

# Educational Trip to Amritsar 2017 [Class X]

An educational trip to Amritsar, Punjab was organised for students of the of Class X from 14th October' 2017 to 16<sup>th</sup> October' 2017 aimed at apprising the students with the culture and history of Punjab. The trip covered landmarks in Amritsar relevant to its culture and the independence movement of India.

After a long train journey and lunch at the hotel, students alighted at 'Sadda Pind', a traditional Punjabi village, where they were treated to delicious Punjabi food and also got to enjoy various rides and games. They were also able to get a glimpse of Punjabi culture through displays such as cottages, huts, charpoys, traditional music and dance presented by a cultural group of performers. The second day entailed a visit to the Golden Temple. Students got to witness the mesmerising appearance and the rich history of the temple, and were also familiarised with the religious importance of the *Guru Granth Sahib*, the holy book of the Sikhs. This was followed by a visit to Jallianwala Bagh. The students got a vivid narration of the open fire at the order of General Dyer on an unarmed crowd assembled in the park in 1919. The students were also taken to Wagah Border, where they got to watch the armed soldiers on the border. The day ended with everyone enjoying music and dance at the hotel.



Visit to the Govindgarh Fort was an enchanting experience. Students learnt and explored the lesser known facets about Maharaja Ranjit Singh. Audio and visual depiction, interviews of eyewitnesses, mementos such as diaries, clothes, letters, etc. of people who experienced the bygone era, left a lasting impact. Students also saw a 7D movie which gave a vivid glimpse of the life and times of Maharaja Ranjit Singh. It was a great experience for the students to be able to go beyond what they had been learning in textbooks and helped them gain a new perspective towards the history of Indian Independence. All in all, it was a perfect blend of fun and learning, and a very enriching experience for all the students.