

# EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

## *Insight Trip to* INDIA

**August 11 – August 18, 2012**

EACH MORNING put on your walking shoes to be inspired by the richness found in the life experiences of our clients, loan officers and staff in Chennai, India's fourth most populous city. Take part in Trust Group meetings where you'll hear stories of our clients' struggles and successes and see development in action. Learn how Opportunity commits significant resources for the transformation and training of our staff and clients in India.

IMMERSE YOURSELF in the sights and sounds of Chennai, which has retained its traditional Tamil roots while acquiring a modern and cosmopolitan character. The city is famous for its sandy beaches, parks and historic landmarks. The people of Chennai have a special interest in the music, dance and other art forms of South India.

THROUGH THESE EXPERIENCES, you'll be able to envision a world in which all people have fair access to economic opportunities, along with the inspiration to move beyond poverty. And you'll have a renewed sense of how you personally can help make that world a reality.

*Deepa comes from a marginalized gypsy community in Chennai, India. Before joining Opportunity, she collected waste paper and sold it to earn \$1 to \$2 per day. Then Deepa met Opportunity Loan Officer Valamarthi and soon joined the Roja Trust Group. She took out a loan of \$65 to start a container business and a subsequent loan of \$173 to purchase materials for fancy necklaces. Deepa is now able to provide a much better standard of living for her family. Since then, other members of the gypsy community have become Opportunity loan clients.*



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# Itinerary

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11:** Depart the U.S.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12:** Arrive in Chennai, India. Local Opportunity staff will meet you upon your arrival and take you to your hotel for a good night's sleep.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 13:** Meet your fellow travelers for an early breakfast and orientation. Walk from the hotel through the bustling market and visit clients on the way to GO Finance Headquarters. Have lunch with GO Finance CEO, who will give you an interactive economic briefing and overview of Opportunity's present mission and future plans in India. After lunch, put on your walking shoes for an afternoon in the field with our loan officers.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14:** Meet for breakfast with the U.S. and India commercial attaches. Travel outside Chennai to visit loan clients in a more rural area. Experience devotions at a branch office and then go into the field to meet more clients and attend Trust Group meetings. Rest before heading out for dinner at a local restaurant overlooking the city of Chennai.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15:** Eat breakfast with International Justice Mission staff. Check out of the hotel and then join a Trust Group meeting and visit with individual members. After a spending time in the field, depart to Temple Bay Resort for a final debrief dinner and good nights rest at resort on the world's second largest beach along the Bay of Bengal, part of the Indian Ocean.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 16:** Enjoy a day of shopping and lunch on the beach. Spend the afternoon at the ruins in Mahaballipuram and the shops at Dakshin Chitra. Share observations at a final debrief dinner with the GO Finance CEO.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 17:** Depart in the early morning for Delhi. After arriving in Delhi, spend the day visiting the historical sights of India. In the late afternoon depart for the Mughal City of Agra. Check in to the Hotel Gateway for dinner and a good night's sleep.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18:** Rise early morning and visit by sunrise, the Taj Mahal, sheer poetry in marble. Return to the hotel for breakfast and continue sightseeing in the morning. Depart for the Delhi airport in the early afternoon, carrying with you wonderful memories and the inspiration to become more involved in Opportunity's mission to help end global poverty.

## Spotlight on CHENNAI

**LOCATION:** Southeast coast of India in the state of Tamil Nadu

**CLIMATE:** Tropical

**TERRAIN:** Flat coastal plane

**POPULATION:** 7 million

**LANGUAGE:** Tamil, English, Hindi, Urdu, Malayalam

**GDP PER CAPITA:** \$2,900 (India)

**OUR PRIMARY FOCUS IS YOUR SAFETY AND COMFORT** In our 20 years of conducting Insight Trips, we have always provided a safe and rewarding visit for our participants. Every trip is carefully planned in conjunction with local Opportunity staff and hospitality experts to ensure your safety and comfort. We will also offer you a guidebook that includes everything you need to know about traveling in that particular country.

## Registration

**HERE IS HOW TO REGISTER FOR YOUR INSIGHT TRIP:**

- 1) Contact your regional director or Adele Nandan in Opportunity's international education department, at [anandan@opportunity.org](mailto:anandan@opportunity.org) or 630-242-4147. **Registration deadline is June 11, 2012.** *Early registration discount of \$150 per person applies if registered by May 11, 2012.*
- 2) Go to **[opportunity.org/insight](http://opportunity.org/insight)** Complete the registration form and submit payment to secure your place.

### SUMMARY OF COSTS:

\$2,839 payment to Opportunity International *Includes, all meals and beverages, hotel (based on double occupancy), gratuity, local transportation, airport transfers, translator services, emergency evacuation insurance, and partner and staff costs.. Does not include U.S. – Chennai round-trip air, optional tour, incidentals, shots, passports, souvenirs or alcohol.*

*\$1,800 estimated airfare (from Chicago)  
Airfare to be booked and paid for by the traveler.*

**\$4,639 total cost estimate**

- 3) Make flight arrangements on your own or contact ADTRAV, Opportunity's preferred travel partner, at [opportunitytravel@adtrav.com](mailto:opportunitytravel@adtrav.com).
- 4) Prepare for departure. Make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after your intended departure date. Visit [www.vp2go.com](http://www.vp2go.com) for assistance in obtaining a passport. Consult your doctor for any necessary immunizations and vaccines. For a traveler's health clinic near you, go to [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

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