

Helpful tips before you leave:

- Check with a healthcare provider on necessary vaccinations before traveling to India
- Pack mosquito repellent with DEET for nighttime
- Pack snacks such as granola bars, crackers, or chips for the long train rides
- Bring a digital camera so you don't forget this memorable trip!
- Have an open mind, India is a different culture with different customs



Taxi in Mumbai

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Study Abroad in Mumbai, India



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Why Study Abroad?

Benefits of Study Abroad Programs: Why College Students Should Learn in a Foreign Country

Studying abroad, if even for a month instead of the traditional semester may seem like something out of your comfort zone. This hesitation leads some students from missing out of one of the best experiences of their life.

Self-Improvement

Going abroad students leave their safety net from family and friends. For some this is the first time leaving the country, traveling on their own, or even flying. By stepping out of your comfort zone self confidence, independence, and self reliance can be learned.

Education in another culture

College students studying abroad are immersed in a different environment and culture with different customs. Knowledge is learned in and outside the classroom by living in a country that is different than your own. You will learn to look at different things in a more global perspective. Understanding a new culture is something that will be beneficial in the future when meeting people from different cultures than your own

Experience a new culture

You will experience firsthand new music, art, theatre and food. Studying in the actual environment brings the classroom to life! Living in a country instead of visiting gives you more opportunities to interact and learn from

Learn a new language

You will learn a new language faster being immersed in the culture instead of being in the classroom. You will be surrounded by the new language in daily activities.

Employment in the future

Studying abroad looks great on a resume. It shows you are open to new ideas and can adapt to changes that will set you apart from others.

Meet new people

You will meet new friends from around the world, who you can share interests with and learn new ideas from. You will gain new perspectives on things you normally wouldn't have from other local students. You will also meet other Salisbury University students studying abroad with you!



Information on India

- The government has recognized 18 official languages: Hindi, the national language, is the most widely spoken as well as English.
- Four of the world's major religions originated in India: Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism.
- India occupies 2.4% of the world's land area, yet it supports over 15% of the world's population.
- The capital is New Delhi. Some other major cities in India are Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, and Hyderabad.
- Indian food is known for its use in a variety of spices, herbs, and vegetables. Many Indians are vegetarians because of religious Hindu beliefs. Below is a sampling of different traditional foods called a thali.



Why India? A Students' perspective on Studying Abroad in India

Students should study abroad because it's definitely something that you will never forget and not to mention, a chance of a lifetime. It's a great experience because you are able to know your professors better as well as meet the group of people who attend the trip with you. You will always have those memories that you will be able to share for years to come.

I had Dr. Sharma for a CMAT class last spring and when he first mentioned the India trip I was really excited for it. It seemed like an interesting place to go and the college where we were going to be studying seemed like it would be a good experience. I recommend India to other students who want to study abroad because it is a culture experience as well as a great learning experience. I really enjoyed seeing the ancient caves and learning about a culture that is so much older than our own. Seeing the replica of the Taj Mahal and riding an elephant stand out as unique experiences in my mind. I definitely hope I will be able to go back to India someday. Not everyone can say they have been to India.

- Alexis Howard, Senior Journalism student



Alexis riding an elephant in Goa

Life in Mumbai

Students will study at St. Xavier's College in Mumbai, one of the most well known colleges in India. Indian students from all over the country study here. The Media, Culture and Communications class is held at Xavier's Institute of Communications. Students will examine numerous Bollywood films to understand Indian culture. Some movies that will be viewed are Om Shanti Om, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge, as well as many others.

Students will share rooms together at the YMCA International House located in Central Mumbai. Breakfast, dinner, internet, and a laundry service are all provided. Taxis will be taken to navigate Mumbai and students will travel in trains and buses on weekend trips.

Outside of the classroom students will explore India on the weekends making several trips. Possible excursions include:

- Elephanta caves
- Aurangabad
 - Ellora caves
 - Ajanta caves
- Pune
- Goa

Elephanta caves

Elephanta Island is home to the Elephanta caves located about six miles from Mumbai. This World Heritage site has two groups of caves— five Hindu and two Buddhist. Many of the stone cut outs are dedicated to Shiva, a Hindu god. The caves have an unknown date and attribution, but archaeologists date them back to the 5th and 8th centuries.



Elephanta caves

Aurangabad

Aurangabad is a city close to the Ellora and Ajanta caves, both World Heritage sites. In Ellora there are thirty four caves excavated out of the Charanandri Hills. The caves represent three world religions within the temples. The first twelve are Buddhist, the next seventeen are Hindu, and the last five are Jain. They represent the harmony in religions between the fifth and tenth centuries in India. Not far from Aurangabad is the Bibi Ka Maqbara or more commonly known as the “Mini Taj Mahal” or the “Poor man’s Taj”. This amazing monument was built for the wife of the Mughal emperor Aurangazeb.

Pune

Pune, is located south of Mumbai. This city is home to the University of Pune, another well known university in India. Many open air markets and museums in Pune make this a great destination.

Goa

Goa is the smallest state in India and located south of Mumbai. Goa is known for its beaches, and because of that tourism is the focus by the coast. The beach environment makes this state laid back. Besides the beach Goa has an aquarium, markets, and old Portuguese lighthouses to explore.



Ellora caves



Bibi Ka Maqbara