



## **Golden Temple: The Spiritual Zenith**

*“The Palace of the Lord God is so beautiful. Within it, there are gems, rubies, pearls and flawless diamonds. A fortress of gold surrounds this Source of Nectar.”*

*- Guru Nanak Dev Ji*

Countless tourist destinations exist in the world but when it comes to spiritual bliss, there is no match for the Golden Temple. It is also known as ‘Sri Harmandir Sahib’ which means ‘Abode of God’. The serene atmosphere and divine power is such that once someone lands here, they would never wish to go back to their mundane life.

I am one of the blessed souls to have visited the ‘earthly heaven’ during these summer vacations. It was a short two-day trip. We booked an Airbnb to stay for our visit.

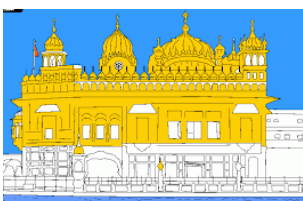
On the first day we reached Amritsar and had some rest getting ready to embark on a marvelous and power packed journey.



The next day we reached the Golden Temple at 11 am. The first sight of the holy place gave such indescribable soothing vibes. We took a dip in the ‘Amrit Sarovar’ or ambrosial pool. The water has a divine effect and amazing healing properties that can cure diseases. Watching the calm & ever moving waves of the holy pool was an absolute delight. We began our circumambulation and paid obeisance at the holy shrines of the great devotees whose lives are an example of devotion, humility and selflessness. Then we entered the holy temple. It took us 1.5 hours to reach inside due to the extended queue of countless devotees. It has four entrances which signify equality.

We bowed to Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and seated ourselves in the top floor. Listening to the hymns gave much peace and tranquility. Not only it is a place of worship, but also an architectural marvel with the white marble flooring, beautiful floral motifs embossed on the walls and golden plating. Then we had a scrumptious meal ‘Langar’- the Holy Kitchen with the Kesar Halwa winning my heart. We ended the trip by performing the devotional service of washing the dishes and visiting the Central Sikh Museum which has the entire Sikh history at one place.

Overall, the trip was just beatific. The serene, divine, powerful and positive vibes can’t be penned down in words. It indeed is a paradise, one and only of its kind!!



**Brahmbir Singh (Class X C)**

**Reporter, Student Editorial**



## A Holiday with the Pharaohs

I always wanted to visit the Seven Wonders of the World. The Taj Mahal and The Colosseum had already been checked off my list but this time I decided to go for something a little more historical. Something unique. Something like ... The Pyramids of Giza!

My parents and I stepped out of the airport into the blistering, sweltering heat. We called the tour guide and she arrived soon. After dropping our luggage at the hotel, we zoomed off towards the Pyramids.

When we left for Egypt, I had no idea it was going to be so magical. I gasped in awe at the architectural masterpiece in front of us. Be it the Pyramids, the temple of Abu Simbel, the Sphinx, the temple of Hatshepsut, they all had me enraptured with their beauty and mystique, giving me a glimpse into the historical ancient Egypt, the people, their kings and their Gods. I even went down into the crypt of one of the pyramids and visited tombs of pharaohs in their final resting place in the Valley of Kings. To see tombs so elaborately and beautifully decorated was an experience in itself.

The Karnak Temple deserves special mention as it was built over a period of several centuries by 12 of Egypt's pharaohs, each continuing the design of their predecessors. Its Hypostyle Hall is filled with humongous pillars, towering over 30 feet and covered in intricate designs also known as hieroglyphics, the language of ancient Egypt.

The hot air balloon ride to view the sunrise in Luxor, the Felucca ride over the Nile in Aswan and visiting the famous tourist market, Khan-el-Khalil in Cairo offered a striking contrast to all the history that Egypt had to offer. I came back home with a new found respect for ancient Egyptians and how technologically advanced they were for their time. This trip to Egypt was exceptional and I made some amazing, everlasting memories. It taught me about Egypt's unique ancestry and history. I recommend that you all also visit Egypt to not only learn more about a completely different culture but also to see how devoted the Ancient Egyptians were to their gods, goddesses and pharaohs.



**Myra Goel (Class VI D)**

## My trip to Chail

I travelled to Chail on May 31, 2022. It was a trip planned by our school and the Pep Turf team. I was the only girl in my class who chose to go. Since I had no friends to accompany me, I was worried about being alone. But my new friends, Sukhjot, Geet, and Mehreen, made me feel at ease as I shared my room with them. It was a fun trip, and I learnt new things like tent pitching, valley crossing, zip-lining, and so on. The best part is that I learnt to be an independent girl. I also overcame my fear of valley crossings and zip lining; I was afraid I'd break my spine or the rope would snap, causing me to fall and die. Overall, it was a fantastic experience full of adventure and excitement. This trip was enjoyable for me.



**Archisha Verma (Class VI B)**



### **A Holy trip to Vaishno Devi**

My grandparents' anniversary was on 14 April 2022. My parents surprised them with the news of going to Katra. We gathered our belongings and proceeded to the train station. Our train was scheduled for 8:30 a.m., but we reached at 7:15 a.m., and thus we ate at the railway station. The 'Vande Bharat Express' arrived. We arrived at Katra Railway Station at 2:10 p.m. after travelling for 4-5 hours. From there, we took auto rickshaws to our hotel "The Leaf." After checking in, we dined, rested briefly, and then began our trek.

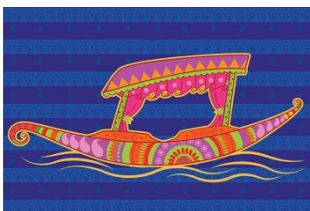
We arrived at the Vaishno Devi temple's entrance around 3:30 p.m. The entry point was guarded by BSF and J&K police officers. After our bags were scanned, we were allowed to enter. From there, we hired a "palki" to take my grandfather to the centre of our destination. My parents and I walked 5-10 km to get to Ardhwari, where my grandfather was waiting for us. We hired a battery car and drove about 2 kilometres to Darbar. When we arrived, we were told to keep our belongings, including phones and watches, in the locker.

We waited in line for about 2 - 3 hours before finally getting our darshan of "Mata Rani." Following our prayers, we proceeded to a long den. We were exhausted, so we decided to buy helicopter tickets and had high tea. After 45 minutes, we arrived at the helipad. It was a cold day. We arrived in Katra, checked out of the hotel and boarded our train back home. It was an unforgettable journey!

**Aarush Sunil Chaudhary (X A)**

### **The City of Lakes, Srinagar**

This is a journal of my trip to "Srinagar," the city of lakes. It was a family vacation of about ten people. We flew directly from Chandigarh to Srinagar. We then took a van to our hotel for the night. At 11 a.m., we arrived at the hotel and had breakfast. Despite the fact that the water was near freezing, we went boating in Dal Lake. We had some snacks, including the special Maggi, and tea. Then we went to the Shankaracharya temple. The climb was difficult and exhausting, but the view was soothing, peaceful, and spiritual.



We got up at 5 a.m. the next morning and drove to Gulmarg. Because of the fog, it took us about two and a half hours to get there. We had a hotel reservation, so we got ready, ate breakfast, and took the ropeway to Gondola Pass, which was breathtaking. Reaching back to our hotel, we had a special dinner planned with Born Fire and live music. I thoroughly enjoyed one of the best Kashmiri dishes, 'Nadru yakhni.' The next morning, we drove four hours to Pahalgam and explored the outskirts. We went shopping for souvenirs, pashminas, and Dorjes, a type of bell.

