



**Pratham USA**

## **Seeing is Believing: Pratham Youth Summer Program FAQs**

### **My child is 15. Can they take part?**

Youth may participate from the age of 16. From experience, 15 years is too young for the participants to appreciate and participate in the program fully. The program is full and includes daily visits to villages, and participating in activities there can be overwhelming for a younger person.

### **Do participants need adult chaperones?**

No, the participants take part on their own in the programme. Parents or guardians can choose to accompany their children on the journey to India. Participants will be picked up at the airport and driven to the PACE Centre.

### **What's included in the fee?**

The program cost is \$2,800 for the entire stay. This includes food, accommodation, local transportation to program visits, local activities, and airport transfers from the Aurangabad airport to the PACE Centre.

Please note that airfare is not included. Participants are responsible for booking and paying for their travel to and from Aurangabad.

### **Where will the participants stay?**

The participants will stay at the PACE Centre which is equivalent to a 3-star hotel in India. The center has AC, internet and hot water. The participants will stay in double rooms which they will share with fellow participants.

### **Is there internet at the hotel?**

Yes, there is internet at the PACE Centre. Participants must be mindful that the internet might not be as stable and consistent as they are used to at home.

### **How can I apply?**

Please send your resume and a short essay (max. 300 words) describing your interest and motivation to participate in the program to [canko@prathamusa.org](mailto:canko@prathamusa.org). Following an initial review, a group of candidates will be shortlisted for interviews. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-approved basis.

**Do I need to apply now and when will I know if I have been accepted?**

Yes please apply by May 1, 2023. Applicants will be notified by mid-May.

**Can space be reserved for my child to attend next year's program?**

We hope to be able to offer the program next year and we will be able to confirm this later in 2023. If you are interested in putting your child's name on the list for the 2024 program, please send your contact information to [csanko@prathamusa.org](mailto:csanko@prathamusa.org).

**Will this program be offered again this year?**

We are only offering this program from July 23 to August 4, 2023. It is a specially designed and curated program and will only be run during these dates in 2023.

**Do the participants need travel insurance?**

Yes, all participants must have travel insurance for their trip.

**Is medical help available?**

First aid is available at PACE Centre, Aurangabad. The nearest doctor is located 2 km from the centre. The closest multi-functional hospital is located in Aurangabad which is 20 minutes away.

**Is the water safe?**

Bottled water will be made available daily for all participants.

**Can a participant attend only part of the program?**

No. Participants need to be present for the whole duration to get the most out of the program.

**What meals will the participants get?**

Food will be prepared daily onsite. A menu will be set in advance with both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options.

**What is the best way to travel to Aurangabad?**

Flights are available to Aurangabad from Mumbai and Delhi daily.