

INDIA STUDY TOUR

JULY 7 - 23*

2020

(*Exact dates dependent upon flight availability)

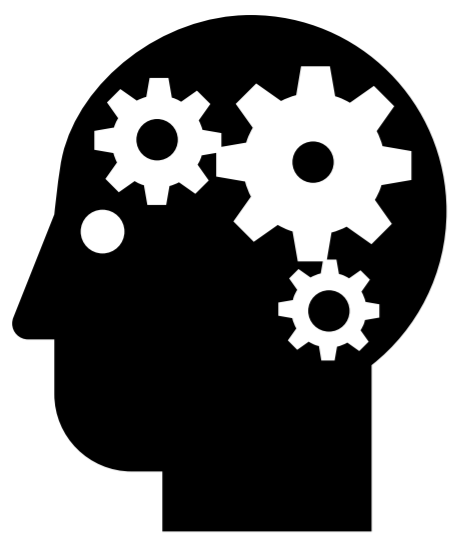
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STUDY TOURS HAVE PROVEN TO BE TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES
THAT NURTURE LIVES OF ENCOUNTER AND
FAITH BASED SOCIAL JUSTICE.



Opportunities of encounter encourage us to become reflective
and spiritually mature people for our complex world.

Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) is planning an immersion
experience for Canadian educators and people interested in
social justice and international solidarity. Participants will deepen
their understanding of social justice issues affecting India, from
the perspective of marginalized groups, and the response to these
issues by faith groups and civil society; while also exploring their
personal commitment to faith and justice. Participants will visit
Jesuit and other social justice projects; and visit diverse sites of
cultural and religious importance.



Learning tours and social analysis



THE GOAL

A key principle of Catholic Social Teaching is the Common Good. How we organize society in economics and politics, in law and policy directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Our goal is to visit specific communities and through the lens of social analysis to gain a better understanding of justice and the common good in a globalized world.

1

SEE

What are you witnessing? What is the reality of the injustice or problem? Whose voices are you hearing?

2

ANALYZE

Who has the critical decision-making power in this situation? Who benefits? Who suffers? Whose voices are missing from decision making processes? How does this affect the common good?

3

REFLECT

What new ways of thinking need to be engaged personally, and on a societal level? Where is God present in this situation? How is the Spirit of Christ calling us to act for the common good?

4

ACT

How can our experience lead us to new ways of acting which seek to address root causes of injustice and the promotion of the common good?

For more on socioal analysis & faith see: Peter Henriot S.J. & Joe Holland, Linking Faith and Justice. (Orbis, 1980)

Highlights of the India Study Tour:

Transformational learning

A Sample Itinerary

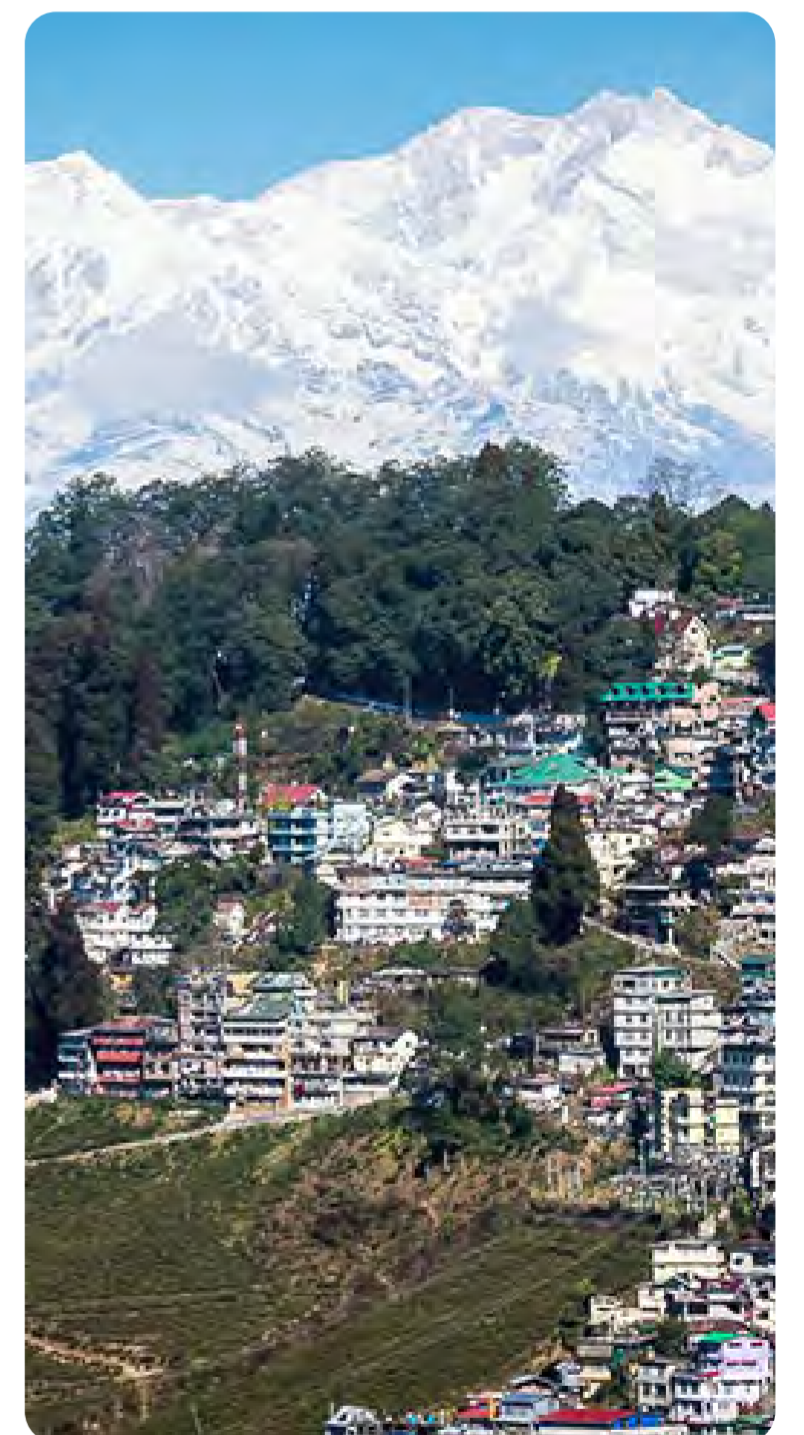
Actual itinerary will be set and updated in 2019

- We will begin our experience with 3 days in the capital city of Delhi, visiting important historic, social, cultural and religious sites in this complex metropolis.
- It will include a visit to the Indian Social Institute which aims to bring social transformation through socially relevant research and advocacy in partnership with marginalized communities.
- We will make a visit to Agra to see the beautiful Taj Mahal.
- We will then travel east to the Darjeeling District of West Bengal. Where we will spend 8 days hosted by the Jesuits of Darjeeling. We will visit several of long-standing projects working in the areas of human rights, workers rights, food security, access to education, sustainable livelihoods, health and economic development.
- The Immersion Experience will conclude with 3 days in Kolkata. Activities include a program with a Jesuit social action centre and other education and social projects.