We also visited Betaab Valley and did zip lining. We returned to Srinagar the next morning because we had a flight that evening. It was an amazing trip!

**Daksh (IX B)**





## Trip to Sukhna Lake

We went to the lake  
To take a break  
We were tired  
We needed to be inspired

We were stuck in our home  
And there was nowhere to roam,  
It was a good weather  
It could have something better

It was rainy and muddy  
Fun playing with my buddy

We went to eat  
A yummy treat  
Our stomachs blew  
To home we flew  
It was fun  
We enjoyed the run



**Tavleen Badwal (VII D)**

## My Visit to Chail: Memories to Cherish. . .

Chail is the most beautiful and peaceful town in Himachal Pradesh. Every tourist wishes to visit the location because of its breath-taking scenery, delicious food, and fresh fruits. I'd been to Chail before, but this time I went on a school trip with my friends. We boarded the bus at 4:30 a.m. and arrived in Chail around 10:00 a.m. We got our refreshments and checked into our hotel, "Village Inn." The hotel was surrounded by mountains, beautiful gardens, and the melodious sound of birds chirping. After checking into the hotel, we prepared for the first activity of the day, poly farming. We saw a variety of Carnation plants as well as many beautiful sunflowers. We had a great time despite losing the game Tug of War. We then ate dinner and relaxed in our room.

The next day, we woke up early for Valley Crossing and Zipline. It was terrifying at first, but a lot of fun. We had a bonfire night, followed by a dance party. I performed Bhangra with my friends. On the last day of our trip, we hiked from Solan to Karol Tibha. We boarded our buses in the evening and arrived in Mohali around 10 p.m. It was an exciting and educational journey. This trip will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will cherish the memories for the rest of my life.



**Parisha Pandey (X D)**

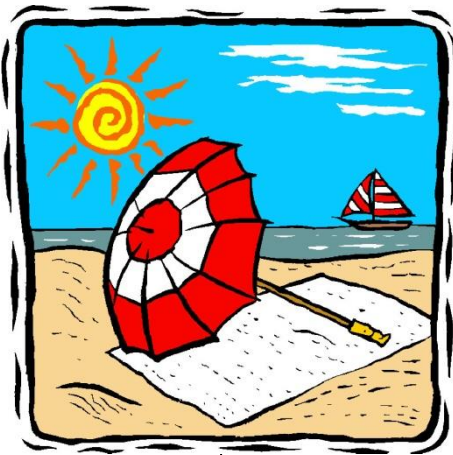


## Dare to live: Travel

Travelling jobs fill your pockets, adventures fill your soul  
Remember that happiness is a way of travel, not a destination  
Go, fly, roam, travel, voyage, explore, journey, discover, adventure  
Some beautiful paths can't be discovered without getting lost  
Travel is an investment for you  
Travel opens your heart, broadens your mind and fills in stories  
You love places that make you realise how tiny your problems are  
Travel makes you realise that no matter how much you know  
There's always more to learn  
Like all the great travellers, I have seen more than I remember  
But I have even more to discover in this God's beautiful creation  
Remember that Life is short and the world is wide  
So, dare to live the life you've always wanted



Riyanshi (IX B)



## Goa

We reached Goa by flight,  
It was an unbelievable sight.  
So many cultures are present here,  
Mountains and beaches everywhere.  
Dhalo is the folk dance,  
A delight to meet dolphins, by chance.

We had to end our trip,  
The beauty of Goa is and will be a thrill.  
Food, water sports, fun and rest  
Goa is the best!

Deven Garg (VII A)



# Visit to the city of lakes Srinagar

The memories of my visit to Srinagar with my family are still fresh in my mind. I can never forget that mesmerizing beauty of paradise on earth – Srinagar.

We took a flight from Chandigarh and were in Srinagar in an hour. The moment we got off our flight the sight of extra security hassled me a bit but no difficulty was faced later.

It is one of the most gorgeous destinations. It was always on my travel wishlist. Enticing rivers, snow covered mountain peaks, beautiful Dal Lake, shikara rides, roads lined with majestic Chinar trees and much more to be explored. The majestic Char Chinar in the middle of the Dal Lake has its own secrets to whisper as you glide past them in colourful shikaras. These trees remind me of the old Bollywood movies.

We basked under the crisp sun and indulged in cheerful conversation about the city with local people over a cup of ‘Kahwah.’

We stayed in houseboats there. These houseboats are beautifully kept and have all basic amenities. People welcome you with a smile and serve delicious food. I loved their cuisine ‘Wazwan’. Riding through the lotus around and a small mini market in the lake to shop is beautiful.

We went to Sonmarg, Gulmarg and Pehalgam. These hill stations are around Srinagar. Majestic peaks in the backdrop, colourful flowers, and laden meadows make these hill stations a must-visit. We visited Saffron fields and apple orchards on the way. I also saw almonds and walnuts growing. Gulmarg Gondola cable car ride was a very different experience. We enjoyed many activities there.

The Mughal Gardens of Srinagar are beautifully maintained. We had a fun-filled picnic there. Srinagar has something for everyone. For the shopping enthusiast, there are endless options to fill your bags with – handmade carpets, paper-mache accessories, walnut boxes and hand-crafted silver jewellery. For the epicureans, the Kashmiri Wazwan cuisine is embedded with such delightful flavours that it will leave you wanting more. If sport is what interests you, you can play golf at the highest golf course in the world at 9,500 feet above sea level.

Experience pure bliss while relaxing amongst the valleys where Gods themselves reside!

Gurinayat Kaur (IX C)

## Trip to Solan



Solan is on the way to Kalka and Shimla. Solan has emerged as one of the most beautiful places to visit in Himachal Pradesh. It is the gateway to other well-known hill stations such as Kasauli and Chail, because of its large tomato production, Solan is also known as the city of red gold.

My family and I had planned a trip to Solan from Chandigarh. We stayed at the 'Cassia Resorts.' We reserved two rooms. We ate some snacks and lunch and later went to the swimming pool. We refreshed ourselves by playing cricket and taking pictures. Then we played regular games and also went out for trekking. We enjoyed the beautiful view of the hills.

We stayed for three days and returned home after having a great time.

Pragun (VIII C)





## *Nothing like Travelling. . .*



Traveling enables us to explore, see the unseen, and understand the unknown. At the same time, not everyone travels for the same reasons.

Some travel for education and experience, while others travel for pleasure, business, and so on. Without travel, our education and book knowledge remain incomplete. We can learn a lot by travelling. It teaches us about trade and commerce, language, sociology, customs, culture, history, and geography. Besides, there are some special benefits of travelling. If a person does not travel, he becomes monotonous, dull and callous. Travelling relieves boredom and provides enjoyment. It also broadens our perspective and refreshes our minds. A good traveller has the ability to educate others. He has first-hand knowledge of geography and foreign affairs. I really enjoy travelling.

