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## **IndiaFEST 2011– Essay Contest**

### **If you were to take a trip to India what would it be like**

"Please fasten your seat belts we are ready for takeoff." That is a sign that I am going to India. I would love to take a trip to India because I would get to eat delicious Indian ethnic food, see beautiful historical places, shop till I drop, enjoy fun festivals, visit family and friends and fill my memories with the outstanding nature of India.

Look at those pretty colors! Ooh! I love that dress! One day you can hear this many times in Ahmedabad, the best place to shop till you drop for Indian traditional clothes. You can find many designs and types of clothes, shoes, jewelry and much more. One can experience to ride in vehicles like Rickshaw, Scooter, local bus, boat, camel cart and little train. There are food stands on almost every corner of a street in Ahmedabad. I adore "Patang Hotel" on the bank of Sabarmati River in Ahmedabad because you can dine in while it keeps turning 360 degrees.

Next stop is Rajasthan which is known for its royal palaces. One of the places in Rajasthan is Udaipur, which is popular for its palaces, lakes, hill tops and mountains. One of my favorite palaces is the City Palace located on top of the mountain. Like other Indian palaces, it has complicated carvings, colorful paintings and marbles, unique architecture, musical fountains, beautiful mosaic art and lots of domes. Like Udaipur, Rajasthan's capital city Jaipur also has many beautiful palaces. Imagine a whole city splashed with pink. Jaipur is that kind of a place where all houses, buildings and palaces are pink.

Another place I would like to visit is the Taj Mahal, one of the 7 wonders of the world which is located in Agra near Indian capital Delhi. The thing that is so astonishing about the Taj Mahal is that it is very beautiful. It is made out of pure white marble & it has

some of the marvelous carving. This amazing structure was built by Shah Jahan in the memory of one of his wives Mumtaz Mahal.

Apart from all of this, the place I want to go the most is Delhi Akshardham. I would like to go there because it's a temple, but it explains India's history, the glory of the God, why we should be a vegetarian, and more. It has a boat ride, with robotics built to explain ancient heritage of India. There is light and musical fountain show explaining life of the God.

"We are ready to land." Come on! The trip's already over. There is a lot more places to visit and enjoy in India. If you go north, you can see mountains & snow in winter time. If you go south, you see no end to greenery & lots of beaches. There is still west & east India. Oh well, I'll just have to come back again & again to explore the rest of India!