



global learning for positive change

*"What a fantastic experience! We have been incredibly well looked after. The organisation of the trip has been excellent. Our trip leader was outstanding, who went above and beyond to educate our students!"*

Sarah Haines, Headteacher, Bradon Forest School



# India

## Summer 2026



# Your Global Action Programme

At Global Action, we believe in engaging young people in Global Learning about poverty reduction, environmental issues and social justice. This develops Global Citizens, able to effect positive global change for the future.

Global Action programmes engage students with global issues, carefully designed around the UN agreed Sustainable Development Goals. Your trip will explore how these goals are being achieved on an international scale, and what still needs to be done.

## Support Raising Funds



- ✓ Raising funds support
- ✓ Ideas and resources on webpage



## Trip Preparation

- ✓ Destination Handbook
- ✓ Discount codes for kit
- ✓ Fitness advice



## Global Learning

- ✓ Global Learning Workshop
- ✓ Resources and further reading on webpage

## Trip Preparation



- ✓ Meet your Global Action Leader and kit preparation evening
- ✓ Leaders' Safety Management Workshop
- ✓ Training Day (if applicable)



## Overseas Trip

- ✓ Exposure to local and global development
- ✓ Visits to international agencies
- ✓ Participation in practical projects



## Alumni Community

- ✓ Empowered and engaged global citizens
- ✓ ASDAN Universities Award



*"It was a once in a lifetime experience with fascinating visits, all made possible by Global Action and their amazing staff. I feel extremely lucky to have been given this opportunity."*

Student, Pate's Grammar School



# Why India?

**India's World Heritage palaces, and ancient cultures offer unique learning opportunities, set in stunning locations!**

India is one of the most fascinating countries on Earth - one of the world's oldest civilisations, the world's largest democracy, and a secular state with a strong tradition of religious freedom.

## Learn about:

- **Poverty Reduction, Community Health and Education**
- **Democracy, Human Rights, Globalisation**
- **World religions: Hinduism and Islam**



## Useful Facts

**Geography:** The trip is mainly based in Delhi, the capital of India, and Agra.

**Climate:** In July, temperatures can reach 30°C. However, all hotels and transport will have air condition.

**Languages:** Hindi is the spoken language of Northern India, however, English is widely understood

**Culture:** You will learn about ancient cultures and religions, especially Islam and Hinduism.

**Physical rating:** A moderate trip. Ability to walk 2 hours a day with a daysack.

**Accommodation:** You will be staying in comfortable hotels.

# Sample itinerary

## Build Up Day

All team members will meet at the school. Your Global Action Leader will check your kit, and provide health and safety briefings.

## Days 1 – 4: Delhi

Today you fly overnight to Delhi, arriving the following morning. On arrival, you can relax in your hotel. In the afternoon, we can explore Delhi, the capital of India, with its rich history going back many centuries and empires. From the labyrinth of colourful bazaars in Old Delhi, to the best features of a modern city such as a metro system, gleaming malls, bustling markets and fabulous restaurants, the past and the present mix seamlessly together.

**Over the next 3 days, your activities will include:**

### Community Development

Ensuring inclusive and equitable education, health and poverty reduction are some of the most important United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

You will have an opportunity to visit a local charity, the **Lovecare Foundation**, to learn about the NGO and their work. Love Care Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life of over 17,000 children in India. You will initially have a tour of a slum – to learn about community development, and why local people choose to live in informal settlements. This will be an inspirational day to learn about:

- How the Lovecare Foundation work directly with underserved communities, focusing on the root causes of poverty and inequality.
- Their programs like "Shuchita" (cleanliness awareness), "Ummang" (special needs care), "Sahara" (nutritious food), and "Golden Umbrella Academy" demonstrate their commitment to holistic development.
- Commitment to Education: They prioritise quality education for children, particularly those who cannot afford it, through the Golden Umbrella Academy, an inclusive school program.
- Community Involvement: They actively involve community members and foster partnerships to create a sustainable impact.