**Divyanshi Tandon (IX A)**

## *Travelling is fun with school friends*



In the month of May, my school announced an excursion to Chail, Dist. Shimla (HP) for an excursion trip. Everyone in the classroom including me were so excited to be a part of this tour. I submitted the consent form and was ready for an exciting school trip. I woke up early at 3.20 A.M on May 31. I reached my school at 4.40 A.M. We boarded the school buses at 5.45 A.M. after getting our attendance marked.

I enjoyed sight-seeing the beautiful mountains, trees and the water flowing. At Mint Cafe in Dharampur, we were served milk shakes, sandwiches, Pav Bhaji along with muffins and cakes. The food was delicious.

Then we reached the Exotic resorts, the camping site of the Pep Turf team at 12.30 P.M. We went to the dorms and left our baggage there. After taking rest, we went to the common area outside in the ground and reported to Col. Manoj, our instructor. As per the schedule, we went to the Poly- farm and stayed and saw some flowers grown inside the farm. We then went to a nearby valley for valley-crossing. We then had a tea and snacks break. Following it, we played few games with our teachers and the Pep Turf staff. We later enjoyed a scrumptious dinner and then went out in the lawn for the bonfire night. At 10.30 PM we went back to our dorms for a good sleep after an exhausting day. Next morning, we started our day with a good 3km trek uphill. At the halt, we took some selfies and sang few songs after which we went to watch some monkeys and langoors. Our final destination was a small lake at the top and from there we arrive back at our camps. We all had a tea break at 4.50 pm followed by ziplining. We then went to tent pitching where we learnt how to make a tent and remove them. It was an awesome learning experience. there was a bonfire dance which we all joined followed by a nice dinner. We went to sleep by 10.30. We all woke up a bit late by 7.00 am as it was our last day at the camping resort.

We moved to the nearby Mandir named Kaali Tibba which is a holy place to worship. Then we went back to our camps to pack our bags as we had to go back home. We were very happy and a bit low as we didn't want to return from such a wonderful place. Our parents were waiting excitedly for us at the school campus. I came back home with lovely memories that I will cherish forever.

**Harneet Singh (VII B)**



## *Visit to Kerala. . .*



My family and I had an amazing trip to Kerala, the land of waters. We reached the airport at 4:30 am. We took the luggage and dashed away. Yes!! Soon I saw the Indigo airlines standing, we boarded the plane. I saw the sun rising it made a kaleidoscope of a lighter shade of orange and marine blue. It was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen. After reaching to our destination, our cab took us to a hotel named "Plum Judy". The room was pretty good and it had both a big tub and a jacuzzi, my favourites. There was a locker too in which I kept my travel diary and I also put on the password too. We spend some time in the Jacuzzi. After that I went to take my diary from the locker but oh no! I forgot the password I was really upset as it had all my stories to tell. At 9:00 we went down stairs for dinner and then a man helped us to open my locker, I was relieved. The next day we went to the amusement park. We went into the horror house for the first time. I scooped in my mother and so I barely saw anything but it was scary. I was really dizzy to go somewhere else, so I drank some orange juice. Then we went back to the hotel and joined the party at the hotel terrace. The menu was special for the party but I focused on the desserts. There were chocolate cakes and puddings and more sweetness. Then the next day we went to the tea park to learn about some unique



spices from the guide. We tasted some of them too. Then we went for an elephant ride that was fun. The elephant's name was Budra. Then we were dropped to another hotel named "Holiday Vista". We checked in and planned to visit the beach nearby. My sister and I were obsessed with all kinds of beach activities so we got busy in that. Just then there was a big wave and the next thing I know I was inside the salty water all wet. My mother took me out, I got scared. I had a bad time as my nose started itching with sea water and we had to go back to the hotel room. The night was a disaster too as there

was all kinds of seafood that we all didn't like, so we filled our stomach with spicy fish curry. We stayed in the house boat for 2 days 1 night. Early in the morning we decided to take a walk by the beach. There was a little puppy sitting, cuddled up in the sand pit. We bought some biscuits from the room and fed it. The houseboat started moving and soon I could see the sun shining bright on sweet looking backwater. It was mesmerizing. The houseboat stopped near the markets and we got off to buy some snacks. On our way we saw live crabs. We enjoyed our tea and shakes by the front view of the water. The time passed so quick that the 9 days trip was over and we were going back home. That night I couldn't sleep thinking of leaving. We went to a mall where we had our lunch and did some shopping too. Then took our flight back to Delhi. I wish this trip could never end. I will come back soon Kerala!

**Aarna Bhalla (VII A)**

## *A Day Out with Family*

During my summer vacation, I visited the Elante mall in Chandigarh and had a great time there. I went to the gaming section and experienced a virtual reality 'zombie vision,' which was both terrifying and exciting. Following that, we went to the bowling section. It was my first time playing this game, and I had a great time. I made a few mistakes but also struck once. We then played a few more games. We played a basketball game in which you received tickets based on your score. It was also enjoyable. After that, we ate some South Indian food and went shopping. I had a great time that day and was thoroughly entertained.

**Kavya Bansal (VII A)**





## *Trip to Jaipur*

It was the 28th of May, my last day of school before the summer break. I was overjoyed to learn that during my summer vacation, my family and I will travel to Jaipur, also known as the Pink City.

On the first of June, we woke up early and prepared for the long journey; Jaipur is 503 kilometres from my house. We left at 7:00 a.m. By lunchtime, we reached Rajasthan and stopped for lunch at Neemrana. We were exhausted by 9:00 p.m. when we arrived at the hotel, so we ate our dinner and slept.



The next day, we woke up early and decided to visit the Pink City Market. We went to a large market called Bapu Bazar and roamed there for many hours. We also did a lot of shopping, purchased Rajasthani suits and kurtas. The next day, we decided to visit all of Jaipur's forts. First, we took a rickshaw to Hawa Mahal. We wanted to go inside, but due to the long queue we didn't. Then we went to Jal Mahal which was very beautiful. There we also put the dough in the water for the ducks there.

After that, we ate lunch and went to Jantar Mantar, where we learned how the ancient people used to see the time and locate directions. It is also a place where all the zodiac signs of humans are written. From there, we could also see the Amber Fort. It was almost night when we returned to our hotel, ate dinner, and slept. The next day, we decided to go to Pushkar and Ajmer, which are about 100 kilometres away from Jaipur. We first went to a holy temple in Ajmer, which was full of tourists. Then we went to Pushkar, where we saw the holy lake and enjoyed a gondola ride before returning to our hotel. The next day was our return trip home. It was entertaining, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I'd like to go on another fun-filled trip like this one. I would recommend everyone to visit this lovely location and spend some time with their loved ones in this heavenly place!

**Harshit Jerath (VIII C)**

## *A memorable trip to Manali*



Manali is a popular tourist destination in India and serves as the gateway to the Lahaul and Spiti district as well as the city of Leh in Ladakh.) During my summer vacation, I went to Manali. We left our house at 4:00 p.m. and arrived at 6:00 p.m. in our Manali tree house. Following that, we went trekking to Hamta Pass. Then we returned to our hotel, ate dinner, and went to bed. The next morning, we went to the Ski Resort and rested for a while before heading to Solang Valley. The timber trail ride was both refreshing and thrilling. My parents went in for zip lining however I was afraid of it. We had a good time near the picturesque Beas

River valley and returned to our hotel after an exhausting day.

