

# India

## Geographical Association Study Tour

**25 July–11 August 2019**

The study tour 2019 is a unique opportunity to explore the huge diversity of this fascinating and rapidly developing country. There will be multiple relevant learning opportunities for both human and physical geographers on this study tour which will take you to both to the north and south of the country.



### **The south of India – Karnataka and the developing mega city of Bengaluru (Bangalore)**

Starting in the Bengaluru area of agricultural South Karnataka we will stay in Silvepura, a rural location on the outskirts of the city. We will examine the diversity of Bangalore, witness economic development sectors, industrial zones, the old markets and business centres, developing a case study of this major city in a NEE. You will also visit the temple city of Mysore and travel cross to the semitropical forests of the western Ghat mountains. As we travel we will be looking at sustainable management of resources, forest ecosystems, issues relating to forest characteristics and bio diversity, ecotourism and its role in reducing the development gap.

### **The north of India – Rajasthan**

Beginning in Jaipur, a planned city founded in 1727, we will travel to Ranthambore National Park to see wildlife and livelihood projects centered on craft production and issues relating to sustainable agriculture. In Udaipur we will look into some of the issues affecting desert environments by visiting WaterHarvest, an NGO developing water harvesting techniques and will be introduced to their projects and activities in Rajasthan, which includes the Thar Desert. We will have the opportunity to visit village communities and hear about water management solutions and the challenge of subsistence farming in this arid area.

**Costs:** The full package cost will be approximately **£2500**, a land-only (i.e. excluding air fares) option will be approximately **£1700**. There are 24 places and bookings are now being taken. The closing date is **1 December 2018**.

The GA Initiatives Fund (GAIF) provides some funding opportunities for teachers who wish to join the tour and details of how to apply can be found on the GA website (<https://www.geography.org.uk/Funding-opportunities-for-geography-teachers>). Please note that the closing date for applications to the GAIF is **31 August 2018**.

**Details of how to apply and further information about the study tour are to be found on the GA website.**

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