

First Study Abroad Trip to India



Jori, Laura and Joe at the Taj Mahal

Can you imagine visiting the Taj Mahal, riding an elephant, dining at a palace, getting your future read by a parrot, dancing at the India-Pakistan border, seeing a snake-charmer, all within two weeks! These are some of the once in a lifetime experiences that the first group of participants had when they went on the first ever study abroad trip to India this summer.



All these amazing experiences were intertwined with the classroom experiences that the participants got in two schools in India. The trip is planned for the next year also and is open to all education majors. Here are some quotes from the participants:

Joseph Stambaugh: Just going somewhere different in the world and to see all of its beauty and everything it had to offer was my favorite part. I honestly loved everything about the trip even the 16 hour plane flight.

Laura Krieg: I went to India hoping to have an experience different than any other that I have had, and I definitely got what I hoped for. I will forever be changed by my experiences, grateful for what I have, and more open minded to other cultures.

Jori Wilson: If I could take this trip over again I would in a heartbeat. I decided to study abroad at the end of my schooling at Eastern. If I could start back again as a freshman I would go on as many study abroad trips as possible! It is a wonderful way to experience different lifestyles, cultures,

and ways of life while taking classes towards your degree! I will never forget all of the wonderful memories that I made.



Want to know more about the trip? Check out the blogs by two of the participants:

Jori Wilson: <http://jorincredibleadventure.wordpress.com/>

Laura Krieg: <http://laurakrieg.wordpress.com/>

Enjoy some more pictures from the trip:



Jori learning about her future from a fortune teller who uses a parrot



Riding a *rickshaw*



Dancing to participate in the festivities at the India-Pakistan border at Wagah



The group visiting the Golden Temple in Amritsar



The group outside the Falaknuma Palace, all dressed up for a Palace dinner.



At the Gandhi Memorial, the Raj Ghat