

# Itinerary

- March 20 Arrive in Calcutta
- March 21 Fly to Bagdogra and travel to Darjeeling  
Evening: meet Harsh and Veena and have orientation talk
- March 22 Early rise, travel to Jungpana.  
Plucking lecture and tea drinking  
Plucking demonstration and plucking for 3 hours with one tea break in field.  
Lunch (the way tea workers get it in the field)  
Walk to factory with baskets on back  
Withering lecture  
Lay tea leaves to wither  
Tasting lecture and tasting  
Back to Goomtee for dinner
- March 23 Breakfast  
Rolling lecture then roll  
Oxidizing lecture then oxidize  
Lunch  
Firing lecture then fire  
Sorting lecture then sort  
Tasting lecture and tasting  
Back to Goomtee for dinner (rest)
- March 24 Late rise, walk in fields, final questions to Harsh
- March 25 Travel to toy train (2<sup>nd</sup> to last stop)  
Free day in Darjeeling
- March 26 Early rise, travel to Ghatia  
Tasting, walking in field
- March 27 Observe CTC process and lecture on difference in tea processing steps
- March 28 Travel to Bagdogra, flight to Calcutta
- March 29 Day in Calcutta, flight to US and Canada at night



## What to Bring

Please try and have all of your belongings in one medium sized bag. It is also nice to see if you can fit an empty tote bag for the things you will accumulate for the trip home. There are some in Darjeeling that can be purchased cheaply as another option to carrying it with you.

### **Most importantly, make sure you have your proper travel documents:**

- Visa
- Passport
- Travel insurance
- Contact your local health department about necessary vaccinations

### **Money:**

- Exchange some rupees for dollars before you go. Traveler's checks can be exchanged in Darjeeling but it's easier to have a credit or debit card (Nice to have all three options with you). A money belt might come in handy.

### **Suggestions:**

- Non-revealing clothes for men and women are appropriate
- Light weight rain jacket (March is spring time when skies are dry and temperatures are pleasant - but you never know)
- Sunscreen lotion and lip balm
- Mosquito repellent
- Some packages of tissues (many restrooms don't have toilet paper)
- Hand sanitizer
- Appropriate adapters for your cameras, and video recorders etc.
- Plenty of film, memory cards, or tapes for your electronic equipment (it is very difficult to replace or purchase more once you are there)
- A pair of sturdy tennis or walking shoes
- If you are worried about the vegetarian diet bring a package of beef jerky (please be discrete with it)
- Travel lightly without a lot extras

\*I will bring small first aid kit

## Information sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to you? \_\_\_\_\_

### Alternate contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### Please describe your business:

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### Please describe your main expectations:

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### Any special needs or medical concerns?

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Is this your first time to a foreign country? Yes or No (circle one)