

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."- Augustine of Hippo

4th December 2023- The two-day educational excursion to Amritsar organized by ST THOMAS School, Loni



from 1^{st} December – 3^{rd} December 23, aimed to provide students with $\frac{1}{2}$ hands-on learning experiences and broaden their understanding of history and culture. With 43 students accompanied by teachers and a tour escort, the trip promised to be an enriching journey of discovery.

The excursion commenced with a visit to the Durgiana Temple, renowned for its significance as a repository of Hindu scriptures. Students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the spiritual ambience and learn about Hindu traditions and architecture. Later in the evening, the emotional visit to Jallianwala Bagh stirred the students' hearts as they delved into the historical importance of the

site, reflecting on India's struggle for independence.

The much-awaited highlight of the trip was the visit to the Golden Temple, also known as Harmandir Sahib, the holiest Sikh Gurudwara. Students were captivated by the serene atmosphere and architectural splendor of this iconic religious site. The experience provided them with a profound insight into Sikhism and its values.

In the evening, the excursion team proceeded to the Wagah Border, where they witnessed the mesmerizing beating retreat ceremony. Located near the Radcliffe Line, the border between India and Pakistan, the ceremony conducted by the Indian



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Border Security Force (BSF) and Pakistan Rangers (PR) left the students in awe of the patriotic fervor and ceremonial traditions.



As the students boarded the bus back to Delhi on the evening of December 2 nd, they carried with them numerous pleasurable memories and valuable insights gained from their excursion to Amritsar. The trip not only provided them with a deeper understanding of history and culture but also 2 instilled in them a sense of appreciation for the rich heritage of India. Such educational excursions play a vital role in shaping the minds of students and fostering a spirit of curiosity and exploration.

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