



## About Loka

**WHAT?** A Small School with Big Dreams.

**HOW?** At Loka we Explore how Education can benefit People and the Planet.

**WHY?** Because a Bright & Beautiful World starts with the Right Education.

**WHO?** Innovative, Curious and Creative Students. A Dedicated Team. Kindhearted People and Organisations supporting Loka in many ways.

**WHERE?** Loka's School and Organic Farm are in a Remote and Rural Village in Bihar, North-India.

Loka has a lot to offer to visitors both as a centre for reflection and as an educational site that invites innovation. Loka is open to artists, educators, scientists and all those who feel a connection between their professional lives and Loka's endeavours. We warmly invite those visitors who come to learn and enhance Loka's mission. For example, a scientist exploring with students sustainability and progress in the context of rural India. A writer living and working *In Residence* while interacting with students. A designer conducting a workshop on the design of everyday things. Loka's campus also offers an inspiring atmosphere for small-scale conferences. More information: [lokafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lokafoundation@gmail.com)

### Visiting Loka

### Fees in USD

One Day Visit	\$ 25 p/p
Overnight stay (per night)	\$ 50 p/p
One week Workshop (6 nights)	\$ 250 p/p
In Residence Programme (one month)	\$ 1000 p/p

**Practical Information & guidelines** Prices mentioned are applicable from 1 October 2019 until 15 March 2020. The campus is closed for visitors in the hot summer and humid monsoon. Day visit fee includes one meal and coffee/tea. Fees of overnight stays include three vegetarian meals a day, coffee/tea and (private) access to a meeting room with projector, dining space and WIFI. Depending on availability, rooms are private or shared, bathrooms both attached and detached. Loka's Centre is in a remote area and electricity and internet supply may fluctuate and there are no shops in the vicinity. Loka hosts both individual visitors and small groups up to 8-10 people. Airport Transport to/from Varanasi (225 km), Gaya/Bodhgaya (110 km) and Patna (130 km) is provided upon request and day trips to these places can be included in the stay. To make your visit an enriching experience, we kindly request guests to be sensitive to local customs and traditions. *We look forward to welcome you to the sacred space called Loka.*



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## 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 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 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



## 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. Address: Manikpur Village (Obra), Aurangabad District, Bihar, India. M# +91 9006841313 (WhatsApp), E [lokafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:lokafoundation@gmail.com). Loka's website is currently under construction, for regular updates you can visit our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/lokalocus](https://www.facebook.com/lokalocus)

## Loka India