The following day, we visited Atal Tunnel and marvelled at the scenic beauty of the Rohtang Valley. Then we went shopping and explored the local shops on Mall Road. We had an incredible spiritual experience at the Buddha monastery and Hadimba temple. This was a memorable trip.

**Arindam Singh (VI D)**





## Manrega Park: A Heaven on the Hill

On the hills,  
Where nature thrives.  
Where the sparrows still survive,  
Despite their plight.  
Where the apples covered with nets of white,  
Lies a park who is always ready to invite.

Covered with tall trees of Devdar,  
A small pond for boating is also not far.  
Winds dancing and giggling, rush all around,  
Soothing music accompanying, is also found.

The place blessed with temples,  
It feels like deities are looking upon us.  
Spending only a few hours there,  
Wouldn't do it justice.  
Being there is the best way,  
To run away from city stress.



## Avista Thakur (X A)

Ramdas Nagar  
Sanipur road  
Sirhind

27 June 2022

Dear Shubdeep

I hope this letter finds you in good health. I'm writing this letter to tell you about my amazing three-day family trip to Dalhousie.

We set out for Dalhousie at 8 a.m. and arrived around 3 p.m. In Pathankot, we stopped for breakfast. We first reserved a room at the Indra Prasata hotel in Dalhousie. The hotel was outstanding. We went to the local market that evening and experienced refreshing breeze of the beautiful view. After two hours, we returned to the hotel for dinner.

The following day, we travelled to Khizar, which is located near Dalhousie. It's a breath-taking location. It is also called mini-Switzerland. There, we played some adventure games. We stayed there for about 3-4 hours before returning. On the third day, we explored some other beautiful places near Dalhousie before returning to our house. This trip was a lot of fun for us. You should also plan to visit Dalhousie during your summer vacation.

Your friend

**Japtesh Singh Bains (VII A)**





## *A trip to Goa*

My family and I travelled to Goa on June 5th. Goa is a paradise. Baga beach is one of the Goa's most well-known tourist destinations, ranking first on the list. Baga beach is much more crowded at night than in the morning because Goa is known for its nightlife. Baga has its own night-time beauty with lights. I was so happy and relaxed when we went to Baga beach for the first time.

We stayed at hotel "Vivanta," which has an amazing view of Miramar Beach right in front of it. We could see the sea from our room, which was amazing. Miramar Beach is in the process of becoming the next tourist destination. Although it was not as clean as Baga Beach, we had a great time. We collected many sea shells from there, and we also saw a very cute baby stingray. We saw baby crabs running on the sand and picked one up in our shovel with some water, but we let it go after a while. There were a lot of fishermen there, and they were using huge nets to catch fish. Just then, we noticed sea shells moving beneath the sand. I grabbed one and told my father to open it with something, and when he did, we all saw its feet. It was definitely something new for us.

I remember one of the shacks was called Bosco's Shack, and it was a small restaurant on the beach that was really amazing.

We went to Fontainhas, where the road was so clean and empty that it felt as if we were driving through Switzerland. It was so peaceful; the houses were so quiet because the residents were elderly. It was amazing to take pictures there, especially at night while returning through the bridge, which was illuminated with multi-colored lights. There were absolutely stunning and massive casino cruises. I had a great time on this trip.

**Inayat Joshan (VIII D)**

## *Paradise in Qatar*

Intricated with pearls, the place felt like  
Riches dripped, smelt evoluent  
As if on a nature hike  
Display of the serene waters at Corniche,  
Essence of it so divine  
Katara, though a village  
The beauty undefined,  
Constructed like a history with soul  
Artists near Souq Waqif made it whole,  
Took a boat, it hit a wave,  
But my experience seemed to wait  
For me to write about it  
Like it was just another day,  
Incomplete would've been my life,  
Had I not found a place like  
Doha, Qatar: my paradise.



**Sanjog Kaur (X D)**





## *The Unexpected Adventure*

Whenever you go on a trip, you expect to have fun, spend time with friends and family; and have a memorable experience. After nearly two years of being stuck at home due to the coronavirus, I took a trip with my family, but it was no ordinary trip. **Now the story begins.**

A cold, windy morning introduced us to the cold weather at Dharamshala. It was a meagre 38 degrees Celsius the day before, but now we were in the middle of snowy weather!

We had a nice cup of tea and wore our jackets as we took in the mesmerizing view of the beautiful mountains. Little did we know that the less sugar in the tea would be the least we would be worried about. Like every story and incident in my life, it all starts with someone screaming and falling to the ground. My cousins started to scream like clockwork as the ground beneath them gave way. Lightning from every corner struck the poles with such force that my friend standing near it, went flying into the air, plunging himself into the river.

Then right before us, the sky turned pink, and clouds started to swarm around a hand in the sky! I ran past the table, jumped onto the fence (like a ninja), and saved my brother as soon as I saw the hand bend down. As I stopped to ponder upon my newfound career, I was grabbed by the hand and thrown into the air. (As I was being flung up, I realised it was a wing, not a hand.)

I rummaged through my pocket, hoping to find a knife that could turn into a parachute, but alas to my luck, my ninja skills hadn't developed yet. I flew up past the mountains, and as I reached the top, I saw space, beautiful planets revolving (IDK, how I was breathing), but then the monster raised his wings, opened his mouth, and engulfed me in his rage of fire.

As my life flashed before my eyes, I saw the campsite where my family was cowering in fear, hoping that the apocalypse would end and I would descend as God. I closed my eyes, hoping the pain would end, but just then, I was yanked and back at the table sipping tea. They told me that I had fallen asleep and I believed it until I looked up the sky.



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**Shaurya Jain (X A)**

### *Summer Hearts*

A happy place with no wrong, no right  
 Finally flashed a smile so bright  
 Beneath the stars, beneath the sky  
 This is where the summer hearts ignite  
 Late drives on a moonlit night  
 The shiny sea and a red-carpet beach  
 Maybe in the books, this is where they reach  
 Under the moon and the perfect sight  
 This is where the summer heart ignites  
 With burning passion that can't be put out  
 Found happiness  
 Without the slightest idea of what life is about

**Karman Kaur (VIII C)**



## *My best vacation at Solan*

Solan is one of the Himachal Pradesh's most beautiful hill stations. It is 65.9 kilometers from Chandigarh. Solan is known as the "Mushroom City of India" due to the extensive mushroom farming in the area. Because of the tomato production in Solan, it is also called the "City of Red Gold."

My family and I took a five-day trip there. On the first day, we went to Riva Waterfall and had a great time. We had fun swimming, eating barbeque, and relaxing. We went to Heritage Temple on the second day. It was enormous, large, and spacious. It was also the most stunning temple that I had ever seen. It was exceptional. The main factor was how clean and green it was.

We went to Christ Church on the third day. It was an enjoyable experience. Then we got to ride the toy train. We enjoyed the natural scenery of Solan.

We spent the fifth day relaxing at our resort, Moksh Resort. It was a lovely resort with a luxurious spa. It was 5000 feet above sea level, which was incredible.

We returned to our hometown the following day. It was the best vacation ever.



