

SOCIAL TRAVEL: NORTH INDIA

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Overview:

Social Travel is a 6+ weeks experiential travel program in which the participants explore 16+ locations across North India while participating in meaningful volunteer work for a cause they care about. Through this travel experience, we aim to provide a taste of the Indian culture, an insight to the local traditions and lots of adventure while adding value to the society.





I. ITINERARY

DAY	DAY PLAN
Day 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport [DEL]. • Airport pick up will be provided till the accommodation. • Orientation lunch/dinner with Experience Captain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet and greet with the other travellers. ○ A small session on how to make the most of your experience in India and safety tips and guidelines. ○ A SIM Card is provided with unlimited national calling, 1.4GB data/day and 100 local SMS/day. ○ A Metro Card with a prepaid recharge is provided for local travel across Delhi.
Day 1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome ceremony at Workplace on Day 1. • Participate in volunteering work. • Timings: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM • You are free to explore the city or relax after your volunteer work is over.
Day 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One day Heritage Trip to Agra, Mathura, and Vrindavan • Locations covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Taj Mahal</i> ○ <i>Agra Fort</i> ○ <i>Local markets of Agra</i> ○ <i>Temples in Mathura and Vrindavan</i>
Day 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delhi Heritage Tour • Locations covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Qutab Minar</i> ○ <i>Lotus Temple</i> ○ <i>Hauz Khas Fort</i> ○ <i>India Gate</i> ○ <i>Humayun's Tomb</i> ○ <i>Dilli Haat</i>
Day 8-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in volunteering work. • Timings: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM • You are free to explore the city or relax after your volunteer work is over.



Day 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Hindi Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Timing: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Indian cooking class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prepare basic North Indian meal consisting of seasonal veggies, dal (lentils), raita (Indian yogurt), rice and roti (bread). ○ Learn about different spices used at home. ○ Home remedies: Simple life hacks from things found in an Indian kitchen.
Day 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A walk across Old Delhi • Timing: 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM • Locations and activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gurudwara SisGanj Sahib ○ Cloth market in Chandni Chowk ○ Jama Masjid ○ Chawri Bazaar ○ Khari Baoli (Spice market) ○ Street food from iconic vendors
Day 12 - 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parvati Valley- Backpacking trip across the Himalayas • Departure from Delhi on Day 12 evening. • Three days of backpacking across the villages Bhuntar, Manikaran, Barsaini, Kasol, Chalaal and Tosh in the Parvati Valley.
Day 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive back in Delhi on Day 16 morning. • Rest in accommodation. • Evening/ Night departure for Rishikesh.
Day 17-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome ceremony at Workplace on Day 17. • Participate in volunteering work. • Timings: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM • 3- day evening Yoga Workshop.



Day 20-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-day adventure & sightseeing trip to Mussoorie and Dhanaulti. • Arrive in Dhanaulti on Day 20 and check-in at the campsite. • Activities available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Burma Bridge ○ Zipline ○ Parallel Rope ○ Suspension Bridge ○ Valley Crossing ○ Balance Walk ○ Nature Walk ○ Indian board games like Ludo and Carrom ○ Bonfire and music at night • Move to Mussoorie on Day 21 for sightseeing.
Day 22-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take part in volunteering work. • Timings: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM • Participants are free to explore the city or relax after their volunteer work is over. • Whitewater Rafting on Day 24 after volunteering work.
Day 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One day site visit to a Pahaadi Gaon (Mountain village). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet students at the local school in the village. ○ Trek and explore the areas around the village. ○ Lunch at the homestay of a local villager.
Day 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depart for Jaipur by bus.
Day 29- 33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome ceremony at Workplace on Day 29. • Participate in volunteering work. • Timings: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM • You are free to explore the city or relax after your volunteer work is over.
Day 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheel Pottery Workshop
Day 33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening community service at slums of Jaipur. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food and cloth distribution. ○ Interact and play with children from the slum area.



Day 34-35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-day sightseeing tour around Jaipur-Amer • Locations on Day 34: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Birla Temple</i> ○ <i>Albert Hall Museum</i> ○ <i>City Palace</i> ○ <i>Hawa Mahal</i> ○ <i>Jantar Mantar</i> ○ <i>Amer Fort (Elephant Riding)</i> ○ <i>Jal Mahal</i> • Locations on Day 35: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Jaigarh Fort</i> ○ <i>Nahargarh Fort</i> ○ <i>Royal Gaitor</i> ○ <i>Govind Devji Temple</i> ○ <i>Sisodia Rani Bagh</i> ○ <i>Galta Monkey Temple</i>
Day 36-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take part in volunteering work. • Timings: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM • Participants are free to explore the city or relax after their volunteer work is over.
Day 40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening community service at slums of Jaipur. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Food and cloth distribution. ○ Interact and play with children from the slum area.
Day 41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One day trip to Ajmer and Pushkar • Activities and locations included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Evening Camel Safari</i> ○ <i>Temples and ghats of Pushkar</i> ○ <i>Local marketplaces of Ajmer</i>
Day 42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early morning departure for Delhi. • Farewell lunch in Delhi signifying official end of your experience in India.