## The Red Fort

Delhi's Red Fort is one of the most magnificent palaces of the world, built by Shah Jahān in the mid-17th century. The Red Fort is special due to its iconic status as a UNESCO World Heritage site and its role as a symbol of India's sovereignty and cultural heritage. It also holds immense historical significance, being the primary residence of Mughal emperors for nearly 200 years, and the location where India's first Prime Minister declared independence in 1947.

The fort is an excellent example of Mughal architecture, blending Persian and Indian styles. The Red Fort is where the national flag is hoisted on Independence Day, making it a powerful symbol of India's freedom. It was the seat of Mughal power for centuries and was instrumental in shaping the cultural and political landscape of India. The Fort's innovative design and garden layouts influenced later buildings in India.



The fort's complex is a treasure trove of Indian history and culture, offering visitors a glimpse into the Mughal era, and includes beautiful palaces, pavilions, and mosques. The fort's massive red sandstone walls, which stand 75 feet (23 metres) high, enclose a complex of palaces and entertainment halls, projecting balconies, baths and indoor canals, and geometrical gardens, as well as an ornate mosque.

## A guided tour of the sacred Masjid-i Jahān-Numā

Masjid-i Jahān-Numā, also known as Jama Masjid in Delhi, is the largest mosque in India and was constructed by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan between 1644 and 1656. It was built with a cost of one million Rupees and is capable of accommodating thousands of worshippers.

The Jama Masjid is renowned for its impressive architectural style, featuring elaborate tile work and unique geometric brickwork, which are considered significant features of Mughal architecture.

Today with our experienced guide we will learn about:

- The history and influence of Islam in India
- Islam and Social issues – A religion of peace, co-existing in a multi-faith and tolerant society
- Islamic worship and practice

## Gandhi's tomb

Gandhi was an Indian lawyer, who promoted non-violent resistance as a form of protest. He led the successful campaign for India's independence from British rule, and later inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world.

Gandhi's tomb, also known as Raj Ghat in Delhi, is a place of profound spiritual significance, where visitors can experience a sense of peace and reflect on Gandhi's legacy. The memorial's simple design, with its black marble platform, stone path, and green lawns, reflects Gandhi's belief in simplicity, non-violence and non-materialism. The burning eternal flame symbolizes Gandhi's enduring legacy and his ideas that continue to inspire today.

## Days 5 - 6: Agra & the Taj Mahal

The following day, we travel to Agra, a city that dates back to the 2nd century. Agra was the capital of the Mughal empire for over a hundred years, and is home to some of the finest architectural achievements of this remarkable dynasty.

The next day, we visit the stunning **Taj Mahal**, one of The Seven Wonders of the World, and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Taj Mahal is the most famous architectural icon of India, and was built in 1632 over 22 years, by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan, as a mausoleum for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal.



The incredible structure of white marble, inlaid with thousands of precious stones, is unique. Its architecture combines elements from Islamic, Persian, Ottoman Turkish and Hindu styles. You will have an interactive guided tour, learning about the history of Islam in India, Islamic teachings and practice.

We can see how the Taj Mahal was built in a perfect symmetrical design over 380 years ago, and how the finest materials were brought in by boat from South Africa, Europe and Persia to build this.



You also visit the historical **Agra Fort**, one of the finest Mughal forts in India. It was the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty until 1638, when the capital moved from Agra to Delhi. The Agra Fort is a UNESCO



World Heritage site, and is a perfect place to relax towards the end of our trip. We then return to Delhi in the afternoon.

### **Day 7: Delhi - UK**

Today, you check into Delhi's International Airport for your return flight to the UK. You can reflect on your unique experience. You arrive in the UK with memories to last a lifetime and The ASDAN Universities Award!



