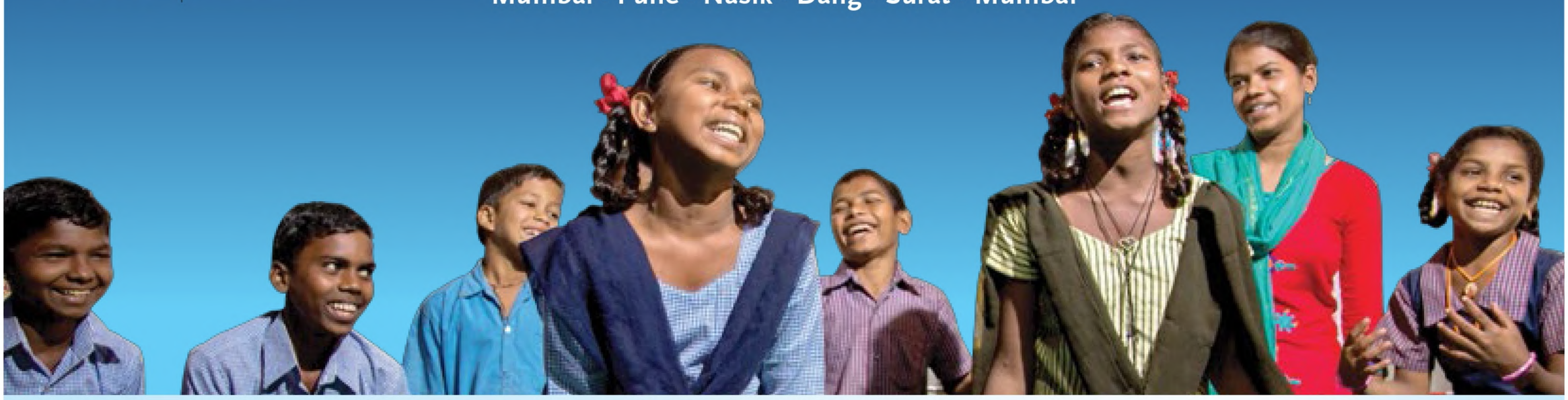
AIF AMERICAN INDIA FOUNDATION

MISSION TRIP 2020

Mumbai - Pune - Nasik - Dang - Surat - Mumbai



February 09-14, 2020
Six Days

This is the story of the AIF Mission Trips

From AIF's experience in the rehabilitation of the Gujarat earthquake in 2001 and subsequent expansion into education, health, and livelihoods, was born an idea of bringing India's development story alive through experience-rich travel.

For almost a decade now, the AIF Mission Trip has established a benchmark in experiential impact travel. When you join our community of socially responsible travelers, you will engage with India through the AIF lens, enjoying a memorable, immersive, and transformative experience.

And importantly, your participation benefits the work of AIF, helping to catalyze social and economic change in India.

In 2020, visit Maharashtra and Gujarat

Located on the west coast of India, facing the Arabian Sea, both Maharashtra and Gujarat have through the centuries been important ports on the sea trade routes of the world, paving the way for merchant traders to flourish. Both these states are together the largest contributor of GDP and industrial output in the country, earning the title "growth engines of India".

MAST in Mumbai University

AIF, in partnership with Mumbai University, runs skilling programs for youth at the Garware Institute of Career Education & Development located on the University's Kalina campus. These skilling programs are the safety net for youth from marginalized communities. Interact with youth who are undergoing the skilling program and those who have found jobs on completion of training.

LAMP in The Dangs, Gujarat

Meet the beneficiaries of AIF's LAMP program in the Dangs district. One of the most backward districts in Gujarat with two-thirds of its inhabitants living below the poverty line, the tribals of Dang migrate to the nearby sugarcane fields for six months of the year in search of work. LAMP works with their children, in the school-going age group, to ensure they stay in school.

Digital Equalizer, Pune

Pune is Maharashtra's second largest city, and is fast emerging as a major educational hub. Observe and participate in a live DE classroom, followed by a visit to the Robotics lab which serves as the incubation center for students and provides hands-on experience around STEM concepts. Also experience an integrated model of education and skilling as a single unit in these schools.

Networking Event with Corporate Partners

In Mumbai, attend a high-powered partnership event to share best practice and engage in thought-provoking dialogue with like-minded business leaders and industry peers.

Culture and Cuisine

Savor regional specialties of Maharashtra and Gujarat and learn about culinary traditions. You will have opportunities to meet locals and learn about different foods, customs, and cultures.

Sula Vineyards, Nasik

Spread over a total of over 3000 acres, Sula's vineyards in Nasik are home to some of India's finest grapes. At 600 meters above sea level and surrounded by Western Ghats, Nasik has a dry climate with warm days, cool nights and is ideal for growing a wide variety of grapes. India is the only wine producing country in the northern hemisphere that has a winter harvest. The Sula Vineyards are India's Napa Valley, India's Wine Capital.

AIF Mission Trips give you the chance to be engaged, energized, and inspired. Experience a journey that lasts a lifetime.

The AIF Community

Impact travel designed for philanthropists, executives, investors and community leaders. All of our programming reflects exactly what you expect: intellectual camaraderie, enriching insights, exceptional quality, and personal attention.

Blend Philanthropic and Cultural Goals

Engaged learning is at the core of every AIF Mission Trip. Our thoughtfully planned itineraries are tailored to be multi-generational, feature visits to iconic sites, and include experiential program activities.

Meet the People of Local Destinations

The AIF Mission Trip promises to be a quality experience of hands-on engagement with children, women, and communities benefiting from AIF's programs in India.

Personal Touch and Intimate Group Size

As soon as you arrive Mumbai, you'll be in capable hands of our designated staff, who pay outstanding attention to detail.

Itinerary

Sunday, February 9
Noon: Trip begins with meeting in Mumbai for onward travel to Pune*
Evening: Arrival in Pune and proceed for dinner. Overnight in Pune
Accommodation: Fort Jadavgadh, Pune www.fortjadavgadh.com

Monday, February 10
Morning: Visit DE School in Mulshi Block.
Afternoon: Lunch and optional tour of Pune city
Evening: Dinner with business community leaders. Overnight in Pune
Accommodation: Fort Jadavgadh, Pune www.fortjadavgadh.com

Tuesday, February 11
Morning: Depart for Nasik Via Shirdi. Darshan passes will be organized.
Evening: Arrival at Sula Vineyards, wine tour, and dinner. Overnight in Nasik
Accommodation: The Source, Sula www.sulawines.com

Wednesday, February 12
Morning: Depart for Dang, Gujarat.
Afternoon: LAMP visit in Dang
Evening: Depart for Surat. Meet the AIF Clinton Fellows. Overnight in Surat.
Accommodation: The Surat Marriott Hotel,
www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/stvmc-surat-marriott-hotel/

Thursday, February 13
Morning: Depart for Mumbai by flight
Afternoon: Lunch at Ishaara, restaurant with service staff that are ABLE beneficiaries
Evening: High Tea, networking event. Overnight in Mumbai
Accommodation: Taj, Santacruz, Mumbai www.tajhotels.com

Friday, February 14
Morning: Visit to MAST program in Mumbai University Kalina Campus
Afternoon: Lunch.
Evening: Departures, transfers will be arranged

Trip ends in Mumbai

*Flight Options for direct arrival in Pune
Mumbai to Pune: no direct flights, we take the road
Delhi to Pune: Air Vistara 10.25am/12.35pm
Hyderabad to Pune: Air India 9.30 am/11.15am
Bangalore to Pune: Air India 2.15pm/5.20pm