

The Rotary Dream Team - India 2017

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Travellers down the ages have tried to discover the Essence of India. To many, it has remained an enigmatic kaleidoscope. To some it has revealed ancient, abiding, universal Truths. None could remain untouched by the epic proportions of its size, its artistic heritage, or the wealth and variety of its vibrant cultures.

Since 2008, the Rotary Dream Teams come to India every year to work hands –on with humanitarian projects in the heart of India. Before or after the project, they also take a short holiday to enjoy a slice of India’s many contrasting cultural flavors and landscapes.

In 2017, our project is located in the Indian state of Punjab. It presents a unique experience for those who like to ***Make a Difference***, like the Outdoors, and cherish close interaction with distant cultures.

Project Highlights in 2017



We will participate in a **Polio NID** (National Immunization Day) in the Mewat district (Haryana), where the latest polio case had been reported as recently as January 2010.

We will not only administer the drops to village children, but shall also lead a rally through the village streets to advertise how critical it is for parents to bring their children for the drops, every NID, every six weeks.

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Project Highlights (cont).



trapping the rain water that gushes down from the hills in the monsoon months but rushes away without benefiting the local population.



water from distant wells, thus freeing them up to benefit from trade-oriented education.

- Make drinking water available to cattle and other animals.
- Assure irrigation in summer months and thus increase the annual crops from 1 per year to 3 crops per year, including vegetable crops that are more lucrative but also water intensive.
- Additional income from increased crops would reduce the need to take male children out of school and send them out to earn money for the family kitchen.

In the heart of rural India, we will work with our hands as part of the labour force to build two check dams 1km apart, near the Sikh religious centre of Anandpur Sahib in the India state of Punjab. The project will be funded by a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation. The project will have a far reaching, long-term and sustainable impact on the welfare of an impoverished but colourful and vibrant community. The dams will help surrounding villages to increase their annual crop yield by 50 percent, by

The dams will prevent aquifer degradation and surface water depletion, and this in turn will lead to:

- Recharge of ground water and lift water levels in the wells.
- Make drinking water available to community during summer months from bore-wells in their own villages that are currently dry.
- Free women and girl-children from the day long drudgery of fetching

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This is a unique opportunity to live and work with the real, Eternal India: rustic, curious, warmly welcoming, a collage of timeless pastoral scenes. The level of physical fitness required to enjoy this activity is no more than that of a normally active person. Since we will be working in tandem with local foremen and labour teams, prior experience or expertise in construction is not required. We

will stay near the project site in an exclusive tented camp specially put up for our team. The tents are in the Swiss Cottage style, with two beds and an attached WC (western style with flush), shower, and washbasin, with running hot & cold water.

What do you have to do to join the Trip ?

- Read the following pages carefully, and print the Trip Application Form (pages 12 and 13).
- Email the completed form as a scanned attachment to inbound@hipoints.com. We will study any special requirements that you may have and will then mail our invoice and payment directions by wire transfer or credit -card, along with visa application instructions.
- Send payment of at least 50% of your trip cost within 2 weeks of receiving the invoice, by bank wire transfer or credit-card.
- Apply for your Indian visa.
- Send your balance payment by bank wire transfer or credit-card latest by **September 30, 2016**

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Past projects - Water Harvesting

2010: The Teench wala Dam: Dist. Alwar, Rajasthan, India



2011: The Chahalka Wala Dam, Dist. Mewat, Haryana, India



2012: The Kala Khana Wala Dam: Dist. Alwar, Rajasthan, India



2013: The Budhleen Wala Dam: Dist. Mewat, Haryana, India



2014: the Moutala Wala Dam, Dist. Sikar, Rajasthan, India



2015: Ashram Wala Reservoir, Dist. Gurgaon, Haryana, India



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Signage at our last project
2015: Ashram Wala Reservoir, Dist. Gurgaon, Haryana, India

THE ROTARY DREAM TEAM 2015
 worked with the local labor force for the construction of this Dam
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 Project Manager: Sanjiv Saran - India

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Ashram Wala Reservoir
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2016: the Uprala Wala Dam, Dist. Sikar, Rajasthan, India



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The Rotary Dream Team 2016
 worked with the local labor force
 for the construction of this Dam.
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 Project Manager: Rotarian Sanjiv Saran- India

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Short Trip Program Based on Polio NID Feb 19, 2017.

