

Family Project India

Information Packet

Location: Khunti, India

Project Dates: Dec. 21, 2018 - Jan. 3, 2019

Participation Fee* (per person): \$1,220

Excursion Fee (per person): \$760



**Due to the hotel fee structure in India, the fees will depend on room occupancy numbers. All rooms are double occupancy with the option to add additional beds. Cost per person is reduced for the additional occupants, with a greater discount for children ages 5 and under. All children ages 3-12 have an additional \$150 discount for the participation fee regardless of room configuration.*

After your registration, we will send you a final invoice for the required amount. Please see below for range of cost.

Two domestic Indian tickets are included in the Maranatha fees. International flights to Ranchi and home from Delhi are not included in the participation fee

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**EACH ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT IN
ROOM PER PERSON COST:**
(Maximum Four on Project, Maximum
Three on Excursion)

Participation Fee: \$975

Excursion Fee: \$670

**PARTICIPANTS AGES 3- 5, PER
PERSON COST:**

Participation Fee: \$720

Excursion Fee: \$470

**PARTICIPANTS AGES 2 AND UNDER,
PER PERSON COST:**

Participation Fee: \$150

Excursion Fee: \$50

Maranatha in India

Maranatha has been working in India since 1998. So far, more than 1,800 projects, which include churches and schools, have been completed. Yet even after so many projects, the need for places of worship and education continues to grow—thanks to the spread of the Gospel message.

India has a desperate need for schools, as many children and young people have no access to education. Through the support of generous donors, Maranatha has been constructing large campuses in rural parts of India. Volunteers have built both One-Day School campuses and Elementary Education Centers, which consist of six to ten classrooms and a large multi-purpose room. These structures provide Christian education to countless students each year. Through the children, many families come to know of Christ's love.

Project Overview

Volunteers on this project will be working at the Khunti Adventist School in eastern India near the city of Ranchi. The school was established in 1937 and currently has 1,300 students from nursery through high school, and they turn away anywhere from 200-300 students a year due to lack of space! The school is truly a mission school as about half of the student body are not Adventist and the teachers teach about Jesus' love.

The school has requested Maranatha's assistance in building new classrooms on campus. The elementary students are scattered around campus in old buildings and several classrooms were recently torn down due to their age and condition. In addition, there is not a suitable auditorium for the entire student body to meet together. They currently use a cafeteria that they have to switch from lunch tables to rows of chairs for worship two times a day!

Maranatha volunteers on this project will be assisting with the construction of a 12-classroom Elementary Education Center that will have enough space for the Primary school to meet as well as a large auditorium in the middle. If we have enough volunteers, we would also like to reach out into the community through activities such as vacation Bible school programs and health education.

About the Family Project

Each year, Maranatha offers at least two mission projects specifically for families. One takes place in the summer, and the other is during Christmas. Designed to accommodate volunteers of any age—from two to 92—the project is an excellent alternative to a theme-park family vacation or gift-centered holiday. Volunteers who participate say the experience has not only broadened their perspective on the world and missions, but it's brought them closer together as a family. Families of all types and sizes are welcome, and individuals are also welcome to join. Family projects fill up very quickly, so register early if you are interested in joining this mission trip!

Children at the Project Site

We have different expectations for young volunteers depending on their age and maturity. We expect children ages 13 or older to put in a full day of work, whether it's on the construction site, in the kitchen, or with outreach activities. Children 12 years and under may help with construction, but they must work under the supervision of a parent or designated adult.

For younger volunteers, Maranatha will have a day camp with different activities organized during work hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), which could include the following:

Work | We'll plan simple tasks so kids may put in a few hours on the construction site.

Play | We'll schedule time for kids to let loose and have fun because playtime is an important part of being a kid.

Cultural Experiences | We'll introduce kids to local customs, such as visiting a marketplace or washing clothes in a river.

Outreach | We'll encourage kids to help with children's ministry programs and other service activities.

We won't necessarily have all of these components every day, but these categories will make up the activities available for young volunteers. Parents can drop their child off with the program leaders, stay with their child, or keep their child with them throughout the day.

Accommodations

Volunteers will stay at the La Lac Sarovar Portico Hotel in Ranchi, approximately 45 minutes away from the Khunti school. The rooms are very spacious and newly renovated with a mix of twin and queen beds. You can expect double occupancy rooms with private bathrooms. All bedding and towels are provided; however, washcloths are not commonly provided in India, so you should plan to bring your own. The hotel has hot water, air conditioning, and Wi-Fi. The groups will have meals at the hotel where skilled Maranatha cooks will oversee all the meals. Together, the group will travel to the school by private transportation.

