



STUDY VISIT TO SOUTH INDIA

2nd - 12th April 2014

Teachers from all phases of education are invited to visit South India to:

- Take part in a unique professional development opportunity which aims to increase authentic experience of a different country and culture by spending ten days living in a residential study centre in and alongside a village community in rural Karnataka.
- Develop ideas about how to teach about India and development issues through enquiry and by gathering comparative case studies for rural and urban development.
- Gather resources, artefacts and information to enhance and enrich the delivery of many curriculum subjects. Particularly Geography, History/Knowledge and Understanding of the World; Art/Creativity; RE/PSED and cross curricular topics which involve teaching and learning about India.
- Explore markets, temples, sacred mountains, and learn about Indian creative traditional rituals and cultural art forms.
- Reflect on creative and participatory teaching practice through activities, school visits and discussion.
- Strengthen Global Citizenship, intercultural learning and Internationalism in your school.

What do these visits offer?

Our main objective is to enable groups of no more than 12 teachers to learn at about this very different and rapidly developing country and culture, to explore the local environment, and to take part in a choice of activities to bring back relevant learning and resources to their school.

What would we do, exactly?

The visits are carefully structured to suit the professional curriculum needs and personal development agendas of the members of the group. You may want to gather material for a geography case study of an Indian village, or the rapidly changing city of Bangalore. You may wish to explore environmental development issues such as land use change, agricultural practices, water, and urbanisation. You may want to discover Indian music, art, dance, cookery or story. You can visit temples and understand more about Hinduism and Indian rural rituals. You can visit schools and engage in professional dialogue. You may wish to enliven your own teaching practice by developing ideas for learning about another place through enquiry. You can visit local markets, temples, and the ancient city of Mysore; and most people want to shop for artefacts and resources for school. We create a programme of activities once each group is formed.

Where, in South India?

You will stay at "Sangam", a residential study centre on the edge of the village of Silvepura, 25 km north of Bangalore. The area is rural but within easy reach of Bangalore. Information about accommodation and facilities can be found on www.sangamprojects.com.

Who will lead this visit?

The group leader will be Cathy Bushill, Assistant Headteacher of St. Vigor and St. John Primary school, and The Mill Children's centre Nursery, Chilcompton, Somerset. In India the visits are hosted and led by Imogen and Kiran Sahi, both teachers, who live and work at Sangam. Information about the leader and hosts is to be found at www.sangamprojects.com.

How much does it cost?

£650 will cover all costs in India (accommodation, food, study packs, travel, and admin). The airfare is currently around £550-£600. You will also need a visa, some vaccinations, and travel insurance.

What to do if you are interested?

- Please visit www.sangamprojects.com Look at "Next teacher study visits" and read more. See in particular the "further information" about this particular visit, and the "how to join this visit" sheet.
- Download and send the application form by post to Cathy by the end of October 2013 at the latest. Applications will be reviewed as per received, and appropriate applications will be given places on a first-come basis.
- And then attend the preparation session where you will share objectives, and hear full information and advice about travel, health and cultural issues.

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