*"An amazing, life-changing experience for students and staff. The most organised, beneficial educational trip you could ever experience – I have never come across an organisation with such an extensive programme, where you feel you are positively making change in the world. The learning that took place throughout the programme was beyond outstanding."*

**School Leader, Bede's Senior School**

*"Incredible, fun, eye-opening, amazing, inspiring. I've had the time of my life and really don't want to leave!"*

**Student, The Godolphin School**

*"The trip massively exceeded my expectations, it involved lots of activities to allow us to explore different cultures."*

**Student, Cheney School**

*"The trip exceeded all of my expectations by far. The organisation and support during the trip was vital for its outstanding success. All of the activities contributed to greater understanding of India."*

**Head of Religious Studies, Kingswood School**

# Raising Funds towards your trip

You're about to embark on a life-changing trip abroad and support communities in need. Fundraising will give you a fantastic sense of achievement. Apart from raising cash for your trip, this will give you **increased self-confidence, and develop your life-skills in: budgeting, creativity, independence and entrepreneurship** – great for university and your careers.

At Global Action we care about your success. We provide:

- ✓ 1-2 fundraising workshops for you and your team
- ✓ Regular online fundraising webinars with our partners at easyfundraising
- ✓ A 17 page fundraising guide packed with ideas, plans and resources to get you started

## Did you know?

Most students raise £600 - £1000 towards their trip - and many even earn their whole trip cost!



Here's our five step plan to getting started:

1. Set a target! Are you aiming to raise the whole amount yourself, or part of this cost?
2. Break down your target into milestones – base this around monthly or termly targets, or think about when you can dedicate the most time to it – especially over summer holidays
3. Make a mind map of your network, and the different ways in which they might be able to help you - and how you might be able to help them!
4. Put together the plan to reach your target – use the Global Action Fundraising Planner from your fundraising pack.
5. Pick your first event and get planning! Once you have your first contribution, reaching your target will feel much more achievable.

Your fundraising will probably be split between **individual fundraising and team fundraising** – we've included some ideas below to get you thinking...

## Individual

- 🌐 Part-time work/Summer job
- 🌐 Sponsored event
- 🌐 Selling art and crafts
- 🌐 Selling unwanted items
- 🌐 Odd jobs in the community
- 🌐 Donations from local businesses and rotary clubs

## Team Fundraising

- 🌐 School event – film night, disco, battle of the bands
- 🌐 Parents evening refreshments
- 🌐 Christmas stall
- 🌐 Raffle or auction of promises
- 🌐 Quiz night

And, see overleaf for a great way to get **free** money!

” Doing your own fundraising gives you a sense of achievement and means that whilst you are out on the trip you engage more in the activities as you paid for them yourself. ”

**James, Saffron Walden High School, Zanzibar**





easyfundraising

global action

## 6 easy steps to getting started with easyfundraising

Fundraising for your trip just got easier. Sign up to easyfundraising and start earning free cashback on all online purchases. easyfundraising partners with over 8,000 well-known online brands, so whenever anyone you know shops online, you receive free cashback you can use towards your trip target. The selection of brands to shop with is endless...

amazon.co.uk

ebay

JOHN LEWIS

JUST EAT

ASOS

Booking.com

M&S

SCREWFIX

moonpig

TESCO

trainline

Boots  
Let's feel good

skyscanner

Argos

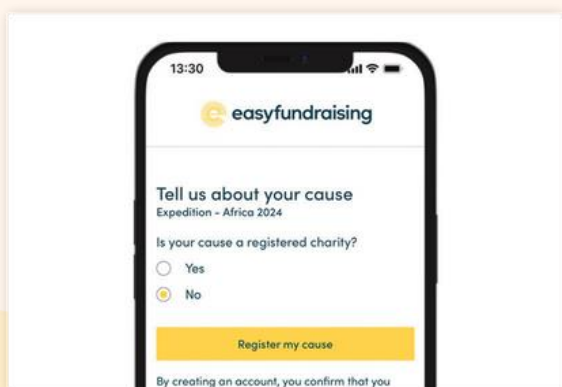
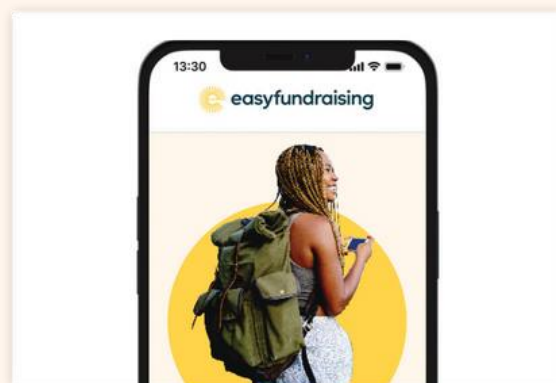
+7,500  
Others

### Step 1

Scan the QR code or use the link to get started. Tell us your name and where you are going to travel.



