

MISSION TRIP TO INDIA 2019



2019 India Mission Trip Information Packet

In 2019, together with Draw Smiles Organization, the Potomac Conference Youth & Young Adult Ministries Department will be going on a mission trip to India for the opportunity to go, serve, and love others.

Trip Information

When is the India Mission Trip?

We will be flying out of Washington, DC airport on Thursday, [July 18, 2019](#) and return Sunday, [July 28, 2019](#).

What Will We Be Doing And Where Exactly Are We Going?

The purpose of this trip is to bring hope and draw smiles in as many children as possible. We will be visiting the towns of Jaipur and Agra in Northern India to provide clothes, food, medical attention and equipment, educational material, but most importantly, the experience of sharing Jesus' love, our own time, and real concern for their future. Before the trip, you can also collect school supply kits (crayons, pencils, scissors, glue sticks, erasers, etc.) as well as toys, shoes, and toiletries (kids toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.), which will then be handed out to those school-aged children in need.

We Need Volunteers For:

- Medical & Dental Assistance
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- Help in the kitchen
- Events for children: games, origami, arts & crafts, etc.
- Helpful discussions for parents & adolescents
- Repair & construction at churches or institutions
- Songs, stories, devotionals, meditations and sermons
- Teaching seminars, educational subjects, psychological help, educational hour, discussions about values and virtues
- Hikes, sitting by the fire, scavenger hunt, nocturnal games, soccer, volleyball, kickball, and all kinds of sports
- Talent show, instruments, acting, experiments, skits, and movies

Tentative Itinerary:

Thursday 18 – Leaving from Washington, DC Airport

Friday 19 - Arriving at New Delhi International Airport

Saturday 20 - Participate in a local Church / start Missionary work

Sunday 21 - Thursday 25

Mornings: School and Institutions missionary work

Afternoons: Local sightseeing—Taj Mahal, Mongol Fort, Temples, etc.

Friday 26 - New Delhi sightseeing—Gandhi's House, etc.

Saturday 27 – Visit local Church

Sunday 28 – Leave to Washington, DC

How Much Will It Cost:

The total cost of the trip is \$1,599 per person. Included in the cost are the Project Fee, Lodging, Meals, Air flight from Washington, DC to New Delhi International Airport, Local Transportation, Missionary Insurance through Adventist Risk Management, a T-Shirt, and a Welcome Smiles Bag. Please bring money/cash for food at airport and for souvenirs. A support letter can be provided to you to send out to family, friends, local businesses, etc. to request spiritual and financial assistance with this trip. All money that you give to cover the costs for this mission trip is considered a tax-deductible contribution to the mission trip fund.

How Do We Pay For It?

An application and \$300 deposit are due to secure your spot. All payments can be made directly to Potomac Conference Youth Dept.

Statements will be sent prior to each due date:

- Application Submission: \$300 deposit due (non-refundable) by February 28, 2019
- March 31, 2019: \$450 due
- April 30, 2019: \$450 due
- May 15, 2019: \$399 due

Total: \$1,599

Once your application and \$300 deposit is submitted, the Potomac Conference Youth & Young Adult Ministries Department will provide **scholarship funds** to cover part of your cost. You will be contacted with the amount you will receive, which will lower the total amount owed for the mission trip.

How to Apply?

Visit <https://webdocs.pcsda.org/forms/youthmissiontrip2019> and fill out your information and submit a copy of your passport.

Who Can Go?

Every applicant must be 18 years old or older, have filled out the application form and submitted the deposit by February 28, 2019. The applications can be found on our youth website at www.pcsda.org. If you are under 18 years old, you must fill out additional forms found online. All minors 16 to 18 years old traveling without their parents, will need a notarized letter by both parents stating that child can travel with the group. If one parent is traveling with child, a notarized letter is required from the other parent stating the child can travel.

Required Prerequisites To Attend This Trip:

- A valid passport
 - If you do not have a valid passport, start the application early! It can take 10-12 weeks for processing. The passport cannot be 6 months close to expiration. Please make sure your passports expiration date is after February 2020.
- Vaccines

- There are no vaccines required to travel to India, however, the CDC and WHO recommend for you be up to date on routine vaccines before any trip. the following vaccines: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, cholera, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, rabies. For more information, visit <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/india>.
- Discipline
 - We ask every participant to sign a contract before coming on this trip. In signing this contract, the participant agrees to fully participate in the week and follow the guidelines put in place by the leaders. If a situation arises where the contract is broken, the participant will be transported home immediately at the expense of his or hers. We sincerely hope that such a problem never occurs.

Whom Do I Contact For More Information?

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