

Rethinking Approaches to Community Development in India 15th – 26th January 2017



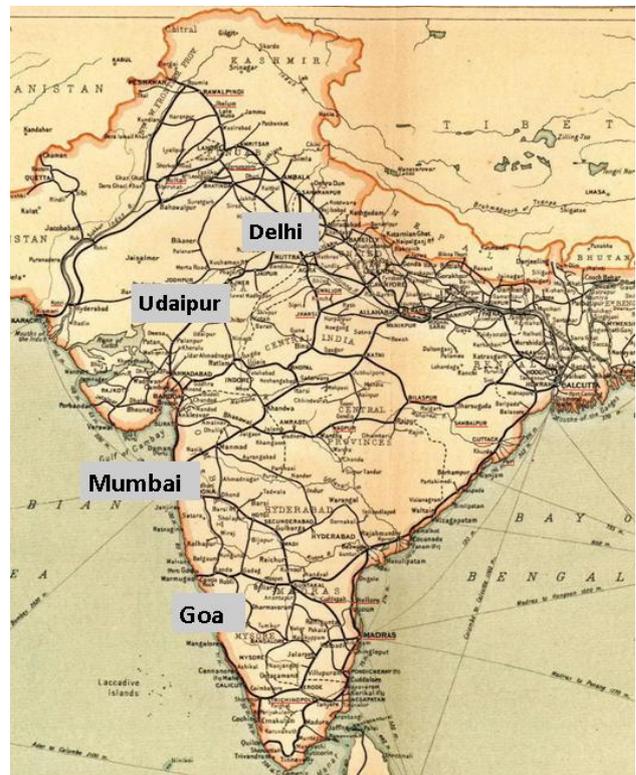
Background to CERES Global

CERES Global Trips aim to engage Australian people with the issues of development both overseas and at home whilst enjoying the richness of their cultures and the wisdoms they can add to our understanding of sustainable wellbeing. **For more information visit:** <http://ceres.org.au/global/>

Trip Details

This January we are excited to be taking a special trip to India with a focus on Community Development to coincide with the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Festival in Goa. The aim of the trip is to build on and challenge our notions of community development and what it means to be a practitioner, student or participating citizen in this area. The intention is to engage new thought processes, inspire new ideas and motivate us to bring better community development practices into our lives, our work, our neighbourhoods and the world in which we live.

Over 10 days we will travel from the festival in Goa in the south, through Mumbai and on to Udaipur in the North where we will meet with Shikshantar the Institute of unlearning before flying home from Delhi.



Itinerary

January 2017	Activity	Location
Sat 14 – Sun 15	Optional Pre Festival Full Day Master classes in Community Development	Panjm,Goa
Sun 15	Welcome Dinner in Gardens of International Centre Goa	Panjm,Goa
Mon 16 - Fri 20	International ABCD Festival Goa.	Panjm,Goa
Fri 20	Last day of festival and overnight sleeper train from Goa to Mumbai	Panjm,Goa
Sat 21	Day in Mumbai – Dharavi slum tour, overnight sleeper train to Udaipur	Mumbai
Sun 22	City tour of Udaipur with Shikshantar our partner organisation	Udaipur
Mon 23	Full day with Shikshantar institute of unlearning	Udaipur
Tues 24	Full day with Shikshantar	Udaipur
Wed 25	Day in Udaipur, overnight Deluxe sleeper bus to Delhi	Udaipur
Thu 26	Trip ends fly home from Delhi	Delhi

Goa: Asset Based Community Development Festival 15 – 20 Jan

The trip will begin with 5 days at the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Festival in historic beach side Goa providing a great background and start to the rest of the trip.

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is a global movement committed to strengths focused, place based and community driven development. ABCD builds on the assets that are already found in the community and mobilizes individuals, associations, and institutions to come together to build on those assets rather than concentrating on their needs.

