

Rotary

District 3054



ROTARY:
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Agra



Jaipur



Udaipur



Bhuj | Rann of Kutch



Ahmedabad

**DISCOVER
INDIA**

**INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH
CAMP**

Rotary District 3054

26 TO **11**

JANUARY FEBRUARY
2018

*An opportunity
to explore and experience
Indian culture, heritage,
philosophy and lifestyle*



India, officially the Republic of India is the seventh-largest country by area, the second-most populous country with over 1.2 billion people, and the most populous democracy in the world. India is a federal constitutional republic governed under a parliamentary system consisting of 29 states and 7 union territories. A pluralistic, multilingual, and multi-ethnic society, the country is also home to a diversity of wildlife in a variety of protected habitats. Bounded by the Indian Ocean on the south, the Arabian Sea on the south-west, and the Bay of Bengal on the south-east, it shares land borders with Pakistan to the west; China, Nepal, and Bhutan to the north-east; and Myanmar (Burma) and Bangladesh to the east. In the Indian Ocean, India is in the vicinity of Sri Lanka and the Maldives; in addition, India's Andaman and Nicobar Islands share a maritime border with Thailand and Indonesia.

The Camp

Rotary District 3054, invites 30 Youths from across the world for a journey that will give them first hand feel and understanding of incredible India and an opportunity to see some parts of our Rotary district. This camp will surely take them closer to the Indian culture, heritage, philosophy, economics and lifestyle. We believe this will help the youths enhance their knowledge about India, its society and its people. We are sure this camp will also give them some friends for life, and though all our campers will come alone but will surely carry back bouquet of memories for life.

We are confident that these 17 days will be one of the most memorable days of the lives of each and every camper.

Factsheet

Camp Theme:	Discover India – An opportunity to explore and experience Indian Culture, Heritage, Philosophy and Lifestyle.
Organized by:	Rotary District 3054 in association Discover India Camps
Participant's age:	18 - 24 years
Number of Participants:	30 (Preferably 1 boy & 1 girls from each country, on first come first serve basis)



Date of Arrival: Friday 26th January 2018 (preferably by 3 pm)
Airport for Arrival: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad
Date of Departure: Monday 12th February 2018 (anytime)
Airport for Departure: Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
Accommodation: To get an understanding of the Indian family living and culture, most of the time the participants will be staying with Rotary members and their families or with Rotaract or ROTEX members and their families.
At some of the places like Kutch, Udaipur and Agra, the participants may be accommodated in Hostels / Hotels and will be sharing rooms or Dormitories.

Camp Program: District 3054 is situated on the western side of India and primarily comprises of areas of state of Gujarat and Rajasthan. The detailed program will be circulated to the camp participants later, but here is a glimpse of what the camp may include:

- Visit to places of historical and cultural importance in the Ahmedabad like Sabarmati Ashram, Akshardham Temple, Heritage walk of the walled city of Ahmedabad to get a glimpse of town, planning and life style of city and its architectural evolution, Calico Textile Museum.
- A visit to the Great Rann of Kutch, the only Salt Desert in the world
- City of Lakes Udaipur, a princely town of the state of Rajasthan.
- Visit to the royal pink city of Jaipur and Amer fort.
- Visit one of the 7 wonders of the world – The TAJ along with the Red Fort of Agra
- Opportunity to learn some steps of the traditional dance form Garba
- Understand and experience the power of Yoga and Meditation
- Meeting with the member of the State Governments & Rotary
- Be part of cultural happenings in the city of Ahmedabad, if any during the camp schedule.
- Attend Rotary club meetings and participant in Rotary Projects
- Gets some hands-on training in India Cuisines



Application form:

Please send in your application using regular short term youth exchange form available with Youth exchange Officers

Last date to send in your application is 15th November 2017.

Camp Fee:

Euro 500 or USD 590. The camp fee is to be paid in cash at the time of arrival at the camp.

There is no additional cost involved in the camp, except out of pocket expenses of shopping etc. and for the activities that the participants may undertake, and which is not part of main camp program.

The applicant is expected to bear his / her cost of round-trip travel to Ahmedabad (Gujarat) India, and will have to bear for any additional expenses and any pre-or-post event, travels, meals, or accommodation not covered during the camp program.

Insurance:

All participants should be adequately insured for travel and medical cover of USD 100,000 as per the RI Insurance guidelines. Please submit a copy of your Insurance policy along with a copy of your passport to the camp organizers on your arrival.