[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/global-action](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/global-action)

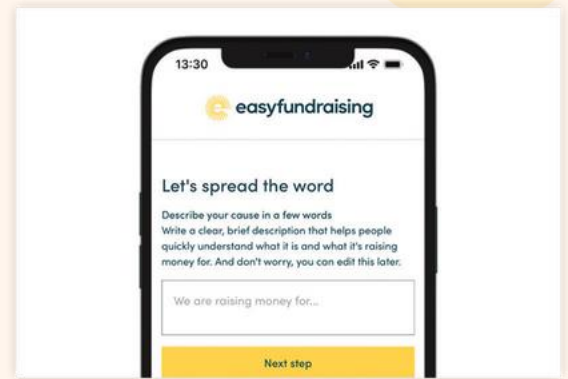


### Step 2

Fill in your details and click 'Register my cause'.

## Step 3

We'd love to know more about you and what you're up to; tell us a bit about your expedition.



## Step 4

Downloading the easyfundraising app is the easiest way to earn free cashback, do this now while you remember.



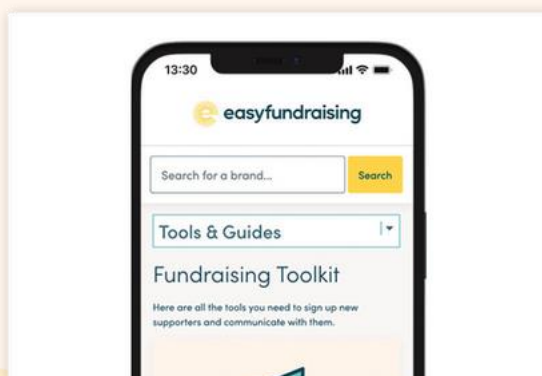
## Step 5

Book a free call with one of the fundraising experts for the best advice on how to get family and friends registered and earning cashback toward your target.



## Step 6

Visit 'Account' then 'Promote my Cause' for ready-made social media text, images, and WhatsApp messaging you can download and share to encourage family and friends to support you.





# Why book with Global Action?

## The Specialists

Travel with the UK's leading provider of Global Learning programmes. Global Action is managed by international development professionals, who have over 15 years' experience in organising school trips worldwide. You'll get full support, start to finish, from our experienced operations team, who have travelled to all our trip destinations. You will benefit from their first-hand knowledge and their wealth of experience from organising inspirational trips.

## High Educational Value

Our Global Action programmes are designed to strengthen students' **employability skills** in leadership, teamwork, and communication. All students completing a Global Action trip receive the widely recognised **ASDAN Universities Award**. The ASDAN Universities Award is highlighted by UCAS for applicants to mention in the personal statement of their UCAS form. Students have found that the Universities Award has made a significant difference to their UCAS Application.

## Safety First

On a Global Action trip, the health and safety of all our participants is our top priority. We have a full and comprehensive **Safety Management System**, including detailed risk assessments for each activity, and extensive itinerary planning with our trained in-country partners. We provide each team with highly qualified and experienced UK Global Action Leaders, supported by school staff, 24-hour safety backup, communication equipment and comprehensive First Aid Kits. **Read more at:** [www.global-action.co.uk](http://www.global-action.co.uk)

## Financial Protection

Once you have booked you will enjoy financial security, as Global Action is a **fully-bonded UK tour operator** with the Civil Aviation Authority's Air Travel Organisers Licence (ATOL) Number 10624. So your trip is in safe hands, and monies paid to us are fully protected.



# How to apply for this trip

1. Complete online application: see school letter for the link to your portal page
2. Send deposit to Global Action (or the school) – see your portal page



Contact us

[info@global-action.co.uk](mailto:info@global-action.co.uk)

01285 641 875

[www.global-action.co.uk](http://www.global-action.co.uk)