore local market from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
- Depart from Agra and reach Hotel 2.30 pm to 6:30pm
- **Accommodation:** Courtyard by Marriott, Gurugram

Day 6 - Friday December 6, 2019

Activity 6.15am-5.30pm

Flight to Bengaluru

Depart from Hotel for Delhi Airport at 6:15 am. (*Travel by Chartered Bus*)

9.45am-12.30pm: Flight to Bengaluru

You will be greeted by NEXSTEP coordinators, collect your luggage, and transferred by coach from the airport to your accommodation.

Check-in and Housing Orientation

4.00pm-5.30pm: Learn with RAIN TREE MEDIA, Bengaluru based transmedia company specialising in Print, Digital and Experiences. They are a specialist publisher of independent and commissioned books ranging from coffee table books to photo books, special interest books and ebooks. Their new project is BEST OF India - Innovate Bengaluru. This is a futuristic media product: a book with an AR video, an online platform and a network with a common goal of ensuring Bengaluru's best innovations and brands connect and succeed

Accommodation: Hyatt Centric, 1, 1, Swamy Vivekananda Rd, Someshwarpura, Halasuru

Day 7 - Saturday December 7, 2019

Activity 10.00am-4.00pm

Study activity

10.00am-12.00pm: Study Activities at Seminar Room at Hyatt Centric

Isha Yoga

2.30am-4.00pm: Isha Yoga Initiation as part of International Day of Yoga (IDY), Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been leading the country's International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations from June 21 onwards. The Ministry has requested the stake-holding ministries and departments of the central and state governments and other related institutions to work in a coordinated manner to observe the IDY in accordance with national priorities and to secure long term gains in the area of public health and well-being.

The Ministry is encouraging all individuals and institutions -- including educational institutions, government bodies, business firms, industries and cultural organizations - to join IDY for the benefit of their employees, members or other stake-holders. Industry bodies like FICCI, Institute of Company Secretary have rolled out programmes in preparation of the IDY.

Accommodation: Hyatt Centric, 1, 1, Swamy Vivekananda Rd, Someshwarpura

Day 8 - Sunday December 8, 2019

Activity 9.00am-2.00pm

Bengaluru Highlights

9.00am-2.00pm: Visit of Bengaluru Highlights including Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace, Bangalore Palace and ISKCON

Unscheduled Afternoon.

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Day 9 - Monday December 9, 2019

Activity 11.00am-4.30pm

Meet Head of India Snapchat and Partner at Accel Partners

11.00am-12.30pm: Learn with Durgesh Kaushik, Head of India for Snapchat. Snap Inc. is an American technology and camera company, founded on September 16, 2011, by Evan Spiegel and Bobby Murphy based in Santa Monica, California. It has four products: Snapchat, Spectacles, Bitmoji, and Zenly.

3.00pm-4.30pm: Learn with Prashanth Prakash, Partner at Accel Partners. Accel is a leading venture capital firm that invests in people and their companies from the earliest days through all phases of private company growth. Atlassian, Braintree, Cloudera, DJI, Dropbox, Dropcam, Etsy, Facebook, Flipkart, Jet, Lookout Security, Qualtrics, Slack, Spotify, Supercell, and Vox Media are among the companies the firm has backed over the past 30 years.

Accommodation: Hyatt Centric, 1, 1, Swamy Vivekananda Rd Someshwarpura

Day 10 - Monday December 10, 2019

Activity 10.00am-6.00pm

Discover TEAM INDUS
The Cooking Studio

10.00am-12.00pm: Team Indus is a private for-profit aerospace company headquartered in Bangalore, India. It consists of a team of professionals from various backgrounds in science, technology, finance, and media, that came together in 2010 with the aim of winning the Google Lunar X Prize competition building a privately funded Spacecraft capable of soft landing on the Moon. Detailed walkthrough of the Spacecraft and the mission subsystems. Program will include a detailed discussion on the engineering and other hardware of the mission.

