

PROJECT INDIA

AN EXPEDITION TO REMOTE WEST INDIA

19 SEP - 27 SEP 2020

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THE FRESH AIR PROJECT

The Fresh Air Project is a surf travel company bringing together a community of surfers who are globally active and socially conscious. We aim to build on the incredible surf travel experiences and re-contextualise the way we understand surf, travel and life.

We run rugged, authentic and remote surf trips using a unique surf and cultural program designed to give surfers the opportunity to give back and learn from these amazing locations we are lucky enough to travel to.



OUR NEWEST SURF EXPEDITION FOR GUYS, GIRLS, BEGINNERS, LOGGERS AND ADVANCED SHORT BOARDERS ALIKE!

OVER 8 NIGHTS THIS TRIP IMMERSSES TRAVELLERS INTO
THE EMERGING SURF CULTURE IN INDIA



Image from Project Cocopelli in 2019 where the trip will be located



ABOUT THE TRIP

AN ADVENTURE THAT WILL CHANGE HOW YOU VIEW THE WORLD, ENABLING YOU TO LIVE BIGGER, LIVE BETTER, LIVE BY CHOICE AND INSPIRE YOU TO CONTRIBUTE EVEN MORE TO THE WORLD AROUND YOU.

Surfing

8 nights exploring the fun beginner to intermediate beach breaks surrounding Gokarna. Expect a typical surf trip, we want to score waves! One of our guides and our local host Sandeep are surf coaches so you'll have the opportunity to progress your skills.

Connection to community

Every Fresh Air trip is founded upon a genuine connection with a local from our destination, in this case Sandeep Samuel. We'll be nestled into his local community and have an opportunity to learn and connect through activities such as surf lessons, beach clean ups and english classes.

Development

Personal, physical, spiritual, mental, cultural or community. The Fresh Air journey is a program designed to create a lasting shift in the way each participant sees the world. For the first time ever we'll also have Elyse on board to guide us through daily meditation and yoga classes.



OUR LOCAL HOST, SANDEEP SAMUEL



Sandeep, was brought up in Chennai where he started his sports career as a professional snooker player and was ranked in Tamil Nadu as No.1 and in India as No. 4 in Snooker (2004 - 2005).

While travelling India, Sandeep found himself on a surfboard and started surfing with relentless passion. Right now Sandeep has been surfing for more than 12 years and runs the Cocopelli Surf School in Gokarna.

In the pursuit to share his love for the ocean and surfing with his village, Sandeep has started to engage the community in the surf lifestyle and is educating the next generation to create a better future. We were lucky enough to meet him in 2016, where with a talented team produced **Project Cocopelli** telling the story of the emerging surf scene in India and how's it's changing communities for the better.

He has brought the joy of surfing to more than 400 surf students and surfed in Sri Lanka, Andaman Islands, Indonesia and all over the Indian coastline.

THE ACCOMODATION & VILLAGE

COCOPELLI SURF SCHOOL IN GOKARNA

Situated at Cocopelli Surf School, 3.5 hours or 150km's south of Goa airport. We'll be nestled into the local community and be a short walk through a rice paddy field to Gokarna main beach making it a perfect base for our expedition. Each traveller will have a double bed in a basic room.

Gokarna is famous for its beautiful clean beaches and landscapes. The medieval town with the Mahabaleshwar Temple makes Gokarna one of the top Hindu pilgrimage centres in India. Nowhere in India it's easier to be part of cultural happenings and colourful festivals while spending a surf and beach holiday far away from the busy tourism of Goa and Kerala.

Although being less crowded than other tourist destinations in India, you will find everything a traveller needs, e.g. banking machines, restaurants, shops, telephones and laundry services.





Image from Project Cocopelli in 2019; the morning commute for a surf

A TYPICAL DAY AT COCOPELLI





WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transfers from Goa Airport to Gokarna
- 7 nights accommodation at Cocopelli surf school
- 1 night accommodation in Goa and last team dinner
- Daily rickshaw transport
- Breakfast, lunch or dinner, water and snacks daily
- 2 guides
- Surf coaching
- Daily guided yoga and meditation
- Basic travel first aid

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to Goa
- Dinner (We spend each night exploring local options. Cost is between \$5-10 each)
- Visa and Passport fees
- Medical and Vaccination costs
- Travel Insurance

We provide a pre-trip pack to help you budget for excluded costs

IMPORTANT INFO

GROUP SIZE

- A maximum of 6 with a minimum of 5 required for the trip to go ahead

COST

- \$1760
- Payment is made via bank transfer. The account details are provided once your application form is approved

PAYMENT OPTION 1: EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

- Pay the full trip cost upfront before 30 June 2020 for a 10% discount.

PAYMENT OPTION 2: REGULAR PAYMENT

- A \$760 non-refundable deposit is due when your application form is approved.
- A further \$500 is due 2 months before your trip starting date
- The remaining balance of \$500 is then due a month before your trip starting date

CANCELLATION POLICY

- Refer to section 6 of the conditions provided with your application form
- A \$760 non-refundable deposit can be transferred to future trips
- The closer to the trip you cancel the more you pay. Refer to the table in section 6.2
- Medical withdrawals are managed according to section 6.2.1 of the conditions



FAQ'S

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

To sign up please fill out the online application form [here](#). We'll let you know when you're approved and will then require a \$760 deposit to secure your booking.

WHY DO I HAVE TO APPLY FOR THE TRIP?

The success of the trip relies on a tribe of like-minded individuals. We want to ensure you'll come away with life long friendships and not only be inspired by the location and locals but the people you're travelling with. We encourage pre-trip catchups where some groups get creative and start up a small project to raise funds to bring surfboards and other equipment over.

ARE FLIGHTS/TRANSFER INCLUDED? No, flights and transfers are not included in the trip price.

WHAT FLIGHTS SHOULD I BOOK? You will need to book flights to Goa to arrive on the first day of the trip by 12pm and to depart Goa on the last day.

HOW DO I GET TO COCOPELLI?

Transfers to Cocopelli are provided in the trip. We'll be greeted by Sandeep and his team and share a maxi taxi to get down to Gokarna.

I HAVE A DIETARY REQUIREMENT/INTOLERANCE. CAN THIS BE CATERED TO?

Yes, definitely. Please list your dietary requirements on the registration form and we will notify Sandeep. Dinner or lunch is not included in the package so you can find all types of food locally to support your dietary requirements

I AM A BEGINNER SURFER, CAN I STILL COME?

Of course! The long beach of Gokarna provides perfect waves for beginners. Our two guides and local host Sandeep are qualified surf coaches and will happily provide lessons through the trip

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ON THE TRIP? A maximum of 6 and a minimum of 5 for the trip to go ahead

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE IN OCTOBER IN GOKARNA?

October is one of the best times to visit Gokarna post monsoon season (June - September), when the weather is warm and pleasant with temperatures averaging 32 degrees Celsius

CAN I COME ON MY OWN?

Of course! Fresh Air trips are perfect for solo travellers. You will make new friends and meet like-minded people.

WHEN DO I NEED TO BOOK BY?

By the first scheduled payment due on the 19/07/2020. Bookings will close on this date unless all 6 spots are allocated before then.

IS THE DEPOSIT REFUNDABLE? Please refer to section 6 of the conditions

WHAT IF I GET SICK AND CAN NO LONGER COME? Please refer to section 6.1.2 of the conditions



Applications now open at:
thefreshairproject.com.au