

COMMUNITY AID & CULTURE: INDIA

INDIA

DAY 1 / Australia - Delhi **D**

Depart Australia on your flights to India. You will be met at the airport by our representative and transferred to your accommodation.

First night's accommodation in Delhi

DAY 2 / Delhi **B D**

Enjoy a half-day guided coach tour of New Delhi, including visits to the 12th century Qutab Minar, the imperial mausoleum and the imposing modern Lakshminarayan temple. This afternoon, visit Delhi haat and other colourful city markets.

Second night's accommodation in Delhi

DAY 3 / Delhi **B D**

Spend a full day participating in voluntary development work. Return to your hotel for dinner.

Third night's accommodation in Delhi

DAY 4 / Delhi **B D**

Spend a full day participating in voluntary development work. Return to your hotel for dinner.

Fourth night's accommodation in Delhi

DAY 5 / Delhi **B D**

This morning, enjoy a half-day guided tour of Old Delhi. See the magnificent Red Fort on the banks of River Yamuna, the Raj Ghat memorial to Mahatma Gandhi and Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. Walk through the Chandni Chowk bazaar with your guide. Spend the afternoon participating in voluntary development work. Return to your hotel for dinner.

Fifth night's accommodation in Delhi

DAY 6 / Agra **B D**

Transfer by coach to the station for your train to Delhi. You will be met upon arrival and escorted to your accommodation. Visit the church and orphanage run by Mother Teresa's Missionary of Charity. This afternoon, make your way by coach and traditional horse-drawn cart to the Taj Mahal, known as the "Indian Love Poem in Marble". Visit the Agra fort.

Overnight accommodation in Agra

DAY 7 / Fatehpur Sikri, Ranthambore

B D Depart Agra for the deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri. A former Mughal capital, the imperial city was abandoned in the 16th century. Visit the beautiful and remarkably well-preserved buildings, such as the tomb of Salim Chisti and the Panch Mahal Palace. Continue on to Ranthambore for dinner.

First night's accommodation in Ranthambore

DAY 8 / Ranthambore **B L D**

Visit the Ranthambore National Park, which is home to Rajasthan's first tiger reserve. Travelling in open-air canter trucks, see marsh crocodiles and pythons, sambar, the largest of all Asiatic deer, and a large variety of woodland and water birds, including the rare red jungle fowl.

Second night's accommodation in Ranthambore

DAY 9 / Ranthambore **B L D**

Travel by canter to the nearby village of Khandar. Enjoy a bike ride to the banks of River Chambal, where a picnic lunch will be served. Visit the village before returning to Ranthambore.

Third night's accommodation in Ranthambore

DAY 10 / Ranthambore - Jaipur **B D**

Travel by coach to Jaipur. Spend a free afternoon in the city exploring as a group.

First night's accommodation in Jaipur

DAY 11 / Jaipur **B D**

This morning, visit a local market with your hotel chef to buy vegetables, oils and spices for tonight's dinner. Enjoy a half-day city tour, including visits to the Maharaja's City Palace and museum, which covers almost a seventh of the city, and Jantar Mantar, the largest stone and marble observatory in the world.

Return to your hotel. This evening, join the chef for a hands-on cooking demonstration followed by the dinner you've just prepared together!

Second night's accommodation in Jaipur

DAY 12 / Jaipur **B D**

Enjoy a half-day excursion by jeep to the Amber Fort. The fort is famous for its magnificent murals depicting hunting, battle and festival scenes, and walls embedded with precious stones and mirrors. See the Palace of Winds. Spend the afternoon visiting different markets in the city.

Third night's accommodation in Jaipur



DAY 13 / Pushkar **B D**

Depart Jaipur for Pushkar. During his search for a home on earth, the creator of the world, Lord Brahma, performed vedic yagna here and it is the site of the only Brahma Temple in the world. This afternoon, visit one of the ghats of Pushkar Lake. A Hindu priest will join the group for evening prayers for peace and good health. Return to your hotel for dinner.

Overnight accommodation in Pushkar

DAY 14 / Campsite **B L D**

Depart Pushkar and begin your camel safari across the sand dunes. Arrive at the desert campsite and enjoy musical entertainment during dinner.

Overnight accommodation in campsite

DAY 15 / Pushkar - Delhi **B D**

Transfer by coach and train to Delhi. You will be met and assisted at the station upon arrival.

Overnight accommodation in Delhi

DAY 16 / India - Australia **B**

Today you are transferred to the airport for your return flights to Australia. Our representative will assist you at the airport.

DAY 17 / Australia

Arrive home.

VOLUNTEER WORK

> *Project Why* is a charity working to improve the lives of India's poorest children. School groups might teach English, help paint classrooms, or assist students with homework.