**Tavleen Kaur (VII A)**

## *Ucha Kasuli Village*

I went on a trip to Ucha Kasuli Village with my class. I was really excited the night before the trip and I could barely sleep. To get there, we had to travel by bus. While on the road, we sang many songs, one of which was 'Everyone Belongs'. My class had sung this song in the assembly when we were in second grade. When we reached there, I was awestruck by the amazing view. There were hills, forests and nature all around us. The sky was as blue as a millionaire's swimming pool and as clear as ocean water. There were few clouds and I distinctly remember that a flock of birds, in a perfect 'V' formation, had flown over us. After our arrival, we gathered in a small grass-covered area and we were told what games and activities were planned for us for the day. We were even given juice boxes and cupcakes which I remember were certainly delicious.



Next, we had to go to these huge tents which were set up for us to drop our bags following which we were taken to an obstacle course. We played there for quite a while and I had never had so much fun spending time with my friends. Then, we were taken for camel and bullock cart riding. They both were very amusing and as I recall, even our teachers, who were accompanying us, participated in this particular activity. Next, we were taken to little sheds for our lunch and we ate our food sitting on the ground like we do in a Gurdwara Langar. After we finished our meal, with our stomachs full, we were given a clay cup to colour with oil pastels. I still have that cup which I had coloured in green and purple that I now use as a pencil holder. Later, towards the end of the day, we were taken into the forest and up a hill for hiking. We didn't see many animals but we did see many colourful birds. When we came back to our tents, we packed up our bags and walked towards our bus and returned to school.

The thing I liked most about this trip was that there was no pollution and I was in the company of nature's beauty, the cool wind and above all, my beloved friends and teachers.

**Shravya Chhabra (VIII B)**



## *My Travelogue*

On the very last day of May,  
We went on a journey so far away.  
On the bus, we had so much fun,  
It was something that couldn't be undone.

And as we reached the resort  
How beautiful was it full of beaud.  
We were given cottages to rest in the days,  
Very well made and full of grace.

On the very same day of the trip,  
Children were curious to see the view, so glorious  
We were sent into the field of flowers,  
Each one blooming in its own wonder.

At night we had a campfire,  
Very beautiful and full of admire.  
Some sang songs and some had talks,  
But some were uninterested and took a walk.

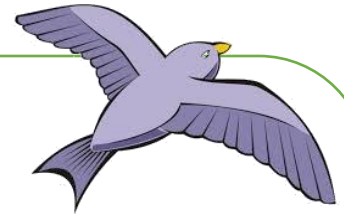
The second day was very fun,  
We ate food which was very yum.  
After that, we had a small walk to the mountain,  
We even saw a small fountain.  
Were told to rappel across,  
But only a few could make it to the tall grass.

People were excited on the third day,  
As we had to go on a trek far away.  
After that, we took some rest,  
Then went on another test.  
At last, we played a game  
It was about teamwork and fame.

Everyone had a great time,  
Memories can't be traded for a dime.  
Many had fun and many made friends,  
But sadly such an experience came to an end.



**Armaan Maheshwary (VIII A)**



## *Travel like a bird*

If I were a bird, I would fly high in the sky and travel around the world. The best thing would be that I would also be able to travel the world and see my friends. I would be counted in the world smallest species, cute and beautiful. I would build my nest on the branches of my favorite trees; no rules and laws would apply to me. I can cross the border from one country to another very easily. I always had admired different kinds of beautiful birds who fly freely above us. They look so happy and carefree. I could also fly above my house and above this place. I could fly above the buildings, mountains and hills and look down on people's houses and all through the city. Above all, being a bird, I would be able to know about their ways of living together. I would be able to know the secret of living peacefully which is generally absent in human world. I would be able to know their language and the way a bird talk to another bird.

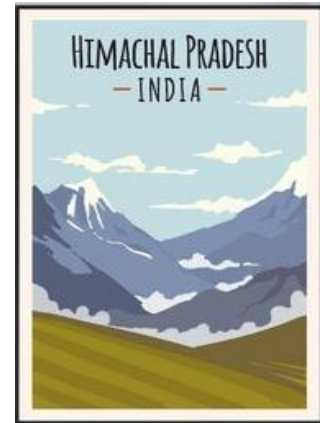
**Harsimrat Kaur (VIII B)**





## *Himachal, the Land of God*

With its beautiful wildlife and extensive forests, Himachal is the perfect place to go for a vacation and unwind. Luckily, I had the chance to enjoy the beautiful mountain landscapes and some of the most popular adventure sports with some of my closest friends. The experience was exhilarating! I reached the school at 3.30 a.m. and found my friends waiting for me. We clicked tons of pictures and then boarded the bus together. We finally left the school at 4.00 a.m. and it was still dark outside. We were very excited. We talked about all kinds of random things and snacked on chocolates and chips. We also stopped for breakfast on the way. Finally, we reached our resort at 11.30 a.m. and checked into our respective cottages. After resting for some time, we went for a tour of the boys' cottages and then went for a poly farming tour. We had a wholesome meal after coming back and then we retired to our rooms. In the evening, we ziplined across a valley. It was fun. By the time we finished, we collected in the lawns and enjoyed warm coffee. After coffee, we played some games and then at 7.30 p.m., we walked down to the boys' camp for the bonfire. There were many delicious appetizers and loud music. We were all dancing our hearts out. The fire warmed us up in the cold weather. At 11.00 p.m. we had our dinner and walked back to our cottages. Then, lights out. The next day, we woke up at 6.30 a.m. for our milk followed by a bhangra class at 7.00 a.m. We had an hour for freshening up and then we headed to the dining complex for our breakfast. After that, we had our leadership and team-building module activity. We feasted on a variety of delicious dishes in lunch and returned to our cottages. In the evening, we went for valley crossing, which was an exhilarating experience. It was scary but exciting at the same time. After this adventure activity, we returned to our resort for refreshments and a briefing on day three. Then, we hiked to Jung Bahadur Fort at 7000 feet. We were exhausted and when we reached back to the resort, we all collapsed on our beds and rested. We had a total blast at the dance night and campfire! After dinner, we retired to our rooms. Finally, it was time to go back home. I was excited but sad at the same time because I wanted to spend more time in this beautiful place. When we woke up, we all gathered for milk and biscuits and walked down to the dining area for breakfast. Upon returning to our cottages, we packed up and left our bags on the lawn. Then, we began the hike to Kali Tibba temple. We paid our respects and then sat in the buses. We returned to the camp for lunch. After that, we gathered for group photographs. Then we were finally on our way. We stopped for dinner on the way which consisted of pizza, pasta, noodles, pastries and ice cream. We then reached the school at around 10.15 p.m. We bid goodbyes to each and went to our ways. Overall, it was a really fun trip and I hope I get to go on another one soon.



## *The Runaway*

She was sitting by the lake  
 Just thinking about times that may await  
 All she wanted was a break from this mundane cycle of everyday  
 Up she stood, ready to make her way  
 Escaping the reality that has trapped her inside its cage  
 She wanted to travel, travel far away  
 Unravel new mysteries every minute, everyday  
 She ran and just ran faraway  
 At last found peace when she fulfilled  
 Her wish of seeing the world that long-awaited



**Simrath (VIII C)**

**Avni (IX B)**



## **MY TRAVELOGUE**

Every year, I wait for my summer vacations to begin, and this time, after a long gap of two years due to the pandemic, I was really looking forward to my holidays and the trips they come with. This year, my school planned a trip for us to Chail with the Pep Turf and it was one of the most exhilarating and riveting experiences of my life. It was a 3 days/2 nights trip to the hills of Himachal with my friends, teachers and the Pep turf instructors. This was the first time I travelled overnight without my family and parents and this was a maiden experience for me as well as for most of my friends. Initially, we were all a bit skeptical about the trip alone, but my friends and teachers were all very encouraging.



