



SALESIAN COLLEGE
(AUTONOMOUS) | SONADA
SILIGURI

Study Abroad in **INDIA**
with

**SALESIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
(SEP) 2025**

*Discover the Queen of Hills, Darjeeling, with
Salesian College (Autonomous):
A Summer Exchange Experience Like No Other !*





About Salesian College (Autonomous) Sonada & Siliguri

Salesian College (SC) is a government-recognized, minority educational institution run and managed by the Salesians of Don Bosco, Kolkata Province. Located in Sonada and Siliguri, West Bengal, SC accommodates over 3,000 students across Arts, Commerce, Science, and Professional courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Established in Shillong in 1933 and relocated to Sonada in 1938, SC is governed by sections 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act 1956. Originally affiliated with Calcutta University, it transitioned to NBU in 1962 and has since expanded its academic offerings, including honors programmes and postgraduate programmes. The Siliguri Campus, inaugurated in 2009, provides various undergraduate and master's programmes, and SC also functions as an IGNOU Study Centre. Accredited by NAAC with an 'A' grade in 2012, SC became an Autonomous College on 31 May 2023, introducing innovative courses and dual major options. Post-pandemic, SC adopted a blended learning approach using an advanced ERP and LMS. With the New Education Policy 2020 in place, SC is poised to enhance its infrastructure and programmes to meet future educational demands.

About Sonada

Sonada is a census town situated within the Jorebunglow Sukhiapokhri block of the Darjeeling Sadar subdivision in the Darjeeling District, West Bengal, India. It lies in the southern section of the Darjeeling Himalayan hill region. In the Darjeeling Sadar subdivision, 61% of the population resides in rural areas, while 39% live in urban areas. The district hosts around 78 tea estates that significantly contribute to the local economy through Darjeeling tea production and export. Sonada is 17 km from Darjeeling, 16 km from Kurseong, and connected via National Highway

Attractions include Sonada Monastery, Tiger Hill, and the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Station. The surrounding Sonada Valley features numerous tea estates and the Balason River, noted for trout fishing. Chattakpur Eco Village, located 6 km uphill, offers scenic views and is a popular tourist destination.

About SEP 2025

Unlock a transformative experience with Salesian College (Autonomous), nestled in the heart of Darjeeling – the Queen of Hills! Our International Summer Exchange Programme offers you the chance to engage in meaningful learning, explore the rich culture of India, and immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes of Darjeeling.

Experience from a diverse selection of credit-based courses including Buddhism & Himalayan Culture, Tea Management, Yoga Education, Eastern Himalayan Ecotourism and Medicinal Ethnobotany, Community Radio. Build lifelong connections through our Internships, Community Engagement and Service-Learning projects, gain hands-on experience, and leave with skills that will last a lifetime.

Join us this summer for a journey of academic excellence and cultural discovery!

Programme Details

- Intake Capacity: 15 students
- Duration: 1 - 2 Weeks
- Credits: 4 - 6 credits (each course carries 2 credits)

(Of the total credits, a student must obtain 2 credits by choosing any One course from the Two Compulsory Courses & earn the remaining credits by selecting One-Two Elective Courses from the Seven available options)

For all course related details, contact International Office, Salesian College (Autonomous), Sonada & Siliguri

- Pick and choose from a range of diverse courses
- Unique & Rich Field-Based Experience
- Cultural Exchange + Variety of Day Trips + Treks

What We Offer

COURSES	NATURE OF COURSE
Buddhism & Himalayan Culture	Compulsory
Beyond the Classroom: Community Engagement in Schools of Sonada	Compulsory
Healing Herbs of the Eastern Himalayas: Ethnobotany and Materia Medica	Elective
Steeping Stories: Navigating the World of Darjeeling Tea Management	Elective
Ecotourism in Eastern Himalayas	Elective
The Art of Yoga: A Journey to Wellness	Elective
Voice of the Hills: Internship at Radio Salesian 90.8	Elective
Tea & Togetherness: Service-Learning in Tea Communities	Elective
Behind the Shelves: Internship at Verzotto Memorial Library	Elective

Dates

The programme dates are subject to negotiation following joint discussions with the partner institution.

Expenses

The programme costs, including travel, accommodation, meals, and local transportation, may vary. Cost-sharing options are available and the final expenses will be determined based on collaborative arrangements with partner institutions. Please contact us for tailored estimates.

Accommodation

Salesian College (Autonomous), Sonada
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