Welcome Tigers!

You are about to be part of an institution that is gradually enhancing its reputation as being one of the nation's best-kept secrets! Established in 1856, Auburn University has grown substantially to include 13 schools and colleges under its belt. As of 2019, the university is considered to be one of the best educational institutions in the state of Alabama. Assuming that you're reading this page in India, we look forward to providing you with a gist of Auburn University's campus life. So, without wasting too much time let's catch up on some facts, figures and things to look forward to for the rest of your stay at Auburn.

Firstly, if you are still wondering whether you have made the right decision, we are pleased to tell you that you have no reason to worry! We know that it's difficult to judge from the Internet, but Auburn is neither a big city nor a quaint little town. In fact, it is a college town located near the crossover to Georgia, 2hrs (drive time) from Atlanta. (The expanse of USA is such that we have to measure distances in units of time!) Once you've navigated your way into Auburn, you should be familiarized yourself with the locations of the following buildings:

- Ralph Brown Draughon Library
- James E. Foy Hall
- Hargis Hall
- Mary Martin Hall
- Student Center
- > Shelby Center for Engineering Technology

It's also worth remembering that American Football is a way of life at Auburn. We have our very own college team which has been the SEC Champions 3 times in the past and been the National Champions twice. Auburn University is also home to the prestigious Jordan-Hare stadium which boasts a mammoth seating capacity of 87451. Having experienced the fun filled atmosphere during home games, we would highly recommend you to go and be part of tail-gating events hosted by the University across various locations on campus. If you are lucky enough you might also receive free tickets for the games. Be sure to check out Toomer's Corner after Auburn wins a game. The home crowd revels unanimously by throwing rolls of toilet paper on trees! In general, if you want to experience the football spirit at Auburn you just need to shout, "War Eagle!!" to anyone you come across on the streets. Finally, be sure not to confuse American Football with Soccer or Rugby as you would probably end up on the receiving end of body-crunching tackles otherwise!

Auburn is also passionate about celebrating public holidays and events such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, Easter and many more. To get a hang of all the happenings around campus be sure to register yourself on <u>AUInvolve</u>. In order to attend events related to career and personality development, we would strongly recommend you to create an account on <u>Handshake</u>. It is your chance to get to know some amazing people and build a strong network!

As far as lifestyle is concerned, we can assure you that Auburn is quite affordable. The main realtors here are Northcutt Realty, First Realty and Auburn Realty. Their apartment units are located at varying distances from the University. You can either choose to stay near and walk to campus or opt for living farther away and commuting via Tiger Transit. To sustain yourself, Auburn has opportunities for you to work part-time inside the campus. You can find out about various job openings here.

We know it can be intimidating to get accustomed to new surroundings. Hence, once you get here, we shall be providing you with Temporary Accommodations so that you can find yourself a place to live in with the people you want.

As the Indian population at Auburn has been steadily increasing, a few grocery stores (like Goal Post) have decided to make various Indian foods like chapatis, parathas, pickles, rice, maggi and ready-to-eat recipes available with them. You will also be able to shop for vegetables, cereals, and meat at these places. To avail cheaper prices, Tiger Transit provides a shuttle service to departmental stores like Walmart, Kroger, and Asian Supermarket every Friday from 5.30 pm.

Auburn also happens to be home to the Recreational and Wellness Center more commonly known as the Rec. It is a unique state-of-the-art fitness and recreational sports facility that caters to all aspects of your health. Dubbed as one of the finest in the United States, the Rec is the place where you can go to rebuild yourself after a long and tiring day of lectures! If you're interested in participating in a plethora of intramural competitions such as soccer, basketball or volleyball, then the Campus Rec is the place to be.

All in all, we understand the apprehensions that you might me encountering before deciding to take a leap of faith. Auburn is a warm and hospitable town with magnanimous people ranging from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Once you come here, you shall be treated with kindness, niceness, and respect. People here are ambitious and hard-working as well! So, if you identify with any of these traits don't hesitate to join us and make your dreams come true!

Jai Hind and War Eagle!