



Travel Information
Woodstock School's GAP Semester in the Himalaya
HANIFL CENTRE
WOODSTOCK SCHOOL
MUSSOORIE • UTTARAKHAND • 248179 • INDIA

Passport and Visa: You must have a valid passport and visa to enter India with the only exceptions being nationals from Nepal and Bhutan. Woodstock School will provide you with a covering letter addressed to the Indian Embassy/Consulate in your home country to enable you to get a student visa. You cannot join the GAP Semester on a tourist visa.

Air Travel: You are required to make your own travel arrangements to fly in and out of India. The cost of the air ticket is NOT included in the semester fees.

Arrival in India: We strongly recommend that you arrive in India at least two days before the start of your semester. This will help you get over jet lag and acclimatize yourself before heading for Woodstock School. We will arrange to pick you up from the airport through our travel agent VinString Holidays (www.vinstring.com). Contact VinString Holidays (vinstring@gmail.com) and identify yourself as a student joining Woodstock School's GAP Semester. If you arrive early, you should plan to pay for your room leading up to the night before the semester starts.

Day before the Semester: Woodstock School will book rooms (on twin sharing basis) for all students at the YWCA International Guest House, Sansad Marg, New Delhi for the night before the semester begins. Our staff will be at the YWCA to meet you, answer questions and accompany you on the train to Woodstock the next day. There will be an orientation meeting this evening to prepare you for the upcoming days.

Start of the Semester: The semester begins at 6 am on August 19, at the YWCA International Guest House, Sansad Marg, New Delhi. You will travel by an early morning train to the city of Dehradun and then take a taxi to Woodstock School in the town of Mussoorie. During this 9-hour journey, you will get a glimpse of rural India as you pass small towns and villages. The last hour and half of the journey will be on winding mountain roads till you get to Woodstock School.

End of the Semester: You will travel back to Delhi on the day before the semester ends and stay at the YWCA. The next morning will be spent with an orientation about travelling in India (for those who wish to do so) and helping you with any last minute shopping that you may want to do. The semester ends at noon on this day.

Return travel: Many students enjoy visiting the Taj Mahal and a few other places of tourist interest after the semester ends. Keep this in mind as you book your return date of travel. You can store bags at the YWCA for a small fee, to enable you the freedom to travel light within India.

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