



India (Delhi)

1st to 15th December 2012

Indians believe in sharing happiness and sorrow. A festival or a celebration is never confined to a family or a home. The whole community or neighborhood is involved in bringing liveliness to an occasion. You can become a part of this culture for a short time, and make a difference in the lives of local families.

On this 15-day adventure, you will be helping one or more families build a home in a community, near Delhi. By helping to build a home, you will be helping them and their community achieve their dream of living in decent and safe housing. You will be working alongside a team of local builders, community members and the families that will eventually live in the houses you will have helped construct. It is not all hard work, however, as the trip will include some extra activities, such as visiting an orphanage, a temple, Old Delhi and other places of interest. This will be a fun filled adventure, not only on the build site but in the activities we undertake as a team.

I am looking for enthusiastic, fun-loving, dependable, hardworking and open-minded people who don't mind getting their hands dirty and immersing themselves in the local culture. If that description fits you, please join me on this adventure!

About India

The Republic of India is home to one of the oldest civilizations in the world and is a land as diverse as it is vast. Its population (more than 1.2 billion as of 2008) is expected to exceed China's by 2010, making it the world's most populous country.

India is located in southern Asia, with 7,000 kilometers of coastline along the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. It shares political borders with Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, Nepal and Pakistan.

India gained its independence from Great Britain in 1947 and is the world's largest democracy. Since independence, India's history has been turbulent. Now in a period of liberalization, India faces the challenge of modernizing while trying to preserve its ancient culture. With an annual per capita income of US\$1000, most Indian families are unable to afford a decent home.

About Habitat for Humanity India

HFH India was formed in 1983 and has built more than 17,000 houses that are approximately 350 square feet, with at least two rooms and a latrine. House designs vary, depending on materials available in the area and the specific needs of the local community.

Habitat's *IndiaBUILDS* campaign aims to house 250,000 people over five years, mobilizing one million volunteers in the process and raising capital toward that goal. Currently, HFH India operates through resource centers in Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai and New Delhi, as well as satellite centers in the south, east and west. New partnerships with corporate supporters and non-governmental organizations extend Habitat's presence to north India.

HFH India also has an active disaster response program. Reconstruction efforts after the December 2004 tsunami built on earlier initiatives in Gujarat, where Habitat provided homes following an earthquake in 2001 and in Cuttack, Orissa, where communities were rebuilt in the aftermath of a super cyclone. For more information, please visit the [Habitat for Humanity India's Web site](#).

Types of construction for volunteers

Volunteer may work on new construction of complete homes and with disaster-response programs. Habitat house designs and materials vary with climate and locale. Typically, house designs range in size from 240 to 360 square feet and are comprised of a living room, veranda, kitchen and toilet.

Itinerary

1st Dec Depart the United States and or Arrive in New Delhi

2nd Dec Arrive in New Delhi. Welcome and orientation with local staff member; free time; dinner;

3rd Dec to 7th Dec (Monday-Friday): Work Days; breakfast served before traveling to work

site; work from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with lunch on site; free time after work to clean up; dinner and time for team activities.

8th & 9th Dec (Saturday-Sunday): The Team Leader has arranged an excursion for the Saturday (at extra cost TBA) and Sunday will include a cultural tour of Delhi

10th - 14th Dec (Monday- Friday): Breakfast served before traveling to work site; work from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with lunch on site; free time after work to clean up; dinner at house; time for team activities At some point during this week we will visit a local orphanage or school.

Friday 14th Dec Team Farewell Dinner in the evening

15th Dec (Saturday): Departure day.

Accommodations

Team members should expect to stay at a hotel in New Delhi. Rooms will be at least double-occupancy and will usually have a private bath.

Breakfast is provided at the hotel, and lunch is usually provided by the affiliate and taken on the work site. Dinner is taken at various restaurants or provided by the hotel.

Trip cost

\$1840

(For more details about what is included in this cost, visit [Global Village trip cost.](#))

Team leader

Ray Fowell has worked on and lead a number of HFH projects in Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia. This will be his 15th trip and 10th as a team leader and 5th time leading a project in Delhi. He lives in the UK and heads a small property management company, but his passion is working in far-off lands with like-minded people willing to get their hands dirty, have fun and make a difference.

Team Leader Profile

[Click here](#) for a link to the team leader profile for Ray

If you are interested in joining this team of fun loving individuals or just want more information, contact Ray at

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