

University Recognition Forum

Stonehill International School, Bangalore, India
Saturday – Sunday, 13 - 14 November 2010



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WORKSHOP DETAILS

Programme Schedule

This is a 1½ day information session on college and university recognition of the Diploma Programme.

Saturday 13 November 2010	University Forum with presentations from 9 - 4pm. Lunch and two tea breaks are provided.
Sunday 14 November 2010	A ½ day session on questions & answers, university recognition from 9 - 12pm, inclusive of a morning tea break.

Prerequisites

This event is open to all career counsellors and coordinators from IB authorized / candidate schools.

Forum Fee (USD250) includes:-

- Refreshment breaks and lunches
 - *Catering would be no pork no lard only*
 - *Vegetarian food will be available*
- Forum materials

** Fee **excludes** cost of travel and hotel accommodation.

Standard Registration
Fees:

USD250

REGISTRATION CLOSES
13 October 2010

VENUE DETAILS

Workshop Venue

Stonehill International School

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Entry Visa

All foreign nationals are required to apply for entry visa to India. Please check with your travel agent or visit the following website for more information.

<http://passport.nic.in/visrules.htm>

http://www.india-tourism.com/en_passvisa.0.html

An invitation letter can be downloaded once you completed online registration on REGIS.

Air Transportation

Bangalore International Airport at Devanahalli, 44 km (27 mi) north of downtown Bangalore, was opened in May 2008.

Airport Departure Tax

This should be included in your airline ticket. Please check with your travel agent.

Airport Transfer

This should be included in the room rate if you book your room with our recommended travel agent Sun Tours.

If you book a room on your own, the easiest and safest way to get from the airport to the city is to arrange transport ahead of time through your hotel (some hotels provide this service complimentary).

Alternatively, BIAL has selected MERU and EASYCAB to provide basic taxi services. The taxi operators will have basic AC cars, all equipped with tracking devices to ensure safety and transparency. Both operators have professional call centres. For Guests arriving at the airport, there is a dedicated taxi holding area where the Guest can get a cab. The post paid taxi facility will be available on meter charges @ Rs.15/- per km (subject to Govt regulation). These are by far the best and most convenient mode of transport from the airport. It may cost you approximately Rs. 600 to get to Bangalore's CBD.

Ground Transportation

Taxis – Unlike many other countries, taxis are not marked with 'TAXI' signs on the top. Instead, the cars will be marked with the logo of the fleet operator or taxi company on the sides of the car. Some companies have a yellow sign with a identification number (usually an alphabet followed by two digits) on the top.

Keep in mind that these taxis cannot be hailed from the street, but have to be called by telephone. When you call, you must give the operator your location, destination as well as phone number, who will in turn tell you the charge (or will inform you that you must go by the meter) as well as the taxi number. The taxi will come pick you up, and call you when they are close. When you go out on the street, look at the license plate for the number they gave you -- it will be the last four digits of the license plate. Alternatively, look for the yellow board atop the car with the taxi's identification number. The license plate number is usually in the format "KA" followed by 01 to 05, followed by two alphabets, followed by a four digit number. Taxis generally have yellow license plates with black letters.

Although it can be hard for non-Indians to grasp at first, the system is actually very effective. If in doubt, ask a member of your hotel staff to help you.

Transportation From Hotel to School & Vice Versa


Buses will be provided between the recommended hotels and school. The exact bus schedule will be provided at a later date.

Please note that buses for participants are only available for those who booked their room with Sun Tours. If you book at the same hotels via online booking engine or via your own travel agent, we are unable to capture your data under the IB participants rooming list, thus please make your own way to the school.

Accommodation Options

Workshop participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

Please book early – The rates quoted below are subject to room availability at the time of booking and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Hotels	Rates per room per night	Contacts
The Royale Senate (3*) 	Single Room with 1 breakfast: 6,500nett rupees Double Room with 2 breakfasts: 6,800nett rupees	Address: No 24, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bangalore – 24, India Tel: +91 80 23439860 Website: http://www.theroyalesenate.com Please use Sun Tours Booking Form