II. Dates:

Start dates have been marked out. These are the 1st & 3rd Sundays' of each month.

MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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JUNE 2019

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JULY 2019

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AUGUST 2019

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SEPTEMBER 2019

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OCTOBER 2019

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NOVEMBER 2019

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DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Flexible Dates:

1. Our Social Travel experiences are run throughout the year with two start dates each month.
2. You can join our experience at any time of the year as long as you book in advance.
3. If you have finalized your project, try to book your dates as soon as possible. Some dates get booked out months in advance.
4. You have the flexibility to arrive **two days earlier** and **two days later** than the arrival and departure dates respectively. This gives you the freedom to opt for the cheapest flight tickets even if it is not landing on the start date.
5. Having experience cycles twice every month means that if due to any reason you're unable to join us on the pre-decided date, you can reschedule for any other date for no extra cost.

III. How to book?



Project Fee:

Length of experience	Experience fee
6 Weeks	1800 USD
4 Weeks	1350 USD

Registration Fee:

An advance payment amounting to 50% of your Experience fee is collected to book your spot for one of the experiences.

Payment Options:

Payment Portal	Account Details	
PayPal	Account ID	info@thetarzanway.com
Bank Payment	Account Number	0412953581



	IFSC Code	KKBK0004600
	SWIFT Code	KKBKINBB
	MICR Code	110485088

Required Documents:

1. Passport
2. VISA
3. Flight Tickets
4. Emergency Contact (with ID)
5. Resume/ CV

Cancellation Policy:

1. In case you decide to cancel your project, the booking fee will still be non-refundable.
2. You can opt to reschedule your project dates. There is no expiration to your booking as well, so you don't have to hurry to plan your rescheduled travel.
3. The booking fee is completely transferable meaning in case your travel plans are cancelled due to any reason, you can pass on the booking to any family or friend who can opt to join in on any date of their preference.
4. In case you want to cancel your booking for a particular project and shift to another, you just need to pay the difference if the cost is higher. In case the project cost is lower, then you can use the remaining amount for add-on trips/ activities or plan your next travel to India. You can also share this amount with a friend who might want to join us in the future.

IV. Accommodation, Meals & Transportation:

Accommodation and all meals are included for the entire duration of the project. Specifics regarding accommodation and meals are mentioned below.

Accommodation type:

1. **Guest House:** Various guesthouses either belonging to the NGO/school or otherwise rented out will be provided to you. A guesthouse will always be in the vicinity of the workplace to ensure that you don't have to spend anything on travelling and can just walk up to your workplace.
2. **Host Family:** You might be hosted by one of the employees at the NGO/School. This is a perfect way for you to experience the Indian culture of hospitality often termed as "Atithi Devo Bhava" meaning that a guest is the embodiment of God.
3. **Hostel:** You might be hosted in a backpacking hostel when you are either travelling to another city over the weekend or for transit stays. This is a perfect opportunity for you to meet other travellers from around the world.

**Room type:**

1. Double/ Triple sharing (Guesthouse/ Host Family)
2. Six sharing dormitories (Hostel)

Meals:

1. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided at the accommodation itself.
2. All the meals provided will be pure vegetarian, home-cooked Indian food.
3. Different accommodation might have fixed timings for meals which will be informed prior to you settling in. In case you miss your meal timings, you will have to arrange your meal for yourself.
4. Meals will be provided to you during all activities and travel if the timings coincide with meal timings.
5. In case, you miss any of your meals due to any of our activities or trips. You will be reimbursed for any expense you bear for that meal. You will have to present a receipt or proof of transaction before claiming this reimbursement.
6. India has a huge plethora of cuisines and you can try these out at various restaurants and cafes by either eating out or ordering in. The cost of any such meal has not been included.
7. Various apps such as **Zomato** can be used to find restaurants near you according to budget, cuisine etc. When ordering food you can use apps like **Swiggy** and **UberEATS**.

