**Welcome to India**

**HISTORY**
Indian history dates back to the Indus valley civilization from BC 3300. India has seen it all, from the spread of Buddhism Mughal invasions and British lineage.

**WEATHER**
India experiences diverse weather conditions. Weather in Chennai is usually hot and humid varying from 25°C to 35°C generally with the monsoon from July to September.

**FOOD**
North Indian meal consists of naan and vegetables whereas a south Indian meal consists of rice and lentils. Delicious sea food can be found along the coastline.

**INDUSTRY**
India has all types of industries ranging from manufacturing, pharmaceutical, agricultural, real estate etc. Tata, Reliance, ONGC, ITC, Coal India, INFOSYS etc. are some of the leading companies.

**EDUCATION**
Education in India is provided by the public and the private sector. Free and compulsory education is provided as a fundamental right to children between the ages of 6 and 14.

**CULTURE**
India is known for its diverse culture. Indians believe that guests are to be treated as gods so you can expect the best treatment wherever you happen to go. India has at least 7 recognized religions and over 22 languages.
LOCATION
The IIT Madras main entrance is located on Sardar Patel Road. Its 20 minutes from the airport and 40 minutes from the railway station. It has multiple gates, which open to a different area.

CAMPUS
Campus resides inside Guindy National Park, blackbucks, spotted deer and monkeys are plenty. The campus is split into three zones – the residential zone, the academic buildings and the hostel zone.

DIVERSITY
People from all over the country have chosen this institution, and all of them are IITians before they are anything else. Every ethnic group has their own festivals, and we at IITM like to celebrate them all.

GLOBAL EDUCATION
IITM has MOUs with over 200 universities around the world. More than 100 students come to IITM every year as a part of student exchange. Also there are more than 50 outgoing students each year too, to different universities.

ACCREDITIONS
IITs are the top Engineering institutes of India and rank among the top 500 of the world. It has been a center of technological innovations for decades. It has been accredited by Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Human Resources Development, India and also by All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE).

LIFE
IIT Madras is like one large self sufficient family - and this togetherness is what gets us through our exam weeks! Late night snacks at Ramu Tea Stall, or very early mornings at our 24 hour canteen keep us alive during this time.
International Relations team is responsible for managing and organizing events for all the inbound and outbound students of IIT Madras. Our team comprises of three Heads (one exclusively for the inbound exchange students), three deputy heads, one PG strategist and eleven managers (subject to increase in the fall semester). We work under the Office of International Relations of IIT Madras.

iPal Program

IPALs are the group of student volunteers under the International Relations Cell working as exclusively for all the inbound international exchange students. We will be helping you with your accommodation, academic and co-curricular support to make sure your stay is comfortable and memorable.
“At Dhaksin chitra I was able to learn traditional residences and cultural heritages of south India. Mahabalipuram got great ancient remains, especially the sculpture work of “Pancha Rathas” was awesome. I got a very valuable experience and it was the most memorable experience of my school life in IITM.”

Yuichi Abe
Shibaura Institute of Technology, Japan.
“I really liked the idea of a trip together. It was very nice to be all together with students from different countries and spend time. I really liked the Lakkom waterfall, the sunrise point in Munnar, the visit to beach at Alleppey. In future you still keep on doing these kind of trips.”

Marie Sophie Hohner
Universität Passau, Germany.
“I actually played cricket and the local play such as 7-stones, Kho-Kho with IITM students. Also, I was able to make friends in IITM at that time. In addition, I participated in the Holi Festival on the first day, I was able to experience the passionate Indian festival, and I was very excited.”

Yusuke Ogura
Shibaura Institute of Technology, Japan.
Sneak Peek into 2016 – International Day

“I was anchoring along with 3 of my student colleagues. I had very good chance to make more friends from various countries. Loved the event. “

Anne Maria Ten Dam
University of Twente, The Netherlands
Event Calendar 2017

- 2nd August: Informal Orientation
- 3rd August: Model making Session
- 4th August: Weekend Party
- 5th August: Chennai Outing
- 15th August: Country Meeting
- 19th – 20th August: Short Trip
- 25th August: Shopping Day
- 26th August: Poker Night
- 29th August: Country Meeting
Event Calendar 2017

12th September
Buddy Dinner

13th September
International Day - Fundae Session

16th September
Games and Musical Jam Session

19th September
Country Meeting

23rd-24th September
Exchange Olympics

29th September – 2nd October
BIG TRIP
Event Calendar 2017

7th October
Indian Games

8th October
NSS Social Work

14th - 21st October
International Day Trailer

31st October
ISL Match

10th November
Feedback Form

23rd November
Thanksgiving Day

24th November
Farewell Party

IIT Madras, India.
ACADEMICS

- Slot System (one course per slot)
- Credit System (1 old=1.5 ETCS=3 new)
- 85% Attendance
- Medical leaves only through institute
- Take hospital certificate within a week
- Use Moodle for course material
- Quiz : Mid/End Semester
- One course to be from the own department

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

- Institute Clubs
  - Music
  - Choreo
  - Thespian
  - Fine Arts
  - Media
  - Design
  - E-cell
  - Athletics
  - Photography

- Sports

- Football
- Cricket
- Tennis
- Hockey
- Squash
- TT
- Badminton
- Athletics

EATERIES

- Outside Campus
  - Andhra Messes
  - Ascendas F.C
  - Phoenix Market City
  - Paratha Express
  - Liu’s Waldorf (Chinese)
  - Raaz (Arabic)

- Inside Campus
  - Mess/F.C
  - IRCTC 24/7
  - Zaitoon
  - CCD
  - Campus Cafe
  - Gurunath
  - Himalaya

PUBS AND HANGOUT JOINTS

- 10 Downing Street
- Evoke Bistro
- US 101Willows - The Westin
- Gatsby 2000
- Diff 42
- Bike Barrel
- Paddington Sports Pub
- Illusions

IIT Madras, India.
Student Testimonials

Life at IITM was very relaxed. The campus on the other side is very clean, relaxing and a little paradise. There are a lot of animals and a beautiful landscape which shall give you the feeling of being in a completely different world. Additionally I have to say that I met really really nice people at IITM - not only the students were really open minded and nice, but also the workers at the campus.

- Christina Heckl, University of Passau, State of Bavaria, Germany.

India was a very unique experience, because I have never travelled with so many different people from different nations so far. We never knew what would happen next, travelling in India can be very exhausting. The best thing was our trip to the Himalayas in Uttarakhand. The mountains and the dimensions gave us a great experience of freedom. One of my most favorite places are also Hampi and Mysore.

- Dominik Seewald, University of Applied Sciences Deggendorf, Germany.

The iPal buddy program is very good good. And all the IPALs are always ready to help. Before coming to India, we talked a lot. He gave me quite much suggestion and advice. I do miss life in IIT-Madras. The Himalayas canteen ,the Gurunath, the Fruit Juice Centre, the Bhadra Hostel, the OAT. Life in IIT is amazing and challenging, cause it takes time to get used to it, especially the food. But when I get used to it, I got leave. Anyway, life in IIT-Madras worth my memory.

- Zhao Jun (Henry), Huazhong University of Science & Technology, China.
Chennai is waiting....

Courtesy: International Relation Team, I&AR Student Council

IIT Madras, India.