Project Schedule

Friday, December 21

Arrival in Ranchi, India

Saturday, December 22

Worship with the local congregation

Sunday, Dec. 23 - Friday, Dec. 28

Work days

Saturday, December 29

Worship with the local congregation.

Evening flight to Delhi

Sunday, December 30

Travel to Agra: Taj Mahal and Agra Fort

Monday, December 31

Travel to Ranthambore

Tuesday, January 1

Morning and Afternoon Safaris

Wednesday, January 2

Travel to Jaipur for afternoon tours

Thursday, January 3

Morning tours. Evening departures from Jaipur to Delhi. Late departures home from Delhi.

Volunteers should plan on staying in double occupancy rooms with a roommate. If you would like to room with someone in particular, please let us know. During the project, there are some single occupancy rooms available for an extra cost of \$365 per person. If you are interested in a single occupancy room, please let Maranatha know at the time of registration by emailing volunteer@maranatha.org or calling (916) 774-7700.

For more information about the Sarovar Hotel visit www.sarovarhotels.com/le-lac-sarovar-ranchi/

Excursions

After the project, volunteers will depart on excursion to visit the Taj Mahal, Ranthambore National Park, and the city of Jaipur.

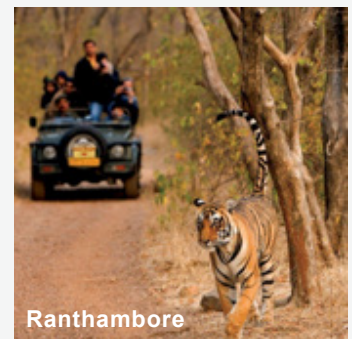
On Saturday night, volunteers will fly together from Ranchi to Delhi (this flight is included in the excursion fee), and then the following morning, the group will make their way a few hours south by bus to the city of Agra, home to the Taj Mahal.

The Taj Mahal, a stunning marble mausoleum, is considered one of the world's architectural masterpieces. Mughal emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal as a memorial to his wife, and the tour guide will share information about the life of the emperor and the construction of the beautiful building. In addition to the Taj Mahal, the group will visit Agra Fort, a large complex that housed and protected many generations of royalty and foreign leaders.

On Monday, the group will travel to Ranthambore National Park, one of the biggest national parks in northern India. While the area was once hunting grounds for the ancient kings, it is now a nature reserve that is a major wildlife tourist attraction. The biggest draw to the park is the possibility of seeing Bengal tigers in their natural habitat. In addition, the park is home to Indian leopards, wild boars, striped hyenas, sloth bears, langurs, macaques, and crocodiles. The group will have a morning and afternoon safari in the park on Tuesday.

Wednesday morning, the group will travel to Jaipur, where you will see several famous sights, including Amer Fort and the City Palace. Amer Fort is located on the edge of Maota Lake and is constructed of red sandstone and marble. The group will take an elephant ride at the fort to get a unique view of the opulent construction and history of the building. Volunteers will fly from Jaipur to Delhi in the evening on Thursday, January 3 (this flight is included in the excursion fee) and then continue on their way home from Delhi late in the evening on January 3rd.

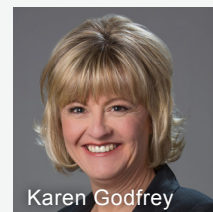
The excursion is considered part of the entire project. All hotels, food, ground transportation, activities and entrance fees, and English-speaking guides are covered by the excursion fee paid to Maranatha. Volunteers should plan on staying in double occupancy rooms with a roommate; single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$210 per person.



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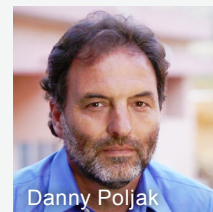
Karen Godfrey | Project Coordinator

Karen and her family reside in Gold River, California, where she works for Maranatha as vice president of advancement. She has led numerous Maranatha projects; her most recent trips were to Namibia, Brazil, Zambia, and Kenya. She is excited to share this experience with Maranatha volunteers in India!



Danny Poljak | Construction Superintendent

Someone highly involved in Maranatha projects, Danny has served as the construction superintendent on multiple family projects as well as other Maranatha trips. His daughter has practically grown up on Maranatha projects! Danny works in construction in the Sacramento area and absolutely loves these projects.



