



INDIA

Multi-Purpose Hall

Dates:

Flexible – teams can discuss potential dates with LHM. Best months to travel to India are July-February. ***Please note-this project is estimated to take longer than optimal time of 14 days. Project can be divided between two teams at different times. Timeframe for each team would be 14 days in country, excluding travel days.***

Individual Budget:

Approximately \$1,174 – This includes food, lodging, in-country transportation, and travel/health insurance. This is an estimated cost and does not include visas or international flights and is based on a team of 10 people for 16 days, 14 days in country.

Materials for Project:

Project costs are \$6,700. This includes materials for all projects and required tools. This is a shared cost between team members.



Project

A team is needed to build a Multi-Purpose Hall to provide a permanent shelter for the use of Youth Club activities, educational programs for women and children, serve as a community center and for Church services on Sundays. India is a land with poverty. About 80 percent of the people live in rural areas called villages where basic amenities are lacking; illiteracy is the dominating factor in the rural India, which is the hurdle for social development. India being the largest functioning democracy in the world is a good field for Evangelism with 97% of the people being non-Christians.

Project Location

The team will be working in Tamil Nadu or Andhra Pradesh. Although India occupies only 2.4% of the world's land area, it supports over 15% of the world's population. It is about one third the size of the US with terrain that varies from the Himalayas to flat river valleys and deserts in the west. India's median age is 25, one of the youngest among large economies. About 70% live in more than 550,000 villages, and the remainder in more than 200 towns and cities. More than half of the population depends on agriculture for its livelihood; 700 million Indians live on \$2 per day or less.

The Hindu caste system reflects Indian occupational and socially defined hierarchies. In the countryside, expanding education, land reform and economic opportunity through access to information, communication, transport, and credit are helping to lessen the harshest elements of the caste system.

LHM International Volunteer Trips provide the opportunity to learn through authentic cross-cultural experiences and have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus. If you are interested in touching lives, please call Chris Myers at 314-317-4268 or 1-800-944-3450, ext. 4268; or by email christine.myers@lhm.org.

Sample Itinerary

- Day 1. Arrival and rest.
- Day 2. Orientation, visit project site and planning
- Day 3. Worship and free time
- Day 4. Workday
- Day 5. Workday
- Day 6. Workday
- Day 7. Workday
- Day 8. Workday
- Day 9. Workday
- Day 10. Worship and sightseeing
- Day 11. Workday
- Day 12. Workday
- Day 13. Wrap up project
- Day 14. Sightseeing
- Day 15. Departure

A detailed itinerary will be provided to you by LHM according to your travel days and team size.



Travel Documentation

- US passport must be valid 6 months beyond intended stay
- Indian visa (*to be obtained prior to departure from US*)
- Photocopies of the bio-data page of your U.S. passport and the pages containing the Indian visa and Indian immigration stamps
- Embassy contact information:
Embassy of India
2536 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington DC, 20008
Telephone: (202) 939-9806
Fax: (202) 387-6946
Website: <http://www.indianembassy.org/>

Please visit the India website for the most current visa information.

Monitor information on local travel and security at www.travel.state.gov

Travel Insurance

Medical Evacuation for all team members is mandatory and LHM provides insurance from AIG at the cost of \$3.30 a day. We will provide you with an insurance card with a policy number on it and a contact number in cases of extreme emergency – i.e. something that requires evacuation. The person you talk with will advise you on what to do in those circumstances. For all other claims please pay any bills that you incur and make a claim directly to the insurance company when your return.

Lodging and Meals

Accommodations will be made at a hotel (breakfast included) near the worksite. Lunch will be served in the Ministry center or lunch packets will be arranged. Dinner is available at the hotel or local eateries.

Sightseeing

Opportunities to visit towns, cities and villages can be arranged. The fees for sightseeing are not included in the individual costs.

