

National Immunisation Day – 21st February 2016

Further information

Volunteers are required to arrive in Delhi on Friday 19th February 2016 in time for a briefing at 12.30 by Rotary's Polio Office based in Delhi.

If you can arrive on Thursday you will have a day to rest and get acclimatised to India. Those travelling to distant destinations (Badaun, Ludhiana, Karnal and Kolkata) will leave to the chosen location on Friday afternoon. All will then be in place on Saturday morning to be involved in pre-National Immunisation Day publicity events with local Rotarians. On Sunday, you will go to booths in teams of two or three to administer drops to children under five years old, who will have been brought to the booths by a parent or sibling. You will be marking the little fingers with dye and giving them or the sibling a very small reward for coming to the booth.

On Monday, you will accompany health workers on their house to house rounds trying to find children who did not come to the booths on Sunday. This activity normally finishes about lunchtime and the volunteers are then free to return home or become tourists having travelled so far.

Over the last eight years, trips have been organised by a tour operator called Ninety East, who work with award-winning Indian tour operator Creative Travel in India. There is no obligation to use them and you can use your own travel agent - or no agent at all – but please be aware, issues can be encountered when travelling to and in Indian. Creative Travel are big enough and have enough staff to resolve such problems, but will not be the cheapest. They also know where you need to be for each activity and are used to liaising with local Rotarians. All internal travel is included in their prices. Ninety East will now prepared quotations for various options and send these out to those who registered their interest earlier. Ninety East are ATOL and ABTA members, so your payments are safe. They will quote the price per person sharing a room and a single supplement which is quite high so if you are a single traveller, Ninety East can do their best to find a sharer. You are of course welcome to bring a non-Rotarian friend or relative, but **no under-18s please**.

I will be happy to answer queries except on travel, but by email only please. Neither RIBI nor I are travel agents and your travel arrangements should be with a member of ABTA or ATOL or both.

There will be quite information to follow shortly dealing with visas, insurance, attire and so on for those attending.

Best Regards

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