

Chennai – Pondicherry Trip

On Friday morning, we, the students of classes 9 and 11 got up at 4:45 am for our journey to Chennai. At 5 am we got into our ac buses and left for Chennai. Our first stop was at EMS Mayura for our breakfast. At around 1:30 pm, we stopped for lunch at Hotel Rama's Cafe, after which we had our special ice creams .We got back into our buses and prepared for the long journey ahead of us. Both the buses were filled with joy as the boys were dancing and singing. After about 9 hours of travelling and a few stops we finally managed to reach 'Chennai'. At 10:30 pm we reached hotel Dolphin Park and checked into our rooms. After which, we had our dinner and retired to our beds.

The second day started with the boys getting up at 7:30 am. After breakfast we left for the Government Museum, Egmore. The museum was filled with ancient artefacts such as weaponry, coins, musical instruments, and handicrafts. We were also informed about the tribes who had lived in India and the tools, pottery, and idols they had used. Valuables from the Indus Valley Civilisation were also preserved in the museum. Another building of the same museum had stones statues and information about various species of animals. After experiencing the museum, we left for St.George's Fort .The museum inside had a large collection of coins, medals, sculptures, portraits and paintings during the period of British rule in India. The museum also contained the first ever Indian Flag that was used during independence. After that we had lunch at Hotel Ashoka. After lunch, we went to Express Avenue mall, shopping. After spending about two hours at the mall we left for Marina beach. The beach was beautiful and the skyline was fabulous and electric. We stayed on the beach and had fun, till the time came for us to leave the beach. We had dinner at Betel Leaf, not to mention the amazing biriyani and chicken we had there. After that we left for our hotels and crashed into our beds.

The next day began with the same routine. We visited the Snake Park, where we saw various types of reptiles. Our group also attended an informative programme about the snakes. After the visit to snake park we had an ice cream break and left for Mahabalipuram. We had our lunch at a hotel on the highway and visited the Crocodile Bank. Our students were astonished to see so many species of crocodiles at the same place. We reached Mahabalipuram at around 4:30 pm and

visited the famous shore temple. We also had fun on the beach and left for Pondicherry at around 6:00 pm. We reached hotel Paradise at around 8:15 to have our dinner and then left for Hotel Grand Serena .We reached the majestic hotel at exactly 9:03 and retired to our beds immediately.

On the last day we got up early and spent time splashing around in the pool .We had breakfast and then left at 9 am. We left for Auroville and visited Mantri Mandir after a 3 kilometre walk. Then we had lunch and left for Aurobindo Ashram. After visiting Asharam we went for the walk across the Rock beach in Pondicherry, where we saw the French consulate and secretariat building. Our trip ended the moment we stepped into our bus. We had dinner at hotel Rama's cafe where we met the other students. We had long journey back home and reached school at 6.45 am on the morning of 25th September 2018.

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