Budget

Individual budget based on 10 people for 14 days

Travel Insurance	\$3.30 per person per day x 16 days, includes travel days	\$52.80
Lodging	\$45/night for 13 nights	\$585.00
Meals	\$10/day average for 14 days, breakfast included at hotel	\$280.00
Transportation (include airport)	\$3.30/person for 14 days	\$46.20
Bottled Water	\$5/day for 14 days	\$70.00
Total		\$1,034.00

You must also budget for your international flights, \$140 visa fee (to be purchased prior to departure from the US), miscellaneous costs, sightseeing and souvenirs. Airport tax should be included with your flight costs. Be sure to check this when booking your flights.

The budget is an estimate and your team may choose to eat more or less expensive, which would affect your budget. We generally over-budget as much as possible so you do not run short of funds, but it never hurts to have some extra funds available. It would also be wise to carry a small amount of additional contingency funds for any medical emergencies that may occur or unexpected costs.

Project Costs

Project costs are \$6,700 which includes all materials and required tools, which can be purchased or rented locally. These costs are shared by all team members. The timeline for payment of both Project Costs and Individual Costs will be provided once specific travel dates are determined. Project Costs must be paid 4 weeks prior to departure and Individual Costs must be paid 2 weeks prior to departure. In some cases, if LHM needs to make hotel or transport reservations, we may ask for partial payments to be made on a different timeline.

Vaccinations

Vaccine recommendations are based on the best available risk information. Please note that the level of risk for vaccine-preventable disease can change at any time.

Vaccination or Disease	Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
Routine	Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots such as, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, poliovirus vaccine, etc.
Hepatitis A or immune globulin (IG)	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection (see map) where exposure might occur through food or water. Cases of travel-related hepatitis A can also occur in travelers to developing countries with "standard" tourist itineraries, accommodations, and food consumption behaviors.
Hepatitis B	Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission (see map), especially those who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment (e.g., for an accident).
Typhoid	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in South Asia, especially if staying with friends or relatives or visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas where exposure might occur through food or water.

Polio	Recommended for adult travelers who have received a primary series with either inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV). They should receive another dose of IPV before departure. For adults, available data do not indicate the need for more than a single lifetime booster dose with IPV.
Japanese encephalitis	Recommended if you plan to visit rural farming areas and under special circumstances, such as a known outbreak of Japanese encephalitis, see country-specific information .
Rabies	Recommended for travelers spending a lot of time outdoors, especially in rural areas, involved in activities such as bicycling, camping, or hiking. Also recommended for travelers with significant occupational risks (such as veterinarians), for long-term travelers and expatriates living in areas with a significant risk of exposure, and for travelers involved in any activities that might bring them into direct contact with bats, carnivores, and other mammals. Children are considered at higher risk because they tend to play with animals, may receive more severe bites, or may not report bites.

Malaria

Areas of India with Malaria: All areas throughout the country, including cities of Bombay (Mumbai) and Delhi, except none in areas >2,000 m (6,561 ft) in Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, and Sikkim. ([more information](#))

If you will be visiting an area of India with malaria, you will need to discuss with your doctor the best ways for you to avoid getting sick with malaria. Ways to prevent malaria include the following:

- Taking a prescription antimalarial drug
- Using insect repellent and wearing long pants and sleeves to prevent mosquito bites
- Sleeping in air-conditioned or well-screened rooms or using bednets

All of the following antimalarial drugs are equal options for preventing malaria in India: Atovaquone-proguanil, doxycycline, or mefloquine. For detailed information about each of these drugs, see [Table 3-11: Drugs used in the prophylaxis of malaria](#). For information that can help you and your doctor decide which of these drugs would be best for you, please see [Choosing a Drug to Prevent Malaria](#).

Note: Chloroquine is NOT an effective antimalarial drug in India and should not be taken to prevent malaria in this region.

This is based on current information from CDC. Always consult with your doctor regarding vaccinations, as Lutheran Hour Ministries cannot be held liable for any recommendations made.

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel>

Forms

Please return all required forms to LHM St. Louis if you have not already done so.

LHM Ministry Center- India

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Their outreach consists of radio broadcasting, BCC (Bible Correspondence Course) and handouts. Recently, they have the ability for people to contact them through phone, SMS and email. They are continually reaching out to people in their communities by expanding their means of outreach.

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