



New Delhi, Mumbai, India

12 Days

COMPARATIVE DEMOCRACIES

21st Century Democracy in India and the United States

Program Overview

After independence in 1947, India became the largest democratic country in the world. As a large nation however, this has presented numerous challenges, including high levels of poverty and illiteracy, social inequality and a deep culture of political corruption. Today, the sustainability and viability of the “world’s largest democracy” has been questioned. How does this compare to democracy in the United States?

To fully understand democracy in India, students will expand their knowledge of the political systems, culture and history, all which make India unique. This program provides students with opportunities to explore traditional Indian social, religious and political identities, to see how communities are involved in the democratic process in India, with engagement from field experts, government officials, in a service learning project, and historical site visits.

Learning Objectives

- Gain a better understanding of political ideologies and the democratic processes in India
- Learn from the real experiences and challenges faced by the democratization of India
- Consider and compare the similarities and differences between democracy in India and the United States

Program Highlights

- Experience India in 12 Days: 6 Days in New Delhi and 6 Days in Mumbai
- Possible Academic Visits: Law Firm Visits, Media/Advertising Company Visits, Meet with Politicians and Lecturers on Political System in India
- Service Learning Project: Volunteer at local slum centers to engage with children living in India’s poorest communities
- Culture Visits: India Gate, Red Fort, Parliament House, the Taj Mahal

Fees & Inclusions

The estimated fees for a 12-day program are \$2,170 per participant. Estimated program fees may vary depending on the finalized inclusions. These program fees include:

- Faculty Leader expenses covered (not including international airfare)
- All accommodations (3-star hotels)
- Some meals
- All arranged professional visits
- All arranged Service Learning Projects
- All domestic transportation
- All included cultural visit tickets
- General and Professional Liability Insurance
- 24/7 Asia Institute Support



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