

India 2009

The journey I am busy with for more than 6 months is about to begin.

On the 20th of August our flight from Schiphol Airport is leaving for New Delhi.

At 10 am local time we arrive in Delhi and we can immediately start with breakfast at the hotel. Our rooms are clean and the hotels luxurious.

The first day in Delhi we have seen so much.

When I was already back home all the impressions were still running through my brains.

The 2nd day we drove in 5 and a half hour the 250 km from Delhi to Jaipur.

The time in the car was very interesting. We saw a lot of the landscape and of the life that the most poor have.

I was and am very impressed with all the poverty. So many people living in the streets having really nothing. Children with no food not to mention clothes and toys.

I very often thought about how privileged we are.

Jaipur was very beautiful.

From Jaipur to Agra was a long drive, 6 hours.

Obviously the most beautiful memory of Agra was the first impression of the Taj Mahal.

What an incredibly beautiful and impression building!!

From Agra we had to go back to Delhi to take the airplane to Bangalore where our ladies from India were waiting for us.

Arrived in Bangalore the contrast with the north of India was obvious.

The airport was clean and quiet.

The temperature was good with 30 degrees instead of the 40 degrees of the past days.

Also the landscape was completely different with lots of green palm trees and beautiful hills.

After some freshing up we put on our "deft blue dresses".

The streets of Bangalore were filling up with women from all over the world wearing their "typical local dresses".

Arrived at the party there it turned out to be an enormous big party.

I had a wonderful time. I danced all night with women from India and other places.

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