

CHORAO ISLAND

WHERE ECOLOGY MEETS EXPLORATION 



4 DAYS

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENTIAL
LEARNING PROGRAMME

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We design curriculum-aligned, measurable learning experiences that build knowledge, skills, and student agency.

OUR LEARNING FRAMEWORK



Explore

Students engage with real-world environments through structured inquiry



Reflect

Guided journaling, discussion, and critical analysis of experience



Apply

Connecting field insights to classroom concepts and broader contexts



Demonstrate

Students present, publish, or perform assessable learning outcomes

Aligned with Inquiry-Based Learning | 21st Century Skills | Experiential Education

MEASURABLE IMPACT



90%+

Improved Collaboration



85%+

Higher Student Engagement



Strong

Gains in Confidence & Application

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Chorao Island — Young Ecologist Program

Chorao Island is a diverse ecosystem situated on the Mandovi River in Goa, comprising mangroves, wetlands, and freshwater streams — home to rare and endemic flora and fauna. The Young Ecologist Program educates and inspires students about ecology through fieldwork, workshops, and expert interactions.

Learning Objectives

- ▶ **Gain insight into marine ecosystems** through coastal explorations, witnessing the diverse array of shoreline life
- ▶ **Develop a scientific temperament** through ecological field methods and etiquettes
- ▶ **Experience Goan history and culture** and its Portuguese heritage through art walks and culinary experiences

Program Snapshot

Location
Mandovi River, Goa

Ecosystem
Mangroves, Wetlands, Freshwater Streams

Highlights
Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary, Coastal Shoreline

Season
October to May

Partners
Expert Ecologists & Marine Biologists

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR STUDENTS

What Students Will Gain



1. Field Research Techniques

Install camera traps, collect invertebrate samples, GPS tagging, and real-world ecological data sampling.

2. Ecosystem Study & Conservation

Explore mangroves, understand intertidal ecology, study water pollution and the impact of human activity.

3. Art and Culture

Heritage walk in Panjim, authentic Konkani lunch, postcard painting activity, and vibrant local markets.

4. Medicinal Plants

Visit a spice farm — learn cultivation, harvesting, processing, and the medicinal value of locally grown plants.

HOW WE DELIVER OUTCOMES

Pre-Tour Orientation kit Pre-learning worksheets Parent briefing	On-Tour Field journals Role-based learning Expert facilitators Group challenges	Assessment Rubrics Daily reflections Presentations	Post-Tour Projects & portfolios Outcome reports Teacher feedback
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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

4-Day Program Schedule

DAY 1	Program Kick Off <i>Arrival in Goa • Orientation • Coastal Icebreakers</i>	Chorao Island Edutour
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Goa is known for its stunning beaches, vibrant culture, and rich history — a unique blend of Indian and Portuguese influences reflected in its architecture, food, and music.

- ▶ **Arrive in Goa**, transfer to hotel (40 km, ~1 hr). Check-in, lunch, and program orientation
 - ▷ Meet facilitators and set expectations and norms for the coming days
 - ▷ Head to a nearby beach — icebreakers and team-building games to kick off the Edutour
- ▶ **Evening expert session:** interact with an ecologist to learn about Goa's biodiversity and coastal ecosystem
- ▶ **Fun reflection session to close the day. Dinner and overnight stay in Goa**

DAY
2

Day at Chorao Island

Mangroves • Field Research • Fishermen Interaction

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Chorao Island, nestled in Goa's backwaters, boasts rich mangrove ecosystems — coastal forests that thrive where fresh and saltwater intermingle, serving as vital habitats and breeding grounds for aquatic organisms.

- ▶ **Morning mangrove exploration:** understand this unique intertidal ecosystem and its ecological significance
 - ▷ Learn about ecological importance, water pollution, and the impact of human activity
- ▶ **Hands-on field research techniques:** real-world methods used by ecologists
 - ▷ **install camera traps to understand technology's role in wildlife study** Camera Trapping:
 - ▷ Collect invertebrate samples & field surveys — learn identification, data sampling, GPS tagging
- ▶ **Interact with local fishermen:** understand traditional fishing practices and their livelihoods
- ▶ **Unwind with pool time in the evening. Dinner and overnight stay in Goa**

DAY
3

Coastal Ecosystems & Goan Culture

Dolphins • Panjim Heritage • Art Walk

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An exhilarating day of marine discovery and cultural immersion — spotting dolphins in the wild, exploring Portuguese-era Panjim, and painting postcards of the vibrant Goan cityscape.

- ▶ **Expert session with a marine biologist:** delve into the marine ecosystem and conservation efforts
 - ▷ Thrilling boat ride to spot dolphins — first-hand insights into marine ecosystem protection
- ▶ **Afternoon immersed in Goan culture:**
 - ▷ Experience an authentic Konkani lunch
 - ▷ Heritage walk through Panjim — exploring the city and its Portuguese colonial heritage
 - ▷ Urban art activity — painting postcards of Goan sights that inspire you
 - ▷ Explore colourful and vibrant local markets for souvenirs
- ▶ **Musical night to conclude the day. Dinner and overnight stay in Goa**

DAY
4

Spice Farm & Program Conclusion

Medicinal Plants • Reflection • Gratitude Session

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Visit a spice farm to explore the world of medicinal plants, then participate in a reflective session cherishing the moments that deepened your understanding of Goa's unique ecosystems.

- ▶ **Morning spice farm visit:** learn about the cultivation and benefits of various spices
 - ▷ Discover the growth, harvesting, and processing of spices
 - ▷ Explore the medicinal value and daily uses of locally grown plants
- ▶ **Conclusion and gratitude session:** reflect on the past few days and share cherished memories
- ▶ **Transfer to the airport and begin the journey home, having experienced Goa's unique ecosystems with Crazy Holidays.**

Travel & Accommodation Details

Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Private AC buses for all local transfers▶ Boat rides for mangrove and dolphin excursions▶ Flight: Bengaluru → Goa	Accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Safe, comfortable, and hygienic hotel partners▶ 3 - 4 students share a room▶ Verified vendors & risk-assessed properties
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