

My 2013 India Trip by Suhani Holla (3rd grade, 8 years)

Namaskara. This is the story of my 2013 India Trip. I went to Bengaluru, India this August .I went there because I wanted to meet my cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents, and to attend a 2 day function in my grandparent's house in Harihar. Mainly there will be a couple of "mini-stories" that I hope will entertain you, they will be the "most enjoyable" events that I had in my trip. So sit down, make yourself comfy, and read on!!!

Wonderla Amusement Park!!!!

My dad, cousin, my brother and I all went to the Wonderla Amusement Park!!!! I went on a centipede ride, pirate ship ride, and The Big Wheel. It looks like a clock and it is very high. I took a long elevator and when I got up, you can see the whole Wonderla! And you can see the whole part of that town! Last, we went to the WATER PARK!!!! We went water tubing and into the lazy river. I went down a straight down, looong slide!

Going to Malpe Beach

My family and I enjoyed going to the Malpe beach. At the meet of the road and sand, there was a statue of Mahatma Gandhi. The sand was soft and smooth. As I jumped into the water, my feet felt the waves. I suddenly jumped out of the water as I had another idea to turn cartwheels with my brother on the sand. Finally it was time to go. My family watched the sun come down as we left the beautiful tides of Malpe beach.

Serving food in Harihar

In India, we had a big function in Harihar. In Harihar is my dad's old house, where he grew up in. My dad was the main person, so lots of people knew him, because they were living in that neighborhood even when my dad did. Half way up in the function, we all had lunch. We smoothened, washed and set the banana leaves. First, a parent put salt at the corner on everyone's leaf. More and more parents served. I told my mom I wanted to serve also, so she called an auntie and she helped me put lots and lots and lots and lots of yummy chunks of chutneys , curries, sambar, rice on the banana leaf. My first item to put was spoonful of ghee. My brother who is 3 years old wanted all the 25 items and all he did when he got them is swirl them around on the leaf, and say, "I'm Done!" . I tried my very best not to spill, and I didn't! People thanked me (in Kannada) for not spilling. Now that is a big memory to remember and I will!!!

Feeding fish at The Sringeri temple

In India, one of my favorite things I did there was feeding the fish at the Sringeri Temple. It was a very sunny day. After we visited the temple, we walked to the big pond. My dad got bread-looking fish food. First I got a teeny tiny bit frightened, but my dad opened the first packet. He took not 1, 2, 3, 4, but 5 fish food circles into the pond! I carefully took 1 circle and threw it into the pond. A HUGE fish jumped up and caught it in its mouth. Sumukha (my little brother) did the same. Fish jumped up like jumping dolphins. We went through packets and packets and packets of fish food. My dad took the last packet and threw all of it in the pond. Lots and lots and lots and lots and lots and lots and lots of fish swam by to catch some food. "Wow!" I said. And I loved going to the Sringeri Temple.

Riding to Iscon!

Every day in Bangalore, we first drop off my cousin Shivani akka to her bus stop on a scooter (motorcycle). Right after that, we go to the temple Iscon. Iscon is on a very high hill. We go around and around and around until we reach the top! Then we go back down and down and down. The motor whooshes as we ride down the not steep, but bumpy hill.

"Weeeeeeeeeeeeeee!" I say as we go down the hill, and in between the gates of the house. I love going on the hill to Iscon!

Bannerghatta Zoo + Safari

One of the events I liked the most in India is going to the Bannerghatta Zoo. Once we got there, my dad bought a ticket for the animal Safari. So the man checked our ticket once again, and we went to the waiting area. It took about 15 minutes until everybody came. Finally, the Safari- bus came. We all hopped onto the bus and finally it started moving. First we saw some bears. Next we saw a deer, and then it went on and on and on and on.

Tamed lions, tigers, ostriches galore! There was an ox, and even an elephant! Black bears grunted in their zoo life . Have you ever went to a zoo before? Well I tell you, zoos everywhere, including India, are pretty great!!! 😊😊😊😊😊

I hope you liked the adventures I had in India. I ended up having an awesome time in India and came back safely. But anyway, thank you for letting me share this India essay with you!!

- Suhani 😊