The trip started on 31st May, 22 and we all gathered at our school gate at around 4.15 am. There were 3 buses waiting for us, two for boys and one for girls. The buses started their journey at exact 5 am. We were all very excited for the impending adventures waiting for us ahead. I was sitting with my class friends and chatting with them. The journey was four hours long and we took a breakfast break in the middle at Mint Leaf Café, Dharampur. It was a very sumptuous meal. In the onward journey, we were quite fresh and satiated, waiting for the activities at the camp.

We reached the camp at 9 am, after which we were given our rooms to keep our luggage and freshen up for a while. Followed by this, we did ziplining across the hill, tent pitching activities and lunch, rest time, walk in the poly-farming greenhouses and some more adventurous activities. We had a hearty dinner that was organized after the bonfire, song and dance party. After which, we went to our rooms and retired for the day.

The next day started at 6.30 am, and we had a Zumba session and breakfast, we did valley crossing and then lunch. Post-lunch, we went for a long 5 km hike into the picturesque mountains, it was long and tiring but all worth it because of the company of my friends and teachers. Evening was again fun-filled with bonfire, music and dance party. We all slept like logs that night, tired but elated.

The 3rd day again started at 6.30 am, we did Zumba and played badminton, whereas boys played cricket and did bhangra. We had breakfast and then packed up all our stuff from the rooms and checked out. We sat in our buses at around 10 am and visited the highest point of Chail, the Kaali Tibba temple. It is an ancient Kaali Mata Temple with an amazing view of the beautiful mountains and valley in front. It was a very nice photo point and we all took group photographs of students and teachers. This was almost the end of our trip and we were all feeling a bit nostalgic about it, but also happy to be going back home in a few hours to our parents.

We all sat in our respective buses, and started our backward journey at 5 pm, while singing songs and chit-chatting. We stopped in between at Mint Leaf Café, Dharampur again for our dinner that was also the mid-point of our journey. We finally reached our school gate at around 9.30 pm, with our parents waiting for us, eagerly and impatiently. We all said good byes to our teachers and all the friends as holidays were starting and we would all be meeting after more than a month. We took our luggage bags and went back home with parents, our bodies tired but our hearts full.

I had a great experience and really look forward to more such trips with my school friends in the future to more such camps and new exotic locations. A big Thank-you to all my teachers who took such great care of us there like our parents and also to all the instructors who made us perform the Fear Factor – like adventures without fearing and getting hurt.

**Nehmat Sharma (VI D)**



### *Shimla, Queen of Hills*

I went to Shimla this summer time  
Let me tell you about it in a rhyme!  
It was a very nice scenic view,  
And the lovely cold air blew.  
We were going to the Grand Hotel,  
Monkeys chased me and I fell.  
There I saw our room  
My eyes did zoom  
I didn't know what to say.

I literally shouted yay!  
We went to the shops that were near.  
It was getting dark, but I had no fear  
Inside the shops, I saw many things,  
Listen to my story and see what it brings.

I got an umbrella whose shade is bright  
I got a glittery cup that shines in the night.  
A unicorn pillow which I could hold tight  
And a holographic pencil box which holds everything just right.



Sreeja Karmakar (VI B)

### *The Older Days in Camp*

Awaken at 3:34 a.m. to my mother's voice  
Her words made me rejoice  
"A trip at 4," she said  
Just then, I moved my head  
A look at my siblings did me good  
I looked so happy they understood  
A three-hour wait!  
And not much we ate  
We saw our spot in the corner  
"We're here!" All kids said quick and loud  
An excitement arose with that sound.  
Days went by as fast as one day,  
It felt like a Spiderman movie, "Home Away"?  
We did lots of fun,  
We were glad to go back home  
We were glad our boredom was gone.



Kiranjot Kaur Sial (VII D)





### *A trip to Mountains*

I took a trip into the mountains  
To get my mind off of all the sorrows and the pains  
A beautiful morning I spent reading a book  
Listening to music, alone in a little nook

Chirping birds, warm sunshine, and a cup of coffee I got  
Pampering myself made me honoured a lot  
Into the water streams, I went soaking my feet  
I never wanted to end my little treat

As another beautiful day passed, the night came after  
As pretty as the sunset, the moonlight echoed my laughter  
Going into a dark forest, I talked to the trees about my regrets  
And now that I'm back another must be sharing their secrets

Wanting it never to end, I wrote it all in my journal  
I described the freshness of the land as being so vernal  
All my adventures a little diary holds  
And yet nobody knows, what it unfolds

And I began an end to the beginning  
The most gorgeous trip in my finding  
Looked inside of me, and found the real one  
Although suffered, but still had lots of fun.



**Gurlakshit Kaur (IX B)**

### *TRAVELLING*

Travelling is done for various purposes whether it is business, adventure, change or education. Yet there is one basic aim to travel that is, to have fun. Wherever you go to have fun, you make memories which tag along with you for the rest of your life. Travel gives us pleasure and calms our mind. I felt the same way when I visited Goa. I was quite eager to go there. Goa is blessed with beautiful oceans and magnificent churches.



My favourite part about being in Goa was its beaches. On the beach, I collected all the seashells I could in my view. Even the weather was quite pleasant and it made the trip enjoyable. The sea was pretty too. The churches in Goa were historical and I got to know about the culture of the people living there. The journey was very memorable. Travelling is a great way to refresh your mind and bring a change in your surroundings.

**Navvya Saini (X B)**



### *A Trip to Kufri*

This summer vacation, my family and I decided to go to Kufri, one of the most beautiful places in Himachal Pradesh. We packed our bags and left early at 7:00 am. We went in our car to Kufri, listening to music and watching the beautiful view from the hills. We stopped for a while in Shimla and ate corn in the cool weather. We stayed at the Woodays resort in Kufri and lived in beautiful cottages. The view from the resort was breathtaking. We just sat outside for some time and enjoyed the beauty of the hills. We had a lovely room and there was also a bed in the attic. On the first day, we just went for a short trek and had food at the Fortune Park Hotel.

On the second day, we went to adventure resorts and an amusement park. We had a lot of fun there and took many rides. We also did Go-Karting and ziplining which were my favourite. I also got to try out a segway. Then we went to the Welcome hotel to eat lunch. It was one of the best hotels in Kufri and the food there was delicious. We ate some spicy Thai food and the Himachal Pradesh Thali which was just the best. We reached our resort by 6:00 and ate dinner at the resort only.

The next day we went to Narkunda which took us about an hour and a half to reach. On the way, we also passed Fagu and Theog. We decided to go to the Hatu Mata Temple and Hatu Peak but the road was really thin and steep so we had to take a cab. The Temple was beautiful and we took many pictures there. We did a trek to Hatu Peak and the view there was just mesmerizing. We even climbed on the rocks which turned out to be quite dangerous but no one got hurt and we got down safely. Then we went to see Tanni Jubbar Lake and had a lovely time there. On the way back, we ate Maggi noodles and pakoras in the rain. For dinner we decided to go to Cecil Hotel and the food there was heavenly. On Sunday we came back and had a lot of fun on the way. It was one of my best trips ever.

