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INDIA TREK

IDEAL TREK WINDOW: OCTOBER - APRIL



Quick Scoop



Cohort size 20–30 delegates

Duration 10-12 days

Cities / States Covered Delhi, Agra (Uttar Pradesh), Bhubaneswar (Odisha) + [*Optional Extension: Goa / Mumbai / Rajasthan*]

Ideal Trek Window October - April

Funding 100% sponsored by KIIT & KISS for the core programme (excluding international flights & registration fees). KIIT & KISS typically invest USD 2,000–3,000 per student on average.

What's Covered by KIIT & KISS All in-country expenses are covered, including twin-sharing 5-star accommodation in Delhi & Bhubaneswar, all meals, domestic flights & ground transport. Participants also enjoy guided cultural tours, exclusive academic & policy sessions, and fully managed logistics for a seamless experience.

Since March 2024 250+ delegates (students & faculty) and 50+ visiting faculty through the Global Faculty Programme

Introduction

We are delighted to invite students from around the world to embark on the India Trek - a transformative journey where cultural immersion meets academic exploration. Hosted by KIIT and KISS, this 10–12 day program is thoughtfully designed to showcase India's diversity and dynamism while offering unique opportunities for learning and exchange.

From the historic landmarks of Delhi and Agra to the vibrant innovation and cultural heart of Odisha's capital, Bhubaneswar, every stop on the Trek is curated to spark discovery, dialogue, and lasting connection. Delegates engage with India's leading policymakers, grassroots changemakers and academic leaders, while experiencing the depth of India's traditions, heritage and modern aspirations.

October through April is the ideal window for the India Trek, balancing pleasant weather with festivals, cultural vibrancy, and opportunities to experience India at its finest. More than a journey, the India Trek is a bridge – between nations, ideas and people committed to shaping a more inclusive and collaborative future.



Our Mission

The India Trek is more than a journey; it's a bridge.

We bring young learners and leaders from across the globe to India to experience its diversity, engage with its change-makers and learn from its grassroots innovation.

Over the next five years, our mission is ambitious yet simple: to open Odisha, and India at large, as a living classroom for culture, leadership and transformation.





What Makes Us Unique

Unlike any other program, the India Trek is:

Fully Funded by KIIT & KISS:

Delegates enjoy a world-class experience: accommodation, meals, domestic travel, academic programming and cultural activities, all subsidised by KISS Foundation. (International flights and a nominal registration fee are the only participant costs.)

An Insider's Access

From policymakers in Delhi to Indigenous youth at KISS in Odisha, the Trek offers exclusive opportunities to interact with people shaping India at every level — corridors of power, campuses of innovation and communities of resilience.

A Dual Lens: National & Grassroots

Delhi & Bhubaneswar offer a view of India's big-picture vision and global role. Odisha reveals how inclusive, community-led models like KISS are rewriting stories of equity and empowerment. This dual perspective makes the India Trek not just unique, but unforgettable.

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Educational Days

Education is the beating heart of the India Trek. Each day is carefully designed to take delegates beyond sightseeing and into India's living classrooms - from the nation's corridors of power in Delhi to the grassroots innovation hub of Bhubaneswar. By engaging with leaders, youth and communities across two very different but interconnected settings, participants gain a dual perspective on India's story of change.

Delhi: Corridors of Power

The Trek begins in New Delhi, India's vibrant capital and seat of government. Here, participants are introduced to the national pulse of development and reform:

Engage with changemakers - Cabinet ministers, policymakers, entrepreneurs, lawyers, transformation.

Explore India's living history through guided visits to landmarks such as India Gate, Qutub Minar, Rashtrapati Bhavan and the bustling Dilli Haat.

This phase offers a high-level view of India's innovation ecosystem, political discourse and cultural vibrancy - a deep dive into how the country is shaping its future while carrying forward a rich historical legacy.





Bhubaneswar: Ground of Grassroots Innovation

From Delhi's national lens, the Trek journeys east to Bhubaneswar, a Tier-2 city that bridges India's emerging urban growth story. This second phase is anchored at KIIT and KISS – two globally recognized institutions redefining education and social impact. Here, delegates:

Step into the classrooms of KIIT, one of India's most respected private universities, and engage with students and faculty across cutting-edge disciplines, from technology and business to law and public health.

Immerse in the world of KISS, the world's largest fully residential tribal university, where 80,000 Indigenous children and youth receive free education, nutrition and healthcare. Delegates interact with students, hear their stories and witness first-hand how grassroots models of inclusion are reshaping global conversations on equity.

Connect with Odisha's changemakers, exploring the region's unique development challenges and opportunities while experiencing its cultural richness through visits to sites such as the Sun Temple at Konark (UNESCO World Heritage Site), local markets and craft villages.

This phase shifts the perspective from national frameworks to community-led solutions, giving participants a rare chance to see how large-scale policy ambitions translate into lived realities on the ground.

A Dual Classroom Experience



Peer-to-Peer Exchanges: Global Classrooms, Shared Futures

At the heart of the India Trek are connections between visiting delegates and the 80,000+ students of KIIT and KISS. Through classroom dialogues, cultural evenings, collaborative workshops and informal networking, students build bonds that transcend geography, fostering empathy, mutual learning and friendships that often extend into long-term collaborations



Youth Empowerment: Engaging with India's Young Change-Makers

From tribal students at KISS redefining access to education, to KIIT students advancing in robotics, law, medicine and business, the Trek offers a unique lens into India's youthful dynamism. Delegates are participants - joining dialogues, student-led initiatives and service-learning projects that amplify young voices shaping the future.



