

CLASS IX EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO KOCHI, MUNNAR, THEKKADY

Our Educational tour to Kochi, Munnar and Thekkady commenced on 22nd September 2025 with 63 students and accompanying teachers. We departed from Hyderabad Airport on Indigo Flight 6E-6234 and, upon reaching Kochi, checked into the Ginger Hotel. After a brief rest, we explored major landmarks such as **Mattancherry Palace** and the iconic **Chinese Fishing Nets**. The day concluded with a serene sunset cruise along **Kochi Harbour**, where students admired the city's maritime heritage and scenic beauty. The experience provided an engaging start to our journey, blending learning with leisure in a vibrant coastal setting.



On **23rd September**, we departed early for Munnar and checked into the Maximus T & U Leisure Hotel. After lunch, we visited the **Kolukkumalai Tea Estate**, where students learned about the tea-making process while enjoying the breathtaking hill views. In the evening, they witnessed a vibrant cultural program featuring **Kathakali and Kalaripayattu** performances—one of the most memorable highlights of the tour. The day concluded on a high note, with everyone retiring early to prepare for the next leg of the journey.



On **24th September**, we began the day with a visit to **Mattupetty Dam** before continuing our journey to Thekkady after breakfast. On the way, we stopped at the **Philip Honey Bee Farm**, where students gained interesting insights into honey production. Upon arrival, we checked into the Holiday Vista Hotel and had lunch. Later, the group explored the Spice Plantation, enjoyed sightseeing around Periyar Lake, and rounded off the day with an exciting **Jeep Safari** through the Wildlife Sanctuary.





On the final day, **25th September**, after breakfast, we began our return journey to Kochi by bus. Following lunch, we visited the **Adi Shankaracharya Shrine** in Kalady, the revered birthplace of Adi Shankara, located a short distance from Kochi Airport. In the evening, the group proceeded to the airport and boarded Indigo Flight 6E-742, reaching Hyderabad safely by 10:25 PM, marking a smooth and memorable conclusion to our educational tour.



Observations

Throughout the journey, students remained enthusiastic, followed instructions responsibly, and demonstrated commendable teamwork. The accompanying teachers ensured the group's safety and comfort, allowing all activities to run smoothly. Parents were kept informed at every stage, and despite minor travel delays, the itinerary was executed as planned. Overall, the tour proved to be a meaningful and memorable learning experience for all.

Learning Outcomes

- Gained firsthand exposure to tea and spice cultivation, wildlife conservation, and eco-tourism practices.
- Experienced Kerala's traditional art forms, including Kathakali and Kalaripayattu.
- Developed a deeper appreciation for the state's rich culture, local industries, and learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

Conclusion & Acknowledgment

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the school management, Principal, HM, and teachers for their constant guidance and support throughout the trip. Our special thanks to GB Internationals for their efficient coordination and arrangements. The tour concluded smoothly, leaving everyone with enriching experiences and cherished memories.