

Beyond Wilderness

EXPERIENTIAL RETREATS IN NATURE AT GEELI MITTI, NAINITAL

GEELI MITTI FARMS

Spreading ecological consciousness & love for mother earth

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An abode in the woods

Set in the midst of dense temperate forests of the Naina Devi Bird Conservation Zone in the Himalayan foothills, **Geeli Mitti Farms is every nature lover's fantasy come true.** Idyllic mud cottages, stunning views, crisp mountain air, gurgling freshwater streams and a rich flora and fauna – a magical setting for people of all ages and backgrounds to come experience the magic of living and working in complete harmony with nature.



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If you're looking to find yourself in nature's lap, if you've been searching for that change.. if you are on the path to understanding sustainable living and want to learn how you can make a difference, start here. The Geeli Mitti experience is for all.

Meher Malik



Nainital Bus Stand 20 km (45 minute drive)

Kathgodam Railway Station 58 km (2-hour drive)

Pantnagar Airport
104 km (3 hours 19 minutes)



Delhi 339 km (7.5-hour drive)

TRAVEL LIGHT

Our farm is a 1 kilometre uphill walk from the road-head, one of the reasons why it is so serene. We recommend that you travel light. However, if you have special needs, we totally understand, and can arrange for porters on request.



ECO-FRIENDLY RETREATS

If you're a group looking for a beautiful get-away from the city that also benefits the environment & the local community, look no further!

Guided by permaculture principles, Geeli Mitti Farms is designed in such a way that anyone who comes here ends up giving back more than they take from mother nature.

Energy-efficient natural buildings, water and waste management systems, organic farms and a vibrant rural community, all guarantee a fun-filled and meaningful experience, without disturbing the delicate ecological balance of the region.

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Geeli Mitti is one of those rare gems where you can enjoy closeness to nature, with all the modern comforts, fresh homecooked meals and the opportunity to learn new skills- all at no cost to the environment."

- Madhuri



WHO IS IT MEANT FOR?

Educational and recreational groups looking to learn new skills and connect with nature & the community

Yoga & wellness retreats

Practice in a secluded natural setting surrounded by mountain springs & clean air

Corporate events & off-sites

Choose an eco-friendly and ecologically conscious alternative to luxury resorts

Creative workshops

Be it dance, theatre or any other art, ours is a space that nurtures creative expression

Music, theatre & film festivals

Host live private performances and film screenings with options for indoor and outdoor settings.

Get-togethers

Whether it's a birthday, reunion, or any other special occasion, celebrate with your family & friends at Geeli Mitti in a conscious and eco-friendly way.

School/College tours

Combine study tours with Geeli Mitti's life skills & experiential learning courses





SCROLL DOWN FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SPECIALISED & EXPERIENTIAL COURSES THAT YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Pick from a range of creative learning courses to customise your retreat and make your time here even more memorable.

Specialised Courses

Building with natural materials, techniques and energy systems.

Village Immersion

Experience traditional lifestyle & culture of remote hill communities.

Nature & the Outdoors

Bird watching & trekking options for all fitness levels led by nature guides.

Creative Workshops

Tap into your creativity & learn new skills with local & international artisans.

SPECIALISED COURSES

Our centre of excellence brings in experts from various fields to run courses in ecological housing & appropriate systems.





Geeli Mitti is not just a place, it is an experience... I learnt oodles of new things but it was more about "Unlearning" my past conditioning as an architect and rediscovering my building instincts as a human.

- Raghav Kumar

VILLAGE IMMERSION

Geeli Mitti Foundation runs a number of community projects for livelihood advancement, water harvesting, waste management, farming & processing in surrounding villages.