<p>Goldfinch (3*)</p>  <p>Welcome to Goldfinch The Finest Boutique Hotel</p>	<p>Single Room with 1 breakfast: 6,300nett rupees Double Room with 2 breakfasts: 6,600nett rupees</p>	<p>Address: Off 32/3, Crescent Road, High Grounds, Race Course Road, Bangalore - 560 001 Tel: +91 80 4129 1300 Website: http://www.goldfinchhotels.com/goldfinch.html</p> <p>Please use Sun Tours Booking Form</p>
<p>Royal Orchid Resort (4*)</p> 	<p>Single Room with 1 breakfast: 7,800nett rupees Double Room with 2 breakfasts: 8,200nett rupees</p>	<p>Address: Allalasanra, Bellary Road, Yelahanka, Near Jakkur Flying Club, Bangalore 560 065, India Tel: +91 80 2856 0668 Website: http://www.royalorchidhotels.com/index.asp</p> <p>Please use Sun Tours Booking Form</p>
<p>Clarks Exotica (4.5*)</p> 	<p>Single Room with 1 breakfast: 9,200nett rupees Double Room with 2 breakfasts: 9,500nett rupees</p>	<p>Address: Swiss Town, Hollywood Junction, Sadahalli Post, Devanahalli Road , Bangalore – 562 110. Karnataka, India Tel: +91 80 2204 4000/29 Website: http://www.clarksexotica.com/home.htm</p> <p>Please use Sun Tours Booking Form</p>

General Information

For more information on Bangalore, visit:

<http://www.incredibleindia.org/>
<http://www.discoverbangalore.com/>
<http://www.bangalore.world-guides.com/>

Weather

Although the weather of Bangalore is pleasant throughout the year, it is best visited in the winters, ie October - February

Exchange Rate

Exchange rate fluctuates, do refer to www.xe.com for updates.

American, Citibank, Master Charge Visa and Diners Club credit cards are generally accepted by large establishments including hotels, shops and airlines.

Language

Being the capital of Karnataka, the official language in Bangalore is Kannada. However, most educated people are also able to speak Hindi and English. Other languages like Telugu and Tamil are also widely understood.

Safety

It is strongly recommended that visitors contact their foreign office for the latest travel advice before travelling to India.

Tipping

Tipping is common for porters in hotels as also the stewards and bearers and tourist guides, though it is not the practice with taxi and auto drivers and other means of transport within the city. The standard amount in hotels and restaurants is 10% of the total bill.

Food & Drink

Tap water in India is completely and totally unsafe — do not even wash your teeth with it. Better restaurants will use purified water, but at cheaper ones you're better off sticking to the bottled stuff and avoiding the usual culprits (leafy vegetables, ice, etc). Always check seals on bottled water carefully.

Once in Bangalore, one should utilise the opportunity to taste some of the best foods available in the city. The last 5 to 6 years have seen the mushrooming of small self service restaurants called Darshinis. These darshini's offer the best quality South Indian and North Indian dishes at very reasonable rates.

Bangalore also has restaurants offering the best in Chinese, Italian, Mexican, Thai, Japanese, Portugese, Continental, Mughalai and almost from all the regions of the country like Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Gujarath, Rajasthani, Kashmiri types of foods.

Shopping

Bangalore provides a wide range of options for shoppers. Being an IT city, Bangalore provides all kind of services but one might find things to be costlier.

The UB City and Vittal Mallya Road are Page-3 shopping areas. You'll find brands like Versace, Louis Vuitton, Kimaya in the UB City.

The M.G Road/Brigade Road area is the most popular place for tourists, and these two roads are filled with shops of every kind, whether it be traditional handicrafts or the latest western wear.

Commercial Street a legacy of the British is another shopping mecca that sells international brands (similar to Brigade road) alongside locally produced items. Commercial Street has more of a bazaar feel than Brigade Road. In addition, it is famous for its body piercing centers. The price of goods here is very competitive and it is a great place to pick a bargain.

Forum Mall - The Forum on Hosur road is in the upmarket suburb of Koramangla, fast becoming a key shopping hub in Bangalore. It is the largest mall in Bangalore, covering an area of 6.5 lakh square feet of retail space.

Sampige Road, Malleswaram has a wide range of shops that sells books, electronic items, silk sarees, handicrafts, cloth materials, Hindu pooja materials, sweets and all the trivial things you can buy on earth.

Sightseeing

Bangalore is a delightful place with an amalgamation of various rich cultures, crafts, and heritage centers. This city while enjoying the reputation of being a modern, high-tech city, still offers a lot of places of historical interest for the avid sightseer to explore. A trip around the city can be very interesting and provides a varied sightseeing experience with Palaces, museums, temples, churches and gardens. It has an enviable posterity and presents much to be discovered.

The beautiful parks like the Lalbagh and Cubbon Park are indeed a treat to the eyes.

Walking Tours

Karnataka Government in association with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (Intach) is introducing the "Heritage Walks" to assist tourists without tourist packages

to several interesting heritage sites located in and around Bangalore. For more information, please refer to website <http://www.bangalorewalks.com/>

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