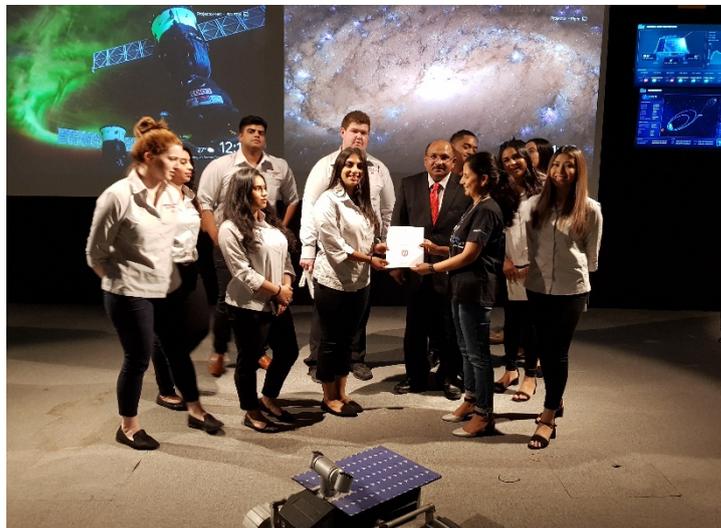




Innovation in India

Two weeks Study Tour in June-July 2020

Immersion into the World's fastest growing Economy



MUMBAI: Mumbai (formerly called Bombay) is a densely populated city on India's west coast. A financial center, it's India's largest city. The great city of Bombay is located along the Konkan coast and on the Harbour waterfront stands the iconic Gateway of India stone arch, built by the British Raj in 1924. Apart from being the capital city of Maharashtra, it is also home to the Bollywood industry, India's top financial centres, and several prominent Indian personalities.

PUNE: Pune is a sprawling second largest city in Maharashtra and ninth most populous city in the country with an estimated population of 6.4 million. It was once the base of the Peshwas (prime ministers) of the Maratha Empire, which lasted from 1674 to 1818. Called "Queen of the Deccan," Pune is the cultural capital of the Maratha people. It is also known as "Oxford of the East" due to the presence of several well-known educational institutions.

GOA: One of India's smallest states, it is bounded by the states of Maharashtra on the north and Karnataka on the east and south and by the Arabian Sea on the west. Its long history as a Portuguese colony prior to 1961 is evident in its preserved 17th-century churches and the area's tropical spice plantations. Goa is famous for white sand beaches, nightlife, places of worship and World Heritage-listed architecture.

AHMEDABAD: It is the largest city and former capital of the Indian state of Gujarat and is located on the banks of the Sabarmati River. It is the second-largest cotton producer of cotton in India, and its stock exchange is the country's second oldest. In 2010 Ahmedabad was ranked third in Forbes's list of fastest growing cities of the decade and in 2012, The Times of India chose Ahmedabad as India's best city to live in. Also, in July 2017, the Historic City of Ahmedabad was declared as India's first UNESCO World Heritage City.

DRAFT PROGRAM (27 June – 13 July 2020)

DESTINATION	STUDY TOUR
MUMBAI PUNE GOA AHMEDABAD	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 – Saturday 27 June, 2020	Activity
Flight arrival into Mumbai	Flight arrival into Mumbai. 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
Day 2 - Sunday June 28, 2020	Activity
Visit Mumbai and Industry	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: visit to Mumbai city, various historical and cultural places, PM: Industry visit
Day 3 – Monday June 29, 2020	Activity
Industry visits	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: Industry visit PM: Industry visit
Day 4 – Tuesday June 30, 2020	Activity
Industry visits	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: Vice-Consul at the Australian Consulate. PM: Study activity
Day 5 – Wednesday July 1, 2020	Activity
Industry visits	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: Industry visit PM: Industry visit
Day 6 – Thursday July 2, 2020	Activity
Travel to Pune & visit Pune	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: Trip to Pune PM: visit Pune city and various historical and cultural places
Day 7 – Friday July 3, 2020	Activity
Industry visits	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: Industry visit PM: Industry visit
Day 8 – Saturday July 4, 2020	Activity
Study activity	AM: Study Activities PM: Free
Day 9 – Sunday July 5, 2020	Activity
Travel to Goa	AM: Flight to Goa PM: Free
Day 10 – Monday July 6, 2020	Activity
Goa tour	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: City Tour of Goa PM: Visit to various historical and cultural places
Day 11 – Tuesday July 7, 2020	Activity
Cultural activity & Travel to Ahmedabad	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: Cultural activity PM: Flight from Goa to Ahmedabad
Day 12 – Wednesday July 8, 2020	Activity
Ahmedabad tour	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: Visit to Ahmedabad city PM: Visit to various historical and cultural places

Day 13 – Thursday July 9, 2020	Activity
Industry visits	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: Industry visit PM: Industry visit
Day 14 – Friday July 10, 2020	Activity
Industry visits	Travel by Chartered Bus AM: Industry visits PM: Industry visits
Day 15 – Saturday July 11, 2020	Activity
Study activity	AM: Study activity PM: Cooking class
Day 16 – Saturday July 12, 2020	Activity
Return flight	AM: Flight from Ahmedabad to Mumbai PM: Return flight to Sydney

Included are the following items for all participants:

- 15 nights twin-bedroom accommodation at destination
- Airport transfers
- Daily transportation as documented in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- Business visits, and excursions as documented in the itinerary
- 1 Sim Card for each participant
- A personalized Orientation Presentation by a NEXSTEP representative 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

INTERESTED?

The selection of successful applicants is based on their application and their engagement with the unit and university.

Copy of passport is required when accepting travel offer (for airline booking). Passport must have at least 6 months' validity (at time of travel).

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