



“Educational Vacation on Exchange basis” between Schools in India & Germany: FAQ answered

- Every individual school in the programme can decide individually how intense the cooperation will be.
- There are schools which have signed a "letter of intent" or a "Memorandum of Understanding".
- Normally the agreement is "From airport to airport", which means that teachers and pupils involved pay for their flight and the journey to the nearest town to the school and the visa only.
- The pupils and their teachers are looked after by families. If an Indian family wants their daughter to be placed in a German family with only daughters all this can be arranged. The German families can even cook special food for special diets. The German families have looked after their Indian guests extremely well so far and everyone has returned happily so far.
- If the Indian school wants to go on big excursions within Europe, we can't expect our German families to pay for this. In the same way if our German pupils want to go on extra big tours within India they also pay for this themselves.
- the age group: the pupils are usually 15/16 years old
- normally there would be a direct exchange: one family takes in a pupil guest, then the pupil guest's family takes in the partner
- the curriculum mismatch is considered not central as the pupils are learning so much anyway (interculturally speaking)
- no school fees etc. , as the pupils are guests attending school only on some days during their 2, or 3, or 4 week long stay
- good families have shown their guests a lot of sights within the country, but this cannot be expected as some families have tight schedules and therefore not a lot of time and strength
- accomodation is either in families or on campus of residential schools (student guest houses)
- the medical is covered by the guest
- sundry expenses are also covered by the guest