



# SAGE: Studies Abroad for Global Education

## 2007 Summer SAGE Trip Description

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### From Gandhi to Globalization

July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup> 2007

#### **Arrival and Orientation to India, July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>**

On the first day of travel, SAGE participants and Trip Leaders will meet at Chicago's international airport. The group then travels to New Delhi, where they will begin an orientation to India and the SAGE program. Over the next several days, participants will learn about contemporary India, exploring topics such as culture, Indian history, politics, and current social and development challenges. They will experience the sensations of urban Indian life by shopping in the local bazaar, visiting historical sites, and by exploring the cosmopolitan city of Delhi. The group will visit Raj Ghat, the Indian Parliament House, and the Gateway of India, among other important sites. SAGE students will then discover and experience the more traditional side of India by visiting the Gandhi Peace Foundation and the Gandhi Museum. They will learn about Mahatma Gandhi's life, his role in the Indian independence movement, and his philosophical principles of simplicity and nonviolence. Toward the end of the week, SAGE students may take a fun excursion to Jaipur, "the Pink City," and visit the exquisite Amber Palace. They will then depart Jaipur and take an overnight train to Udaipur, a city located in the southern part of Rajasthan.

#### **Village Life & Service Learning, July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 21<sup>st</sup>**

SAGE students will arrive in Udaipur, a fascinating municipality that is sometimes called "the city of lakes" or the "Venice of the east." In Udaipur, a modern city with a historic royal past, students will experience a merging of both modern and traditional Indian life. On the first day of arrival, the group will begin their orientation to Seva Mandir, a Gandhian inspired grassroots development organization dedicated to empowering and improving life for the rural poor. They will learn about Seva Mandir's focus on education, village political participation, natural resource management, women and child development, and institution building. The following day, the group will take time to explore Udaipur. Participants can venture into local street markets, visit a traditional Indian sweet shop, take a camel ride, eat a traditional Indian lunch, and then watch an evening sunset from the balcony of a medieval palace. Over the next several days, participants will experience Seva Mandir's work in the villages surrounding Udaipur. Students will have an authentic village experience, and will learn first-hand what it is like to fetch their own water, to stay in simple accommodations, and to live without modern amenities. Their experience with Seva Mandir will also allow them to encounter Gandhi's principles in action, and to compare and contrast this development approach with the more contemporary life that they witness in India's urban centers. During the course of the week, SAGE participants will be asked to reflect on their experience and to develop an action plan to address a local development challenge, and at the end of the week, they will present their findings to Seva Mandir.

#### **Urban Life and Globalization, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>**

The group departs from Udaipur and then travels back to New Delhi. Participants will spend the next several days in Gurgaon, a satellite city outside of Delhi. The city is best known as one of India's most prominent outsourcing and off-shoring hubs, and is a striking example of a modern Indian cityscape. Gurgaon is a boom-town that has undergone rapid growth in employment and local wages, resulting in a burgeoning of shopping malls, swank restaurants and modern entertainment facilities. The city has also experienced a demographic shift to a younger, more cosmopolitan, more affluent and better educated population. Here, students will witness the direct impact of globalization and modernization in India. They will visit with local IT professionals, spend time at international call centers, and explore aspects of India's modern economy. The time spent in Gurgaon will enrich the group's understanding of globalization, and allow students to contrast their earlier village experience with a more affluent and modern city lifestyle. SAGE students will then set out, by train, for Dehradun and the Navdanya Center.

#### **Gandhi to Globalization Reflection & Action, July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>**

In the final week of the journey, participants will spend time reflecting on their SAGE experience. They will be stationed at Navdanya, a rural farm center dedicated to the rejuvenation of indigenous knowledge and culture. At the center, students will spend time thinking critically about their experiences in India. They will discuss what they have learned over the course of the journey and determine how these new life lessons can be integrated into their daily lives. They will share thoughts and ideas with fellow participants through discussions, presentations, and self-reflection exercises. The group will depart from Navdanya, and as one final, exciting group activity, SAGE participants will travel to Agra, where they will visit the Taj Mahal and the Fatehpur Sikri Fort. On the final day of the journey, the group flies out from Delhi in the evening and returns back to the U.S.

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Date	Activity	Evening Location
July 8, Sunday	Meet at U.S. airport of departure; evening flight to New Delhi	Overnight flight
July 9, Monday	Arrival in India; Rest!	YWCA Guest House
July 10, Tuesday	Explore urban marketplace; afternoon orientation to SAGE; teambuilding activities	YWCA Guest House
July 11, Wednesday	Introduction to Gandhi: visit to Raj Ghat, Gandhi Memorial, Gandhi Museum; Gandhi Peace Foundation	YWCA Guest House
July 12, Thursday	Introduction to modern India: visit to Indian Parliament; Gateway to India; view a Bollywood movie	YWCA Guest House
July 13, Friday	Morning travel to Jaipur; afternoon at the Amber Palace; evening train to Udaipur	Overnight train to Udaipur
July 14, Saturday	Arrival in Udaipur; orientation to Seva Mandir	Hotel in Udaipur
July 15, Sunday	Free day to explore Udaipur	Hotel in Udaipur
July 16, Monday	Service learning activities with Seva Mandir	Dhar Village
July 17, Tuesday	Service learning activities with Seva Mandir;	Dhar Village
July 18, Wednesday	Service learning activities with Seva Mandir;	Dhar Village
July 19, Thursday	Service learning activities with Seva Mandir;	Hotel in Udaipur
July 20, Friday	Service learning activities with Seva Mandir;	Hotel in Udaipur
July 21, Saturday	Morning reflection on Seva Mandir experience; train to Delhi	Overnight train to Delhi
July 22, Sunday	Explore Delhi; half day city tour	YWCA Guest house
July 23, Monday	Meet with business professionals in Gurgaon	YWCA Guest house
July 24, Tuesday	Visit call centers in Delhi/Gurgaon	YWCA Guest house
July 25, Wednesday	Morning train to Dehradun; Navdanya Center	Navdanya Center Guest House
July 26, Thursday	Reflection and action activities at Navdanya	Navdanya Center Guest House
July 27, Friday	Reflection and action activities at Navdanya	Navdanya Center Guest House
July 28, Saturday	Final morning presentations at Navdanya; afternoon train to Delhi	YWCA Guest house
July 29, Sunday	Visit the Taj Mahal and the Fatehpur Sikri Fort	YWCA Guest house
July 30, Monday	Trip evaluations; explore Delhi; evening flight to U.S.	Overnight flight
July 31, Tuesday	Arrival in U.S.; onward flights to home cities	Flights home

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