

Review

Right at the beginning it is said that a semester abroad is always something special. Many students have the possibility to go to the U.S. or England, but the possibilities for India are rare. Therefore, I can only recommend it, when you get the chance, take it.

To describe the half year in India with adjectives, immediately the following will occur to me: impressive, unforgettable, warm, remarkable, but also exhausting and learn expensive. Since the planning for us was not quite advanced, it starts right on the day of our last examination from the first semester. Three days later the semester already started in Manipal. But since we had four super nice fellow students who, relieved everything for us, it was no problem. Initial language difficulties were also past after 1-2 weeks. Our teachers have always been very helpful and open, so you could always come to them if you had questions. All registration issues were also resolved by the good support rather quickly with the help of about 20 photographs. Our hostel (Block XIV) was fine, but not necessarily to recommend further. After six months mold had distributed in many rooms, which came through the rain and most likely wrong building design, which should not necessarily be improved in the near future. You may get lucky and get a good room, and then everything is ok. If it is possible to connect with some people in Manipal in advance, it is also imaginable to rent a house. This is the cheaper option on the whole but also without air condition. I think this is a very important factor at average temperatures of 34 degrees.

Furthermore you can say that you don't have to worry about anything to forget, because in Manipal you can buy everything and for very little money. On average, with about 10 € you'll have a very good day, for example: ~ 40 ct breakfast, lunch between 70 cents and € 2 and dinner the same, according to your hunger. In Manipal, there are plenty of opportunities to go to dinner, we counted about 20 restaurants. In almost all the larger or smaller restaurants you get usually very tasty

food, you just should try out what sounds good and you'll be surprised.

In general for the Printing Department I can tell you that it is for Indian conditions, relatively modern. The classes go from Monday to Saturday from 8 to 17pm. For us it was at least so the first two months, then we also had some free time or we started at 10am. In the various courses also some practical parts were offered, such as a project in the Manipal own printing plant "Manipal Press" or even a practical course in color management. Furthermore, the Mini Project have to be mentioned, where you work on a project with you own subject, theoretically and practically. Since our training had been designed very theoretical, personally I'm very glad about the practical aspects.

Some more accurate information about our first impressions from each of us can be read in the published blog www.mmpgoesindia.de.

Finally, I'll recommend to everybody, according to the study, a smaller or larger round trip through India. The country is just very interesting and diverse; ask yourself when you'll get there again? There is enough time until the next semester, but one should remember that it is very hot at that time in India and it also can be quite exhausting. I am speaking from my personal experience.

All in all, I can say I have enjoyed these six months in Manipal / India very much. I have gained many new experiences and I can only recommend it to everyone to use this great opportunity.

Namaste

Stephan Ruttloff



Holi Festival: best festival ever



Indian fellow student (Kalyan & Manpreet)



Mutton Banarasi

A time which I'll never forget.

With all the great people we met, all the delicious food we ate, all the impressive historical places we saw and all the exciting, remarkable, and gorgeous other things we experienced during this time.



Taj Mahal



Golden Temple