Hong Kong and India - January 2019

Why Hong Kong?
Hong Kong is a truly unique place as it is heavily influenced from both the Chinese traditional culture and the British western culture (Hong Kong was a British colony for 156 years). In Hong Kong you will find buzzing nightlife, hectic and vibrant city life and an impressive skyline. Since the official languages are Chinese and English, communication is very easy for English speakers.

Hong Kong is known for its economic freedom and as one of the main financial hubs in the world. Even though Hong Kong is officially part of China, it has a high degree of financial autonomy and the socialist rules and regulations are not imposed due to the “One Country, two systems” principle. In 2017, Hong Kong had a GDP of $341 billion and it is considered a stable place for business and a gateway for the Chinese market.

Why India?
Despite its reputation for overcrowded and dusty streets, India is a magical country full of opportunities for those willing to take the challenge. Students participating in the India Immersion program will quickly find themselves discovering that there is a lot to learn from the experience. India is exotic, enigmatic, and full of color. India is also rich in cultural traditions and religious diversity.

This program is meant for students willing to step out of their comfort zone, immerse themselves in a completely different environment and learn from others in the process. The schedule of this program is very intense, but equally rewarding at many different levels.

The significance of India to the world’s economy is undeniable. India is the seventh largest economy in the world by nominal GDP and has the potential to become the world’s third largest economy by the next decade. With nearly a fifth of the world’s population, India is the second most populated country in the world and is expected to surpass China in the next decade. Interestingly, India also has one of the youngest populations in the world, with more than half of its inhabitants being under the age of 25.