If NID is on Feb 05, the dates of the trip will move back by two weeks and Depart from USA on Feb. 2

If NID is on Feb 12, the dates of the trip will move back by one week and Depart from USA on Feb. 9

If NID is on Feb 26, the dates of the trip will move forward by one week and Depart from USA on Feb. 23

The final dates will be informed at least 60 days before the trip after the Polio NID date is finalized by the Indian govt.

DAY	DATE	Program BASED ON NID ON FEB. 19, 2017
01	THU FEB. 16	DEPART-LOS ANGELES INTL. AIRPORT. (LAX): 21:30Hr. (Flight EK 218).
02	FRI FEB. 17	Enroute to Dubai
03	SAT FEB.18	Arrive Dubai (DXB) at 01:30 Hr. (Flight EK 218)* Depart- Dubai (DXB): at 04:30Hr. (Flight EK 510) - DELHI (DEL) Arrival Delhi, India (DEL): 09:10Hr. (Local time). Total Travel Time from Los Angeles to New Delhi: 22hr. 10min. Met on arrival and transfer to hotel. Rest day at leisure. (Main Group A +B will arrive at the hotel in the evening by 10 PM by United Airlines.)
04	SUN FEB 19	Delhi --Polio NID activities – Delhi: AM: drive about 2 hrs. for NID activities in a village. PM: Drive back to Delhi.
05	MON FEB 20	DELHI – ANANDPUR SAHIB: DAM SITE: AM: Drive to Anandpur Sahib apx 320 Kms./ 8-9 Hrs. PM: Arrival dam site Overnight in our exclusive camp in tented cottages
06	TUE FEB 21	Dam Site: Building our Dam. Overnights in our exclusive camp in tented cottages
07	WED FEB 22	Dam Site: Building our Dam. Overnights in our exclusive camp in tented cottages
08	THU FEB 23	Dam Site: Building our Dam. Overnights in our exclusive camp in tented cottages
09	FRI FEB 24	Dam Site – Anandpur Sahib – Delhi: AM: Drive about 8-9 hr.to Delhi. Met on arrival and check-in to hotel.
10	SAT FEB 25	Delhi: City tours PM: Dinner with local Rotarians in Delhi.
11	SUN FEB. 26	DELHI – DUBAI: EK 513, Dep. 04:10Hr. Arr. 06:30Hr. DUBAI – LOS ANGELES: EK 0215, Dep. 08:20Hr. / Arr. 12:35 Hr. End of Trip

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July 19, 2016

Trip Costs In US\$ Per Person

Airfares marked in **red** are subject to **increase or decrease** depending on the airfares applicable on the date of payment for reservations and the final NID date. We will adjust the final price payable by you accordingly.

Service	Cost per person SHORT TRIP
Land services based on sharing Twin / Double Rooms	\$1696
International airfare departing from Los Angeles (LAX) Los Angeles - +Delhi- Los Angeles: (Economy class)	1381
TOTAL COST:	???
SUPPLEMENT for Single rooms	458

The above prices include the following services as per the enclosed itineraries:

- International airfare (optional - you may choose to book your own international travel).
- Meeting and assistance at all airports in India.
- Airport transfers and all land transportation by private AC vehicles.
- All activities mentioned in the itinerary.
- Local English speaking guides and Entrance fees at places of visit.
- Transportation and Portage of one suitcase per member up to 25 Kg each.
- Accommodation in base-category rooms at the hotels indicated below or similar on full board basis (including Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner).