Political & Policy Encounters: High-Level Engagements: Conversations that Shape the Future

Delegates may engage in exclusive meetings with senior policymakers, members of parliament, union ministers, justices of the Supreme Court, industry leaders and representatives from global institutions such as the UN and the World Bank. These rare opportunities provide insight into India's policy priorities, governance models and global role, sparking curiosity, respect and a renewed sense of shared responsibility.



Immersive Indian Culture

Exploring India's Cultural Treasures

The India Trek balances intellectual dialogue with cultural immersion. From the bustling streets of Old Delhi to the timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal in Agra and finally to the vibrant art, music, and heritage of Odisha, participants experience the diversity of India's culture. In Bhubaneswar, they explore ancient temples and Odisha's living traditions of dance, craft and cuisine – experiences that bring alive the colours, rhythms and stories of India.

Cultural Evenings at KIIT & KISS

No Trek is complete without celebration. Delegates share cultural showcases with KIIT and KISS students – performances of tribal dance, theatre and music alongside global student expressions. These evenings create a tapestry of traditions and creativity, reminding participants that culture is both a bridge and a bond.



Qutb Minar, Delhi



Rashtrapati Bhavan (President's House), Delhi



Raghurajpur Heritage Village, Odisha

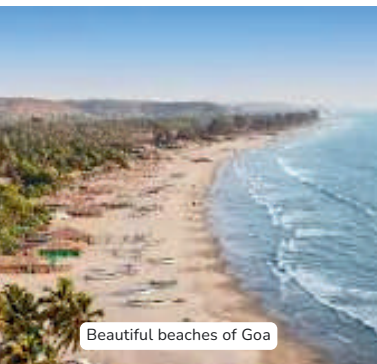


Taj Mahal, Agra

India Trek Destinations



India Gate, Delhi



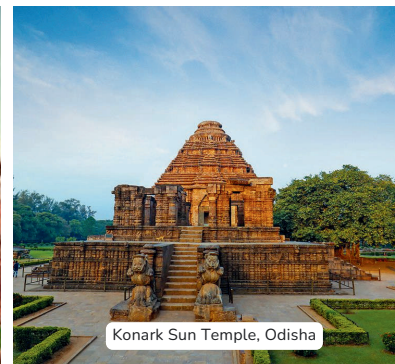
Beautiful beaches of Goa



Dhauli Shanti Stupa, Odisha



Red Fort, Delhi



Konark Sun Temple, Odisha

Ideal Participants

The India Trek is designed for curious, courageous and committed young leaders who want to experience India beyond the headlines. We welcome:



Global Scholars & Alumni

Students and graduates from top international universities who are eager to broaden their horizons.



Changemakers-in-the-Making

Youth leaders, entrepreneurs, activists and visionaries passionate about driving positive impact.



Adventurous Explorers

Those ready to dive into India's cultural richness — from its monuments and markets to its food, festivals and music.

If you're ready to engage deeply, think critically and build lifelong connections,
the India Trek is for you.

Arrival & Departure

Participants typically arrive at Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL) in Delhi at the start of the programme. The journey concludes in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, after which participants generally fly back to Delhi for their international connections, unless they choose to extend their journey elsewhere. A detailed logistics note will be shared with confirmed delegates.

If you'd like to **extend your stay** beyond the official Trek dates, optional travel to destinations such as Goa, Mumbai, or Rajasthan can be arranged. KIIT & KISS will provide your domestic flight to the city of your choice; however, accommodation, meals, your return flight and other logistics from that city will not be covered, as these fall outside the purview of the official programme.

Conclusion

A detailed agenda will be shared with participants before arrival, outlining planned educational sessions, policy dialogues, peer-to-peer exchanges and cultural experiences. Each Trek is uniquely curated, balancing intensive learning with moments of reflection and celebration. With 3 cities over 10–12 days, the programme is designed to ensure that participants return not only with knowledge but with friendships, insights and memories that last a lifetime.





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Interested in Participating?

INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCES

This trek offers a chance to immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and diverse experiences of India. You'll have the opportunity to visit Delhi and Odisha. As the trek is completely sponsored, we will give priority to those who have never been to India or have only had a brief encounter. This journey is designed to deepen your connection and understanding of this incredible country. **Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! Get in touch now to secure your spot on what promises to be a thrilling and enriching adventure**

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Past Treks

Curious about what makes the India Trek such a once-in-a-lifetime experience?

Take a glimpse into the energy, learning, and unforgettable moments captured across some recent Treks. From vibrant cultural performances to thought-provoking dialogues with India's change-makers, each video tells the story of a journey that sparks inspiration and lasting connections. **Click/scan below to relive the magic and imagine yourself as part of the next chapter!**



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Bothell



Like What You Saw? Let's Connect!

If the spirit of the India Trek spoke to you, we'd love to hear from you! Whether you're curious about joining the next cohort or want to collaborate with us, don't hesitate to reach out.

The journey is just getting started and you could be a part of it!



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Join us for an inspiring journey of dialogue, discovery, and development. It is more than an event — it's a celebration of global unity, cultural richness and educational excellence. **We look forward to welcoming you to the India Trek, where knowledge meets tradition and global friendships begin.**



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