

# My Project GO Story

Learning Hindi and immersing myself in the culture of India was an irreplaceable experience! I had the opportunity to travel to historical sights and witness first-hand the amazing growth of modern day India. I will forever cherish the new world view this study abroad gave to me, the wonderful people I met along the way, and the beautiful country that is India.



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## Memorable Moments

**Funniest:** When we first started classes, it was difficult for us students to get acquainted with the accent and different, yet very similar sounding words in the language. We had our professor enunciate very slowly and speak loudly.

**Most challenging:** We would take the metro to get to school every morning, approximately a 45 minute ride. Each morning the metro was packed to the brim with bodies. Although the metro was air conditioned, it was extremely uncomfortable.

**Favorite:** Some students and myself traveled to Jaipur for a weekend and had the privilege of touring the pink city. We got to ride elephants on our last evening, and that was beyond a blast.

## Cultural Differences

**Something I found interesting was...** Nearly every household has several maids.

**What I couldn't get anywhere else except for India:** India is filled with so many ancient historical sights. We have nothing comparable to it in the United States; to see this in abundance was a continual blast into history.

## New Perspective

**What I learned from my homestay family...** They taught us the basics of cricket!

**A must see/do:** Visit the Taj Mahal!

**I wish I would have known prior to traveling to India...** How to take a proper bucket shower.

**Advice to students considering this program:** Have an open mind, and be flexible. You won't know everything, and it'll be frustrating at times, but that's okay.

**How this experience will help me in my future career:** I would love to be an Intelligence Officer, ideally using my language and cultural knowledge to strengthen relations between the world's two largest democracies.