Transportation:

1. Airport pickup and drop is included.
2. Travel to the workplace and back is included if required.
3. In-city travel is only partially covered. In the case of travelling for our events or activities, the travel expense will be covered from the starting point onwards which may or may not be the volunteer accommodation. Miscellaneous amount to reach the start point will have to be borne by you. (Nothing to worry about though, it will be a minimal amount and would never be more than USD 5 or INR 400)
4. In case you are travelling for personal reasons like going out to explore the city or other places outside the city, the travel costs will not be borne by us.
5. Inter-city travel for trips or when changing locations will be covered by us although the start location of the travel might not necessarily be the volunteer accommodation. It may be a nearby bus or taxi stand.
6. Modes of transportation provided for travel will generally be tuk-tuk (autorickshaw), bus or taxi.
7. In case you want to experience a train journey in India, we must be informed in advance so that bookings can be made. Price for the train ticket will have to be paid separately.
8. In case, you have any sort of medical history with travelling such as being prone to motion sickness, then please inform this to your Experience Captain.



V. Local and Pre-Arrival Support

Sim Card:

1. A prepaid Sim Card will be provided to you on arrival with a recharge for the entire duration of your stay in India. It is recharged with unlimited calling and 1.5 GB data/ day to make sure you can easily connect to us, your family or friends.

Airport Pickup:

1. The moment you land in India, a coordinator from TTW will be there to receive you at the airport and drop you to your accommodation.
2. You will be shown around your accommodation by your Experience Captain. All the important stores nearby such as for groceries, medicines etc will be shown to you. The nearest public transport station will also be shown so that you can explore the city on your own.

Experience Captain:

1. An Experience Captain will be assigned to you. His responsibility will be to make sure you have the best experience in India. This includes ensuring safety, meaningful volunteer work, smooth running of all trips and activities and any other help that you might need.

Pre-Arrival Support:

1. An orientation booklet is shared on signing up on one of our projects. All information related to VISA, flight tickets, travel insurance, vaccinations etc is mentioned in detail there.

VI. Volunteer Work:

Through this Travel Experience, we aim to provide motivated travellers like you with meaningful volunteering work so that you can make a social impact where ever you travel.

Different categories of volunteer work are available for you to take part in.

1. Teaching Children
2. Women Empowerment
3. Enabling Specially-Abled Children
4. Old Age Home
5. Animal Care
6. Community Service

The most opted for volunteer work is teaching children. Since prior experience is not particularly required for this and anyone with a positive mindset and can-do attitude can create a positive impact amongst the children during their volunteer work duration.

Volunteer work with women, old age, specially-abled children and animals require prior experience and if you are interested and capable of joining any of these, please inform your



Experience Captain with proof of relevant skill such as a Letter of Recommendation from a relevant workplace, certificate, diplomas etc.

Teaching Children Volunteer Work:

1. Age group: 8–15 years old
2. **Cultural exchange seminar:** You can prepare a small seminar about your country. Information regarding your culture, current state of affairs, history, mythology, folklore etc can be showcased. A great way to do this would be to also bring some cultural items such as ethnic dresses or popular sweets etc which can be shown to the children. This session is often referred to as “Breaking stereotypes” where we try to change the mindset of young children about different countries from around the world.
3. **Teaching:** You will be allotted classes where you can take subject lessons on topics such as Maths, English, Science and Social Studies. The topics and subjects for this are generally decided according to the ongoing curriculum and you will be informed about these during the pre-arrival orientation call.
4. **Extra-curriculars:** In case you have any special skill such as knowledge of other languages, creative skills like arts & craft, musical instruments, sports etc, please inform us in advance so that special sessions for these can be set up.
5. Most importantly, you should try to spend as much time as possible with these children. Often coming from weaker sections of the society, they do not get the kind of guidance or mentorship to help them have an open perspective about the world. By acting like an older brother/ sister to these children, you can create a lifelong impact which cannot be quantified.
6. Note: Please note that despite what volunteer companies and NGOs claim, it is not possible to create a humungous impact over a short duration of volunteer work. We plan the job roles of volunteering work in a way that with each project cycle the new groups of participants build up from where the last ones left and hence making a difference over many project cycles.

VII. Trips and Activities:

Travel:

Travel is included in all our activities. A start location will be shared with you which is generally a bus stand or metro station from where we depart for the trip or activity. All travel from the start location is covered during which different modes of travel might be provided such as bus, taxi, metro etc.

Meals:

In case, timings for any meals coincide with timings of our activities or trips, then we'll provide you with those meals. If the volunteer pays for his meal in such instances, he/she can keep a receipt of the transaction which can be used for reimbursement purposes.

Entry Tickets:

Entry tickets are not included in the project fees. Please refer to the table below for the cost of entry tickets at different monuments in the projects.