**Kierat Singh Bawa (VIII B)**

### *Dubai, the City of Gold*

Some people travel to learn more, while others travel to get away from their daily routine. Whatever the reason, travelling allows us to explore the world beyond our imagination and indulge in a variety of activities. When I went to Dubai, I felt the same way. It was a beautiful city with stunning skyscrapers and beaches.



My favourite spot in Dubai was The Global Village, a multicultural festival park with cultural entertainment, fun fair rides, and authentic shopping experiences. There were also some excellent concerts. The Burj Khalifa was a magnificent sight to behold; from the top, I could see everything, including the clouds! This journey was unforgettable, and if given the opportunity, I would visit again!

**Ervin Yadvinder Singh (X B)**



## *TRAVELOGUE*



These days people travel all through the world for various perspectives, such as business, study, job, curiosity, immigration, adventure etc. The ideal travelogue should analyse the place, give reference to transportation as to how to reach there, and discuss the hotel and various historical backgrounds of the famous locations. The travelogue should make some reference to food and restaurants, weather conditions and also some prohibitions in the area.

My father along with the other family members recently visited Chail near Shimla in Himachal Pradesh. My father before leaving for the place had checked seriously about the above points. This was necessary as we reached late at night. Had we not had the correct information about the location; it could have been very difficult for us to find some good hotels in the late hours and to get the food. Since we knew in advance about the place we visited, we had the least difficulty in our four days stay.

I would also like to mention over here that since the journalists are the most frequent travellers in the world, the articles for the travelogue are written by them for the convenience of the others. We had a lot of information about our destination for our visit, and we had a great time sight-seeing, trekking, riding mules, eating good food, zip line, moving on the rope, tyres, stones, and so on. The best part was the swimming pool; it was difficult for my parents to drag me out of it. It was my first time experience of living in a tent that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

When we returned home, our faces were beaming with happiness and joy at successfully completing the entire adventure. We hugged our grandparents and told them about our adventures.

**Jaskamal Kaur (IX B)**

### *Travelogue: My Life*

Sound of thunder in my ears,  
 Like the sadness, I cannot bear.  
 Lightning striking my heart,  
 Like I am falling apart.

The rhythm of the rain,  
 Like my heartbeat singing in vain.  
 Ups- downs of the Mountains,  
 Like my mood, but uncertain?

A burning fire, a freezing breeze,  
 Like my experiences, oh please!  
 The beauty of the stars, the constellations,  
 The moon, the night-lit sky.

Like my happiness faded, but why?  
 A leaf getting old, changing colours,  
 From green to gold,  
 Like the brightness turning dull,  
 When I mature from the cold.

Melody of the waterfall,  
 Once suffered from the rocks.  
 Like the scars left behind  
 From blocking my way,

A journey to be travelled,  
 Something worthy to be lived.  
 Like the memories,  
 Bitter or sweet that survived.

**Mehreen Kaur (VIII D)**





### *Travel in Summer Vacation*

Summer vacation is starting today!  
 The students are shouting “hip, hip, hooray!!”  
 A time off for students everywhere,  
 After the heavy wear and tear.

A time to pursue hobbies and interests,  
 To do things in others behests.  
 A time to get your eyes to become an HD camera,  
 To capture the world’s beautiful panorama.

A time for fun and joy,  
 In which I did enjoy.  
 Learning and games both came,  
 I treated them the same.

And then happened a family vacation,  
 I questioned my father in all persuasion.  
 Can I go and wander in the forest??  
 To catch at least a tiny little pest!!

Then came the reply, all I did was stare  
 “Very dangerous it is for you to go there”  
 Sitting on a rock, lost in sorrow  
 Hoping there would be a more interesting tomorrow.

And there I saw a vast, vast blue  
 I was soaked in the water before I knew.  
 Smiling, giggling, dripping in excitement  
 I heard a voice “Go do your assignments!!”

How I wished this moment would freeze,  
 Alas! My holiday was about to cease.  
 It was time to go back to school,  
 No more happiness, no more pool.

**Baane Siingh (IX B)**



### *Where I've Been*

Once I went to Jim Corbett,  
 I can't say it was horrid,  
 But the weather was rainy,  
 The people were zany,  
 And my mom stepped on a snail, it was morbid.

I've taken a plane to Goa,  
 Before there was Corona,  
 The food was delicious,  
 The dogs were vicious,  
 And the sea was as big as the Flood of Noah.

Last year I was in Amritsar,  
 A delight to see Golden temple glitter  
 We saw a castle,  
 There wasn't much hassle,  
 I didn't get any junk, thanks to my mom, couldn't convince her.

**Anant Singh (VII C)**





## *THE LAND OF GOA*

The ocean was warm, the sun was setting, and the sand was tropical. It was as if heaven had been transported to our world! Goa was so much fun. My trip started at 7 am. We had to drive to a faraway airport. So we packed our luggage, got into the car and flew to Goa. By the time we arrived at our house at 8 p.m., we were all exhausted and ready to sleep when I became hungry. My best friend's mother made me some noodles from the cabinet. After I ate, we all went to bed. The next morning, I went straight to our backyard pool and jumped in!



After that, we all prepared for the day, and around 4:30 p.m., we decided to go to the beach, where we had a great time and perhaps a little too much fun. Around 7:30 p.m., my ear began to hurt severely; it turned out that I had accidentally gotten salt water in my ear. The doctors gave me some ear drops, which my mother put in my ear, and after 30 minutes, I was relieved of ear pain. My best friend eventually left and returned home. Overall, I had a fantastic time and was the happiest at the time.

If you ask me whether you should go to Goa, I will say yes!! My only piece of advice is to not stay in the water for too long or you will experience severe ear pain. It feels like someone is screaming in your ear at the highest pitch you can hear, and trust me, it hurts more than stubbing your toe.

**Zorawar Dandona (VIII C)**

## *Visit to Palampur*



Mountains are the most beautiful and relaxing physical feature on the planet. My family and I planned a quick trip to Palampur (Himachal Pradesh).

We reached Palampur on May 31, 2022, and reserved a room at Hotel Infinita. After check-in, we took a short break before heading to the

swimming pool. Then we all decided to go to the market!

The village was quiet and peaceful, although everyone was busy in their own lives. The weather was pleasant, and the scenery was breathtaking. Palampur is well-known for its tea gardens, so there were plenty of them around us. I was happily surprised to see my friend as we were walking.

We were all starving. So we went to one of the crowded shops and ordered momos and noodles. They were toothsome!

There were numerous shops selling corn, fast food, jewellery, and lemon soda. Lemon soda is my favourite, and I drank one glass of it. We purchased a few attractive and decorative items for our home. We returned to our hotel because we were exhausted. I was sad as we had to leave Palampur the next day and return home. It was a wonderful trip. I suggest my friends to visit this miraculous location and have exciting adventures!