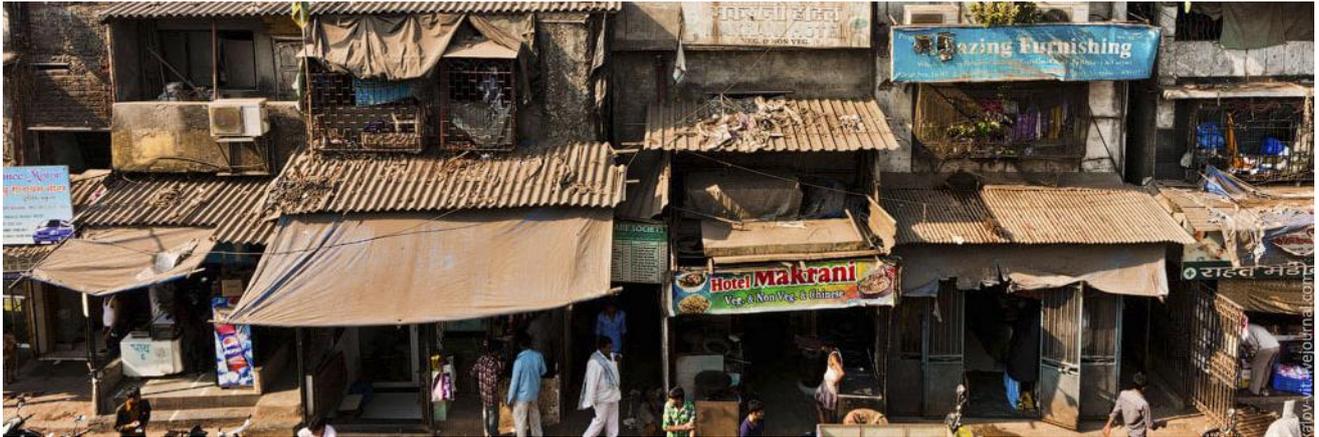
Goa will also provide the perfect “gentle” introduction to India. The region stands out from the rest of India with its laid back vibe, extraordinary Portuguese influenced architectural and colonial heritage, palm tree lined beaches and beautiful spice filled vibrant street scenes.



More information on the festival program visit: <http://www.abcdfestivalgoa.com/about-abcd/>

Optional Master class (Goa) Asset Based Community Development 14 - 15 Jan

On the two days leading up to the trip there is the option to arrive early and attend a series of optional Master classes at the commencement of the festival. The cost of each Master class will be US\$99 plus around \$60 - \$80 per day for food and accommodation. For more information on the master classes to choose from visit <http://www.abcdfestivalgoa.com/masterclasses/>



Mumbai: Dharavi Slums 21 Jan

We will travel by overnight sleeper train from Goa to Mumbai spending one day there before heading north to Udaipur giving us the opportunity to visit and explore Dharavi, one of the largest slums in Asia and home to 1 million inhabitants. Although incredibly poor, Dharavi is also an amazingly industrious and vibrant place, sometimes called the beating heart of Mumbai. The visit will offer a unique glimpse into the chaotic beauty, and nuances, as well as the challenges and struggles of informal and unplanned spaces and life in the slums.

We will take a tour of the slums with Reality Tours where 80% of the funds go directly back into community development and social enterprise projects.

For more information visit: <http://realitytoursandtravel.com/dharavi-tour.php>

Udaipur Rajasthan: Shikshantar 22 – 25 Jan

For the final stage of the trip we will head to the magical "white city" of Udaipur in the desert state of Rajasthan. The city has a romance of setting surrounded by shimmering lakes and stretching hills.

Here we visit and work with the inspiring organisation Shikshanter, an applied research institute dedicated to catalysing radical transformation of education in order to initiate swaji development in India.



For more information visit: <http://shikshantarschool.com/>

Delhi: 26 Jan

From Udaipur we will travel by deluxe sleeper bus to Delhi where the trip will end and we will fly home.

Accommodation

Accommodation is as far as possible in twin-bedded rooms (sharing with a participant of the same gender). It is in modest, comfortable hotels, guesthouses or guest rooms with our partner organisations. When in villages or small towns on project visits, accommodation can be basic but comfortable.

COST

\$1650. This price includes all festival costs plus all internal transport, meals, accommodation, the purchase of carbon credits to offset airline travel, administration and project running costs. This price does not include flights to and from India. Participants can expect to spend just a few more rupees on items of a personal nature.

CERES Global is happy to work on fundraising initiatives with participants to make this experience a reality.

Flights

Arrival at Goa's International Airport Dabolim is the closest airport – approximately 30 kms south of the Festival Venue. Internationally, you can fly in from Kuala Lumpur, Dubai, Kuwait and Doha. There are also regular domestic flights, trains and buses to Goa from most major Indian cities.

Departing from Delhi is easy with direct flights to Australia or cheaper options with stop overs in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur etc.

Visas

All trip participants will need to obtain a **Tourist Visa for India**. This can be obtained in advance or on arrival. Further details can be found here:

A note before travelling with CERES global

Remember, this is not a tour and our facilitators from CERES are not tour guides, but facilitators or enablers – working alongside you to achieve insight and understanding of the communities we visit, and to engage discussion within the group and with community members on social and environmental issues. It is expected that you will show some initiative and make a contribution to the journey, through sharing of your own knowledge and experience, and working within the group to ensure a cohesive and insightful experience is shared by all. Most of all, enjoy this trip and embrace India, there is an incredible energy within the culture that is warm and welcoming, vibrant and alive! Step out of your comfort zone and into a world like no other; be prepared to walk through a journey you will never forget.

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Many thanks to all our partners who without this trip would not be possible.

Learning Agenda



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