

India: Learning Beyond the Classroom

A historical high-school experiential education program outline • Global Leadership Adventures • July 8-28, 2014

An actual program, not a proposed itinerary

This sample is adapted from a historical daily schedule prepared for a Global Leadership Adventures high-school group. It illustrates the combination of community placements, cultural learning, leadership development and reflection used in the program. Raja Sahota is identified as Director in the original schedule.

Program at a glance

Duration	21 calendar days, July 8-28
Region	Amritsar, Dharamshala / McLeod Ganj, Kareri village, Delhi and Agra
Participants	High-school students
Learning themes	Community service, Tibetan and Indian culture, social change, environmental awareness, leadership and reflection

What makes this example relevant

The schedule pairs regular community placements with guided discussions, Hindi lessons, cultural visits, field excursions, journaling and student presentations. The daily plan also includes mentor support, group duties and structured evening routines.

Arrival, orientation & community engagement

JUL 8 | Amritsar arrival

Overland transfer to Amritsar; stay at Mrs. Bhandari's Guest House; evening discussion with Director Raja Sahota.

JUL 9 | Golden Temple & Dharamshala

Visit the Golden Temple, transfer to Dharamshala, and participate in home-base orientation, group assignments and daily-duty planning.

JUL 10 | Community-service orientation

Visit work sites, organize placements, discuss community work with Raja Sahota, begin Hindi language learning and share project visions. Evening reflection and journaling.

JUL 11 | Project planning & Hindi

Placement work, project refinement with Raja Sahota, goal setting, a second Hindi lesson, scavenger hunt and journal reflection.

JUL 12 | Media for social change

Morning placements followed by a workshop on using media for social change.

JUL 13 | Kangra Fort & Masroor Temples

Excursion to Kangra Fort and its museum, followed by the Masroor rock-cut temples; preparation for the next placement day.

JUL 14 | Consumption & global trade

Morning placements; screening of The Story of Stuff, a consumption activity, social-entrepreneurship walk and an evening talk on trade and Tibet with Tenzin Tsundue.

Environment, culture & village experience

JUL 15 | Himalayan environment

Community placements, Himalayan documentaries and discussions, visit to the Green Shop in McLeod Ganj, and dinner at Common Ground.

JUL 16 | Religious traditions

Community placements and visits to Akhanjar Mahadev Temple and the Dalai Lama's temple, including a kora walk.

JUL 17 | Food systems & cooking

Community placements, visit to an organic-food business, discussion with its owner, and a local cooking class.

JUL 18 | Kareri village excursion

Travel to Kareri village, settle at the campsite, visit the village and join an evening leadership session.

JUL 19 | Rural village visit

Explore rural village life, with time for cricket with local children and staff; evening leadership session.

JUL 20 | Return from camp

Camp activities, return to Dharamshala home base and evening routine.

JUL 21 | Unspecified in original schedule

The historical source lists this date without activities. No program content has been added.

Arts, reflection & closing journey

JUL 22 | Indian cultural traditions

Activities involving saris, turbans and traditional jewelry; leadership session and a film screening. A shopping entry was tentative in the source.

JUL 23 | Tibetan medicine & Ayurveda

Visit Men-Tsee-Khang, participate in an herb walk and attend an introduction to Ayurveda.

JUL 24 | Tibetan arts

Community placements and visit to Norbulingka Center for Tibetan Arts, including an art scavenger hunt.

JUL 25 | Final placements & presentations

Last placement day, group presentations summarizing the experience, and farewell dinner.

JUL 26 | Travel to Delhi

Overland journey to Delhi, with meals and overnight accommodation.

JUL 27 | Taj Mahal

Day excursion to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal; return to Delhi.

JUL 28 | Departures

Airport transfers according to students' flight schedules.

Notes on this historical example

This is an edited summary of the supplied 2014 daily schedule, not a verbatim transcript. Routine meal times, lights-out times and transport estimates have been condensed for readability. Some entries in the source were tentative or incomplete; this sample does not represent them as confirmed activities. It does not establish that Global Leadership Adventures is a current partner of Broken Earth.

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