



NORTH INDIA TOUR & PROJECT VISIT – SEPTEMBER 2019

Day 01 (Thu): 12 Sep: Fly Melbourne to Delhi

Arrive Delhi airport. On arrival at Delhi airport we are greeted by our representative and transfer by coach to hotel. Overnight in hotel at Delhi.

Accommodation: Colonel's Retreat

Day 02 (Fri): 13 Sep: Delhi – Amritsar by Shatabadi train.

After the easy morning, check out from hotel latest by 1200 noon and proceed to the Qutub Minar at Mahrouli. Later after lunch transfer to New Delhi railway station to catch the train to Amritsar. Arrive Amritsar late in night and transfer to hotel. Overnight Amritsar.

Accommodation: Mrs Bhandari's Guest House

Day 03 to Day 05 (Sat to Mon): 14 Sep to 16 Sep: Amritsar Project and visits around.

Project work – to include village visits, widow/singles work, gender equality, HIV etc. Sunday morning a worship service will be available.

Partition Museum, Golden Temple (if time the Wagah Border ceremony) visits during the 3 days.



Day 06 (Tue): 17 Sep: Amritsar – Dharamshala (McLeodganj)

Morning after breakfast meeting with project people and after lunch proceed for Dharamshala. Arrive Dharamshala and check in at the hotel. After settling down in the hotel its time to stretch your legs and we can walk to the market OR can go for the optional Kora walk around the Dalai Lama Temple. Overnight Dharamshala.

Accommodation: Norbu House Hotel



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Day 07 (Wed) 18 Sep: Dharamshala (At Himalayan Nest Retreat)

Today after breakfast proceed for the full day sightseeing tour of Dharamshala. Visit the Namgyal Monastery complex which includes Dalai Lama Temple, Kalachakra Temple and Tibet Museum. After that visit one of the oldest churches of northern India which is situated in Mcleodganj called St. John's Church in the Wilderness.

Later drive to lower Dharamshala to visit the Norbulingka Institute. Norbulingka Institute is worth visiting to see the dying art of Tibet which is preserved and developed there; like Thangka Painting, Appliqué, Wooden and Metal works etc.

After the visit of Norbulingka have traditional Tibetan lunch there in an open garden café with perfect ambience. Drive back to Mcleodganj. Free time in Mcleodganj market to explore on your own before heading to Himalayan Nest Retreat. To reach to the camp Himalayan Nest you need to walk gradual uphill for 20 to 30 minutes. Dinner at camp

Accommodation: Himalayan Nest Retreat (or can remain at Norbu House Hotel)

Day 08 (Thurs) 19 Sep: Dharamshala (At Himalayan Nest Retreat)

Yoga session before breakfast. After breakfast at the camp go for circular walk to nearby village to see the local life and visit one of the houses in the village with local chai (tea) and to chat with the villagers.

Rest of the afternoon relax and enjoy free time at Camp to read, paint, play games, visit nearby stream or chat.

Dinner at camp. Overnight stay at Camp *(or can remain at Norbu House)*



Day 09 (Fri) 20 Sep: Dharamshala – Chandigarh (240 km/06 hrs)

After early breakfast today proceed for Chandigarh. Chandigarh is the first planned city of independent India and designed by French architect Le Corbusier. Visits to the Rock Garden and Rose Garden. Overnight Chandigarh.

Accommodation: Hotel Icon (or similar)

Day 10 (Sun) 21 Sep: Chandigarh – Haridwar/Rishikesh (250 km/06 Hrs)

Comfortable drive with rests and lunch stops.

Accommodation: Divine Ganga Cottage or Hotel Krishna Ji

Day 11 (Mon) 22 Sep: Haridwar/Rishikesh

Haridwar & Rishikesh are spiritual centres and are located on the banks of the holy river Ganga/Ganges. The spiritual atmosphere, ashrams and temples make this place more special. Rishikesh is also the world capital of Yoga. Optional yoga class while there.

Accommodation: Divine Ganga Cottage or Hotel Krishna Ji



Day 12 (Tue) 23 Sep: Rishikesh

Explore Rishikesh & Haridwar.

Day 13 (Wed) 24 Sep: Haridwar to Delhi by train

Morning drive to Haridwar from where we catch train to Delhi. Overnight Delhi.

Accommodation: Colonel's Retreat

Day 14 (Thu) 25 Sep: Delhi – Melbourne flight

After breakfast, packing and relaxing check out from the hotel and drive to markets with a wonderful variety of restaurants and Indian shopping paradise. Later transfer to the airport to catch international flight back home.

