



About Loka's School

What? Loka is a small school with big dreams. **Where?** At the entrance of a village along the Punpun river in Bihar, India. **Why?** Loka explores (new) ways of learning for a Beautiful, Just and Sustainable World. **Who?** Loka's 90 students aged 4-16, from nursery to grade 8, receive a complete education of Head, Heart & Hand. Older students participate in a *From Education to Entrepreneurship* programme. **How?** At Loka students are equipped to create their livelihoods, empowered to uplift their surroundings and enriched with a sense of purpose.

Staying at Loka

Be immersed in your work as a dancer, artist, writer, researcher or with online (creative) assignments while staying at a unique location in a village along the Punpun river in Bihar. Enjoy fresh air, a lush green campus and beautiful flower gardens. Explore the farm or make a village walk with students. Eat fresh local vegetarian food from the Loka Cafe... and much more. Staying at Loka is possible for the short term and longer stays up to a month. It can be to work quietly on a project, have a retreat or a peaceful place to rejuvenate while travelling. Rooms are thoughtfully furnished with wooden furniture, created by local craftspeople. They have attached bathrooms, wifi and windows facing Loka's lush green campus on one side and farming fields on the other.

Residential Stays

Fees in ₹

Single overnight stay	₹ 3500 p/p
Shared twin room (for 2 people)	₹ 2500 p/p
Residential Programme/month	₹ 1 lakh p/p
Shared room/month (for 2 people)	₹ 75000 p/p

Practical Information & guidelines

Prices mentioned are valid from October 2024 until March 2025 and bookings depend on availability. Residential stays include a simple breakfast and two cooked vegetarian meals a day, coffee/tea and use of learning spaces such as an art room and access to Loka's beautiful campus. During your stay you are invited to join the morning circle with students, converse with teachers during tea meetings and upon request in depth interactions with students can be organised. Loka's Centre is in a remote area and there are no shops in the vicinity. Generally electricity and internet are stable but they may fluctuate. Airport Transport to/from Varanasi (225 km), (Bodh) Gaya (110 km) and Patna (130 km) is provided upon request and day trips to these places can be included in the stay. *Loka is a sacred space meant for dialogue and reflection. To maintain an atmosphere of peace & learning guests are kindly requested to respect local customs and Loka's guidelines. Bihar is a dry state and consumption of alcohol is prohibited. The campus has a non smoking policy and use of mobile phones/cameras in common spaces is restricted.*



Testimonials

I spent two nights at Loka while walking through Bihar. I can report that Loka was one of the highlights of my long and congenial traverse: a refuge tucked next to the Punpun River, on the walking trail of the Buddha, that nourished my body and soul. All the visitors will be impressed by the hospitality of the community, the storybook beauty of the setting and the remarkable strides that the school has made in uplifting local village children to their true potential. ~Paul Salopek, Pulitzer Awarded Journalist, National Geographic Fellow

We spent three pleasant and productive days at Loka, sharing ideas about education, conferencing about our own work, and doing classroom activities with the students that focused on creative thinking and 'slow looking.' ~Liz Dawes Duraisingh, Carrie James, and Shari Tishman, Harvard Graduate School of Education

As an artist it is so very essential to realise the importance of being human and kind to ourselves and to the world around us. Loka's whole effort is in the right direction as I can see the beauty of this place is increasing every moment. I am so pleased to be here and would love to keep coming back. ~Shantanu Das & Mahalaxmi Karn, Mithila Artists

What tremendous joy it was to be with you, the staff and of course, the wonderful - and full of wonder - children. It without any doubt, has been the highpoint of my life. The ability to make these children shine and surrender to beauty, love and learning. ~Hans Leewens, Co-Founder Van Ede & Partners/Spirit in Business Awarded Entrepreneur

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Location and Contact

Loka's Centre is located in a village in North-India. The organic farm, flower gardens and trees provide an excellent atmosphere for learning and reflection. The school building and office are finely decorated with Mithila style murals. Rooms are furnished with hand crafted wooden furniture, made with love by a local carpenter. Loka's Centre is situated at the entrance of village Manikpur with a population of 750 people, mostly small-scale farmers. Students of Loka live with their families in mud huts or unfurnished brick houses in an authentic surrounding where the connections between production and use are visible and bonds between people close. At Loka we value a life of learning always, everywhere and from everyone. It's an ongoing process.

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