International Study Centres

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Why do the Indian ISC?

Stay in three Indian cities

Understand our relationship from British rule to Brexit

Visit the Taj Mahal

Gain a better understanding of India's prominent religions, visiting temples and ashrams
The programme

**Topic: MODERN INDIA VS. HISTORIC INDIA**

Explore the rich history and culture of India through lectures and visits exploring the following topics:

- Business, politics and economy
- Digital India
- Culture (including: yoga, classic and Bollywood dancing, cuisine and the role of women)
- The role of NGOs in modern issues
- Prominent religions
- British rule to Brexit implications
- Mahatma Ghandi
Excursions

The lectures are complemented with visits to sites around the cities. For example:

- Bangalore Palace
- The Art of Living International Centre
- ISKCON Temple
- Rashtrapati Bhawan - the Presidents’ home
- The Taj Mahal complex – an UNESCO World Heritage Site

Note: some visits are subject to ticket availability as it is not always possible to book far in advance.
Student feedback

“From the moment of my arrival in India I knew I wouldn’t return from it the same person. I have had very few opportunities to travel abroad, so this trip was always guaranteed to be life changing for me, and it most certainly didn’t disappoint.”

Jonathan, English

“The ISC to India was one of the most fulfilling and interesting two weeks of my life. It made me question my beliefs and my western, white, female perspective. I got to go to pertinent cultural and religious places, and to immerse myself in a completely dissimilar and diverse culture.”

Ellen, History

“After so many years dreaming of visiting India, I finally did it and it was even more amazing than I ever hoped it would be. The programme opened up a new world for me and inspired me in so many ways and I am sure it will continue to inspire me for years to come”

Emma, Education

“On returning to the UK, I feel pleasantly surprised to have learnt so much in such a short space of time. This is one of the real strengths of the ISC programmes in general, and the reason I’d be very tempted to take part in another.”

Rosa, History
The two weeks I spent in India as part of the ISC were some of the most insightful, enriching and memorable weeks of my life... To experience all that we did with such a kind, caring and funny group of people made the trip even more enjoyable, and I will treasure the memories for a long time.”

Eleanor, Politics

Personally, I am quite an introverted person and am content to stay in my comfort zone. To say this trip ‘pushed’ me out of my comfort zone would be inaccurate, as I never felt forced to partake in anything I was unwilling to do. However, India was able to draw me out of my shell, readily excited to get involved and enjoy myself. Having a busy schedule didn’t allow time to get too homesick or bored, but you always felt like you made the most of your day by the end of it.”

Max, Philosophy
Accommodation

The programme will be in hotels, in Bangalore, Delhi and Agra. All hotels are aimed at business traveller level guests, with a private bathroom for each room and air-conditioning.

You will share a room with at least one other student.

Visa requirements

- Students will require a tourist visa to enter India. For UK nationals this is an online form, which doesn’t require an embassy visit.

- For the current cost of the visa please visit the below website and use the visa cost calculator.  
  www.ivisa.com/apply-online/india

- The cost of a visa is not included in the programme cost.
What will it cost?

- Participation in the 2020 ISC programme costs £2,250 per student.
- A non-refundable acceptance fee of £250 is necessary to secure your place on an ISC.
- A payment plan of two further £1,000 instalments is then implemented to allow you to spread the programme participation cost.
- You must pay in full before the departure date. Failure to pay will result in you being withdrawn from the programme.

What is included in the cost:

- International flights to/from the UK
- Tuition fees
- Transfer to and from airport in host country
- Travel insurance
- Entry tickets
- Accommodation
- All meals

What is not included in the cost:

- Visa
- Spending money
- Travel to and from airport in the UK
- Vaccinations
Bursaries

- Each year there are a limited number of bursaries you can apply for towards the cost of the Study Centre.
- These are highly competitive and will be distributed on a needs basis. They are evaluated by a bursary case submitted as part of your application.
- Previous award amounts have been between £500 and £2,000.
- You can also apply for a York Futures Scholarship.

Admission criteria

- International Study Centres are open to all York students, including final year, masters, postgraduates and distance learners.
- You do not need any prior knowledge of the topic and it doesn’t need to be linked to your degree. It is a chance to learn something from a different perspective, something completely different, and/or about a country that interests you.
- Students must be of good academic standing.
- A reference is requested from your department as part of the application process.
Application and deadlines

- The application via Mobility Online is available at [york.ac.uk/globalyou](http://york.ac.uk/globalyou) via the How to Apply tab.

- Applications for 2020 open on Friday 29 November 2019 and close on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at 1pm.

- The application is a number of personal statement type questions. We recommend that you write your answers to these questions in a Word document before you copy them into the application.

- You also need to upload a 90 second video supporting your written application via the same link.

- A reference will be required from your Supervisor, or another departmental member of academic staff as part of your application. It is very important that they know who you are, where you want to go to and why and that you have their agreement to name them as your referee on your application.
Pre-departure

- There are two pre-departure workshops scheduled in the spring and summer terms, where you will be told all the information you require for the trip. They are **mandatory** and will be held on Wednesday 4 March and 14 May (all in the afternoon).

- Topics will include (amongst others) visas, free insurance provided by the University, flight details, group risk assessments.

- You will also have chance to meet the rest of the group going on the trip and the York team leader who will also accompany the group.
For more information

- Contact summer-abroad@york.ac.uk

- Speak to our peer advisors Piotr and Sophie who have both been on an ISC global-peer-advisors@york.ac.uk

- Visit one of the following events to speak to us in person:
  - Global Opportunities Fair, Thursday 24 October, 3-6pm, Physics Exhibition Centre
  - Summer Abroad information session, Wednesday 13 November, 1.15-2.15pm, Derwent College D/L/047
  - Summer Opportunities Fair, Wednesday 22 January 2020, 1-4pm, James Hall

- Follow the Centre for Global Programmes on GoGlobalUoY 🐦arious