Hotels Included: (Total 7 Nights)

City	Hotel	Hotel Category	Nights
Delhi	Royal Plaza	First Class	02
Project Site	Camp	Tented Cottages	04
Delhi	Royal Plaza	First class	01

The following services / expenses are not included in the trip costs specified above:

- Passport, Visa processing fee, fees for inoculations and health certificates.
- Any meals other than specified above.
- Personal expenses such as drinks, room service items, laundry, telephone calls **or tips**.
- Any additional expenses caused by, or liability for, disturbance in trip program due to circumstances beyond our control such as airline or railway delays, road blocks, vehicle malfunctions, weather Conditions, sickness, natural disasters, wars, riots, etc.
- Liability for or insurance against injury, loss of life, accidents, damage to or loss of goods.
- Camera fee or any item not specifically listed above.

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More about the Dam Project:

The Anandpur Sahib Wala Dams – Feb 2017

BACKGROUND

The state of Punjab is located in the Northern part of India. It is primarily an agrarian state with maximum contribution from agriculture sector. The state has been witnessing severe water scarcity in the last few years. Punjab, also known as the land of five rivers, is staring at a dark future on the water front; the ground water level is fast depleting. Bore wells yield water at 300 to 400 feet, where earlier the ground water levels used to be 70—100 feet. Every year, the level goes down by 10 feet. The situation is very alarming¹, as it is directly affecting the people in the state, who are mainly dependent on agriculture and its allied activities.

Ropar district is located in the eastern part of the Punjab State. Administratively the new Ropar district is divided into four tehsils: Rupnagar, Chamkaur Sahib, Anandpur Sahib and Nangal. Agriculture is also the main source of the economy here. Depleting groundwater has led to an increasing demand for water to meet the agricultural and household needs. The traditional ponds system of Punjab, including those in Ropar are now lying in ruins. There is a need to harvest the rain water and increase the underground water levels.

We will participate in the construction of two check dams at a distance of 1km from each other, to cover the entire belt in this location. The check dams will be constructed on a seasonal water stream that will cover an area of approximately 550 meters and will directly benefit 100 acres of agriculture area.

PROPOSED LOCATION

State: Punjab

District: Rupnagar District

Tehsil: Anandpur Sahib

Village: Jhajjhar

Population: 1500

Total Households: 180

Check dam Names: Anandpur Sahib and Anandpur Sahib Jhajar

¹ http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2016-04-08/news/72161407_1_punjab-agricultural-university-ground-water-water-scarcity

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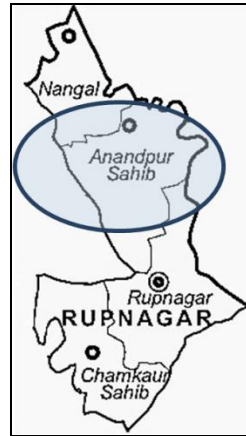
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Ropar Distirct in Punjab, India



