



**VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN  
IN NORTHERN INDIA –  
IT WILL CHANGE THEIR LIFE  
AND YOURS!**

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# HELPING SOME OF THE MOST UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN IN INDIA WILL BE A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE.

*DOING VOLUNTEER WORK IS PERFECT FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS LOOKING FOR AN ADVENTURE AFTER FINISHING YEAR 12 OR FOR TERTIARY STUDENTS WHO WISH TO DEFER UNIVERSITY AND EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC AND CULTURE THAT INDIA HAS TO OFFER...*

Vatsalya's volunteer program is a safe, inexpensive way to experience the magic of India and make a difference to the lives of some of India's most underprivileged children. Udayan is our Children's Village in a beautiful rural area outside Jaipur where more than 50 children who are either orphaned, abandoned or whose parents are unable to look after them are now being taken care of by the loving staff at Vatsalya.

Our volunteer program was started for multiple reasons. Volunteers from different countries bring different energy, cultures and color to Udayan's rehabilitation program for children.

At the same time as making a genuine contribution to the community in which you will live, you will understand and fall in love with the extraordinary culture, make friends for life and learn much about your self and the world around you.

Volunteers don't need to be qualified or have previous experience. The only qualities that our volunteers need to possess are compassion for fellow human beings and a desire to improve the lives of those living in circumstances less fortunate than their own.



*"Travelling to India to work with Vatsalya was one of, if not the greatest experiences in my life so far. I feel so happy and privileged to have been opened up to this little world filled with magic. Being a part of Vatsalya is now something that is truly important to me, I honestly feel that being with the children is like being part of a bigger family."*

Harriette Poiner - 15yrs, Sydney

# WHY VOLUNTEER WITH VATSALYA?

The people who founded Vatsalya are an inspiration. To have the opportunity to work on the various projects with the team will be a life changing experience! Apart from anything else, the children at Udayan are extraordinary and what you get from being part of their lives is immeasurable!

- There are no agency fees or admin costs involved
- All meals are provided, prepared from homegrown produce
- Udayan is a rural environment 35km outside Jaipur
- Easy access to tourist sights (transport can be arranged)
- Develop life-long friendships with the staff and children
- Share your skills & experience to help others develop theirs
- Long and short stays available, from 1 week to 3 months\*

*“I cannot begin to articulate what a magical experience I had at Udayan. I was very anxious about coming to India and living in an orphanage, but my fears were assuaged within five minutes of arriving at Udayan. The children you are raising are the most sweet-natured and loving children I have ever encountered. It is amazing how, despite the language barriers, I instantly felt welcomed, appreciated and loved.”*

*You have both created such a beautiful home for those children. The atmosphere of respect, harmony and love was such a refreshing change from the fast-paced and chaotic life I live in the United States. My only regret is that I could have stayed longer. I would do it all over again in a heartbeat.”*

Zoé Nelson - Austin, Texas



# HOW MUCH WILL THIS COST?

Staying at Udayan is not expensive. The 3 meals a day are freshly cooked by the “uncles” and you eat in a communal setting with the children - Most people get excited about the food alone!!

Accommodation is basic and often on a shared basis. It's absolutely fine and is a great part of the overall experience. A list of things to take will be provided to make your stay more comfortable.

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| Accommodation and meals at the orphanage | USD 20 per day |
| Transfers from Jaipur to the orphanage   | USD 15         |
| Transfer from Delhi to Jaipur - from     | USD 50         |

All transport, accommodation and food outside the orphanage are the individual's responsibility. Staff at Vatsalya would be more than happy to assist with arrangements.

# A GUIDE TO OTHER COSTS...

This is simply a guide, we recommend you speak to a travel agent or you are welcome to contact us directly for tips from previous volunteers we can connect you with.

- Your flights
- Visa
- Travel Insurance
- All meals, transport and accommodation outside Udayan

Village life in India is relatively inexpensive in comparison to the cost of living in western countries.

# OTHER RESOURCES

For safe, reliable transport and accommodation arrangements while in India, you can contact Pankaj Mishra, Imperium Journeys in Delhi. Email: imperiumjourneys@gmail.com  
www.imperiumjourneys.com

A great travel resource [www.lonelyplanet.com](http://www.lonelyplanet.com)

For all information on vaccinations & travel health ask your doctor or visit your nearest government approved travel clinic.

# INDIA IS NOT A PLACE YOU SIMPLY VISIT, IT'S A TOTAL EXPERIENCE, A PLACE YOU WILL NEVER FORGET!

To live in India is to participate in a lifestyle that is unlike anything you have experienced in the West. The most mundane tasks often become adventures. Everything is colourful and nothing is predictable. Life – especially in urban areas – is truly chaotic. The sights, sounds and smells that greet you in each new place will overwhelm your senses.

Jaipur is rich with culture and as such volunteers may wish to take day trips to visit some of the sights. You can also use Udayan as a base and visit some of the other places of interest such as Agra and return.

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

This brochure has been prepared by one of our volunteers to encourage others to experience the magic of Vatsalya's Udayan. We take no responsibility for travel arrangements and provide this information in good faith that you will ask questions and investigate for yourself. India is an extraordinary place, one of rich culture and diversity - it can also be confronting & emotionally challenging, which is all part of the enriching experience.

Visit our face book page for more information, photo's and contact details. Search for [Vatsalya Udayan](#) and send us a friend request.

\* Long term stays & specific skilled volunteer projects need to be discussed with the project coordinator at Vatsalya.

## CONTACT US...

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