SOME EXAMPLES

(projects are customised according to age, group sizes & community needs)

- Building smokeless *chulhahs* (cookstoves)
- Painting & restoration works
- Road repair
- Farming & processing
- Clean-up drives
- Tree plantation



NATURE & THE OUTDOORS

Discover the rich Himalayan flora & fauna of the Naina Devi Bird Conservation Zone. (for all ages and fitness levels)

- Guided treks
- Bird-watching
- Full-moon walks
- Camp under the stars
- Barbecues & bonfires
- Film & documentary screenings

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS





- Clay sculpting
- Silent carpentry
- Seed jewellery
- Basket weaving
- Paper mache
- Urban gardening & composting
- Healthy cooking
- Natural cosmetics,
 - toiletries & cleaners

THE UE VENUE

Surrounded by mixed temperate forests with a secluded freshwater stream you can bathe in, flowing right next to the property...

BOUTIQUE COTTAGES

Our three luxurious bespoke mud cottages with private bathrooms are a work of art in themselves, representing their own unique style and character.

> Constructed with 100% natural materials, and blended into their natural surroundings, our cottages are filled with positive energy & earthly vibes – the ideal getaway home for nature lovers! Capacity: 6-8 people

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Capacity: 3 people



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Capacity: 2 people



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Capacity: 2 people

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Let go of inhibitions, break all barriers & create lasting memories & friendships.

Shared living is a MUST at least once in every person's lifetime. Our on-campus shared accommodation is as unconventional as it gets, capable of hosting groups of **upto 40 people** at a time, with separate outdoor toilet blocks.

Capacity: 40 people* *not including cottages that accomodate an additional 8 persons



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ADDA

The Adda (hangout place) is a bamboo cum mud dormitory that sleeps people over 5 different mezzanines. There's also separate sleeping zones for our furry team members as well as loads of storage space. A warm yet 'cool' space, and the largest of all shared spaces, this is where all the action is at!

Capacity: 16-20 people

ATARIYA

The Atariya (attic) is a cozy and warm wooden low-height abode in the clouds. It is split into a tiny room for 2 and a larger shared space for 6.

Capacity: 8 people

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For the outdoor lovers, we have sturdy and comfy tents

1 LARGE ARMY TENT Capacity: 10 beds

2 SMALL SAFARI TENTS Capacity: 4 beds (2 per tent)



DARBAAR

A 1400 sq.ft large, bright and well ventilated training hall cum studio space, featuring sliding mirror wall panels, and equipped with a projector, speakers and adequate plug points.

Capacity: upto 200 people

OPEN SPACES

COCOONWA

A semi-enclosed bamboo dome with a thatched roof and cob benches, ideal for conducting outdoor sessions in the open air.

FOOD & DINING

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Home-cooked vegetarian meals



Filtered drinking water



Kitchen Garden



Natural non-toxic cleaners



Hens & compost

for scraps

Reading area Outd



Outdoor barbecue & wood-fired oven



Self-service & wash

"Where you choose to travel, why and how directly impacts what becomes of the tourism industry.

Your holiday decides whether more agricultural land will be sold for polluting hotels or whether farmers will open their homes into cozy home-stays. Your choice determines continuity or extinction of local culture and architecture.

So be a traveller who immerses oneself and not a tourist who scratches the surface. Allow your travel experiences to truly transform how you see the world and your place in it. Be a Responsible Traveller who collects memories and leaves behind the impact of his presence."

> – Shagun Singh Founder & Director Geeli Mitti Farms and Foundation

WHO WE ARE

BESPOKE ECO-BUILD & DESIGN EXPERTS

Renowned for our trademark design aesthetic and building approach, we combine art and architecture to create vibrant statement structures.

RESEARCH & TRAINING INSTITUTE

Our centre of excellence offers a wide range of courses and workshops, attracting students from India and abroad. Our research wing develops engineered natural building products such as patented eco-bricks[™].

LEADING CONSULTANTS

We offer design and building support on large-scale government and institutional projects, development of eco-parks, land restoration and forest and water body regeneration.

GEELI MITTI FOUNDATION

We run initiatives in skill-based education, cultural and ecological preservation, livelihood advancement and animal welfare across 6 Indian States.





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