Anandpur Sahib in Ropar Distirct

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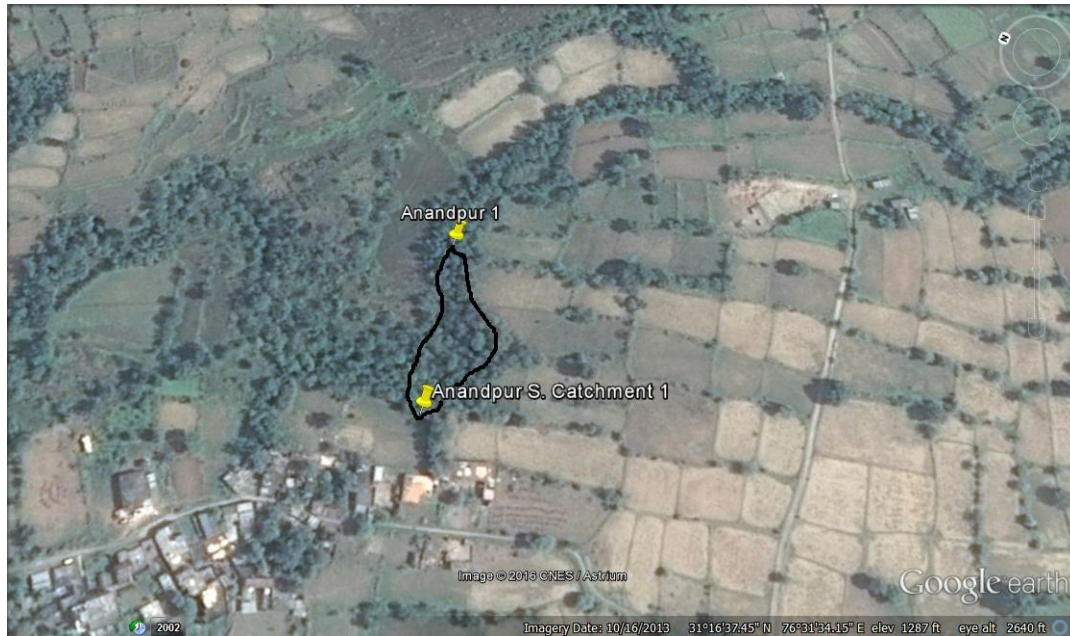
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GPS Location of the Proposed Project Area

Check Dam 1 Water Catchment Details



Check Dam 2 Water Catchment Details



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Both Check Dams Together



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Trip Application Form: Section 1

Please complete Section 1 & 2 of this form and email a scanned copy to

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Last Name as on your passport:	
First Name as on your passport:	
Middle Names as on your passport:	
Prefix (Mr. or Mrs. or Ms.)	
Rotary <u>Club</u> and <u>District</u> (if applicable)	
Position in Rotary Club and/ or District (if applicable)	
Address: House / Apartment Number, Street, City, State, ZIP / PIN, Country	
Date of Birth: Month / Date / Year	
Passport Number	
Passport Issued at (place of issue)	
Passport Issue ON (date of issue)	
Passport valid till (date)	
Telephone No. (Country Code - Area Code - Phone Number)	
Mobile Telephone number	
Fax Number (Optional):	
E-Mail Address:	
Details of person to be contacted in case of emergency:	
Name:	
Relationship:	
Address: House / Apartment Number, Street, City, State, ZIP / PIN, Country	
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Trip Application Form: Section 2

<p>Would you agree to a shift in trip dates as described at the top of the Short Trip Itinerary, in the unlikely event of a change in the date of the Polio NID? This change, if at all, will be intimated at least 60 days before the scheduled departure.</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>Do you require a single room? (please circle your answer and delete the other)</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>If not, is there anyone else traveling with you who will share your room?</p>	<p>Yes / No (please circle your answer and delete the other)</p> <p>(If yes) Name of person who will share my room:</p>
<p>Or, will you accept to share a room with any other participant (same sex) (please circle your answer and delete the other)</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p>Would you prefer to purchase your international flight tickets on your own?</p> <p>In that case, please circle A, and fill in your arrival and departure flight details against B & C.</p>	<p>A. Yes, I will purchase my own international flight tickets.</p> <p>B. I will Arrive in New Delhi by Flt. No. ____ at ____ Hr. on ____ Feb. 2016 from _____</p> <p>C. I will Depart from New Delhi on Flt. No. ____ at ____ Hr. on ____ Feb. 2016 to _____</p>
<p><i>If you have not opted to purchase your own flights:</i></p> <p>The flight costs indicated on these pages include international flights ex – Los Angeles, CA, USA.</p> <p>Do you require a different international departure and return city?</p>	<p>Yes / No</p> <p>(If yes) I prefer to depart from and return to:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>(in this case, we will send an alternative air itinerary and trip price for you)</i></p>
<p>Please indicate your shirt size (for the Team T-shirts) S, M, X, XX OR XXX</p>	

Your signature: _____ Name _____ Date: _____

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