



Christel House.

*Donor Excursion
to Christel House India*

February 20 – 24, 2010



INDIA ITINERARY

Friday, February 19, 2010 - depart from the United States for Bangalore

Air: Make arrangements with the airline of your choice. Arrive late night Saturday, February 20, 2010 or early morning Sunday, February 21, 2010.

Transfers: Upon arrival, you will be taken to the ISTA Hotel.

Saturday, Feb. 20 - Wednesday, Feb 24, 2010

Hotel: ISTA Hotel
1/1 Swami Vivekananda Road, Ulsoor
Bangalore 560 008
India



Hotel Ista is located in the heart of Bangalore's business district. Please view the hotel at their website www.istabangalore.com

Breakfast included: Available from **7 a.m.** at Lido restaurant

Morning: At your leisure.

Lunch: At your leisure, please eat prior to the tour.
1:15 p.m. meet in the lobby

Afternoon: 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. Half-day sightseeing tour of Bangalore City. Your tour of the garden city begins with a visit to **Lalbagh**, the botanical garden spread over 240 acres; **Tipu Sultan's Place** and **Bull Temple** believed to have been constructed in the 16th century and carved out of a single granite block.



Evening: 7:30 p.m. – Welcome Reception - join our other guests, Christel and the Christel House staff for welcome cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Venue to be determined.

Monday, February 22, 2010 –

Breakfast included: Available from 7 a.m. at Lido restaurant

Departure for Christel House India: 8:30 a.m. meet in the lobby for departure to Christel House.



Enjoy the morning with faculty and children at the school, have lunch with students in our cafeteria and in the afternoon visit communities where our children live.



6:00 p.m. - return to the hotel

Cocktails and Dinner: 7:30 p.m. with Christel and Christel House India staff. Venue to be determined

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 – Day Trip to Mysore with Christel House students

Breakfast

included: Available from **7 a.m.** at Lido restaurant

Day: **8:00 a.m.** leave for a full-day field trip to **Mysore via Srirangapatnam** with a class of Christel House India students. Mysore is a city of palaces, gardens, shady avenues and sacred temples and retains some old world charm. For more details please visit www.mysoretourism.com. Buffet lunch at Hotel Regalis.



7:00 p.m. return to the hotel

Cocktails and Dinner: **8:00 p.m.** in the Ballroom of the ISTA Hotel. Hosted by Mr. Nikhil Kapur, General Manager of the hotel and Board members of Christel House India. Mingle with Ms. Christel DeHaan, local Indian supporters and a few of Bangalore's corporate CEOs. India.

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Transfers: After a final breakfast with friends, you will be transferred back to Bangalore International Airport for the next leg of your journey back to the U.S. or onto additional optional excursions in India.

Additional Details:

Cost is \$925/person double occupancy and \$1350/person for single room which includes 4 nights' accommodations, daily breakfast, two lunches, three dinners and transport using air conditioned coach buses, entrance fees to the monuments and government taxes.

Please contact Mandi Melangton at 317.464.2341 or via email at mmelangton@christelhouse.org by January 22, 2010 to make your reservations and provide a deposit.

Again, please contact your travel agent to secure your own air transport as soon as possible. Bryan Vackar is a travel agent in Indianapolis who books our Christel House travel to India on a regular basis. He can be reached at 317/753-8611 or via email at bvackar@indy.rr.com.

A reputable travel agent in India has assembled a couple of other options, **Option 1** – Visit to Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Jaipur, as well as, Old & New Delhi (5 nights), **Option 2** – Visit Cochin and Kumarakom (5 nights) and **Option 3** – Himalayas (4 nights). Please contact PK directly to arrange your post-Christel House excursion.

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The students hope you can join us on this exciting excursion!

