



# Trekking the Planet

Discovering the Cultural and Natural Significance of the World

## Trip Materials Overview

“We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.” – *Jawaharial Nehru*

- Our weekly education modules during our journey will be divided into four sections, each of which will highlight a different aspect of geography.
- *Trekking the Planet* will also provide weekly emails with further insights from the road.
- We plan to supplement these education modules and weekly emails with interviews, audio and video from our locations. This will be dependent on where we are and on the availability of Internet access.



### Section 1: Where are we now?

- This will show our current location, including the latitude and longitude.
- We will provide the approximate total distance that we have traveled during our journey.
- Maps will be included to show our position on our journey route, pointing to a more detailed diagram of our current location. Clicking on these maps will take you to Google Maps. The country flag of our current location will also be displayed.



## Section 2: People and Culture

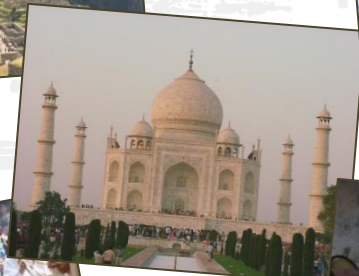
- This section will focus on the societal aspects of the current location on our journey. These elements fall under the umbrella of Human Geography. According to the Annenberg Learner, Human Geography is defined as exploring *"the relationships between humans and their natural environment, and to track the broad social patterns that shape human societies."* The following topics will be included in our education modules:

- History
- Population
- Cities
- Migrations
- Economics
- Ethnic Groups
- Government
- Language
- Customs
- Transportation

- Clicking on some pictures and all links will take you to the source material website.

### Did you know?

Each education module will highlight some additional information of interest. Look for these luggage tags throughout our materials.



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## Section 3: Nature and Environment

- This section will focus on the natural elements of the current area that we are visiting and treks we are taking. These are components of Physical Geography. According to [PhysicalGeography.net](http://PhysicalGeography.net), this is the study of "the spatial patterns of weather and climate, soils, vegetation, animals, water in all its forms, and landforms". Expect to see the topics below covered in our weekly education modules:
  - Land and topography
  - Rivers, oceans, seas
  - Climate
  - Vegetation
  - Animals
  - Environment
  - Size and scale
  - Ecosystems
  - Natural Exports
- Special focus will be on the environment and on sustainability practices, highlighting where the world is being threatened or improved.
- The **More Information** box on the final page provides useful Internet links for additional research and data about our location.



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## Section 4: Our Plans

- This final section of our weekly education modules will provide an overview of what our plans are for the coming week in our current location.
- We will highlight our next week's plans so that students can formulate questions ahead of time to send to us. We plan to provide answers when we are in the next location. Questions can be posted on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts, our [website](#), or by email ([info@TrekkingThePlanet.Net](mailto:info@TrekkingThePlanet.Net)).



## Bring Geography to Life in your Classroom

- With the variety of media that *Trekking the Planet* will provide, our hope is to make the geography experience as interactive as possible. Some ideas for integration include:
  - Use of modules and emails as supplements to geography teaching already planned.
  - Interaction with students, via individual questions and answers, as detailed above.
  - Reference material for student reports on an area, human or physical topic.
  - Incorporation of pictures, video and audio into student-created media.

### More Information

- [http://geography.about.com/od/culturalgeography/Cultural\\_Geography\\_and\\_Human\\_Geography.htm](http://geography.about.com/od/culturalgeography/Cultural_Geography_and_Human_Geography.htm)
- <http://www.geography4kids.com/>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human\\_geography](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_geography)
- <http://www.geography-site.co.uk/pages/physical.html>

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