**Simran Verma (VI A)**



### *My Trip to Kashmir*

Kashmir is one of the most beautiful places to visit in India. This place is the dream destination of many travellers. The magnificent and mesmerizing landscapes of Kashmir can captivate anyone's mind. The Valley of Kashmir is located between mountain ranges and several large rivers in the region; namely Indus, Chenab, and Jhelum. We left for Srinagar in a hustle on the evening of 10th June 2022. It was raining when we reached there. The light rain showers welcomed us to paradise

on Earth. Our driver, Javed Bhajjaan was there to pick us up. We then reached our houseboat in Dal Lake at around 8 o'clock. We stayed in a Maharaja suite fully equipped with all the resources a lavish hotel should have. The next day, we left for the Shikara ride around 5 a.m. It was good to be an early bird as we found no rush. We even witnessed the vegetable market at Dal Lake. Then around 8 a.m., we left for Gulmarg. It is the last point of India and after crossing the hills starts Pakistan. The main sight of attraction was the Gondola ride, which took us uphill. But as soon as we sat for our ride, it started raining heavily. Unfortunately, we returned without seeing any beautiful sights. Next on the list were the Mughal Gardens. All of these historic gardens built by emperors had beautiful flowers. They were located in beautiful places like open fields and palaces. Some of them gave a sight of the whole of Srinagar at once, making it worth visiting. In the evening, we left for Pahalgam which is around 90 km from Srinagar. We anticipated the road to be broken and curvy, but it was the opposite. We reached there by 7 p.m. In the morning, we left for sightseeing of true Pahalgam on a horse. When we reached Kashmir valley, it started raining. In half an hour, the rain stopped and the sun came out. We started descending towards other viewpoints which do not come close to the scenery of Kashmir valley.

This whole trip took us 5 hours. We all were exhausted. After taking some rest, we left to see the local market. It wasn't that special, but it was a fun time.

The next day, we visited Betaab Valley and Aru valley. At last, we left for Srinagar. We stayed at a good resort and played a lot of games there. With a morning flight, we left the place with sweet memories. Kashmir is a very peaceful place. We made new friends and good memories with them forever. This trip will always be unforgettable and special to me.

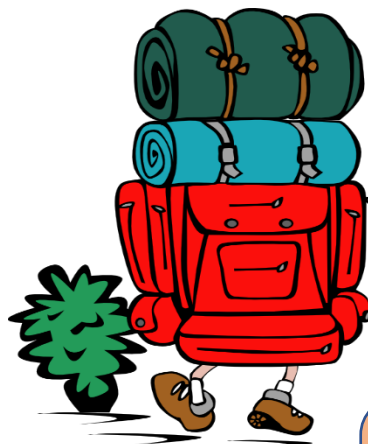
**Adhyayan Sharma (IX B)**

### *TRAVELOGUE*

Flipping the pages mysteries unfold  
Of the roads untrodden  
Of the lands unknown  
Of the cultures unexplored

Creatures unseen unheard of  
Transverse from imaginations to reality  
Arts unseen undisclosed  
Hold stories of different world

A piece about writing travel is just not it  
Few films and slides would just not make it  
Challenges faced experiences made  
That's the true travelogue made



**Ishrat Kaur (X B)**





### *Nature at its grace*

The wind blows up in the mountains  
Lush green meadows that look more green when it rains  
I went there to paint the sky but saw birds that were ready to fly  
Fly into the cold breeze and smoky clouds I don't know why

My gaze flew with them and saw the beauty at its pace  
In that place, nature was in grace  
The high mountains, the rivers which were clear to the bottom  
The sweet place and sweet time, it was Autumn

The leaves were brown; they were falling on the ground  
At night I would hear the melodic sound  
Sound of the beautiful creatures over the rivers  
The clouds were huge, holding back tears

I wish that I could go back to see it once again  
To take the road which was never seen again



**Ranank Pandey (X D)**

### *Daydreaming*

These four walls are caging me,  
Making me lose sight of the truth.  
Realizing that I have been sitting here  
On my phone for way too much time,  
Losing my consciousness over something that isn't true.

Sitting on the same chair  
With a phone in my hand,  
Deciding if I should go for a walk in the garden  
And stand with bare feet on the grassy land.

Then this thought comes to my head,  
That there might be another universe,  
Where I'd be living in the woods  
And travel with the wind,  
Laughing, talking with animals like snow white.

Then again, I realize that I have been sitting  
On the same chair with a phone in my hand,  
Just daydreaming of stuff that can never happen,  
Even in the wildest commands.



**Prabhsirat Kaur (X D)**

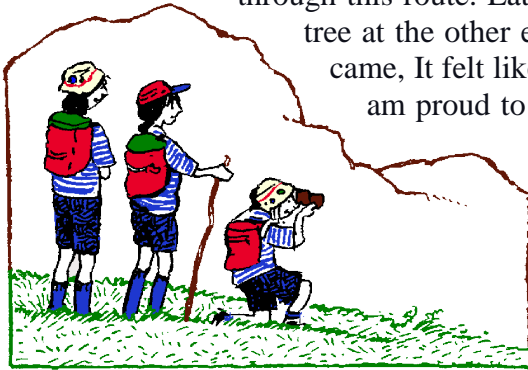


### *My First Long School Trip*

Hey, you are lucky to be experiencing a trip through my perspective, so thank the almighty first. If you don't read it, remember that you will miss the funniest travelogue of your entire life.

I got a call at 3:15 am in the morning. It was from my friend who was checking to see if I was sleeping or awake. I was already awake, getting ready. The boarding of the bus began at 4:30 a.m. I was lucky enough to get a window seat. The road ahead was familiar, as most hill stations visited by me were taken through this route. Later, we went for valley crossing. The challenge was to touch the

tree at the other end. Many people were unsuccessful at this task. When my turn came, it felt like an eternity there. It was like an anime do or die moment. But, I am proud to say that I was the first one to touch the tree. Everyone cheered for me. The day concluded with a bonfire and a dance party.



Early next morning, we had to wake up at 6:00 for milk and biscuits. Yes, you heard it right. Who on Earth wakes up at 6:00 just to eat milk and biscuits? Anyways, we had a bhangra session afterwards. After the energetic bhangra session, we got ready for breakfast. After a hearty meal, we

went for trekking which was 8 kilometers. It was a really good trek and I collected a lot of pinecones, 15 to be precise. One of them was rose shaped which was very rare and another was shaped like a palm tree. I had a business deal with a teacher. I would sell her a pinecone for ₹40 each (Yeah, I really did say that to a teacher). A guy ruined this opportunity for me and gave his pinecones to the teacher for free. We had trekked to a bird sanctuary. After the trek we came back and had lunch. Later we went for ziplining and learning how to set up a tent. We enjoyed a campfire on the same day. We had a lot of fun during the dance party. I also did the floss dance move inside a circle in front of everyone. Then we had dinner and went back to our rooms. We played cards, Blackjack to be precise. There was also a forest fire going on at the time. At night from our rooms, it was looking like a lava river. I felt really sorry for the affected.

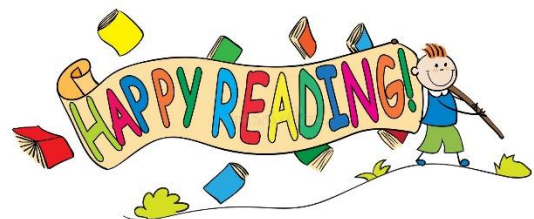


The next day, we went to Kaala Tibba mandir which is really famous there. We returned to the resort, had our lunch and packed our bags. We boarded our buses and came back to school where we were picked up by our parents. I enjoyed this trip very much.

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