

## TRIP OVERVIEW



### WHAT?

Join us for a once in a lifetime adventure on the *Aussies for Orphans Incredible India Fundraising Trip* to help get vulnerable children from Kalyanpuri and Yamuna River Slum in East Delhi, off the streets and out of danger.

We have created a 'money can't buy' holiday sure to amaze, move and inspire even the most seasoned traveller. Discover India's kaleidoscope of colour and fascinating history with an itinerary you definitely won't find anywhere else! Take a journey through the land of Maharajas, palatial palaces, incredible landscapes, crazy cities and bustling markets, as we stay in heritage accommodation filled with character and charm.

Be touched by the warmth and hospitality of India's beautiful people and get a unique insight into this ancient culture dating back thousands of years. With the perfect balance between sightseeing, adventure, relaxation, your own time to explore and experience the traditional way of life, you will do more than just see India, you'll live it!

From a special Bollywood dance performance by the children of The Brighter Future's Study Centre to a camel safari under the full moon, being welcomed into the home of an Indian family for dinner, sunset cocktails overlooking the magnificent Taj Mahal and being serenaded by one hundred young Brahmin priests in a sacred fire ceremony. So many magic moments will be yours to cherish long after you return home from this extraordinary journey of the soul and senses.

### WHO?

Aussies for Orphans (AFO) are excited to announce a new partnership with the Indian children's NGO, Lakshya Aakriti Foundation (LAF). AFO was founded by Steve and Sue Lewis in 2005 to help Sri Lankan children who had lost their parents in the devastating 2004 Tsunami. LAF was started in 2005 by Joanne Heath (AFO Board Member) and friends, Diptesh and Puja Singh by establishing The Brighter Futures Study Centre across several temporary locations. Today the centre is teaching numeracy and literacy to over 1,500 children with 473 children currently enrolled into the formal school system.

### WHY?

Children as young as four, from Kalyanpuri and Yamuna River Slum, are forced to scavenge on garbage dumps for recyclable rubbish to survive, in constant danger of life threatening disease, abuse and trafficking. The establishment of The Destiny Performing Arts Academy will provide children with a gift and a passion for The Arts, the opportunity to commence a scholarship incorporating intensive music, dance and drama training.

Our goal is to:

1. nurture future change makers by facilitating training and employment opportunities in the entertainment industry for hundreds of talented children,
2. inspire, educate and uplift 1,500+ children from Kalyanpuri and Yamuna River Slum through an inspiring show that will tour India, and later Australia, to raise funds and awareness about the plight of these children.

All proceeds from the show in the future will go to the ongoing management of the academy, preparing the children for enrolment into the formal school system and medical care.

The success of The Destiny Performing Arts Academy will serve as a shining example of what can be achieved when communities from two different worlds come together with focus and determination to bring children's dreams alive, and through education, reverse the crippling cycle of poverty that has haunted these families for three generations.

## WHEN?

Wednesday December 27<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2018.

## HOW?

Experience this incredible 13 day tour for the heavily discounted price of \$2,500 AUD (below cost), excluding international flights\*. All trip participants are required to raise a minimum of \$1,000 AUD (donated or fundraised). 100% of donations go to establishing The Destiny Performing Arts Academy in East Delhi.

## NEXT STEPS...

1. Confirm your place by contacting our Group Booking Agent, Jodee Sydney on 02 6639 5900 / [jodee@phoneaflight.com.au](mailto:jodee@phoneaflight.com.au) to arrange your flights/payment. Note: only 24 places available and they are filling fast!
2. Transfer your donation to AFO by November 27, 2017. Contact Sue on 0423 555 739 / [info@aussiesfororphans.org](mailto:info@aussiesfororphans.org) for AFO bank details.
3. Get ready for the trip of your life!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YerRGSysM8o>



Steve and Sue



Nandini



Balli, Sameer, Ritik & Arjun



Shivam



Puja, Joanne & Diptesh

*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."*

~ Helen Keller ~

What's Included: 4 - 5 star accommodation based on double or twin share occupancy (own room can be arranged for an additional charge, 4 domestic flights, airport transfers, sightseeing entrance fees, tour guide, selected excursions, train and coach travel, all government taxes, all breakfasts, welcome dinner, dinner with a local family, dinner at the desert camp, Bollywood dance class and photoshoot, village jeep safari, sunset camel safari, sunrise/sunset boat ride down the Ganges River, selected sunset cocktails, chai tea breaks, morning yoga and meditation classes.

What's not included: international flight\*, travel insurance (compulsory), cost incurred in case of hospitalisation/evacuation, vaccinations (if required), Indian Travel Visa\*, personal expenses e.g. laundry, room service etc., taxis/rickshaws during own time, additional activities/excursions and meals as asterisked in the itinerary, tips\*.

\* Return flight from Australia to Delhi is between \$1,450 - \$1,800 AUD, depending on the departure city and time of booking. Please contact our Group Booking Agent, Jodee Sydney at PhoneAFlight on 02 6639 5900 / [jodee@phoneaflight.com.au](mailto:jodee@phoneaflight.com.au) to book your flight/arrange payment directly. Onward travel can be arranged for an additional cost. \*Australian passport holders require a travel visa for India (the current cost for a 4 week e-visa applied for online and received within 5 days is approx. \$90 AUD). \*Food is inexpensive in India, but allow approx. \$10 - \$15 AUD for a reputable restaurant. \*Allow approx. \$7-\$10 AUD per day for tips.

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