



To the International Board Of LCI and fellow circlers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the most awesome experience I have had so far. I learnt a lot at the conference in India as well as made a lot of new friends. LC India is an amazing group of ladies. Well done.

From the minute myself and Silvija and Toni landed until the time we left we experienced more than we expected. Many thanks to Jay and Prakesh for their hospitality over the 2 weeks we were in India. And thank you to the cab drivers and tak tak drivers for not killing us. They drive like lunatics 😊 myself and Toni got to experience eating weird and wonderful goat parts at little Pakistan as well as a shopping experience of note . . . Just in the 1st day we arrived in Mumbai. We also got the opportunity to go to the Mumbai cricket club and dance the night away. We got to see the start of the Ganesh submersions. It was the most amazing thing to be around, with all the drums and fireworks and happy people celebrating. All we could say was WOW WOW WOW WOW!!!

The 3 of us also got to experience India on the 25-hour train ride from Mumbai to Bangalore. We met some very interesting people on the train. We also got to see a lot of the beautiful countryside and cows with multicoloured horns. 😊

Bangalore was an experience all on its own from the good hotel to the wonderful girls in our organisation. The welcome party was awesome. We got to meet so many new people and it was amazing to see so many people coming to a conference for the first time. I believe we had a very good AGM as well. We did a little bit of shopping and sightseeing in Bangalore when we had a little free time. The home parties were very interesting and the food was divine. Trying to get our Saris on was quiet entertaining but once they were on the girls looked good. The Presidents banquet was a little far and the journey was long for us but we got to bond with the girls and that was a good thing.

Chennai . . . well what can I say, with the train ride taking a lot longer than it should have we were all very grumpy and hot. The hotel that came recommended for us was more of backpackers with no sheets and dirty toilets but with the help of the Chennai girls we managed to find a nice hotel with a pool and we all relaxed a little.

We caught a plane back to Mumbai and proceeded to enjoy our Indian experience. Some more shopping and bartering (I think the SA girls now have the hang of it) 😊 our 2nd last night with Jay we went to Mooshas where we had the most divine cheese fondue and very yummy cake 😊

Our last night in Mumbai I think topped it all off. Our driver took us around to a few of the very big Ganesh that we getting ready to be submersed. The one place we visited they did a whole play of Ganesh. We started off by going through a lion's head into where the production was. We had around 12 guides explaining to us what the show was about. This just topped our holiday off.

At 2am it was time for us to say Good-Bye to Lisa as she had a very early flight out and at 5am we departed for the airport as well. We arrived home safe at 10pm with loads of stories to tell and photos to share.

I would like to thank you all for giving us this opportunity to experience an amazing country and even more amazing people.

See you all in Bruges for another wonderful different experience

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