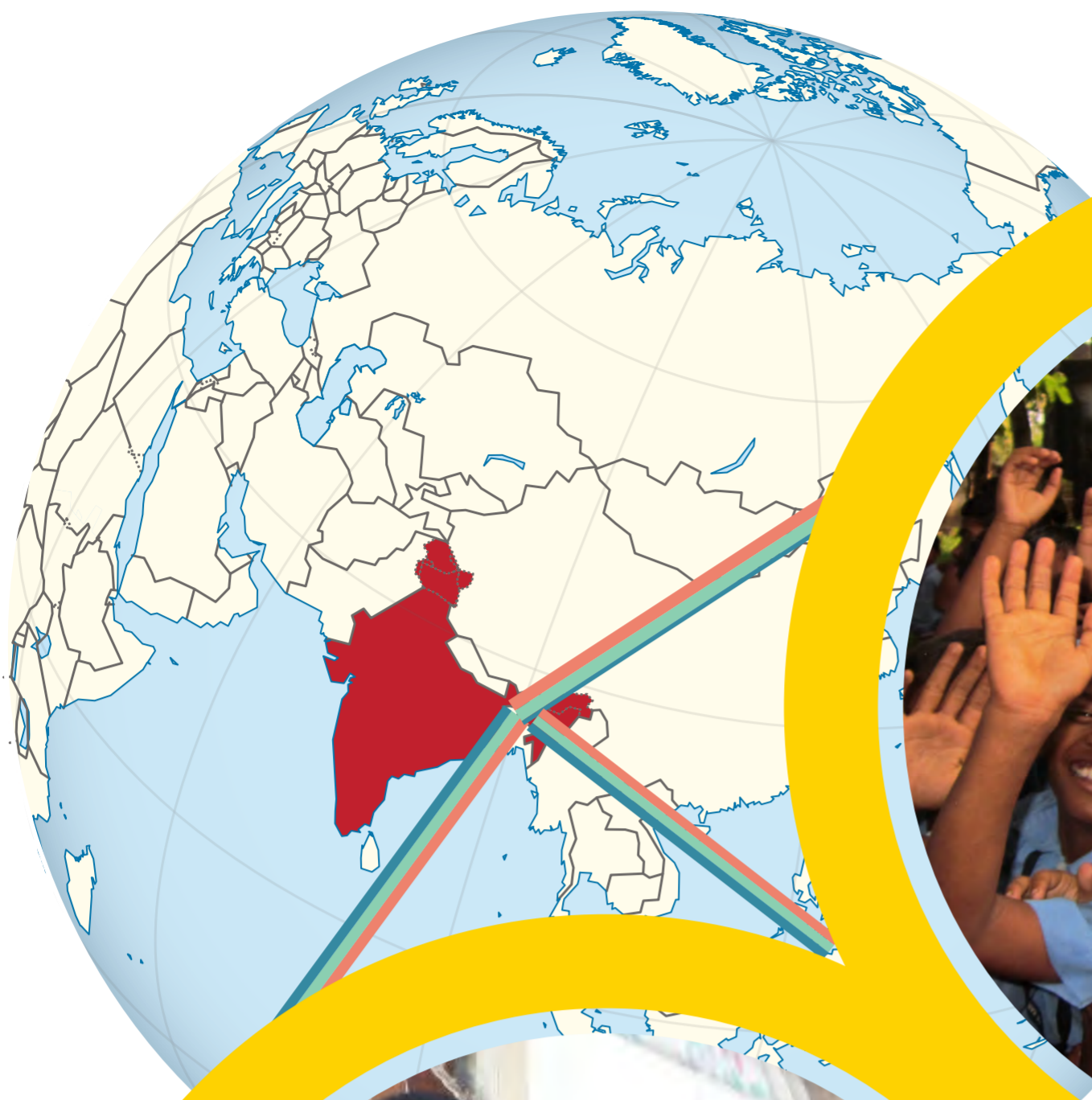


Students of the Gandhi Ashram music program in Darjeeling

Below: View of Kangchenjunga, 3rd highest mountain in the world. Darjeeling,



Picking tea leaves at a Tea Plantation, Darjeeling.



School children in Darjeeling



Weaving a carpet at Hayden Hall.



Cost for the Trip
\$2,600 CND (approximately)



- This covers all travel and related expenses within India including meals, gratuities, accommodation, orientation materials and donations to the local communities and projects visited.
- Applications are available at www.canadianjesuitsinternational.ca. Please submit application by December 31, 2019.
- A maximum of 10 participants will be selected for the India Study Tour.



- Costs NOT INCLUDED in the above fee:
- International return travel from Canada to India.
- Passport (must be valid until February 2021)
- India Visa
- Compulsory International health insurance
- Appointment with travel clinic and vaccinations
- Personal expenses (shopping, souvenirs, alcohol, domestic excess luggage fees, etc.)