Camp Contact:

Please send your application and queries to:

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District 3051

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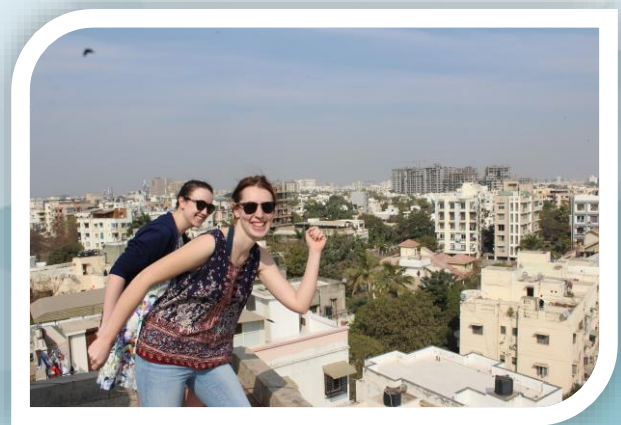
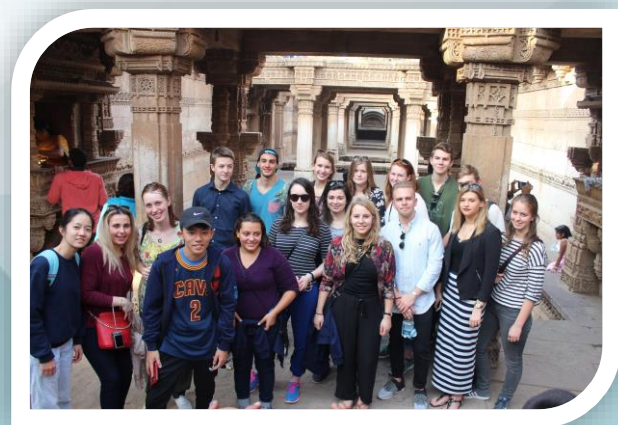
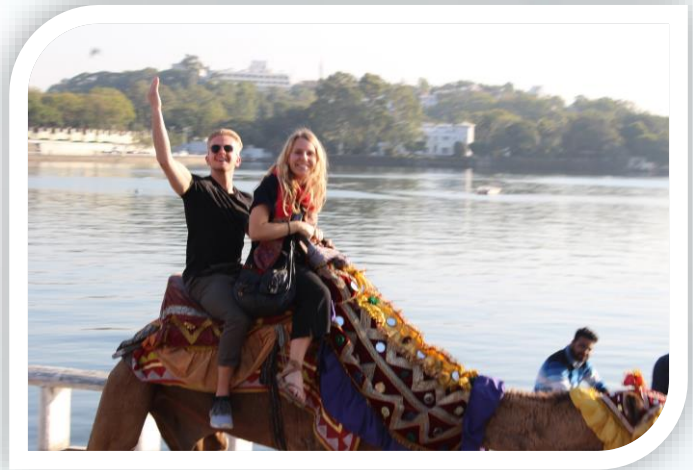
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Glimpses of Discover India camps





Testimonials from some of our former campers

If I was only allowed to say one thing about Discover India, I would say: amazing. I would recommend it to everybody because it gave me memories I will never forget. The Indian culture and heritage are wonderful and overwhelming when you come from a small country like Denmark. But Rotary had arranged a great program where we got to see beautiful temples, met with university students our own age, saw the beautiful white desert, experienced traditional dance, saw Taj Mahal and so many other things. It was a really packed program, but it was all worth it. Most importantly the different Rotary clubs and host families invited us in to their lives like we were friends and family from day one. I always felt safe and welcome and that means a lot when you are so far away from home and experiencing a completely different culture. With Discover India, I met so many great people within Rotary and within the campers. We all have a special bond and now I have friends and family all over the world.

- **Trine Trustrup, Denmark**

Rotary strives to build an international community which will in turn contribute to the spread of world peace. Discover India is one such place where rotary is making great strides in this objective. As a participant, this past January I not only explored the Indian culture on my own, but saw it through the eyes of the many other participants who came from a myriad of cultures. Each perspective helped me truly delve into the complexities of the culture without judgement. I believe my worldview to be vastly broadened by my time in India. Through everything I have seen while in the context of Rotary (both on long-term exchange and Discover India) I have seen again and again the importance of travel and an open mind. The friendships formed through Discover India are forever as are the memories

- **Rebecca Singer, USA**

This January I attended the Discover India Camp. Well, I can tell you: I couldn't make a better choice than doing that. We were such a fun group and we accepted each other the way we are. Together we experienced India, and got to know each other, in the end we were like a huge family.

This was my 4th experience with the Rotary, and they proved again that it is very well-organized organization. If someone was ill, there was always a doctor in the neighborhood. Everywhere were kind guides who spoke perfectly English and who kept our attention. I am very thankful to the Rotary for making this possible.

- **Margot Stormmesand, Netherlands**

As a well experienced traveler I have to confirm, that the best way how to explore some country is through the locals. Especially in case of India. We say that from visiting India you can take just two impressions. One is that you feel in love with the country, culture, etc. The second one is that you will never be wanting to come back. Let Your experience put into the first group and explore India with Discover India Camps. In this highly tilted world is very beneficial to understand Indian mentality and culture and know how to cooperate with Indians. Let your experience be the best with Discover India Camps.

On January 2016, I had a great pleasure of participating on discover India camp organized by Bhanu Gupta. It was one of the best organized travel camps I have ever participated at. Thanks to Bhanu and Divya I felt as a part of the Indian community and could discover the purest culture of India.

- **Blaž Maršálek, Czech Republic**