Vinish Wilson | Maranatha Country Director

Vinish has been working with Maranatha in India since 2001. His sunny personality, organization skills, and commitment to the mission of Maranatha has endeared him to many volunteers who have worked in India. Vinish will assist with in-country details and make sure everything flows smoothly behind-the-scenes. Vinish and his wife Rachel have two young children.



Expenses

The total fee paid to Maranatha covers housing, three vegetarian meals a day, ground transportation to and from the airport and project site, excursions, short-term travel insurance, a Maranatha t-shirt, and luggage tags. For accounting purposes, the total fee is broken down into a participation fee (which is tax-deductible) and an excursion fee (which is not tax-deductible).

Maranatha must receive all funds and forms by November 19 due to application processing time. Wait for confirmation of acceptance on the project before purchasing your airfare.

All prices are listed in US Dollars. Payments can be made by cash or check sent to the Maranatha office in California (please include your name and "Family Project India") or by credit or debit card online or over the phone.

For Canadian tax-deductible receipts, payments must be made by check to the Maranatha Volunteers International (Canada) Association (address located at the end of this information packet. At this time Maranatha cannot issue tax-deductible receipts for credit card payments.

If you are fundraising or receiving donations please either have them sent directly to you or work with your local church treasurer to collect funds and issue tax-deductible receipts, since it is difficult for Maranatha to track individual small checks. If your church will not work with you, please wait until you have collected the full amount of your participation fee before submitting your participation fee to Maranatha.

Estimate of Additional Costs

- **Flights: \$1500 - 2400**
- **Passport: \$130 or \$110 for renewal**
- **Visa: \$75**

About India

The diversity of India's culture and history has made this country an intriguing place of contrasts. The beggar on the street wears a cheerfully vibrant sari. Hunger is widespread, but the air is thick with simmering spices. The country is crippled by illiteracy, but some of the world's brightest thinkers have emerged from India's cities and countryside. Blending modernity and antiquity, India is pushing forward to make social and economic progress while reconciling the future with its past. These juxtaposed details are what make India a captivating country to visit and a fascinating place to work with Maranatha.

In its early history, India was the center of fiscal and cultural wealth as art and literature flourished and the trade of spices, ivory, and silk abounded. Hinduism became the dominant belief system, although Islam also wove its way into the region over the years. India's prosperity made it a desirable target, and the British began to colonize the region in the 1600s. Efforts to liberate India started 200 years later, but it wasn't until Mohandas Gandhi introduced a nonviolent approach did the Indians achieve independence from the British in 1947.

Today, India is the second most populous nation in the world with more than 1.2 billion people. The impact of this huge population is rampant poverty, which has caused illiteracy, inadequate access to drinking water, and widespread illness. Potentially contributing to the overall poverty is a cultural remnant from India's past: the caste system.

Although discouraged by the government, this system of social stratification still dominates many rural communities. The caste system assigns class to individuals and offers no escape from this imposed category. For those subjugated to the lowest level of "untouchables," life is a constant flood of prejudice, discrimination, and abuse.

India remains a country of diversity and beauty. With the architecture of the Taj Mahal, the dances and music of Bollywood, the colorful saris and festival of colors, and the spicy curries, India is rich in culture and full of life.

Travel Information

Volunteers will purchase their own plane tickets to the city of Ranchi and then home from Delhi. If you arrive or depart outside the posted time frames, you may have long wait times at the airport or may be responsible for paying the additional transportation for your individual airport transfer.

Please complete the online registration and wait for confirmation from Maranatha before purchasing your airfare to ensure there is still space on the project.

Most itineraries will route you through New Delhi on your way to Ranchi, which may require an overnight layover. If your travel requires an overnight layover we are recommending volunteers to stay at the Lemon Tree Premier Aerocity Hotel near the Delhi airport. Please make those arrangements on your own and notify Maranatha of your confirmed hotel booking when you submit your itinerary and we will have someone meet you in Delhi to assist you with your transportation to the hotel. For a discounted rate, connect directly with Mr. Saurabh Kaul from the Lemon Tree Hotel (sales6.ttdl@lemonreehotels.com) and mention "Maranatha." Please note that you will most likely need to collect your bags in Delhi and then recheck them the next day for your flight to Ranchi.



Facts and Figures

Capital: New Delhi

Population: 1.2 billion

Language: Hindi 41%, Bengali 8.1%, Telugu 7.2%, and various other local languages and dialects.

Climate: Humid and monsoon in southern India, temperate in the north.

