**Sarah Crownover**

“My favorite part about Discover India was seeing how rich the culture is. From the time we were greeted at the airport by the PES students in their traditional way to seeing the beautiful clothing everyone wears, it can easily be seen that India has such a distinct culture that is much different than most of us are used to in the United States. Not only that, but how kind everyone was that we met while there. The PES students treated us like old friends from the moment we met them and everyone else we came across was nothing but friendly and kind. This was very heartwarming being so far away from home and to see people who seemed to be so happy to see us. Overall, I appreciate my time in India very much and am forever grateful for the opportunity.”

**Zechariah Faulkner**

“It is impossible to understand how big the world truly is without undertaking an experience such as this. I am very grateful to have been offered an opportunity such as this and very glad I made the decision to go. By and large, the people in India, have a very positive outlook on life that is sure to influence your own. On this trip you will see things that you never could have imagined and see how similar yet different we all truly are. India is a beautiful country with many unique sights and opportunities to offer. Without a doubt if you have the opportunity to see the beautiful country of India you should take it!’

**Seth Thomas**

“The Discover India 2020 program was a great opportunity to see another part of the world and to be immersed in such rich culture. Throughout the journey we were able to visit numerous historical sites including the Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world. One of my favorite parts of the trip was getting to try all the different types of traditional Indian food – it was a different spice level compared to what we’re used to in the United States, but it was delicious. I was also able to get to know many of our group much better, even students that I’ve had class with over several semesters. In addition to getting to know IUP students better, I valued the opportunity to get to meet the PES students and learn more about their journey, goals, and ambitions. It is more than likely a once in a lifetime trip, I fully recommend taking full advantage of this trip.”

**Emily Kostelnik**

“Never in my life did I think I was going to travel to India but when given this opportunity, something in my gut told me to do it. I’m so thankful that I did. Visiting one of the seven wonders of the world, learning about a new culture, and experiencing life across the world was absolutely amazing, but my favorite part about the trip was connecting with the PES students. I felt so at home on the opposite side of the globe because every one of them welcomed us with open arms. They introduced us to their lifestyles– taking us shopping for authentic clothing and creating several cultural stage performances. The PES students were so proud to represent India’s culture, and I have never met more welcoming, selfless people. I am so excited for them to come to IUP, and I hope I can live up to the welcoming attitude they had toward us. If you EVER have the chance to travel to a different country, especially India, **DO IT**.”

**April Murdick**

The Discover India Trip is an experience that I will truly never forget. India is so different from any other place that I traveled. You will never go to a place where the people are so welcoming, and the culture is so rich. As soon as you arrive in India, you are going to have very genuine and welcoming PES students waiting for you who can’t wait to show you around their country. The PES students were the most enjoyable part of the program. They take you on all the events in Bangalore, so you will have lots of opportunities to build friendships with them. The best part is they will be coming to IUP the following fall, so you will be able to see them for a full semester! It may take time for you to fall in love with India, but once you do, it will always be a part of your heart. I would highly recommend to any business student to go on this trip if they have to opportunity to, it was a one-in-a-lifetime experience.

**John Metri**

My experience in India was unimaginable. The moment we landed the excitement set in and the next day the adventure’s started and did not end until the last day. Getting to fully discover India I was able to take home much knowledge, beauty, and friends. What we experienced was truly remarkable and would not have been possible without such hospitable people and caring staff. From visiting one of the seven wonders of the world to elephant rides, India was definitely a time I will cherish and remember forever.

**Ryley Deems**

Discover India was an experience I will never forget! When I signed up for the trip, I did it with a huge leap of faith; I did not know much about India nor did I know any of the other students from IUP going. Leaving India, I have a greater appreciation for the culture, food, and history of the beautiful country; along with many new friends, IUP and PES students alike. Picking one “favorite part” is nearly impossible because all of it was amazing, but one of my favorite parts of the trip was meeting and getting to know the PES students. Touring different areas within India, exploring palaces and temples, learning about the religions and history, trying new foods, and meeting new people opens your eyes to so many other perspectives and wonderful new things. If you are unsure on whether you should go or not- you should take a leap of faith like I did and go… you won’t regret it!

**Bobby Kanick**

Discover India program was a once in a lifetime experience. Personally, I would have never pictured myself traveling to a place such as India, but since IUP had such a great opportunity, I could not pass it up. It is very hard to express how amazing the trip was with just words on paper. You get to learn so much about a new culture such as the people, languages, customs, cuisine, etc. Anything you could want to learn from India, you experience it on this trip. Not only do you learn a lot from India, but you also learn a lot about yourself. You also create a strong bond with the people who are there with you. We toured palaces, temples, and the Taj Mahal (one of seven world wonders), ate authentic Indian foods, and met and spoke with the local people. My favorite part of the whole trip was getting the opportunity to ride on an elephant! This was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life.

**Tyra McGarvie**

India was an amazing experience and I’m glad I was lucky enough to go on the Discover India trip. I’ve never traveled internationally before and I couldn’t have asked for a better adventure. We saw so many different parts of India in the short time we were there, so I had the chance to experience years and years of traditions and culture. All their historical sites were breathtaking, and the architecture was so fascinating. It was also great to get to learn more about India’s history and its relationship with the United States. I didn’t realize how little I knew about international news until I took a step in a different country. I really enjoyed bonding with the PES students, and they were very helpful when it came to trying new foods and learning about their everyday way of life. I’m so grateful that we had the chance to make friends across the world and I can’t wait to show them the same kind of hospitality when they visit IUP in the Fall. Overall, this trip was everything I expected and more!

**Alorah Colwell**

India was an eye-opening experience for me. I didn’t know what I was getting myself into when I signed up for it, I just knew I wanted to go! Besides the long flight, I had a really great time as we traveled through India and learned about the culture along the way. All of the historical sites we visited, as well as the company tours, taught me so much more than what I knew before arriving in India. In my opinion, this trip is designed to give you a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It teaches you so much culture and history along with giving you so many opportunities to meet new people. Everyone from PES was so friendly and they went out of their way to make sure we were having a great time. PES students and faculty being kind to us is one little example of how inviting the people in India can be. I never felt unsafe in any of the environments we were in and everyone made it a point to make sure we were happy. I highly recommend going on this trip so maybe you could learn so much information, in such a short amount of time, that you will carry with you for the rest of your life, just like me.

**Connor Adrian**

Discover India was once in a lifetime opportunity! After hearing about this trip freshman year, I knew I wanted to go on it when I had the chance. Going to India was a trip that I will never forget. The people and students were some of the most hospitable and welcoming people I have ever met in my life. The trips brought our cohort closer together and the amazing sights we saw will last in memory forever. I certainly recommend this trip to anyone who is thinking about going and if you are a little nervous; just do it! It is trip that will stand out in your memory forever.