



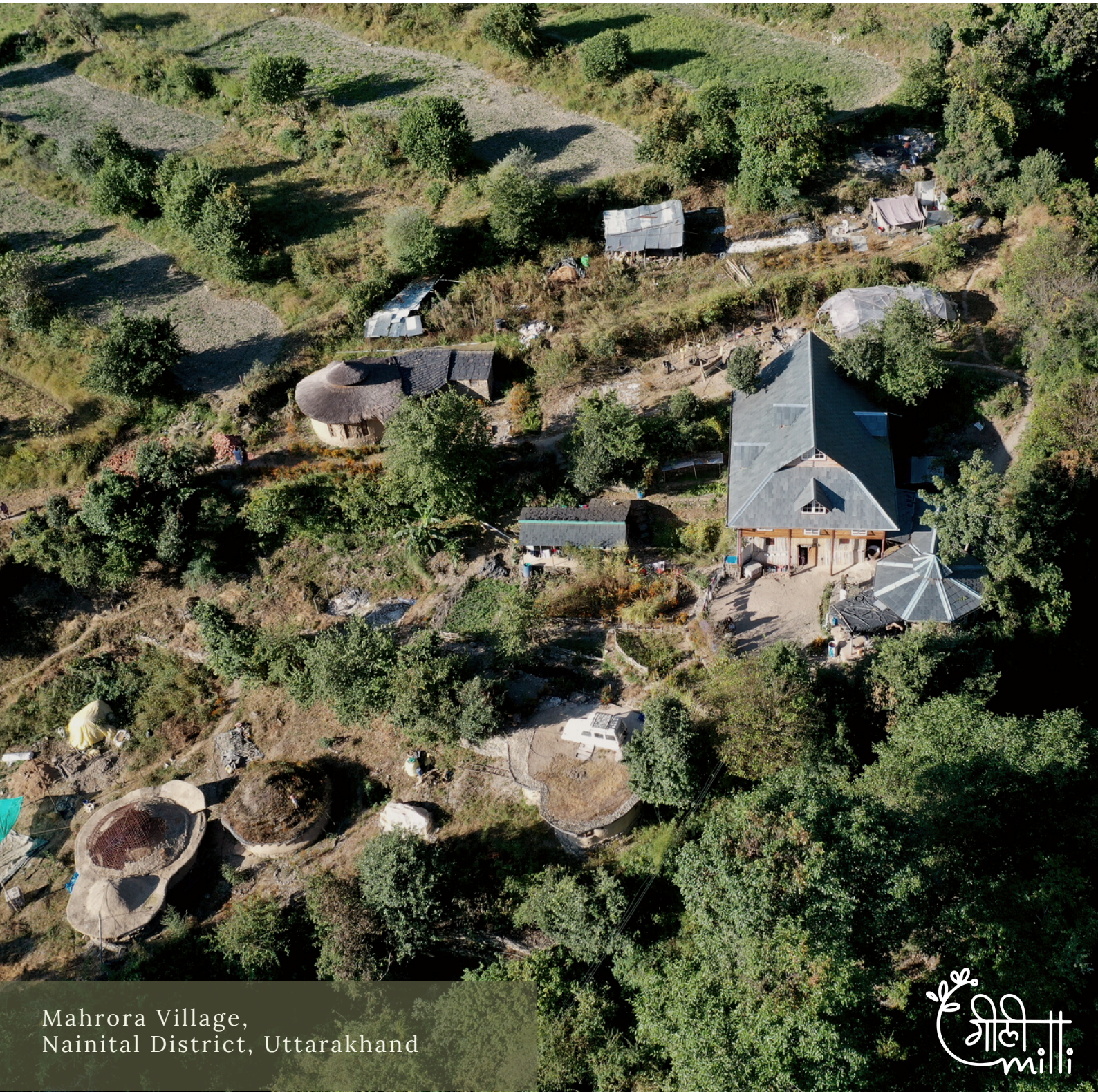
STUDY TOURS

skills for life



GEELI MITTI FARMS

raising
ecological
consciousness
since 2016...



Mahrora Village,
Nainital District, Uttarakhand



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

We offer **specialised training** and **residential courses** in natural building, waste management, permaculture design, organic farming and alternative bio-degradable non-toxic products.



consciousness since 2010...

