AIF’s Mission Trips are authentic, immersive experiences that enable participants to witness firsthand the incredible social change happening in India, while creating a growing community of globally-minded changemakers connecting the civil societies of the US and India.

Over the past 15 years, the AIF Mission Trip has established a benchmark in experiential, impact-focused travel by curating unforgettable and transformative visits to our program communities. By joining our 2024 cohort of socially responsible travelers, you will deeply connect with new cultures, forge strong relationships with one another, and challenge preconceived notions of India as you engage with her communities through the AIF lens. Trust us—this is not the India you have seen before!

Let’s Travel East!

Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh state, boasts of beautiful lakes, quintessential central Indian temples, and quasi-coastal cuisine. Situated in the central Chhattisgarh Plain, Raipur is bordered to the east by the Mahanadi River, until she curves slowly to the left, alluringly leaning to the Bay of Bengal via Bhubaneswar – the cradle of Kalingan Architecture, one of the most ancient cities of India, fast growing into a commercial center.

The AIF Mission Trip Community
Welcome to the world of intellectual camaraderie, enriching insights, exceptional quality, and personal attention. Our Mission Trip is designed to delight and transform, build deeper engagement, and inspire learning and exploration.

Immerse Yourself in Local Culture and Cuisine
Savor regional specialties of eastern coastal India and learn about culinary traditions. Mingle with locals and learn about different foods, customs, and cultures.

Connect with Local Communities like Never Before
Engage with children, women, and communities benefiting from AIF’s innovative program models in India. This firsthand experience of our programs, and the communities they have transformed, is nothing short of unforgettable.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Digital Equalizer (DE) in Ganjam, Odisha
Here in the “Land of Folk Dance” the DE STEM Education Project is working with 250 schools, reaching 1,250 teachers and impacting 666,714 students through direct and cascade mode programming. Come participate in a LIVE DE classroom focused on STEM concepts and witness the program in motion.

Maternal And Newborn Survival Initiative (MANSI) in Paderu, Visakhapatnam
Alluri Sitarama Raju district (ASR) houses one million tribal peoples experiencing an above average national rate of under-5 child mortality. MANSI has been working in ASR since 2017, delivering home-based preventive, causative, maternal, and neonatal care across over 750 villages.

Learning And Migration Program (LAMP) in Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Visit our LAMP program in Bodla block – we have 5 Learning Resource Centers (LRCs) that serve as hubs for 2,800 children from 31 villages to help them bounce back from the accrued loss of learning due to COVID-19 lockdowns.

Livelihoods – Centre of Excellence, Rewari, Haryana
The Centre works closely with district authorities partner agencies, government departments, corporations, and a range of employers to upskill youth and women in garment manufacturing, IT, ITES, and electric vehicle services. The Centre also provides professional and cultural readiness modules for the trainees.
**Baggage Allowance**
Participants are allowed 15kgs check-in bags and 7 kg cabin bags on local flights in India. Any excess baggage charges would need to be settled within 15 days of trip completion.

**Registration**
Confirmation of participation requires a deposit for the full amount of the trip cost to guarantee a spot.

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**Do’s**
- Bring your sense of wonder
- A good camera. Trust us!
- The spirit of a seeker, not a tourist

**Don’ts**
- Don’t miss this trip

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**Cancellations**
The deposit would be forfeited entirely if the cancellation is made less than 30 days from the date of trip commencement. We are unable to absorb non-refundable cancellation costs.

If joining 30 days or less before the trip commences, you may be charged a premium of up to 25% of the trip cost, due to increased hotel tariffs and domestic flight fares as compared to advance purchase prices.

In all of the above-mentioned circumstances, any cancellation charges that can be negotiated downwards with our vendors may be passed on to participants. However, this cannot be guaranteed.

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**Saturday, 10 Feb** DAY 1
Morning: Individualized Assistance for early departure from Delhi
Noon: Arrival in Raipur and proceed to Kabirdham
Afternoon: Visit LAMP School in Raipur
Evening: Drive back to Raipur followed by dinner
Proposed Accommodation: Hotel Hyatt or Hotel Taj

**Sunday, 11 Feb** DAY 2
Morning: Early Breakfast | Noon: Flight from Raipur to Bhubaneshwar
Afternoon: Lunch at the Hotel followed by local visits to Pipili/Puri or Konark (by Road)
Evening: Official engagements with Partners and Local Govt, followed by dinner
Proposed Accommodation: Hotel Mayfair Lagoon or The Trident

**Monday, 12 Feb** DAY 3
Morning: Early breakfast, check out & Depart for Chilika Lake
Afternoon: Boat ride at Chilika followed by a drive to Ganjam for DE Technical Visit and Lunch
Evening: Drive to Gopalpur on Sea
Accommodation: Hotel Mayfair Palm Resort

**Tuesday, 13 Feb** DAY 4
Morning: Early Breakfast and drive from Gopalpur to Vishakhapatnam
Afternoon: Reach Hotel in Vizag followed by Lunch
Evening: Possible guided visit of Simhachalam Temple and local sites of Vizag, followed by Dinner
Accommodation: Hotel Taj

**Wednesday, 14 Feb** DAY 5
Early Morning: Breakfast followed by a drive to Paderu
Afternoon: MANSI Technical Visit, followed by lunch
Drive back to the airport and flight to Delhi
Accommodation: Hotel Taj Mahal or The Oberoi

**Thursday, 15 Feb** DAY 6
Early Morning: Breakfast followed by a drive to Rewari for Livelihood Technical Visit
Afternoon: Lunch followed by a drive back to Delhi
Evening: Gala Dinner with Donors and Partners

**Trip Ends.**
DEL / RPR - 6E 2076 7:10am / 8:50am
RPR / BBI - 6E 6521 10:20am / 11:15pm
VTZ / DEL - AI 452 5:45pm / 8:15pm