Introduction to the Lunar Rover and technology behind the moon surface operations. Introduction to our Mission Capabilities and how mission will unfold in real time. Q&A with senior management

3.00pm-6.00pm: Indulge in experiencing the art of India cooking

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Day 11 - Wednesday December 11, 2019	Activity 9.00am-5.00pm
Flight to Kochi, Kerala	10.00am 2:30pm – flight to Kochi, Kerala. greeted by NEXSTEP coordinators, collect your luggage, and transferred by coach from the airport to your accommodation. Check-in and Housing Orientation. 3.00pm-5.00pm: Study Activities at Seminar Room at Hotel. Accommodation: Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty, Cochin.
Day 12 - Thursday December 12, 2019	Activity 9.00am-4.30pm
Visit Kerala Startup Mission and Kerala Ayurveda Academy	9.00am-11.30pm: Visit Kerala Startup Mission, India's biggest startup incubator. 12.30-4.30: Kerala Ayurveda Academy Accommodation: Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty, Cochin
Day 13 - Friday December 13, 2019	Activity 7.00am-8.00pm
Trip to Munnar (including visit to Tea Factory)	7.00am-8.00pm: Trip to Munnar (including visit to Tea Factory) Munnar is considered one of the most beautiful tourist places in Kerala. Situated on the Western Ghats, Munnar is evidently one of the highest producers of tea on the Indian subcontinent. The view of undulating hills as the touch the clouds in Munnar rejuvenates your mind and soul. The town is flanked by a narrow patch of the Arabian Sea and The Western Ghats on the other side which makes Munnar a unique getaway from the city life. Palm-fringed backwaters, scenic waterfalls, sunny beaches, misty mountains and gushing streams, Munnar has. Accommodation: Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty, Cochin
Day 14 - Saturday December 14, 2019	Activity 10.00am-2.30pm
Kochi Highlights- Walking tour of Kochi	10.00am-2.30pm: Kochi Highlights- Walking tour of Kochi including the Chinese fishing nets, Spice Markets, St Francis Church. Unscheduled Afternoon Accommodation: Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty, Cochin
Day 15 - Sunday December 15, 2019	Activity
Check-out and Departure	Unscheduled day Farewell dinner Accommodation: Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty, Cochin
Day 16 - Sunday December 16, 2019	Activity
Check-out and Departure	4.45am: Check-out and Departure from Kochi to Airport by private cabs 7.45am-10:45am: Flight to Delhi 1:15pm Flight to Sydney

Included are the following items for all participants:

- 14 nights' twin-bedroom accommodation at destination
- Airport transfers
- Daily transportation as documented in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- Business visits, and cultural excursions as documented in the itinerary
- 1 Sim Card for each participant
- A personalized Orientation Presentation by a NEXSTEP representative and the Tour Leader that covers important cultural and safety topics
- 24 Hour logistical support by in-country NEXSTEP representative in India
- Travel Information document including pre-departure requirements, visa and passport information, 'What to Bring' list, airline baggage information, specific customs restrictions and other helpful tips
- Welcome Pack for all participants

Disclaimer

Please note that all proposed activities, venues, accommodations, and dates are not guaranteed until bookings have been confirmed. Where changes are necessary, all efforts will be made to secure comparable bookings.

Explanation of Terms Unscheduled Days

During the program there may be several unscheduled days which will allow for completion of academic projects, personal exploration of the cities and surrounds, or to allow you to catch up on personal needs such as resting, laundry, shopping, email, etc.

Accommodation

Your accommodation will be comfortable, safe and clean. Participants, unless otherwise requested, will be housed in shared accommodation, generally with twin beds. Program directors are housed in the same accommodation venues as participants, but in single, ensuite rooms. Laundry, postal, telephone and email facilities will be within walking distance to your accommodation. Unless alternatives have been specifically requested, most accommodation is located in or near the inner city to allow easy access to sites. All accommodation meets strict standards and has been personally inspected by NEXSTEPS.

Restaurants & Meals

Meals provided as part of the program will be served at reputable local venues. There will always be vegetarian options and all special dietary needs can be catered for where specified in advance.

For meals not included in the program, the participants will have plenty of opportunity to dine out at local venues.

Transport

The itinerary has been designed to maximize comfort and safety. Transport will be either private bus charter or public transportation. All transport companies meet the highest standards and levels of insurances. NEXSTEP contracts with quality companies.

For further information, please contact Tour Leader, Krishan Prasad via email: k.prasad@westernsydney.edu.au