WHO WE ARE



RESEARCH INSTITUTE

development of patented
building products

LEADING CONSULTANTS

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

BESPOKE ECO-BUILD & DESIGN EXPERTS

trademark design aesthetic and
building approach that combines
art & architecture to create
stunning natural structures

GEELI MITTI FOUNDATION

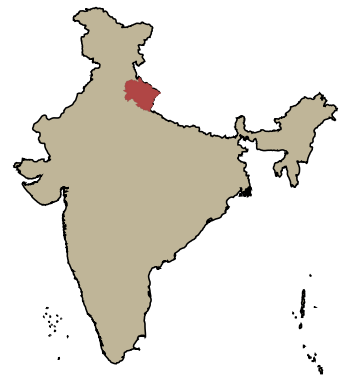
community initiatives focussed
on skill-based education,
livelihood generation, cultural
& environmental preservation
& animal welfare



GETTING HERE



GEELI MITTI FARMS
MAHRORA VILLAGE,
UTTARAKHAND, INDIA



Delhi

339 km (7.5-hour drive)



Pantnagar Airport

104 km (3 hours 19 minutes)

*(Delhi & Pantnagar are connected
with regular flights)*



Kathgodham Railway Station

58 km (2-hour drive)



Nainital Bus Stand

18 km (45 minute drive)

PLEASE NOTE

Our farm is a **1 kilometre uphill hike** from the road-head, one of the reasons why it is so serene and peaceful. You are advised to **travel light** so that you can carry your luggage up yourselves. However, if you have special needs, we totally understand, and can arrange for porters on request, at an additional charge.



STUDY TOURS



“ I hear and I forget, I see and I remember, I do and I understand. ”
Confucius, 450 BC



LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

We believe that **experience is the most natural & powerful form of learning**. That's why a large part of our teaching is done outside the classroom, giving students the opportunity to **work with their hands**, interact with one another, touch and feel materials, and **connect with nature** and their surroundings. Working this way allows participants to assimilate concepts & theories and gain the confidence in applying them to real-life situations wherever they go.

WHAT WE OFFER

Specialised Courses: Geeli Mitti farms is a **live demonstration site cum learning centre**, where you can **see first-hand**, how various materials and techniques have been applied to build our structures and energy systems, and also gain **practical experience**.

Volunteering & Community Service: Geeli Mitti has been working with the local population in nearby villages on a number of **livelihood advancement** and **community service** projects in which volunteers can come and participate.

Nature & the Outdoors: We conduct guided tours, led by our resident naturalists, where you can explore the rich biodiversity of the Himalayas, and learn about birds, butterflies, insects, plants and other flora and fauna.

Nurturing Creativity: We bring in local and international artists to conduct **craft workshops** that allow you to tap into your creativity and learn new skills.



OFFERINGS

ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN COLLEGES

For aspiring architects and designers, Geeli Mitti is the ideal place to see and learn through hands-on experience. Get to **touch, feel and experiment natural materials and techniques** under the guidance of experts, study existing structures in detail, and understand processes and techniques applied, participate in community restoration and building projects and gain exposure to several different types of architecture like Kumaoni stone masonry, earthbag, bamboo, cob etc.



STUDY TOURS AT GEELI MITTI

A sneak preview of a one-week study tour at Geeli Mitti, customised for a group of architecture and design students from Gujarat University

SPECIALISED COURSES

- Natural building techniques
- Intelligent design
- All about soil
- Permaculture
- Water harvesting & treatment
- Waste management
- Vernacular architecture



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

OFFERINGS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At Geeli Mitti, both school and college students will have the invaluable opportunity of truly immersing themselves in rural Indian life, by **living and working with local communities** on an array of creative and innovative community projects aimed at skill-building, restoration, and ecological preservation.



SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS DONE IN THE PAST*

- Building smokeless *chulhahs* (Cookstoves)
- Library painting
- Community building restoration
- Road repair
- Organic farming

**projects are customised according to age group, number of people and community needs*



OFFERINGS

SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

*Age group: Class 8 and above**

Modern urban lifestyles give children little opportunity to be creative and really spend time in nature and the outdoors. Geeli Mitti provides a safe and nurturing environment for children to work with their hands, be creative and engage in activities that encourage them to acquire new skills, connect with nature and one another, and make an impact in the community.

**Customisable for younger age groups on request.*

CREATIVE & LIFE SKILLS

- Urban gardening and composting
- Healthy cooking
- Clay sculpting
- Silent carpentry
- Seed jewellery
- Bamboo basket & mat weaving
- Paper mache
- Macrame



CONNECT WITH NATURE



- Guided treks
- Bird-watching
- Village walks
- Cultural immersion
- Documentary screenings



If you're looking to **find yourself in nature's lap**, if you've been searching for that change, Geeli Mitti is one such brilliant place. We've been greeted with love and warmth like nowhere else. 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. And it's definitely my 19 month old's favourite place in the world now. ”

Meher Malik



THE VENUE

Set in a quaint Himalayan village surrounded by temperate forests, natural springs and picturesque mountain views.



FACILITIES



TRAINING HALL

A large, bright and well ventilated space with a **seating capacity of 200 people**, equipped with a projector, speakers and adequate plug points.

NUTRITIOUS MEALS

Simple traditional vegetarian meals, prepared with love by our resident bhaiyas, with seasonal locally grown produce from our very own farms and the farms of neighbouring villages.



STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Our on-campus shared accommodation is capable of hosting groups of upto 45 people at a time



ADDA

A bamboo & mud dormitory with a separate outdoor toilet block

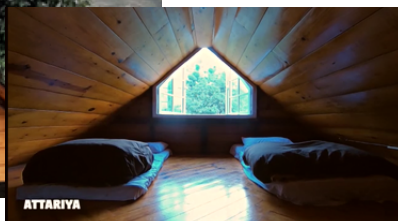
Capacity: 20 beds



TENTS

- 1 large army tent
Capacity: 12 beds
- 2 small safari tents
Capacity: 4-6 beds

(with a separate outdoor toilet block)



ATARIYA

Cozy wooden attic with a separate outdoor toilet block

Capacity: 8 beds

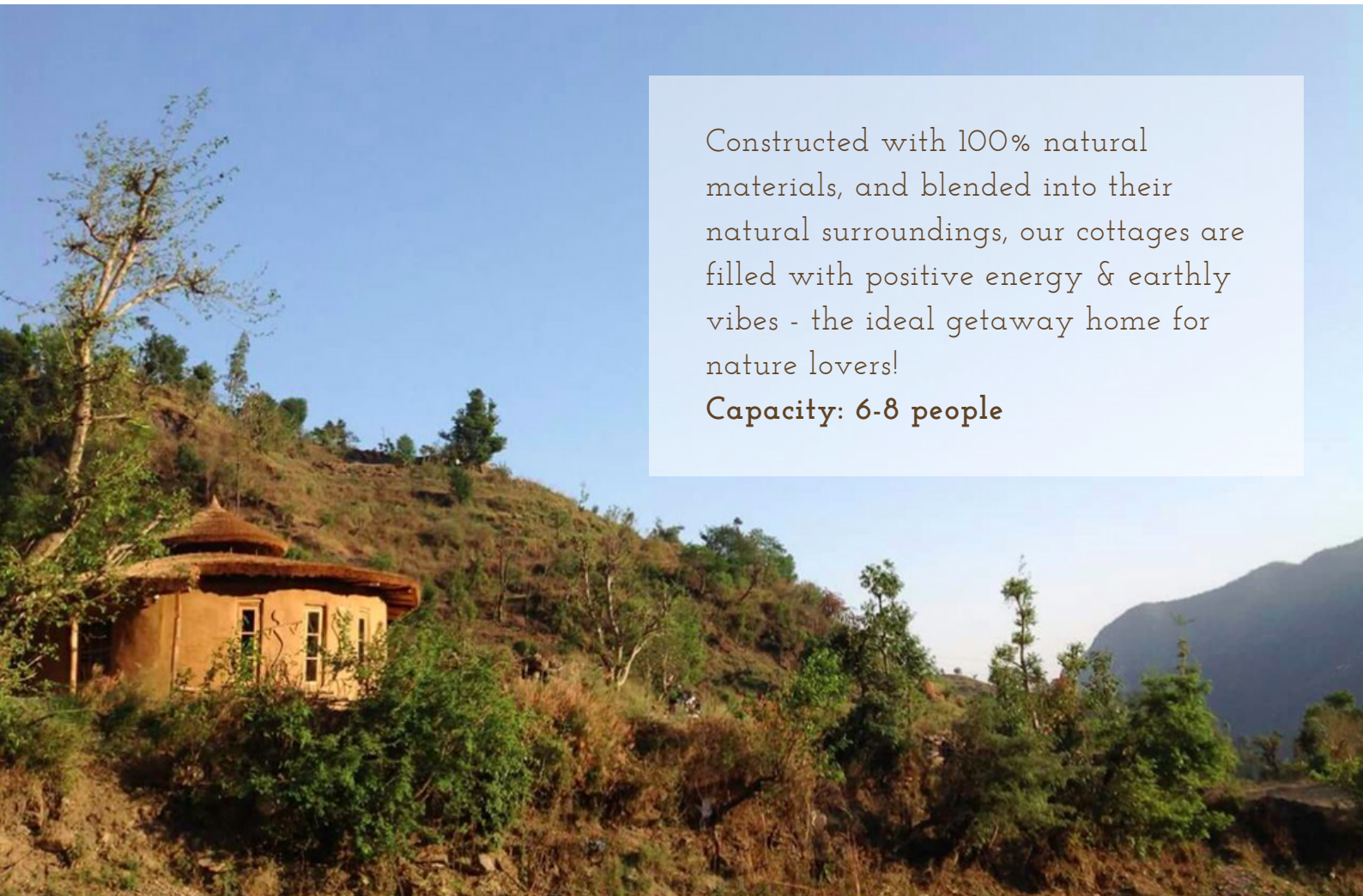


BOUTIQUE COTTAGES

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



INTELLIGENTLY
DESIGNED
SPACES





LCD Projector



Separate toilet blocks
for girls & boys



Filtered drinking
water



Restaurant &
reading area



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