Religion: Hindu 81%, Muslim 13%, Christian 2%, Sikh 2%

Currency: Indian Rupee

Flights

Arrival

Please plan to arrive in Ranchi (airport code IXR) before noon on Friday, December 21.

Departure

Please plan to depart from Delhi (airport code DEL) in the evening of Thursday, January 3, after 10 p.m. or early in the morning of Friday, January 4, before 5 a.m.

Arriving Early or Staying Late?

India has some beautiful travel destinations. Some of you may choose to arrive earlier than December 21 or stay beyond January 3 to explore the country on your own. The Maranatha dates are firm and any extra travel must coincide with the arrival and departure windows above. Please make your own hotel and transportation plans for any days outside of the Maranatha project dates. If you have any questions, feel free to call Maranatha at (916) 774-7700.

Travel Resources

CI Azumano Travel: 800-454-4099 or by email with Erle Dpenha or Azumano Team at corporatetravel@ciazumano.com

Butler Travel: 503-879-5005 or by email with Nathanael at nathan@butlertravel.com or with Ellen at ellen@butlertravel.com.

Kayak: www.kayak.com

When contacting the Azumano or Butler travel agencies, make sure you mention Maranatha to receive a discounted service charge.

Entry Requirements

Below are the requirements for U.S. and Canadian travelers. Citizens of other countries should consult the Indian embassy or consulate in your home country for entrance requirements.

Passport | All passports must be valid for at least six months from the dates of intended travel (July 4, 2019). If you do not have a passport, U.S. citizens can apply at any U.S. post office or online at <http://travel.state.gov>. Canadian citizens can apply online at www.passport.gc.ca. It can take up to two months to complete the entire process, so plan accordingly to give yourself enough time to receive your passport.

Tourist Visa | In addition to a passport, you must have a valid tourist visa for the country of India before traveling. A document with complete visa requirements and tips for filling everything out will be sent with your confirmation. There is an online E-Tourist Visa for India, and for volunteers on their first trip to India, we recommend using that option since it is cheaper and faster than applying for a multiple entry or five to ten-year visa.

You must apply for the E-Tourist Visa online at least four days before your trip and within 30 days of your arrival in India. It is only good for 30 days from date of issue, so Maranatha recommends that you wait to process this paperwork until three weeks before your scheduled departure (November 27). If you are delayed in your travel, you don't want your visa to expire before you arrive in India. In order to enter India, you must present the printed confirmation page at customs when you arrive in India. If you go to the airport without this paperwork, you will not be permitted to board your flight to India.

Traveling With Minors

If you are traveling with a legal minor (under the age of 18 on the date you depart), both parents or legal guardians must travel with the minor. Otherwise, you must have two parental consent forms notarized. This provides government entities with evidence that both guardians have consented to their child leaving the country with the other guardian and Maranatha. One original must be mailed to Maranatha, and the other original must stay with you while you travel. If a parent is divorced, the missing parent still needs to sign the form unless the parent traveling with the minor has sole legal custody. In that case, a copy of the divorce paperwork, indicating sole custody, must also be included. If a parent has died, a copy of the death certificate must be included.

You can download a PDF of the Parental Consent Form at <http://www.maranatha.org/resources>. This form will ask for two people as appointees of the minor. The first appointee will be the guardian traveling with the child. The other will be Karen Godfrey, Maranatha's project coordinator for the Family Project India.

Staying Healthy

Maranatha requires that every volunteer have a current **tetanus** vaccine (within the last 10 years). The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends vaccines for hepatitis A, typhoid, Japanese encephalitis, and an anti-malarial medication other than chloroquine.

Some of these you may already have and some you may deem unnecessary for this trip. You should schedule a consultation with a travel clinic doctor to talk about the medical risks in India and the ways to minimize them.

How to Register

To register, please complete the online registration and pay the full participation fee or an initial deposit of at least half the total participation fee. You can make this payment by credit card online or over the phone or with a check made out to Maranatha Volunteers International and sent to the address below. If for any reason you need to cancel your participation, Maranatha will do their best to refund your deposit up until one month before travel. After that point, \$150 is non-refundable and the remainder will depend on the reservations and the project arrangements already made.

Register online at Maranatha.org or over the phone.

Contact Information

Phone: (916) 774-7700

Fax: (916) 774-7701

Email: volunteer@maranatha.org

Website: www.maranatha.org

Mailing Address:

Maranatha Volunteers International
990 Reserve Dr
Suite 100
Roseville, CA 95678

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