

India first hand experience Itinerary

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Saturday 19 - Tuesday 29 November 2011



Day 1 (Sat): LONDON

Depart London for Delhi on an overnight flight.

Day 2 (Sun): DELHI & DELHI/PATHANKOT - DHARAMSALA

Upon arrival, transfer directly to visit the Action Aid project. After a chance to freshen up at a local hotel, this evening transfer to the Railway Station for the train to Pathankot (departs 21.20). Overnight on train (Air conditioned sleeper class).

Day 3 (Mon): DHARAMSHALA

Arrive in Pathankot in the morning and transfer to Dharamsala. On arrival in this Himalayan hill resort, the abode of the Dalai Lama, check in at the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. We suggest you may enjoy a walk along Mall Road, where Tibetan refugees display and sell traditional handicrafts. Overnight stay at hotel in Dharamsala.

Day 4 (Tue): DHARAMSHALA - BOH VILLAGE - KANOL VILLAGE (approx 5 hours)

This morning drive for approximately 2 hours to Boh Village, from where we start the trek. Boh village is situated on the banks of the Brahal River and our journey there will reward us with spectacular views of the Dhaula Dhar Mountains. We start with a steep ascent for about 2 hours and arrive in the remote tribal village of Batuni, where we visit a local family house for refreshments. From Batuni a short walk takes us to our lunch spot, after which we descend through lush green fields, terraces and woodland to Kanol village where we set up camp for the night. *(approx 12 kms trekking)*

Day 5 (Wed): KANOL VILLAGE – KARERI - RAWA – BAHL (approx 6 hours)

After breakfast we start our day's walk with a relatively steep ascent through several small villages, enjoying fine views of the valley as we go. We arrive in Kareri Village in time for lunch.

Continue via the Rawa River to the spot where we camp overnight. *(approx 15 kms trekking, max altitude 3,250m)*

Day 6 (Thu): BAHAL–TRIUND (approx 7 hours)

This morning we make a steep ascent through a mixed forest of oak, rhododendron and cedar trees which brings us to Triund, an alpine meadow situated on top of a ridge from which we'll have amazing views of the peaks of Dhauladhar on one side and the Kangra valley on the other. *(approx 15 kms trekking, max altitude 3,250m)*

Day 7 (Fri): TRIUND - MCLEODGUNJ – DHARAMSHALA (approx 4 hours)

Our final day of trekking and we return towards Dharamsala, taking a different route back passing through Laheta village. Initially it's a gradual descent over a grassy ridge for a few kilometers, then a steep descent taking us down to the Bhagsu waterfall where we stop to enjoy lunch. A further short walk brings us to Bhagsu village where we end our trek and return to Pathankot to take the overnight train back to Delhi, departing at 23.10. Overnight on board train. *(approx 14 kms trekking)*

DAY 8 (Sat): DELHI

Arrive in Delhi this morning and transfer straight to the accommodation for either a day of relaxing or sightseeing in Delhi

DAY 9 (Sun): DELHI - PROJECT WORK

Start working on the Action Aid project.

DAY 10 (Mon): DELHI - PROJECT WORK

Continue working on ActionAid project

Day 11 (Tues) DELHI- LONDON

A final day working on the project before transferring to the airport for the overnight flight back to the UK arriving the following morning.

Money matters:

Registration fee: £300 (can be paid in two monthly instalments)

Minimum sponsorship: £3,100

Your trip costs are £1,625 and will be taken from your registration fee and minimum sponsorship.

Trip costs cover: all flights and transfers (excluding air taxes, accommodation, specialist travel insurance, all meals and drinking water, first aid supplies and medical backup, an English-speaking team leader with full local backup and support team, and carbon offsetting of your flights.

In addition, you will need to budget for: airport taxes and any airline-imposed fuel surcharge (subject to change – to be confirmed 12 weeks prior to departure), any optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary, personal spending money, alcoholic and soft drinks, travel to/from UK airports, any vaccinations required (please see your GP for advice), tips for the support team.