Monument	Entry Fee (in INR)
Taj Mahal	1100/-
Agra Fort	550/-
Temples (All)	0/-
Qutab Minar	500/-
Lotus Temple	0/-
Hauz Khas Fort	0/-
India Gate	0/-
Humayun's Tomb	500/-
Dilli Haat	100/-
Gurudwara SisGanj Sahib	0/-
Jama Masjid	300/- (Camera charge)
Albert Hall Museum	300/-
City Palace	300/-
Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace)	200/-
Jantar Mantar	200/-
Amer Fort	550/-
Jal Mahal	0/-
Jaigarh Fort	85/-
Nahargarh Fort	200/-
Sisodia Rani Bagh	100/-
Govind Devji Temple	0/-
Royal Gaitor	30/-
Galta Monkey Temple	0/-

- Please keep a budget of 80 USD for entry tickets of all the monuments included in the experience.
- These are government set rates as of setting up of this project and are liable to change without prior notice.

Activities:

All activities are included as mentioned in the itinerary.

Personal trips:

If there are places that you want to explore during or after the project, just inform your Experience Captain and he will make all arrangements for making it happen. No extra support fee or convenience fee will be charged for this.

Add on trips:

We often plan additional trips and activities according to the season. There is a separate cost attached to these. Information regarding all add on trips during your project cycle will be shared with you during the Pre-arrival orientation call.



VIII. Why Travel “The Tarzan Way”?

Culturally immersive: Our vision is to provide culturally immersive experience to travellers. India is one of the most a culturally diverse nations out there spread over 29 states with 22 languages, over 700 dialects and 9 religions, visiting this country without exploring this diversity is no less than a crime.

We have crafted our Social Travel Experiences in a manner to ensure that all the participants get to explore the diverse culture through various immersive activities, trips and sessions.

Community-driven: The goal of our Social Travel Experiences is to provide meaningful volunteer work to our volunteers. We do so by working with impactful NGOs and making sure the job roles allotted to the participants are as goal driven as possible. All the workplaces are routinely checked by our local team to ensure meaningful volunteering work is taking place.

Affordability: The Tarzan Way being run by young travellers like you, we have made sure that our prices are as affordable as possible to make your travel plans a reality. You will not get more affordable and transparent than ours anywhere else. We are able to make this possible because being a travel company based in India, we have amazing partners all across the country ensuring the cheapest and best possible prices.

Local Support: With a dedicated local team available 24*7, we make sure you have someone to rely on at all times. The Experience Captain assigned to you is like your friends, guide and guardian, making sure you have the best possible experience.

Safety: Having hosted 900+ travellers, we know how to ensure total safety for you. Stringent rules have been set up for all hosts, workplace or partner participating in our travel experience. Regular checks by our local team ensure that the quality and safety factor is always maintained.

International Community: With travellers joining our travel experiences from all across the globe, get ready to become part of a huge community of like-minded travellers from diverse countries. Friendships built during such experiences often last a lifetime.

Independence: While we try to make our experiences as immersive and activity based as possible, we want you to have complete independence with regards to where to go and what to do. Ample amount of free time has been allotted to make sure you can do what you love.

IX. FAQs

How do I know The Tarzan Way is a legitimate travel company?

The Tarzan Way is a registered travel company registered under the name of **Tarzan Way Travels Private Limited** in India.

Company verification details:

PAN: AAGCT8887K

TAN: DELT15842B

GSTIN: 07AAGCT8887K1ZF



We are a registered start-up supported by the Indian government for bringing something new and unique in our industry and directly helping in the growth of our nation. Our Start-up recognition number is **DIPP27070**.

Putting our formal recognition aside, we have hosted international travellers from all over the world (possibly from your city as well!) and our volunteers love connecting with young travellers ready to begin their journey to India. Just ask your Experience Captain and he'll get you in touch with our past participants.

To know more about our company, you can always check our social media handles:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/thetarzanway

Instagram: www.instagram.com/thetarzanway

We are also promoted by world-renowned companies like GoAbroad and GoOverseas and even listed on some of the top universities like UCLA.

When joining us for a travel experience, you can be sure you are in safe and responsible hands.

Why Social Travel?

It is our firm belief that *“Travel is not just about a vacation, it is about experiencing different realities.”*

If you are someone who believes in travelling with a purpose, Social Travel is the perfect travel experience for you wherein you are able to make an impact in the communities you visit through meaningful volunteer work while at the same time understanding the diverse culture of the places you visit. Not only does this make you more aware of the cross-cultural differences existing but you become capable of overcoming these differences and understanding that all humans are made equal.

The learning and growth opportunities during such programs are immense, helping you grow both professionally and personally. Not only do volunteers grow their skill base, work experience and international contacts through volunteering abroad, employers often look favourably upon those who are willing to go outside of their comfort zone and give up their time to assist others.

How do I sign my group up? Is it possible?

Yes, it is definitely possible. Just inform your Experience Captain that you want to travel with your group and we'll make sure you guys are allotted the same groups and accommodation. When travelling with others, you can also ask if a discount is possible.



Change the way you travel,
Travel The Tarzan Way

Want to take part in this Travel Experience?
Have something else in mind? Want it customized?

Get in touch with us! ❤️

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