**Testimonials Discover India - 2015**

I thank PES and IUP for reaching out to HSH and arranging such an amazing tour possible. I'm really glad to have accepted the invitation and will never regret it. PES-IUP team is doing an amazing work by bringing people from different parts of the world together.

The tour was just amazing and I made friends for life.

**Zahib**

By taking this opportunity I met some amazing people, made lifelong friendships and learned so much about the great country of India, in terms of their culture, religions and business. I had the time of my life and will never forget the memories we made.

Thank you again for this opportunity. I am happy to be the ambassador for PES-IUP here in Norway.

**Linda**

Putting this trip in few lines is going to be very difficult. I really was on the fence about going and I am forever grateful that my friends were so persistent with me. This trip truly was a life-changing experience and I recommend it to anyone that is willing to try something new and step outside of their comfort zone. I promise that you won't regret it.

**Wade Steven Weiser**

Being a part of the Discover India trip is something I plan to never forget. The trip has allowed me to become a better individual personally and professionally. After visiting India I have a deeper appreciation and a better understanding about India and its culture. Perhaps the most valuable asset gained from the trip was the lifelong friendships made! Discovering India will never be more fun and easy!"

**Christine Shontz**

This trip has been by far the best experience of my life. The sites you will see, the things you will do, and the people you will meet will never be forgotten. This trip cannot be described just through pictures or words. I truly recommend anyone to take advantage of this opportunity in order to discover it for themselves!

Thank you again for such an amazing experience!

**Bethany Barefoot**

Words cannot express all of the amazing memories and friendships I have gained on my short, but life-changing time in India. This was an experience that I will never forget, and I am so happy to have spent it not only with everyone from IUP, but also with those from Norway and those from the PES-IUP program.

***Jessica Black***

I want to start by saying thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to travel to India and experience so many wonderful and eye-opening things that it had to offer.
The Discover India trip is really an experience of a lifetime that cannot be depicted in a photograph. This trip allowed me to truly experience a country, lifestyle, and most of all a culture that really gave me a new perspective on so many aspects of life. The connection with the PES-IUP students gave me an experience of India that could never be possible without this program. I had an amazing time and I am extremely thankful for all that everyone did for us.
**Corrine Camp**

"It was an experience of a lifetime to explore India with a great group of people. This trip has been one of the most fun things I have done in college thus far."
**Tore Økland**

The Discover India Program was incredibly eye opening and humbling. There is huge world outside The United States and we were able to catch a glimpse of it. I know that I have made some lifelong friends and memories.

**Alex Papadoplos**

Colonial, Rich Ridgeway once said “the best journeys in life are those that answer questions you never thought to ask."

As I relive the trip to India it becomes very clear that such an adventure could not be retold simply by the moments captured on film or in photographs. I personally believe traveling has a beautiful way of stripping a person from their comfort zone and forcing them to feel vulnerable. This allows the barriers of preconceived misconceptions to be broken down and filled with the truth. I am so grateful for the knowledge I have gained but I am even more honored to have met such extraordinary people. Because of this trip, India will always be more than a destination.
**Erica Sittig**

The Discover India trip is one of the best experiences I have had in some time now. There was no way for me to know what to expect from India, I simply knew I wanted to go and that I was going to do exactly that. However, if I had some preconceived expectations, India certainly exceeded them. We were given the opportunity to immerse ourselves within the history of India as well as the culture, in fact we were welcomed to do so with exceptional hospitality. Additionally we gained some insight on the emerging market while visiting manufacturing plants and information technology driven businesses. The overall quality of this trip made it all worth the while. I made great new friends and undoubtedly life-long memories.

**Marc A. Colón**

Getting to travel to India was one of the greatest experiences of my life and one that I know I will never forget. Everything from the sights and palaces that were amazing to the sounds we heard to the truly remarkable and hospitable people we met there; everything was all absolutely incredible. 10 days was certainly not enough time to be able to see and do everything, but I know I came back a better and more well-rounded person, and I can’t wait to be able to see and hang out with all of my new Indian friends again when they come to IUP in the fall! I completely recommend this trip to anyone that gets the opportunity to go because it is so worth it. I’ve never been on a better trip with more amazing people than this one!

**Kelsey Brenneman**

" My decision to join the India trip was by far the best the best decision I made all year. Every leg of the trip far surpassed my expectations, and I truly had the time of my life spending time with old friends, while making new ones and experiencing a word so different from what I'm used to in all of the best ways.  I can't recommend the program enough, and urge anyone interested to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. "

**Elijah Herman**