-----**TOUR ENDS**-----

ABOVE TOUR PRICE:

☐ PER PERSON COST BASED ON 03 to 04 PAX ON DBL & TWIN SHARING AND BU USING 01 VEHICLE (TOYOTA INNOVA) :

AUD \$3900

☐ PER PERSON COST BASED ON 06 to 08 PAX ON DBL & TWIN SHARING BASIS AND BY USING 09 SEATER TEMPO TRAVELLER:

AUD \$2900

Single room supplement is an additional: AUD \$730

International Flight Singapore Airlines • SQ238/SQ406 = currently \$1049.68

COST INCLUDES

1	Accommodation on DBL/TWIN sharing basis with breakfast in all the above mentioned hotels.
2	Transportation as per the tour
3	01 Tibetan Lunch at Dharamshala . Lunch midway to Chandigarh. Lunch midway to Haridwar/Rishikesh. Himalayan Nest Retreat on full board for 02 nights.
4	01 Accompanying escort/guide throughout the trip as per the program.
5	Interaction with Buddhist monk in Dharamshala. (Talk will also depend on the availability of the monk at the time of your visit.)
6	Entrance fees at the monuments and places of visit.
7	Train Tickets.

COST DOESN'T INCLUDE

1	Any kind of travel insurance covering medical evacuation, hospitalisation, baggage insurance and trip cancellation.
2	Items & services of personal nature like cold drinks/soft drinks/alcoholic drinks/telephone calls, laundry and tipping etc.
3	Meals which are not mentioned
4	Camera / Video Charges
5	Any kind of tipping to driver / guide / restaurant/hotel - A fixed price for all tips will be calculated and submitted before travel.



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ALL PASSENGERS WHO ARE TRAVELLING INTERNATIONALLY MUST HOLD A CURRENT PASSPORT WITH AT LEAST 6 MONTHS VALIDITY BEYOND THEIR RETURN DATE TO AUSTRALIA. IT IS EACH PASSENGERS RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THAT THEY HAVE THE CORRECT DOCUMENTATION AND VISA REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM AUSTRALIA

AIRLINES TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

All airfares carry certain booking, amendment and cancellation conditions. These do vary between the airlines and the type of fare purchased. Please be aware that most special airfares are usually non refundable and changes are not permitted.

APPROXIMATE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE on international flight– 30kg PER PERSON

Please check with your consultant for dimension and weight information as details do vary from carrier to carrier.

PASSPORTS

A valid passport is required to travel internationally and must be valid for at least six months after your return date to Australia.

VISA AND DOCUMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure they **have the appropriate documentation including visas**.

FREQUENT FLYERS

If you are a member of an airline frequent flyer program, please retain your boarding passes and copies of tickets for point verification against your statement. Without these you may be unable to claim points. Not all fares accrue points please check with your airline frequent flyer department.

CANCELLATION AND AMENDMENTS

Fees are charged for both amendments and cancellation of flights and services. If you do have to cancel your reservation you will be advised of these amounts. Travel Insurance usually will cover cancellation costs please speak to your insurance provider.

CONDITIONS

All arrangements are subject to the supplier's (transport/accommodation/tour provider) regulations and conditions detailed on tickets, vouchers, travel brochures, at accommodation premises, on transport vehicles, or as advised at the time of booking.

RECONFIRMATIONS

It is not necessary to reconfirm your flights directly with the airlines, however schedule changes may occur prior to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is mandatory. Please seek a quotation as soon as your booking is confirmed.

PAYMENT

All prices quoted are for payment by cash or cheque only. If you wish to pay by credit card service fees of between 2% - 3% apply depending upon the type of card used.

International flights will be booked through Josh Smith at Student Flights, Bayside Shopping Centre, Frankston.

03 9293 7533

josh.smith@studentflights.com.au

Flight must be booked by March 31, 2019.

All other tour cost payments (paying by installments is acceptable) should be made to:

High Street Uniting Church, 16-18 High Street, Frankston, 3199

By cheque: payable to HSUC (marked India Tour 2018 on reverse) and sent to Keith Holmes (Treasurer) at the above address.

or BACS credit:

Commonwealth Bank, Frankston

BSB: 063 133

Account number: 00800128

Marking: **India Tour and your last name in the reference box**

Credit card payments can also be made by calling Keith Holmes on **03 9789 2575**

Full payment is due by July 15, 2019.

VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations may be required or suggested for overseas travel. Please refer to your usual medical practitioner for full advice and assistance.



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