



Holi Festival Workcamp India (SMILE IFWC07, 18-31st March)

Location: Kolkata and around

Type: CUL, FESTIVAL, SOCI, MANU

Age: 15+

Number of Volunteer: 10/ Camp

Project type : Workcamp /Group Camp

Language: English

Participation fees : €200/head

Background :-



An international platform to exchange culture and language is the main theme of this camp. SMILE Society (Situational Management & Inter Learning Establishment Society) is a registered NGO & NPO working in the field of International volunteering. Our mission is to provide volunteers with a customized program that will enable them to make an important contribution to the

poor and needy kids of India. In the past several years, we have placed many volunteers around various parts of India within different projects.

Our foremost goal is to "Bring Smile around" We ensure that all volunteers are provided with a safe and enriching experience. Our flexible approach means that you will be given a placement to suit your needs and time scale. All international students are also welcome to take part in our projects. Our unique placements could become the trip of a lifetime.

Target :- Energetic youth from round the world gathered together during the exciting festival days to learn Indian culture ,food ,dress while try to bring smile on street kids.

Location: : Kolkata city and around

Kolkata ,the city of joy was known before as Calcutta since the colonial time. This ancient city was used to be the capital of British colonial period. This city has full of heart ,people are basically belongs to the middle class . There are also rich and poor people all around . City Kolkata is known for its busy traffic ,huge population ,warm welcome and poverty around the street corners! It is a great place to visit for every tourist coming to India. Moreover if

anyone get a chance to live with the local host family then that brings extra bonus to any traveller .It helps to learn the culture ,tradition,language while staying within the normal people of the society.Living on any hotel can never give any traveller such wide scope to know the society and communities as a whole. Kolkata(itself is a great tourist place with its historical value) is well connected with many famous and attractive tourist places during weekends

Camp Details:-



Indian festivals are world famous because of its social & cultural values . volunteers will have exciting time with Street kids and local festival in these days. The main purpose of the project is to bring smile on most neglected street kids during the festive season while witnessing the excitement of Indian festivals. India is always been famous for its culture ,tradition,language and food

cuisine . Different culture ,dress code ,language and cooking style made the country like a continent ! While volunteering in this camps youth can have chance to interact with the East Indian (Bengali) culture and food . Volunteers and local family together exchange the culture and cook food . Volunteers would have a chance to learn Indian yoga & meditation basic lesson in this camp.Youth volunteers have golden chance to know about the ethnic heritage of East Indian cuisine and tradition . It would a great fun filled time for groups.

In this camp volunteers from round the world would have chance to exchange culture,language,food etc. Special attraction for this camp would be Yoga & Meditation lesson , local cooking lesson, local language class. It would be fun fill entertainment camp where Indian family and international youth can have a platform to each other culture and lifestyle. Camp would take place in the suburb call Madhyamgram which is just 8 km from Kolkata Airport .Transportation, electricity,shopping places are all around.Nearest rail and bus station is with in 2 km .Life is very simple and peaceful around.

Field services Work Hour with street children during their Volunteering hours : 2-3 hr./day (Monday to Friday early morning)

Example Daily Schedule:

Breakfast:9 am (may required to prepared by own)

Painting job:10am-12noon

Lunch at 1:30 p.m

Afternoon:: 3:30-5:30 PM with Street kids at informal school



Dinner : 7-7:30 pm (volunteers required help themselves in serving ,washing)

After 7:30 pm exit door would be closed.No one allowed to go out or come in the accommodation after 8 pm everyday including weekends.

9:30 bed time

** Please remember that programme schedule or project site can be changed or altered by the Project In-charge if required and all volunteers are requested to cooperate with our local members and partners. All schedule should be followed and mandatory for everyone to participate and contribute **

Accommodation and food :-



Accommodation: Dormitory basis in host family as per available on arrival (on cot with mattress/on floor with mattress, Common toilet and limited wifi available. 2-4 volunteers in one room on shared basis, (normally male & female separate room). You will get accommodation till 6 pm on the last day of your camp.We are unable to provide you any accommodation before or after these dates. Please arrange your own accommodation in case of early arrival or late departure .Early morning and after evening(6pm-8am) Airport transfers is not possible. You are requested to meet our representative at the meeting place on exact time given above. If you arrive early then you can have your stay in any of the different hotels available nearby Airport, within 2 -3 km .on the road popularly called as V.I.P road. You are requested to take any cab to check in any of these hotels. If you arrive at earlier night then you are requested to stay inside the airport terminal and meet at the next morning with our representative as per infosheet.

Food: You will get 3 times local food from local host. Please do not expect any kind of special dishes (veg/non veg) or cold drinks or special living room or air conditioned room during your term. You are requested to get ready for a simple and challenging life.

location & leisure :-

India is an amazing country with diverse culture and tradition, Interesting people ! Explore the country with exciting diversity .Kolkata ,the city of joy was known before as Calcutta since the colonial time. This ancient city was used to be the capital of British colonial period. This city has full of heart ,people are basically belongs to the middle class . There are also rich and poor people all around . City Kolkata is know for its busy traffic ,huge population ,warm welcome and poverty around the street corners! It is a great place to visit for every tourist coming to India. More over if anyone get a chance to live with the local host family then that brings extra bonus to any traveler .It helps to learn the culture ,tradition,language while staying within the normal people of the society.Kolkata(itself is a great tourist place with its historical value) is well connected with many famous and attractive tourist places during

weekends . Organised Weekends Cultural City trip also available against extra cost as per trip (8am-4pm during Saturday & Sunday). Minimum 2 person required for the trip.

REQUIREMENTS :-



We need energetic your volunteer with open mind and ready to get their hand dirty. Volunteers need to be strong and flexible. India is a beautiful country but can be challenging for some people . Local culture,people are interesting. weather is hot and humid in summer but please t during winter ,so get ready to explore an amazing country with full of surprises . Due to big cultural differences some volunteer might face cultural shock! Our request to all New comers please read

about India and Indian culture as much as possible before you apply for the project. If you got any queries ask us anytime. Do not forget to use our what's app for any doubts or questions.

These are the documents we need on arrival :-

- *Passport copy
- *VISA copy
- *Photograph(recent colour copy)
- *Parents permission letter if you are below 18 years.
- *you should not have any criminal records.

What to bring: You can follow traditional packing lists, small bag pack should be fine with locking access. Here are several items that would be particularly helpful for this volunteer experience:

- A bed sheet
- Vaccination as per your local doctor.
- malaria medication
- flashlight
- umbrella
- mosquito repellent with DEET
- sunscreen
- alarm clock OR watch with alarm clock

journal

sleeping bag

Rain coat /umbrella during monsoon.

Snacks from your country for kids, host family and volunteers

Music/ dress / special souvenir from your country

Medicine and first aid supplies for emergency personal use

Clothing: - fibrous (ex: linen or cotton or anything that is COOL and dries fast in natural sun)

- for women, bring conservative clothing that covers the shoulders (ex: shirts with capped sleeves) NO shorts, bikinis, sleeveless clothes outside your own bed room (strictly).

sandals

head covering (bandanas, hat)

towel that dries FAST.

Mosquito net, Toilet paper, Soap and shampoo for personal use.

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SMILE Host family is at Madhyamgram which is at the north of the Kolkata city next to Kolkata Airport (8 km from Airport and 20 km from Kolkata city center).